

Balwyn Junior Football Club

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BJFC Newsletter

29 June 2008 – Round 11

It was another cold and blustery day around the grounds on Sunday, but the weather did not deter the **Under 12s** and **Under 15s** who kept their finals chances alive with well deserved, well fought and much needed wins. Congratulations boys.

Metropolitan Junior Championships

Congratulations also to **Tim Golds** and the Yarra Junior Football League U15 Division 1 team, who played in the Metropolitan Junior Championships Division 1 Grand Final on the week-end. Yarra led all day to defeat Essendon District Football League by 49 points.

The U15 Division 2 team, which includes **Patrick Godfrey** (Vice Captain), has reached the Grand Final in their division and will play this Saturday at 2.30pm at Sandringham Football Ground. Yarra supporters are urged to go along and support the team.

Interleague

Good luck to the BJFC boys playing in this Sunday's interleague matches against Waverley. The boys would love to have some of their teammates come along to support them. All matches are being played at Bulleen Park.

Under 10s	Wade Brusnahan	10.00am Bulleen Park East
Under 11s	Alex Dalla-Riva	12.00 midday Bulleen Park East
Under 12s	Sam Cornford	10.30am Bulleen Park No 1
Under 13s	Joseph Canty	12.15pm Bulleen Park No 1

Upcoming Events

The next **Family Night** will be held on Sunday 13 July, the last Sunday of the school holidays. It is being hosted by the Tackers. Come along and catch up with a few footy friends. 5.30pm at the newly named Balwyn Tigers Social Club (formerly the bowling club).

The **Trivia Night** will be held at the Social Club on Friday 25 July, from 7.15pm, with lots of general, sport and music trivia questions. Team Managers are distributing invitations and we would love to have a big crowd on the night. Please support the Club by getting together a table of ten, or joining your team table. We also looking for items to auction on the night. If you have anything something you can donate – eg restaurant vouchers, the use of a holiday home, footy gear – please contact Cath Owen on 0414 907 429. Each team has been asked to put together a themed hamper which will also be auctioned on the night. Your contribution towards your team hamper will be greatly appreciated. Your Team Manager will let you know the theme for your hamper.

Also for your diary:

Sunday 10 August Family Night, incorporating the Tackers Presentation Night
(hosted by U13s)

Sunday 31 August AGM and Presentation Night (hosted by U12s)

If you have any **contributions or photos** for the newsletter, please email
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Until next week ...GO TIGERS!

Match Reports – Round 11

Sunday 29 June 2008

Tackers

The Tackers played away this week against Kew. The wind was blowing a gale as the clouds formed threatening to rain!!!

Our first half captain Thomas Braddy won the toss, elected to kick with the wind and showed real determination throughout the first half. Balwyn were busy early with Jackson Gillard producing some early touches and Ed Keith kicking a long goal to put us on the scoreboard.

Mathew Cheah marked strongly and long kicking from James West helped us to keep the ball moving forward despite some strong attacking moves from Kew. Will Golds, Rhys De Highden and Nicholas Sette worked hard all day getting into the packs and keeping the ball moving.

Bradley Whelan was moved into the ruck in an attempt to counteract the 'man mountain' opposition. There was some hard ball gets by Tom Campbell who was all over the ground and strong drive out of the centre by Ben Hassall.

Ryan Lumpreiks and Ed Stents were both busy helping to attack in the second quarter. While Will Golds showed his all round talent with a long kick off his left foot.

In the third quarter kicking with the wind, our second half captain Cameron Ewart led the way. It was good to see our recent recruit Khoi Cao take his first mark and Nicholas Sette was a versatile all round hard ball getter showing real courage.

Christian Ambatzis helped us to clear from the centre in the fourth quarter, and David Carpinteri was strong in the packs as we defended against the strong wind. Max Chew Lee displayed versatility in his performance on the ground in both the back line and the forward line.

Josh, Joseph Parente, William Lambert and Lucas Mucciante all contributed to the Tiger spirit on what was a tough day at the footy. Well done boys!! And a special thank you to our 'guest' coaches, Andrew De Highden and Andrew Gillard.



U10 Yellow

Balwyn Y 1.1-7 def by Fitzroy 2 13.8-86

The Tigers were back on home turf and took the field with the help of three Fitzroy players to bring up the numbers to 18 (thank you Ben, Dominic, and Angus). Captains Walby and Khallouf provided the leadership, keeping the spirits up in what proved to be a challenging day. Hallam was back in the ruck, getting the tap in spite of the knees up from the opponent on several occasions. Ukovic inspired early, tapping on the ball and clearing to Donnelly who earned the free. Allinson, Lefebvre and Burgoyne worked hard in the centre. The defensive line of Kavanagh, Rishi and Walby had plenty of action, as the goal was hammered in the strong wind. Strong tackle by Campbell, and mark by Watt. Quarter time score 0 – 37

There is a first in every game, and this time it was the coach's turn for delivering a gentle spray. The boys had their attention drawn to some of the key points of the game, as well as the attitude required to put up a contest, which they duly took on board. It was a start, however the onslaught continued. Donnelly cleared well to get the kick to Lefebvre for a mark. Ukovic continued to get the ball from the packs. Great passage of play - Watt to Ukovic, followed by determined tackle from Dennis. The final minutes saw a great run down chase and tackle by Campbell, Rishi marking strongly in front of the opponent, and Allinson courageously clearing the pack. Half time score 0 – 50

Third quarter saw the focus on winning the contest lead to some fine efforts, Ukovic and Khallouf combining well. Great mark in defence by Watt, and plenty of touches from Noonan. The chase was put on by Ambatsis and Dennis, and a fine tackle from Rishi. Three quarter time score 0 – 71 Final term had the breeze add to the determination to get on the scoreboard, and the boys rallied. Great persistence from Khallouf prevented the break away run. Kavanagh kicked well to LeFebvre. Burgoyne ran a virtual marathon to chase to the contest. Then it happened.....In a flurry in the square Watt found the boot to get a behind, and the Tigers were at last on the scoreboard! The kick out went to the contest and Watt earned the free. No mistake as the first goal went through. Ukovic continued to mark strongly and the momentum continued until the siren.

Spirit of the Tiger award – Angus Allinson

Best dressed - Donnelly



Under 10 Black

Camberwell 1 8.6-54 def Balwyn B 6.10-46

“AHHHHH Zadoff” scream Balwyn Tigers as Sharks attack!

June 29th 2008 will be remembered for two things; firstly the day that Balwyn Tigers went down with both barrels blazing against the Camberwell Sharks and secondly the day that Ary Zadoff played his last game with the Balwyn Tigers, whilst it would have been nice to give Ary a Cinderella story finish, the lads (whilst they gave it their best) fell just short.

The Match Committee were hopeful of getting away to a good start but with a wind that made Hurricane Katrina look like a mild breeze the home ground advantage was exploited by the Camberwell Sharks. Ary led the boys out onto the park and played with fantastic Tiger Ticker, the Sharks got away to a flying start nailing three quick goals. The start was reminiscent of the game at St Mary's and for the first time this year we went in without a goal on the board after the first quarter.

The questioned was asked of the boys to stand up and be counted and like a slow turbine motor they eventually gained momentum towards the later half of the second quarter and started playing the football we all had become accustomed to this year. The centre and mid field with Wade Brusnahan, Sam Charles, Jack Owen and Harry Vanderkley kicked into gear and the others followed. Louis Cunningham with a BoG performance, Chris Vanderkley with his best game for

the year, ably assisted the likes of Jesse Ward, Lachy Ryan and Jordan Moshopoulos to get in and under.

With the school holidays officially underway we missed a few of our players as they took a well earned rest, this provided the opportunity for some rookies to step up from the Tackers - Will Golds with a scintillating pocket snap goal in the last quarter almost won us the game. Bradley Whelan was fantastic providing solid support all day whilst Matty Cheah (the Prodigal Son) created another reliable set of hands up forward. We hope the boys enjoyed their taste of the "big league" and take this opportunity to thank Andrew and Bruce from the Tackers for helping us out.

Ben Hudson with his thigh tap kick outs was majestic on the day; Hudo may have scored the nick name "super boot" on the weekend as he pounded the ball back into play. Nick Warmington played one of his best games for the season; Lachy Reynolds was tough and hard at the ball out of defence whilst Benjamin Somers was busy up forward. It was great to see Ned Coleman not back down when getting "roughed up" from the opposition and Jason Watkins was not lucky to score a goal. Will Prouse was magnificent off the centre half back line and was responsible for saving a few goals single handed.

The boys fought all day with great Tiger Ticker, both Pete and I (like all of the parents) were very proud of the spirit and passion the boys played with. Unfortunately the lads went down but it was a fitting display and a fantastic send off for one of our great team mates Ary Zadoff.

Goals: Harry Vanderkley 2, Louie Cunningham 2, Chris Vanderkley 1, Will Golds 1

Awards: Spirit of Tiger - Jordan Moshopoulos

Palace - Wade Brusnahan

Columbos - Louis Cunningham; Will Golds; Matt Cheah; Bradley Whelan

Subway - Ben Hudson



U11 St Marys T 10.5-65 def Balwyn 1.8-14

Missing a galaxy of stars --Jimmy Baring, Alistair McIntosh, George Cleeve Gerkins and Ben Carberry-- the team traveled to play the ladder leader, St Mary's.

It was a strange game in that we played well but we just could not kick goals. The final score did not record the good work done by the boys. Our only goal came in the first quarter with some good direct football. Stefano Di Natale and Kirk Christodoulou were winning the ball out of the centre and were ably assisted by Marcus Alessi getting out of his sick bed to go straight onto the ball!

Josh Somers, playing on a wing, ran hard. He has improved his work rate in the packs to be a dominant player. Michael Carpinteri was showing his usual cool judgment in the backline stemming many forward attacks. Alex Dalla-Riva played another hard running game showing plenty of skill and desire.

In the second quarter, Tim Allan moved to full forward and worked hard with Liam Roney to create opportunities but unfortunately, they were unable to capitalize. Sam Paravizzini moved to full back and was immediately effective picking up kicks. Tom McGowan had another dominant day working hard for the ball.

In the second half, Sandon Lai moved to centre halfback taking some strong chest marks. With Riley Cranage, they each played a great game. Riley in particular played a hard attacking game off the half backline. Andrew Foster was in the ruck and played another tough game getting many touches.

In the back pocket, Daniel Jackson found his niche, taking marks, attacking in the packs and kicking the ball long. Well done Daniel for your best game of the season and your well deserved movie award. Noah Bourke was our other in and under player who won the "spirit of the tiger award" for his fearless tackling and running.

Billy Peters took some wonderful marks in the centre to add to his tough contested ball possessions. Billy, along with Marcus Alessi and Josh Somers, is one of our three best pack marking players in the team.

But the day belonged to Liam Azzopardi who, (if he takes a moment to stop arguing with the umpire!!!!), can really dominate the half forward line with his speed and ball skills. He well deserved our best player award.

Our kicking lets us down in the forward line. We must look for players rather than kick to the opposition. We must also improve our scoring into the goals. With the bye this week, we look forward to Sunday 13 July.

Well done boys!



U12 Balwyn 11.9-75 def Banyule 3.5-23

Last week's improved effort flowed forward into a huge win for the Under 12s this week. It was a win based on clean skills and quick movement of the ball as every member of the team contributed their best to their season's high score.

Tyler Youngman started his stint as captain with a fantastic game in the middle. Youngman, James Merrett and D'Arcy Noonan provide enormous strength in the contests for the Tigers and today they were matched against Banyule's best and triumphed.

After mid way through the second term the Tigers booted 9 – 5 to 1 – 2, to give an idea of their dominance all over the ground, and also how the team played the windy conditions intelligently. And it was a true team win. Many boys were rotated through the midfield and all had an influence. There were nine goal kickers and strong defenders. The Coach and the fans were rightly proud of each player.

Just a few highlights from the day were: the anticipation of defenders Carter Louey, Luke Privitelli, Oliver Marett and Matthew Bromell on a windy day that really affected the flight of the ball; the foot skills of Campbell Lane, Nic Schwarz and Brodie McLaughlin; the courage of James Morgan and Marcus Italiano, the second half by Chris Adams that included some magnificent tackling; and the goals – two to Sam Cornford into the wind, to Nick LeFebvre from a good mark, a booming punt from Youngman, snaps from Jarrod Whelan, Campbell Rome, McLaughlin and Daniel Speake, Charles MacCallum providing a target all day and capping his game off with a goal, and a 'goal of the year' nomination from Privitelli from deep in the pocket. We've seen determination by the under 12s all year. Today we also saw a display of the skills that have been improving of late, as the boys worked as a unit to secure a memorable victory. Goals: McLaughlin (2), Cornford (2), Speake, Lefebvre, MacCallum, Youngman, Privitelli, Rome, Whelan.

Coaches Awards: Marett, Morgan, Whelan

Best: Schwarz, Louey



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U13**Surrey Park 7.5-47 def Balwyn 2.2-14**

A gale force wind was blowing across Surrey Park and the ground was very bare. Despite, these tough conditions the Tigers came out of the blocks very quickly with 2 great goals. Our midfielders in Christian, Joe, Sam, Alex and Declan gave our forwards plenty of opportunities. Matt and Nick C showed some excellent forward work to give us a very handy lead at quarter time.

The 2nd quarter was much tougher as we kicked into a stiff breeze. Luckily our backline put plenty of pressure on Surrey Park and forced them into a stream of behinds. Taylor and Robbie were sensational with lots of hard tackling and running. Brent, Oliver, Lachie M, Liam, Mitch Jones and Joseph kept us in the game with some fierce defensive play under heaps of pressure. Nick Strag, Joel, Mitch Sigalas, Morgan, Johnno, Jad, Lachie W were up against some big defenders but showed plenty of courage and made the most of the limited opportunities on the forward line.

The 3rd quarter was disappointing because we let Surrey Park take the game away from us but we regained our composure in the 4Q and finished full of running.

Keep at it Tigers and let's finish the season strongly.

Goals: Matt and Nick C

Awards:

Medal – Mitch Sigalas

Palace Award – Robbie

Subway Award - Sam

**U15****Balwyn 12.14-86 def Warrandyte 6.7-43**