



The Bear Facts

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

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Around 350 Bears are already there – join us!

Bears Diary Notes

Annual Social Night – only a few weeks away

The Bears Annual social night will be held on Saturday, July 18. Come along and enjoy an exceptional comedy line-up including 'the hottest Comedian in Australia right now', Lawrence Mooney. Joining Lawrence will be Don Tran and the Bear's very own Tom Siegert (played the highest number of games for the Caulfield Bears in the club's history)

Join us in the Bear Cave to see some of Melbourne's most hilarious comedians do their thing.

Lawrence Mooney: host of ABC's Dirty Laundry Live, and one of Australia's most celebrated stand-up comedians.
Don Tran: 2009 JJJ Raw Comedy winner, and master of the one-liners.

Tom Siegert: With a unique wide-eyed style all of his own, Tom features in "FHM Australia's Funniest Man D.V.D"

Tickets are only \$25 – BYO nibbles, with drinks at bar prices.

RSVP ASAP via Team APP, or let Clare Murphy know numbers at sponsorship@caulfieldbears.com.au

Next Round – Round 10, July 28

Home Team	Away Team	Time	Venue
Caulfield Bears U8	South Melbourne Districts	8:30	KOORNANG PARK
Bentleigh JFC	Caulfield Bears U9 GRIZZLIES	11:45	KING GEORGE RESERVE
Ashwood	Caulfield Bears U9 KODIAKS	9:00	ESSEX HEGHTS RESERVE
Caulfield Bears U9 POLARS	BBJFC U9	8:30	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U10	East Malvern White	9:40	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U11 GRIZZLIES	Highbett JFC	10:50	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U11 POLARS	South Melbourne Districts	12:20	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U12	Murrumbeena JFC	13:50	KOORNANG PARK
South Melbourne Districts	Caulfield Bears U13	13:30	ALBERT PARK OVAL
Caulfield Bears U14	Beaumaris	9:00	JACK BARKER OVAL
Ajax Jets	Caulfield Bears U15	13:30	PRINCES PARK OVAL
Ormond JFC	Caulfield Bears U17	14:30	E.E. GUNN RESERVE

Home Team – Blue Shorts v Away Team – White Shorts

Remember your mouthguard!

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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

A big reminder for me on the weekend about why we do what we do here at the Bears. At each step in what we do, we need to remember that we are all here for our kids, and this weekend I saw enough to remind that sometimes I just need to sit in the grandstand and admire our awesome kids and the job they do. Our Bears are amazing, and the support crew that keeps it ticking along – I am sure are the best in the league.

It was a full day at Koornang Park on the weekend, kicked off in near 0°C temperatures by the Under 9 Kodiaks and Under 9 Grizzlies – these kids are amazing. No matter happens on the field, they leave

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with a smile on their faces. The Under 10s are, of course, getting a little more serious about their footy even though they still play under modified rules, but again they smile as they leave the field. Perhaps a late night playing grid games at Etihad Stadium for a few of them had an impact... check out the brother to brother video on our Facebook page for a perfectly executed clearance to the hot spot by Harry Nelson to Charles Nelson for a big goal.

The Under 11 Grizzlies had a real go against a top of the ladder running machine and that was followed by the Under 11 Polars that took last week's defeat to heart and ripped out a cracking and dominant game that underlined their finals potential. The Under 12s likewise were able to park a below par performance from the week before for a solid win with some great passages of football.

Finally the day was rounded out by the Under 15 who started the game sensationally but were cruelly left short on the field by injuries and just couldn't hold out a fast finishing opposition.

What we had was a full day of footy, 7 games runs well into the afternoon as will the six this week at Koornang Park. Drop down after your own game if you get the chance, it is a great day of local footy.

Secretary's Report

I'm delighted to have been appointed club secretary. For those that don't know me, I'm Rebecca and I have a son, Jake, who currently plays with the Under 14s.

We have been at the Caulfield Bears for six years after starting out with Auskick.

We joined the club on a strong recommendation that if we wanted to be part of a club that had a "family" feel, this would be it. And we weren't disappointed. Quickly I began volunteering with Auskick whenever I could.

By the time Jake was in Under 11s I took on the role as Team Manager and am still doing this; truly our team's parent group is amazing and managing the team is easy and delightful.

Towards the end of last year, I wanted to do more and so I finally joined the committee and ended up being the registrar for this season.

Joining the executive committee as secretary seemed like a natural progression. It may seem a little crazy but being part of this amazing club and volunteering wherever I can is extremely rewarding.

Huge "bear" hugs to all the committee for being so welcoming and helpful.

I strongly urge all parents to get involved as much as you can; its your child's club, it's rewarding, you get to meet some fantastic people and you will always be able to look back and know your contributed to your community for your children.

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If we haven't met yet, please come and introduce yourself to me around the club; I'll be the one looking confused...still got my L plates on!

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Auskick

A very fresh Saturday morning greeted the Auskick families at Koornang Park. The freezing weather however was not enough to stop our Auskickers from getting right into the action! Amazing grid games from all ages made me so proud of how far the kids have come during the season.

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

On Saturday evening, 24 of our Grade 2,3 & 4 Auskickers played at half time at Etihad Stadium at the Bulldogs and Lions game. This was an awesome experience for our Auskickers.

Check out some great photos on the Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club Facebook page. This is an experience that our Preps and Grade 1s can look forward to in the coming years.

Next week – 27th June

- BBQ: bring your gold coins
- Parent helpers needed – Please contact Silvana.

Coming Up...

4th July - No Auskick – Have a nice SLEEP IN (or plan to)

18th July – ALL Abilities Auskick Session – Please share with children you know would benefit from this session.

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...

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Under 8

Modified rules game

It was a crisp 2°C as the boys huddled up in the away rooms at Le Page Park for the return clash against Cheltenham. It was a typical fire and brimstone rev up from coach “Mikey” Mike Cormick urging the boys to kick long and strong. Dual captains Bailey and Conor were annointed with the coveted captain’s arm bands for the game.

The first quarter got under way with the 2 captains leading the way, Bailey was instrumental in many of the plays in the centre with Conor giving first use to the on-ball brigade. Some strong work by Otis and Mack “attack” to lock the ball in the forward line saw Paddy get the first major, from a pin point Noah Wills pass. As the roar of PAAADDY reverberated around the stadium play returned to the centre where the TomTom show took over with both Tom Ritchie and Tom Walsh influential across the centre to keep the ball looked in the Bears 50m arc. When Scott “cowbells” Wright signalled the end of the first quarter, the bears had had much of the running through great teamwork and determination.

It was a busy break for Team Medic O’Keefe having to treat Bailey and Tom Ritchie for leather poisoning. The message of quarter time was simple, more of the same. No major changes at the break except for the unleashing of Rory into the game.

The second term got underway in much the same vein as the first. The midfield dominance of the Bears telling as they peppered the goals first through Dom and then Jacques.

A free kick to Conor, to Tom Walsh followed by a classy bit of play from Ollie McCurdy across half forward ended with a strong mark from Johnny “Hot Dog” Roussos directly in front. Johnny duly lined up and put it straight through the middle!

While the ball was locked in the Bears forward 50 for much of the quarter, the defence was superlative when called upon. Oscar, Ben, Angus and Jake were a brick wall, ferocious tackling and pressure coupled with some slick handballs in heavy traffic from Will ensured that Cheltenham were restricted when they did go forward.

Will picked up a loose ball to release Conor who spotted up Ollie who in turn kicked to a fast leading Roussos who kicked truly. Perfect transition football....Bear style.

The tinkling of bells may have heralded the end of the half, but it was

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coach Mike, ably assisted by Alistair “magnetic board” Rowlands who were ringing the changes for the Bears. Some key structural changes with Jake Sekker assuming ruck duties and Rory Wright to the forward line, but perhaps the biggest surprise was the change in half time routine for Johnny Roussos, gone were the hot dogs, replaced by hot chips. This caused much discussion in the commentary box.

The third quarter got underway, and if there were any doubts about the hot chips they were soon dispelled as Johnny took a strong grab from a lovely centre clearance via Jake and Tom Walsh.

However, as the Bears adjusted to their new set up, Cheltenham started to get on top around the ground putting the re-vamped backline under pressure. They were still finding it difficult to get passed a miserly Bear defence ably held together by Oscar, Jacques, Ben and Will.

This caused Coach Mike to dispatch the runner Shane “fake tan” Walsh with messages of encouragement to the team. These motivational messages clearly worked, as the Bears were able to capitalise through clean possession and transition resulting in a great pass from Rory to Otis for a typical bustling team lifting goal. A quick follow up from Otis, this time with Noah getting on the end of it to slot through another.

The Bear huddle at three quarter time was going swimmingly until the snakes came out, with Rory in particular keen to work with the sport science team on slow release energy as he tucked a snake into his mouthguard.

The fourth ran to script, Jake got his kicking groove on with some barrels down the wing, one to Noah which went to Otis for a goal. A great pass followed this up from Ben to Rory to Zade for another great goal.

With Rory and Mack peppering the goals the ball was locked down in the forward 50 with the mids and half back proving to be stronger than the Great Wall of China.

As the game ended, and the Bears sang the song with gusto, Coach Mike rightly praised the team for their best performance of the year.

It certainly was a strong showing and this Bears outfit will take plenty from this game into the second half of the season. Conor, Bailey, Mack and Johnny took out this week’s awards with special mentions to many other players in what was a very even team performance.

GO BEARS!

Under 9 Grizzlies

Modified rules game

It was fine bright day with a crisp chill in the air, a balmy 4°C was registered on the temperature gauge when the boys were warming

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up. All of the boys were excited and ready to get going with the game. A quick warm up run led by Runner Ken Mackie (before his coffee run) plus a few kicks and the team were ready to go.

The captains for today were Jake Gurrie and Jeremy Dalton.

Q1 | The team ran out and were running well with a high jump at the start to get the ball moving towards the forwards. The opposing team were tall and kept moving the ball back and passing effectively. The boys needed to re-group and get some warmth into the legs and hands – clearly the chilly morning was slowing them down. The defensive line was working overtime with Lennie Younan tackling extremely well and contesting hard for the ball. Oli Jackson was also getting into the action and at one stage stopped a certain goal by touching the ball as it sailed over the line. He followed up on this effort with a blazing run with a great kick to the midfielders. Jarvis was also kicking long and was following Coach Mick’s instruction of “kicking long and straight down the ground”. Lachie F was getting into the action and tackling hard to force the handovers.

Q2 | The second quarter saw the East Malvern Blacks move some of their players around to mix it up a bit. Assistant Coach Matt had also moved around the team to try some new plays and to get the boys playing in all different areas of the ground. There was an intense focus on getting the ball and at times there seemed to be a pack of 10-15 boys running for the ball. There was some strong defence from the team with some standout efforts by Sebastian and Caiden, both going in hard to get the ball and pushing it to the forwards. Other standouts in this quarter came from Jake – with some impressive running through the pack and a strong kick (so strong that his boot flew off) from Jeremy to push the ball forward. Tom Graham and Henry Abbot were also finally warmed up and kept roving around for the ball. Good teamwork from all of the forward line in the team (plus a great goal from Caiden) kept us in the competition going into the main break.

Q3 | The second half started strongly with a strong push forward from the midfield. Jack Joyce, Chai and Lachie Mackie all contributing to get the ball forward. Tom P was getting into the thick of the play and chasing down the opposition – with Coach Mick commenting on how the boys were putting their kicks together. There was some great tackling by the boys – needing to go into full defensive mode to keep the East Malvern Blacks from scoring. Oliver Calder was getting in with help from Sebastian to try to move the ball forward. This was a tight quarter and a big effort for all of the boys due to the lack of reinforcements from the interchange bench. Oliver Couch was always going in hard for the ball and chasing down the opposing players.

Q4 | What a hard & tight quarter! Both sides trying to wrestle the ball from the other with the Grizzlies pushing hard in defence and keeping the East Malvern in check for the majority of the quarter. There was

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lots of pressure on our goals and many of the Blacks were kicking long – their extra height (tall timber) players were taking marks and playing on quickly. This was putting more pressure on our midfielders. Jake had a great run to push to ball into the forward line with Sebastian and Henry linking up to push to ball closer to the goals. Jack Joyce had the kick of the day – a mighty TORPEDO – that pushed the play back down to the goal scoring area. The team played courageously in this last quarter, it was hard to get the ball and move it down the channels to our goals.

At the end of the Game Coach Mick said that it was great to see the boys putting in 100% and contesting for the ball. He commented that their tackling keeps improving week after week. Well done Grizzlies for this week.

Footy Cards: Sebastian Poole and Caiden Perla-Dowell

Game Awards: Oliver Couch and Lachlan Fyfe

Special Mention to the boys that filled in for the Under 9 Kodiaks – Sam Luth, Nick Jones, Felix Fraser and Jack Kennedy – **Well done.**

Under 9 Kodiaks

Modified rules game

As we rolled into Koornang Park for an early Sunday morning start the outside temperature in the car indicated a frosty 1°C which could explain the hesitation by some players to remove their polar fleeces and strip down to playing gear!

Thankfully the sky was clear and the sun was out promising to turn into a brilliant Melbourne winter's day. The Kodiaks were set to take on the Waverly Hawks for the second time this season but despite the old school style rev up the Hawks were getting from their runner we were hoping for a home ground advantage.

The team were led onto the ground by Captains for the week – Ignacy & Thomas

Q1 The Hawks took the first centre contest taking the ball to their forward line which is where the ball stayed for much of the first term but our backline was ready and defended hard. The Hawks first attempt at scoring was defended brilliantly with a great mark in the goal square by Charles to save what would have been a certain goal. Their next two opportunities went through for minor points thanks to touches on the goal line by Phoenix & Lachlan H.

There was a great passage of play from Quinn's centre tap out to

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Romy and onto Marcus.

The coach's instructions at the first break were for the Mids to watch where the ruck punch might go. The Forwards needed to tackle hard to keep the ball in our goal square: "We need goals," said Coach Chris. The Backs were praised for their effort in the first term.

Q2 | The first minute showed promise and it seemed that the team was taking heed of the Coaches instructions. Quinn won the centre tap out straight to Phoenix who took a long kick into our forward line, which was taken by Marcus who took a quick kick toward the sticks resulting in a minor score that was followed closely by another point from Quinn. Phoenix took a mark from the kick in and kicked long to Romy.

There was some more great work by the Mids that saw the ball in our forward line for most of the quarter. Jaikiah took a shot at goal that unfortunately hit the post. Marcus showed some great work kicking across the goal square and in a great example of second efforts chased his own ball and threw himself over the ball splitting the two Hawks players who were trying to pick up the ball apart. With some strong defence work by the Hawks our forward had to work hard to keep the ball in our forward line. Marcus was hungry for a goal, stealing the ball from the hands of one of the Hawks defence he kicked long towards goal to be rewarded for his hard work with the 1st goal for the game.

At the half time break Assistant Coach Dale said, "See what happens when you work together as a team – you get results. Great quarter"

Q3 | The Hawks started strong and despite some great defence work by Gabi, Jack, Luca, Felix and Samuel the Hawks were proving very strong. Jaikah, Matho & Romy worked hard when the ball came forward. Quinn tried to take a screamer on the back of some of his fellow team mates but landed on his backside which left them all in fits of laughter (that's what this game is all about – having some fun!!!). Great try though Quinn.

Coach Chris said there was some great tackling but reminded everyone to watch their hips. The Mids challenge for the final quarter was to not let the opposition get a centre break.

Q4 | Another great start from the centre break with play from Quinn to Marcus who kicked the ball straight to our forward line. Jaikah snapped a quick point. Samuel was awarded a free after a kick off the ground and kicked towards our forward line. The Hawks defence worked hard but our forwards were determined to keep the ball in our forward line.

Quinn and Marcus worked well from the centre getting the ball quickly to our goal square resulting in Jaikiah scoring another major. Lachlan H took a nice strong chest mark and Marcus continued his

form from the centre clearances resulting in another goal for Jaikiah. Jed took a hard tackle, which took him to the ground, but he quickly picked himself up and continued hard at the ball. Romy took a sensational running mark that even impressed the opposition crowd! It has been wonderful to watch this newly formed team improve each week.

Coach Chris's final address post match was: "We are all still learning, even myself. There are some things we can all take away from today. The first being, if we can play well in the last quarter we can do the same in the first quarter. The challenge for the remainder of the season is to play hard for four quarters." (Maybe everyone was still defrosting in the first quarter!)

"The second take away was, when you get a little bit of a bump, jump up & go again"

Awards: Lachlan Hudson - For concentrating the whole game
Jaikaih Honner – A goal scoring machine on the day!!

Great job.

Under 9 Polars

Modified rules game

Firstly, well done to Ashley, who one week after injuring his wrist refused to miss out on supporting his team mates running out at every opportunity as the team's water carrier.

Q1| Our boys came out fighting this week, bringing out their best tackling and putting the pressure on the Vampires from the very beginning. Great defensive work by our backline, Jude, Lucas Agar, Leo & James Thomas ensured that the Vampires, although getting in the goals early, had to work hard for them. The intensity in the first quarter by the Polars was excellent.

Q2 | Michael, James Thomas, and Jude kept up the pressure on the Vampires in the centre. A great pickup by Jonathan, who managed to get the ball to our forward line. James Gearon helped keep up the pressure in the backline. A great handball by Marcus moved the ball back to our forward line. Michael kept up the pressure in the centre, where Finn collected the ball, helping to get it back to Marcus who got us our first point with a great run & kick.

Q3| This quarter started with a great mark & pass by James Gearon. Leo went on to another mark in the centre. A great pass to Marcus, and then Jacob gathered up the ball. Pass to Michael with a mark. The pressure was kept up by Jacob & Jonathan in the backline, with a pick up by James Godfrey. Matt Hamilton & Ryan continued to take on half the opposition in the backline! We got the ball to the frontline where

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Michael received a free kick 20m out. He kicked straight through the posts for our first goal.

Q4 | Lucas & Finn kept up the pressure from the centre and backline getting the ball forward to Marcus for a great goal. Back to the centre, on to our forward line, back and forth while keeping up the pressure. Jacob & Michael were unstoppable. Great mark by Lucas, on to Jude who marks and kicks straight through the goals. Back to the centre, the pressure was kept up by Finn, Rocco, Liam C & Liam G in the backline. We got the ball back to Jude, for another point.

Overview: Thank you to Tom Walsh for coming down & helping us out. Great pressure. Lucas Agar played an awesome game. Jude & Michael kept up a great game. James Gearon played his best game yet. Well done to the captains Marcus and Jonathan. Good game Polars – you never stopped trying, tackling was the best in weeks. Fantastic effort.

Under 10

Modified rules game

A frisky but sunny 3-degree morning welcomed the Beaumaris Sharks to the home ground of the Caulfield Bears.

The first action of the game sees Beaumaris out of the blocks with long big kicks, pinning the Bears in their defensive fifty for one point. Our very own Wizza sets the tone for the Bears with a great chase and tackle from behind for a free kick. A series of rolling mauls at the edge of the Beaumaris goal finally yields a major for the visitors despite a ferocious defence.

Relentless forward pressure from Beaumaris ensures we cannot get out of our defensive 50, despite some great Teddy tackling,

The second quarter starts with a good spell of Bears football however still a tad too undisciplined and the turn over balls to a long kicking, tall marking Beaumaris forward line quickly adds 3 goals to their tally in the first minutes.

Despite some fierce defence, the Bears are under siege and finish the half hard finally pushing in their forward 50s but the siren goes on them before they can score.

Much better intensity from the Bears however Beaumaris is just too tall and manages to bring and lock the ball in their forward 50s yet again. The Bears defense bends but does not yield a major.

The fourth quarter starts like the third and while being shut down by the other team, the Bears did well to keep their effort up right to the end of the game.

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Under 11 Grizzlies

We started with sunny day, the coldest part of the morning behind us. After the last time these two teams met at Northvale's home ground in driving rain this was certainly a treat. The game got off to a strong start with the Bears holding the ball forward early.

Q1 | Atticus was rewarded for putting his head over the ball when awarded a free kick. He went back and kicked truly to register the Bears first goal. The Bears strong man on man defence reaped rewards. Patrick showed he was not scared to take on the play and the bears were starting to take a few grabs in their forward 50.

The Bears attacking led to a goal from Angus courtesy of a mark as the opposition couldn't clear their defensive 50. Byron's clearances from

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stoppages were very good and the tackling pressure was amazing.

Despite this, Northvale began to pepper the Bears goal and some defensive lapses led to a few marks inside 50; however, no goals kicked in the first quarter.

Bears 2.1.13 v. Northvale 0.7.7

Q2 | The second quarter began strongly for the Bears, Miro was influential across half back taking a few marks which cut off a couple of Northvale's attacking thrusts. The pace was fast and furious and our boys seemed up for the challenge. The linking up across the far wing was good. Northvale kicked a goal half way through the quarter. Despite our defensive pressure being good, Nick was a fighter all day and saved a certain goal rushing a behind. Northvale kicked a goal right on half time to take a two goal lead in to the main break.

Bears 2.1.13 v. Northvale 2.13.25

Q3 | Gary fired the boys up during his half time address instilling the belief that the boys were doing well. He called for the boys to show some heart and not to give up. The boys took this message on board immediately and it showed in their tackling and defensive pressure. Byron was strong across half forward and Miro tackled his heart out which led to a holding the ball free kick and goal. Evan too chased strongly across the win, tackling strongly to signal his intent. Unfortunately, numbers around the footy at key stoppages and a few missed tackles allowed Northvale to run forward, mark and goal. Northvale kicked a few more goals to take a handy lead in to the last quarter. Bears 3.1.19 v. Northvale 4.16.40

Q4 | The final quarter began strongly with Clem putting his body over the ball showing great courage. Northvale were full of legs and their numbers across half forward led to an early goal. Miro again led the way with a thumping tackle across half forward which led to a shot on goal. The shot went wide but Ben was there to take a strong mark from a tight angle in the pocket. Ben went back and calmly slotted his first. James showed strong influence around the contests and Hugo took a very nice mark at half back. Griffin showed what he could do with some strong in and under play. A late goal from Northvale before the siren extend their winning margin to 29 points.

The boys certainly showed they are building in their play - a huge improvement on the last time we played Northvale.

Score	Caulfield Bears	4	1	25
	Northvale	6	18	54
Awards	Miro, Noah, Hunter and Jacob			

Goals	Angus, Atticus, Miro, Ben E King	

Under 11 Polars

Coaches Awards:

Before the game, many of the Bear Cubs sat anxiously preparing themselves for their encounter against Ports Colts. Many were disappointed from last week's game against top team Prahran and awaited for instructions from the coach.

Justin carefully choose his words, making it clear in under 11 talk that we need to be team orientated and tackle hard to play this week as a team. This had all the Bear Cubs smiling and cheering, as they ran out the coach calling out "Lets be ready to rumble!"

Q 1] After the rousing words of the coach, the boys jumped out of the blocks having the ball down the forward line for most of the quarter. Nathan Scollo was dominating in the ruck, with Darcy Fountain reading the ball and pumping it into forward where Nathan was on the end of some great play from Baily Wallis who was running the opposition ragged to set up a goal.

The opposition started flooding back with nearly all their players in our forward line, until Noah Wilson took one of his defence saving marks and instigated the ball down to the forward line where Jake "Birdman" Bird swopped in and kicked a sensational goal.

The defenders played stayed tight and did not let them score.

CB 2:2:14 v Port Colts 0:0:0

Q 2] A great start to the game and the coach asked the boys to settle, play as a team, get a drink and proceeded to swing the team around. In rotating the bench, on came Callum Hankin, rising from last week's slumber to tear the quarter apart.

In one of the best quarters by the team this year, the ball was catapulted out of the centre from great team work, kicked where Callum took a strong pack mark and passed to Tom Margart who slotted a great goal.

Then out of the centre the ball came to Darcy Fountain who with pinpoint accuracy passed the ball to Callum for the second goals in a few minutes. Back to the centre, then Hayden Short streamed forward with the ball, and with precision passed it to Callum who marks and kicks another goal.

Port Colts are not sure what to think of the game, this time Jackson Healey swings onto the ball, drives through heavy traffic and gets a kick to Callum who marks, settles and kicks another goal.

Bears parents are cheering, watching the boys play great football. Another win out of the centre, Darcy Fountain kicks the ball out, continues his great running and gets a handball from Raj Kuver and slotted a very class goal.

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Time is ticking away, chance for one more goal and the hard running of Jack Besnard propelled the ball down the forward line where Callum picked up the loose crumbs, turned and kicked another goal. Smiles all round as the coaches, staff and parents enjoyed our best quarter for the year with 6 goals.

CB 8:7:55 v Port Colts 0:0:0

Q 3] The quarter started with a struggle, Port Colts refused to relent, and continued to bottle up the game with plenty of pack footy. The Bear Cubs were willing with our tackling, although needed some magic to kick start the team. In comes Haddi El Shorbagy, in a display that would have had Lance Franklin standing and applauding like the crowd at Koornang Park did, swooped on a loose ball and picked it up off his toes, broke open the back as a power forward does, side stepped and kicked goal of the day.

In trying to compete with that goal was tough, as Darcy, Callum and Tom worked hard into the forward line to slot important goals for the quarter.

Not as glamorous but most important, the backline of Sahil Kumar, Henry Kilmartin, Angus Nicolay, Noah Wilson, Hayden Short and Xavier Clark Courtney teamed magnificently together as a tough backline group and didn't let a score through.

CB 12:10:82 v Port Colts 0:0:0

Q 4] A buoyant group of Cubs all playing as a team, coach wondering how football at under 11's can change so quickly from rags to riches in a week and supporters enjoying a sunny day of great footy.

Work hard and keep sharing the ball, were the last words from the coach – was he still considering his resume being sent to the John Barker and the boys at the Blues?

Working hard as a team, in clogged and difficult play the ball was banged forward by Seamus O'Brien from Kobi Mowszowski who watched the strong pack mark in the square by Jackson Healey. He went back and banged through a great team goal.

In pumping the ball forward with little result, the opposition were still hard at the ball. Running forward from the centre, Captain Andrew Callaghan evaded four opposition players with deft footwork and snapped another goal for the Bears.

The backline stayed resolute again stopping any scoring, and one last bit of strong play saw Hayden Short drill a great pass to Callum to finish the game with a goal.

A great team game played with the renowned sportsmanship of the Bears.

Remember boys, rewards simply comes from hard work on the track

and at games. Keep respecting and listening to your coaches, who as a team you are very lucky to have such a great coaching group lead by Justin.

Most important respect each other.

Prasheetta and Sam, the toughest jobs as team manager, trainer and team caring mothers should never be underestimated. Some great things are on the horizon boys.

Disclaimer – Please note the events of Sunday hopefully are depicted in the summary above, and the writer takes no liability for fabrication or incorrect reporting. The job was enormous with the boys having around 40 shots at goal!

Scores	Caulfield Bears	15	16	82
	Port Colts	0	0	0
Awards	Tom Magart, Jack Besnard and Bailey Wallis			
Goals				

Under 12

A previous narrow defeat earlier in the season to St Pauls set the scene for what was going to be a tight game. The boys knew they were in for a contest after being defeated by St Pauls by the smallest of margins.

Coach Beet had the boys fired up from the first bounce. Will Nicolls won the first tap out and guided to Alex Reagan who got a quick kick away. Nicola took a great grab at centre half forward and kicked a long bomb towards goal. Angus took a great contested mark on the goal line and kicked truly to give the Bears an early advantage.

The Bears had come to play and attacked the ball aggressively. The backs were repelling everything and were well led by big Nick. George was working well in tandem with Nick and Matt providing great run across half back.

After quarter time Archie started to shine and started racking up possession after possession. His courage was on show for the gathered crowd. He and Angus started to combine well and this lead to Angus slotting our second goal, a cracker on the run. Our forward line pressure enabled Angus to again pounce on a loose ball and score our third goal for the game whilst St Paul's were yet to register their first major.

Harry laid some big tackles in the 2nd term and Andy was his usual resolute self. Cormack provided plenty of run and Sam started getting into his groove.

A stalemate prevailed in the third term and the game was played between the half back lines. Seb was starting to hit the packs and bring the ball to ground. Ben picked up some neat touches on the wing and Declan had the stats man sharpening his pencil in the 3rd term also. Jared nearly scored when he gathered the ball deep in the forward line only to be dispossessed at the last moment. Orion was working hard at and around the contest and it seemed that the game was well in hand.

The last quarter started with some big efforts by Nick B across half forward but the opposition had come out firing. One last crack at a comeback was thwarted by a great piece of team work which resulted in an absolute cracker of a goal by Sam our resident speedster.

A great effort and big thank you to Andrew and Byron for filling in, your contribution was invaluable.

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Scores	Caulfield Bears	4	9	33
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	St Paul's McKinnon	2	5	17
Awards				
Goals	Edgar 3, S Sciffer 1			

Under 13

Scores	Caulfield Bears
Awards	
Goals	

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Under 14

Well, it was a big week for football. Firstly having to make the day trip down to the wild environs of Dingley (had to pack a sandwich for the trip) to play the Dingos, secondly we had Lordy stepping up to the big chair while Cam whiled away his time sitting beside a pool somewhere, drinking 'fruity pleasers'. Everyone was on knife edge: Could Lordy take the pressure? What wild tactical and strategic moves would he make? Who was going to hold up the white board? During which quarter time break would he slip into the impolite vernacular? The tension was unbearable.

Dingley were a Divvy 2 team that had come down to try to have a bit more luck down in exciting air of Divvy 3, so we knew that these boys would come out and play a tough game. Also, the Dingley ground was so large that you could see the curvature of the Earth and the boundary across the other side was almost over the horizon. Well, The Bears finally delivered the first quarter that the supporters have been ordering all year. The lads hit the ground running and everyone to a man stood up and played tough, uncompromising footy.

This was doubly impressive, with everyone being switched on from the start but also because Dingley came out and played a tough, hard brand of footy that usually has a warning label on it. However, The Bears were not going to be intimidated today and gave back as good as they got. Even though it was a big, tough arm wrestle out there, the Bears managed to find an edge and pinged through some handy goals to take an even handier lead at the first break. This was certainly not what the Dingos were expecting.

If you could have plugged a power cable into the buzz from the team at quarter time, you would have been able to power the eastern seaboard and also charge up a few batteries for Adelaide. The lads

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were on a high, champing at the bit to give Dingley another dose of BEARS FOOTY. Once again, the lads slipped into overdrive and gave as good as they got in the second quarter. I can tell you, that was one of the toughest quarters of football your humble correspondent has ever seen.

Both sides pounded away at each other, the ball travelling from end to end of the ground but even with the unrelenting pressure, the defence of both teams was remarkable. It bordered on impossible to score and the goals were as rare as a Carlton Membership renewal. Only one goal scored for the quarter, the Bears going into half time with a slight but important lead.

Lordy reminded that the third quarter is well known as the 'premiership quarter', which impressed the supporters with his in-depth knowledge of football vernacular but also because he did not put a questionable gerund in front of it. This is the quarter that would make or break the Bears as the Dingos would have regrouped and replanned.

As expected, it was another tough quarter of footy but we could see that both teams were beginning to pay the price of the brutal style of game they were playing. Now, the Dingos did have a couple of star players in their team and obviously the message from the coaches bench was to deliver the ball to them. Alas, this proved to be an effective strategy and the Dingos started to claw their way back. The handy lead that the Bears had started to slip away.

Into the fourth quarter the lads went. This was going to be the longest twenty minutes of their life, with the Dingos resurging, pinning back their ears and starting to close the gap. However, the strategy of kicking to their key players started to unravel as it became obvious as to who they would kick to and suddenly that player had six Bears piling on to him the minute he touched the ball.

The Dingos actually snuck ahead for a few minutes but the Bears roared and responded with two quick goals. Dingley didn't give up though and responded with another goal. Only two points the difference. I can tell you, I have never seen more exhausted footy players. Both teams had given everything they had and they were running on fumes in the last five minutes, totally spent.

Dingley kept the pressure up, managed another behind and it was one point the difference at the eighteen minute mark. Boy, did I pick the wrong week to stop taking my blood pressure medication. Dingley pushed and pushed but the Bears defence was resolute – the siren screamed with the Bears winning by one point in one of the best games of footy that we have ever seen.

How did the Bears pull it off? To be honest, Dingley were the better team on paper with some star players and Divvy 2 experience.

Well, in your humble correspondent's opinion, it came down to teamwork. The Bears played like a champion team, always looking to move the ball on to a man in a better position, rather than a player trying to do it all himself. It is the unselfish style of BEARS FOOTY that gave them the edge. The starring example was seeing the boys pass the ball to someone else to ping a goal, rather than go for it themselves to make sure they got it on the board. As I have said, there is no greater love than when a mate passes to a mate in the goal square.

Few highlights:

- Lachy's mark on the gaol line in the last quarter. The goal kickers may get the glory but, man, there is no greater pressure than the ball flying in and it's all up to the full back to save the game. Inspiring stuff.
- Jake smash! Like the Hulk, Jake just smashed every player near him who tried to grab the ball.
- Oscar F. Showed some great footy nouse by continually running into space, losing his man and allowing the boys the switch play. Keep it up Ozzie!
- Matty Main – his health insurance people must be sweating bullets as Matt is getting thumped into the ground week after week but that what happens when you're not afraid to put your head over the ball and force you way into those hard ball gets.

Scores	Caulfield Bears	7	7	49
	Dingley	7	6	48
Awards	Oscar Fraser, Daniel			
Goals	Shamus x 2, Aidan, Jake, Ollie, Oscar Fraser, Tim (1 each)			

Under 15

The U15s put up a great fight on Sunday against East Malvern, but ultimately went down by a couple of goals.

It was a brave effort, starting with 17 and then having a couple of our players cop heavy knocks early. There's always a positive side to these things.

Everyone gets given really big challenges and the coaches are never disappointed with the level of commitment shown. Tackling and marking continue to improve across the board, while Spencer kept us in the game up forward, with great goals also from Avi and Liam.

We also celebrated Declan O'Brien-Reeve's 50th game. While Declan's only a recent recruit to the Bears, his impact from day one has been huge.

He's a hard worker at training and gets big jobs on game day - often running with the opposition's best player. Well done mate!

Off to Ajax this Sunday for another crunch game - we'll give it another big crack.

Go Bears!

Scores	Caulfield Bears	6	2	38
	East Malvern	8	9	57
Awards	Liam, Jacob, Daniel			
Goals	Spencer 4, Avi 1, Liam 1			

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Under 17

On a cold but sunny Melbourne day the Bears headed down to East Malvern for a clash of first & second. A win would put us 3 games clear on top of the ladder. This was not going to be an easy task considering we had no bench and Declan was playing his first game for the year after returning from injury.

Q1 The game started and both teams were attacking the ball strongly but the East Malvern midfield was winning the centre bounces and pushing the ball forward to give their forwards plenty of opportunities. Under a huge amount of pressure with the midfield not being accountable and backline not manning up East Malvern had kicked the first four goals of the match.

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The Bears had gone forward but all we could manage was points until just on the siren the umpire reversed a free kick which resulted in Liam kicking the Bears first goal of the game after the siren

Bears 1.5.11 v. East Malvern 4.6.30

As you can imagine the coach was not happy at quarter time & told the players their accountability and tackling had to improve if we wanted to get back into the game.

Q2 | Clearly the coaches words were ringing in the players ears and in typical Josh fashion he laid a great tackle to set the tone for the quarter. Pressure was up all over the ground & the Bears were starting to get on top in the midfield. Olme really started to come into the game and took a well-judged mark to kick a goal from half forward & then again following a ruck contest where Tom C tapped the ball down to Olme who weaved his way through the back to kick a team lifting goal on the run. Tyrell was in everything in this quarter and was finding space to create many forward moves with his constructive play. This quarter showed a marked improvement in the tackling and pressure acts by all players and this was shown by the forwards which resulted in the ball ending up with Liam to snap another goal.

Bears 4.7.31 v. East Malvern 5.9.39

Q3 | With more of the 2nd quarter effort required and with the Bears getting their team work going between Gunners & Nick L who delivered the ball to Liam for another goal. Nick L was then involved in some great team play with Tyrell which resulted in Nick kicking a long running goal. The whole team had now lifted and we appeared to be on top but East Malvern were not going to give up easily and in the end it ended up a two goal each quarter.

Bears 6.13.49 v. East Malvern 7.12.54

Q4 | The Bears needing to lift and finish the game well if they were to come from behind and take the victory home. We were kicking to the scoring end in the last quarter even though the wind was not that strong.

We appeared to have more run in our legs at this stage and with Gunners passing to Liam he kicked a great angle goal. James won a critical midfield battle & kicked the ball long Gavin was awarded a free kick which resulted in another goal. Then Nick S won a strong contest at half back & with some great team play resulting in Olme passing to Gavin for another goal.

The game appeared to be there for the Bears taking but still East Malvern came with two goals of their own. With the margin under a goal the pressure was on but when Declan tapped the ball down to

Nick L who received a free kick for a high tackle the resulting goal put the result out of reach of East Malvern.

The Bears had set up a strong defensive line across half back in the last quarter which repelled many forward moves by East Malvern in this last quarter.

Bears 10.14.74 v. East Malvern 9.13.67

This was one of the best wins to be seen by Bears supporters considering they were four goals down late in the first quarter. This team really does play for each other and never gives up under any circumstances.

Scores	Caulfield Bears	10	14	74
	East Malvern	9	13	67
Best	Olme (BOG), Liam, Tyrell (Awards)			
Goals	Liam - 4, Nick L - 2, Gavin - 2, Olme -2			

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

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

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