

# MT LOFTY DEVILS

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 2017

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MT LOFTY V TORRENS VALLEY

Welcome back to Arkaba Oval for Round 15 against Torrens Valley. Thanks to all our volunteers and club partners including today's match day partner and sponsor, Aldgate Pump Hotel.

## A Grade

Our hard work this season is starting to pay off with a fantastic win against Mt Barker two weekends ago. We have shown some promising signs over the preceding games without getting over the line, so it was awesome for the group to be able to finish off strongly with the win.

The first half was a close encounter with a few wasted chances for both teams. Again, some of our younger players stood up with Sam Naughton taking some crucial intercept marks and Luke Orbons playing a solid defensive role. But it was the senior players who were dominant in Mark Nielsen picking off or spoiling many of Mt Barker's forward entries and Brad Burch getting plenty of clearances at the stoppages. Down by two points at three-quarter time, we knew we had to

lift our intensity. Three straight goals to Wes Weeks, Harry Simmons and best on ground Sam Miles sealed the win for us, with a few nervous moments towards the end!

Congratulations to club Life Member and champion Brad Burch as he equals the club record for A-Grade games played this week with 256. We feel confident as a senior group that we celebrate it with a win.

SCOTT MADSEN, A-GRADE COACH

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## Coming up...

Visit the club website or check out the Mt Lofty Devils Facebook page for more information.

- AUG 05** Women's A Grade (6pm) at Angle Vale
- AUG 06** SANFL U12s (12pm) at Arkaba Oval v Woodville South
- AUG 06** Women's B Grade (1pm) at Ironbank
- AUG 12** U13s, U15s, U17s, senior men's teams at Lobethal
- AUG 12** Family Cabaret
- AUG 13** Women's B Grade (1pm) v Nairne and A Grade (3pm) v Greenacres at Arkaba Oval
- AUG 06** SANFL U12s (12pm) at Colonel Light Gardens
- AUG 19** Chairman's Lunch



## FAMILY CABARET

8.00PM SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2017

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## B Grade

Extremely proud of last week's effort against the higher placed Mt Barker.

We came into it with added experience – in games and age. Most encouraging however was less reliance on the experienced players with the youth shining through. James Telford again shone along with Brad Riemelmoser and Jam Molloy managed three sausage rolls. Special mention to Josh Callaghan playing his second game for the day and first senior game of football. When the pressure was on he stood up which was great to see.

It was an arm wrestle all day with both sides getting small breaks that were clawed back just as quickly. Some smart ball usage helped cement our lead in tense times during the last quarter. The lead changed multiple times and we were up by one point when the final siren sounded. The win keeps our finals chances alive and puts pressure on the teams above.

Today we play Torrens Valley – a team also fighting for fifth place – in a make or break game for both sides.

Looking forward to another clean sweep of all grades!!

TOM MORGAN, B-GRADE COACH

## Women Bs

The Women's Supa B's have only two games remaining for the season and it's amazing to see how far they have progressed with their football.

Tomorrow with only one of our three captains playing for us, Alicia Covino will lead the girls from the front in what should be a ripper match against neighbouring Hills rivals Ironbank on their small deck, a match we have been looking forward to for weeks now.

In a double header next Sunday 13 August we take on Nairne at 1pm here at the Devil Dome to finish off the minor rounds – followed by the A Grade women at 3pm against Greenacres.

Come out and to watch and cheer us on. We would LOVE to have heaps of support out to see out our inaugural season.

Good Luck to all the teams today, Also good luck to Adam Carthew in your 50th game today and to Brad Burch on equalling Leith Dawes' record 256 A Grade games for Mt Lofty.

Give 'em Hell Devs

MEGAN BILLERWELL, B-GRADE COACH

## Senior Colts

Welcome all to Arkaba Oval.

The Senior Colts have enjoyed good wins in the last two rounds. In a thrilling game against Echunga, the boys came from three goals down with seven minutes remaining to snatch the win by two points. And after a 32-point loss against Mt Barker earlier in the season, we turned around to score a 52-point win this time around.

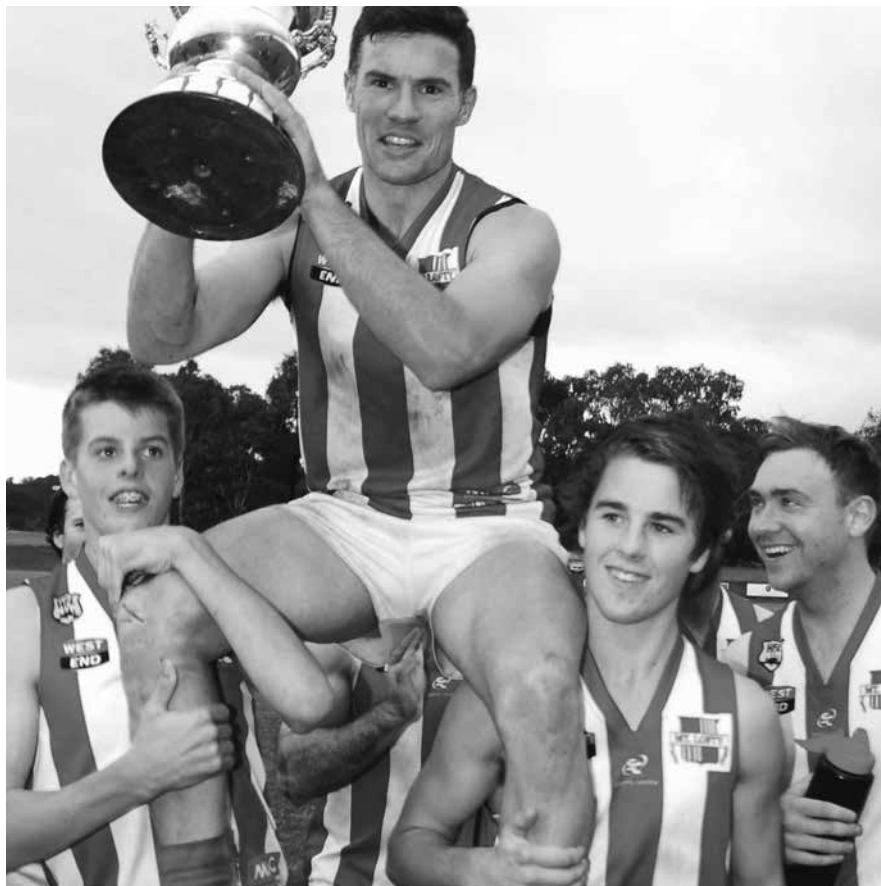
The team has come a very long way from the start of the season thanks to our coaches and support staff – Chris McTaggart, Glen Turner, Jon Jordan and Jason Whitwell. Special thanks also to all the parents that helped to run the canteen and BBQ and the boys on the score board at the last home game.

Best players and goal kickers have been spread out over the last couple of games and this is a good thing as it shows we are a team that helps each other out when possible.

With only four rounds to go until finals we need all players to get out to training twice a week or to let the coaches know if you can't make it.

Good luck today to all teams. It would be great to see players from all teams upstairs for meals and presentations.

MARK O'MALLEY



## Milestones

Adam 'Carty' Carthew will play his 50th senior game for the Mt Lofty Devils while Brad Burch's historic 2017 season will reach another significant moment.

Playing alongside young Carty in today's clash against Torrens Valley, the veteran midfielder will equal fellow club legend Leith Dawes' Mt Lofty record of 256 A-grade matches.

Leith and Brad were both part of the club's drought-breaking 2006 premiership success at Balhannah Oval. Following that famous match, defensive stalwart Dawes fittingly called time on his 20-year career at A-grade level.

After joining one of the club's greats at the current record mark, Burchy is in line to surpass Leith on next Saturday's trip to Lobethal.

**Left:** 2014 Premiership winners - Adam Carthew (left) and Mikey Telford carry Brad Burch from the ground.

# SANFL Under 12s

The boys have had mixed results over the past 6 rounds with 3 wins and 3 losses.

These include a strong performance against top side Colonel Light Gardens where we scored the highest losing score against this team this season so far. A strong away win against SMOSH West Lakes, a narrow two-point loss against second placed Glenunga at home, a shock and wake up away loss to Blackwood and two gutsy away wins against two clubs we are in a battle with to finish in the top four, Henley and Hectorville.

The boys are finding this year challenging and I feel that it has brought the greatest year-to-year transition in their football careers so far with playing on full size ovals, playing

against sides being coached to win and the strategies employed to achieve a win, playing with leather balls and playing consistent good footy over the entire season to maintain their position on the ladder. They are rising to the challenge and a win against bottom placed Woodville South at home at 12pm this Sunday will guarantee us a place in the finals.

I must congratulate our captain Loch Rawlinson on making the State U12 team that travels to Darwin next week to compete in the National Championships and wish him all the best. I would also like to make a special mention to my trusty assistant coach

and great club man Tom Zampa for his support this year. Also to team runner Jason Jiggins and dad Beda Scharpf who attend every training session. Their assistance at training with fetching balls, moving cones and collecting bibs saves time which means we can achieve more at training and therefore it fast tracks the boys development.

In closing I would like to wish the best of luck for all Devils teams fighting hard to play finals this year and encourage all Devils fans to come out in the remaining games to help them get over line and play Finals Footy.

PETER PIASENTE, U12 COACH

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## U10 Squad

The high numbers of players moving up from U9 to U10 this year allowed us to field two teams. We also had some new recruits which boosted numbers, some who had played before and some new to the game.

Our approach for the U10 squad was to train as one squad of 32 players for the purpose of developing skills, working with new and different team mates and allowing a wider range of practice drills, including competitive and game simulations.

Early in the season the focus was more on basic skills – accurate kicking, hand ball, marking, using non preferred sides for disposal and we also focussed on tackling techniques, seeing it was a new rule for all players. As the season progressed we introduced new game strategies, including switching play, zone defence, evasion and playing on (all with varying degrees of success). It has been pleasing to see all players adopt these skills and techniques, to some degree in game situations.

For some games we swapped players between the two U10 teams to give the boys a chance to play with different players and styles, and to help them adapt for future years of footy where you won't always play in the same team.

The other important aspect to modified rules footy is having fun, playing as part of a team and showing good sportsmanship. The focus is not always about winning, but being competitive, trying hard, doing the teams things (one percenters) and having fun.

They are a pretty competitive bunch, so winning usually equals having fun. Other enjoyable parts of the team experience include sharing the

captaincy around, congratulating stand out efforts as a team, singing the club song after wins and the boys have introduced a ritual for a winning captain – give them a drink bottle “shower” while singing the song after the game... not my idea of fun! But it appears that half the fun is being part of a team, out there with your mates, kicking the ball around.

### U10 Red

In terms of results the Red team has been competitive in every game, with our most memorable wins against Onkaparinga Valley, both Hahndorf teams and Blackwood. Mt Barker was our nemesis side with two losses and two draws. I have been impressed with the effort our players apply over the full four quarters and we always finish the game as the stronger side. We have been even or won every second half this year.

Our team motto is “to be first to the ball” and all players put this into practice in the game situations. The adaptation to tackling has been solid and we play a high pressure style of football which has been the most impressive outcome for the year. We have struggled a bit with clearances, given most other teams often bring a similar level of pressure – but this will improve with experience and is solid foundation for future years.

Overall, it has been a fun and rewarding year and I have been very

happy with the team's attitude and development. We have also had a very supportive group of parents undertaking the volunteer roles and helping at training. So I thank all families for their commitment and effort. Well done!

### U10 White

The Under 10 Whites have had a cracker of a season with all of our players improving week in, week out.

Our focus this year has been to set the foundations for future success in Under 13s and beyond by focusing on effective disposals, handballing at 45 degree angles at the stoppages to allow run and spread, stick to the zones to reduce overcrowding and defensive pressure at all times.

Fel Gehling, Fletcher Griffin, James Clarke, Lachlan Estrella and Banjo Yates have been stand out improvers over the year while Will Goldstone who came to us from Bridgewater has transitioned nicely into the team.

As a playing group I am encouraged by the way the boys support each other on game day and at training and the spirit by which they play the game and respect they show each and every opposition is a credit to the parent group.

With only two games and the carnival left we have an opportunity to finish the year as strongly as we started.

Go Devils!



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# CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST

MT LOFTY CLUBROOMS,  
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