

# MT LOFTY DEVILS

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Welcome to all Devil supporters to our Round 5 clash against Mt Barker. A particular warm welcome to our Lofty Legends, who are celebrating the premierships of our foundations clubs - Heathfield/Aldgate in 1975 and Stirling in 1955.

This year we have recognised our foundation clubs with a small tribute on the back of our playing jumpers, and will continue to embrace our past to build a strong club for the future.

Before the A grade today there will be a special presentation with some former champion players presenting the 2014 premiership flags to the captains

of those sides. We thank Mt Barker for enabling us to do this.

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 once again welcome back to Stratco Stadium and we hope all the Lofty Legends enjoy the day.

## From the Senior Coach

The past two weeks we have played games that were in stark contrast to each other. One, that we played well and should have won and the other where we played our worst game of the season and were beaten convincingly.

Against Torrens Valley under lights at home both teams played an extremely physical game. An early injury to Joel Van Paridon didn't help our situation and the first half was a tight affair. Alex Robinson stood a much taller opponent and did a super job down back. Dan Gonzales provided excellent rebounding off half back, setting up many attacking plays. Up forward Mark Nielsen and Ben Pohl contested strongly, but unfortunately too much was left to too few and we went in at half time trailing by 20 points.

In the second half we began to play more team football, with players like Burch, Telford, Clements and Miles contributing effectively, we had patches of brilliant footy, mixed in with errors that cost us but going into the last quarter we were still within striking distance.

The last quarter went goal for goal and we got to within a few points but were unable to hit the front, and ended up going down by 15 points. Leading goal kickers were Frankie Clements and Sam Hammond with 2, and Sam Miles, Mark Nielsen and James Kittel-Neill with 1 each. Best players were Dan Gonzales, Alex Robinson, Sam Miles, Josh Bonython-Wright and Brad Burch.

Moving into our round 4 clash we had

a number of changes, with Hunter Bennett, Joel Van Paridon out through with injury and Mikey Telford awarded a game at Sturt U/18s after solid performances the previous week in our A grade. Coming into the team was Sascha Oehrli and Nick Cullen for their first A grade games of the season and Damo Nicholls for his debut A grade game for the club, (a much deserved opportunity).

Sadly it was one of those games that we are better off forgetting about. With an early ankle injury to Damo Nicholls, followed by an injury to Sam Miles and another ankle injury to Sean Childs we were left with no rotations and an unsettled side.

The positives of the day was the opportunity for boys to play in new positions. Sam Hammond and Innes MacPhail played on ball and both stepped up to their new roles. Brad Burch was outstanding, working all areas of the ground and Alex Weeks on a wing and on the ball contested hard all day. Gutsy Sam Miles was still able to polish off 5 goals whilst injured and was supported by Ben Pohl, Sam Hammond, Mark Nielsen, Innes MacPhail and Sascha Oehrli as our other goal kickers.

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### 100 Club

Can you please put in that 100 club draws start this Saturday night.

Weeks 1-5 to be drawn. \$100 & \$50 prize.

Only a few tickets left.

See Sue or Tom Johnson at the footy today if you want to grab one.

Welcome to our Lofty Legends that are here to help celebrate the 2014 premierships. We look forward to catching up with you after the game in the clubrooms.

Today we take on Mt Barker who have been a strong club over a long period of time and a game that is vital to both clubs. At the best for all of our teams playing today and lets show the "Legends" what we are made of.

Give them Hell

BRUCE DAWES, A-GRADE COACH

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# Mt Lofty District Football Club Annual Reunion - Saturday 9 May 2015

In past years the Club's annual re-union has recognised the anniversary of achievements of the Mt Lofty District Football Club and its heritage clubs. While this will again be the case today, in this important match against Mt. Barker, it was considered by the Lofty Legends Group, formed last season that the focus should be broadened to recognise recent achievements which build on the heritage of Mt Lofty.

The relegation to Country Division, for the first time, in 2014, represented a true test of character and the LL Group, feel that the way in which the players, coaches and officials responded, with 4 Premierships and the resultant return to Central Division, is very worthy of recognition.

Senior Coach, Bruce Dawes and the club at large, however, are very clear in highlighting the challenge ahead to again achieve success in Central Division and today's match against Mt Barker is no exception .

But those no longer responsible for the running of the club are keen to again enjoy their usual re-union, but with a recognition of the work being carried out last year and continuing in season 2015.

Today we celebrate the achievements of the 1955 Stirling A Grade side which won its 3rd Premiership in a row and the Heathfield Aldgate United A Grade, which 20 years later in 1975, won its 4th consecutive Premiership on its way to achieving 88 wins in a row without loss. Stirling was the dominant club of the 1950's and Heathfield Aldgate United built on such domination in the 1970's.

In saluting the club's achievements in 2014 a special presentation immediately prior to today's A Grade match will see champion players from the heritage clubs present the 2014 Premiership flags to the Captains of those sides.

Space restricts detailing their amazing careers, but abridged highlights for each are set out below:

## **Colin Bartlett**

An amazing career from beginning Junior Football at Stirling FC, Colin played with Stirling until 1954, moving to Tasmania and playing in the northern competition in 1955, winning 3 Association Best and Fairest Medals and playing in the first A Grade Premiership side for Georgetown. Returning to Stirling in 1959 Colin then went on to coach Aldgate for 4 years, winning 3 Mail Medals in that time. Moving back to Stirling Colin's career ended with a serious knee injury at the age of 36.

## **John Coventry**

A key member of the Heathfield Aldgate United FC 1975 A Grade Premiership this skilful, determined player, was also a dedicated club man whose career extended from the Heathfield Football Club in 1956 through the outstandingly successful Heathfield Aldgate United Football Club era to be the inaugural Captain of the Mt Lofty District Football Club in the SAFA competition. A Grade Mail Medallist in 1975, winner of 6 A Grade Best and Fairest Trophies with HAU and 2 B Grade B&F's for Mt Lofty, John also Captained HAU and coached the club from 1977 to 1978, achieving Life Membership of HAU and Mt Lofty. He played in an amazing 14 Premiership sides – Heathfield Under 16's, nine A grade Premierships with HAU, one A Grade with Mt Lofty, and 3 B Grade with Mt Lofty.

## **Warren Foster**

Coached Heathfield Aldgate from 1970 to 1974 and again in 1976, a total of 6 years, participating in the Grand Final every year and winning 5 premierships. This followed a very successful SANFL career of 105 League games at South Adelaide and also saw Warren ("Sherg") win the Mail Medal in 1971 and top the HFL Goalkicking with 90 goals in the same year. A Life Member of the SANFL and South Adelaide Football Club (Seniors and B Grade), Sherg also coached the 1973 HFL team (with 10 HAU players) to victory in the then prestigious Lovelock Shield competition.

## **Jack Hampton**

A Life Member of the Heathfield Aldgate United Club, Jack also achieved much in his playing career at local club's as a member of the legendary 1945 Stirling A Grade Premiership side and playing coach of the Mylor Football



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Club. His service to football and Heathfield, Heathfield Aldgate United and Mt Lofty Football Clubs' was enormous as a player, coach and official for many years. Celebrating his 90th birthday last year, his grandson, Josh Healey, made him very proud indeed as a key member of the Senior Colt's Premiership side.

### George Hawthorn

An outstanding 7 times Club Best and Fairest player at Mylor (4), Biggs Flat (2) and Aldgate (1) Football Clubs, George coached the Aldgate Football Club for 2 years until 1965 before its amalgamation with Heathfield in 1966. With HAU moving to the Hills Football League in 1967 he was a key member of the Premiership side in that year and again in 1968 before retiring.

### Reg Hewish

A very determined member of the 1955 Stirling Premiership side and remembered by younger teammates of the times as being "great to play alongside", Reg played from 1948 until 1960 and in several Premierships throughout the outstanding Stirling years. A strong, determined and effective ruck-rover, he showed the same characteristics as a dedicated junior coach and later, an outstanding administrator who was a Committee member at Stirling for 12 years, 7 of them as President before becoming President of the Mt Lofty Football Club from 1991-1994 and 1996.

### Allan Miller

Much respected as a skilful, determined and loyal player and passionate clubman, Allan was another member of the 1955 Stirling A Grade Premiership to make a total 6 Premierships, missing a 7th in 1956 due to injury. His outstanding career commenced with South Adelaide Colts playing between 1948 and 1950 before playing for Stirling where he amassed 237 A Grade games between 1951 and 1964 without playing one B Grade match. Allan also coached the Stirling Football Club in 1961 and was a tireless worker for the club and for Mt Lofty in its formative years.

### Mick Weatherald

Captain-Coach of the undefeated Premiership winning 1975 Heathfield Aldgate United A Grade side, Mick's playing prowess saw him play many years in the HFL and in the SANFL for Sturt and West Adelaide. His ability as a player was recognised with the 1968 Mail Medal playing for HAU after commencing as a junior with Heathfield

FC and being a member of the 1961 Colts Premiership, going on to be a key member of the 1967 and 1968 HAU Premierships. He also coached for many years at the Stirling Football Club and Onkaparinga Football Club as well as Clubs in the SA Amateur Football League and at Sturt and Norwood in the SANFL. The ultimate recognition of Mick's incredible passion for and dedication to both Australian Football and Cricket, was the awarding of the OAM in 2012, so justly deserved.

## 2015 Club Captains

### A Grade Co-Captains

**Sam Miles** – a brilliant player who graduated from Mt Lofty juniors to A Grade before joining Sturt Football Club where he played 20 League matches and many brilliant Reserves matches in his 7 years at the club. Since resuming with Mt Lofty in 2013 he has now won the Club Best and Fairest in the previous 2 years as Co-Captain and capped off a brilliant 2014 by winning the HFL Mail Medal.

**David "DK" Stevens** – a "tough as nails" player who has played his entire career with Mt Lofty since commencing as an under 8, DK has been an integral part of the club and was a member of the 2006, 2007 and 2008 HFL A Grade Premiership sides. As Co-Captain with Sam, DK is currently working on recovery from a serious knee injury suffered in this season's first trial game.

### B Grade Co-Captains

**Nick Cullen** – the epitome of hard-at-the-ball, Nick has played with Mt Lofty since Under 8s and is the consummate team man.

**Ben Pohl** – Ben saw the light some years ago and left Bridgewater to play for Mt Lofty. His skills in front of goal are matched by his commitment to his team and his club.

### Senior Colts

**Harvey Petersen** – has played with the Devils all his junior career. Harvey stepped up to the role of captain this season and is leading by example with his on-ground performances.

### Junior Colts

**Will Zampa** – a great junior footballer and club person. We look forward to watching Will guide his team this season as captain and for many more years to come as a player.



# Milestones

Proudly celebrating the following milestones.



**Brendan Hone:**  
50 senior games for Mt Lofty last week against Lobethal.

# Auskick

Mt Lofty Auskick going well with 32 children registered. This Sunday Mother's Day Longest Kick comp is on, with Mum's also participating in the session. 10am till 11am at Stirling Oval. Everyone welcome, not to late to register [aflauskick.com.au](http://aflauskick.com.au)

# Look alikes



# B Grade

We welcome the Barkeroos to Stratco stadium and look forward to a great afternoon of footy.

Another hard fought win last week over Lobethal on their home deck was a great effort by all. We are really impressed with the younger guys being able to play consistent footy in only their first season of seniors and we are continually improving each week together. With both senior Mt Barker teams having a win last week we are sure to have our hands full again today. Go and get 'em Devils!

SCOTTY AND SPENDA

# Coming up on the Devil's calendar...

See Facebook and the website for more details.

## Next home game... Saturday 23 May

Ladies Day  
Mt Lofty v Echunga

## Next week... Saturday 16 May

Away at Uraidla

## Saturday 23 May Ladies Day

## Saturday 20 June Ladies Night

## Saturday 25 July Quiz Night

## Saturday 22 August Beef & Burgundy

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A breathalyzer has been installed in the clubrooms near the Heathfield-Aldgate United trophy case. If you have a drink at the club, please make sure you are safe to drive.

# Devil's Barrel Bar

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