

MT LOFTY DEVILS

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Welcome all Devil supporters to the local grudge match against the Thunderers, and a special warm welcome to all our Under 13's players and their parents. We hope you have a great family night up at the club.

We've had a couple of big weeks with the Ladies Long Lunch and Ladies Night recently. Both were hugely successful and enjoyed by all, particularly our new A-Grade backman, Lachy Medhurst. A big thanks for all those involved in organising these important events. More events are coming up, so keep an eye of our website and Facebook page and continue supporting the Devils. Injuries continue to plague our senior group and we have resorted to bringing

a few players, who should know better, out of retirement. Our junior teams continue to perform well and we have had a number make their senior debuts this year which is a great indication of our junior program.

We are still looking for sponsors and have a new sponsorship program this year with great benefits. Thanks again to our major sponsors Allstate Solar and the Stirling Hotel.

A Grade

Welcome to Round 11 and the much anticipated rematch with our long- time rivals Ironbank. The previous encounter in Round 2 was a highlight for our young Devils A Grade side with a commanding 50 point victory.

Both sides have had mixed results since and the boys are expecting a much tougher Ironbank opponent this week. The last two weeks have provided some challenging times for our side with disappointing losses to both Onkas and Blackwood.

Positives include the form of some of our youngsters, many still in high school or in their first years of senior football. Ben Zampa, James Kittel-Neill, Adam Carthew and Mikey Telford have all played some good senior footy in the past month. Harvey Petersen, our 2015 Senior Colts Captain, made his debut last week against Blackwood and stepped up to the challenge admirably, finding plenty of the footy across half back and displaying the talent which is exciting for the future of our club.

A big welcome to Matthew Newell and Lachlan Medhurst who have made their club debuts in the past few weeks, whilst they find some form and make their returns from injuries in the hope of getting back into the Sturt Senior squads where they have been training for majority of the year. Lachlan showed his potential with a solid game across half back against Blackwood. Congratulations also to Frank Clements who represented the

HFL in the Interleague match up over the long weekend.

As a whole the boys form over the past few weeks has been disappointing and as a playing group we are not satisfied with our performances. Training numbers need to continue to stay up if we are to see any improvements in the latter stages of the year.

Now is the time for people to show what they've got and there are certainly plenty of opportunities for those guys currently doing well in the lower grades to push for selection and stake their claim. Injuries are not treating us kindly but it provides the opportunity for other players to show leadership and take on the opportunity.

Off field the boys have had a few good social outings starting with a visit to Bounce Fitness during the bye weekend. Old man Bruce Dawes showed he still has some spring left in the legs showing up all of the boys in the trampoline dunk comp. He wasn't so agile in the trampoline dodgeball competition while many of the other boys were holding nothing back in some match ups against some local Adelaide netball teams.

Last weekend was our annual Ladies Night with special mentions to Ben

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Coming up...

See Facebook and the website for more details.

Next game...

Saturday 11 July

At Mt Pleasant Oval v Torrens Valley

Next home game...

Saturday 18 July

Mt Lofty v Lobethal

Saturday 25 July

Quiz Night

Saturday 22 August

Beef & Burgundy

Pohl, Shaun Gould, Jono Downes, Damo Petersen and everyone else who helped organize a hugely successful night. The boys put on a good show with best player mentions to 'rookie' Lachlan Medhurst, 'Olympian' Bryn Coudraye, Alex 'Copperfield' Robinson and Tom 'David Jones' Zampa. Young Ben 'SchoolBoy' Zampa impressed the ladies to take home the coveted Mr Mt Lofty award.

Looking forward to seeing some more on and off field success by season's end.

MARK NIELSEN

Senior Colts

Hi to all devils fans and players, just a quick update on what's happened in the under 17s in the last two weeks.

Against Onkas two games ago we had a really good win, we were down at every break but managed to kick 7 goals straight in the 3rd and last term to give us the W. Last week we had a tough loss against Blackwood. But the boys showed some real promise and a lot of fitness in the last half which is a good sign. Also last week we had our captain Harvey Petersen go up and play

his first A-grade game, not only did Harvey get 3rd best in our game but he then got 5th best in the A-grade. Great work Harves!

Hopefully we can play some more good footy against Ironbank this week. Cheers.

DAMON PETERSEN, U17'S COACH



On Tuesday night, the Senior Colts group welcomed Port Adelaide Football Club players Brad Ebert, Kane Mitchell and Cameron O'Shea to Heathfield as part of the Power's community program. The Port boys had a chat with the group prior to training and hopefully imparted some knowledge which will spur the Devils on to a finals appearance this season.

Mini Colts

A big day today for U13 players and families with both teams at Heathfield, BBQ duties and U13s family night in the clubrooms from 6pm following the Country game.

We've learnt a lot about the two competitions over the last couple of months - namely the Centrals comp is not as strong as we thought it might be (with the notable exception of Blackwood) whilst the County comp is stronger than we thought. The result has been a series of lop-sided wins for our Centrals boys while the Country lads have had a real battle on their hands each week. Win, lose or draw we have been very impressed with the efforts of all the boys - big numbers to training, loads of enthusiasm and consistent improvement week by week. Looking forward to continued improvement in the second half of the season. At least we now know what we're up against.

Hard luck to the Centrals team - going down to Blackwood by 8 points in the Courier Cup last week. We had plenty of the footy but couldn't find a way through Blackwood's flood. A bit of work to do there but, take heart boys, we can beat them. What counts is that we learn from our defeats and come out stronger next time.

The Country boys will be looking for a big improvement against Birdwood this week. We have a strong side in and looking to rattle a few cages in the second half of the draw. Give 'em hell Devils.

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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.

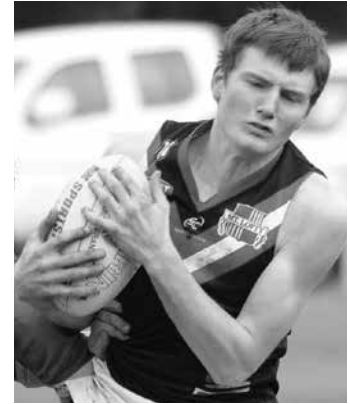
The Mt Lofty Devils congratulate Tom "TJ" Johnson on his new job as a TV journalist based in Broken Hill and wish him all the very best. TJ will be missed on and off the oval.



Photos courtesy Mt Barker Courier.



Player Profile



Tom Johnson

Nickname: TJ,
Great Wall of Johnson

No. of years at Mt Lofty: 16

Favourite Footballer: Will
Langford, Tom Maslin a close
second

**Favourite Song at the
moment:** 'Anaconda' - Nicki
Minaj

Your funniest teammate:
Steve Drake

**Which teammate has the
most annoying habit:** Matt
Stuart bringing out vintage 90's
guernseys to training

**Your teammate's favourite
saying:** "Skittlebombs all
round!" - Darcy "Skittles"
Skittles

Best dressed teammate:
David Jones

**Teammate most likely
to take a crook 'selfie':**
Ben Johnson takes shockers
and thinks we don't notice

**Your most memorable
moment at the club:** Any over
the top goal celebration

**Teammate you would
trade to Central Broken Hill
Magpies:** Ben Pohl

**Teammate most likely to
front a rockband:** Jarrad Elliot

**Who would you let date
your first born daughter:**
Joel van Paridon

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Mt Lofty Football Club:**
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Lofty Legends Adelaide Oval Tour, Saturday 11 July

The Adelaide Oval Tours take you behind the scenes to the inner workings of this iconic ground. You will be guided through the stadium by our expert volunteer guides whose passion for the oval is infectious and their stories captivating.

Meet at Stirling Oval 9am to catch "Vin's Bus" for 90 minute Guided Tour (covering approx. 2.5km) at 10.30am and arrive back at Stirling around 1.15pm.

Cost is \$25 for Lofty Legends, MLDFC and 100 Club members. \$17 for concession card holders. \$30 for non-members.

www.adelaideoval.com.au

RSVP Tuesday 30 June 2015, please contact Haydn Cutting on 8339 2295 or 0409 088 565 to book your place.

This is sure to be a great day and past Stirling A Grade player, Vin Pistola, is kindly donating his time and a bus from his Vin's Adelaide Bus and Coach Hire fleet which makes it very affordable.

If you would like to extend the enjoyment, we will book tables for lunch or coffees at Mt. Lofty Sponsor Restaurant Tranquilo (TQ's), in Stirling, with past player, Matt Smith.



MLDFC's regular Food Critic Shaun Gould rates the Canteen offerings from away games.

Venue: Blackwood FC

Woods Dog



'The Woods Dog was a shining light on a dark day for the Devs'

Beef and Salad Roll



"The Beef and Salad Roll was a healthy pre-game alternative for some'

Chips 'n' Gravy



'The Blackwood Canteen has sat atop the rankings of the HFL Canteen Critic Association for many years and on this occasion did not disappoint.'

Milestones

Proudly celebrating the following milestones.



Sam Hammond:

50 senior games for Mt Lofty last week against Blackwood.



Josh Bonython-Wright:

50 senior games for Mt Lofty today against Ironbank.

Devil's Grill

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