



FINALS ABUZZ AND ANU OLD BOYS TAKE ON MASTERS



This weekend is chock-a-block for Griffins past and present with all 3 grades making finals and ANU Old Boys getting in on the action by taking on Masters in their annual clash, 12 for 1pm start Sunday 23 August.

Make sure you get out to support all games and do your bit to ensure the Griffins take away the win and keep in the hunt for the silverware.

For anyone (over 30) interested in playing for the ANU Old Boys, please get in contact with Darryl Symons: darryl.symons@bigpond.com or 0412 542 843.



FINALS FOOTY!

Saturday August 22, 2015

-12pm: ANU Reserves take on Harman Hogs at Football Park.

-2:15pm: ANU Seniors take on Woden Blues at Football Park.

Sunday August 23, 2015

-1:30pm: ANU Women take on Molonglo at Gungahlin Enclosed



Lady Griffs narrowly lose ADFA nail-biter

*By Churchy



Round 5- ANU: 2.4.16 def. by ADFA Ewes: 2.6.18

It was a cracking morning for footy when the women headed to RMC bright and early Saturday for the final home and away game of the year. The now-standard cohort of ring-ins and new players was present to help fill a rare bench – congratulations to Jess Whiting for donning the jersey for the first time this year, and thanks to Lauren VDK both for agreeing to sub in at the last minute yet again, and for wearing my old mouthguard from last season, which frankly deserves some kind of medal. We also enjoyed a solid support crew, including emergencies Lee and Reynolds, and coaching team of Creany, Alan, and Jimbo who came along to coach us before heading off to a game of his own.

Skills were outstanding in the warm-up and we started strong, but we knew we were in for a tough contest when, at the end of the first quarter, the scores were practically drawn at 2-1. Burgess slotted the first major in the second, nailing a tight kick off a free in the 50 and putting us well and truly in the game. There was no rest to be had though as it was clear that ADFA weren't giving anything away, and they came out roaring after a tightly contested first half. Pippa showed outstanding composure in the 50 as she kicked the second goal of the game, and her first for the club (well done Pip!), and at the end of the third we were up 10 points.

Unfortunately, ADFA had a lot to prove and kept us scoreless in the last, as they kicked 2 goals to take the game by a gutting 2 points. While the morale was a little low after the final siren (I heard one girl cried, how embarrassing), there's a lot of positives to take out of the game, especially from some of our newer players who really showed off their improved skills and game sense. Arkie took some great marks, Mads showed ripper second efforts in the defensive 50, and Munners marshalled from a new position on the wing like a pro. Our outstanding dependables Hutch, Nads and Tammie didn't give away an inch across full back, and Burgo, Chow, Roy and Tiger fought a tough battle, each spending 80 full minutes in the midfield. I could list a positive from every member of the team, and while there's always things to build on, we should be proud of our fight and our run.

In the end, it was probably the one-percenters and composure that let us down, something very much to keep in mind as we head into training before our first finals game. I look forward to seeing everyone down at South so we can get prepared for a game against Molonglo who are coming off a bye, and who will be out to earn a spot in the Granny. Well done girls!

Dixon Advisory Player Referral Program



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Dixon Advisory have been long-time supporters of the Griffins. They are a local business offering a range of financial services with very strong and personal ties to our club.

Dixon are always looking at ways to provide ANUAFC members with support and in 2015 have introduced a new Player Referral Program which offers a very generous incentive for you.

If you know anyone in need of financial advice regarding investments, estate planning or superannuation you should refer them to Dixon Advisory to arrange an introductory meeting.

This will be on a no cost, no obligation basis. At that point, you will be eligible for a \$50 reduction in your ANU registration fees.

If this person signs up for ongoing services, Dixon Advisory will pay your entire ANU registration fee.

To match this, ANUAFC will contribute a further \$150 to cover uniform or SRA expenses.

This is a total of up to \$320 value.

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Curtain falls on Magoos' home and away season



***By Will Power**

Rd 18: ANU Reserves def. UC Magpies, 16.13-109 to 2.9-21

The conclusion of the home and away season was played in stunning Jamison where the only thing worse than a pub with no beer was a football ground with no beer.

The Magoos took on the lowly Belconnen with a strong Griff line up providing the team with confidence entering the contest. It was a John Farnham 'last time' for the Magoos as the first final the following week weighed on minds.

The first half was an example of the ebbs and flows of the teams' form for the season, with passages of strong play punctuated with periods of little pressure and a sense of nonchalance. At points in time the Magpies were able to move the ball from one end of the ground to the other with three or four kicks linking up with little pressure.

This was balanced however with strong attacking play from the Griffs. Arch, J Mitch and Crowe all provided run and ensured there were passages of play where a kick from the half back line ended up in the hands of a forward.

You could say Robba wasn't overly happy with the team's play when he reviewed at the main break, and the second half did provide some stronger footy. Lenny, Dunc and Rich worked well together in a three-way rotation through the middle and Duke took some strong grabs and converted truly.

The back six again worked together well and provided a solid foundation for pushes forward.

The Griffs eventually kicked away to a sizeable lead and the siren sounded on an 80-point win. The win brought to an end a very successful season for the Magoos and brings the team up against a strong Harman Hogs side in a game that will leave little room for lapses in skill and pressure.

Rawls inspires strong team victory to mark his 200th

***By Brent Ritchie**

**Rd 18: ANU Seniors
def. UC Magpies.
10.15-75 to 4.5-29**

Two milestones were being celebrated in our round 18 clash against the UC Magpies, with club legend Dean 'Rawlo' Rawlinson, celebrating his 200th match while young whipper-snapper Tom 'Weekend at Bernie's' Larkin was on senior debut. Bern was pumped for his debut with all his Gen Y mates on hand to get around him.



Pegs provided some last words of encouragement, "if in doubt, just call for the trainer!"

Early pressure by the Griffs paid dividends with the ball spending the initial portion of the match in our forward half. Big Boy Leeroy swooped nicely on some crumbs to snap truly to open our account. Cliffy also opened his account in the first and the big forwards looked like they were up for a big day. We took a handy 3 goal lead to the first break.

Although dominant in the second, a return of 2 goals 8 was of concern. Big Boy was marking everything in his domain, but like a golfer using a 1 wood to putt, he was bringing the wrong tools to the job when kicking on goal. Returning club co-Captain Nos was impacting both on and off the scoreboard. A classy left foot goal was reward for great positioning at the contest, a gobful of turf was reward for getting all up in the grill of a few of the UC players. And proving that he is most valuable to the team when he's not touching the football, Frenchy put on a nice block to allow assistant to the Senior Vice-Captain, Singles, to join the goal-kickers list.

A Griff-nap at the start of the 3rd allowed a double order of sausages for the Pies to start the 2nd half. This jolted the boise into action as we regained the ascendancy with 3 goals of our own. The pace and staying power of Vass and Disco had the Pies worried, while the twin towers were still marking everything that came their way. Who would have thought kicking to the advantage of the forwards would make such a difference!?

Distressingly, during the third, the Vassman was forced into a cruelly timed game of 'which end is it coming out of?' as he bolted to the sheds and had to toss for 'head or tails' when it came to which end he was gonna point at the porcelain. Luckily for the big fella his innards settled down and he was able to return to the field unscathed.

The last quarter saw all Rawlo's boyhood dreams realised as he was pushed forward to chase a rare Griff goal. I'm sure there is something to be said here in the vein of old dogs, new tricks, but the old dog did fight valiantly in search of troubling the scorers, but alas 'twas not to be.

All in all the boys got the job done, and celebrated Rawlo's 200th the way it should be. Rawlo has been a great servant of the club and below the sometimes gruff and seemingly grumpy exterior is a bloke who always puts the team first and wears his heart on his tattooed sleeve. Well done mate!

Griffins in profile

Nadia Thorman

Nickname: -Nads, Pacnads, Narrrdia

What's something your fellow griffs might not know about you?

Back in high school I went to nationals for soccer, but as a referee... sadly my playing skills are nowhere near that good.

What's your favourite footy memory?

Definitely the 4th quarter of our grand final in 2013, the crowd was 10 times more vocal than any other Lady Grif game I've played and we were well on top of our opponents in that quarter, we just need the quarter to be a bit longer.

What's something you're looking forward to this year? *We have IPA AFL coming up in a few weeks at work and I'm look forward to showing all my colleagues chicks can play footy too.*

What do you like to do when you're not pulling on the blue and white for the Griffs? *Getting out on my bike... While I may not look it at footy, I'm actually pretty uncoordinated and manage to stack on the smallest things, usually laughing at myself the whole fall to the ground.*

My dream job was (as a child)... *to be a Getaway presenter... sadly I didn't realise for that I would probably have to be Miss Australia first which, let's be honest, was never going to happen.*



Kosta Didimiotis

Nickname: Kosi, Kostafides, Nostral, Nostradamus (and they're just the one's Greg uses...)

What's something your fellow Griffs might not know about you?

In my final year of high school, I played a lead role in the school musical..

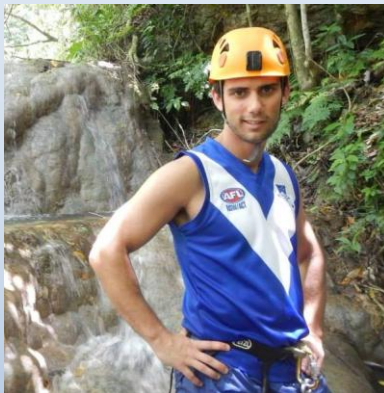
What do you like to do when you're not pulling on the blue and white for the Griffs? *Jamming at home with my guitar!*

Who's your Griffs hero? *Christopher Smith - a man who always pushed me to do better.*

What's your favourite footy memory?

Last three games of the Reserves' season 2014 - 3 wins in 7 days!

If you could have one super power what would it be? *To fly!*



Local and experienced



LONG before Tim Robb was tearing up forward lines for ANU and kicking bags of 10, his father Gary Robb was getting the job done for the Griffs from the midfield.

A former ANU Best and Fairest winner (1975) and tenacious centreman, Gary also brings nearly four decades of legal experience to the Griffins' family, specialising in conveyancing and personal injury litigation.

Gary previously ran his own very successful plaintiff firm in Canberra for 22 years before joining the team at Hill & Rummery in 2013.

With what seems like 400 years of experience, this North Melbourne fan fights the good fight in all areas of personal injury litigation as well as contractual and commercial disputes.

And he can help Griffins players who are buying or selling property to negotiate their way through property law, as well as offering legal advice on workplace accidents and personal injury.

"We're a general practice firm at Hill and Rummery, but we specialise in NSW and ACT conveyancing and personal injury," Gary says

"We offer the Griffins playing group their first interview free for all matters, and then discounted fees in conveyancing."

Gary can help you with: Personal Injury Litigation; Conveyancing; Commercial Leasing and disputes; Sports Law; and naming every North Melbourne premiership, premiership captain and premiership player.

Contact Gary Robb on 6248 9188 or email him at garyrobb@hillrummery.com.au.

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Get kitted up

Season fees:

Students: \$150 (SRA covered)

Non-students: \$170 + \$120 (SRA)
= \$290



Uniform prices:

Playing jersey - \$60

Alternative strip - \$60

Team polo - \$20

Shorts - \$45

Socks - \$15

Training singlet - \$25



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