



MIRANDA BOMBERS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

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THE BOMB SHELL



“ THANKS UMP” ROUND

Thanks Ump Round encourages everyone involved in Australian Football – coaches, players, administrators, parents and supporters – to play a role in creating a positive match day environment to retain and recruit umpires.

At the community level, a welcoming environment ensures umpires feel supported to officiate to the best of their ability. Often umpires are lost to the game due to the reception and abuse they receive from spectators and fans at matches.

This weekend please make an extra effort to make umpires feel welcome at your ground, and promote the opportunities that umpiring can provide.

BOMBERS BAGS

Show your colours and support your team. We have sports bags in red and black with the Bombers logo on it for \$20 or \$30 if you want your name embroidered on it. Order at the canteen.

DRAW ROUND 6 - 14th MAY

U10 Blacks – 9.05 vs Penshurst at Olds Park

U10 Reds – 9.05 vs Cronulla Black at Gwawley Oval

U11 – 10.05 vs BYE

U12 – 11.10 vs Cronulla at Gwawley Oval

U13 – 12.15 vs Cronulla At Gwawley Oval

U14 – 1.30 vs Cronulla at Gwawley Oval

U16 – 2.45 vs Bankstown at Kelso Oval

DRAW ROUND 7 - 21st MAY

U10 Blacks – 9.05am vs Cronulla Black at Olds Park

U10 Reds – 9.05am vs Bankstown at Barden Ridge Oval

U11 – 10.05am vs BYE

U12 – 11.10am vs BYE

U13 – 12.15pm vs BYE

U14 – 1.30pm vs Ramsgate at Tonbridge St Oval

U16 – 2.45pm vs Cronulla at Olds Park

GROUND DUTY

Round	Team
8	10's
10	11's + Unused from other teams
16	16's

GREATER UNION "PLAYER OF THE MONTH" AWARDS

- 10 REDS JORDAN WALSH
- 10BLACKS JAY SCARRA
- 11 CODY MATTHEWS
- 12 HARRY CHALLEN
- 13 MIKE RAY
- 14 HARLEY HILL
- 16

These boys will enjoy a free adult movie ticket. Mums and Dads can fight over who gets to go to the movies with the winner!



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WEEKLY AWARDS



MONTHLY AWARDS

Round 5 7th May 2011

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U/10 Blacks
Penshurst Under 10's

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Round 5 saw us back to playing footy again after the big wet. It was great to be at the game under blue sunny skies as it seemed at one stage that the rain was never going to stop!

The Under 10 Blacks team came up against the 'tall timbers' of Penshurst. The Panthers were a very good team and they seemed to have answers for everything the Bombers threw at them. Penshurst won the toss, went with the wind and jumped out of the gates and kicked a couple of quick goals before we seemed to get warmed up! The mighty Bombers didn't seem to catch our breath after that.

We did plenty of running and chasing but we never seemed to have the ball for too long, Penshurst dominated us in that regard. We also did not get to the ball first as much as we usually do. In saying that though, I was very proud of the effort of the team, everyone tried hard and never gave up and that was the most pleasing aspect of it. In fact, the Bombers finished full of running in the last quarter and we kept the ball in our half for long periods.

If it wasn't for a couple of kicks bouncing the wrong way and hitting the post a couple of times, we could have had more goals on the board.

Some special mentions from the game have to go to Jake Bennie, Josh Harrison and Tim Everitt. All three players went in hard for the ball and got plenty of possessions for the team.

Our 'Charlie's Angels' – Emily, Annie and Ellen also played really well and deserve a mention for getting a lot of possessions and trying hard. Logan captained the team and played well with Jay, Zac, Darcy, Nick, Tom, Josh Moors also having good games. Extra special mention goes to Sam Noakes who played his first game of the season. Sam played like a ten year veteran and was brilliant on the day. Well done Sam. Good effort team, please keep it up!

My thanks to all the parents of the team for bringing the kids along to training and the game. Many thanks to Dave Tegg for running the water, Neil Everitt for goal umpiring and Charles Harrison for being assistant coach. As always Nicky Bennie did a great job of managing the team. Go the Bombers!

Chris

U/10 Reds

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Last Saturday morning the Under 10 Reds took on Ramsgate at Tonbridge Oval. The game started out with our boys enthusiasm and determination making for an even contest which continued on through out the game.

Ramsgate opened the scoring, but then our boys began to get more of the ball out of the centre and kicked the next 2 goals to go into quarter time with a slender lead. In the second quarter the scoring dried up a bit for both sides as the footy became hotly contested. Even though the ball was moving from end to end, both backlines dominated thereby keeping scoring to a minimum.

After half time the Ramsgate boys began to get more of the ball due to their more experienced and bigger players, but alas this didn't worry our boys as they continued to grind away and provide some scoring opportunities. At three quarter time the boys were still in the game only trailing Ramsgate by about 2-3 goals. It was the same story for the final quarter where we had limited opportunities to score but also defensively gave them limited opportunities as well, in the end going down by about 3-4 goals (even though the scores are irrelevant).

At the end of the day the boys competed well and showed they have greatly improved from the start of the season, both in their skills and teamwork. Keep up the good work boys, both with your teamwork and skills.

Go Bombers

U/11s

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After a long break the boys were ready for action again. We were a few short and had to call on one of the U/10s and a few of the Penshurst boys. We hadn't trained for quite a few weeks and the boys were very enthusiastic. We gave away quite a bit of height to Penshurst and unfortunately it was probably the difference. The boys tackled very well and in parts the ball movement was good.

Chris started in the centre and was getting plenty of the ball with Guy, Tooney and Aiden assisting well. Brownly and Jed were our bookends in defense and as per usual took on - and beat - boys that were much bigger than them with the help of Andrew who continues to improve. Gus started in defense strongly and was moved to the centre after Tooney left.

Cody started up forward and then moved to just about every position on the field and played well in all of them. Ben, Tristan and Brayden went looking for the ball and when it reached the forward line kept it there well. Tim arrived at half time and moved straight into the centre and was involved in everything.

We were a little undermanned this week and Penshurst took advantage of it. The pleasing part is that every week we do a lot of things a little better. If we train hard every week the results will come.

The awards this week went to Cody (Best on Ground) Chris and Aiden.

Adrian

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U/13s

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Miranda

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Penshurst

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The Miranda boys were fired up and came out fighting from the start. 3 behinds in the first quarter meant we had a lot of the possession but just couldn't kick it through the middle sticks. Penshurst managed to sneak one more goal in just before quarter time, bringing the score up to 12 - 3 but it was a tight quarter.

The second and third quarters are best not talked about except to mention great defence work from Paddy, and some top tackles from Mike, Jayden, Seb and Lachlan Hill. 2

Whatever Coach Phil said at ¾ time obviously worked, or perhaps it was the boys who watched from the sideline in the 3rd quarter could see that the boys weren't staying on their players. The last quarter saw a different team take the field. A team with boys trying their hardest to keep the ball and staying on their players. We won the last quarter with goals from Ben Fuller and Riley Kilham, which was a result of some great team work. Justin, like always, gave 100% for the whole game and showed his

great shepharding skills. Lachlan Ancora, both the Ryans and Ben Challen were big on the tackles this quarter. Ben Challen came across the field from nowhere, at a speed his mother didn't know he had, to take down a player in the goal square. From where we all were it looked like a good clean tackle from the side but the umpire didn't seem to agree and awarded a penalty. Never mind Ben, at least he had the ball when you tackled him. The quote of the day came from our captain Seb. "Well at least they didn't beat us as much as last time"

Awards went to Jayden, Ben Fuller, Ryan McAuliffe, Ryan Greer and Ben Lamb with Mike Ray getting the well-deserved player of the month.

U/14

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Miranda **20 16:136**
Penshurst **0 1:1**

The sun shone and there was no wind, perfect conditions for footy. The U14s were up against Penshurst for the second time. It was a big occasion, Marcus Mansours 100th game and Lachlan Hess's long awaited start to the season after recovering from a knee injury. Needless to say the grin on his face was as wide as the harbour bridge! Looking at the score you would think that there was no contest. However, most of the match was very competitive and Penshurst had considerable improvement from last time the two teams met. There were many occasions when they just could not finish off their good play up the ground whereas the Bombers scored at virtually every move forward.

The Bombers started off the match with some solid footy as Penshurst contested hard for the footy. Lachlan Hess was straight back in the groove up forward floating into the right spaces to receive the footy and finishing off well with a couple of goals. His best kick though was a non preferred right foot centreing ball from the right forward pocket that found Vaughan Barnes in front of goal. It was textbook footy and great team play. Vaughan worked hard up forward and one of his best efforts was his pick up off the ground on the run. Dylan Sanderson's skills off the ground were equal to the task as he swooped on the loose ball with a clean pick up followed by an accurate shot for goal under pressure on the run. Tom Logan was all over the ground following up his high standard ruck work. His overhead marking was outstanding. However, both Dylan and Tom left the ground not long after due to niggling injuries to ensure that they did not do any further damage. Ian McLaughlin was another hard worker. Starting at full forward he always did the team thing and he always disposed of the ball quickly and effectively. This time it was a quick handball off the ground to a teammate running past that resulted in a goal. He's certainly the quiet achiever of the team. Cameron Andrew, in his first match back after lazing about on the beaches somewhere overseas, was eager and focussed and his overhead marking was outstanding in the forward pocket. He presented well on the lead and the lead was honoured on a number of occasions. Harley Hill had one of his trademark runs down the wing bouncing the footy kicking for goal although this time the ball drifted to the right of the post. The boys were up by 4-5 goals at quarter time.

The boys continued their good footy in the 2nd quarter. Tim Tegg moved into the midfield and immediately won the footy. However, the effort that stood out was the way that he flew to take a contested mark, putting his body on the line. Luke Donnelly was also doing well in the aerial contests, taking a number of contested marks and running and carrying the ball well in the midfield. Matt MacPherson was lively on the half forward flank, making a number of efforts to get the footy. He kicked a bullet of a pass in bound to Macauley Crossan who led well into the hot spot in front of goal. Maca finished it off with a beautiful kick for goal. Another example of how centring the ball can benefit the team. By the time half time siren sounded the boys were in a commanding position.

In the 3rd quarter Conor Soffe moved from the wing to the forward pocket and he was hunting the ball like he was possessed. His leap for a high contested mark in the pocket was one for the highlights reel. Patrick Heptinstall was also busy in the midfield then on the half forward flank while Justin Hess stepped into the big shoes of Mitch Johnson at centre half back. He ensured that few balls got past the half back line by reading the play well, while Mitch Johnson did a fantastic job in the ruck, tapping the ball to his midfielders but he also provided a marking target by drifting forward. The boys were all playing in different positions than that what they have been familiar with but they generally held their structure and continued to play good footy.

Even though the boys were moved around again the final quarter they kept their foot on the pedal. Max Simmer ran through the lines in the midfield and kicked accurately to the leads of the forwards. Zach Edwards was involved in the play of the day, bursting down the right wing, leaving his opponents in his wake taking a number of bounces before kicking the perfect bullet drop punt into the path of the of our 100 gamer, Marcus Mansour who timed his lead perfectly from full forward, took a fine mark and kicked truly for goal. After spending much time rotating through the midfield, Ryan Catbagan got his chance on the half forward line and made the most of his opportunities. Ethan Turney also got his chance up forward and worked hard for his team to create opportunities, while Justin Maldigri took a specky leading into the corridor from the forward pocket. Lachlan Walsh took a leaf out of Justin's book and led well up the ground from the forward pocket taking a fine mark and having a long shot for goal. Lachlan is enjoying more mobility after overcoming some foot problems. Alex Slater, after beating his opponent in the back pocket, was released on the wing, running hard and gathering possessions.

To Penshurst's credit they never gave up and were physical and hard at the footy right to the final siren, so they can look forward to some fine footy in the near future as they will provide their future opponents with some challenges as they continue to improve as a team. From the Bomber's perspective, it was a very even team performance and there were many positives to take out of the game as they have a couple of big games coming up over the next couple of weekends.

Go Bombers!
Paul Donnelly

U/16

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