



From the president

August 18 2013

On behalf of the whole club, congratulations to Mick Smith, Danny Byrnes and the Will's Batch U12s on winning the U12 South Premiership! What a great season they've enjoyed, capped off by a very resilient performance in really tricky conditions on Sunday. Jeepers – was it windy – and the team played the conditions superbly. There was a real sense of déjà vu on Sunday - different venue but similar (although perhaps tougher) wind conditions and the U12 South title on the line. So two years in a row we have won the U12 South Division. A terrific effort by the coaches; a talented, dedicated group of kids, who have been well supported by Chris K, Amanda T, Anne L and a passionate group of mums, dads and extended family members.

Of course we now look forward to this Sunday when the Choice Financial U15s come up against their 2013 rivals, the Waverley Hawks at Meade Reserve, Clayton at 10.30am. The record stands at 1:1 for the season match-ups and we know we'll play a hard, vigorous opponent who will want to extract revenge from the second semi result. Clarkey and Owen have got the team firing at the business-end of the season and playing brilliant hard-running football – so we know they'll put their best foot forward.

Earlier in the day, and unfortunately at a different venue - the Brendan Noble Furniture Restoration U16s will be duelling with Dingley at Mentone Grammar at 9.15am - under the stewardship of our most recently inducted Life Member, Wayne "Herbie" Herbstreit. Yep – that's 9.15am folks – a little earlier than every other game they've played this year, but we know Wayne and Louie will have them primed for the ultimate prize. It too has been a very impressive year from this group of 26 players – yep 26 in U16s (what a great base for their U17 season) – who after a last round "wake-up" call head into their first Grand Final since their Lightning Premiership days.

The clubrooms will be open this Sunday afternoon from 1.00pm or straight after the U15s game, and we invite the whole club to come down and celebrate our finals performances. We'll hear from each of our teams about their finals campaign, the bar will be open under the Seniors Licence until 5.00pm, and we'll probably have the BBQ going and do some sausages for those in attendance. It'll be a great way to conclude the on-field efforts of our Club throughout 2013.

Finally, our AGM was held last Thursday and I was very pleased with the number of new faces on the committee, and confirmed new Secretary (Nerida Wines) and Treasurer (Simon Forer) who have done outstanding jobs this year on the Committee. The roles of President and Vice-President will be determined by the committee when they assemble in mid-September, which can occur according to our Constitution by the committee when they met. A full announcement of new committee will be made after that meeting including the key club roles.

We say good-bye and thanks to Caroline Dunlop as Club Secretary, Angela McPhee as Registration Secretary & Awards Coordinator, Brendan Kiely as web-site manager and sporting pulse support to Ange, and Clare Walsh as Head Trainer / Medical Officer. All four have been incredibly committed, passionate and tireless in their efforts to keep the club running smoothly.

A special thanks from me to Caroline. The President / Secretary relationship is a critical one and I'm really proud of the working relationship we've enjoyed and the resultant impact on the committee and club performance.

A big finale this Sunday to conclude a wonderful season by the Club on all fronts.

Very excited – see you all on Sunday.

Go Demons!

Chris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finals - 25 August 2013

Team	Time	Opposition	Ground Name & Address
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U15 Div 3 - Sponsored by Choice Financial Advice

Grand Final	10.30am	Waverley Hawks	Meade Reserve Haughton Road, Clayton
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U16 Div 3 - Sponsored by Brendan Noble's Furniture Restoration

Grand Final	9.15am	Dingley	Mentone Grammar Oval 1 756-768 Springvale Road Braeside
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MILESTONES

CONGRATULATIONS to the following players:

U12 Oliver Hicks 50 games

U12 Jackson Hannah 50 games



IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

★ Presentation Day – Sunday, 8 September 2013 at the club

Coaches are restricted to 20 minutes for their presentation to the team allowing for cross over time between groups – we do not want to keep people waiting like we did last year.

Presentation times:

12.00pm U9 Colts

12.30pm U9s

1.00pm U10s South

1.30pm U10s East

2.00pm U11s

2.30pm U12s

3.00pm U13s

3.30pm U15s

4.00pm U16s

Soft drink will be available (no alcohol due to our restricted licence)

MATCH RESULTS August 18

THE GRAND FINAL

TEAM 'WILL'S BATCH' - U12's

St.Pauls McKinnon 6.4-40 defeated Dingley Black 3.5-23

Goal Kickers:

Best Players:

Finishing up my gourmet dinner of smokey paprika sprinkled liberally upon a dry bed of vegemite toast, I was astounded and dismayed to receive a call from Coach Byrnes, him currently in the middle of a Pink concert - yes, Pink (shock, horror), to inform me the necessity of a prompt match report, to be completed pronto. So here goes...The boys won the GF, fair and square, against a determined and impeccably coached Dingley Black. With Dingley, there's two boys there who can ruin an opposition's day, or come close to it. If those boys read this, (23 and 24), know this boys - you're absolute stars, and so are your team-mates. Unfortunately, every St. Paul's player this Sunday gone by knew what was coming, and fought as one to put the icing on a fantastic record of one loss for the season. Now a great team is a team who will deliver when it counts, and I like red wine, so I'm off, but not before I single out Luke Waldren, for being such a lovely young fellow, who quietly stood by and watched the team he started evolve into the monster it is today, a tear in his eye, warm exaltations upon his lips. And if Coach Byrnes is at a Pink concert, I expect Coach 'Baby Hair' Smith will be taking up Zumba, tomorrow. TURLS - MODEL, ACTIVIST, ANT-FARM ENTHUSIAST.







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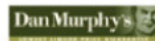
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