



Panther Patter 2016

Semi Finals

A Weekly Bulletin for the Penshurst RSL Panthers JAFC

Fixtures: Preliminary Finals – 28th August 2016

Team	Opposition	Ground	Time
U11s	Cronulla Navy	Barden Ridge	09:00 am
U17s	East Coast Eagles	Kanebridge Oval	12:40 pm

Penshurst Pride after last Sunday. Congratulations to our U12s and U14s on both winning and making it through to the Grand Final to be held at Olds Park on Sunday 4th Sept, times will be advised as soon as I have them. Congratulations to our U11s and U17s who also won to go on and fight out the preliminary final this Sunday coming. Please make the effort if you are free to pop down to either field and cheer on our boys and girls. Congratulations to our U15s who bravely fought against Maroubra to suffer a loss, well done on making it to the finals, you should be proud of that.

It is about now that we ask for volunteers to assist on Grand final day. This event is our biggest day of the year and it is because of hosting Grand Final day that we do not have to host a fund raising night throughout the year. It is this time that we ask everyone at the club to volunteer to assist for as little as 1 hour on Grand Final day up at Olds Park. This year is especially important as a significant number of our volunteers are involved with the U17s and if/when they make the Grand Final they will be playing away at Macquarie Oval on grand final day. **So please, please pretty please send our president Louise penshurstpresident@hotmail.com or footy manager Dale dalelea@tpg.com.au an email ASAP to let them know when you are available on grand final day to help. A roster will be put together and we do appreciate every bit of help we can get.**

I will apologise, last week we advertised that the presentation night was going to be held on Saturday the 8th October. We had a significant amount of feedback that due to that being in the school holidays many families would be away and unable to make this night. We want as few people as possible missing out so we have changed the date to the following week Saturday the 15th October 2016. It will still be at our club sponsor Penshurst RSL Club with times still to be confirmed.

Speaking of awards we have had 6 players from Penshurst nominated to receive recognition at the AFL regional awards night next Monday night at the Epping Club. This is no mean feat as these

awards are for players as judged over the whole of the Sydney Harbour competition. Penshurst will be well represented there so please think good thoughts for our boys and more details will follow next week about this night.

Also please don't forget the discounted early bird registration deal available until the 31st December 2016.

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FYI: 2015 Prices Unchanged

Auskick (5's to U8's)	Usually \$110	Early Bird: \$90
U9s – U17	Usually \$145	Early Bird: \$125
Family	Usually \$250	Early Bird: \$220

Bank Details:

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Include: Child's name in the payment transfer.

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When Fox Sports Pulse is open for 2017 registrations, you will be notified to complete your 2017 registration ONLINE.

Thank you for being part of the mighty Penshurst RSL Panthers



Match Results and Reports

Under 11s Vs Miranda

A superb all-round performance from the Panthers in the elimination final against Miranda this week at Gwawley Oval. For the fifth time this year, we faced off against the Bombers and a tight contest ensued for the entire hour in tricky conditions. The lead swapped hands a few times in the first three quarters but the lead wasn't more than a goal at any stage. Only one early goal was kicked in the last quarter by the Panthers, but they defended resolutely in the final stages with the ball parked in the Miranda forward line for a lot of that time, and held on for an outstanding victory.

For the third week in a row the defence has conceded a miserly two goals, and this has been the foundation of our great form this past month. Keep up the effort everyone – one down two to go!!

Under 12s Vs Bangor

Well Boys,

You played a terrific game in front of your families this morning on a beautiful day, in real windy conditions against the Tigers.

Aaron Mick and I, along with your Mum's and Dad's enjoyed the game very, very much. Especially the result.

Against a much spirited defence from the Tigers, which found us behind in the second half, you listened to your coaches, regrouped kept focused on what was necessary then worked well to fight back to get in front.

You stepped up in the third and fourth quarters to get the job done.

Well done men.

We will be training twice again this week, as we make our preparations to the Grand Finals 2016 Men!!!!

Thanks to Garry and Ian for running today.

Rest up Tom and Jordan, ice up.

Shout out to Justin who was crook today, Get well Justo

Congratulations and savour the moment boys, you have worked so well this season and Aaron, Mick and I are stoked with your efforts.

[Tuesday and Thursday lets be disciplined Train hard and continue with our preparation for the Grand Final.](#)

Bring your best game and leave the field with no regrets,

Well done Champions,

Pete, Aaron and Mick

Under 12's Team of Champions

Under 14s Vs Willoughby/Mosman

With the feeling of Finals Football in the air the team traveled to Cherrybrook to take on the season's nemesis in Willoughby/Mosman. Having experienced our only 2 defeats in the home and away season to this team, we knew we had to provide a 4 quarter effort in order to be competitive.

The team welcomed 4 familiar U13 faces (Matt U, Jack, Jordan and Blake) and with a strong bench we were able to keep our rotations going and ensure everyone was fresh. The first quarter was a tough contest but with our strong mid-field group leading the way and delivering quality ball to our forwards we were quickly scoring and dominating field position. Dominic's hard work on the training track was paying immediate dividends with some quality tap-work and it was really pleasing to see Arran leading and working very hard out of the goal square. There were a number

of standout plays and players however it was very pleasing to see such a strong attack on the ball from all players, exemplified fantastically by both Ben's preparedness to run through a would-be shepherd as well as Blake's passion for front on tackling an opponent much larger.

Some very straight kicking from the team and a dominant four quarter performance allowed the team to run out comprehensive winners 11.3.69 to 4.3.27.

We've earned a weekend off and a passage through to the "big show" - couldn't be prouder of this bunch of boy and girls and just really pleased they get to experience a really special day Sunday week.



Under 15s Vs Maroubra

Season over for the U15s. We were beaten by a team that contested and executed (other than their goal kicking) much better on the day. Not much point in dwelling on today's result. In many respects this was the culminated reality of an under-resourced team dealing with another biased draw once again doing its best in a competition grade of football.

While disappointing to bow out today – the season was anything but - including 2 wins against last year's grand finalists (...and 1 against this year's), another 3 wins against ex-Div1 teams, and 2 narrow/gallant losses to the 'unbeatable' Pennant Hills. All that just to qualify for a final series involving two ex-Div1 teams and an unofficial joint-venture between two old south region teams!

Thoughts turn quickly to next year... and of course I couldn't sign off without the usual coaching manifesto for our players to raise their fitness and skill level. There is the prospect of really exciting times in the 'senior' age group... right now... and in the next few years. So the message is prepare well over summer and come back next year and contribute to it!

To the other Club teams still 'alive' on their 2016 seasons... play well and best of luck!! GO PANTHERS!!!



Under 17s Vs Manly/Pittwater

It's a long way to North Narrabeen. At least from Penshurst. Unless you go for windsurfing or yachting you'd really not go there a great deal. But you would go there to watch the mighty Panthers start their finals with a resounding victory.

We started with the news that a few of our boys were still injured including Will Hack, Michael Watson and Josh Rosario. Joel Henderson came in for Will and did an excellent job.

We started a bit scratchily and our forward line was just way too clogged with players. As a result, with a couple of fast breaks Manly - Pittwater scored a couple of quick goals and there were a few worried frowns from the Penshurst set. No need to have been. For after frittering a few shots at goal we hit back hard and from early in the second quarter we looked like the stronger team. When we play as a team there is no better team in the competition.

It was a great workout for our boys. And we should head into our Preliminary final next week confident and strong.

It might be a long way to North Narrabeen, but driving back victorious was pretty sweet.

Penshurst Panthers 12-16-88 to Manly-Pittwater 5-2-32



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