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**# A "win for the ages" at Monbulk**

**# U/17 netball- the win we had to have.**

**# another 15 year old makes senior footie debut.**

**# why we need kids playing sport( yep, that one again)**

**King of the Kids**



***Matt Rosier's 4 goals in a blistering 20 mins put Monbulk to the sword and inspired one of the youngest teams OFC has ever fielded.***

Given that it was the 120th anniversary of the first clash between our clubs and given the pre match loss of a number of senior players the desperate two point victory at Monbulk was absolutely a "win for the ages".

Our Match Committee faced a number of daunting challenges going into the game, including the unavailability of ruckmen Josh Wallis and Sean Atkinson.

That forced selectors to consider using swingman Dale Rohrnman in the ruck, although he'd be the first to concede he's a "break this glass in case of emergency" ruckman .

Further complicating the decision was the fact that Dale could only play half a game, so we would be down one player on the bench in the second half.

Coach Brendan Donovan and his panel also decided to name 15 year old Ned Ford for his first game- even though he was playing a match for his school on Saturday morning . (you can read Ned's amazing story below).

A number of other players were ill so it was a huge gamble to head to Monbulk with a patched-up team- and- well, they pulled it off brilliantly.

## **U17 NETBALL- THE WIN WE HAD TO HAVE**

It was a bit of a "liquorice all sorts" Saturday for the club. We were missing a host of senior footballers and netballers at Monbulk, there was no women's footy and our U/17 netballers actually played Wandin.

This was a key match for the U/17 girls because, after dropping a game to Pakenham's mixed team last week , OFC had fallen below Wandin on the ladder.

The girls were only five rounds into their season but another loss, to a team just above us, would have seen the U/17s start to fall off the pace.

So our girls "came to play" at Monnie and overwhelmed Wandin 30-13 to climb into fourth place on the ladder. You can read the match report below.



*Emily Vidler- helped U/17s to victory then was among the best in C Grade.*

## **Senior Men**

**By Frank Seal**

**The Olinda senior men's side entered the day's play sitting at 1-2 for the season and looking for a much-needed victory in the Pride Round clash against their traditional rival, Monbulk. It was a wet, chilly afternoon but a great opportunity for the Olinda team to assert itself. Coach Brendan Donovan predicted, pregame, that (win or lose) this would be a memorable match.**

**The first quarter began as expected - a tight scrap from the outset - with neither team achieving clean clearances and contested marks nearly impossible in the wet conditions. The game was shaping up to be a ground-level battle. Kicking up-hill in the first term, Olinda performed well, and with goals to Horner, Taylor and Keegan we led by seven points at quarter-time.**

**The second term was similarly scrappy with numerous kicks off the ground and fumbles drawing heat from the opposition. Monbulk gained the upper hand and hit the scoreboard with two majors to nil for the quarter and a one goal lead at half time**



***Noah Desta in the ruck- Noah was one of NINE players in the team who are still eligible for junior football or were eligible as recently as last season.***

**Despite the small deficit, the mood in the Olinda rooms was upbeat. Opting not to dwell on the negatives (illness during the week, injuries, the conditions, one player having to depart at half time to attend a wedding!) each player was intent on fulfilling their role and not let the game slip from their grasp as in previous weeks.**

**The Bloods responded in the third term. With defender Paddy Seymour switching to the ruck, Pat Rosier and Tyler Belloni were repeatedly clean out of the middle, winning the ball, breaking tackles, and belting the ball inside 50 where forwards like Cam Horner were gaining the ascendancy.**

**The back six were combining well, not letting the ball slide past, and giving their opponent no leg-ropes. Matt Rosier imposed himself on the game, he was dangerous at ground-level and deadly out the back of marking contests. A spectacular left-foot snap running toward the pocket gave him his 4<sup>th</sup> goal for the**

quarter. Another major to Lachie Taylor put the Bloods well and truly in the box seat. This brilliant third-quarter performance gave the Bloods a 19-point lead at the final break.

The first half of the final term was even with Olinda players showing intent and sticking to their roles. Mid-way through the quarter each team had kicked a goal and the Bloods, down to just two on the interchange, were looking to hang on. Monbulk managed another one and then - with calls of "blitz" from the coach's box - the Hawks attempted to throw the kitchen sink at Olinda. Monbulk clawed its way back, making up the three goal deficit.

At the 29 minute mark it was a three point game and Olinda was facing an all too familiar situation. A late inside 50 had Olinda hearts in mouths but the resulting shot at goal was saved by full-back Daniel Toma in the goal square. A smart kick-out - long and wide to the boundary - soaked up the final seconds and the sweet sound of the siren saw the Bloods two points clear of their fierce rival and gallant opponent Monbulk.

Monbulk 8.11.59      OFC 9.7.61

Best Players- Mathieu Rosier, Francis Seal, Patrick Rosier, Lachlan Taylor, Cameron Horner, Callum Beattie

Goal Scorers- Matt Rosier 4, Lachlan Taylor 2, Noah Desta 1, Nick Keegan 1, Cam Horner 1.

## Reserves

**We needed this !!!**

Although Monbulk Twos are winless on the bottom of the ladder you can always be sure they'll find something extra for their close rivals OFC.

So going into this game, after three losses, we were entitled to be a bit nervous.

If so, it sure didn't show !

OFC dominated the game from the opening minutes.

Yes it helped to have Josh Wallis making a rare appearance in the Reserves before he had to leave for a social engagement but it was equally the rampaging form of Glenn Stevens with five goals and the inclusion of Oscar Sarafian in defence that made a huge difference.

Oscar seldom makes a bad judgement call and his mobility "up back" was great "plus" for the guys.



***A huge bonus for the Twos- senior ruckman Josh Wallis had another engagement on Saturday but decided to help out the Reserves first. We didn't see Josh lose a single contest.***

**Just a quick note on James (Jimmy) Royle-Young, this guy has "speed to burn" and is equally as confident getting a hard ball as he is breaking the lines. The Hawks struggled to lay a hand on him.**

**Connor Keegan also deserves a mention. Given how competitive his siblings are it should be no surprise to see just how quickly Connor has not only embraced "footy" but taken his game to another level.**

**Despite our slow start to the season we're still only a win out of the Five, lets get on**

a role.



***James Royle-Young- one on three ! Among our best every week and , yes, he did win this contest.***

**Monbulk- 4.6.30 OFC 14.7.91**

**Best Players- Connor Keegan, James Royle-Young, Oscar Sarafian, Liam Dennis, Mitch Low, Ryan Goldberg**

**Goal Scorers- Glenn Stevens 5, George Azzam 2, Anthony Simpson 2, Kegan Clarke 1, Heydon Taylor 1, James Royle-Young 1, Josh Wallis 1, Oliver Clarke 1.**

### **Under 19**

**We are so proud of these guys, week in and week out.**

**With the best players in the group already promoted to senior ranks the kids have had to step up and give 110% each week just to be competitive.**

**Interestingly while the scores have been one sided we enjoy watching the kids because of their never-say-die attitudes.**

**And how good is Tobeh Gaudion-Arrowsmith , This guy's attack on the ball is inspirational and he was clearly the best player on the ground against Monbulk.**



***Tobeh Gaudion-Arrowsmith, best player on the ground during the Monbulk match***

**A huge plus for us has been the form of our top-up players from the U/17s.**

**They play their games on Sundays and many also play school matches so it's a big sacrifice on their behalf to help out the U/19s on Saturdays.**

**From our perspective it's given us a chance to see these young guns in action, Ned Ford, Lachie Bates and now Luca Smith are among the kids turning heads.**



*Luca Smith- the latest U/17 player to turn heads at the higher level.*

**Monbulk 13.11.89    OFC 1.6.12**

**Best Players-Ted Box, Tobeh Gaudion-Arrowsmith, Luca Smith, Liam Humphries,  
Alex Buckingham Brown, Oliver Clarke**

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**HELP WANTED- WE NEED A COUPLE OF EXTRA HANDS TO SHARE THE  
SCOREBOARD RESPONSIBILITIES ON SATURDAYS- TALK TO Rick.**  
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## **NETBALL'S Topsy Turvey Results.**

**Apologies to those who struggled to get a handle on the netball on Saturday.  
Monbulk didn't field a team in D Grade or U/17 ( so our kids played Wandin) and  
there were major player shortages in the higher grades which saw lots of OFC  
women in unusual positions.**

**And then it rained, and rained some more.**

## A Grade

Coach Brie DeJong

Whilst injury and illness saw 5 of the 10 out this week our group were resilient in the game to claw back from 9 down to a draw.

Rhiannon Pendleton and Alice Paget held up the back end of the court working tirelessly on a good calibre of goalers all game.

It was through the steady hands and experience of our mid court that "quality ball" was delivered to our goalers. Inclement weather put massive pressure on ball handling.



*The "old firm" holding firm- Krista, Madi and Alice somehow helped the depleted team eke out a draw against Monbulk.*

Congratulations to Victoria Clark for making her A grade debut. And to Rhi Pendleton for your outstanding efforts, including hanging on to that last rebound!!!

Monbulk 41 OFC41

Best Players- Alice Paget, Krista Carpenter and Madi Taylor.  
Goal Scorers- Hayley Howard 18, Victoria Clark12, Taylah Werner 11.

## B Grade

While the men's senior footy snuck home by two points and the A Grade girls drew in a nail-biting match it's pretty clear our luck ran out in B Grade.

In atrocious conditions we managed just three goals in the second quarter and at half time had just 9 on the board.

Short of players going into the game the afternoon didn't get any better for the girls and everyone is already turning their focus to Beaconsfield this week.

Monbulk 34 OFC 23

Best Players- Kirsten Andrich, Olivia Renshaw, Jessica Horner  
Goal Scorers- Adriana Hawkins 10, Victoria Clark 8, Jessica Horner 5

### C Grade

Brie DeJong

C grade kicked off the day with a dominant performance in the testing weather, the defensive efforts from Sarah Seddon, Cate Anderson and Emily (u17) meant there was plenty of opportunity to convert. We were able to move the ball quickly to the goalers through Jess McCall and Molly O'Bryan where our strength at the post was demonstrated with a 23 goal win. This was a clear representation of high possession, low error netball, the girls should be offended on their efforts, the team to watch.

A whole team effort, stand outs included Jess McCall, Mel Thomas



*C Grade racing to another big win.*

Monbulk 17 OFC 40

Best Players-

**Best Players- Jess McCall, Melanie Thomas, Emily Vidler  
Goal Scorers- Mel Thomas 24, Bindi Bates 16**

### **Under 17.**



***Winners are entitled to be grinners- congrats U/17s.***

**Well if everything went WRONG for the B Grade girls it was the precise opposite for our Juniors.**

**The match clicked perfectly. There was smooth and fast ball movement through the centre which provided our goalers with repeat opportunities.**

**At the other end of the court our defence stifled the Wandin attack, restricting them to just 13 goals. Not bad when you compare it to the 160 goals the Doggies scored in their first three games.**

**OFC 30 Wandin 13**

**Best Players- Harper Scott, Chloe Biggs, Olivia Spence**

**Goal Scorers- Harper Scott 15, Sophie Grima 8, Mera Pringle 7**



*Keira Maher- too strong for Wandin through the middle and in the air.*

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**STORM DAMAGE- could be last chance- the Shire of Yarra Ranges is holding an information session at Sassafra Mechanics Hall (Sassy Hall) on Friday 20 May between 1pm and 5pm.**

**There'll be representatives from the Shire and State Gov agencies to help you with any questions that remain unanswered about storm recovery**

**15 YEAR OLD MAKES SENIOR DEBUT.**

**Ned Ford** has joined that very selective group of players who have debuted in senior footy at just 15 years of age.

But his appearance on the ground at Monbulk became an even bigger deal when it was revealed he'd already played a game for his school ( Yarra Valley) earlier in the day.

Apparently Ned covered 11 kilometres in that earlier match.



***Ned Ford- son of long serving junior president and former player Patrick- debuts in extraordinary circumstances.***

Ned took a couple of well judged marks and did not look out of place at this elite level of the Outer East competition.

The following day he played his third match for the weekend and kicked two goals during the U/17 win over Gembrook-Cockatoo

He joins a prestigious group of OFC champions who started in senior footy at just 15 years of age.

They include Shane Fitzgerald, Andrew Greenall (at Clayton when we played EFL Div 2!), Tim Scott, Seven Willoughby and of course the exciting Tyler Belloni who

debuted at Cranbourne in 2019.



*Shane "Junior" Fitzgerald- was only 15 when he was selected in a key position for a game at Mt Evelyn. He says he found himself on a very fast learning curve. He went on to win a premiership as well as club and league B and Fs.*

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**THANK YOU TO THE STAFF AT ALPINE MOWERS IN MONBULK FOR HELPING US  
RECENTLY WITH AN URGENT SITUATION RE GROUND EQUIPMENT WHICH  
BROKE DOWN.**

WHEN WE SAID WE WERE FROM OFC THEY QUICKLY TRACKED DOWN THE ITEM WE NEEDED AND GAVE IT TO US AT COST PRICE. GOOD PEOPLE.

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## WHY KIDS SHOULD PLAY SPORT (yep, there's more)

The New York Times this week featured a truly disconcerting article about mental health of young people .

In a nutshell researchers have found-

*\* "mental health" has replaced alcohol use, drug taking and unwanted pregnancy as the biggest issues facing 10-24 year olds in the US over the last five years ( so it includes the pre-Covid period)*

*\* the mental health issues often manifest themselves as self-harm (and worse)*

Perhaps predictably there's not one single cause that's been blamed for this malaise. But researchers have also found-

*\* children are going online at a much earlier age, and spending more time online.*

*\* social media is replacing "in person" friendship groups.*

*\* puberty onset is happening at a much earlier age. For example puberty among girls is commonly starting at 12 years of age in America.*

Which all means kids at a very young age are being caught in a crossfire of views and news about image, friendship groups and expectations and the resultant stress has become unbearable.

So the kids need more face to face contact with friends They need a greater sense of self esteem and feelings of "belonging". They need some more structure in their lives.

Any ideas where they might find those "positives" in our local community ?

And we don't even need to get to the next chapter and talk about the wonderful health benefits , and the sense of well being, associated with physical exercise (just google "endorphins").

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**TREV CURRIE'S PIC OF THE WEEK-**



*Yep, OK, it's two weeks old but it's too good not to highlight. Trev's lens has captured the Pakenham player at the apex of his leap. The fact that he's no where near the ball, nor is he watching the pill, shouldn't detract from his very impressive ride on Lachy.*

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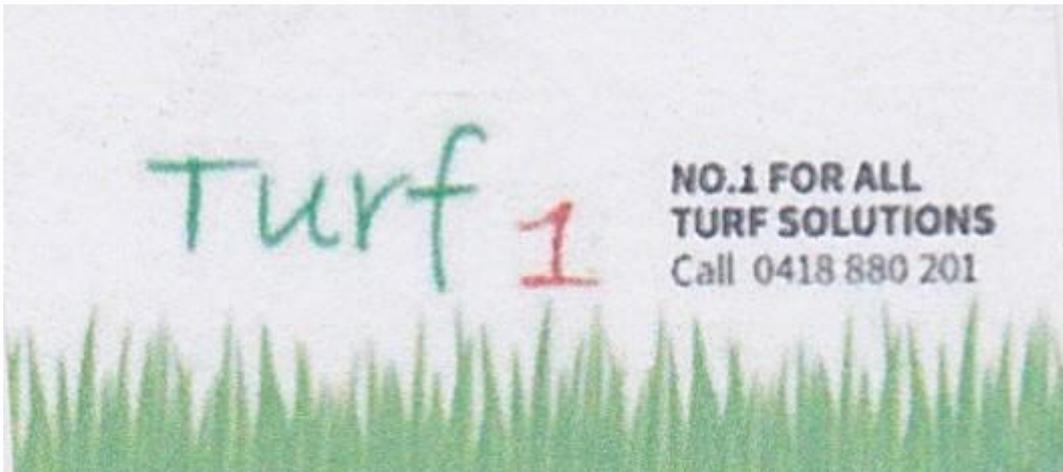
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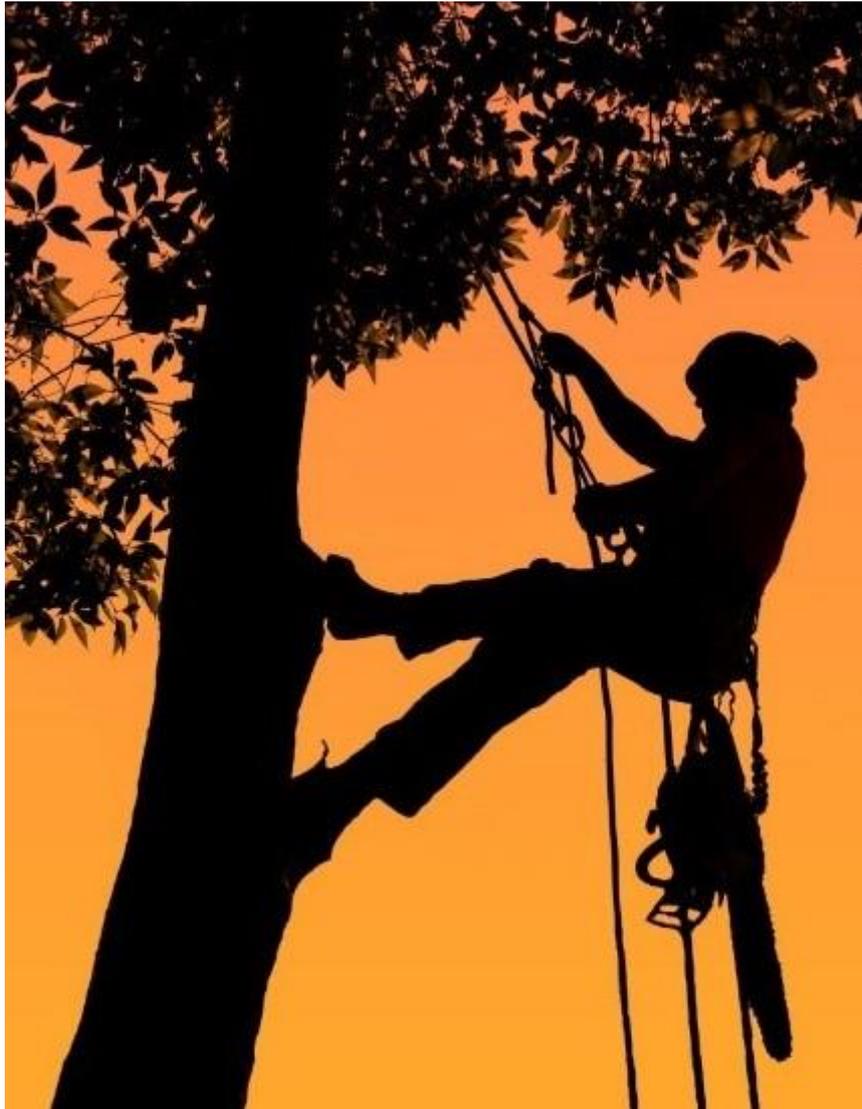


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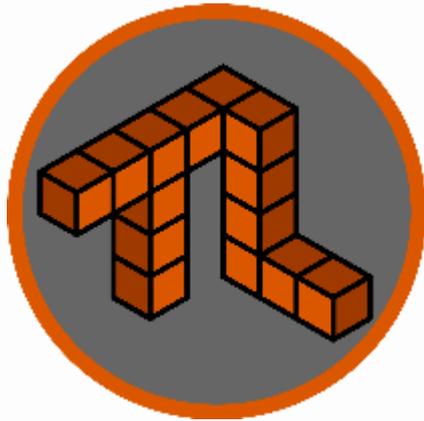
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