

Welcome to this week's edition of Blackburn Girls News. We promised you a regular newsletter about what's happening in our girls' program but have been a bit slack of late, anyway here goes....

Don't forget you will need to keep a look out for the Club's newsletters to see what's happening across the Club.

Monthly wrap – May 2015

It's been a huge month of girls' football at Blackburn:

- All of our teams have enjoyed success.
- We've had huge turnouts on the training track.
- Nine of our players have played representative football (for Victoria and the YJFL).
- Smitty was selected as All-Australian at the National U18s Carnival.
- Hutchy was appointed Vice Captain of the Bulldogs.
- Our Auskickers played at the 'G.
- A whole bunch of us went to the G to watch Hutchy represent the Western Bulldogs against Melbourne.
- Maya, Gidget and Abbey featured in the Whitehorse Leader Newspaper.
- And hot off the press – Hutchy has been selected to play for Victoria against WA, in Perth over the long weekend.

You will find lots on these and other stories on our Facebook page.

Weekly wrap – Womens Round

What a sensational weekend of female football last weekend.

To start the weekend our Youth Girls played a fantastic game of football against Bullen Templestowe who are undefeated. While our Youthis didn't win they gave Bulleen Temp a huge fright.

On Sunday, we started the day with our Under 12s playing our very good friends from Fitzroy in a cracker of a match. *See Tim's match report for further details.*

The first Womens Exhibition game for 2015 was played at the G on Sunday with a huge contingent of Blackburn players there to watch some of the leading female players in the country in action. It was a thrilling high quality game made even better with Hutchy starring for the Doggies. Hutchy said it was to see (and hear!) all the Blackburn girls (and parents) on Sunday. I got to see some of them on my lap around the ground after the game which was nice.

Unfortunately a lot of girls missed the celebratory lap as our Under 15s had to rush off to Brunswick where the girls had a big win.

And in between all this our Auskickers got to play on the G as part of women's round alongside more than 100 other girls.



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Great Feedback

Despite our Under 15s big win, we received a very nice email from Brunswick:

I wanted to thank your club and all those who came to Brunswick today. It was a pleasure to play with people whose idea of sportsmanship is so like the one we also promote. It was great to have people who understand the spirit of the game, who wanted to give the medal our club awards to the visitors to a truer encouragement, not to the best player. I wish all our visiting teams understood that.

While we all love to win, our focus is first and foremost on participation and fun, so it was great to receive this message.

Thank you to our coaches and players for the way in which you conducted yourselves at Brunswick..

Photos

The Under 12s and Under 15s will have their team photos taken this Monday 2 June. Can all players please come in their full uniform (i.e. BFC shorts sock and jumper).

Please arrive on time. Training might need to go for an extra 15 minutes or so as we manage the photos. Your Team Managers have further details.

Family night

We are hosting the Club Family night on 14 June. All players and parents are asked to attend as we showcase our girls program to the Club. Your Team Managers have further details.

Fixture

The YJFL has released its fixture through to the end of June.

Its on the last page.

A couple of things to note:

- There are NO games over the long weekend.
- The Under 18 Youthies have a night match on Monday 22 June (instead of Saturday 20 June).
- The Under 12s and 15s are scheduled to play at Eley Park on Sunday 28 June. We are endeavouring to move this game to Morton Park.
- Both the Under 15s and 18s have byes but there is an opportunity for players to play in the other team.

Interleaguers

Some of our girls represented the YJFL on Wednesday night for the first round of the Youth Girls Interleague Championships. Congratulations to Makayla, Mia, Hannah, Tricia and Ayla (U/18's player) who kicked off the evening by playing in the development team. The second game which was the YJFL first team featured Taylah, Gemma and Emily (both U/18's players). Well done to all the girls for the way they played and conducted themselves. I'm sure your families are all very proud of you and it was great to see Blackburn being represented in such a positive manner both on and off the field.



There are no Club games over the long weekend but the interleaguers are playing. They would certainly enjoy your support, so please try and get to a game or two if you are free.

The Interleague fixture is printed on the last page of the newsletter.

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Under 12 match reports

Each week Tim has been diligently writing a match report for our Under 12s.

Round 4 St Mary's at St Mary's

In round 1 St Mary's beat us comfortably so travelling to St Mary's in round 4 would be a test of our improvement. We had 18 players and St Mary's had 14 players. We provided St Mary's with 14 players so it was 16 per side.

The first quarter saw St Mary's slightly on top although we also had significant possession. St Mary's scored a goal which we claimed was touched and which bounced at right angles away from our goal square defender so that was a lucky break for St Mary's.

At quarter time we settled well and the second quarter saw us gain the ascendancy. Our "great wall of china" worked well and we had more possession than St Mary's but just couldn't break through for a goal and this would be the theme of the match.

At half time we emphasised to never give up and we played a terrific third quarter. We had most of the territorial possession with all girls playing great team footy. But again we just couldn't break through for a goal.

At three quarter time the game was in the balance with less than a straight kick separating the teams. Our last quarter saw us throw the proverbial kitchen sink at St Mary's. We dominated possession and had multiple shots at goal. This was a very exciting last quarter but St Mary's were able to hold on. We just couldn't convert on the scoreboard but after quarter time St Mary's didn't have a scoring shot so this bodes well for the future. We were very proud of our girls who showed fantastic improvement. Well done girls!

Round 5: Whitehorse Colts at Eley Park

On a wet and cold morning we had 18 players which was terrific. Whitehorse had 15 players so we gave them one player and played 16 a side. The first quarter was competitive and tight. Our pressure and tackling was good and at quarter time we were narrowly in front.

During the second quarter our field kicking was a feature with the girls really looking for each other and hitting targets. We kicked a goal and held the lead at half time.

The third quarter saw us increase the tempo and play some outstanding football. We kicked 2 goals and at ¾ time held a comfortable lead with all girls contributing to the team effort.

In the last quarter Whitehorse kicked the first goal but we answered. Both teams kicked 2 goals and we recorded a comfortable win. Well done girls!

Round 6: v Glen Iris at Glen Iris

On a great day for football we travelled to Glen Iris to take on the top side. We had 18 players so we played 17 a side with 1 rotation.

The first quarter was relatively even as we had 3 scoring shots to 4. The difference was that we couldn't convert our shots but at quarter time we were well in the game.

However in the second quarter Glen Iris increased the tempo and on their very small ground they dominated territory. Glen Iris kicked 3 goals and at half time we had the job ahead of us.

At half time we set the goal of winning the next quarter. We were very competitive in the third quarter, kicking a point with the great wall of china working well, and Glen Iris only kicking one late goal. Our tackling and defensive pressure went up a notch and we held Glen Iris relatively well.

The last quarter was similar with our effort and determination excellent. Glen Iris kicked 2 very late goals and recorded the win. Our girls tried very hard but were beaten by a better side on the day. We now look forward to next week!

Round 7: v Fitzroy at Eley Park

On a big day for women's' footy we hosted Fitzroy at Eley Park. We had 18 players and Fitzroy 15 players, so we gave Fitzroy 1 player and played 16 per side with 1 rotation.

Fitzroy started strongly and had a very tall ruck who was difficult to counter. However our girls adjusted quickly, our endeavour was excellent and we answered Fitzroy's opening goal. At quarter time it was very even.

During the second quarter our pressure eg tackling, chasing and overall harassment was outstanding, highlighted by the Fitzroy ruck being gang tackled by 2 very determined Blackburn players! Our girls started to gain the ascendancy although this was not yet reflected on the scoreboard.

At half time we highlighted the girls pressure and intensity and emphasised that the game was in the balance. In the third quarter the girls lifted a notch, adding running power to their pressure and intensity. We kicked 2 excellent team goals and at ¾ time held a good lead.

The last quarter was fairly even with Fitzroy kicking 2 goals to our one goal. Our fitness, run and pressure held us in good stead and we recorded a fantastic win. Well done girls!

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Blackburn Junior Representatives

Our junior program is producing some rare talent with five players recently selected to represent Victoria.

A further fourteen players have also been selected to represent the EFL and YJFL in the upcoming Metro Carnival.

Katherine Smith returned from Western Australia in early May as part of the victorious Under 18 Vic Metro team. Having been selected in the team for a third successive year, Katherine was privileged to be Vice Captain and was selected in the all-Australian team.

The winning Coach Wayne Seikman said 'This was a great achievement for a 16 year old to be amongst 17 and 18 year old females'.

Following their success at last year's National Under 16 School Girls Championships, Emily Harley and Gemma Lagioia have both been selected to represent Victoria again at the Championships to be played in July at Geelong.

Before heading to Geelong they will represent the YJFL in its Interleague squad alongside six other Blackburn players in Ayla Williams, Hannah Jacobs, Makayla Glare, Mietta Kendall, Taylah Morton and Tricia Cowan

In our boys program, Sam Harte and Lachie Bugeja have both been selected to represent Victoria at the National Under 15

School Boys Championships in July. The Championships feature some of the best young footballers in the country with many going on to play in the AFL.

Both Lachie and Sam are part of Blackburn's very successful Under 15 Blacks team which has won the EFL's A Grade premiership for the past 4 years. The boys are not only skilled footballers but great leaders. Sam will Captain the EFL's Interleague team which is a huge honour.

Other players selected to represent the EFL include Braeden Yiannaros, Jack Kritopoulous, Jarvis Matuschka, Lachlan Harry, Matthew Laffin, Mathew Warren, Nicholas Sund and Tim Van Twest.

In addition the Club has a number of boys playing at TAC level including Jack Roughsedge, Marcus Young, Peter Alier, Tom Maher, Jackson Wright and Jake Parente.

Our last Blackburn player to be selected in the State Under 15 boys team was Daniel McKenzie.

Daniel went on to play with Oakleigh Chargers before being drafted to St Kilda. He has already played a number of games at the Saints including an outstanding game against the Western Bulldogs just a couple of rounds ago.

Below are Blackburn's five State Representatives from left to right: Lachie Bugeja (SSV U15 boys), Gemma Lagioia (SSV U16 girls) Katherine Smith (Vic Metro U18 girls), Emily Harley (SSV U16 girls) Sam Harte (SSV U15 boys).



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Girls ready to have a ball on football field



Blackburn Football Club players Maya, 10, Gidget, 7, and Abbey, 11, get into the spirit of Auskick.

Picture: STEVE TANNER

THE first girls football centre for Whitehorse has been established, and it's been a big success.

Blackburn Football Club launched the Blackburn Girls NAB Auskick Centre, for primary school-aged girls from Grade 3-6.

The program is the only one of its kind in the municipality.

Club president Pat Mannix said the centre was a major initiative of the club and demonstrated its strong support for girls playing football.

The club has 50 girls who want to sign up this year but it is looking for more to join the Auskick program and its under-18 youth girls' team.

"We're seeing more and more girls wanting to play football so it's great that we can provide opportunities for them to get involved in a fun, all-girl environment," Ms Mannix said.

In a highlight, girls from the centre will play on the MCG on May 24 as part of the AFL Women's Round.

AFL Victoria female football development manager Chylae Kurdas said female football was growing rapidly, with clubs such as Blackburn to be congratulated for developing positive programs that encouraged girls to take up the sport.

There were about 180,000 girls and women playing football and 4200 enrolled in Auskick programs.

To join the Auskick program or to sign up to the club, email blackburnjnr@efl.org.au

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Blackburn Fixture

| Team | Date | Day | Time | Opposition | Venue |
|------|------------|----------|-------|------------|------------------------|
| 18s | 30/05/2015 | | | | BYE |
| 12s | 31/05/2015 | Sunday | 10:00 | Ivanhoe | Eley Park |
| 15s | 31/05/2015 | Sunday | 15:00 | Ashburton | Burwood Reserve Bottom |
| 18s | 13/06/2015 | Saturday | 9:30 | Kew Rovers | Bulleen Park Oval No.1 |
| 12s | 14/06/2015 | Sunday | 10:00 | St Marys | Whatmough Park |
| 15s | 14/06/2015 | Sunday | 13:00 | St Marys W | Whatmough Park |
| 12s | 21/06/2015 | Sunday | 13:00 | Kew Rovers | Stradbroke Park |
| 15s | 21/06/2015 | | | | BYE |
| 18s | 22/06/2015 | Monday | 18:30 | St Marys | Bulleen Park Oval No.1 |
| 18s | 27/06/2015 | Saturday | 10:00 | Seville R | Moreton Park |
| 12s | 28/06/2015 | Sunday | 10:00 | Kew Comets | Eley Park |
| 15s | 28/06/2015 | Sunday | 11:30 | Camberwell | Eley Park |

Interleague Fixture

| Team | Date | Day | Time | Against | At |
|------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 6/06/2015 | Saturday | 10:00 | Northern FL | Eltham Central Park |
| 2 | 6/06/2015 | Saturday | 10:00 | Western | Bulleen Park |
| 1 | 8/06/2015 | Monday | 10:00 | Western | J.J.Holland Park |
| 2 | 8/06/2015 | Monday | 10:00 | South Metro JFL | Boss James Reserve |



Our Under 12s with our friends from Fitzroy.

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