



The Bear Facts

Caulfield Junior Football Club – Koornang Park, Munro Avenue, Carnegie

Contents | Round 12 review, 2015

Next Round – Round 13, July 26
President's Report
Secretary's Report
Auskick
Under 8
Under 9 Grizzlies
Under 9 Kodiaks
Under 9 Polars
Under 10
Under 11 Grizzlies
Under 11 Polars
Under 12
Under 13
Under 14
Under 15
Under 17
Web Links

Newsletter Editor

Belinda MacLeod-Smith
CBJFCnewsletter@gmail.com
0414 582 945

Photo Albums @

Bears Juniors on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CaulfieldBearsJuniors>

REMINDER: Team App is the preferred communication method for Caulfield Bears Junior Footy Club.
Available via the App Store (Apple) or the Play Store (Android) – simply install the app, and find the Caulfield Bears Junior Footy Club.
Around 350 Bears are already there – join us!

HOUSEKEEPING

Many of us Bears realise just how lucky we are to have such great facilities at the Bear Cave.

Playing away games certainly highlights that it can be a luxury to have undercover facilities and seating.

We sincerely ask that all Bears, young and old, take pride in our facilities and show respect for those doing pack up on game day.

All coffee cups, orange skins and other rubbish are to be put in the many bins both inside and outside the clubrooms.

Please clean up after yourself, and don't be afraid to chip in to keep the Bear Cave decent.

Next Round – Round 13, 26 July

Home Team	Away Team	Time	Venue
East Brighton Vampires	Caulfield Bears U8	10:00	HURLINGHAM PARK – OVAL 2
Caulfield Bears U9 GRIZZLIES	St Paul's McKinnon JFC	10:00	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U9 KODIAKS	East Sandringham JFC	8:45	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U9 POLARS	Cheltenham JFC	8:45	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U10	Murrumbeena JFC	10:00	KOORNANG PARK
St Bedes Mentone	Caulfield Bears U11 GRIZZLIES	13:45	SOUTHERN ROAD RESERVE
Caulfield Bears U11 POLARS	BYE	BYE	BYE
Caulfield Bears U12	Ajax Jets	11:15	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U13	Hampton Rovers JFC	12:45	KOORNANG PARK
South Melbourne Districts	Caulfield Bears U14	10:30	ALBERT PARK – OVAL 1
Mordialloc Braeside	Caulfield Bears U15	11:00	PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE
Caulfield Bears U17	ST Bedes/Mentone Tigers	14:15	KOORNANG PARK

Home Team – Blue Shorts v Away Team – White Shorts
Remember your mouthguard!

CLUB SPONSORS

The Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club would not be as successful without the generous support of our sponsors. This year we are delighted to welcome a number of new sponsors, including our first Diamond Sponsor: Gary Peer Real Estate. We encourage our members and friends to show the same support by using or purchasing their products and services where possible.

Use the services of Gary Peer for a property sale and Gary Peer will donate 10% of its service fee to the club upon a successful sale.



GARY PEER



Thompson and Thompson Solicitors

Barry Gardiner Meats

There is a box behind the counter with Caulfield Bears Logo on it and when members of the club buy meat there if they let them know they will put their receipt in the box and he will donate 10% of the purchase price in meat to the club.

Koornang Road, Carnegie

President's Report

Well it was still cold but it turned into a stunning day at Koornang Park once the Under 8 and Under 9 Kodiaks had kicked the ice off the ground. But I saw lots of slow-moving parents after the Parent's Social from the night before.

We had 122 paying customers and three comedians in what can only be described as an overwhelming success. I've said it a couple of times already this week, but thanks to Fiona and Helen from the Under 9 Polars for making it happen and Clare for her role too, even though she doesn't want me to say anything.

Andrew Clarke

0409 370 046

president@caulfieldbears.com.au

Only a couple of weeks to go now for the Under 8 and Under 9s, and then it is off to the Lightning Carnival where they will get play three shorter games in one day on August 2. The Under 10 follow suit the next week and that is it for our youngest Bears and they can start dreaming of 2016.

In the others grades we look like having some finals appearances, whether they at home when we are hosting on August 16 or not remains to be seen. The Under 17s have had an amazing season and sit comfortably on top of their ladder, they cannot miss the finals now and want to end their time with us with a flag.

The Under 15s are fourth at the moment with a couple of games against the lower teams and then one against a contender. Two wins out of three will be enough, but I know Rod and the boys are playing for a clean sweep of the remaining games.

Regrading can sometimes work well for a team; at others times it can be tough. The latter is the story for the Under 14s and they would need results to fall their way to go beyond the next three weeks. All they can do is keep playing for wins and strive for consistency... the rest will sort itself out as they say on coaching-land.

While Bully was off sorting out the Aussies at Lords – thanks Bully, they did a better job – Julian King had a run at the coach's chair. A narrow loss to the ladder leader on the weekend proved they can do it, but that loss has mostly likely ended the finals dream for the season. Again, regrading here did not work well for us.

Three winnable games for the Under 12s could see them sneak into the finals and finish the season with a positive win-loss ledger after a great win on the weekend. The round 14 clash against third placed Mordi-Brae is critical.

Our two Under 11 teams also look like making the cut. A big percentage boosting win on the weekend sees the Polars on top of their ladder, Prahran is the only team to beat them this season so the final round clash at home is critical for the Premiership dream. The resurgence in the Polars this season is one of the great stories around the club, and some of the team play on the weekend was impressive. Watching Callum Hankin with nine goals to his name passing off an easy shot at goal from the goal square to one of his teammates was my great moment of the weekend.

As for my Grizzlies, I'm not sure they could try for a more up and down season if they wanted to. A stunning win last week was followed up with a loss to a team they should be able to beat, but they still sit a precarious 4th on the ladder. Both teams in contention for that last spot have a similar run home and on their day they can beat anyone they come up against, they just have to put it together on all days. One unexpected win, and they are absolutely in.

So look forward to some finals actions for the Bears.

Lastly, well done to the Auskick crew on the All Abilities Session on the weekend. I couldn't make it because of work commitments, but I have heard great reports and I know it was something close to Silvana

and Prasheeta's hearts.
Our Auskick program for this year has been a stunning success, and this day at Koornang Park showed why.
Well done.

Secretary's Report

Firstly I would like to thank everyone that came to our Social Night last Saturday. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend (was away in sunny QLD) but I hear that it was a tremendous success on all levels. A thoroughly enjoyable and hilarious evening had by all. Well done to all the adult Bears for your efforts.

As my boy is getting older, this means many of his games are played later in the day. This means we have been the last game of the day on a couple of occasion, which means, we have been on pack-up duties. Last Sunday I spent a considerable amount of time cleaning up the clubrooms - they were not left in an acceptable way.

I found litter everywhere (food wrappers, coffee cups, drink bottles, oranges etc).

Please ensure you all pick up after yourself. I am asking players, and parents to make an effort and put their rubbish where it belongs – in the bin.

Pack up is pack up and should not mean clean up for those of us who have already put in a long day. We ask that you have respect for your clubrooms.

In other news, we are fast approaching lightning carnival and finals time - more information on this will follow via your team managers and Team App, so please pay close attention.

And lastly - team and individual photos have arrived and look amazing; I think everyone will be extremely happy with the outcome. These photos will be distributed at Presentation Day, and I'll get back to you all regarding the whole of club photo very soon.

Go Bears!

Auskick Report

What a fantastic special morning we had at Auskick!

It was our All Abilities Auskick Session, which welcomed a number of special visitors. These children do not usually get the chance to join

Rebecca Kovak
0415 321 199
cbjfcsecretary@gmail.com

Prasheeta Kuver
0430 149 141
auskick@caulfieldbears.com.au

into programs such as Auskick as easily as many of our children do.

While talking to visiting families it was great to hear that they had an amazing time and they would like to try joining in another time. It was great to see some Senior Bears coaching with all of our groups. The kids really enjoyed learning from the players and had loads of fun with them. Thanks guys!

The AFL also helped by sending in one of their AAA Coaches – thanks to Nicholas for making the time to join us and helping our visitors to have a great experience.

To make the morning more special we had our Tall Footballers who joined into all the Auskick hype and made all of us laugh! Great photo shots with these funny players.



The Rotary Club really eased up our morning by helping with the BBQ. NAB donated some funds and some footballs, which were a great addition to Greg's Footy Book, which many Auskickers purchased.



We also had Kym the photographer taking some great action shots to be available for us to purchase. Look out for these photos next week!!

Overall an AWESOME morning! Great job Silvana!

Thanks again for all our parent helpers and most of all our amazing coaches!



Next week – 25th July

Normal Auskick Session

Coming Up

1st August - Half time grid games at the Bears Seniors game at Koornang Park. Let me know if interested. Open to all!

8th August – Last Auskick Session for 2015
Last BBQ and medal presentation.

Star of the Week

Don't forget to go online and nominate our centre for best Auskick. Nominate your coach (they deserve it) better still, even nominate your child... there are prizes to be won.

It's nice to be appreciated and it only takes five minutes...

www.nab.com.au/auskick

Under 8

Modified rules game

Q1 | A frosty field and clear skies greeted the players this morning. A few fumbles and missed marks were the order of the day as all the players suffered from cold fingers on a wet ball. St Bedes got off to a flying start that was quickly answered by some smart play and good footwork from Zade Baker-Hill and Tom Ritchie. Not long after, Noah Will had a clean kick through the centre of the goal.

Both Tom Ritchie and Johnny "Hotdog" Roussos defended well, with Johnny putting in some long clearing kicks from the goal mouth, Bailey Cormick kept the ball in play with a good kick under pressure from the sideline. Rory Wright put in a solid performance both in defence and attack, showing some great tackling and kicking over much of the ground.

Q2 | Fresh from the promising play in the 1st quarter, the field was set for a lively contest in the second half. Once again Rory Wright was in the thick it, with a notable run of play with the ball passing quickly between Ben Fardell, Jacob and Rory.

The Bears had the Tigers in their cage during this half, with St Bedes' two one-pointers answered by some great teamwork and unselfish play by Jacob flicking the ball off to Tom Ritchie for a neat left-foot goal later in the quarter. Max Bremner put up impressive resistance, standing in the tackle and getting the ball out. Once again Johnny put in some fine defensive work in the goal mouth.

Q3 | The Tigers came out with their claws showing in the 3rd quarter, and set a cracking pace. In a typically spirited tackle, Jacques Land took a ball to the head and had to leave the field for some attention. Despite some good play through the centre and sidelines by Rory, Noah, Tom Walsh and Tom Ritchie, the Tigers put some fine goals

COACH:
Michael Cormick
cormick.michael.p@edumail.vic.gov.au
0418 351 588
TEAM MANAGER:
Katherine Roberts
james@roberts.net
0418 108 365

through in quick succession.

The Bears rallied to stem the flow of points, with Jakob notable in defence, but the Tigers were aggressive and unceasing in their attack, keeping the play in the Bears back half for much of the quarter.

Q4 | The start of the 4th quarter saw the Bears back in fine form with Oscar Liem putting through a goal in the first 5 minutes. The good form was kept up with Johnny taking a nice tackle in the centre while Jacob kept the Tigers at bay in the goal mouth. William Roberts took a terrific mark under pressure.

Dom Nicolay showed some fine footwork with a side step and run around to score a goal. Never a team to run out of steam in the last quarter, more superb defence and ball clearing from the centres led to a fantastic goal from Tom Walsh and ultimately the last points of the quarter.

After a hiding in the 3rd but a spirited start to the 4th quarter, the Bears did an excellent job in subduing the Tigers' attack.

Under 9 Grizzlies

Modified rules game

Q1 | Beaumaris attacked early but Ollie Jackson was on fire from the get-go and with the help of Jake, repelled the ball downfield to Lenny, who with a pinpoint pass delivered it to Caiden. A brilliant snap cruelly missed the big sticks, but the Bears had opened their account. It was a lively first quarter, the ball travelling from end to end and back again, through fast running and long kicks by both teams. Tom Graham showed masterful form in the ruck and co-captain Hudson was busy in the centre clearing the ball. Seb kept going and going, not just doing the one percenters but the two and three percenters as well. It was a solid start by both teams and an entertaining tussle, which enchanted the many fans that had come to watch their Bears.

Q2 | After much reorganisation of team positions, the Bears threw themselves into the contest early, with Lenny passing to Paddy who sent it to the forward line with a booming kick. Lachie Fyfe made a great attempt at kicking a goal. Nick earned a free from a fine tackle and it was good to see such desperation. When the ball did make it to Beaumaris's forward line, Jezza laid a ripping tackle and stopped a certain goal. Our backline was under siege for a period, but strong work from Jarvis and Ollie Couch limited the opposition's scoring. Felix, as one of the nominated captains had bravely brushed off a tummy complaint and taken the field and was also leading by example in the backline. The troops went into the half time break and devoured their well-deserved oranges.

Q3 | The quarter began well for the Bears with Lachie Mackie moving

COACH:

Michael Gurrie

michael.gurrie1@gmail.com

0402 257 612

TEAM MANAGER:

Lisbet Fraser | lisbetf@inet.net.au

0417 122 839

Sarah Graham | sarah-graham@bigpond.com

0414 932 515

the ball into attack early with assistance from Seb. Henry laid a strong tackle to stifle the opposition and Chai was getting into the game with a sharp pick up and handball. The pressure from the Bears was good, with Lachie Mackie and Sam gang-tackling an opponent in their forward line. There was an avalanche of scoring by the opposition, which had the Bears' supporters scratching their heads on the sidelines. Was it the glare from the bright winter sun? Key players on the bench? Whatever the reason, the Bears were definitely in hibernation for the rest of this quarter and the siren came as a blessing.

Q4 | After a stern talking to from the coaches, the Bears came out of their slumber in the final stanza and roared back into life. Although Beaumaris kicked an early goal, from this point it was all Caulfield, with Caiden, Lenny and Jake all slotting beautiful full-pointers. Caiden, coming fresh off the bench, was making an impact, and kept his father busy waving the flags. Lenny was everywhere – a magnificent running, dodging performance ending in our fourth goal for the quarter. Jack Joyce took an impressive mark from a kick out and was unlucky as his kick was just touched on the line. It was a great comeback by the Bears, and a good lesson that the game is never over, and also to work hard every quarter. It was an entertaining match, with both sides showing good run and long kicking in the pristine conditions. The skills from our group are improving week by week and are well ahead of those shown in Round 1. Special mention must be made of the Beaumaris canteen which accommodated four deep fryers, a dim-sim steamer and a grill. Those parents who had enjoyed a late evening at the comedy night were most grateful.

Under 9 Kodiaks

Modified rules game

The Kodiaks bravely lined up for the second last game of the year against St Kilda City on a frosty morning (minus 2 degrees). Luca and Marcus were named captains. Matt and Liam joined the Kodiaks for the day.

Q1 | St Kilda City were definitely warmed up and made several forward attacks resulting initially in behinds. Fantastic defensive marks on separate occasions by Coburn, Joel and Ethan in the last line of defence saved certain goals. Charles provided some penetrating kick outs however St Kilda City played irresistible football and took advantage of their opportunities. Despite this, the Kodiaks had some great passages of play. Lachlan M had a penetrating forward kick that and Joel and Jaikiah both provided good run and carry.

COACH

Chris Mathieson
Drmatho@hotmail.com
0402 202 817

ASSISTANT COACH

Dale McCabe
dale@supporttech.com.au
0418 556 381

TEAM MANAGER:

Glenda Beecher
glenda.beecher@monash.edu
0417 142 632

Q2 | Following Coach Mathieson's clear instructions to concentrate and focus on the ball at the quarter time break the Kodiaks put in an improved quarter. Luca who had a quiet first quarter took several marks in defence and laid several tackles. Quinn gave the team great drive from the ruck with penetrating kicks and tackles. Marcus took advantage of a great centre clearance from Ethan that led to a forward attack. Jaikiah broke the lines with great run and carry making opportunities for his team mates up forward - which led to Isaiah snapping a kick towards goal. Liam and Rommy laid some important tackles leading to free kicks for the Kodiaks.

Q3 | After the half time break the frost had melted. The Kodiaks continued to pressure the St Kilda City team - they definitely weren't getting to play on their own terms. The Kodiaks laid the most tackles for the match with Jed, Quinn, Liam and Joel laying important tackles. Lachlan H continued to take great defensive marks. This pressure led to the Kodiaks' goal of the match - Gabi laid an important tackle which led to the spill of the footy in the Kodiaks' forward line, a strong second effort by her got the ball to Marcus who snapped a goal!

Q4 | The Kodiaks early in the quarter were peppering the goals. Quinn, and Jaikiah had outstanding quarters. Quinn stole the ball from the pack and came close to a major. Jaikiah took advantage of a great hit out from Charlie to thrust the Kodiaks into attack. The defence was also doing their bit with Ethan saving a certain goal. Thomas, Phoenix, Ignacy and Matt all dug deep to get the team up for the famous Kodiak last quarter effort. Marcus had the last play of the day with some great run and carry and almost ended with a goal.

In the post game address Coaches Mathieson and McCabe praised the team for their efforts and singled out Quinn and Jaikiah for awards.

Under 9 Polars

Modified rules game

After some terrible weather the sun was finally shining for one of our games. It was still cold but our Under 9 Polars were fired up and this was evident when they played the best quarter of football that they have played all season. It was a complete team effort with the mid fielders getting the ball out of the middle, the forwards doing a great job which resulted in a goal and our backs providing great defence.

The second quarter saw more excellent work with some fantastic marking and playing on which made Jake very happy. Our forwards continued their great work with some more scoring shots and again the pressure on our defence was relentless but they withstood it and only let a couple of scoring shots through.

COACH:

Jake Golding
0412 212 062

TEAM MANAGER:

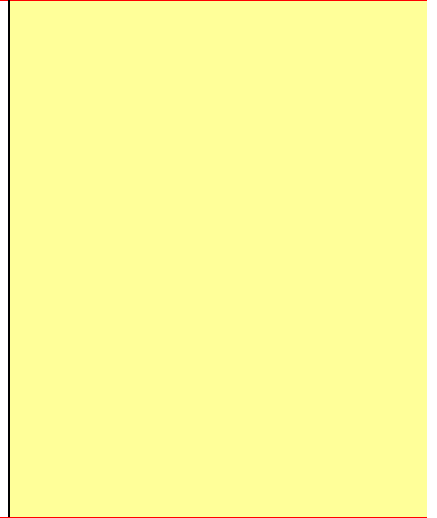
Andrew Baldwin
Andrew@baldwinsports.com.au
0412 913 541

The second half was again fiercely contested with both teams managing to break through the defence and produce some great kicks. Our marking continued to shine with a particular mention to Jude who took some fantastic marks.

Overall it was the best game of football all season and the boys should be really proud.

Ash did a remarkable job coming back from injury and was a great captain. Jacob, Johnno, Leo, Marcus, Lachy, Ash all got footy cards but it was a game that everyone contributed to.

Well done Under 9 Polars.



Under 10

Modified rules game

Match report not available.

COACH

Adrian Nelson
adrian.nelson@me.com
0411 550 708

TEAM MANAGER

David Friend
david.w.friend@bigpond.com
0418 887 716

Match day | Janey Rainey
Janey.rainey@bigpond.com
0407 102 441

Under 11 Grizzlies

On arrival at Scammell Reserve we thought that today was going to be an ice skating match as the ground was a sea of ice. Luckily the sun was starting to poke through as all the boys arrived - they were eager to get on the ground and attempt to break the ice as they started their warm up with Gary and the team.

The match started with a hard contesting quarter with all boys giving a great effort considering the cold icy conditions and very cold fingers.

As the match went into the second quarter the Grizzlies had both Nicks, Clem and Byron trying to keep the fast moving Oakleigh at bay, but they kept finding openings towards goals.

Half time saw coach Gary speak about defence and being pro active as the boys got ready for third quarter, which started with James taking a great mark. Pat made a super tackle and Byron came off with an injured shoulder. The Grizzlies felt the impact of losing Byron's height but Miro stepped up with some great marks and tackles yet Oakleigh just kept bringing the ball down as goals seem to come down freely.

At three quarter time Coach Gary set out strategies to rally back with Byron back on. As the final quarter kicked off, Grizzlies like Hunter, Angus, and Pat gave it all. Unfortunately Miro went down with a bad ankle injury which saw him out as the siren called it a day.

It was a big loss, but the Grizzlies did their best to keep their heads up, and saw first hand what it's like to play a team that's had plenty of practice playing together.

COACH

Gary Birrell
garybirrell@damgargroup.com.au
0418 338 063

TEAM MANAGER

Kylie King
Kinga_3@hotmail.com
0438 600 386

Score	Caulfield Bears	0	1	1
	Oakleigh	6	18	54
Awards	Awards - Clem (grill'd), Hunter, Pat (canteen awards), Nick J (footy cards)			
Goals				

Under 11 Polars

Match report not available

Scores	Caulfield Bears
--------	-----------------

Awards

Goals

COACH

Justin Healey
jheals@optusnet.com.au
0401 578 628

TEAM MANAGER

Prasheeta Kuver
pkuver@gmail.com
0430 149 141

Under 12

With very different conditions than the previous week our boys were up and about early. A clear break from the first centre bounce enabled our lads to push forward and out of some pretty heavy traffic Angus Edgar emerged with the ball to slot a very tidy major.

We then bottled it up forward but were unable to capitalise on the scoreboard kicking a few points. Sam Schiffer finally broke the deadlock after a great shepherd from Angus and the nifty left footer snagged a terrific goal. The backline was holding firm with big Byron Clarke standing tall at centre half-back and Andy Kim was providing plenty of run from half back.

Harry Beet was defending resolutely and was able to kick a goal late in the contest when shifted onto the ball. As the game progressed Will Nichols was providing a great marking target up forward and big Sebastian Land was providing the opposition with plenty of problems out of the goal square. Archie Lord was his busy usual self, getting in and under and distributing the ball out to his teammates. George Moutsidis carried on from where he left off last week and gained several telling possessions but more importantly gave plenty of support around the contest.

Our small fleet of runners were working hard with Cormack Dungan, Ryan Cox, Matt Leembrugger popping up everywhere. Orion Cooper took a mark in the square and cool as a cucumber slotted a goal for his team whilst Declan Portbury presented well up forward but was unable to add to the scoreboard. Jared Strom worked hard in a number of positions, as did Nicola Tomic.

Overall it was a fantastic team effort and the boys were wrapped to notch up another win.

Scores	Caulfield Bears	7	12	54
--------	-----------------	---	----	----

COACH

Andrew Beet
beet.andrew.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
0419 284 026

TEAM MANAGER

Katrina Cox
katcox@gmail.com
Harriet Shelton
<mailto:harriet@optusnet.com.au>

St Bede's Mentone	4	5	29	
Awards				
Goals	Edgar 2, Schiffer 2, Cooper 1, Beet 1, Lord 1			

Under 13

Q1 |After coming off a pretty ordinary performance the week prior, it was going to be interesting to see how the boys fronted up against the top team in Dingley. You could tell immediately that Julian had the boys switched on, even though we were outscored 4 goals to one, we had as much of the play as Dingley, it was only they had some very good players who were able to convert the goals. The endeavour was excellent, Henry and Gordo took some great marks in defence, Jaffa and Nick were doing a great job in the back pockets, LT did some strong contesting work at half back, Vas was presenting well around the wings, and Josh & Kai provided a great target up forward with several strong marks. As he has done much of the year, Matty kicked our 1st goal with a great snap shot under pressure.

Caulfield 1.0.6 v. Dingley 4.0.24

Q2 |During the 2nd term Dingley began to get on top of us early, but the boys found something and fought hard all over the ground for possessions. Finn Od lead the way with a strong tackle on their number 1 , who thought he could continually break tackles until he tried Finn on, and soon after Josh smashed into their very big full back, and then Dingley realised they couldn't just push the Bears around. Paolo was flying on the wing, gaining many disposals, Charlie G was presenting well at full forward, Finn H was contesting and pressuring well, and Callum got on the end of a terrific handball from Matty to score a goal.

Caulfield 2.0.12 v. Dingley 7.3.45

Q3 |Even though we were kept scoreless this quarter, you certainly couldn't knock the boys endeavour, Max went onto the ball, and enjoyed the freedom of following the footy, and gave us lots of drive, Billy was again strong in defence, and Lurch belied his size with a hard one on one contest on the wing, which he won and kicked the ball forward.

Caulfield 2.0.12 v. Dingley 9.4.58

Q4 |This was the best footy I had seen the boys play, considering the quality of the opposition, we kicked 3 goals 4 to 1 point, and completely outplayed the top team. Fraser, Joel & Beau continued to rack up possessions & Mazz in his 100th game kicked a goal to compliment a great game, followed with another to Flynn then another to Dylan, all the result of great team play further afield, nothing better exemplified than Woodsy typically courageous mark. In the end we lost by 4 goals, but it was a much better result than the previous weeks smashing at Oakleigh, and if the boys can keep playing up to that standard, I'm sure there's another win coming shortly.

COACH

Marc Bullard

marc@markat.com.au

0419 395 763

TEAM MANAGER

Amanda Beet

beet35@optusnet.com.au

0403 664 999

Scores	Caulfield Bears	5	4	34
	Dingley	9	5	59
Awards				
Goals	Matty, Callum, Mazz, Flynn, Dylan			

Under 14

Up against our traditional rivals Oakleigh Dragons, there was a big expectation that we could give them a good nudge. It seems that the days of the 'dozy first quarter' are over with the lads going in hard and fast and giving account of themselves. Good, hard tackles and plenty of pressure up front put us neck and neck with Oakleigh, both teams scoring three goals.

Moving into the second quarter, Oakleigh obviously decided they didn't like running neck and neck and decided to not only shift gear but also punch in a bit of nitrous and pull away. The issue that plagues the boys was Oakleigh's fine rebound in defence, sadly dissipating the big efforts that had been made to get up to the forward line. There was not shortage of effort from the lads but the Dragons had a finely honed defence play. Also, one of the tough lessons that Divvy 3 teaches you is that if you open the door a crack, a bus of opposition players will speed through and boot a bevy of goals. This is especially the case when the opposition team have a key player who can cut his way through the backline like a slalom skier with footy boots on.

It was more of the same in the third and fourth quarter with the Bears putting in some fantastic efforts but getting a good opportunity to learn some Divvy three lessons: Leave your man unmarked and he'll be off on a goal kicking holiday while you're still standing at the departure gate. That being said, there were still tremendous efforts across the board and the lads could still walk off the ground with their heads held high, knowing that they had put in a solid four quarters.

As a postscript, it was interesting to watch the lads again with semi-fresh eyes after several weeks break. It was astounding to appreciate how much better the boys are playing now and how the speed and the skill of everyone in the team has improved. So while it may be tough to cop a few on the chin, the Bears are now playing Divvy 3 standard football and should be rightly proud of that achievement. Keep it up boys!

Some quick notes:

- Nick deservedly picked up an award for his brutal tacking. This is a man who knows how to ruin your day. Many a time an Oakleigh player was preparing his best player award speech when Nick introduced him to the hallowed turf of Koornang Park.
- Liam was once again asked to play that sweeping defensive role and as my good friend Bruce McAvaney would say "Gee, doesn't he look good!" He too picked up an award for his silky smooth working the ball forward.

COACH

Campbell McCulloch
campbell.mcculloch@futurefund.gov.au
0413 135 989

TEAM MANAGER

Rebecca Kovac
rkovac@live.com.au
0415 321 199

- Emin has obviously decided to challenge Matt as the 'Team Target', getting a bloodied nose for putting his head over the ball. The Listening Post (i.e. Aidan) has reported that the nose wasn't broken and retains its romanesque beauty.

Scores	Caulfield Bears	3	11	29
	Dragons	14	12	96
Awards	Nick, Liam			
Goals				

Under 15

The under 15s played top side, Ormond. The opposition was great, particularly their ability to keep us under pressure at all times, which limited our opportunities to score and led to lots of turnovers.

At the same time, the boys did pretty well in some of the key areas that we'd set ourselves - running, shepherding, tackling.

Desire and effort have never been an issue with this group, but endurance and execution can still improve with more time on the track.

We still felt we were a genuine chance at three quarter time, but Ormond remained strong till the final siren. While none of us were satisfied with the result, there's no doubt we're closing the gap between the top-ranked teams and ourselves and there's still a strong resolve to keep improving.

We've now played 12 games across two divisions and are still in finals calculations. Heads up boys!

Scores	Caulfield Bears	1	3	9
	Ormond	6	13	49
Awards	Josh, Daniel and Matt			
Goals	Spencer			

COACH

Rod Grace

rodney.grace@dtf.vic.gov.au

0419 373 420

TEAM MANAGER

Martin Fester

mfester@eastland-tire.com

0438 721 621

Under 17

It's always an interesting day when we play Oakleigh at Scammell Reserve and last Sunday was no different. The form guide suggested we should have been comfortable winners but there's something about this ground, and this opposition, that seems to trouble our Mighty Bears.

Q1 | Our strong man Hamish crashed through his 100 game banner and Pete gave his instructions to the boys to be accountable, use our run and skills advantage and place Oakleigh under immediate scoreboard pressure. But the curse of the Dragons impacted us in the first quarter with Oakleigh winning on the scoreboard and unlucky not to be further in front. With zero tackles recorded for the quarter, it was any wonder we were down.

Bears 2.3 15 v. Oakleigh 3.3.21

Q2 | Nick Leontaritis was threatening and his sublime skills were on display early on both sides of his body, owning the wing and hitting the scoreboard for 2 goals to half time. Tyrone also was carrying on his consistent good form and as usual our captain Ben Spackman was

COACH

Peter Manakis

peter@plmelectrics.com.au

0411 779 199

TEAM MANAGER

Ken Spackman

spackmans@optusnet.com.au

0422 154 732

repelling like Alex Rance, which is high praise indeed. Oakleigh could not manage a goal in this quarter as our engine started to fire. We wrestled back control on the scoreboard and went into half time in front.

Bears 4.7 31 v. Oakleigh 3.5.23

Q3 | Much to the relief of the assembled Bear crowd, we came out of the half time huddle and banged on 5 goals 5 to Oakleigh 1 goal 1. Cream was rising to the top and undisciplined play from Oakleigh saw a red card being issued and a reminder to them that to show toughness was to place your head over the ball.

Sean P showed great signs with some excellent passages and Olme, Gunners and Duck were getting going. 5 different goal scorers pleased the coach but the curse of the Dragons meant we were still were not playing any where near our standard.

To Oakleigh's credit, they ran the ball well and showed some terrific linkages. Tom Whitelaw and Ben Spackman along with our big defender Nick Stewart were resolute.

Bears 9.12.66 v. Oakleigh 4.6.30

Q4 | Oakleigh won the last quarter kicking 4 goals 4 to our 3 goals 3 but they never really looked like winning. We did just enough to win but it was an ugly win. We are clearly now the hunted and every side will be working hard to defeat us prior to our finals campaign.

Sundays form will not be good enough for the likes of St Bedes and East Malvern and if we are to create history by going back to back, this team need to lift and play a better brand of footy that they showed against Oakleigh.

Bears 12.15.87 to Oakleigh 8.10.58

Best

Scores	Caulfield Bears	12	15	87
	Oakleigh	8	10	58
Best	Nick L, Ben S, Olme N, Nick S, Tyrell P, James M, Tom C and Oliver G			
Goals	Goals Nick L (4), Gavin K (3), Liam M (2) Mitch R (1), Tyrell P (1) and Nick O (1)			

Web Links

Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club – <http://www.caulfieldbearsjfc.com.au/>

South Metro Junior Football League – <http://sportingpulse.com/assocpage.cgi?assoc=4901andpID=1>

Photo Albums @ Bears Juniors on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CaulfieldBearsJuniors>