

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Celebrating in style

Once again, it was a good weekend to be a Magpie, with the club repeating last round's effort of 5 out of 7 victories across the grades.

Down in the Tuggeranong valley, our 1st grade men & women and 2nd grade men all maintained their undefeated starts to the season. A couple of big wins made for fitting tributes for the retiring Ned Gatenby, and the new 1st grade games record holder Lex Bennett.

Congratulations also go to Coach Stan and the 3rd grade men for chalking up their first win of the season over Eastlake at The Nest.

This weekend sees top of the table clashes against Queanbeyan for our undefeated sides, while old rivalries will be reignited back at The Nest as our 2nd grade women, and 3rd & 4th grade men tackle ANU.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Following current ACT government restrictions, we are unable to admit spectators into The Nest this weekend. We look forward to welcoming supporters back to our games, and we will keep you updated on when this will occur.

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Volunteer of the Week: Jason Kidney

This week's BMFC volunteer of the week is Jason Kidney!

Kidders contributions to the Belconnen Magpies footy club have been terrific for a number of years now. In recent times, he has continued to donate his time to helping to coach the Rising Stars team, ensuring that the club is able to continue to develop strong young talent. He also gets a special mention for stepping up to help with umpiring in the 4th grade mens - not a popular job, but Kidders took it on with typical positivity and selflessness.

Good on you, Kidders!



WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	12.17-89	defeated	Tuggeranong	6.8-44
1st Grade W	26.12-168	defeated	Tuggeranong	0.0-0
2nd Grade M	16.10-106	defeated	Tuggeranong	1.3-9
2nd Grade W	3.4-22	lost to	Eastlake	4.6-30
Rising Stars	13.14-92	defeated	Tuggeranong	2.0-12
3rd Grade M	14.14-98	defeated	Eastlake	4.4-28
4th Grade M	8.4-52	lost to	Southern Cats	11.7-73

FIRST GRADE MEN

Brock Weston

We travelled south to Greenway this week to take on the freshly branded Tuggeranong Valley FC. Off the back of a convincing win against the Jets we were determined to give a 4 Qtr effort and display consistency throughout the game. We started the game a little hesitant and found ourselves second to the ball and it was evident the day would not be a walk in the park. Once we settled we managed to pile on the pressure and although we had many inside 50's and were using the ball well we failed to capitalise and finished the quarter with 2 goals and 8 behinds. As was the case last week we were asleep early in the second term and we allowed them back into the game.

Round 3

vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway

BMFC 12.17-89 def TVAFC 6.8-44

Goalkickers: A Bennett 5, J Bennett 3, L Mckay 2, D Jordan, M Monaghan

Best: J Bennett, M Monaghan, A Bennett, S Coate, S O'Sullivan, B Chapman

They managed to hit the scoreboard and if not for some desperate defending by JB we would have been completely dominated in the quarter. We managed to break even for the term but it was clear we had plenty to do to regain our momentum. The 3rd term was a much better effort and our attack on the ball had returned to a high standard. JB and Mags got on top in the middle and Blake Chapman, although on one leg, was playing his best game of the season and giving us first use. With our tall forwards leading up at the ball strongly and with Lexie finally kicking straight we managed to build on our lead and take some momentum into the final term. Max Monaghan was a bull in the midfield and showed how much he has progressed as we began to take the game away from them. To Tuggeranongs credit they continued to grind and apply pressure and our defense worked tirelessly to repel their forward movements. Brad Hoffman and Sam O'Sullivan were very good in our back half and stood up in the absence of Jack Baker and Rhys Healy. Lexie and JB finished with 5 and 3 goals respectively. Congrats to Lexie Bennett on his record breaking milestone, Sam O'Sullivan on his 50th first grade game and debutant John Rees.

FIRST GRADE WOMEN

Bobby Moroney

Our BMFC Women selected one of our strongest 1st grade sides in recent years and welcomed Claire Russell into the team for her first senior game of the year. We came into our game against Tuggeranong not wanting to be complacent following a strong performance against Gungahlin in Round 2, and focused our attention on ensuring we delivered a disciplined and physical contest from the start. On the large Greenway oval, our ability to run and carry the football through midfield was crucial in setting up numerous forward entries. Our team demonstrated a lot of discipline to maintain structures and prevent players from crowding the forward line. Nine goals from seven different players in the first quarter highlighted our strength in finding multiple avenues to goal and not rely on 1-2 key targets.

Round 3

vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway

BMFC 26.12-168 def TVAFC 0.0-0

Goalkickers: H Walleth 6, E Zouch 3, A Morphett 3, C Georgievski 3, M Dwyer 3, H Kemp 2, E Pease 2, C Russell, M Pellow, S Tutt, Z Allen

Best: Z Allen, H Walleth, A Allen, C Georgievski, E Pease, H Kemp

Our girls lifted their pressure in the second quarter. Fierce attack at the ball and the opposition from Hayley Kemp and Emily Pease set the scene early, while Zoe Allen's run through half forward consistently enabled quick transition across the field and repeatedly set up shots on goal. Ally Morphett continues to impress as she becomes more comfortable with her new team. The contrasting styles between herself and Kaitlyn Bailey is proving to be a challenge for opposition midfields. After an amazing first half, we let our guard down in the early stages of the third. Our run stopped, and delivery into the forward line became too contested. To the team's credit, they reacted to the drop in concentration with a very strong and controlled final quarter. We finished the night with seven multiple-goal kickers, with Hannah Walleth kicking another 6 on the back of 9 goals last week. The most pleasing aspect of Wally's efforts were her goal assists, forward line leadership and the support role that she is playing to ensure that scoreboard pressure is coming from everyone. Next week will be a top-of-the-table clash with Queanbeyan and chance to assess just how much we've improved in season 2020. Go Pies!

SECOND GRADE MEN

Lachie O'Sullivan

The twos headed into round 3 with another two debutants which takes the season tally to over ten, a great showing of the depth of young talent the club holds. Well done to Lach Smith, Ben Palmer who both slotted in and played their part.

Round 3

vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway

BMFC 16.10-106 def TVAFC 1.3-0

Goalkickers: D Posch 5, S Young 3, C Johnson 2, M Mooney, R Bradley, B Ochieng, D Bloomfield, A Gatenby, M McQueen

Best: R Bradley, C Johnson, D Posch, J Battel, M Mooney, N Hay

A massive congratulations must go to club legend Ned Gatenby who played his last game... or so he thinks... Ned will finish off on 198 reserve grade games, he has been able to demonstrate the true values of BMFC over a fantastic 15 year career. Ned has been a great role model to all players on and off the field leaving behind a legacy of hard work and being an all round great bloke. This weeks game against Tuggeranong started highly contested as they brought a level of high pressure around the contest. Our mids were able to battle in close and get their hands on the ball first. The way we moved the ball into a dynamic forward line was really pleasing. Ryan Bradley was able to show why he's been one of the reserve grade competition's best players for a number of years having a clean and attacking presence. The backs did their job admirably with some able to also to hit the scoreboard. All in all a great performance heading into a challenging round 4 clash with QBN.

SECOND GRADE WOMEN

Stephen McCaskill

A very hard fought bruising encounter in foggy, slippery conditions. The game ebbed & flowed throughout, with neither team holding the advantage.

It was a bit disappointing that our girls continually had their hands kicked whilst trying to pick the ball up, as Eastlake played more of a soccer game.

We are heading in the right direction & our endeavour & commitment can't be faulted.

Round 3 **vs Eastlake @ The Nest**

BMFC 3.4-22 def by EFC 4.6-30

Goalkickers: L Knox 2, S Mihaljevic

Best: V Thompson, T Tahlia, C Fawns, H Massey, A Thomson, E Hudson

RISING STARS

Rickie Dolliver

Our 18s played their third game of the season on Saturday with a few guys missing. A couple in first grade and a couple in second grade and a few out injured. However our depth is pretty good and we started ok, with Lachlan Smith, Macca Smith, and Zac Smith all prominent, along with Tom Itter and James White.

Round 3 **vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway**

BMFC 13.14-92 def TVAFC 2.0-12

Goalkickers: T Itter 3, R Murphy 3, J Schumacher 2, M Smith 2, M Rickard, Z Smith, A Vincent

Best: M Smith, J White, A Vincent, W Thomas, T Itter, J Schumacher

In the second and third quarters, with Josh Day winning his fair share of ruck contests, our mids were gaining control and giving our forwards plenty of opportunities. Ryan Murphy was getting on the end of some good teamwork, and had 3 goals by 1/2 time. Addie and Tom Itter, and James White continued their good work and our backline held firm with Will Thomas and Jack Read doing well. Overall, I think this was our best TEAM performance (we are starting to gel). Jade Schumacher, playing his first game in 18s, was in everything and helped himself to 2 goals. 13.14-92 to 2 goals was a convincing victory, and made for 2 in a row.

This week we are expecting a tough game against Queanbeyan and will need another all round performance from everyone involved. Go Pies.

THIRD GRADE MEN

Brendan Trevaskis

After two preseasons and a delayed start to the season, round three saw us have our first win for the season. The team has been training hard and it is starting to pay off on the field. First quarter saw us get out to a dominating start, kicking 4.5 to 0.0 in the quarter. Again having so many new faces in the team is always going to change the team dynamics. The 3 new faces that came to us from the second grade fitted in quite well (Fraser Miller, Joey Kenna, Charlie Baker).

Round 3 **vs Eastlake @ The Nest**

BMFC 14.14-98 def EFC 4.4-28

Goalkickers: H Warden 8, B Collins 2, B Burke, S Telfer, C MacLeod, C Baker

Best: H Warden, T Rankin, A Wenke, B Burke, S Telfer, C MacLeod

Second quarter saw us take the foot off the throttle a bit, which always lets the opposition back into the contest, with Eastlake outscoring us 3.2 to 2.3 in that quarter. Keeping the momentum going is something we have to work on in the future. Third quarter saw us take back control of the game, with the midfield giving the forward line some fantastic entries. The backline was rock solid, only allowing Eastlake to score one point in the quarter. The score at the end of the third quarter was Magpies 9.10 to Eastlake 3.3. At the three quarter time break I asked the team to run the game out and not take their foot off the throttle. The other request was to turn the rotation of goals and points around. With nine scoring shots to two in the last quarter our way, we came out even with 14 goals & 14 points - goal kicking is something we have to work on. I would like to thank James Gibson for umpiring, Gibbo might have missed his calling with a perfect centre bounce at the beginning of the third quarter. A special thanks to everyone that helped out on the day, from ground manager and gate people, without these great people our game would not exist. A special thanks to Amber Allen for helping as my manager for the day, and Paul Gunn for doing the time keeping the whole day.

FOURTH GRADE MEN

Drew Somerville

Round 3 saw the Men's fourth grade once again find reinforcements in the form of rugby league converts and coaching staff.

Making the most of their opportunities, Troy McKay and Bull Raadts both hit the scoreboard with majors to show they are far from the old adage 'Those who can, do; those who can't, teach'.

Round 3 **vs Southern Cats @ The Nest**

BMFC 4.5-29 def by SCFC 7.17-59

Goalkickers: D Somerville 3, R Markham 2, J Conlan, J Avila, A McShane

Best: D Somerville, J Bink, J Garrard, Z Dolliver, R Markham, K Robinson

Accurate kicking saw the Magpies up by a point at half time. Another strong presence from Rory Markham forward and Johannes Conlan in the ruck kept us right in contention.

The boys hung tough throughout the 3rd only to have the Cats find accuracy in front of goals during the final term. Once again Jacob Bink and Kurtis Robinson showed these Aussie Rules boys how to hold up a backline like 10 year veterans.

A 30 point loss in the end but another game under our belt for the core group to build cohesion on. We have a few more promising signs each week and feel we can gain rhythm as the season progresses.

Big thanks to James Gibson for his no-nonsense approach to umpiring. Always a thankless job but well done mate.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	8th Aug	1:35pm	Queanbeyan	Allinsure Park
1st Grade W	8th Aug	4:30pm	Queanbeyan	Allinsure Park
2nd Grade M	8th Aug	11:25am	Queanbeyan	Allinsure Park
2nd Grade W	8th Aug	10:00am	ANU	The Nest
Rising Stars	8th Aug	9:15am	Queanbeyan	Allinsure Park
3rd Grade M	8th Aug	2:30pm	ANU	The Nest
4th Grade M	8th Aug	12:10pm	ANU	The Nest

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