



The road to finals...



It's been a weird and interrupted couple of weeks at the footy club with byes and a couple of mid-week and Sunday matches interrupting the normal flow of the season.

But with all Griffins' sides playing some good football and finals rapidly approaching, *The Griffin Tale* thought it was a good opportunity to hear from the coaches of each grade about where the teams are currently at, and the challenges still ahead.

And with the very real chance of some September glory for the Griffins this year, it's never been more important to get down to training and work hard on the track. The rewards can last a lifetime.

Now, over to the coaches...



See you at the Footy!

Saturday August 1, 2015

-11:30am: ANU Women take on Tuggeranong in a make-up match at Greenway

-12pm: ANU Reserves take on the Woden Blues at ANU South Oval

-2.15pm: ANU Seniors take on the Woden Blues at ANU South Oval



Team footy the key to Lady Griffs campaign

*By Creany and Jimbo



Round 2- ANU: 1.0.6 vs Molonglo Juggernauts: 10.8.68

Sunday's game against Molonglo started with such promise for the women. Half a minute in, Lady Griff stalwart Ali C calmly slots a goal on the run to open the account and register her first Griffin goal. Well done Ali! Unfortunately, from that point on Molonglo dictated most of the play to romp in 10-to-1 goal winners.

Sunday's result was disappointing for a few reasons, but one sticks out. It wasn't the fact that we are now 4th placed on the ladder instead of 3rd. It was not even that we went down by a bigger margin than when we played the more fancied Tigers. It was more that the usual Uni spirit and fight were nowhere to be seen for large periods of the match. There were glimmers of it here and there with individual efforts, but not as whole team.

Rather than dwelling on the negatives, though, it was fantastic to welcome back a raft of players to the fold. Munnerns, Lehany, Lui, Aggie, Arky, & Stones returned after 4-5 weeks off footy. They bolster the recent returns of players like Pip, Clark and 'new' arrival Kiwi.

So where to from here?

If the ANU Women are to pose any threat to the finals pack, we need to train and play TOGETHER - not just the same 8 or 10 at training each time. The game against Molonglo showed that to be the case. As shown in previous seasons, it doesn't take long for the Lady Griffs to find that groove where they enjoy playing footy. Perhaps this game can be chalked up to 'getting reacquainted.' Now it's time to knuckle down.

Over the final three games of the season we face Div 1 premiership fancied, Tuggeranong at Greenway, Ainslie Tricolours at home, and ADFA Rams away. Although not a great deal of time, the coaching staff are confident that it's long enough to ignite that passion and come together as one unit to finish the season off in red hot form.

Local and experienced



LONG before Tim Robb was tearing up forward lines for ANU and kicking bags of 10, his father Gary Robb was getting the job done for the Griffs from the midfield.

A former ANU Best and Fairest winner (1975) and tenacious centremen, Gary also brings nearly four decades of legal experience to the Griffins' family, specialising in conveyancing and personal injury litigation.

Gary previously ran his own very successful plaintiff firm in Canberra for 22 years before joining the team at Hill & Rummery in 2013.

With what seems like 400 years of experience, this North Melbourne fan fights the good fight in all areas of personal injury litigation as well as contractual and commercial disputes.

And he can help Griffins players who are buying or selling property to negotiate their way through property law, as well as offering legal advice on workplace accidents and personal injury.

"We're a general practice firm at Hill and Rummery, but we specialise in NSW and ACT conveyancing and personal injury," Gary says

"We offer the Griffins playing group their first interview free for all matters, and then discounted fees in conveyancing."

Gary can help you with: Personal Injury Litigation; Conveyancing; Commercial Leasing and disputes; Sports Law; and naming every North Melbourne premiership, premiership captain and premiership player.

Contact Gary Robb on 6248 9188 or email him at garyrobb@hillrummery.com.au.

Talented but inconsistent Magoos must dig deep



***By Tim Robb**

Rd 12: ANU Reserves def. by ADFA Rams, 7.7-49 to 8.6-54

After the reorganisation of the lower grades the ANU twos found themselves in a new 4th grade competition pitted against ADFA, UC, Molonglo, Woden and Harman.

As is the case each year, the Magoos have welcomed many new faces as well as farewelled a few. Plenty of returning players has seen strong numbers for the most part with in excess of 50 blokes running out for the 'People's Team' so far.

After a disappointing start against ADFA the boys responded to win their next 7, highlighted with a gutsy 4 point win over competition leaders Harman down at South. At the halfway point of the year and with numbers lean the Griffins were handed a reality check by Harman with a 101 point drubbing. As after the first loss for the year the team rebounded well, accounting for UC and Molonglo before going down to ADFA again by less than a kick on a cold and wet Wednesday night.

With 3 games left in the home and away season the Reserves sit 3 games clear in second and have given themselves every chance to add to the silverware acquisitions of recent seasons. Consistency will be the key to success for the team with performances often fluctuating from quarter to quarter as well as week to week. Our best footy is more than good enough to beat any side we face; the challenge is now on the side to come together as a group and deliver.

Seniors renew finals focus after mid-season slump



***By Greg Oberscheidt**

Rd 12: ANU Seniors def. ADFA Rams, 12.3-75 to 4.10-34

The Griffin Seniors have enjoyed a solid season to date winning our first 6 games. A strong win against the old foe ADFA in round 1 set the tone and the highlight was a hard fought, 2-point win against Woden in round 4. The emergence of first year players Discipio, Short, Marks and Crowe added some spark to our aging list and the form of senior players Ritchie, Forsyth and Rawlinson was outstanding.

We were soundly beaten by ADFA at home in round 8 and followed that up with a 50-point belting at the hands of Woden the following week. While losing is never enjoyable, getting belted can be a tonic for a team that at time tends to get complacent and more than a little impressed with themselves.

Injuries were mounting as we travelled to Batemans Bay missing up to 13 regular first graders but the lads got it done on the park (despite three more injuries on the day) to record a gutsy win. The attitude of the playing group was much improved and the signs were positive for a big shift up moving into the business end of the season.

July has been a weird month with only 2 games played and the rain has forced an inconsistent training schedule but to the boys credit they're sticking to their guns and finished off on Tuesday with a 7 goal win over ADFA under lights at Greenway. The added time off has actually allowed many of our injured players to get back without missing too much footy.

With only three games left before finals and a top 2 spot all but sewn up, the mood is high but even more positive has been the attitude adjustment within the group and the realisation that we need to focus on our footy rather than the external. Committing to the team and busting ourselves at every corner must be the baseline if we're to have an impact in September.

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about



You're probably sick of hearing Rosco and Schitty tell you how awesome they are at sourcing residential finance, so we thought it's about time you heard it from some of the Griffs instead...

"The boys at MMO take things one week at a time during the purchasing process and as a first home buyer I really appreciated the considered advice they provided. The Team always gave 110% once they crossed the white line and nothing was too much trouble as they really focussed on the process and let the scoreboard take care of itself. The playing group at MMO were centimetre perfect on all the finer details which allowed me to relax throughout. The Premiership window at MMO seems perpetually open and I can whole-heartedly recommend them for any mortgage needs you may have. Get around them!" - Brent Ritchie

"Watching 'Business Rosco' in action was probably the strangest 10 minutes of my life until I adjusted to the fact he has a whole other skillset outside of the Griffos backline. And did you know his name is actually Daniel? My wife and I were really impressed with the professionalism and responsiveness of the entire MMO team - they were in constant contact with us and really upfront and clear about all the steps involved in buying a property." - David Butler

"When considering purchasing a property sound advice and industry insight is important, for this reason I have used MMO several times over the past few years to help purchase property. The team have always had my best interests in mind and have given me a lot of their time and thought through options to suit the outcome I wanted. One of the best aspects of MMO is that the support continues after the loan papers are finalised - this ensures that you are always well informed. The service is always first class and it is never too early or the wrong time to get good advice." - Damian West

Get kitted up

Season fees:

Students: \$150 (SRA covered)

Non-students: \$170 + \$120 (SRA)
= \$290



Uniform prices:

Playing jersey - \$60

Alternative strip - \$60

Team polo - \$20

Shorts - \$45

Socks - \$15

Training singlet - \$25



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