

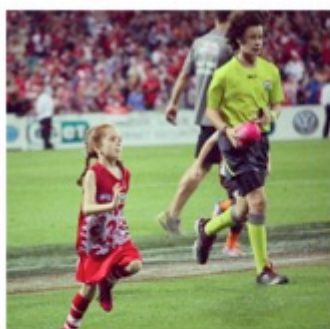
BOMBSHELL



ROUND 2

10TH APRIL

It was a big night at the SCG on Saturday night as 2 of our club umpires and 30 of our Auskickers took to the field during the half time match between the Sydney Swans and GWS!



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ROUND 3 - SUNDAY 24TH APRIL

TEAM	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Auskick	8.00 am	Bangor Tigers	Barden Ridge Oval
U8 Auskick	8.00 am	Bangor Tigers	Barden Ridge Oval
U9 Black	9.00 am	Bangor Tigers	Barden Ridge Oval
U9 Red	9.00 am	Cronulla Sharks Navy	Heathcote Oval
U10 Black	10.00 am	Bangor Tigers	Barden Ridge Oval
U10 Red	10.00 am	Cronulla Sharks White	Heathcote Oval
U11	10.00 am	Bangor Tigers	Barden Ridge Oval
U13	10.00 am	Glebe Greyhounds	Jubilee Oval, Glebe
U15	11.05 am	Westbrook Hornsby U15-2	Mike Kenny Oval
U17	2.30 pm	Glebe Greyhounds	Jubilee Oval, Glebe

PLEASE NOTE: The draw is subject to change. Your team manager will confirm your game details each week.

THERE ARE NO GAMES ON THIS WEEKEND 17/4/16. THIS DRAW IS FOR THE WEEKEND OF 24/4/16.

AUSKICK

AUSKICK vs. Ramsgate Rams, Tonbridge Oval

A later than usual Sunday morning start for Auskickers at Tonbridge Oval to take on the Ramsgate Rams, with many of the enthusiastic players backing up from a huge day at the SCG on Saturday for "little big time".

This week the U5/6's had great games showing Good skills staying on their feet well during play. Lots of good kicking on show during the game by all of the players and also we got to see quick hand passing and impressive marks.

Within the U7's the hard work at training is starting to pay off, with players running and handballing to a team mate in a better position, moving the ball quickly from the back line to the forward line. Another great morning of AFL.

Weekly Award Winners:

Senan Frearson, Alex Batty, Jacob Park



U8 AUSKICK

U8 AUSKICK vs. Ramsgate Rams, Tonbridge Oval

Two very well contested games at Tonbridge in the Under 8's this weekend. The majority of the team played on a larger field which was a great experience for our more seasoned players. We had plenty of free flowing football.

Today also saw a good amount of hand passing, a few nice kick passes and some top marks. Great teamwork! It was also great to see our sportsmanship on display again, with a number of our players happily helping Ramsgate to even up their numbers. Well done Hamish Bramley on a solid game – well deserved player of the day.

In the second Under 8's game some of our newer players were joined by some of our more experienced Under 7's players and again some great skills were on display. The game was played in a great spirit and it was fantastic to see a number of the skills that we have been working on at training being put into action.

Congratulations to Johnny Davis for taking out the award in that match.

Stu, Dave and Alison

U9 BLACK

U9 BLACK vs. Ramsgate Rams, Tonbridge Oval

U9 Black travelled to Ramsgate on the weekend for the second round of the 2016 season. The sun was shining and with the warm conditions Coach Green did a great job at rotating the kids through the interchange.

The boys played a solid game. As a team, we picked up lots of loose balls and intercept marks across the half back line. This combined with strong movement through the mid field, meant we had plenty of time up front to kick goals. Our kick passes are continuing to improve and our tackling is proving to be a "team strength", creating lots of turnovers and stoppages. The players had plenty of run left in the legs and played out a strong last period to dominate all parts of the game. It was great to see a big spread of goal scorers and great teamwork up front.

Well done U9 Black!

U9 RED

U9 RED vs. Bangor Tigers, Heathcote Oval

I was really happy with the Bombers U9 Red performance against Bangor Tigers, very even game again following on from last week. Very pleasing to see the boys come home hard, especially in the last three quarters with some special passages of play. All the boys showed a lot of effort and focused on helping their team mates when under pressure and looking for a target once they obtained possession.

I make the following comments regarding individuals:

Ashley – Great performance following on from his great game last week. A brick wall in defence in the first quarter when the team really needed him.

Flynn – what a powerhouse. Great tackling and run with the ball and he gives the team great drive and confidence when he is anywhere near the ball.

Max – showed us all with lots of possession over the ground that he will be a very formidable Aussie rules player in his first game for the Club.

Dylan – has shown that he has a lot of courage by trying to tackle the big grade 3's at training (Dylan is in grade 2) and each week he is improving in only his second game of AFL.

Luke – is a ball of energy and enthusiasm and is a great personality to have on the team. He has great skill for a player new to the game and will be a great player as he develops.

Charlie – shows us with his kicking and marking that he already has the skills to be a very good footballer. Also was very brave after suffering a fat lip from a high tackle.

Cave – followed on from last weeks performance to be one of the best players on the ground, he is a barometer for the team. When Cave goes well and gets a run on, so does the team.

Oliver – great game again. Damaging player across half forward with his side step and running in only his second game and he is showing untapped potential.

Will – is a very important member of the team. He has shown a lot of courage by changing teams to meet new friends. He's a lovely boy, has great skills and will become a great AFL player.

Cameron – great to have Cam back. One of the more influential players on the field for either team, both with his pressure on the other team with his tackles and he brought some great drive with his ball winning ability and kicking and sharing the ball with his team mates.

Joseph – some great foot passing and good talking to team mates.

Darcy – one of the best one handed, nonchalant, pick ups of the ball and turn around towards goal that I have seen at any level of footy. He has great potential, and with hard work, Darcy can achieve anything on the footy field.

Lincoln – I am really excited by what Lincoln has shown at training, his attitude to learning and taking on board new skills will result in him becoming a great player.

Sam – Sam's dad said the best game he had seen him play and I agree. Sam broke up play with his running and was a dangerous goal sneak with a goal that would have fitted into the Swans v Giants highlight reel. Special mention for Sam's effort at training this week where he continued to train with his left foot after hurting his right foot. Very determined fellow and he has set a great example for his team mates this week.

Alex – will be a great ruckman of the future for the Bombers. In one passage of play he showed his great potential when he picked up the ball cleanly in defence and cleared the ball away with a nice kick."

Well done boys. We look forward to seeing everyone at training next Friday.

U10 BLACK

U10 Black vs. Ramsgate Rams, Tonbridge Oval

After drawing a bye in Round 1, Bombers U10 Black played Ramsgate at Ramsgate for their first match of the year. The ground was smaller than we'd normally expect for an U10's match, but we were down to 9 players so playing 9 a side compensated somewhat for the smaller ground. The boys also ended up playing the match in line with the older age groups siren meaning a longer match than normal, but there was no complaining from the boys about that!

Bombers Black have been working on a game plan with more deliberate ball movement patterns that are

predictable to our teammates and limit our exposure defensively if we turn the ball over in our own half. Considering it was their first game of the year, the boys did an excellent job following the plan. We got off to a good start in the first quarter with Hunter very difficult to pass at half back, a strong midfield combination including Jack and Aaron getting plenty of ball forward and the forwards capitalised. Ryan showed the class required to slot 6 goals in the first quarter and that set the tone for the match. Jack also nearly produced the front runner for mark of the year, but just didn't quite hold a very good attempt. With very good decision making the majority of the time the boys out competed and outclassed the opposition from start to finish. Plenty of the boys kicked goals, Aaron kicked a handful and Lachlan kicked his first goal in AFL footy which was reward for effort. Lachlan who tried hard all day and worked hard in the off season to improve his skills won the Coaches Award for the match and should be proud of his efforts. Matty who has played only a handful of AFL games for us at the end of last year played solid and smart match and was rewarded with a few goals for his efforts. Alex tried hard all day and kicked a great snap goal late in the match, first gamer Jasper also competed well and Billy tried hard. Callum also deserves a special mention for demonstrating great team spirit. Callum missed the match with injury, but made the trip to Ramsgate to support his teammates from the sideline. An excellent effort!

Our effort and intensity was very good all match, and we never eased up on the opposition right to the end. A great first up effort, but there will be tougher matches to come and we'll need to continue to get better if we are to continue to come out on top.

U10 RED

U10 RED vs. Cronulla Titans, Gwawley Oval

Round 2 saw us come up against Cronulla Titans at Gwawley on a beautiful morning. We welcomed back Harrison for his first game of the year, and were missing Scott Leyden, leaving us with 9 v 9. The scores were close all day but we just couldn't bridge the gap. It was pleasing to see that some of the things we talk about and work on at training are beginning to show up during games. It is only early stages, and I would prefer the boys to make mistakes while trying to play the way we want, than go in their shells because they are worried about giving away a free kick or something. The umpiring was at a very high level, but also quite strict on interpretation, which should help us as we go through the year. It was hard to find stand out players in a real team effort. Kai had another good game and is very consistent, Harrison took a bit of time to warm up, but took some strong marks and had a great second half. Ethan was strong at both ends and was unlucky not to finish with a couple of goals. Jayden & Scott gave us some great drive out of the centre. Beau and Keiran did some great work in defence, particularly with their overhead marking, and Charlie was great at ground level, giving off a lot of handballs. Our weekly award went to Cooper, who took a lot of overhead marks, and used the ball well. Pity we don't have a game this week as we are building some momentum. Half the battle with these boys is getting them to believe in themselves, which might only come with winning a few games. There were some fantastic passages of play where we led well, picked out a Bombers team mate further down the ground. It is just the lapse of concentration for a couple of minutes where we are letting teams score against us. Hope to see most of you at training the next two weeks as we prepare for our next game on the 24th.

GO BOMBERS!

U11

U11 vs. Ramsgate Rams, Tonbridge Oval Ramsgate 13.15.93 defeated Miranda 2.10.22

This game was one where the scoreboard definitely did not tell the full story. Ramsgate certainly were the better team on the day but what it doesn't show is the constant fight and determination our Bombers brought to the game. Being School holidays we were 4 players down and another 4 were playing their second only game of AFL. Theo and Blake led the boys onto the field as worthy co captains

I set the challenge to go out and play high intensity from the first whistle and the boys responded. The boys responded to a bigger and stronger Ramsgate team and at one point held them to 2.10 in the first quarter, the pressure severely restricting their chances on goal and forcing the rushed behinds.

The second quarter was our best with goals to Ben and Aiden. Unfortunately our accuracy abandoned us from there so maybe some goalkicking drills at training next week. The boys fought hard through the second half and never gave up.

All of the boys should all be proud of their commitment today. More time together as a squad, more training and experience and we will definitely improve the scoreboard result. No one on the sideline could fault the effort today.

Equally pleasing was the spirit in which the game was played today. It was hard and tough but fair. There was no or very limited 'niggle' and we did not give away any unnecessary penalties. We hardly noticed the umpires. Great discipline boys

Individually all the boys had highlights:

Aidan – Highlight was the snap for a 'goal sneak' goal in the second quarter where he did what he does best, roves the bottom of the taller rucks. Used his speed well for some runs up the wing when we got some space.

Ben L - It's hard to tell if the ball revolves around Ben or Ben revolves around the ball, either way the two are never far apart. Another player for whom size doesn't matter when he takes on players far bigger and usually comes away with the ball. Multiple times this happened today, usually resulting in a charge straight at goal. Only one in the second quarter resulted in a goal today but the effort deserved a much bigger haul.

Blake - Co captained the team and as expected led by example all day Was strong around the contest and was constantly charging through the rucks attempting to turn the ball into attack. He was easy to find all day as he was always near the ball, often taking a spirited run through the middle of a much larger pack.

Evan - Played in a new position on the wing today and improved as the game went on. A strong run from the back field in the third quarter to drive us forward and demonstrated the shepharding we have been practicing at training.

Kye - Played the first half in the midfield where he was in the middle of everything, constantly in the ruck fighting for the ball and was a big part of setting up Bens first goal. A move to the backs in the second half allowed him to cut off a number of Ramsgate attacks and to turn the ball back to the Bombers advantage. A very controlled and focused game.

Liam - After battling some equipment malfunctions in warm up, quickly resolved by our resident Manager/Doctor, it was game face on for the bounce.

Lachie - Playing his second ever game of AFL was in or around the ruck all day. Demonstrated the Bomber fight with strong and desperate defence until the last 2 minutes of the game with a smother and follow up tackle that saved a certain goal.

Oscar - Started in the forwards in just his second game so had a quiet start as the ball was not coming his way. As the game went on I pushed him into the centres where he won a high percentage of rucks and imposed his strength on the game and won numerous contest. A push to the backs towards the end of the game made the Ramsgate forwards think twice about going for the ball and slowed their scoring rate.

Paul - In just his second game of AFL Paul's confidence around the rucks was noticeable. The first quarter saw him take the ball out of the ruck and send us into attack, something he repeated a couple of times during the game. Experience will develop a strong midfielder.

Riley - Another second gamer who shows a lot of promise around the midfield. Notably in the second half Riley was grabbing the ball and driving us forward.

Sam - Played most of the game in the forward half as our tall forward. Unfortunately he didn't have a good chance to shine as the ball was not getting forward. Kept providing options all day and a move to the backs in the later stages of the game got him involved in the game.

Theo - Coming off his player of the game award last week and a committed performance at training he was rewarded as co-captain for the day and like Blake led by example. Close to picking up a second award this week its fair to say he was everywhere in defence, constantly cutting off or slowing the constant Ramsgate attacks. The captaincy sat well with him as he organized and encouraged a backline under a lot of pressure all day.

Tom - What a game, deservedly winning player of the day for showing fight and determination you would expect in players twice his age and four times his size, sometimes to his own detriment. After being tasked to 'follow the ball' he did exactly that, charging at any ruck, tackling any opponent and often coming out with the ball. With 2-3 great chances at goal, he did not get the results on the scoreboard we all know he deserved, including at least one 'hit the post'. Champion effort.

Ben H - While a fractured hand and a cast kept Ben off our playing line up he put in more Kms as the team runner today. Showing great spirit by showing up in full bombers colours, he was invaluable running messages and encouragement out to his teammates.

Two losses up front are always tough to take. The improved effort today gives us great confidence that we can build a team that can compete on the scoreboard as well as we completed on the field today. Despite the score, we can walk away proud of our efforts today. Normal coaching will return from round three with Michael and Andrew M back in place. My thanks for the support from all parents this week, particularly, Ryan, Virginia and Daniel for taking on the game day roles.

Andrew

U13

U13 vs. St Ives, Acron Oval
Miranda 8.2.50 defeated St Ives 3.2.20



U15

U15 vs. Penshurst Panthers, Lincoln Oval
Penshurst 7.7.49 defeated Miranda 6.10.46

Goals

Josh Moors (2), Nick Hooker, Zac Fraser, Dutchy, Luke Kendrick (1 each)

Round 2 saw the Under 15 Bombers up against an old rival in Penshurst. They have been a team that has had the wood over the Bombers over the last couple of seasons and bundled us out of the first week of the finals last season. There is always an edge and tension to every game between the clubs.

The game was played under clear blue skies and warm weather and while the score board showed that it was a close game, it was not a game that the Bombers Under 15 can remember fondly. The team ethos that I have tried to install in the team for our season is effort, commitment and belief but we did not show that across the whole team on Sunday. Win, lose or draw, if the team as a whole unit buy into the 100% effort, commitment and belief ethos then the results will look after themselves but more importantly the boys will play as a team and not individuals. I have also highlighted to the team that you play the way you train and over the last weeks the training has not been if a standard at all times of a team that is tuned into the team ethos. Individuals have but not the group as a whole. The effort on Sunday was not there across the whole team which reflected our recent training performances and Penshurst who had no interchange versus the Bombers two, out enthused us with their effort and they had more focus on getting to the ball first. As a result they had the Bombers on the run all day. It was something that we could not seem to correct throughout the game. Don't get me wrong, the team competed to a certain extent but not close to the levels that I know the boys are capable of which was disappointing. It pains me to admit that Penshurst were the more deserving winner on the day.

I flagged with the team that there would be ups and downs throughout the season and I will be interested to see how the boys rebound from this both from a training and game perspective over the next couple of weeks.

Tim Everitt, our captain had a very good game and his effort was at the level expected and he never gave up. He lead from the front all game and really ran himself to a stand still. He also nearly kicked the winning goal at the end of the game from 50 metres out but unfortunately it brushed the post. Luke Kendrick was also very good on the day and his running around the ground and determination was a highlight and his ruck work was great. Zac Fraser was also good from the mid field and from centre half back and as always his endeavour was good. Josh Toohey on the wing never stopped running and his effort and determination is something I would love to bottle and spread throughout the team.

Many thanks go to Jeremy Moors for goal umpiring, Syd Walsh for boundary umpiring, Will Harrison and Alex Box for running water and Brendan Scarra for running duties. Jake Bennie also did a great job with the positions board and helping with team positional moves. Jason Box had Ground Manager duties covered very well. Colleen Hooker did a tremendous job as Team Manager and got the team and the coach through the day! My thanks go to all the parents and supporters of the team for being great supporters . It is very much appreciated and makes a difference to the team when they get good support throughout the game. Please keep it going.

Go the Bombers!

Chris Harrison

U17

U17 vs. Newtown Swans, Alan Davidson Oval
Miranda 13.12.90 defeated Newtown Swans 4.10.34

Goals

Hunter (2), Nick (2) Harry (2), Tyler (2), Ryan (2), Joel and Luke (1 each)

Another win for our 17's due to everyone playing well, position familiarity building confidence in all our players and our 15's adding to our numbers enabling us to have a bench to rotate in the heat.

It was tight to start with going into the first break with just a one point advantage however from then on we had too much run and our overhead skills were silky creating turnovers through contested marks and strong leads. 2nd and third efforts were high on the agenda and our bombers laid solid tackles as we ran away with the game. Great to see such a solid effort by everyone for the whole match. There were some standout players though who were commended through the game and at the end.

Ryan owned the air space taking multiple contested marks. Really solid game from our Ruck.

Riley played in my mind his best game to date, his confidence sky high as in the third quarter he marked in a contest, played on and kicked a goal from right half forward. This was significant as it put us out of reach of our opposition.

Harry was courageous and balanced relieving Dom as our rover. He took a hit to the head in the centre, straight up he got back into the contest with a second and third effort to get the ball forward resulting in a goal.

Tyler had the ball on a string with run and carry, marking and long range goals just a few of his standout plays. In the last quarter we needed him at CHB and multiple times he stopped the run of our opponent with a contested mark. Great to have a tall we can play anywhere on the ground.

A special mention for Ben who came back to footy after a break for the last 2 seasons. His first game back was good and he showed signs of previous form but this game we saw a new player. As well as his high skilled kicking and marking Ben has brought a new level of intensity to contests breaking tackles and smashing packs. Definitely Ben managed B and F votes this game.

Great to see Lachlan, Jack, Peter, Zayden and Henry have a great game in the back line, Alex got some touches forward and Tim, Nick and Ben were exciting on the wing. Matt and Hunter played through the centres and Forward and Back both with solid games as well. Tim Manchester and Luke also filled positions forward and played tough at contests, Luke managing a very classy long range set shot.

Congratulations to Joel being voted Team captain for the season and Dom and Riley as our vice captains. I look forward to working with our leaders and know we have three of the most determined Bombers in this trio. All three have played for many years with this team, are deserved leaders and exciting footballers bringing with them complementing leadership qualities.

Thanks to the Under 15's putting in the effort to play a second game to bolster our numbers and parents for bringing them along.

Thanks to parents and friends coming into town to barrack the team, Chook running, Paul carrying water, Michael running the boundary and Rob as goal umpire.

Have a great and safe holidays, see you second week of them for training.

Go Bombers,
Cam

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