



MIRANDA BOMBERS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

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THE BOMB SHELL



MOVIE DAY - 26th JUNE

The U/10 Social Committee have been working hard to bring us a great afternoon out with the kids.

On the afternoon of Sunday 26th June, at greater Union Miranda, we will be presenting Kung Fu Panda 2 as one of our social/ fundraising events. So keep this day free. Invite all your friends to come along and enjoy a cinema to ourselves.

Further details will be published when they are finalized.

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 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

DRAW ROUND 8 - 28th MAY

- U10 Blacks** - 9.05 vs Miranda Reds at Waratah Oval
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- U11** - 10.05 vs Bangor at Waratah Oval
- U12** - 11.10 vs Bangor at Waratah Oval
- U13** - 12.15 vs Bangor At Waratah Oval
- U14** - 1.30 vs Bangor at Waratah Oval
- U16** - 2.45 vs Bangor at Waratah Oval

GROUND DUTY

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



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WEEKLY AWARDS



MONTHLY AWARDS

Round 6 14th May 2011

AUSKICK

This week the Auskickers travelled to Olds Park for a three way game with Penshurst and Bangor. Before the game all players and parents came together to form a tunnel of applause for two Penshurst players celebrating their 50th games – a fine milestone to achieve while still in Auskick.

We then separated into junior and senior Auskickers while the U9s from the other two clubs played on the adjoining oval. After some drills to warm up on a bright but chilly morning, we got into some games. It was great to see the boys continuing to develop their skills and practice what they learned in training.

The awards this week went to:

Will Harrison for great team play and support of his team mates

Michael Sinclair for improving every week

Aidan O'Shea for staying focused on the game at all times

Thanks to all the parents for getting involved in the game – the boys really appreciate it.

U/10 Blacks

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Under 10 Blacks Versus Penshurst

To quote an old sporting cliché, what a difference a week makes in football! Round 6 saw the mighty Miranda Bombers in a return clash with Penshurst at Penshurst. The previous week saw us out enthused and a bit awe struck as the "tall timbers" of Penshurst made the play all game.

I am extremely proud to say the Mighty Miranda Bomber Under 10 Blacks turned all that around on Saturday and were brilliant with their attack on the ball and reversed the result of the previous week.

The team was courageous and never let Penshurst get into any rhythm and we were first to the ball, and looking for teammates on all occasions and stayed on our opposition players. The pressure we exerted on Penshurst was constant from the first bounce and we jumped out of the gates and kicked the first four goals before Penshurst got on the board themselves.

We were three players down on Saturday and my thanks go to Steve the Penshurst coach who lent us three fantastic players in Bradley, Luke and Aaron. They were fantastic and I know it would have been difficult playing against their team but they

were great and played really good football. Everyone in the team gets a special mention this week:-

Jake – Captained the team this week and played brilliantly. Led from the front all day and was first to the ball on every occasion and never let a Penshurst player win any easy ball. Great work Jake.

Zac – Best game of the year so far for Zac. He was in and at the ball at all times and was always pressuring the Penshurst players, well done Zac.

Nick – Always had eyes for the ball and I always appreciate that Nick is prepared to listen to the coach's instructions and tries his best every week. Thanks Nick.

Logan – Great game in all parts of the field. Especially in the backs and forwards, Logan's booming left footers proved to be the weapons that I knew they would be. He kicked a couple of great goals and saved us in defence on more than one occasion. He was at the ball and kept up the pressure on Penshurst. Great game Logan.

Jay – Was Mr Consistent again. Jay is the teams quiet achiever and always plays a good game every week. This week was no exception, he was always first to the ball and never gave up chasing Penshurst opponents. Some great kicks and a great game overall.

Tom – Definitely had his most involved game for the season so far. Tom played well and had his most possessions in a game in his first year in Aussie Rules. Great work Tom, keep up the improvement.

Tim – Brilliant game. His best game for the Bombers so far this year. Tim has improved his game every week and this week his tenacity at the ball and his kicking were highlights. He took a couple of good marks and his constant pressure on his opponents led to plenty of turnovers for the Bombers. Excellent game Tim.

Darcy – Seemed to be everywhere during the game. Darcy's speed is a great asset to the team and he had plenty of possessions and always kept up pressure on much taller opponents. Great gutsy game Darcy, well done.

Josh H – Fantastic game Josh. You had plenty of friends on the day but this was definitely his best game of the year. He kicked a great goal and saved numerous goals in defence and kept us on top with momentum with his never say die attitude and his tenacity to win the ball was a credit to the team and he was constantly pressuring Penshurst players with the ball. His kicking was a real highlight, his drop punts were excellent and his passing was great. Brilliant game Josh.

Annie – Best game of the year so far. Was full of running, hand passing and never let the Penshurst boys get the better of her. The real highlight of the game was that Annie finally showed us how good a kick of the football she is. Great game Annie and please keep up the good work and keep those great kicks coming!

Ellen – Same as Annie, had her best game of the year. Was everywhere on the field and her attack on the ball was brilliant and her guts and determination in going up against bigger boys for the ball is truly inspirational. The highlight of the game was Ellen's kicking. She has been "shy" about kicking in a game previously but came out and showed us what a brilliant kick of the football she truly is. Well done Ellen I am very proud of you. Keep up the good kicking!

My thanks as always go to the Parents of the players for bringing them to training and the game and for their wonderful support of the team. Special mention to Byron Stone for his expert goal umpiring, my Dad, Charles Harrison for assisting me with the coaching and to Nicky Bennie for another sterling effort as Team Manager.

Go the Bombers – Chris Harrison

U/10 Reds

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Last Saturday morning the Under 10 Reds were hosted by Cronulla Black at Gwawley oval. The boys started the game very positively and showed some good competitive spirit against a side that a few weeks ago accounted for our boys with ease. After a fairly even first quarter where the opposition only managed 2 goals, our boys continued at their tasks of manning up in the backline and trying to gain as much ball as possible.

In the second quarter it was more of the same with a relatively quiet quarter with the backline doing most of the work by stopping them from scoring too much. We also managed to get onto the scoreboard ourselves but went into half time a few goals down. Considering the size, age and a little skill differential the boys were accounting for themselves very well.

After half time it was very much the same story with Cronulla still scoring, at times with some ease, but not at an alarming rate. This is how the rest of the match panned out and eventually the boys lost by about 9 goals which is a huge improvement from 1st time when it was around 15–16 goals (even though the scores are irrelevant). At the end of the day the boys competed well and showed their understanding of the game and skills have improved remarkably since the start of the season, especially as it's a very young under 10's side.

Keep up the good work boys, both with your teamwork and skills.

Go Bombers

U/11s

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A slight wind and chilly morning greeted Miranda at Gwawley for their first game at the venue in their short Bomber careers. With no past experience at the ground, and not knowing how to play the dusty conditions, the boys fought hard to get on top of a confident Cronulla early.

The first quarter was scrappy with not a lot of scoring opportunities. Cronulla had a point to prove, and wanted to be the first team to defeat the undefeated Bombers. Both teams fought hard, though Miranda had the better part of the quarter down in their forward line. A strong backline of Cronulla kept the Bombers scoreless for more than half the quarter, until a terrific mark and set-shot goal from Riley set up a more free flowing game for the Bombers. The game was more open for Miranda, although inaccuracy cost them a strong lead, only kicking 2.3.15 – 0.0.0 by quarter time.

The second quarter opened up significantly for the Bombers as the midfielders blew the game apart and gave the forwards chance after chance to kick the goals. Inaccuracy wasn't a problem for the forwards, with Anthony and Hunter kicking 2.0 and 4.0 personally. Through hard running, perfection of skills and timely rests on the bench, the Bombers continuously kept possession of the ball and using it well, went into the main break 8.8.56 – 0.0.0.

The third quarter was a bit more even between the two teams as Cronulla began to get more possession of the ball and ran strongly with the wind. By kicking the first goal of the third term, their confidence slowly rose and held the ball in their forward line for most of the quarter. But as Cronulla began to tire, Miranda pounced and took control of the ball to quickly score 2.2 before the siren rang. A strong lead of 10.10.70 – 1.1.7 faced Miranda as they jogged off for the last break.

The last quarter was dominated by Miranda again, though inaccuracy continued to be the Bomber's only enemy, as they missed out on hitting triple figures, which has been a goal of the team since the start of U11's. Top efforts from Joel, Riley and David gave them the awards for terrific run, game knowledge, ball skills and 2nd efforts resulting in goals. Congratulations to the boys on another terrific win, 13.15-

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– 1.1.7

Nick Bernath
Coach

U/13s

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This was always going to be a tough game against one of the best sides in the comp. We have had some good games this year, and we again showed at times that we could compete with the best teams.

Unfortunately we just found it a bit too difficult to maintain the level of intensity throughout the entire game. As result, the score blew out a bit towards the end, which didn't really reflect the effort & good performances on the day.

Highlights included a great goal to Mike Ray in the first quarter, and whilst there were many other good performers on the day, special mentions from coach Phil went to Nick Button, Seb Lienart, and in particular Saul Bartolo, who despite this being his first year, has really impressed with his shepherding, tackling and commitment every week.

I'm also told (without mentioning any names, Madeline) that Phil has finally learned how to wear his coach's top correctly, so a well done goes to him as well.

As Phil said, if we can keep up the effort being showed at training, more consistent and better displays will surely come on the footy field, but we just need listen & apply what is being learnt at training.

U/14

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Miranda 6 9:45

Cronulla 2 2:14

The boys were looking forward to a hard contest. The strong wind on an open ground made for trying conditions where kicking and marking would be difficult. With the ball on the ground so much the team that was most willing to commit their bodies over the ball would fair well. It certainly turned out that way as Cronulla were vary hard at the ball and matched it with the Bomber's intensity for most of the match. The Bombers managed to string enough good passages of play together to finish on top in a very hard fought physical contest.

The Bombers started off the match kicking into a strong wind. As expected, Cronulla came out firing, charging in for the ball and tackling any Bomber who managed to pick up the ball. They did not allow the Bombers to have any time or space to dispose of the ball effectively. The Bombers had to fight for every possession. Best on ground, Mitch Johnson was superb at centre half back early taking a couple of crucial contested marks and he started several Bomber attacks. He was well supported on the half back flank by Tim Tegg who also turned defence into attack but also tackled well. Our other half back flanker, Max Simmer was revelling in the physicality of the match throwing himself in for the footy. The forwards led well knowing that the ball would hold up in the strong wind. Marcus Mansour led and marked well overhead and Vaughan Barnes was lively dropping into the right space and kicking the only goal of the quarter. The midfielders were working hard. Ryan Catbagan had his best game for the season as he ran through the lines following it up

with some penetrating kicking into the forward line. Justin Maldigri worked his heart out going for the footy on the ground and in the air while Luke Donnelly got to the right areas to win a number of crucial possessions. The Bombers came into $\frac{1}{4}$ time with a 1 goal lead knowing that they had a tough match on their hands.

The 2nd quarter, like the 1st, was played in pressure cooker like conditions around the ball and it was difficult to get the footy to someone in space. Justin Hess moved from full back into the forward pocket and provided a handy marking target before moving on to centre half back for the last quarter. He has become a real utility player, being able to play in almost any position on the ground thanks to his ability to read the play and always make contest for the ball. Although, he did sprain his finger and his brother Lachlan was keen to replace him off the bench. Lachlan also read the ball well in the air and took some quality marks in the windy conditions. Zach Holdsworth has been a revelation in the past couple of games on the left wing. He has used his pace well to burn off opponents and demonstrated this in the 2nd quarter by running past an opponent and kicking perfectly off his non preferred foot to the lead in the forwards. Zach has also developed the defensive side of his game and tackled well. Dylan Sanderson started to get in the groove at centre half forward after fully recovering from a hamstring injury, providing a strong target and creating a number of goal scoring opportunities for his team. Matt McPherson found the windy conditions tricky for marking but still positioned his body well in the aerial contests, while Paddy Heptinstall was lively in the midfield always going in hard for the ball on the ground. After a hard fought 1st half the Bombers were up by 2 or 3 goals.

The Bombers played some good footy in the 3rd quarter. Conor Soffe took an excellent contested mark on the wing and Cameron Andrew saved the Bombers on 3 occasions on the last line of defence with a great contested mark and some desperate attack on the footy. Lachlan Walsh led up the ground well to take a strong mark on the half forward flank to steady the ship on the windy side of the ground and Ethan Turney worked hard in the back pocket to cover his man. Ian Mc Laughlin patrolled the full forward position after being down back looking to take one of his trademark strong overhead marks. By $\frac{3}{4}$ time the Bombers were in control of the match with 3-4 goal lead.

The last quarter saw Tom Logan revel in the centre half forward position. His speed and endurance allows him to cover a lot of ground and he attacked the ball and every contest with frightening vigour while Harley Hill was lively on the half forward flank and Maca Crossan beat at least 2 opponents to take a great pack mark on the half back flank. Alex Slater stepped up the speed required on the wing and half forward flank after battling hard in back pocket. He nearly pulled off the perfect curling snap shot but unfortunately the ball curved too far and collected the post.

Overall, it was a hard contest and the boys needed to refocus on the physicality required to play quality consistent football against a very good team. There is certainly plenty of room for improvement in quite a few basic areas of the game as well as applying the team discipline to hold positions and to keep a good structure around the ground at all times during the match.

Go Bombers!
Paul Donnelly

U/16

Miranda: 16.7 – 103

Bankstown: 5.5 – 35

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The simple desire and ability to get the ball 1st, before the opposition, sits at the root of every winning AFL side. From Premiership winning AFL sides down to Under 9s in the local park. And, for the 1st two quarters on Saturday afternoon, the Bomber Under 16s were witness to the effectiveness of this simple but fundamental rule:

“If you want the ball more than the opposition, and are willing to simply go into contests and put your hands on it 1st, then you are well on the way to setting up all your other strategies, team structures, and goals.”

Thankfully, after subtle reminders at quarter time and then again at half time, the boys corrected the temporary lapse. And so, led by some impressive attack on the ball by the likes of Josh Noye, Paylen Brodbeck, Jayden van den Berg, and Nathan Wild we managed to halt the flow of ball into the Bankstown forward line, and then claw our way back into the game.

And, in the second half, once we had re-established the basics skills, the other things we have become accustomed to this year (switching the play, quick transition, quick hand-balls, and superior fitness) kicked in and we pulled away on the scoreboard.

It was also good to see that our experimenting with the team structures continues to pay dividends. With a big thanks to Will Stratford and then Sam Reed at full forward who between them were responsible for a quarter of the team’s goal tally, and guys like Liam Cashman, Ben Williams, James Thomas, and Brendan Hair who continue to deliver quality performances whether in defence or in attack.
