

MT LOFTY DEVILS

NEWSLETTER | SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2012 | MT LOFTY V URAIDLA

Welcome to Stratco Stadium for Round 2 against Uraidla and our first home game for the season. Thankyou to all supporters and sponsors of the Mt Lofty Football Club including our Match Day Sponsor – Adelaide Hills Toyota. Good luck to all teams today!

A few words from the Chair

Hello to our valued club Members, Sponsors & Players.

Thank you for the support you have given us again this year. Your financial help enables us to continue operating each year as a successful football club. Sponsorship Membership and Player Registration is very important and without your support there would be no football club!

We still looking for valuable volunteers to help out in anything at all, no matter how small the task so please feel free to contact me if you think you can help.

There are rosters available this year so please put your name down to help out in the BBQ, Canteen, Bar and Kitchen. Money from these catering facilities are vital to the clubs survival.

2012 is a "New Beginning" for the club!

This year we have looked closely at adding extra value for you all.

We intend to focus on the social networking and advertising benefits to you as a player, member and sponsor of the club. Our aim is to provide value for money packages which give our sponsors cost effective direct sales from our players, members and club visitors.

Please hop out of your cars and take a walk around the oval and clubrooms. Try the new menu at our revamped Devils BBQ, Bar & Grill. Check out the signs around the oval and recognize our valuable sponsors.

I wish all the best to all Junior and Senior teams for the forthcoming season and lets have some fun!

DAMIAN HONE, CLUB CHAIRMAN

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New Beginnings

Tonight in the clubrooms from 8pm. Karaoke competition - prizes for best song and dance. \$10 for adults.

Devils BBQ, Bar & Grill

Check out the new Devils Bar & Grill. Great burgers and yiros now available.

Meals Tonight

Don't feel like cooking? Grab a feed upstairs in the clubrooms from 5.30pm. Kids meals only \$4

Facebook & Website

Keep in touch with what's going on around the club - join us on facebook (fb group: Mt Lofty Devils) or visit the new website - www.mtloftydevils.com.au

Player Registrations

Player registrations are now due - contact your coach or download the player registration for from the mt lofty website - www.mtloftydevils.com.au

From the Senior Coach

Welcome to everyone for the 2012 football season. It has been a hectic preseason on and off the field with player movement between clubs and new coaches being appointed.

I am pleased to announce Scott Wood as "A" grade assistant coach, fitness co-ordinator and runner for this season. Scott brings with him a wealth of knowledge in from the fitness world with a strong football background. He has already had a fantastic influence on the playing group getting their fitness up to a top level.

Simon Stapleton has come on board in a part time role as ruck/midfield coach and provides us with plenty of experience as a former Ruckman himself as well as a state level basketballer.

Sam Goode is taking charge of the "B" Grade to launch his coaching career this year with solid management and communications skills. Sam has a strong football background starting out with Sturt in junior years to playing in excess of a 100 "A" Grade games with SPOC in the amateurs.

Rick Bennett is coaching the Senior Colts and has the challenge of developing them into future senior footballers for our club. Rick's son Hunter has now also joined the club as a senior player.

Last week our club started the season with away games against Blackwood and unfortunately all sides came away with losses. The "A" grade gave Blackwood a 12 goal to 5 lead at half time and fought back valiantly to almost snatch a victory only to fail by 2 points. It was a great to see a team stay with our new style of play and not stop trying until the final siren sounded. This week we take on last year's premiers which will be another good test for our group and a win is never out reach. Then next week we host Bridgewater who will offer us our next challenge.

The players have worked extremely hard over the preseason and are developing very well and your support of them will be of great benefit to them.

We look forward to seeing and hearing you this week for our first home game.

SEAN NOLAN, A GRADE COACH

Senior Colts

G'day all, welcome to Stratco Stadium for another round of Devil action.

The U17's are shaping up to be formidable opponents this season, although lack of numbers will challenge their character and resolve throughout the season, these fine young men are already displaying the pride and determination to PLAY LIKE A DEVIL.

Would like to welcome two new recruits, Angus Smith and Chris "The Hammer" Kennedy. Both lads are from a rugby union background and for their first dip at aussie rules they are looking great.

Once again I have a great support team. Kieren Neill & Rob Zampa are sharing the role of team manager, Nick Cullen lends his formidable football experience as runner and Sarah Bennett as trainer.

In our first game last week against Blackwood, the lads kept to their task and lead half way through the third quarter, but with no bench and a hot day they ran out of legs and were over run in the last.

We are itching to redeem ourselves with a big crack at the Demons.

RICK BENNETT, SENIOR COLTS COACH

PLAY LIKE A DEVIL

Under 15s

A squad of motivated, determined and enthusiastic young men continue their adventure today at 9:55...your U15's. The challenging pre-season included a 50:50 result in two trial matches, 436 individual player attendances with an overall average of 17.6 per training. Players & families are getting regular coach updates via email and will continue to do so during the season.

Welcome to the 6 new players to the club; Lochie, Alex, Nick, Jesse, Mungo & Elliott (sorry if I've missed anyone). Also thanks to the parents who have introduced themselves and/or volunteered to assist with the necessary support roles this year. Key inclusions are Natasha, Grant, Steve & Simone. Congratulations to the 7 leadership group members for 2012.

Our first round was against a strong Blackwood team, resulting in a loss on the scoreboard. Bradley R, Jack H, Ben Z, Harvey P & Marcus S were our best on the day. Today a number of players have been given their first opportunity and others a chance to play a bigger role. Let make the most of the dry weather with efficient ball movement & plenty of scoring opportunities. The two most important resources available to our team, your time & support!

SHANE THOMPSON, U13S COACH

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Under 13s Update

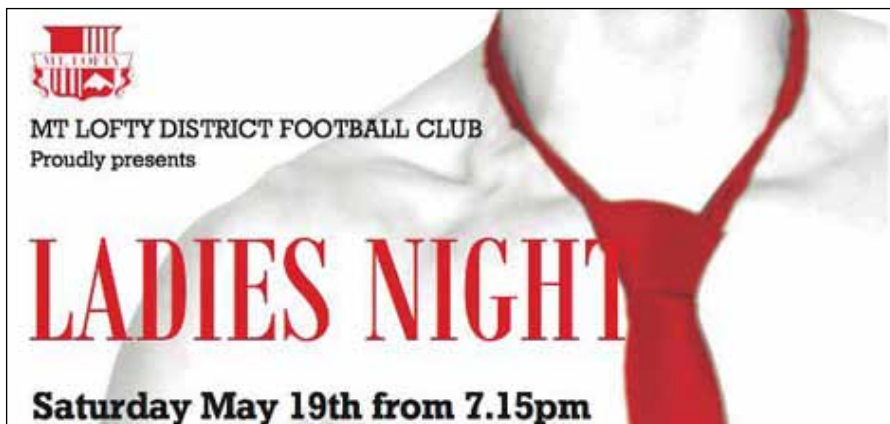
It has been a challenging start to the 2012 season for the under 13 squad. With 30 players registering, the club was "stuck between a rock and hard place" – not enough to field two teams and too many for one. The junior committee considered many alternatives with a decision being made in the best interests of the kids. A partnership with the Echunga Football Club has been formed so that the kids can get a game each week. Team Selection is handled by the Selection Committee and they assess each player's skills and competencies, attitude and availability – teams are announced weekly.


Round 1 versus Blackwood was a good learning curve for the Mt Lofty team. The majority of these players have enjoyed success on the scoreboard for the last couple of years and are now in their 1st year as Under 13s. Coming up against a much larger team in Blackwood, many of whom are in the 2nd year of Under 13s, showed the team that they have much to learn. This was evident even during the game as the team improved as the game progressed – a terrific experience for them. **Best players were Ben Naughton, Will Zampa, Harry May, Keenan O'Malley and Cooper Wood.**

Their persistence was great and the coaching staff will continue to work on their run and ball carry, tackling and helping a team mate out.

The Mt Lofty/Echunga team took on Birdwood at Birdwood. It was great to see the kids take to park together as without the support of Mt Lofty; Echunga would not be in the competition this year due to low numbers.

Charged with this group this year is Mike Naughton (Coach), Damien Peterson (Trainer and skills assistant) and Mark O'Malley (Team Manager and training assistant).




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