



Bullant Banter

2011

Finals

Wrap Up





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The official newsletter of the
Preston Bullants Junior Football Club

Results for Grand Final

Sun 28/Aug

Grand Final U13 Green 10:30 am

Bulleen Park East

Preston Bullants 4.6-30 vs Banyule B 4.9-33

Grand Final Colts 1 2:45 pm

Bulleen Park Oval No.1

Preston Bullants 9.9-63 vs Ivanhoe W 12.12-84

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Call for duty in 2012

Teams in finals, great social functions and 10+ years as a well-respected off and on-field club don't just happen by chance: it takes the work of a dedicated, talented committee to create the opportunities. Please consider joining our great committee next season, we have a number of long-serving members leaving after the next AGM and we need some fresh blood with fresh energy and ideas to continue the great service our club provides to kids of the local community. Please contact me or another committee member for details of positions / jobs available, there are jobs to suit any skill or time you have available.

Grand Final week at the Club is always a very special time, it doesn't matter if this is your first season or you've been part of the furniture for a long time, it's still exciting to be a part of it. The lead-up to the big day is hectic on the training track for the players and coaches, that's a given, with nerves being settled at the same time as motivation being cranked up. Every little bump, scratch, runny nose and niggling pain is treated as a major headline and the medical kits get an intense working out. Off field the work is just as frenetic; we had two run-throughs to make this week so the local paper supply shop saw profits go through the roof from the sales of red crepe paper and sticky tape. To see the looks on the players' faces when they saw how big they were and read the great inspiring words on them was priceless, it certainly made up for the swollen knees and aching backs. Fortunately the weather was great for the unfurling of both of the banners, a little wind but no rain.

The U13s were first up at Bulleen Park East against Banyule, which certainly brought back some happy memories for some of our older parents, who can remember watching their kids play in our club's first Grand Final appearances in U10 and U11 Grand Finals back in 2002. The U13s had the benefit of the week's break leading into the Grand Final, and had put in a lot of extra effort on the training track to be in great shape for their big day. It was an absolutely top-standard game from both teams; several members of the crowd watching were overheard to comment on the skill level being displayed by such young players. In was nip and tuck all day, and both sides were even going into the last quarter. A stiff breeze had picked up at this stage, blowing west to east across the ground, which aided Banyule in locking the ball in their forward line. Preston mounted challenge after challenge to try and get the ball past the centre, but time and again it seemed every time the ball went out onto one flank it was blown back across to the other and back into Banyule's forward line,

who made the most of the opportunity and rushed through three valuable points, which was the only difference between the sides in the end. Well done to all 27 of our players, many of whom have been together since Under 10s, I know you won't give up and will return next season stronger and wiser for the experience. Just because the scoreboard says you didn't win the game doesn't make you losers, far from it, you worked hard and put in your best effort and that's all we ask. Many thanks for a wonderful season to Coach David, Assistant Coach Dennis, Runner Peter and Team Managers Susanna & Tony Martello. Thanks to all the families who have got behind the players and the team this season and provided great support.

It was a leisurely walk back over to Bulleen Park No.1 oval for some to get the best spot for the Colts 1 Grand Final, for others it was a leisurely stroll to one of the local eateries for lunch and refreshments. A great crowd had formed by 2:45pm for the start of the Colts 1 Grand Final between Preston and Ivanhoe, who had met in the second semi final and Preston had narrowly beaten. Despite some off-field distractions which shattered the team as they lost one of their most respected, loved and valuable players, as they had done all season the players quickly re-focused on the job at hand and were primed for the big game. They knew the task was going to be enormous, playing a side who boasted a large number of rep. and private school players, and an extremely large bench. The players never for a second of the game thought they could lose, and it showed in the way they played. I don't think anyone could have walked away from that game on Sunday and felt they had let the club down, or not played their best, you could see it in their eyes and on the faces how much they had put in and how much they wanted to win, not just for themselves but for their coach and the club. That attitude is what we want to encourage in all our players, that it's not necessarily about the win but how much you have personally put in and sacrificed to be

there, how much you want to be part of a team, and how loyal you are to upholding the "Preston Culture" which has been established and proudly upheld for over ten years. This Colts team, in fact the whole squad, have shown in the way they have applied themselves to training since last November and the way they conduct themselves on and off field how much they deserve to hold their heads high and not feel they have let ANYONE down.

My heart also goes out to the wonderful families and supporters of this team, some of them watching their son play junior football for the last time, who endured the game under less than tolerable conditions. To maintain your composure in the face of some disgraceful treatment by other members of the crowd, directed at yourselves, the players and our team officials shows true class, and I personally thank-you for not reacting in a negative manner, and keeping the focus on the players. I will speak more about this at the Colts Presentation Dinner on Friday night.

Well done to Coach George, his assistants Kane, Sean and Paul, trainers Neil and James and Runner Mark on a remarkable effort this season. Thanks to Team Masseuse Robin for helping out on the day, to John Pucci for providing transport, and to all the parents of this team, some who now leave the club, for your support of the players not just this season but for the many years you have been with the club. The way they behave is a reflection on you; you have every right to be proud of them.

Back to Zwar Park for our Grand Final function, which was a great way to wind down and celebrate the efforts of all four of our finals teams, and especially the never-say-die performances of our Grand Finalists. Thanks to everyone that helped out with the setting up and running of the night – Dean and Debbie with set-up/clean-up, Pete, Sam, & Ric.

Finally, a sincere thank-you to the partners of the coaches, team managers and committee members who allow them to spend many hours away from their families so they can help run this amazing club, which gives so much back to so many. Your tolerance and patience is greatly appreciated.

GO BULLANTS FOREVER!

**See you all the the
Presentations:**

**COLTS: Fri September 2,
6:45pm**

**U9 – U15: Sun September 18,
from 10:am
(see page 00)**



Presentation Day

Sunday
September 18

incorporating PBJFC AGM

Northcote Park Football Oval
Westgarth Street
Northcote

9am	–	AGM
10am	–	Tackers
10.40am	–	U10
11.20am	–	U11
12pm	–	LUNCH
1pm	–	U12
1.40pm	–	U13
2.20pm	-	U15

The Committee of the Preston Bullants JFC is excited to announce the formation of a 5 year sponsorship agreement with Ray White Preston. This major deal will enable our club to provide our members with access to the best possible sporting facilities, upgraded equipment and most importantly help keep costs down for families, allowing as many local children as possible the opportunity to play Australian Rules Football at our great club.

As our new major club sponsor, the Ray White Preston logo will be proudly displayed on the back of all our club jumpers.

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Team List

1 Benjamin Augustus
2 Michael Amad
3 James Dickson
4 Thomas Whitfield
5 Karly McNiece
7 Andre Cherubin
8 Marc Botoulas
9 Trent Raymond
11 Matthew Marchi
12 Jack Mansour
13 Julian De Angelis
14 Patrick Sinapi
15 Harvey Jepson

16 Mark Skaf
17 Charlie Moran
18 Liam Sutton
19 Samuel Di Palma
23 Callum Chilcott
24 Kayne Davies
25 Peter Ciavarella
26 Tama Lancaster
27 Matthew Parente
33 Joseph Mansour
37 Marlon Alvaro
42 Giorgio Konstantinidis
43 Andre Botoulas

66 Joel Martello

COACH

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TEAM MANAGERS

Susanna and
Tony Martello
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Goals : Andre Cherubin 3, Michael Amad 1

Best : See below

Helpers : See below

Player Highlights:

I thought the whole team was fantastic and gave their all today. Very well done. I am not going to name individual players for this game as I was so pleased with the attitude and application of everyone. I know many of you would like me to mention what you did because your efforts were fantastic but I am not going to. I told you we win as a group or we lose as a group.

Match Report:

What a wonderful game of junior football this Grand Final was. There was nothing between the sides all day. Banyule had their noses in front, were attacking more in the last quarter with the aid of a wind that was picking up and deserved their win. Congratulations to them and the way they played the game. I was really proud of the way we played and the effort that everyone gave. I was especially pleased with how everyone accepted the challenge of having 9 players on the bench, my decision that every player would get game time and what that meant for the overall game time that players got.

Who would have thought we would have been in a Grand Final when earlier in the year we managed to just beat a side by 4 points who ended up being relegated from green to blue. To be competitive in the green Grand Final a dozen or so games later is a measure of our improvement across the season. What do we put that down to? No doubt we were fitter at the end of the season than at the start. Make sure you don't lose that fitness base over the summer, in fact why not improve it and get even fitter through any or all of running, swimming, riding, boxing and exercises. Life is great when you are fit!!! We continue to build on our game sense and the skills that Dennis was teaching you last season, and no doubt that helped our improvement also.

Thanks to all of the parents for the support that allows the kids to enjoy their footy, particularly the major helpers in Susannah and Tony Martello off the ground and Dennis McNiece and Peter Davies on it. A big thanks to our hard working committee, a tough job really well done.

A special mention to Karly who has played her last Bullants game; you are highly respected and admired by everyone in the group, well done and thanks for your efforts over the years.

See you at the presentation day.

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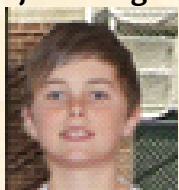
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Grand Final

Review

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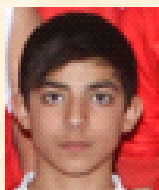
Benjamin Augustus



The speedster, Ben Augustus a key playmaker in the midfield.

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Michael Amad



Marauding Michael Amad so creative at half-forward.

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James Dickson



The crumber James Dickson, leading and crumbing up forward.

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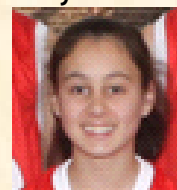
Thomas Whitfield



The talented Mr Tom Whitfield, played with flair all over the ground this year

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Karly McNiece



The reliable one, Karly McNiece, always provides a contest, runs and looks for teammates

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Andre Cherubin



The determined one, Andre Cherubin, hunts the footy all day.

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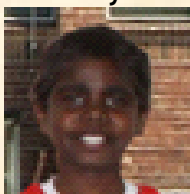
Marc Botoulas



The focused one, Marc Botoulas, starred in the grandfinal.

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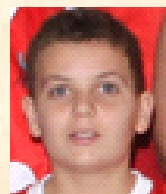
Trent Raymond



Mr creative, Trent Raymond, knows where the goals are.

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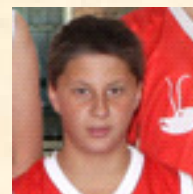
Matthew Marchi



Mr consistent, Matthew Marchi, does his role every week.

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Jack Mansour



The brick, Jack Mansour a wall at full back.

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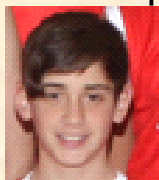
Julian De Angelis



The left glove, Julian De Angelis, wears forwards to the point of frustration.

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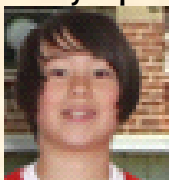
Patrick Sinapi



The leaper, Patrick Sinapi, jumps over tall buildings in the back line.

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Harvey Jepson



Mr enthusiasm, Harvey Jepson, excellent second semi final.

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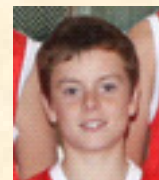
Mark Skaf



The skipper, Mark Skaf, a wonderful mark and magnificent kick.

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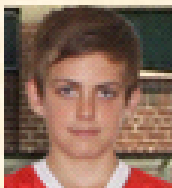
Charlie Moran



Mr nippy, Charlie Moran, a creative running half-back

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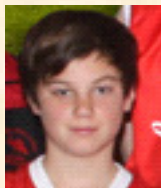
Liam Sutton



Mr versatile, Liam Sutton, can play anywhere, terrific in both finals.

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Samuel Di Palma



The leading Samuel Di Palma, running half forward.

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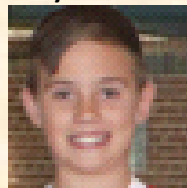
Callum Chilcott



Lively Callum Chilcott nippy and creative.

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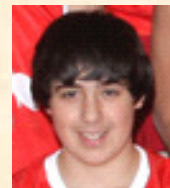
Kayne Davies



The engine, Kayne Davies, wonderful attitude and application.

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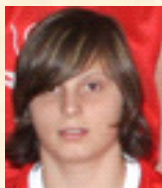
Peter Ciavarella



Prolific Peter Ciavarella, works really hard in the ruck and around the ground.

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Tama Lancaster



The lurker, Tama Lancaster, crumbing forward.

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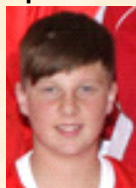
Matthew Parente



The leading, Matthew Parente, starred in the second semi at half forward.

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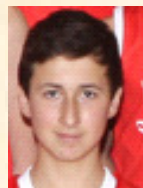
Joseph Mansour



The right glove, Joseph Mansour, wears his opponent so close they nearly choke.

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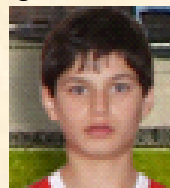
Marlon Alvaro



Marvelous Marlon Alvaro an athletic running ruckman/forward.

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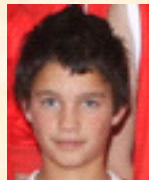
Giorgio Konstantinidis



The winger, Giorgio Konstantinidis, just keeps improving every game.

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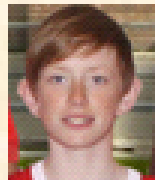
Andre Botoulas



The tackler, Andre Botoulas, dominant in the grandfinal.

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Joel Martello



The reader, Joel Martello, reads the play, marks, runs and has it all.

Coach

David Sutton



Asst Coach

Dennis McNiece



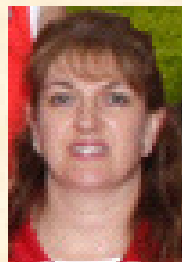
Trainer

Peter Davies



Team Manager

Susanna Martello



Managers Asst.

Tony Martello





'Kerrigans' Colts 1

Team List

1	Cigagna Mark	31	Abdulhadi Joshua
2	Powell Jake	32	Chiodo Adrian
3	Holmes Lachlan	33	Gerard Sutton
4	Marcon Damon	34	34 Hull Jordan
8	Mamone Luke	36	Manaras Harry
10	Hughes Tom	45	Kerrigan Michael
12	Hill Joseph	64	King James
16	Gonnella Adrian	70	Tickner Carl
17	Hammoud Mousty	86	Dalton Sam
18	Reed Jepson	91	Simcoe Harrison
20	Steinicke Paul		
22	Judd Leigh		
26	Baker Luke		

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Goals :

Best : TEAM EFFORT TO THE END

Helpers : Kane Lambert, Neil Langley, James Kerrigan, Mark Langley, Janis Kerrigan, Peter Baker, Jenny Holmes.

AT THE BAR

A: OK Pete, spit it out, I can see you're troubled, my shout.

P: OK, make mine a double. I have a funny taste in my mouth brought about by unresolved issues regarding feelings of entitlement and immorality.

A: Geez mate, I think the funny taste in your mouth is the dictionary you're trying to swallow. Look, I can think of at least 26 reasons why you would be a bit upset and disappointed at how the finals series panned out but you are barking up the wrong tree mate dwelling on the "what ifs" and "maybes". What we saw out at Bulleen Park on Sunday was nothing short of inspiring and that's all that matters. So drink up and let's focus on that.

P: Yeah look, you're probably right. You usually are. Gee wiz the boys put in a brave effort on Sunday. Our rag tag bunch of "no namers" was valiant in defeat against the Ivanhoe "Super Team". The team we put on the park today was the one we started with in round 1 and there is no better team in the league.

A: Too right Pete. In a world that seems focused on a win at all costs mentality it's good to support a group of boys who can conduct themselves with dignity and honour and playing the game with integrity, they're a real example to every one in how to behave, adults included.

P: The way our boys went about it was both a credit to themselves and their 'Coach of the Year' George. Even with 5 minutes to go today they were a chance of pinching the game. I haven't seen a group of boys fight harder to try and win a game as the Bullants on Sunday. Some wasteful kicking early in the match didn't help but the pace was so fast that mistakes were inevitable. With only a few on the bench I think the pace finally took its toll.

A: All our boys were sensational. But the cream rises to the top in finals. I have to make mention of Mark Cigagna. He showed today why he was chosen captain with his best game of the year. Kingy was his usual relentless self, and Gerard Sutton surprised some but certainly not me with a B.O.G. performance. Whilst a few of our bigger names were kept quiet, it meant others were able to rise to the occasion and shine; Jordy Hull, Gonnella, H., Paul and Damon. Well done guys!

P: I feel better already; as usual your wise words of wisdom have enhanced my spirit no end, and have gone a long way to alleviating my feelings of displeasure and disillusionment. I'm sure you've got one last parting shot in you – my shout if it's a good one.

A: That'll be the day. Still swallowing that dictionary? Here's to George and the 2011 Colts. They don't give you a flag to hang up for having integrity, and some clubs wouldn't care either way. But it's always been important at the Bullants. Cheers!!

*It is fitting that the last Match Report of the year come directly from the Coach and to say how appreciative I am for the support of the various contributors to represent appropriate comments and in particular a big thank you for the light relief and interest created by our key contributor – “Andy at the Bar” who still managed to capture the essence of the game as well as provide the smiles we all needed when sometimes we can take this stuff all too seriously. Thanks everyone, **George**.*

I have been asked how I feel and that I must be “gutted” about the loss but I genuinely have “NO REGRETS” – that’s exactly how I feel about Sunday’s game, and I hope everyone else thinks the same way. As I’ve said all season, and if we are going to be true to ourselves we have to live it, believe it, not just talk it, and it’s all about the journey, not the destination. The journey has been fantastic, right to the last minute of the game and I am so proud of this group of young men who have persisted from November last year right through pre-season and to the last Sunday of August with a positive attitude, a closeness that spanned both Colts 1 and 2 squads and to see the friendships formed and the support they all gave each other makes them absolute winners in my eyes. If we don’t believe that, then the season was for nothing.

I’m actually embarrassed to admit I don’t feel in anyway bad that we lost, because I know EVERY player did their best, we took risks but we had faith in each other, and we had to deal with a huge amount of pressure which resulted in some forced skill errors but our attitude and application was the most important thing.

We jumped away to a flyer but unfortunately posted only minor scores until another great piece of play resulted in a long shot at goal to put us back in the game at the first break. The boys were courageous and stuck to the game plan and the rotations worked well to keep our 4 interchange players as fresh as possible. This was another thing that our boys learned and embraced as being part of a planned rotation and they realised that the bench was not a place for poor performance but a period of time to get ready to go again at 100% to give their best for the team. The maturity and control the boys displayed on the field was not only a credit to themselves but to the Club they represented and their family and friends who turned out in numbers to watch them play in the highest standard of Junior football they could play outside of representative football. True to their commitment they aimed to play in a way that the people they cared about the most would be proud of their effort and that is exactly what they did.

The boys gave it their best shot and the little Bullant was still biting in the last quarter, Ivanhoe may have outscored us but they never really beat us.

Colts 1 Grand Final Review

1 Mark Cigagna  CIG – Stood up when needed again. Provided real drive in the mid field and was a real focal point up forward. An inspirational game by the Captain.	2 Jake Powell  DIESEL – had a heavy tag after his great 2nd Semi. Still managed to cut loose and excite his many fans	3 Lachlan Holmes  CUZ – Always eager to put his body on the line and did again on the big stage. Provided plenty of drive in the middle.	4 Damon Marcon  DAMON – left nothing in the tank. Kicked a crucial goal to end the first quarter.	8 Luke Mamone  LUKE M – Had a real presence on the ground and put the fear of god into his opponents. Played hard and partied even harder.
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10 Tom Hughes  HUGHESY – ran hard all day and set up many forward attacks. Turned defence into attack.	12 Joe Hill  MUD – provided a contest up forward and in the ruck. Was the spark in our last quarter effort.	16 Adrian Gonella  GONNELLA – a typical Gonnella game, bold brave Bullant. A real leader who never gave up. Always looking to switch play.	17 Mousty Hammoud  MOUSE – was lively and exciting at full forward. Provided headaches for the ooposition with his speed and leap. Never gave up.	18 Reed Jepson  REED – a late inclusion. Played at both ends of the ground and provided the team a solid contest in the air and at ground level.
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20 Paul Steinicke  PAUL – Played ruck most of the day and never backed down from a contest. A real competitor against bigger older boys. Played a real team game	22 Leigh judd  JUDDY – looked lively when ball was in his area. Worked hard to keep the ball alive in our forward line.	26 Luke Baker  Bakes- unfortunate to miss out. Always and integral part of the team.	31 Joshua Abdulhadi  JOSH – had a real presence all day and was dangerous in the air and at ground level. Was our big target up forward	32 Adrian Chiodo  CHIODO – tried hard all day on their most dangerous forward. Never took a backwards step.
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Gerard Sutton



GEZZA – didn't just cut out a TAC player but absolutely obliterated him. Played the wingers role to perfection.

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Jordan Hull



JORDY – never missed a target as usual. Provided heaps of run from behind.

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Harry Manaras



H – never shuts up. Played with real Preston passion. Involved in some great passages of play.

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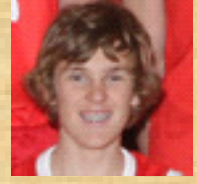
Michael Kerrigan



KERRA – played his role at both ends of the ground. Often matched up on taller, stronger players.

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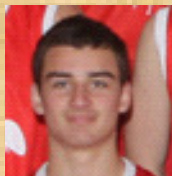
James King



KINGY – was targeted all day but always got back up. Gave us plenty of drive around the ground in a tireless effort.

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Carl Tickner



TICKERS – his pressure up forward was fantastic. Hard at the body and ball, he was unrelenting all day.

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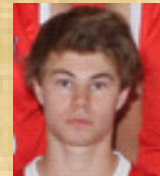
Sam Dalton



BULL – played a brilliant game. Was rock solid of ten under pressure, always made the right decision.

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Harrison Simcoe



SIMMA – had a massive job on his hands and never stopped trying. Provided plenty of run from behind.

Coach

George Wakim



Asst Coach

Kane Lambert



Asst Coach

Sean Calcedo



Asst Coach

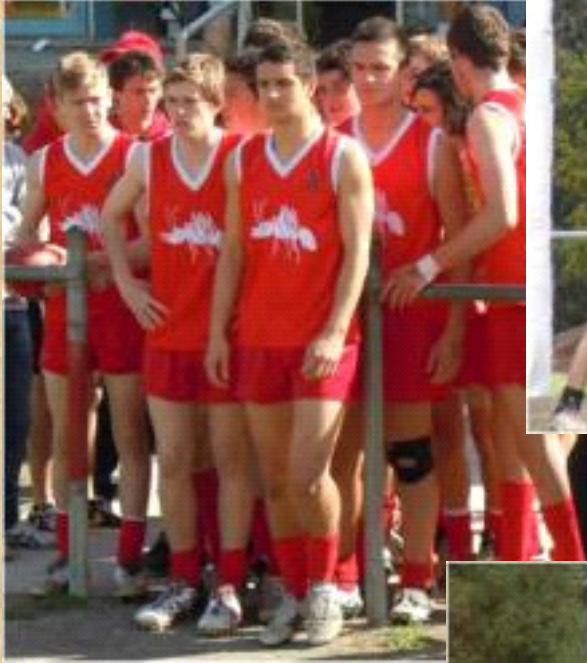
Paul DiRago



Team Manager

David King





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Elimination Final 2

VFL Seniors

Sunday 4 September

Northern Bullants vs Bendigo Bombers

Venue : TEAC Oval

Time : 2:10 pm

Qualifying final

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Saturday 20 Aug

Eltham vs Northcote Park

Venue : Preston City Oval

Time : 9:30 am

Qualifying final

Reserves

Saturday 3 September

Greensborough vs Northcote Park

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Time : 11:50 am



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