FOOTY IS BACK !!!!

Our practice matches got going yesterday at Rowville against St.Kevins and who would have thought that freezing cold wind was going to be our enemy NOT the blazing sun. That's Melbourne and I guess it did set the scene for the coming footy season. Although we had as many as 18 senior & Reserves players NOT playing for all sorts of reasons, this necessitated the use many of the Under 19 boys playing up in the Reserves and doing very well indeed.

One unfortunate outcome was the injury to young Tyson Hyams in the Reserves game when he copped a knock in the back that rendered him standing up but immobile and thanks to the skill and knowledge of Trainers Deanne Chilcott and Jacqui llott he was looked after very well. Thankfully, we understand that he will be right as rain after Easter.



Justin VanUnen making one go round corners.

The wind certainly effected all of the games, when scoring was pretty much restricted to one end only. The good part was that it was up the car park end, so we could see the action.

See a brief summary of the Senior Game by a David Watson below. David has come on board this year as a journalist and will be writing up games and doing extended interviews with players, particularly the new players.



The Senior game, minus quite a number of notable players was very good, with obviously Justin Van Unen the star with 7 of the 12 goals kicked. When add the scoring skills of Ash Froud, Adrian Gelino and Matt Greig (who did not play) we have some exciting days ahead.

Senior Coach Kris Barlow was very pleased with the performance, particularly the pressure being put on the opposition

The Reserves game was packed with Under 19 boys were terrific with Paul Chadwick and Justin Youseff outstanding. Keep an eye out for young Brook Kainey from the 19's he is quick and skilful. Luke Strachan took some nice marks and went on to play in the main game as well.

Great to see the number 4 Grant McCarthy in good form. Here with Travis Bird. Photo by Adrian Waller

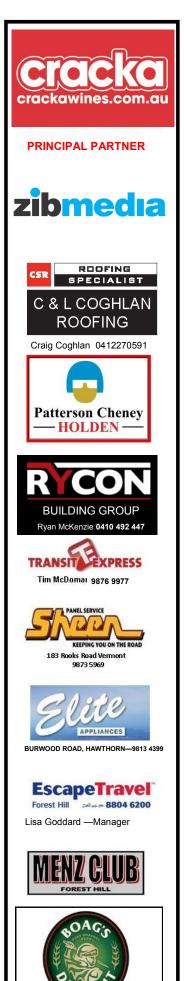
The Under 19 side was decimated with missing boys, but put up a creditable effort and will be OK with a full crew.



Jason Youseff with facial covering after his excellent game in the Reserves match.



Luke Strachan takes a strong mark watched by young Brook Kainey





By David Watson

SENIOR PRACTICE MATCH vs ST.KEVINS

Vermont 12-6-78 dft St.Kevins 6-7-43

Goals Vermont. VanUnen 7, Froud 2, Taylor 1, Dan Mendes 1, Nick Mendes 1

The Eagles overcame a dogged Daniel Harford coached St.Kevins by 35 points in the first of three practices matches set down before the season proper commences on April the 13th. In blustery conditions with a strong breeze blowing towards the Wellington Road end, the match understandably at times was a scrappy affair with both teams making an abundance of skill errors. Holding a slender six point lead at three quarter time, 4.5 to nil in the final quarter helped to blow out the final result. Missing players in the calibre of Captain Ryan Mullett, Robbie Ross, Kris Bardon, Tom Schneider, Matt Greig and Matt Davis the Eagles were at times tested by the VAFA B Section side. New recruit Justin Van Unen certainly looked the part with a strong display and a healthy return of seven goals. He led, marked and kicked well and always looked like winning every contest that came his way. David Barton also new to the Eagles line up looked the part down back giving plenty of run and carry out of defence. Not so fortunate though was the third new recruit on display in Ben Crowe. The assistant coach rolled his ankle during the second guarter and was forced to watch the rest of the match from the sidelines. Others to impress on the day included ruckman Simon Taylor who dominated in the middle and around the ground, midfielder Nathan Henley who used the ball well while defensive duo Grant McCarthy and Dean Milhouse both made the St.Kevins forwards work hard. Also impressing in the first hit out were Daniel Mendes, Tom Wilson and Cameron Dore. For St.Kevins, former Port Adelaide player Steven Salopek was their most productive up forward with two goals. In the earlier matches played both the under 19s and the Reserves recorded wins. Next Sunday the Eagles head to Para Road, Montmorency, to tackle the Northern Football League outfit.

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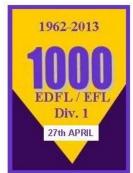


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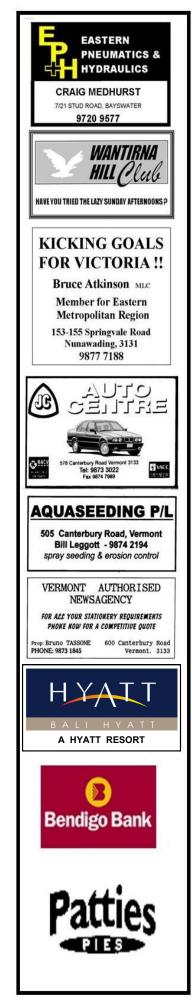
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40 DAYS TO GO

The Club's milestone of 1000 First Div Games is just 40 days away.

This will also be our Annual Past Players & Officials Reunion Day. Everyone is invited to join the celebrations.





THE PASSING OF BONNIE HANCOCK

Sadly we report the passing of one of our Life Members BONNIE HANCOCK who was made a Life Member of our Club in 1989 for her tireless work in the Canteen over countless years with her great friend Betty McCarthy.

Her late husband Wally was a trainer also for many

years and the current Annual Award in the Reserves for the most promising player was donated by Wally. Son Robert played 107 games in our Seniors and Reserves between 1972 and 1981.

Our deepest sympathy go to Robert and Marelle and all of Bonnie's family and friends. A great Vermont Family.

THE NOTICE FROM TODAY'S SUN

HANCOCK (nee Thompson) - Hazel 'Bonnie' Passed away peacefully on Mar. 14, 2013 aged 83 years Wife of Wally (dec.) and loving mother of Robert and Marelle. Mother-in-law of Craig and Nanna to Leslie, Cailin, Emily and Luke. You will live on in our hearts forever. We hope you are now reunited with those who have gone before you.

FUNERAL NOTICE

HANCOCK. (nee Thompson) - The celebration for the life of Hazel 'Bonnie' Hancock will be held in the Heritage Funeral Home Chapel, 733 Boronia Rd, Wantirna (Mel Ref 63 F5) on WEDNESDAY Mar. 20, 2013 commencing at 4.00 p.m. Private Cremation will follow In lieu of flowers donations to the Cancer Council would be appreciated. Envelopes will be available at the Chapel.

Next to the Wantirna Hill Club

MORE PIX FROM SUNDAY



SIMON TAYLOR





DAVE BARTON

FIRST HOME GAME IS SAT 20th APRIL

DEAN WALLER

GRAND FINAL REPLAY vs BALWYN

LUNCH BOOKINGS TO ANGELA MILLER 0400790222



STILL NEED YOUR HELP

AS MENTIONED BEFORE, WE NEED SOME ASSISTANCE IN A NUMBER OF KEY AREAS HOME GAME BBQ

We still need some more helpers for our famous Saturday BBQ and happy to provide Free Club Membership to anyone willing to do at least 2 home games. PLEASE ring Spiro on 0411 109726. Spiro is looking for a person to take over his BBQ role in 2014.

SENIOR GAMES STATS

Last year we introduced computerised match day statistics and that was a big success. Unfortunately most of our Stats crew for various reasons are not available this year and we need some more.

It is a wonderful opportunity for a young person to get involved with footy stats that could lead to an involvement at a higher level.

So, we need a person (male or female) to take over the computer system and learn all the incredible things it can do in providing the Coach with information. Plus a couple of key board operators. **If you would like further information ring Lee Bidstrup on 98761913.**

AN ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP

Over Christmas we managed to get an Apprenticeship for star recruit Tom Schneider and now we need another for an existing young Vermont player. He has done the Pre Apprenticeship Course and is very keen to get a start. If you know of someone in this field, **please ask**. The Club is there to help any of our boys, not just with footy. An opportunity like this is life changing.

If you can help, please ring Lee Bidstrup or e-mail on *Ibid-strup@optusnet.com.au*



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HOW CAN THESE TWO BLOKES SMILE ? —-THEY ARE DEMONS SUPPORTERS

MUST HAVE VERY VERY LONG MEMORIES



Current President John Selton with a past President Rod Dux