



MIRANDA BOMBERS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

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THE BOMBHELL



DRAW ROUND 10 - 18th JUNE

This Saturday is Sponsors Day. All of our sponsors have been invited to attend a match during the day to see what happens at the club they support. Let's show them our club spirit and how the game is played. **Go the Bombers!**

MOVIE DAY - 26th JUNE

All the managers are now in possession of our vouchers for the first movie night.

The details are

Kung Fu Panda 2
Sunday 26th June at 4pm
Miranda Greater Union
Price \$12

See your manager to get your vouchers now.

HOUSEKEEPING

In 2012 our Registrar and Canteen Manager will not be re- electing for the positions. These are crucial roles in our club. Please think about volunteering to fill these positions for next year. We also need a Football Manager for next year . Go on give it a go!

Team Photos will be taken in **Round 16 - Saturday 6th August.**

- U10 Blacks** -9.05am vs Cronulla Black at Waratah Oval
- U10 Reds** - 9.05am vs Cronulla Blue at Waratah oval
- U11** - 10.05am vs Cronulla at Waratah Oval
- U12** - 11.10am vs Ramsgate at Waratah Oval
- U13** - 12.15pm vs Cronulla at Waratah Oval
- U14** - 1.30pm vs Cronulla at Waratah Oval
- U16** - 2.45pm vs Cronulla at Waratah Oval

DRAW ROUND 11 25th JUNE

- U10 Blacks** - 9.05 Ramsgate at Tonbridge Oval
- U10 Reds** - 9.05 vs Cronulla Blue at Tonbridge Oval
- U11** - 10.05 vs Ramsgate at Tonbridge Oval
- U12** - 11.10 vs Ramsgate at Tonbridge Oval
- U13** - 12.15 vs Ramsgate at Tonbridge Oval
- U14** - 1.30 vs Penshurst at Heathcote Oval
- U16** - 2.45 vs Bangor at Tonbridge Oval

GROUND DUTY

Round	Team
16	16's

**GREATER UNION
PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD**

- U/10 RED-XAVIER DE DOMENICO
- U/10 BLACK-LOGAN STONE
- U/11-TOM BROWN
- U/12- HUNTER GREGORY
- U/13- HARRY BEARDSLEY
- U/14- JUSTIN HESS
- U/16-NICK FOX

The Player of the Month awards receive a free adult movie ticket, as awarded by their coach for fairness, hard work and persistence. Well done, boys keep up the good work.



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WEEKLY AWARDS



MONTHLY AWARDS

Social Committee

We have our annual Social night/Trivia night booked in for Saturday 30th July. So keep the night free and start thinking about your “**Head Dress**” as this is the theme for this year. Hmm I’m thinking wigs, masks ,hats, endless really. It starts at 7.30– 11pm. More details to follow.

Round 4 Replay Reports Saturday 11th 2011

AUSKICK

This week the Auskickers joined with Ramsgate and Bankstown at Waratah Oval. Despite the rain overnight and the long weekend we had a solid turnout of players keen to get back to footy.

The day commenced with some work on skills and getting warm on a chilly morning, then we got two games going while the U9s from Bankstown and Ramsgate played on the other side of the oval.

Again the skills continue to develop amongst the boys and there was a good partnership going between Ronan O'Meara, Will Harrison and Sam Lynch in midfield – great to see an understanding develop between players.

Individually, Sam Croucher was also commended by the coaches for his play.

The awards for the week went to James Hatton, Finn Fristad and Kurt Dunne – well done boys.

Finally, on Sunday three of the boys were up at the SCG as part of their Swans Red Rookie membership to practice their skills in the Indoor Cricket Centre before the Swans v Richmond game. As well as the coaches from AFL NSW, Jed Lamb and Ben Haren, two of the Swans' recruits from last year's draft, came along to help out and talk to the boys after the drills. Ronan, Harry and Noah – hope you learned lots to bring back to the Bombers next game!

U/10 Blacks

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Saturday saw us playing the Miranda 10 Reds for the second time.

It was an extremely competitive game with the Reds getting the jump on us in the first quarter and recording the first 3 goals. To the teams credit we fought back really well in the next three quarters and we became hungrier for the ball and it turned out to be a great game across four quarters. There was great play from both sides. This was pleasing as it was difficult conditions with rain and wind playing a big factor. Sam Noakes was our captain and played a great game. Annie Tegg had a great game and she really went after the ball and got a lot of kicks on the day, well done Annie. Jake Bennie showed lots of courage as always.

Everyone in the team played well and it was great to see Tom Simpson and Nick Hooker kick their first goals of the season, well done guys, I hope there are plenty more to come.

Thank you to Nicky Bennie for doing a great job as manager. Thanks also to Dave Tegg for running the water and to Peter Stephanou for doing a great job as goal umpire. Thanks to all the parents for getting the kids to training and the game, it is very much appreciated.

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U/10 Reds

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Last Saturday morning we played a make up game from Round 4 against the Miranda Blacks.

Our young fellas started the game very positively by gaining possession of the ball out of the centre and getting it into the forward line. Great team work gave the Reds many opportunities to keep the ball going forward. This gave the forwards chances to kick some goals and they did exactly that, with Harry Parker kicking a goal and Luke Kendrick kicking 2 goals for the term.

The backline also started the game well by sticking to their opponents like glue for the majority of the quarter. They were led by Sean Nener, who just kept taking mark after mark and attacking the ball at every opportunity.

The second quarter began a little bit slower for the boys with the blacks beginning to take more possession of the ball out of the centre. But once again our backline led by Jordan Walsh with his height and ability along with Xavier De Domenico who always seemed to be at the bottom of the packs, stopped the attacks of the black side.

It was a great contest with both sides not willing to give an inch. In the middle of the ground Luke Kendrick rucked and marked well to give opportunities to Mitchell Kensitt, who looked like he trained on holidays, to deliver the ball into the forward line. We managed to score a goal through Luke Marshall as well as kick a few points. The third quarter became a struggle for the boys with the midfield chasing their opponents consistently out of the middle.

The defence came under pressure constantly but were well held together by Nathan Little with his height to prevent too much scoring from taking place. Even with the tireless efforts of Sebastian Wilbers we still struggled to gain any momentum.

Our concentration waivered during this quarter and the run had stopped. We did look like scoring at one point during the term especially when Ethan James grabbed the ball and charged towards goal, only to be prevented from kicking a goal by the umpires whistle for running too far.

Whatever Stuart said at 3/4 time must have worked as the boys came out in the final quarter from the huddle and just ran and ran. The midfield got the ball out of the middle and the forwards peppered the goals unfortunately being a little inaccurate. Although Peter De Leeuw kicked a great goal on a tight angle which made the game extremely close.

After a while we began to lose the ball out of the middle and even Jasper Arthur's efforts in trying to prevent the blacks from scoring were not enough.

It was a great game to watch and every week the improvement is there. The attack on the footy once again was good as every player is going in hard for the footy and the endeavour to become better as individuals and as a team is there.

Once again it was a good effort from the boys, but we must keep working hard at training to keep the steady improvement we have so far shown this season.

Boys keep listening to your coach and parent helpers as the harder you train the better you become.

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Ramsgate 0.1.1

Miranda 8.13.61



Possibly their toughest challenge of 2011, Miranda faced Ramsgate for the first time of the year. In a first of three-in-a-row games thanks to the make-up round, the Bombers had their first taste of what Ramsgate could serve up, and it was tough. Wet, windy, and cold conditions all met the Bombers as Waratah and the first quarter showed that their opposition was a force to be reckoned with.

It was tight, scrappy and wet as both teams fought hard to win the ball and kick the first score. The scoreboard reflected the tight contest that both teams provided in the first quarter, with Miranda holding a slim 0.3 – 0.1 lead.

The second term was quickly blown apart with speedy centre clearances and goals to Ben and Hunter. The game though, quickly turned back to the tight game that the first quarter provided. Both teams tackled ferociously, ran hard and fought hard to win the ball. The game was neutral for most of the quarter, until the Bombers jumped up another gear and kicked another quick two goals to Paddy and U11 Gus to finish the first half 4.4.28 – 0.1.1.

The third term was mostly controlled by Miranda, though not completely capitalized on the scoreboard. Two goals came from almost 15 minutes of complete dominance through the third term. Cameron was quickly becoming one of the best on the field with his speed, tackling, kicking, and general skills. After Jack, Tom, Julian, Chris and Anthony in the backline and Che, Paddy, Dom, Riley and Joel in the centers gave the forwards the ball, Cameron was the first one to attack the ball and give Hunter, Ben, Ethan and Jordan the opportunity to score.

Hunter and Cameron took advantage of the ball-use, and kicked the only two goals of the quarter, leaving the score 6.9.45 – 0.1.1.

The last term began, and so did the rain. The wind had finally brought the heavy rain with it, and kept the game locked down for most of the last quarter. But just like the third, the Bombers controlled the ball and held the ball in their forward half, but failed to capitalize on the scoreboard.

With the wind being the major setback for the goal kicking, Che and Julian used the wind to their advantage and kicked the only two goals of the quarter again, with the final score finishing up 8.13.61 – 0.1.1.

Congratulations to Cameron Creighton and Che Taylor (c) being the B.O.G award winners for the game, and well done to the rest of the team for the win and fantastic efforts all across the ground.

A BIG thank you also to the three U11s who played up for the team; Chris, Gus and Jordan.

Nick Bernath,
Coach

U/13

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Miranda 6 0 6

Ramsgate 13 10 88



It was a wet, windy and cold Saturday down at Waratah and with 9 of our boys away we were going to have to work hard, very hard.

As the boys ran on the field the rain came down. Fun for the boys running around, not so much fun for those watching.

Score wise it wasn't a great result but with many of our more seasoned players away it gave others a chance to shine.

Ben Fuller had a cracker of a game. A great bump in the first few minutes of the game showed everyone he meant business. He, Lachlan Hill and Jayden kept the score down with their great defence throughout the game. Yes we lost but it could have been a lot worse had they not been throwing themselves into it. Jayden seemed to be everywhere and did a great smother to stop a goal.

The team benefited from Coach Phil's tactics of freezing Ben Challen for a quarter so he ran like mad for the last quarter. Even his sister commented that she didn't know he could run like that. We might let him start cold every week Phil!

Great marks from Riley and Harry, and Jesse was a formidable force all over the place. Tristan showed great skill with his sheparding while Kyle did whatever Phil told him to resulting in both getting awards this week. Justin picked up the last award because as usual, he was everywhere all the time and never gave up. Harry was awarded player of the month for his hard work at training and on the field as well as his positive attitude.

The man everyone is talking about is Ryan McAulliffe, he kicked our only goal (with the wind howling across field) and did some mighty kicks and tackles throughout the game.

The boys went home tired and wet and muddy and the parents were just wet. Looking forward to next weeks game when we have a few more players.

U/14
Miranda 10 9:69
Ramsgate 3 6:24

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The boys were looking forward to the make up round after missing football on a fine day the week before. The conditions were windy and showery, although the intensity of the wind and the showers abated for much of the match before returning for the last quarter providing challenging conditions. This was the 2nd clash of 4 for the season between the two teams that have a healthy respect for each others ability to play high quality football. Both teams were missing key players but the standard of the game in the conditions remained high with quick and effective ball movement up and down the ground.

The Bombers kicked with the wind in the first quarter and made the most of it early with a quick clearance and ball movement providing Lachlan Hess with the opportunity to finish off with a goal. Mitch Ballard, in his first game back since fracturing his wrist in Round 1 was super keen on the half forward flank taking a fine mark and later roving the packs and snapping over his shoulder for a goal. Captain Justin Maldigri was in his element in the conditions fighting for every ball on the ground providing the team with excellent clearance work around the rucks while Brendon Johnson provided a strong target at centre half forward taking marks and accurately kicking for goal. It was also Brendon's first match back after breaking his

thumb early in the season. Like Mitch Ballard he slotted back into the groove playing confidently and fitting well into the team structure and game style. The Bombers came into quarter time confident after kicking 3 goals to none but knowing Ramsgate would use the wind well in the 2nd quarter.

Ramsgate came out hard in the 2nd quarter winning the 1st centre clearance and immediately putting the Bomber backs under pressure. However, the backs held up well and managed to scramble, cover and pressure opponents to prevent goals and goal scoring opportunities. Alex Slater, as always, managed to hold the ball up under a barrage of pressure before somehow getting it to a team mate preventing a certain goal. Mitch Johnson was again the corner stone of the defence at centre half back often out marking his talented opponents. His ability to read the flight of the ball in the wet and windy conditions and then still be able to mark the wet ball overhead in fierce contests is a real talent in itself. He was well supported by Max Simmer on the half back flank who his rarely beaten in one on one contests. Max revelled in the slippery conditions going in hard to win the footy. The midfield was again working well. Patrick Heptinstall ran hard to make every contest and he often mopped up the loose ball and delivered it well to his teammates. Tom Logan was lively in the ruck and around the ground. He is always willing to do the team things demonstrated by his awareness and willingness to shepherd for his team mates. Luke Donnelly was skilful in the midfield marking well and kicking accurately into the forwards using either his left or right foot. Zach Holdsworth demonstrated his speed and skill on the wing through his ability to pick up the ball on the run accelerate and kick accurately to the leading forwards. Unfortunately, Zach had to leave the field later after bumping his head on the ground. Ethan Turney fought hard for the footy at full forward making every ball coming in a contest and not letting Ramsgate clear the ball through his forward pressure. Justin Hess also worked hard in the forward pocket always willing to contest for the ball in the air and on the ground and finishing well with a goal. In the other forward pocket, Cameron Andrew was on fire taking a spectacular overhead mark on one occasion and making the perfect tackle on another, demonstrating his ability to attack and defend in any position on the ground. After a hard fought quarter the Bombers managed to kick 2 goals to 1 against the wind giving the Bombers a handy 4-5 goal lead at half time.

The Bombers played hard footy in the premiership (3rd) quarter, knowing that they could build a solid lead if they could use the wind well. Tim Tegg moved into the midfield. His speed and endurance meant that he could find space and float forward on occasions popping up to kick a couple of fantastic goals but it was his tackling and attack on the footy that stood out. He was willing to match it with any sized opponent in going for the footy. Down back Lachlan Walsh was doing his job. He seemed to enjoy the tough conditions and like his teammates was always willing to make a contest. Also down back. Ian McLaughlin was in stunning form. It often looked like he was going to be beaten for the ball but he would somehow launch himself at the footy or his opponent and then win the ball and somehow handball it off to a running teammate. After looking pale for much of the day and still a bit fluey, Harley Hill still managed to win the footy on the wing and demonstrate some of his fine skills. Vaughan Barnes worked hard up forward willing to contest hard and commit himself over the footy. Conor Soffe took a fine contested mark in front of goal and finished off nicely and Marcus Mansour, who always lights up at the prospect of playing full forward after providing a solid service at fullback, did not disappoint with

a fine goal. The Bombers built a match winning lead kicking 4 goals to 1 for the quarter before the rain set in.

The Bombers did not let up in the final quarter. Ramsgate were desperate to eat into the Bomber's lead and threw themselves at every contest and the ball spent much of the time in their forwards. However, the Bombers managed to maintain their strong lead. Matt McPherson played a strong quarter on the half forward flank and Maca Crossan replaced Zach on the wing, after competing well on the half forward flank and wing earlier in the match. Ryan Catbagan competed and played like a man possessed on the half back flank after playing some fine footy in the midfield. So, it was another fine and even performance with all the boys contributing to their capacity and doing their job to the best of their abilities for the team.

On another note, Justin Hess was awarded "*Player of the Month*". Justin has been committed to training hard and well for the whole season to date. He is somewhat of a quite achiever. He can slot into virtually any position on the footy field and play it well thanks to his commitment to contest for the footy and his ability to read the play. He is always willing to play any position on the ground and sometimes sacrifices his own game for the benefit of the team. Most of all he is always supportive of his team mates always providing encouragement and support to play and train better.

Go Bombers!
Paul Donnelly

U/16

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