

# MT LOFTY DEVILS

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Welcome back to Stratco Stadium for the first round of the 2015 season against Blackwood. Thankyou to all volunteers, supporters and sponsors of the Mt Lofty Football Club including our match day sponsor – the Crafers Copy Centre.

## From the Club President

Welcome to all Devil supporters, for what looks like being a great 2015. Whether you are young or old, new to the club or a baked on crusty supporter, we hope you enjoy watching the Devils in their return to the HFL Central Division.

We kicked off the season on Thursday night with all grades training at Stratco Stadium, with over 200 junior players, plus our senior teams getting ready for our season opener against Blackwood at home. A big welcome to all the junior Devils and their parents in our modified program, who had their first training for the year. Thanks to our senior players who made an effort to help, and the Sturt Football club for providing two young and exiting league players Levi Krause and Levi Elm.

As per usual, during the off season there has been plenty of things happening around the club and the league. I would like to thank the Junior Committee, and in particular Kerrie and Joe for the unbelievable amount of work they did to give our second under 13 team an opportunity to play every week. Without their behind the scenes efforts from people like these, we wouldn't be half the club we are today. For those of you who venture up into the club rooms, you may notice some changes to the ambiance of the place. Finally we have commenced the first stage of a major plan to upgrade our club rooms to make it a first rate facility. We have formed a subcommittee to oversee the development and will shortly be establishing a fund, dedicated to our facilities upgrade program. Stay tuned for more information about this great initiative.

This year we will continue to acknowledge our heritage, with our senior player's jumpers including a small tribute to our foundation clubs, Stirling and Heathfield Aldgate United (did you know, Heathfield Aldgate United once went 88 games without a loss?).

Once again the Lofty Legends are up and running and as busy as ever, with the reunion day planned for our clash against Mt Barker on Saturday 9 May at Stratco Stadium.

Senior coach Bruce Dawes and the rest of the coaching staff have worked the lads hard over the pre-season, with some new players to add to our Premiership team from last year. Amongst others, we welcome Sean Childs and former Olympic rower, Bryn Coudraye. Unfortunately we have lost Jordan Neis-Beer who ruptured his ACL in the GF and Luke O'Brien during the pre-season. We wish OB and Jordy speedy recoveries. Thanks to Premiership players Scott Woods and Pete Sanders, who announced their retirement. Matt Stapleton has worked out that he can't mindlessly crash into packs in retirement so is making a comeback (take it from me Pipes, you still have at least 5 retirements left in you).

Development of our young player continues to be a priority and we welcome the transition this year of 10 players from senior colts to senior players, including Ben Zampa Jack Hammond, Josh Healey, Adam Carthew, Mikey Telford, Connor Milde, Justin Reed, James Kittel-Neill, Damon Nichols and Angus Winwood.

We are still looking for sponsors and have a new sponsorship program this year with great benefits. Please see Josh Biggs or Helen Hewitt for details.

So get ready for the 2015 season and support the Devils in our well-deserved return to the HFL Central Division.

KYM WELSBY, MLDFC PRESIDENT

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## Coming Up...

### Auskick

**Starts Sunday 3 May  
for 10 weeks**

Stirling Oval  
from 10am till 11am

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For any other enquires please  
contact Jackie Hargreaves  
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### Reunion Day

**Saturday 9 May**

Stay tuned for more details.

## Devil's Barrel Bar

Ice cold beers and a  
selection of local wines  
and bubbles.

## Devil's Grill

Hot food including yiros,  
chips'n'gravy, egg and  
bacon rolls and hamburgers.

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## B Grade 2015

2015 is set to be a very exciting year for the B Grade. We have a great blend of experienced players, up and coming talent and new players to the club this year.

Congratulations to Ben Pohl and Nick Cullen who are the co-captains of the team this season. They well suited to the role due to their understanding of the game, commitment to the team and football ability. We would like to formally welcome Nick Gilbert as the incoming Team Manager, Jonathon Graham (runner) and Brad Hutton (goal umpire) to the extended team for this season.

There is no better test than to take on last year's undefeated premiers team, Blackwood today. What a great opportunity against a quality team. We look forward to the challenge of not only today but the big season ahead!

SCOTT HUFF AND ADAM PENNY,  
B GRADE COACHING STAFF

## Lean, mean U15s 2015

Welcome to Stratco Stadium for the first game of the season back in Division 1.

The lads have had a good preseason and are itching to have a crack at Blackwood.

Congratulations to Will Zampa (C) Mullet Hone (VC) and Reed Stewart (DVC) for their appointments as the team captains as they all show great leadership capabilities, but coach Nick Paech has stressed the need for every player to lead by example at every contest.

The coach has assembled a formidable staff to help the young devils throughout the season.

Jodie Hone as team manager, Bruno as runner, Uncle Rick as the crusty old assistant coach and two trainers in Simone Weeks and Amy Lee Cherie Irrgang.

As always we would like to thank the parents for their support and will be looking to them to help out with goal umpiring, timekeeping etc on game day. So don't be shy, come and see us when you drop the boys off as we would love your help.

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## Under 17s

Dear parents, players and supporters. If you haven't heard, I, Damon Petersen will be coaching the under 17s for the season 2015.

As a team we are looking forward to a good fun season with hopefully a bit of success along the way. Captain is Harvey Petersen. Vice captain is Jesse cooper and deputy vice captain is Ty Langford.

If any parents, players or supporters are willing to get involved and help

me out this year that would be great, each week we have numerous jobs to be done on game day (such as timekeeping and goal umpiring) so I'm sure I can find something for you to do. Thanks, Damon.

DAMON PETERSEN, U17 COACH

## Modifieds Football Season commences in May

We would like to welcome all new and returning families to the club and invite you to join us for the 2015 season with teams competing in the HFL junior league grades: U8, U9, U10, U11 & U13.

Round 1 will be played over the first weekend of May, either Friday 1 May or Saturday 2 May

To train and play football each player will need a mouth guard, a pair of Mt lofty socks and shorts and a guernsey (which will be provided). Club shorts

and socks are available from Sports Power Mt Barker as are football boots and mouth guards.

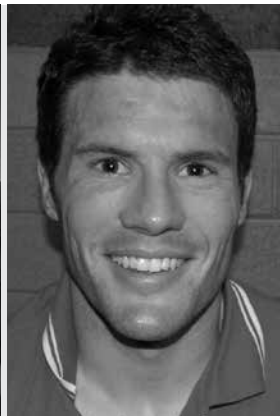
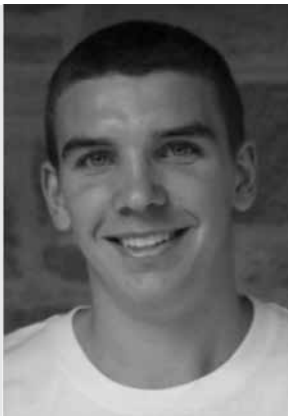
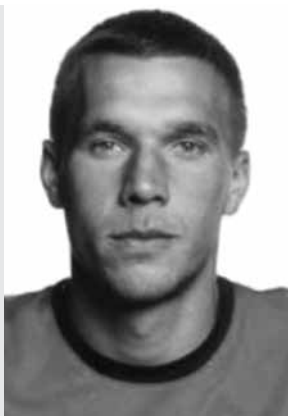
More details on registration and training can be found on the Devils website [www.mtloftydevils.com.au](http://www.mtloftydevils.com.au)

If you need further information please contact Mt Lofty Football Club Junior Coordinators:

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## 2014 Div 2 Premiers

Congratulations to Mt Lofty A-Grade, B-Grade, Senior Colts and Under 13s!



Photos courtesy Mt Barker Courier.

## Milestones

Proudly celebrating the following milestones.



**Joel Van Paridon:**  
50 senior games for Mt Lofty today against Blackwood.

## Coach Profile



### Scott Huff

Coach, Mt Lofty B-Grade

**Nickname:** Huffy

**Favourite Food:** Cheese

**Favourite Footballer:**  
Taylor Walker

**Favourite Song:** Creep by Radiohead

**Funniest player:** Tom Maslin

**Your favourite saying as a coach:** If you fail to prepare then prepare to fail

**Three words that describe the Mt Lofty Football Club:**  
Together, proud, passionate

## 2014 Season Highlights

Congratulations to Mt Lofty A-Grade, B-Grade, Senior Colts and Under 13s for their wins in the Country Courier Cup.



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