

# BOMBHELL



ROUND 3

24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

## PLAYER PROFILES

### LUCAS FLYNN



**What team are you in and when did you start playing AFL?**

Auskick U8's. I started playing in 2015.

**Who is your favourite team and player?**

Sydney Swans, Adam Goodes.

**Favourite thing to do other than AFL?**

Play T-Ball.

**Favourite food?**

Today – Anzac Biscuits!

**Best footy advice you've been given?**

Practice kicks and hand passes.

**Best joke?**

Q: What to put on a pig if he has a rash?

A: Oinkment

### AIDAN O'SHEA



**What team are you in and when did you start playing AFL?**

U11's. I started playing when I was 5. It was 6 years ago.

**Who is your favourite team and player?**

Sydney Swans, Dan Hannebery.

**Favourite thing to do other than AFL?**

Basketball.

**Favourite food?**

Ravioli.

**Best footy advice you've been given?**

Play hard and try your best.

**Best joke?**

Q: What do you call a deer with no eyes?

A: NO IDEA!

Q: What do you call a deer with no eyes and no legs?

A: STILL NO IDEA!

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# ROUND 4 - SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

TEAM	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Auskick	8.00 am	Cronulla Sharks	Gwawley Oval
U8 Auskick	8.00 am	Cronulla Sharks	Gwawley Oval
U9 Black	9.00 am	Cronulla Sharks Navy	Gwawley Oval
U9 Red	9.00 am	Cronulla Sharks Titan	Gwawley Oval
U10 Black	10.00 am	Cronulla Sharks Navy	Gwawley Oval
U10 Red	BYE		
U11	10.00 am	Penshurst Panthers	Olds Park
U13	11.30 am	Maroubra	Pioneers Park
U15	1.00 pm	Pennant Hills Demons	Ern Holmes Oval
U17	8.30 am	Maroubra	Pioneers Park

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



## SAVE THE DATE

### Bombers Families

Keep this date free for a fun-filled parent social event  
for the whole Club to celebrate together.

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016**

Information to follow shortly with team managers  
Colleen Hooker, Social Secretary 2016

# AUSKICK

## AUSKICK vs. Bangor Tigers, Barden Ridge Oval

We had a pretty good turnout for the 5/6's considering the weather and a long weekend with 19 turning up. The 5/6's were split into 2 groups for the skills and the games against Bangor with a few also playing for Bangor when it came to game time.

The Bombers put in a great performance against what was a skillful little Tigers outfit who handballed very well. We have been concentrating on skill development and sportsmanship at training and both were in ample display this weekend. We generally marked well and kicked straight and looked at our best when we shared the ball with our teammates. Well done to all boys for their efforts.

Sunday morning saw the sun break through and U7 Bombers break out of the change rooms to the sound of the Bombers club song. Seven of our kids matched up against the Tigers whilst the remaining players played out an entertaining inter club game. Despite being a little wet, it is great to see some marks starting to stick and some clear leads to the ball. A focus on hand skills and fast feet in the coming few weeks should see our ball transition between thirds appear a little more direct.

A big thanks to all involved at The Tigers for a putting on a great morning - and we loved the songs for both teams being played.

Well done everyone. Go Bombers!

### **Weekly Award Winners:**

U5/6 - Joshua Harrington, Isabella Davidson

U7 – James Lydom, Nicholas Watson

U8 – Lucas Flynn, Lachlan Mohapp

# U9 BLACK

## U9 BLACK vs. Bangor Tigers, Barden Ridge Oval

The Bombers U9 black travelled into "Tiger land" for a round three clash against Bangor. On the back of a strong training session last Friday night, coach Bec and Sean were keen to see how we stacked up against the experienced Bangor group. We had some clear goals around supporting the ball carrier and tackling which the boys were able to execute pretty well. The big field gave some of our stronger runners an opportunity to stretch out and we had a good spread of goal scorers. It was an entertaining game which saw our boys get on top from second quarter proving too classy by foot and hand. Well done everyone! Go Bombers!

# U9 RED

## U9 RED vs. Cronulla Sharks Navy, Heathcote Oval

An amazing effort by the team against Cronulla on Sunday. There were some outstanding individual efforts across the ground but all the players contributed in an exciting display of footy. The pressure placed by the boys on the other team to turnover the ball throughout the game showed great courage and character. It was really pleasing to see the development of many of the new players who are all developing considerably in a short space of time.

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## U10 BLACK

### U10 Black vs. Bangor Tigers, Barden Ridge Oval

Bombers Black U10's were away to Bangor this week. With nine players and an opposition wanting to play 12 a side, four Bombers U9s played up with us to get a 12 a side match. In a scored game the boys would have run out comfortable winners, but the game itself was not one sided. Bangor competed well in general play all game and kept us busy in defence. The difference in the end was our ability repel their attacks without conceding soft goals and then take our chances when we got the ball forward. We stuck fairly closely to our game plan, moving the ball the way we practice most of the time and our positional play was reasonably good.

Our more experienced players were strong across the board, Aaron kicked four goals and displayed really good accountable positional play in defence in particular. Hunter took some great marks, Jack and Ryan ran hard and competed well all game and they were well supported by good efforts from the rest of the team. Matty received the coaches award for a good all round effort and increased involvement in the contested footy, but especially for his commitment to the game plan and positional play. The U9s who played up were also solid contributors and while it's not easy to slot into a team you don't train with, they did well.

There were a few things that came out of the game that we'll work on at training, like getting back off the mark quickly and giving yourself enough space when you take a mark or receive a free kick. We can also improve our ball use and decision making in tight contested situations, at times on the weekend we were a little slow to dispose of the ball and tried to run ourselves out of trouble / break tackles a little too much. Overall the effort from the team was good and the boys are on the right track. They enjoyed a reasonably strong performance, are continuing to improve and seemed to have fun in the process. Good effort boys!

## U10 RED

### U10 RED vs. Cronulla Sharks White, Heathcote Oval

We travelled to Heathcote to take on Cronulla White, and despite holding a small lead at ½ time we couldn't hold on, falling short by 8 points. Although we haven't registered a win yet, all of our games have been close, and we have proven we can compete with anyone, we are just dropping off for a couple of minutes which allows teams back in. Very happy with our endeavour and willingness to compete. It was very hard picking stand out players in a real team effort. Cooper and Beau had standout games in defence again. Harrison took a number of strong marks around the ground and kicked well. Keiran, Kai and Ethan were reliable as usual, with good kicking to position and contested marking. Charlie contested well and have off a number of handballs in close. Jayden had another good game, using his good leg speed. Coaches award went to Scott, who marked well, kicked a long goal, and was unlucky not to finish with more. The boys are starting to get more confidence in themselves now, and we just need to play for quarters to come away with a win. This week's bye has come at a bad time for us as we are building some momentum. A big thankyou to John Murray and his U9s – Joe, Ash, Darcy & Cave, who helped us out and slotted straight in.

Looking forward to our next game at home on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## U11 vs. Bangor Tigers, Barden Ridge Oval Miranda 8.12.60 defeated Bangor 2.4.16

### Goals

Oscar (3), Tom, Blake, Ethan, Kye, Ben (1 each)

A great team performance saw the U11's notch their first win for the season. This was a game that left the coaches extremely pleased as the boys really clicked today and executed well on a lot of the things we have been working hard on at training, including working hard to support our teammates, second and third efforts and shepherding. The skill execution was also outstanding.

The team was captained today by Ethan and Sam and we welcomed Jonah for his first game of footy. Many of the boys played a quarter for Bangor to even up the numbers and give everyone a game so thanks to Theo, James, Kye, Riley, Blake, Noah H, Liam, Jonah, Paul, Evan, Sam and Aidan for doing this.

The game itself started slowly for us with Bangor scoring the first goal after getting some early dominance from the centre clearances and kicking down the hill. The boys, to their credit, worked hard to get on top in the game. Oscar and Ethan started to get on top in the middle, with great support from Aidan and Liam, and most of the second half of the quarter was played in our forward half. Sam was playing a great captain's game, presenting strongly as a forward target and his early work really kept us in the game. Tom pushed forward to create a number of chances and was rewarded with a typical well taken goal after fantastic second efforts. He was unlucky not to again hit the scoreboard when a snap unfortunately hit Evan in the face. Ev will be sporting a nice black eye when he returns to school this week and showed great courage to come back on the field. Across the backline, Lachie and the two Noahs were fantastic. Our other goal came from Oscar who was really finding his feet and starting to take the game on.

In the second quarter we were running down the hill and dominated the quarter which was played almost entirely in our half. Some desperate defence by Bangor kept the scoring down but with our centre line dominating and with Noah G, Lachie and James strong across half back the chances kept coming. After sitting on the bench for the first quarter, Jonah got his chance in the forward line and was fantastic with his reading of the play and attack on the footy his first game of footy was fantastic. Ben was working very hard across half forward, continual winning contested ball and using his pace to create opportunities. A couple of goals for the quarter put us right on top.

The third quarter was a bit more even in the play but we managed to keep Bangor goalless running down the hill. This was due to some outstanding defensive efforts by our backline. Noah H pulled off the smoother of the day to stop a certain goal, James was tackling ferociously and almost took the mark of the day with a courageous diving effort. Paul was also very prominent in this quarter working very hard in the backline. Noah G was reading the play well and providing great run of half back. Special mention to Noah G who had kicking in duties for the day and did a fantastic job. Oscar and Ethan were dominating in the air with Oscar continually taking on the opposition and keeping the ball in our forward half, this included chopping of a kick out of defence from Bangor and kicking a long bomb goal off one step. Our other goal for the quarter came from Kye who was providing a lively target up forward and finished nicely after being hit with a great pass from Oscar. In the centre Aidan was fantastic working hard to present options coming out of defence.

The fourth quarter Bangor came out strongly to kick the first goal of the quarter. The boys then worked hard to get back the initiative and then dominated the rest of the quarter but couldn't quite hit the scoreboard as hard to reflect their dominance in the play. Goals to great snaps to Blake and Ethan were well deserved. Ethan's goal was great reward for a fantastic captain's game where he dominated in the centre with tough contested footy and continually fought for the footy despite taking some hard knocks and not being rewarded on a few occasions by the umpire. Ethan was one of our award winners for the game and his use of the footy was also a highlight, hitting teammates consistently with great disposal. The other award winner was Liam who capped off a strong game by completely dominating the last quarter playing in the centre he marked almost every kick out of defence. There

were a number of marks that could be highlighted and some great running footy of half back where he exchanged handballs with Riley was a fantastic bit of team footy. Riley was also fantastic playing in the centre with his hard running a feature. In the backline, Theo was playing an unfamiliar role but his contested footy was up to the high standard that he has now set.

All in all a fantasy team effort with 18 contributors.

Thanks to Ben H (who turned up again to support his teammates) and Harry Gray for running water along with team runner Andrew B. Also thanks to Daniel for goal umpiring.

Next we we get the chance to avenge our first round loss to Penshurst and the boys can go into that game with plenty of confidence.

## U13

### U13 vs Glebe Greyhounds, Jubilee Oval RAINED OUT

#### Round 2 Report U13 vs. St Ives, Acron Oval Miranda 8.2.50 defeated St Ives 3.2.20

Another magnificent day for footy and a drive through leafy St Ives for our second game of the year got the day underway. A few lessons were learnt from round 1 and the boys certainly looked more comfortable at training and during the warm up. Again we had solid numbers with the only exceptions being Harry G and Luke who managed to cut his head open (at round ball football) and end up with a few stitches for his troubles... Our opponents were founded in 1968 and have produced a number of AFL players including current Sydney Swan Callum Mills (number 3 draft pick in 2016), current Collingwood player Jarrod Witts and a former Hawk, then Saint Russell Morris. Russell was also named as part of the (AFL) Greek team of the Century. Did you know that football comes from the Greek word...(any My Big Fat Greek Wedding fans out there???) hahaha. Last week's game gave us a better idea of the positions best suited to a number of the boys and some focus on positional play really helped. Our new boys again stepped up with some very good individual performances that were really pleasing. In particular these included:

- #15 Charlie Mortimer-Short – was super off half back, being very cool under pressure, putting his body on the line, whilst taking marks and making tackles – a fantastic game and standout performance to win of our player of the match award
- #6 Rory Cole – looked solid up forward kicking 2 goals and supporting Jasper in the ruck
- #3 Brady Armour – was very solid in defence
- #19 Cain May – was also solid in defence adding some spark off half back
- #2 Hutch Kumu – also solid in defence adding some spark off half back

The first half was really tight with only a goal separating the teams at quarter time (2.1.13 to 1.0.6) and then at half time (4.1.25 to 3.1.19) but pleasingly we were in front. The second half proved to be different as we kicked 4 goals to nil, dominating the “premiership quarter” and coming in with a comfortable lead at three quarter time (7.2.44 to 3.2.20) and eventually running out winners (8.2.50 to 3.2.20).

Our defensive group was really good again and are already working very closely together. Our key group of Peter, Jack and Ben holding up the last line whilst Charlie, Hutch, Cain and Brady across half back are really playing with confidence and will continue to improve.

Our midfield team of Harry Parker, Jasper, Seb and Harry Slater and wingmen Elijah and Ryan ran hard all day under hot conditions giving a great link between defence and forward. Jasper and Harry also pushed forward kicking 2 goals each.

The forward group really improved from last week with their positioning and subsequent delivery giving us good use of the ball. Xavier added some real spark kicking 2 goals, as mentioned above Rory also kicked 2 goals and provided a good target whilst Corey, Liam, Rhys, Jacob and Daniel all had a real crack offensively and defensively. Next week the boys play against Glebe so look forward to the challenge. With Anzac Day next Friday I will leave you with some facts about a Glebe landmark.

#### Anzac Bridge / Old Glebe Island Bridge

"The Anzac Bridge, originally named Glebe Island Bridge was opened on 3 December 1995 by the Premier of New South Wales, The Hon. Bob Carr MP. On the 80th anniversary of Armistice Day, the 11th November 1998, the New South Wales Government bestowed the bridge to the NSW Returned Serviceman's League for re-naming as 'The Anzac Bridge' and unveiled a four metre bronze statue of an Australian World War I Digger on the western end monument on the 25th April 2000. A handful of sand from the Ari Burnu beach at Gallipoli rests under the foot of the digger as a permanent connection with comrades who fell and remain at the Gallipoli battlefield in Turkey.

To commemorate the new name, an Australian flag was also placed on the Eastern tower top and a New Zealand flag on the western tower top.



## U15

**U15 vs. Westbrook Hornsby, Mike Kenny Oval  
Miranda 7.12.52 defeated Westbrook Hornsby 3.2.20**

#### Goals

**Guy Lowy (2), Nick Hooker, Zac Fraser, Josh Toohey, Tim Manchester (1 each)**

Round 3 saw the Under 15 Bombers travelling to Cherrybrook to take on the league leader Westbrook Hornsby. Both teams were affected by lower numbers with the Bombers missing 6 players due to holidays, injuries and sickness.

We were lucky with the weather and the game was played under clear blue skies and Westbrook's oval was a fantastic AFL ground. The team really answered my challenge to lift their effort for four quarters after Round 2 and they played some good footy. Both teams started the game accurately with the Bombers kicking 3 straight and Westbrook kicking 2 straight with the Bombers adding a couple more goals to have the game still tight by half time on the score board but this did not reflect the great effort on the ground by all the Bombers. The third quarter saw the Bombers come out all guns blazing and really put pressure on Westbrook and points on the score board. It really put the game in our favour and all of the team played really well and I am proud of the effort they displayed.



Zac Fraser was the best on ground for the Bombers as his work from the mid field was fantastic. He never stopped running and Zac reads the game well and puts himself where the ball is. Zac also answered the challenge by Westbrook where a couple of their bigger players really stuck it to him in tackles but Zac jumped straight up and did not let it effect his focus on the game. Well done Zac.

Jake Bennie had a great game at centre half back and he was at his defensive best after missing Round 2 with injury. Jake constantly repelled Westbrook attacks and he turned defence into attack which was great. He was able to repeatedly spoil taller opposition with his determination and he did a great defensive job.

Brenno and Jay maintained midfield roles all game and their run and positioning was fantastic. Their linking between the back line and forward line was very good and their run and endeavour saw them rack up a lot of possessions and their determination not to let the opposition get the ball was great.

Guy Lowy and Tim Manchester both did a great job rotating through the ruck and centre half forward. Both kicked goals for the team and their focus was great. Both did not stop trying and that ruck combination along with Luke Kendrick will be very good for the team throughout the season.

One highlight that I wanted to share from Tim Manchester's game was when he was in the back line at one stage in the last line of defence and Westbrook was able to break out of the midfield and Tim was up against 2 opposition players on his own and his pace and endeavour and a desperate dive at the ball saw him save a goal which was fantastic. Good work Tim.

Aidan Selcraig also had a good game off the half back flank and he answered my challenge at half time to be more involved in the game and he gathered a lot of possessions in the second half with his pace and also pulled off one of the biggest tackles of the year so far. He legally tackled a much larger player at full pace and it was a perfect tackle.

Steven Salom was very good off half back flank and he continued his good form from the previous 2 games. His attack on the ball from defence is great and his ability to read the play and hit the ball at pace is a good skill that he possesses. Well done Steven. He unfortunately picked up a knee injury and we wish him a speedy recovery as we will need him going forward.

Harro did some handy things in the forward line off the forward flank and was able to complete 2 goal assists with good passes to team mates. Well done Harro.

Dutchy continued his good form as well and his run and pressure off the wing and at times midfield was great. His marking and attack in the ball has been really impressive. Keep it going Dutchy.

Many thanks go to Phil Hollands for goal umpiring, Neil Bennie for boundary umpiring, Will Harrison and Sin Bobosevic for running water and Brendan Scarra for running duties. Steve Hooker also did a great job assisting with the coaching and team positional moves. 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 and for facilitating the travel, it is very much appreciated. Please keep up the good support of the team.

Go the Bombers!

**U17**

**U17 vs. Glebe Greyhounds, Alan Davidson Oval  
RAINED OUT**



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