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2009 PREMIERS



Rd 1	Belconnen	vs.	Sydney
	16.14 - 110		10.5 - 45
Rd 2	Belconnen	vs.	Tuggeranong
	22.21 - 153		6.12 - 48
Rd 3	Belconnen	vs.	Queanbeyan
	20.13 - 133		7.6 - 49
Rd 4	Belconnen	vs.	Alinga
	5.14 - 44		7.5 - 47
Rd 5	Belconnen	vs.	Eastlake
	9.14 - 68		16.12 - 108
Rd 6	Belconnen	vs.	Sydney
	26.18 - 174		12.12 - 84
Rd 7	Belconnen	vs.	Queanbeyan
	21.12 - 138		11.17 - 83
Rd 8	Belconnen	vs.	Tuggeranong
	22.12 - 144		12.13 - 91
Rd 9	Belconnen	vs.	Alinga
	20.12 - 132		8.11 - 59
Rd 10	Belconnen	vs.	Eastlake
	12.18 - 90		11.9 - 75
Rd 11	Belconnen	vs.	Sydney
	24.13 - 167		6.12 - 48
Rd 12	Belconnen	vs.	Tuggeranong
	19.10 - 124		9.11 - 65
Rd 13	Belconnen	vs.	Queanbeyan
	19.18 - 132		11.8 - 74
Rd 14	Belconnen	vs.	Alinga
	27.7 - 169		14.10 - 94
Rd 15	Belconnen	vs.	Eastlake
	15.16 - 106		10.11 - 71
Rd 16	Belconnen	vs.	Sydney
	12.19 - 91		10.15 - 75
Rd 17	Belconnen	vs.	Tuggeranong
	17.17 - 119		11.5 - 71
Rd 18	Belconnen	vs.	Alinga
	11.15 - 81		16.10 - 106
2nd Sem	Belconnen	vs.	Eastlake
	13.8 - 86		10.11 - 71



GRAND FINAL			
BELCONNEN MAGPIES	2.3	4.7	6.10
11.13 - 79			
AUSLUKE FOOTBALL CLUB	1.2	4.5	7.11
10.13 - 73			

DUTSY WIN

While the score can often tell the story in a Grand Final in this case the 6 point win doesn't do justice to the enormous courage and spirit shown by the Belconnen Magpies on September 5th 2009.

In a sea-sawing match Alinga had captured the ascendancy during the 3rd term and had pushed to a 7 point lead at 3/4 time and were looking with a slight breeze in the last quarter. Alinga further extended their lead to 13 points midway through the final term then won the next centre clearance and it looked as though Belconnen's Premiership race had been run.

Enter Alex Jesaulenko Medalist Josh Jennings who in an inspired last quarter took control of the game in the midfield and together with other Belconnen on-bellies Love, Turnbull, Campbell and Bennett all joined in to work the Magpies back into the contest.

This offered our forwards opportunities that the Alinga defenders couldn't resist. Our tall forwards of Mahay, Raache, Anger all marked strongly and all goalied in the last quarter and when Brock Weston marked and kicked truly from 50 metres Belconnen were in front by 6 points. During a tense last 3 minutes the Magpies repelled Alinga's last attacking moves and held firm under pressure to secure a most memorable victory.

BELCONNEN MAGPIES

GOAL KICKERS
P. RAADTS 3, A. Anger 3, S. MAHAR 2, C. YORK, R. TURNBULL, J. JENNINGS

BEST PLAYERS
J. JENNINGS, P. RAADTS, S. MAHAR, S. Hanning, J. Love, S. CURTIS

History

The history of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club is one that has travelled along many different paths, at times under the one banner, and at other times simultaneously under separate banners. The various clubs in the past, that have been the Belconnen Magpies Football Club have all added their own dimension to our now great football club, and contributed to the character and spirit now experienced by our club's current players, coaches, training staff, and supporters.

The Belconnen Football Club and The West Canberra Football Club amalgamated in the late 80's and early 90's to create the now stronger than ever, Belconnen Magpies Football Club . Both of these clubs possessed their own unique culture, history and also their own origins.



The Belconnen Football Club

The Belconnen Football Club adopted the navy blue jumper and white monogram when it entered the competition in 1971. These colours were chosen to align with the colours used by the Turner Football Club. The different design was to reflect the move to the Belconnen district, a new area, new clubhouse and new future.

In 1987 Belconnen amalgamated with The West Canberra Football Club. They became known as the Belconnen Magpies, and played in the black and white stripes, alternating between the "Shed" and West Canberra's licensed premises in Kippax as their home.

Belconnen reverted back to its navy blue and white colours in 1988 when the amalgamation dissolved and continued to sport these colours until 1990. "The Shed" remained as the Club's base until it was sold in 1989. The club was then based at the Western Districts Rugby club in 1990. In 1991 Belconnen affiliated with the West Canberra Football Club and adopted that club as its home. The famous black and white jumpers were again used until 1998 when the current black, white and teal was adopted. The team was again known as the Belconnen Magpies and still is.



The West Canberra Football Club

The West Canberra Football Club entered the competition in 1974. In keeping with the famous Magpie tradition the club adopted the famous black & white stripes that were previously worn by the Acton Football Club.

In the early years the club did not have a permanent home, however that problem was rectified when stage one of the current clubhouse was completed in 1978. In 1987 West Canberra amalgamated with the Belconnen Football Club. They became known as the Belconnen Magpies, they continued to sport the black and white stripes and alternated between the current clubhouse and Belconnen's clubhouse in Jamison. The amalgamation dissolved in 1987 and the black and white colours were not seen in the ACTAFL competition until 1991 when the Belconnen Football Club affiliated with the West Canberra Football Club, moved its operations to Kippax and the Belconnen Magpies were reborn. The black and white colours remained in use until 1998 when the current black, white, and teal strip was adopted.



The Senior section of the club participates in the AFL Canberra 6 team competition with Seniors, Reserves and U18 teams.

The Sydney Swans Reserves participate in our competition and we are arch rivals, having played them in many finals games with some success and always a highlight of the year is playing curtain-raiser games at either the SCG or ANZ Stadium in the Olympic complex at Homebush.

The club also has 2 teams participate in the Canberra Districts competition that is essentially a social level of footy that our boys take quite seriously and it provides opportunities for those players who are not quite up senior standards &/or still want to continue playing with their mates and enjoy a beer afterwards.

Belconnen Magpies Teams

Seniors

- Played in 10 of the last 12 grand finals,
- Won 4 of last 8 premierships (2002, 03, 04, 09),
- Runner up to the Sydney Swans in 2005/06/08.
- The 2009 premiership was the best in the club's history, down by 13 points 5 minutes into the last quarter the players rallied and fought back to win by 6 points.
- One of the most satisfying points from the game was that 5 of our best 22 missed the game through injury. It was a credit to all involved with the club that we came away with a victory.
- Although not the best team on paper, Belconnen proved that a champion team will always beat a team of champions.

Reserves

- Premiers in 2003 and 2008, and have finished top 3 every year during last 11 years.
- The 2008 grand Final win epitomised the character of the club as the team fought back and held onto a 2 pt win.
- In 2009 the team finished 3rd, although not an excuse, the team was struck hard with injuries to players in 1st grade during the final serious and unfortunately could not reach the grand final.

Under 18s

- Are a combination of junior players from our 2 local clubs, Magpies Juniors and Belconnen Cats with most players being part of the team for 2 years before moving to the Senior / Reserve ranks. Their time in the U18s is focused on their development as individuals and then as a team.
- Played finals 6 times in the past 11 years and after making the preliminary final last year., were able to make the Grand Final this year. Unfortunately they were beaten on the day, but will provide the club with an excellent platform of players over the next two years.

Canberra Districts

- We field teams in 2 divisions each year, and both teams are highly competitive. During the past 11 years the Division 1 team have played in 7 finals series and were premiers in 2001.
- While Div 2 have played in 7 finals campaigns in the last 11 years they were Premiers in 1998 and 2006.

The Women

- Joined the ACTWAFL in 1999 and won the premiership in their first year .The success of the women has continued through the years, with the women playing in 6 finals campaigns.
- The 2008 season was a very successful year and finished the year as Division 2 Premiers.





Training Venues

The Belconnen Magpies Football Club train at Kippax Oval, Holt where the recently elected ACT Labour government has pledged \$2 million to the redevelopment of the facilities, ground resurfacing, new change-rooms, meeting rooms and a training facility incorporating weights room, rehab cool tubs and Football Department offices with a function room upstairs capable of holding 150 people.

AFL NSW/ACT have also provided funding for the proposal which will hopefully be underway in 2010.

The players also train at Canberra International Sport and Aquatic Centre (CISAC) using the **Club Lime** gym which has modern state of the art facilities including extensive weights areas, cardio areas and an Olympic sized swimming pool which is used for Monday night recovery sessions. From the moment you walk into **Club Lime** you will be impressed by its size and openness.

Club Lime has a full compliment of cardio vascular equipment ranging from treadmills rowing machines and elliptical cross trainers.





Senior Coach - Brendan Read

Brendan, or “Bubba” as he is affectionately known, is the youngest family member of the Read family who have been great servants of the Belconnen Football club.

Father Brian, was senior coach from 87 – 90, as well as president and long standing committee member. Mother Helen was a tireless worker in the 90’s and all 3 brothers played 100 games for the Magpies.

“Bubba” brings to the Senior coaching role, extensive playing experience, intimate knowledge of the competition, ability to live in the moment and importantly a great passion as a member of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club. His meticulous planning allows the team to play with a flare and empowerment that players enjoy and results have shown to be successful.

Brendan has played;

- 235 Senior games
- 21 Reserves games
- 40 Under 18 games
- Premiership player in 2002, 2003, 2004
- Reserve Best and Fairest in 2007
- Under 19 competition Best and Fairest in 1993
- Reserves Premiership Playing coach 2008
- Senior Premiership coach 2009





MAGPIES CLUB GROUP



Financial Support

The Belconnen Magpies are fortunate to have the financial support and backing of the Magpies Club Group and a loyal base of sponsors contributing annually to the football club budget. These groups contribute over \$500,000 annually to the football club budget and their strong financial standing is a corner stone to our success.

Magpies Sports Club

The Sports Club In Kippax offers a range of amenities from watching your favorite sporting team on the big screens in our Main Bar or the Westcott Room, a game of pool, a delicious meal in our Bistro or being involved in one of the many team functions held at the Sports Club. After each game all players return to the Sports Club for game day awards and comments from the coaches on the days' results.

The sports club contains over 70 poker machines and has recently gone under a \$1.2m refurbishment .



Magpies Belconnen Golf Club

Offers a premium course and competitive membership prices.

The Club House provides a great view of the course, bar and gaming facilities and an outdoor barbecue with cook your own facilities available.



Magpies Belconnen Golf Club



2009 Award winners

Senior Awards

Best and Fairest

Runner up Best and Fairest

League Runner up Best and Fairest

James Bennett

Andrew Ainger

James Bennett

Reserve Awards

Best and Fairest

Runner up Best and Fairest

Scott Henning

Ben Turnbull

Under 18 Awards

Best and Fairest

Runner up Best and Fairest

Joss Whitford

Cameron Burdett

Division 3 Awards

Best and Fairest

Runner up Best and Fairest

Mark Braybrook

Andrew McIntosh

Division 4 Awards

Best and Fairest

Runner up Best and Fairest

Shane Lees

Jeremy Walker

Womens Awards

Best and Fairest

Runner up Best and Fairest

Elise O'Dea

Genevieve Netting

Perpetual awards

Len Sheedy Memorial Award: "For service to Canberra District Teams"

Josh Dixon

Alan Phillips Memorial Club Person of the Year Award

Andrew Smith

Frank Goddard Rising Star Award

Nick Collins

Manuka Oval.....our home ground.

Canberra's enduring home of Cricket and Australian Rules Football provides a picturesque scene for many do-or-die battles. The annual Prime Minister's XI cricket match and AFL games together with AFL Canberra Senior football are the highlights with the ground often reaching its 15,000 capacity.

The Belconnen Magpies are privileged to have Manuka Oval as its home ground and takes full advantage of playing at least 12 of the 18 H&A games here!!

One of the features of the ground is the Jack Fingleton Scoreboard. This was originally the scoreboard at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, recycled when the MCG installed its first electronic board in the early 1980's. It was relocated to Manuka and named after the late Australian opening batsman who made his career as a political journalist in the corridors of Parliament House, just a few kilometers away.

