

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Pies halfway through season 2021

We now find ourselves past the halfway point in the 2021 AFL Canberra season, and so it's a great time to take stock of the club's progress thus far:

Our 1st grade women and our 1st and 2nd grade men each sit in either outright or equal first place on their ladders and are beginning to eye deep finals campaigns. Our much improved Rising Stars find themselves just one game off the top spot and are also looking strong. Meanwhile it has been an up-and-down start for our 2nd grade women and 3rd grade men, with both groups looking for improved consistency in the second half of their seasons.

This week four of our teams will be heading down south to Greenway to take on Tuggeranong, while our 2's women and 3's men are at Stirling as they tackle Molonglo. We're also nearing our 100 Game Dinner function, so keep reading to find out how to secure your tickets!

Fixture snapshot

Saturday July 10th

1st grade men @ Tuggeranong, 1:15 pm
1st grade women @ Tuggeranong, 3:45 pm
2nd grade men @ Tuggeranong, 11:20 am
Rising stars @ Tuggeranong, 9:30 am
2nd grade women @ Molonglo, 11 am
3rd grade men @ Molonglo, 1 pm

Saturday July 17th

2nd grade women vs. Gungahlin, 11 am

Saturday July 24th

1st grade men @ Gungahlin, 1:15 pm
1st grade women @ Gungahlin, 3:45 pm
2nd grade men @ Gungahlin, 11:20 am
Rising stars @ Marist, 9:00 am
2nd grade women vs. Woden, 11 am
3rd grade men vs. Woden, 1 pm

100 GAME DINNER

Please join us on the 31st of July for our 100 Game Dinner, which will be highlighted by the announcement of our Men's and Women's Teams of the Decade.

We will also be inducting Lex Bennett, Andrew Smith, and Terry O'Kane into the BMFC Hall of Fame, awarding Life Membership to Daniel Posch and Andrew Gatenby, and welcoming Brad Posch into the 100 Game Club.

Tickets are now available to purchase at:

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A promotional poster for the 100 Game Dinner. The background is a dark, blurred image of a dining room with tables and chairs. At the top center is the Belconnen Magpies logo, which features a stylized magpie bird and the word 'MAGPIES' above it. Below the logo, the number '100' is written in a large, white, hand-drawn font. Underneath the number, the words 'GAME DINNER' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below this, there is a line of text: 'Celebrating 2010-2019 Men's Team of the Decade, 2010-2019 Women's Team of the Decade, Hall of Fame and Life Membership Inductees and Major Number of Game Milestones.' This is followed by several lines of event details: 'Date: 31 July 2021', 'Venue: The Rex Hotel', 'Time: 6:30pm for a 7pm start', and 'Price: \$75 includes a 2 course dinner and a cash bar'. Below these details is the 'Dress code: Semi formal'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a line of text: 'Purchase tickets at', followed by the URL 'https://belconnenmagpies.teamapp.com/store', and then 'or email Emma at' followed by the email address 'football@belconnenmagpies.com.au'.

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Presented by:



VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK JACQUI SPENCE



This week's volunteer of the week is Jacqui Spence!

The Belconnen Magpies are extremely fortunate to have as many tremendous volunteers as we do, but there are a few that stand out for their enormous contributions and this week's volunteer of the week definitely falls into this category. Jacqui does a mountain of work in her role as Secretary on the club board, and then still finds the time to organise volunteers for the canteen and even do some shifts in there herself!

Jacqui is so generous with her time and effort and is a major reason that things are able to run smoothly around our club. So we'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Jacqui, we appreciate everything that you do! We hope you enjoy a small gift from our pals at Scotto's Food Logistics!

WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	6.10-46	Defeated	Ainslie	4.13-37
1st Grade W	3.1-19	Defeated by	Ainslie	4.2-26
2nd Grade M	10.8-68	Defeated	Ainslie	3.6-24
2nd Grade W	0.0-0	Defeated by	Tuggeranong	6.7-43
Rising Stars	8.8-56	Defeated	Ainslie	3.9-27
3rd Grade M	17.12-114	Defeated	Tuggeranong	1.5-11

BMFC 2021 SEASON DATES

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2021 CALENDAR

- 17.04 | Rising Stars, 3rd Grade Mens, 2nd Grades Womens Season starts
- 01.05 | 1st Grade Womens 1st Grade Mens & 2nd Grade Mens Season starts
- 08.05 | Corporate Function - History Function/Book Launch
History Jerseys worn
- 22.05 | AFL Canberra Indigenous Round (R4)
- 29.05 | AFL Canberra Indigenous Round (R5)
- 05.06 | AFL Canberra Sockit2MND Round
- 31.07 | AFL Canberra RUOK? Round
- 31.07 | Function - 100 Game Dinner
- 09.10 | Presentation Night

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1ST GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Bobby Moroney

Our BMFC Women's First Grade team came into the Round 9 match against Ainslie one game clear on top of the ladder and with a fair bit of confidence on the back of a four-game win streak. Ainslie were also coming off some strong performances winning five of their last six games, so we were expecting a really tough contest.

Ainslie came out hard and were able to control tempo which had us on the back foot early. We also made it difficult for ourselves with some uncharacteristic fumbling and a lack of run and carry in the wet conditions. Thankfully our defence were up to the challenge. They were outstanding in the first quarter, particularly Tegan Germech, Maddie Dwyer and Ruby Giampaolo who intercepted and rebounded tirelessly.

The second quarter started much the same as the first with Ainslie getting the first goal early in the quarter. Midway through the second quarter we started to build some momentum and get the ball moving forward, and it was some clean work from Adol Abuoi who set up Hannah Walleth for our first goal of the game.

In the second half our defence continued to remain composed in the slippery conditions, preventing Ainslie's efforts to create uncontested forward entries, and we collectively lifted our effort to win first use of the football. Ally Morphett started to get on top of her opponent to provide our midfield opportunities to get some attacking run through the centre of the ground. Lucy Anderson was providing some really strong work across the ground, and Maggie Gorham lifted her work rate to help move the ball from congestion. Our second goal came from some repeated drives forward before some power from Ally to kick her first and put us up by a goal.

It was a frenetic start to the last quarter and unfortunately turnovers saw us fall behind again. Our endeavour never stopped, but we lacked the clean touch that we pride ourselves on. Wally showed some of her own power to kick a great goal late, but ultimately we were outworked at too many crucial moments and fell by seven points.

Expect a big turnaround next week from our team as we look to get back on the winner's list.

Go Pies!

Round 9

vs Ainslie @ The Nest

BMFC 3.1-19 def by AFC 4.2-26

Goal Kickers: H. Walleth 2, A. Morphett

Best Players: A. Morphett, L. Anderson, J. Spence, N. Mckay, T. Germech, M. Dwyer

1ST GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

James Bennett

In round we were back at the Nest taking on Ainslie at home for the first time this year. Len Haddrill, Macca Miller, Seb Quirk and Angus Collins came into the side, with Elliot Jordan, Sam Glyde, Jack Baker and James Bennett missing from our last game against Eastlake a fortnight ago. Jack Baker looks set to miss some time following surgery to a broken wrist.

We set ourselves for a big game, especially since our last effort against Ainslie was our worst for the season. Unfortunately, things looked like they were heading this way again as we started slowly and looked reactive as Ainslie made the early running.

We were goalless in the first quarter, kicking 3 points to Ainslie's 2.2. We played some better footy in the second kicking 2 goals to Ainslie's 1. Goals to Mitch Mooney and Zac MacDonald helped us steady and stay in touch with Ainslie.

We were not playing well and Ainslie's bigger bodies around the clearances and their work-rate to generate extra numbers around the ground had them as the better side through 3 quarters. We were 16 points down at 3 quarter time and needed a change to get the result.

We made a few positional changes at the final break, with our two best performers in the game so far, Rhys Healy and Luke Wharton, moving in the midfield. We also sent Macca Miller and fullback Brad Hoffmann to the forward line to add some firepower. At the final break, we talked about needing to chase the game and try to win with our attack on the footy and fast ball movement.

Luckily for us, a lot of the things we asked for were delivered. We were much better around the stoppages, we played with a real intent to move the footy forward and try to score. Brad Hoffmann kicked 2 goals, Macca Miller 1 and Mitch Mooney chipped in with his second for the game. We kicked 4 goals to 0 in the last quarter to overrun Ainslie and record a very satisfying win, 6.10-46 to 4.13-37.

We had some strong contributors in a pretty messy game, with Andrew Dess provided a strong target across half-forward, and Sam Cooper, Joey Kenna, Rhys Healy and Luke Wharton providing good efforts in defence. Seb Quirk was a consistent performer and lifted in the last quarter to provide us drive from the middle.

Overall, this was an ugly win, but coming from behind to knock off our arch-rivals was the best type of win.

Round 9

vs Ainslie @ The Nest

BMFC 6.10-46 def AFC 4.13-37

Goal Kickers: B. Hoffmann 2, M. Mooney 2, Z. Macdonald, M. Miller

Best Players: S. Cooper, R. Healy, B. Hoffmann, L. Wharton, J. Kenna, S. Quirk

2ND GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

Lachie O'Sullivan

This week we were keen to rebound strongly after our disappointing loss to rivals Ainslie earlier in the season. After Canberra's recent wet weather we knew the Nest and conditions would be slippery and wet. We emphasized the need to move the ball with speed and momentum once we were able to get it on the outside. Although we only led by 14 points at quarter time I was really pleased with our effort, pressure and willingness to get our hands on the ball first.

The 2nd quarter was a bit of a stalemate and saw us hold our 2-goal lead. At half time we agreed that our pressure and delivery into the forward line could improve if we wanted to really take the game away from Ainslie. Our 3rd quarter was probably our most impressive of the year having 7 shots on goal to Ainslie's 1. Our competitive mindset and attitude despite the tough conditions allowed us to dominate all areas of the game. We eventually came away with a 44-point victory.

Whilst the game was a genuine team effort, there were some standouts. Luke McGilvray found his peak form we all know he's capable of kicking 3 goals and having 25+ possessions. Dan Posch bought his leading boots this week and provided a great target up forward, making multiple contests and bringing our small forwards into the game. John Rees continues his encouraging development in the backline, shutting down Ainslie's small forwards and winning us numerous groundballs when we looked to be in trouble. All in all, a very positive day for the senior men's teams who are looking forward to improving and building this week at Greenway against Tuggeranong. Hopefully see you there!

Round 9

vs Ainslie @ The Nest

BMFC 10.8-68 def AFC 3.6-24

Goal Kickers: D. Posch 3, L. McGilvray 3, J. Taylor 2, B. Slack, Z. Lindsay

Best Players: L. McGilvray, D. Posch, A. Wenke, J. Rees, J. Connell, B. Slack

2ND GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Steve McCaskill

We played Tuggers at their home ground and, although we played well, we were beaten around the stoppages which put pressure on our backline.

Again this week we failed to link up with our forwards even though we had plenty of inside 50s. I think we aren't far off putting everything together and kicking some much needed goals.

Round 11

vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway

BMFC 0.0-0 def by TVAFC 6.11-47

Goal Kickers:

Best Players: T. Tahlia, Z. Broughton, I. McClelland, S. Hoffmann, L. Knox, T. Doblinger

RIISING STARS MATCH REPORT

Nick Eynaud

Round 9 our Belconnen rising stars took on the Ainslie Tri-colours for the second time this season. The Nest was very wet and muddy, making conditions tough with a soapy ball. It was a low scoring first quarter with both teams fighting hard around the contest. Ainslie we're beating us to the football more often than not, and our boys were found scrapping hard and struggling to string clean possessions together. Ainslie had brought a lot of energy and pressure around the ball and we're out playing us in the conditions all over the ground.

The second quarter was much the same, we were over using the ball, and went away from the simple parts of our game that we've been executing quite well. Ainslie kicked a few quick goals successively and our boys were finding it tough in the conditions. Our back line was holding us together after repeat entries. Efforts from Elijah Whitchalls, Angus Walker and Kyle Del Rea, kept us in the game and stopped a few really crucial scores in the second term. James White and Addie Vincent led the charge with their attack on the ball and want to will the football forward.

A completely different team walked onto the ground in the 3rd quarter and our boys kicked a few really smart and clean goals to steady the ship. Tom Itter and Harry Ryan Baker were fantastic and got us right back in the match with their forward work. Our wingers Lachlan Smith and Matt Rickard started to provide some run and carry for us as well, helping us to score a few really important goals in the 3rd term. Our backs were more than solid once again keeping the opposition side scoreless for the quarter. We finished the game playing a really good brand that suited the conditions of the day. Leigh McKay led from the front, using his foot skills to find targets, while Ryan Murphy showed some flare up forward, taking some great marks and getting rewarded with a goal. Lucah Conlan worked tirelessly all day, and was extremely clean with ball in hand also. A tale of two halves, we were able to beat Ainslie by 29 points in a pleasing win for the boys.

Round 9

vs Ainslie @ The Nest

BMFC 8.8-56 def AFC 3.9-27

Goal Kickers: H. Ryan-Baker 2, A. Vincent 2, T. Itter 2, W. Axelby, H. Francis

Best Players: A. Vincent, J. White, T. Itter, L. McKay, E. Witchalls, K. Day Rea

3RD GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

Sam Telfer

The Two's 2's had a big 100 point win this weekend down in the deep south against Tuggeranong. Our main focus going into the day was to produce a consistent four-quarter performance and not play our best football in patches. We started the game a bit slow and sluggish with Tuggeranong kicking the first of the game but was soon after able to take ascendancy and kick five first-term goals. Jace Iemma started very well kicking three early goals and gave us great options along half-forward and around the contest all day.

The remaining three quarters we were able to keep the opposition goalless which was helped by our midfield's assertiveness and ability to continually win the footy when the ball was in dispute. Ben Palmer showed his value being best on ground winning a number of clearances with great execution of his disposal once out of the contest. Our defensive group were consistent all day and stayed to tight to structures all day, league convert Hamish Laburn had his best game for the club and is continually taking great bounds in his learning of the game.

We were able to play a consistent game across four quarters helped by Hamish Warden's game high 4 goals and with the coach on the sideline Hamish made his visit to the interchange bench this year! Clancy Payne played a great game in his first game for the club and the Broken Hill boy looked right at home on the wing dodging both opposition and kangaroos.

A great opportunity presents itself this week for the boys as we come up against Molonglo who sit just above us on the ladder as we hit the business end of the year.

Round 11

vs Tuggeranong @ Greenway

BMFC 17.12-114 def TVAFC 1.5-11

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We are looking for volunteers to share the timekeeping duties for our Senior Men's 1st & 2nd grade games.

After many years, our long-standing timekeeper Paul Gunn is winding back the many games that he covers, opening up some room for anyone who has been wanting to volunteer within the club. We would like to thank Gunny for his ongoing efforts to assist the club in multiple areas and being a helping hand to all!

In the meantime, if you are interested in helping us out with timekeeping, let us know by emailing football@belconnenmagpies.com.au or sending us a message on our Instagram or Facebook pages.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	Sat 10th July	1:15pm	Tuggeranong	Greenway
1st Grade W	Sat 10th July	3:45pm	Tuggeranong	Greenway
2nd Grade M	Sat 10th July	11:20am	Tuggeranong	Greenway
Rising Stars	Sat 10th July	9:30am	Tuggeranong	Greenway
2nd Grade W	Sat 10th July	11am	Molonglo	Stirling
3rd Grade M	Sat 10th July	2pm	Molonglo	Stirling

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