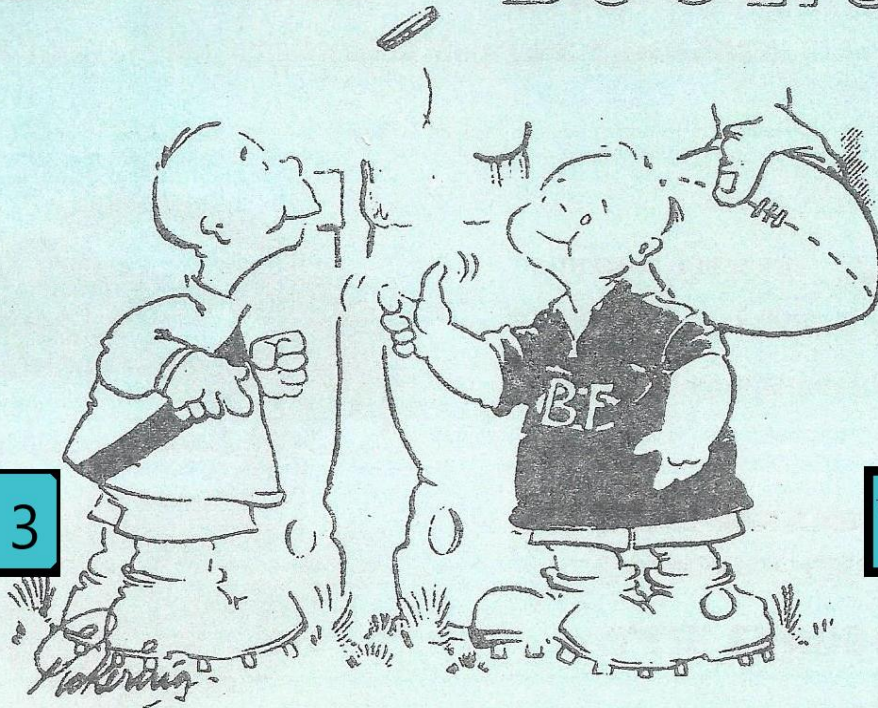


CENTRE BOUNCE

Round 3

2023



BELCONNEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Welcome to Round 3 of the Centre Bounce

What about the weather! Another beautiful sunny day for footy.....Saturday at least! Spare a thought for the Sunday activities! More details to come in this newsletter. I love seeing what the Coaches and Managers have to say about their teams.

Teams:

U8's - The Auskick Pros teams had a great weekend out in the beautiful sunny weather, a welcome change from last weekend. The kids are picking up some great skills, particularly their teamwork and defensive skills. This weekend the pros also had the opportunity to participate in the halftime match during the GWS vs Bulldogs game, all the kids involved had a great night out!



U10's mixed – Firstly thanks to Willow, Daivik & Theo for heading over to play with the Magpies I believe you all played really well!!!

Also a big part thank you to Grayson for pulling on the Marist jumper and having a run with them, really well played champ!!!!

Great to have everyone buying in and playing a great team game. The social spirit between both teams made for a great atmosphere!!!

Standouts were Ashton with a great spoil and having his own ball at times throughout the game, really impressed!!!

Freddie in only his 3rd game put in an all round performance, keeping his opponents constantly under pressure, and winning a lot of 50/50 balls.

Leo with some great goals.

Lucas, Mack, Max, Alex & Chevy for getting in there and having and a real crack and giving their all, all having their share of the footy!!!

Josh & Jordan also showed skill and dash no matter where they were positioned on the field.

Henry and Tom were their dependable selves getting plenty of the ball too, and soaking up pressure to allow their smaller teammates to get into space!

Super stuff Cats!!!!

U11's -This week the u11s travelled to Isabella Plains for a tough game against the Tuggeranong Reds. The team played well and got some really strong tackles in. In a hard fought game the Cats showed immense resilience and great teamwork for the full 4 quarters. While we didn't finish with the 4 points we sure learnt a lot and continue to improve each week!

U12's - After a bye in rd 2 the U12's faced off against Ainslie at Aranda for rd 3. After a slow start in the first quarter where Ainslie kept the ball pinned in there forward half, we managed to wrestle some momentum back before half time to kick a couple of goals and go into the second half with a bit of confidence. The third quarter was our best quarter as we rebounded out of defence really well and started to dominate through the middle, which led to us kicking a few goals and give us a real chance heading into the final quarter. The last quarter was a seesawing affair early as both teams fought really hard to gain the upper hand and although we fell short in the end it was a fantastic game by all.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate Blake Meadley who played his first game for us and worked really hard all game.

U14's – A fixture change during the week, meant instead of last year's premiers, Tuggeranong Red, we were up against the Jets. Coach Pete got the kids into their lines pre-match and worked on some teamwork tactics, and it flowed through into the game.

An early tap from Tyler to Mitch got the Cats inside 50. Lucas B shot a handpass to Immy who snapped truly for her first goal for the Cats.

Pete liked what he saw and told the kids at quarter time to keep it up as the Cats pressure was terrific. Pete's emoji board looked good at half time, and he reminded the kids to keep up our Panther, Lion and Leopard efforts. For the last quarter, Coach Pete pushed the kids to keep that forward line in motion, and the results were promising.

An excellent all round team performance to get the Cats on the board for season 2023. With some further tinkering at training during the week, the Cats will be well primed to take on Marist away next week.

Best: Lucas B, Rubin, Luca, Mitch, Tyler, Hugo, Oscar, Henry, Ambrose

U15's Belconnen Magpies – The combined team dealt a score line that was on the winning side after many games in previous years of being on the receiving end (poor Jets!).

Congratulations to Wren who celebrated his milestone 50 games and got to go out to the middle for the coin toss.



U17's – Rd 3 saw the Belconnen Cats 17's head to Holt to take on Magpies. In what was a great contest that saw the lead change hands on numerous occasions we were finally able to come away with a 25 point victory.

Our team play stood out this week and we were able to move the ball around the ground really well with all players contributing to the victory. Again it was based on a physical intent around the football that consistently put the magpies under pressure. Rd 3 also saw Jake Slater play his 50th game in the Cats jersey and we wish him well over the next two weeks as he represents the ACT in the under 18s National Softball Championship.

We are now looking forward to heading back to Aranda for Rd 4 against Queanbeyan

Auskick Rookies: After a week 1 washout the Rookies braved the cold for our first session of 2023. The weather wasn't on our side yet again as we had to bring it to a sudden halt due to the hail storm!

We'll be spending time over the first few sessions to learn and practice basic skills before we expand into game scenarios.



I dropped down just before the hail to see them in action. So many kids joined in the fun and with Ozzie (below) just about to explain how to kick "Mr Ball" they were super keen! Welcome to our newest members of our club.



BBQ's at Aranda:

Thank you to all of our volunteers for the game day BBQ at Aranda as it was a roaring success! We couldn't do it without you and we love the Cats community coming together.

History of the Club:

How about this ad in the paper from 1974! The contact at the bottom was our President around the 70's, Les Scotland.



I have some snippets from Les' speech he wrote for the Magpies 50th Anniversary Dinner, which I had the privilege of being on the Events Committee as a Cats representative.

“We arrived in Canberra in 1974. My intention was to be here for 3 years but 45 years on and 4 great grandkids I don't think we are going anywhere! We had purchased a house in Weetangera overlooking the open paddocks of Kaleen and Giralang, having no idea that the future of this area would become a battleground with Ainslie poaching our North side players as the area became inhabited with ex Ainslie people!

Talking to our new neighbours we discovered they were former inhabitants of Ainslie and were Aussie Rule supporters.

David Lalor still maintained his heavy involvement with Ainslie FC but their son Justin played for his new zoned club, Belconnen.

David's wife Sue was the sister of Brian Read who had relocated to Hawker and whose family would be heavily involved in Belconnen Seniors and Juniors over the next 30 odd years in both playing and administration – so we were in good Aussie Rules Territory!

I attended the tenth Anniversary of the Seniors 2009 Premiership a couple of weeks back. The team was coached by one of the Read boys.”

Look out for more next week.

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GO THE CATS!