



Bullant anter

The official newsletter of the
Preston Bullants Junior Football Club

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Sunday 1st May

1000	Tackers North	Pitcher Park	Parkside W	Vs	Preston Bullants
1000	Under 10 Blue	Donney Reserve	Park Orchard R	Vs	Preston Bullants
1000	Under 11 Red	Zwar Reserve	Preston Bullants	Vs	Brunswick
11:30	Under 12 Blue	Zwar Reserve	Preston Bullants	Vs	Canterbury R
1300	Under 13 Brown	Palmer's Rd Reserve	Hawthorn Citizens 2	Vs	Preston Bullants
BYE	Under 15(3)	BYE	Preston Bullants		BYE
1300	Colts 1	Zwar Reserve	Preston Bullants 1	Vs	Banyule B
1500	Colts 2	Zwar Reserve	Preston Bullants 2	Vs	Beverley Hills

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Map 18, F12

Zwar Park Bruce Street, West Preston
Map 18, F12



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our focus.....



The extended break obviously did a lot of our players the world of good, 7 out of 8 of our teams having victories on Sunday. Special mention to the U15s who scored their first win for the season. Peter Hackney has done an amazing job against some pretty big odds combining the remnants of the U14s/U15s into one cohesive unit; the players have really bonded well and are starting to play to their full potential. The Tackers had their first game on the vast expanses of Preston City Oval and enjoyed the experience immensely, though I'm sure they're nursing some pretty sore legs from all the running! It really is pleasing to see our players not only performing well on the field, but behaving well off-field, showing their coaches and team managers the respect they deserve, training hard, and looking really smart in and wearing with pride their Bullants apparel. This sort of discipline and spirit is what we try to encourage at Preston Bullants, and makes the early starts and long hours for the adults worth the effort.

Congratulations for the Milestone games for Round 3:

**Riley Taylor(U12),
Patrick Sinapi (U13),
Tom Whiffield (U13),
Anthony Pucci (Colts).**

ROUND 3 HELPERS

Thank you to Canteen Managers Nancy and Rita and all the parent helpers. The BBQ was back at PCO, well done to Paul DiRago for his marathon effort in his first time at running the BBQ for the day, continuing a fine family tradition. Special thanks to James and Janis Kerrigan who helped with clean-up.

LATE ARRIVALS AT GAMES

A reminder to parents to PLEASE contact your child's coach/team manager if you are running late for games. Most teams require their players to arrive at least ONE HOUR prior to a game (home or away). If you haven't contacted your coach/team manager and arrive with just minutes to spare, you may find your child has to forfeit their place in the team that week as the emergency will have been contacted and asked to fill in for a player who is assumed absent. It should not be expected that coaches and team managers have to be ringing families to find out whether they are coming or not; they are busy enough on match day organising teams to get on the ground on time. Please show some courtesy, a quick call or text is all it takes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Some dates to start pencilling into your diaries:

PBJFC/Northcote Park Football Club Poker Night
– Saturday May 14 – raising money for our Special Player Allowance Fund.

Player Pizza/Footy Night – T.B.A. (early June).

Team Photos – Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th June.

Annual Dinner Dance – Friday June 14 – Tickets selling SOON.



Deepest sympathies go out to our esteemed Treasurer Sam and the entire Botoulas family on the recent passing of their much-loved Dad and Pappou, Vasilios ("Bill").

The Under 11's on tour at the 'G'2011



'Globalnet' - Tackers

at Preston City Oval Preston Bullants
vs
Ivanhoe B

Team List

36 Fletcher Adcock
16 Leo Amad
6 Alexander Azzopardi
30 Maeve Chaplin
14 Mathew Chilcott
14 Kate Dickson
5 Dylan Epifano
18 Edward Fuggle
31 Alex Johnston
1 Jackson Kane
17 Tomarni Keamy
4 Jackson King
20 Ethan Lowe
12 Darcy McErlain
32 Max Mills
22 Mathew Morabito
15 John Nassis
11 Maivia Pelle-Lopeti
10 Daniel Quattrone
23 Billy Rodda
9 Nicolas Spataro
26 James Taylor
3 Julian Toniazzo
8 Zac Vaiano
29 Anthony Vicendese



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TEAM MANAGER 1

Matthew Vicendese
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TEAM MANAGER 2

Adam Taylor
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Goals : Darcy McErlain 1, Daniel Quattrone 1, Alexander Azzopardi 1, Julian Toniazzo 1

Best : Maeve Chaplin, Kate Dickson, Edward Fuggle, Daniel Quattrone, Fletcher Adcock

Helpers : Mark Lacey - Goal Umpire, Vince Spataro - Umpire Escort / Boundary Official, Nick Nassis - Time Keeper, Rick Kane and Anthony Azzopardi as trainers and Michael Keamy with the oranges.....and of course the Coach and Team managers

Match Report

The Bullants played host to Ivanhoe for their first encounter at their spiritual home 'Preston City Oval'. The conditions were mild with no breeze at all.

The Bullants were under pressure from the first bounce and were up against a good side which showed a lot of pace and some sharp skills. The team was made to chase and there were great examples of desperation for the footy coming from both Maeve and Kate who ran down their opponents in the middle and were rewarded with a free kick. Brodie also applied a great tackle on the last line of defence to stop what was sure to be a goal.

At the quarter time address the coach asked for the team to play man on man football and play in front. The team responded and were a more competitive outfit. Edward was winning the ruck contests and was palming the footy down to Alex who was driving the ball into the forward line. The game was being played on our forward line and as a result came two great goals one to Darcy and the other to Daniel.

After the half time break the Bullants continued with their hard work, the game was very tight and both teams were determined to win the footy. Jackson took a brilliant mark deep in the backline and Leo chased down and caught the opposition in the middle, Alexander was moving the ball well and also kicked a great goal as did Julian who kicked an excellent snap goal. It was a very tight close encounter and a desperate effort from Fletcher to chase and lay a terrific tackle on the last line of defence, saved a goal just before the siren.

The last quarter the side had to defend an attack on the goals from the opposition, the Bullants defence was solid and they managed to prevent Ivanhoe scoring and held on to their lead when the final siren went.

The game was extremely close and the opposition was a very competitive side. The team as a whole played the game in great spirit and every player on the ground contributed to what was a hard fought game and should be congratulated on the fantastic result.

Tim Fuggle



'Smartline' - U/10's

at Preston City Oval

Preston Bullants

7

5

47

vs

Balwyn Y

2

8

20

Team List

3 Ethan Bell
11 Angus Benedict
36 Ezra Blaikie
9 Noah Boon
5 Christian Cholakovski
8 Arben Dani
26 Joshua DiNatale
15 Henry Durran
6 Daniel Habchi
22 Joseph Habchi
20 Daniel Hallett
4 Latrell Hardaway
19 Rory Howard
28 Petar Jakovljevic
32 Samuel Kamolins
23 Isaac Katsouranis
30 Matthew Maiolo
34 Xavier Marino
2 Ethan Miller
1 Jerry Moraitis
7 Dion Mustafa
27 Kale Peters
21 Zac Ray
13 Jackson Sbrissa
25 Jack Shoebridge
17 Jesse Talarico
35 Jackson Tierney
10 Jackson Vangelista



COACH

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TEAM MANAGER 1

Kathryn Moraitis
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Goals : Noah Boon 2, Issac Katsouranis 1, Ethan Bell 1, Christian Cholakovski 1, Angus Benedict 1 and Daniel Hallett 1

Best : Ethan Bell, Ethan Miller, Xavier Marino, Joseph Habchi, Jackson Tierney and Petar Jakovljevic

Helpers : John Cholakovski, Abib Dani, David Miller, Phillip Di Natale, Paul Hallett, Sue Habchi, Teresa Howard, Joe Habchi, Sam Mustafa, John Cholakovski, Catriona Blaikie and Ilijana Jakovljevic

MATCH REPORT

First game back after the school break and it was a real arm wrestle in the first quarter with both sides finding it hard to score. We ran off those extra Easter Eggs in the first quarter because in the second we jumped out of the blocks.

Into the second quarter we started to win the clearances through Joseph, Jack and Angus. When we started to win the clearances we started to run the ball more with Arben, Dion, Angus and Xavier which help set us up for a good win. This was supported by a solid defense from Latrell, Ezra, Tierney and Joshua.

In the last quarter we started to tire and we gave the opposition bit of an opportunity but they couldn't capitalize. Today's game gave us a feel to where we up to with fitness and areas we can work on for the coming week, a good solid team game, well done.

Kathryn, Eugene & Leigh



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'Adriatic' - U/11's

at Schramms Reserve

Preston Bullants

5

2

32

vs

Doncaster

3

6

24

Team List

16 Ali Al-Maliki
43 George Abdallah
27 Philip Arvanitakis
41 Joshua Benetti
8 Robert Catalano
14 Anthony Cavalli
33 Oscar Chaplin
25 Anthony Ciavarella
1 Daniel Copsey
5 Jackson Curic
18 Joshua Fasolo
10 Elijah Gonis
7 Eric Katsikis
17 Alexander Kerin
32 Jarrod Kitto
50 Tyson Lowe
61 Andreas Lunn
36 Daniel McManus
30 Ahmed Ouaida
12 Louis Paolacci
29 Jac Costa Rountos
20 Aidan Sloan
11 Daniel Stefanovski
21 Jackson Stevenson
19 Joshua Torcasio
4 Matthew Webb
9 Liam Webster-McAllister
24 Kevin Woodhouse



COACH

Rod Webb

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ASSISTANT COACH

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TEAM MANAGER 1

Allie Benetti

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Goals : Anthony Cavalli 2, Daniel Copsey 1, Daniel D. 1, Jac Rountos 1

Best : Copsey, Liam, Alex, LA, Jac R, Tyson, Anthony

Helpers : John K, Lou P, Richard, Greg, Jo Copsey, David Lowe, David McManus, Tracey Stevenson, Anna Ciavarella

Match Report

On Sunday the under 11's played an away game against Doncaster. The boys were asked to pay tribute to our Armed Forces and perform a minutes silence to honour our Servicemen and women. Thank you to Doncaster RSL for the opportunity to participate in their commemoration service.

In our game against Doncaster it was decided to go for pace as often as possible and to perform the switch to the fat side of the ground. The plan was working beautifully with Jac R and Liam taking their chances and running at all costs, this paid dividends when Copsey was able to mark go back and slot through a great goal.

In the second quarter the team was reminded that you cannot win by pace alone and the opposition began to get in front. Luckily Torky, Anthony, Tyson and Jarrod kept us in the game.

In the third quarter the boys started to get their hands on the football again as well as run, put another key ingredient into the match which is winning the hard ball, we were starting to see shepherding, we were starting to see bumps and we were starting to tackle. This new harder edge lead by Alex and Andreas was giving the ball carriers time to place their kicks where they wanted and setup opportunities further afield.

When Daniel D and Jac R booted our two goals for the quarter we were brimming with confidence.

The last quarter was highlighted by two goals from (L.A.) Well done Anthony! and a tight defence. The boys down back including Ahmed, Kevin, J.B. and Stevo held on to prevent Doncaster from scoring.

A very satisfying victory boys.

Rodney



'Ararat' - U12's

at Beverley Road

Preston Bullants

14

3

97

vs

Banyule

2

1

13

Team List

4 Riley Arbuckle
30 Harry Atkins
37 Aidan Baynes
12 Oscar Bennett
5 Lachlan Black
36 Saro Blaikie
39 Zackary Delmo
14 Daniel Demarte
7 Lucas Epifano
15 Christian Fakhri
11 Nicholas Fontana
18 Jack Hayes
19 Conor Howard
9 Liam McErlain
23 Max Michelini
3 Ben Mills
21 Sean O'Connell
25 Selim Ozdemir
44 Adi Ramadani
2 Karl Rentos
24 Jorge Soumilas
20 Christen Stella
22 Luke Stella
26 Riley Taylor
1 Max Vaiano
31 Joshua Vicendese
10 Noah Wright
28 Nicholas Zonta



COACH

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ASSISTANT COACH

Ray Epifano
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TEAM MANAGER

Debbie Hayes
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Goals : Zac 3, Daniel 2, Lucas 2, Christian F 2, Christen S 2, Max V 1, Karl 1 and Saro 1

Best : Riley T, Selim, Jack, Harry, Lucas, Christen S and Liam

Helpers : Carlo Michelini, Darren McErlain, Tony Stella, Joe Fakhri, Vince Demarte, Cristina Fontana, Spiro Soumilas

Match Report

Congratulations Riley Taylor on your 50th game and a good game it was, the best you've played all season.

Well done to all players on a great game, you all showed good skills, awesome sportsmanship and terrific team work. It was great to have 8 different goal scorers.

Our marking was very good today, some strong marks taken by Noah, Daniel and Jack. It's also good to see players looking for a target to kick to. Great work by Harry in the ruck, his training is really paying off.

Let's keep on working hard at training and become more skilful as the year goes on.

Don't forget 5 push ups and 5 sit ups every night.

Go Bullants!!



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Antz at a Glance

10 Blue

Ladder After Round 3

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Surrey Park	3	3	0	0	0	0	172	44	390.9	12
2	Balwyn Y	3	2	1	0	0	0	99	72	137.5	8
3	Preston Bullants	3	2	1	0	0	0	145	123	117.9	8
4	Ivanhoe B	3	2	1	0	0	0	52	45	115.6	8
5	Bundoora	3	2	1	0	0	0	120	119	100.8	8
6	Glen Iris N	3	2	1	0	0	0	88	91	96.7	8
7	Park Orchards B	3	1	2	0	0	0	98	91	107.7	4
8	Fitzroy 3	3	1	2	0	0	0	90	125	72.0	4
9	Whitehorse Colts	3	0	3	0	0	0	70	115	60.9	0
10	Canterbury R	3	0	3	0	0	0	70	179	39.1	0

11 Red

Ladder After Round 3

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Brunswick	3	3	0	0	0	0	148	74	200.0	12
2	Kew Rovers	3	2	1	0	0	0	117	99	118.2	8
3	Richmond	3	2	1	0	0	0	105	91	115.4	8
4	Preston Bullants	3	2	1	0	0	0	106	97	109.3	8
5	Surrey Park W	3	1	2	0	0	0	101	101	100.0	4
6	Doncaster	3	1	2	0	0	0	92	104	88.5	4
7	Ashburton B	3	1	2	0	0	0	93	123	75.6	4
8	Glen Iris N	3	0	3	0	0	0	69	142	48.6	0

12 Blue

Ladder After Round 3

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Preston Bullants	3	3	0	0	0	0	205	80	256.3	12
2	Canterbury R	3	3	0	0	0	0	164	66	248.5	12
3	Park Orchards R	3	3	0	0	0	0	153	76	201.3	12
4	Glen Iris N	3	2	1	0	0	0	132	65	203.1	8
5	Whitehorse Colts	3	1	2	0	0	0	122	103	118.5	4
6	Fitzroy 2	3	1	2	0	0	0	114	110	103.6	4
7	Fitzroy 3	3	1	2	0	0	0	84	122	68.9	4
8	Banyule	3	1	2	0	0	0	88	198	44.4	4
9	Parkside	3	0	3	0	0	0	44	121	36.4	0
10	Ashburton G	3	0	3	0	0	0	56	221	25.3	0

13 Brown

Ladder After Round 3

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Macleod B	3	3	0	0	0	0	389	40	972.5	12
2	Glen Iris H	3	3	0	0	0	0	308	65	473.9	12
3	Canterbury B	3	2	1	0	0	0	213	88	242.1	8
4	Fitzroy 1	3	2	1	0	0	0	167	109	153.2	8
5	Hawthorn Citizens 2	3	1	2	0	0	0	167	154	108.4	4
6	Preston Bullants	3	1	2	0	0	0	60	183	32.8	4
7	Balwyn B	3	0	3	0	0	0	44	296	14.9	0
8	Greythorn	3	0	3	0	0	0	31	444	7.0	0

U15 (3)

Ladder After Round 3

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Banyule	3	3	0	0	0	0	430	39	1102.6	12
2	Doncaster Heights	3	3	0	0	0	0	371	119	311.8	12
3	Whitehorse Colts	3	2	1	0	0	0	276	226	122.1	8
4	Boroondara Hawks 2	3	2	1	0	0	0	174	171	101.8	8
5	Preston Bullants	3	1	2	0	0	0	190	279	68.1	4
6	St Marys T	3	1	2	0	0	0	139	254	54.7	4
7	Fitzroy 2	3	0	3	0	0	0	114	368	31.0	0
8	Bundoora	3	0	3	0	0	0	80	318	25.2	0

Colts 1

Ladder After Round 3

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Preston Bullants 1	3	3	0	0	0	0	260	158	164.6	12
2	Banyule B	3	3	0	0	0	0	217	149	145.6	12
3	St Marys 1	3	2	1	0	0	0	286	162	176.5	8
4	Ivanhoe W	3	1	2	0	0	0	258	203	127.1	4
5	Ashburton R	3	1	2	0	0	0	181	202	89.6	4
6	Park Orchards R	3	1	2	0	0	0	124	182	68.1	4
7	Kew Colts Kangaroos	3	1	2	0	0	0	171	280	61.1	4
8	Warrandyte 1	3	0	3	0	0	0	134	295	45.4	0

Colts 3

Ladder After Round 3

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Boroondara Hawks 1	3	3	0	0	0	0	275	110	250.0	12
2	Preston Bullants 2	3	2	1	0	0	0	148	182	81.3	8
3	Fitzroy 1	3	1	2	0	0	0	256	181	141.4	4
4	Greythorn 1	3	1	2	0	0	0	171	207	82.6	4
5	Ivanhoe R	3	1	2	0	0	0	171	244	70.1	4
6	Beverley Hills	3	1	2	0	0	0	170	267	63.7	4

2011

'Adriatic' - U13's

at Preston City Oval

Preston Bullants

4

3

27

vs

Fitzroy 1

3

5

23

Team List

37 Marlon Alvaro
2 Michael Amad
1 Benjamin Augustus
8 Andre Botoulas
43 Marc Botoulas
7 Andre Cherubin
25 Peter Ciavarella
24 Kayne Davies
13 Julian De Angelis
19 Samuel Di Palma
3 James Dickson
15 Harvey Jepson
42 Giorgio Konstantinidis
26 Tama Lancaster
12 Jack Mansour
33 Joseph Mansour
11 Matthew Marchi
66 Joel Martello
5 Karly McNiece
17 Charlie Moran
27 Matthew Parente
9 Trent Raymond
14 Patrick Sinapi
16 Mark Skaf
18 Liam Sutton
4 Thomas Whitfield



COACH

David Sutton
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TEAM MANAGERS

Susanna &
Tony Martello
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Goals : Not this week

Best See below

Helpers : Thanks to all the helpers on match day

Player Highlights:

The continued improvement of George. Andre Cherubin was clearly our best and always gives 100%. Despite being hampered by a sore knee Mark Skaf was terrific. Jack, Charlie, Patrick ,Trent and Karly all did lots of good things in defence. I really liked the shepherd that James applied. Andre B and Marc B both tried their hearts out and showed good discipline.

Match Report

This game was Patrick and Tom's 50th for the Bullants, congratulations to both of them. On a sadder note Tom, Marc and Andre B have lost a grandparent recently so our condolences and thoughts are with them and their families at this time.

We were outclassed by a Fitzroy side that had more ability across the ground than us. I was told by a Fitzroy official that they have moved from three sides last year to two this year and we played their first team. This is always going to be a tough situation for us who have only one side at each age group. I keep saying to our players that our focus is not the scoreboard but developing our skills, learning the game and enjoying our footy.

We allowed the scoreboard to get to us in the second quarter and dropped our heads. I was really pleased with the efforts after half time when I was able to refocus everyone on our three aims mentioned above. I was particularly pleased with looking across the ground when they got the ball and seeing most of our players right next to their opponent. We have made big progress in that area from the first game. There were some excellent individual efforts mentioned above and we also managed our first switch. We will continue to work on those things.

See you at training this week.

David Sutton



'Jakhard' - U15's

at Preston City Oval

Preston Bullants

14

3

87

vs

White Horse Colts

9

4

58

Team List

39 George Bountris
8 Eriah Bidos
16 Daniel D'Addona
21 Aydin Dani
15 Alex Dib
32 Christian Fontana
57 Coen Giali-Brosnan
48 Habib Habchi
49 Thomas Hickland
15 Ali Ibrahim
35 Matthew Karan
5 Arthur Papathanasiou
2 Sam Parlati
81 Arthur Phlorides
23 Dylan Rizza
14 Omar Sakkal
75 James Searle
6 Eray Seker
12 Christian Useinov
13 Jake Wheeldon
3 Jordan Zayat



COACH

Peter Hackney
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TEAM MANAGER 1

Mary Hickland
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TEAM MANAGER 2

Paula Brosnan
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Goals : Jake Wheeldon 3, Christian Useinov 3, Aydin Dani 3, Alex Dib 2, Christian Fontana 2, Eriah Bidois 1

Best : Aydin Dani, Thomas Hickland, Daniel D'addona, Christian Fontanam, Jordan Zayat, Omar Sakkal

Helpers : Again thanks to all the parents who helped out with duties

Match Report

Back at home searching for our first win for the year, we started the match in great fashion with a 6 goal to 1 first quarter. We were getting great drive from the centre with Omar winning the ruck contests providing our on-ballers with first use of the ball. Our focus was to work hard to pressure our opponents & keep the ball in our forward zone. Christian was dangerous up forward, Eriah, Sam & Habib were all doing well in the contests.

Our intensity dropped off in the second quarter as we let our opponents back into the game with 3 consecutive goals. Alex chipped in with 2 goals as our lead was cut back to 12 points at half time despite great work from Panda down back.

Our aim for the 3rd quarter was to improve our running game and handball receives and the boys responded well with Aydin, Tom & Jordan winning the centre breaks finding targets up forward in Jake & Fonty who finished with 2 goals each for the quarter saw us restore our 5 goal lead.

Unfortunately, an injury to a St Marys player early in the last quarter forced the match to be ended as an ambulance was required.

A good result which will hopefully improve the confidence of such a young group of players remembering we have a large majority of boys eligible for Under 14s.

Well done!

Cheers
Peter Hackney

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'JMB Drainage' - Colts 1

at Ivanhoe Park	Preston Bullants	14	6	90
	vs			
	Ivanhoe W	12	12	84

Team List

31 Joshua Abdulhadi
26 Luke Baker
15 Will Barbour
43 Ross Botoulas
17 Zachary Butler
46 Brendan Campbell
32 Adrian Chiodo
5 Mark Cigagna
13 Olsen Clark
41 Matthew Cottier
86 Sam Dalton
24 Damien Delle-Vergini
29 Anthony Gatt
7 Gerard Gilder
16 Adrian Gonnella
9 Lachlan Graham
5 Joseph Hill
3 Lachlan Holmes
10 Thomas Hughes
34 Jordan Hull
18 Reed Jepson
29 Leigh Judd
45 Michael Kerrigan



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TEAM MANAGER 1

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TEAM MANAGER 2

David King
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Goals :

Best : Team Effort

Helpers : Kane Lambert, Mark Langley, Neil Langley, Bill Winchcombe, Peter Baker, David King, Ray Matters, David Stienecke, Mark Eldridge, Rob Gonella

Match Report

Having trained over the break and kept up the fitness the hard work on maintaining the match hardness also paid off as the 1st quarter set up an important and handy lead.

It became a real arm-wrestle after that as Ivanhoe showed their strength, hard tackling and overhead skills and despite them not having a bench they were fit enough to keep up with the high rotation of the Bullants full bench for the first time this season. A pleasing outcome was that even though Ivanhoe did fight back and the lead was regained by them our boys played out yet another high standard Colts 1 game and overcome the gap and took back the lead every time Ivanhoe looked like they were getting on top.

There were a number of players who stood up today and covered a few players who were down on their usual form but the team put together a solid 4 quarter effort and it was good that we did not fade in the last quarter. Having the large bench did mean that players had to deal with the high rotations for the first time this year and it was pleasing that they accepted their role and stuck to the rotations and game plan as they were asked to do.

The result was not only a win but the team spirit and character shown was in the true Bullant tradition and helped in recovering from being behind at various times throughout the match.

The season is still very much in its early days and there is a long way to go in a very high level competition and to be in this position with the early wins is a positive but we cannot afford to drop off the intensity or commitment to ourselves or each other.

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Team List

64 James King
28 Eamonn Maloney
8 Luke Mamone
36 Harry Manaras
4 Damon Marcon
33 Mike Matters
25 Nikolas McNiece
14 Eli Moore
19 Lou Natoli
53 Bill Ouaida
2 Jake Powell
26 Anthony Pucci
14 Joshua Rentos
6 Sam Santo Martino
91 Harrison Simcoe
38 Joshua Sims
42 Moussa Sleiman
20 Paul Steinicke
18 Gerard Sutton
70 Carl Tickner
21 Nathan Winchcombe
25 Oscar Zimmermann



COACH

Ryan Ewing
0419 947 100

ASSISTANT COACH

Vacant

TEAM MANAGER

Vacant

Goals : Cottier 2, Delle-Vergini 2, Kerrigan 2, Maloney, Francis, Hull, Santo Martino

Best : Buttler, Cottier, Francis, Gibbons, Graham, Hull, Kerrigan, Santo Martino

Helpers : John Gatt, Joe Natoli, James Kerrigan, Dean Delle-Vergini, Janis Kerrigan, Lesley Langley

Match Report

After a long time since our last game it was important that we came ready to play and didn't show up still in holiday mode. We had a few inclusions to both colts sides on the Friday but had a couple of outs come Sunday. However we were still extremely confident with the squads that were representing the club.

The first half saw us control the tempo of the match in general play however our disposal inside 50 was not up to standard which in turn meant we wasted a lot of possession inside our half. We were however pleased to go into the long break with the slight lead, knowing we still had plenty of improvement left.

Unfortunately the 3rd term was not our best for the day, leaving to many Ivanhoe players unaccounted for, giving them plenty of scoring opportunities. Fortunately they too didn't put the pressure on the scoreboard and left the door wide open for us to take the game back.

We knew for us to take home the points we were going to have to dig deep in the last quarter. And dig deep we did. Even when Ivanhoe's lead jumped out to over 2 goals late in the term the boys never gave in and their commitment was as strong as ever which was demonstrated by Anthony Pucci, in his 50th game, going back with the flight and cleaning up the behind post that hard that it is still shaking. With well executed set shots under pressure by Damian Delle-Vergini, Eamon Maloney and Jordon Hull to get the scores back level. It looked like it was going to be a draw with the ball bottled in our forward pocket until an Ivanhoe player kicked the ball straight down Michael Kerrigan's throat with less than a minute to go.

With only a point needed to put ourselves back in front Michael went back and kicked truly from the arc slotting it straight through the middle, post high, just before the final siren. It was a fantastic ending to a well fought out game.

Congratulations to all players as there were a lot of terrific and courageous efforts made to ensure we took the 4 points this week.

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Northern Bullants vs Casey Scorpions

Venue **Preston City Oval**

Time **11:00 am**

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Northern Bullants vs. Casey Scorpions

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