

# MT LOFTY DEVILS

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Welcome to all Devil and Demon supporters to Stratco Stadium for the round 15 clash - there are no saints at the ground today.

We are well and truly in the back half of the year now, and while our A's are struggling we are managing to blood a number of local youngsters. So the future is looking pretty bright. Our Senior and Junior Colts are vying for a place in the finals and our mini colts are sitting second with a percentage of 91.58.

Injuries continue to plague our senior group and we wish them all a speedy recovery, including our co-captain Sam Miles, who has undergone knee surgery.

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## A Grade

Welcome to Uraidla for our second to last home match of the year. Last time we met the Demons we had a close match and we look forward to another tight battle today.

The last few weeks have proved testing with disappointing losses to both Lobethal and Mt Barker. We have been competitive early within each match but then disappointingly fallen away after half time. We are committed to producing a four quarter effort this week against our long time rivals.

Positive contributors over the last few weeks have been the evergreen Brad Burch, who has once again been in vintage form this season and continues to battle hard every week. Daniel Gonzales has been finding plenty of the footy in his new role in the midfield whilst Lachy Medhurst and Sascha Oehrli have been consistent performers. Hunter Bennett enjoyed the scrappy conditions against Mt Barker and found himself at the bottom of many packs.

On a positive note our B Grade side have been performing very well in recent weeks and look to have set themselves up for finals football. Their success is aided by a significant number of players having been exposed to A grade football this season, helping to improve their overall game. Over the

final weeks of the minor round we need to continue to get the most out of ourselves both at training and on Saturday's. This starts this week against another top side in Uraidla.

We have had a few ripping social events over the past fortnight starting with the Pong Tournament two weeks ago. A massive success, we had a huge turnout, some great costumes and the atmosphere was electric throughout the entire tournament. The Grand Final was a memorable moment in MLFC social history with the crowd going wild with every play. Commentators Maslin, Miles and Dawes kept the crowd entertained and informed whilst DJ Million \$ kept us all on our toes. Congratulations to the young bucks who 'brought the Heat' and took out the crown and well done to Sascha and Weeksy for organizing what will now become an annual event.

Last week was our annual Quiz Night with a solid turnout of over 100 people. After some brain busting trivia a tight finish lead to 'Mud and Friends' taking home the victory, and

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### Devil's Grill

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

### Coming up...

See Facebook and the website for more details.

#### Next game...

**Saturday 8 August**

At Echunga

#### Next home game...

**Saturday 15 August**

Mt Lofty v Hahndorf

#### Saturday 22 August

**Beef & Burgundy**

for some members of this team a rare three-peat of quiz night success. Thanks again to SMiles for providing the questions, Shaun Gould for helping with organization and to everyone who attended a fun evening.

We look forward to seeing as many players and supporters getting around each other in the final stages of the season and hopefully celebrating a couple of wins tonight in the clubrooms.

MARK NIELSEN

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# B Grade

The Devils have strung 3 wins together in recent times with a nail biting victory against 3rd placed Lobethal being a highlight. Last week was a pleasing 30 point win against Mt Barker in very windy conditions.

Matt Stuart and Ben Zampa continued their rich vein of form and were supported ably by the team. Unfortunately, from 'friendly fire', Brendan Hone was a casualty in a heavy collision, breaking his collar bone and we wish him a speedy recovery. We will need to display the kind of commitment he displayed last week to get over a seasoned Uraidla squad today. The result will be significant in the race for a top three spot and we look forward to the contest against one of our traditional rivals.

SCOTT HUFF & ADAM 'SPENDA' PENNY



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

### Venue: Mt Barker FC

#### Roo Burger



'Not too bad. Could have been really nice but the frozen patty was still a bit cold'

#### Steak Sandwich



'Uncle Rick said it was alright'

#### Hot Dog



'Wendy's style, which was a strong point with this critic. Almost scored 4'

# Junior Colts

Mt. Lofty had a trainer back in the '80s. His name was Tom Watson, he was in his 70's when I started playing senior football and was around the club for many years. I would love to share with you the many stories of this hard old bastard with hands like bricks, but I only have room for one.

As a young bloke playing against men I, on occasions shirked the contest, there is no greater shame. Old Tom told me one night when he was busting out a corky, "nothing good comes easy ", I gave him an enquiring look, he went on " To know in yourself that you have given every effort, that you have played with pride, that is the result that counts, and if you do that, the score will look after itself". The 15s, 17s and Bs have finals to play for, but seem content to put in minimal effort in the vague hope of success. We have 4 weeks to reverse this malaise and put some soul back into the devils. Tom had it right, "nothing good comes easy"

PLAY LIKE A DEVIL

### Devil's Grill

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

### Devil's Barrel Bar

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

### Don't Drink Drive

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.

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## Player Profile



### **Bruce Dawes** **A-Grade Coach**

**Nickname:** Bruiser (such a hard footballer...)

**No. of years at Mt Lofty:** 38

**Favourite Footballer:**  
Cyril Rioli

**Favourite Pre-Game Meal:**  
Wife's Spaghetti Bolognaise

**Favourite Song at the moment:** Stand By Me

**Your funniest teammate:**  
Tom Maslin

**Which teammate has the most annoying habit:** Trent Wingard, more girlfriends birthday dinners than the rest of the team combined to miss training

**Who would you want kicking for goal after the siren to win the game:**  
Kym Welsby

**Your teammate/coaches favourite saying:**  
Please, Please, Please

**Teammate most likely to take a crook 'selfie':**  
Tom Zampa

**Your most memorable moment at the club:** 2006 Premiership as Player, 2014 Premiership as Coach

**Teammate you would trade to Bridgewater:** Leith Dawes

**Teammate most likely to front a rockband:** Sam Miles, loves the big stage

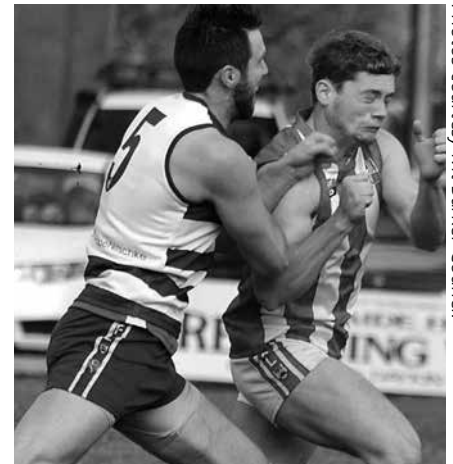
**Who would you let date your first born daughter:**  
Mikey Telford

# 2015 Devil's Year Book

The Devil's 2015 Year Book will include all 16 teams, Auskick, Lofty Legends, volunteers and other groups and individuals that actively add to the running of this very large club.

The cost of the magazine is \$20. Please place your orders and make payment to your child's team manager. We would appreciate payment when you order.

Pre-ordered copies will be available at end-of-year presentations.



Photos courtesy Mt Barker Courier.





Beef  
and  
Burgundy  
Saturday  
August  
22nd

**Beef and Burgundy Dinner**

**Date:** Saturday 22 August **Time:** 6.30pm **Venue:** Mt Lofty Clubrooms **Cost:** \$30 per person

**Bring a bottle of wine** to auction on the night. There will also be a silent auction.

**Bookings are essential** for catering purposes.

**For more info and tickets:**

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