

B.N.F.C.

FOOTBALL REPORT

1975

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: D. Johnston

Committee: T. Allison, R. Baguley,
R. Brown, W. Cameron, B. Falconer,
P. Franklin, F. Goddard, P. Johnson,
R. Proctor, L. Scotland, J. Walding,
C. Weatherill.

CLUB COACHES

First Grade: P. Johnson
Second Grade: C. Weatherill
Third Grade: J. Stankevicius

TRAINERS

R. Anderson
C. Enright
J. Gregor

1975 REVIEW

Although it was a disappointing end to a promising season, the club achieved many successes. A number of records were created.

When we headed the First Grade competition after the first game of the season - against Queanbeyan - it was the first time we had done so. We held the position for four weeks.

In the third game of the season against West Canberra on April 19 we recorded our biggest win. The margin was 135 points. In the same game we also kicked our highest score. We won 29.13 (187) to 7.10 (52).

Two weeks later on May 4 we beat Ainslie for the first time. In doing so we also won the 'Cock of the North' trophy for the first time.

We created another record in the last home and home game when we beat Queanbeyan. The win gave us our highest number of wins in a season - 12.

The most popular record established would have been that by rover, Robert White. He became the first Belconnen player to win the Mulrooney Medal.

Our Second Grade created history when they became the first senior side to win a finals game when they beat ANU in the Elimination Final. They went on to become the first Belconnen senior side to play in a Preliminary Final. They also created history by beating Ainslie and Eastlake for the first time.

The Third Grade ended the home and home games in the best position of the three senior sides. They finished third. Another outstanding effort was that produced by David Bennett who won the CANFL Best and Fairest award for the Third Grade.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The success of a football club depends to a large extent upon the administration behind the players who form the teams in the various grades of competition. I have been fortunate to have good support from a number of people who have been closely associated with our club since its inception. The junior teams have been administered by a relatively new, but keen committee, which has introduced some new ideas into the club. I congratulate the Junior Committee on the introduction of 'Centre Bounce' and trust that this very worthy publication will continue to grow in size and value as our club gains strength.

This year saw the appointment of Peter Johnson as the club's second playing coach of the Firsts and my congratulations to him for the success he gained. Congratulations are also extended to Cleve Weatherill and John Stankevicius for the success they achieved with their teams.

Ours is a comparatively youthful team with a number of good young players coming up through the junior ranks. This augurs well for the future, but success will not come easily. It can only be achieved through skill, fitness and dedication. There is little doubt that we have as much skill and potential as any other team in the competition but there is a need for greater fitness and dedication on the part of some players.

Apart from the success on the field we have, through the efforts of our committee, had a successful year

financially. I would be failing in my duty if I did not make mention here of the wonderful work of Diane Baguley and the other ladies who assisted with the catering stall at our home matches. Catering at these matches has been a new source of revenue to our club. Thank you also to those supporters who manned the beer stall. Our financial position is now better than at any other time in the history of the Belconnen Football Club, but this does not mean that we can relax our fund raising efforts. We should strive to build up a reserve for the future.

The committee's funds do not permit us to pay more than a few contract players and I pay tribute to the wonderful work of the Supporters Group, under the leadership of Tom Allison, for their efforts in raising money to ensure that each first grade player is paid some match payment for games played. More support here would enable the players to receive more than a token payment, as is the case at present.

I extend my congratulations to all trophy winners and special congratulations to Robert White and David Bennett on the awards they won.

In conclusion I would like to thank sincerely all members of the committee, the donors of award money and all those other people who have assisted me during the year.

DON JOHNSTON

FIRSTS TEAM 1975

Since the inauguration of the Belconnen Football Club in 1971, season 1975 has been its most successful. After winning 12 matches and firmly establishing itself as one of the top four teams in the competition, it was very disappointing to be beaten by ANU in the Elimination Final. I believe that factors such as injuries to key players, inexperience, and in some cases, a lack of dedication, contributed to an unsuccessful finals series.

To Robert White, congratulations on an outstanding season. The Mulrooney Medal was thoroughly deserved and the trip to Hong Kong a fitting reward for the services you have provided over the last two years. To all players I wish to express my gratitude for the support and cooperation you have given to both Cleve Weatherill and myself throughout the season and I look forward to playing with you again in 1976.

A special mention to Cleve for the tireless efforts he has produced this year, both socially and in coaching the Seconds. Without his assistance and expertise the club would not have achieved the success it has enjoyed this year. Congratulations also, Cleve, on taking the Seconds to the Preliminary Final.

I also thank Don Johnston and all Committee Members of the club for your support throughout the year. I am confident that if you and all present players continue to work towards that common goal, a Premiership, in the same vein as in 1975, season 1976 will produce new milestones for Belconnen.

PETER JOHNSON

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS - 1975

<u>Player</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>First Played</u>	<u>Total Games Played</u>	<u>Club Voting</u>
T. Allison	31	North Melbourne (VFL)	1971	72	16
B. Bek	27	Maryvale (Gippsland)	1975	3	-
D. Beazley	19	Marion Don's (Riverina)	1975	13	-
Ray Baguley	26	Turner juniors	1971	84	-
G. Burgess	19	Belconnen juniors	1974	9	-
M. Burgess	25	Ainslie	1972	53	1
O. Bradbrook	23	Barmera Monash (Riverina)	1975	5	-
J. Calvert	26	Turner juniors	1972	44	23
L. Calvert	18	Turner juniors	1975	5	-
R. Chadwick	21	R.A.A.F. (Monaro)	1975	4	2
M. Chinnick	28	Turner juniors	1971	57	12
P. Culnane	19	Turner juniors	1973	3	-
M. Drekovic	22	Turner juniors	1973	24	-
K. Duryea	20	CCAE (Monaro)	1975	17	19
W. Gotovac	27	Eastlake	1975	3	-
R. Goddard	22	Turner juniors	1971	73	13
P. Johnson	28	Ainslie	1975	18	18
R. Koehne	29	North Adelaide	1971	44	2

M. Lawn	25	Manuka	1974	30	10
S. Lewis	20	Narrandera (South West)	1974	21	15
D. McGregor	25	Camberwell (VFA)	1975	1	-
J. Manson	19	Belconnen juniors	1973	31	32
M. Manson	19	Belconnen juniors	1973	29	10
G. Moss	26	Eastlake	1972	26	1
J. O'Dea	25	Turner/Queanbeyan	1971	67	-
S. Pettersson	18	Turner juniors	1975	3	-
B. Prendergast	24	R.M.C.	1973	36	-
W. Quade	19	Ariah Park (South West)	1975	16	6
P. Sheedy	26	Tooronga/Malvern	1972	17	4
P. Stubbs	23	Hay (NSW)	1972	50	5
J. Talikka	23	Turner juniors	1971	29	-
S. Taylor	19	Turner juniors	1973	31	7
R. White	21	Eaglehawk (Bendigo)	1974	32	82
S. Widera	17	Turner juniors	1974	24	39
M. Wigley	19	Belconnen juniors	1974	8	-

Most First Grade Games: Ray Baguley - 84

Robert Goddard - 73

Tom Allison - 72

SECONDS TEAM 1975

Mike Drekovic was our captain and Pat Sheedy our vice-captain.

The entry of 1974 Under 19 players into senior ranks gave early indications that the seconds team would be more talented than teams of previous seasons. Queanbeyan defeated us in our first game and this brought home to players that talent alone does not win matches.

For most of the season the team lacked confidence and desperation. Against Ainslie, Manuka, Eastlake and ANU our opponents built a commanding lead in the first quarter but we recovered to be within 3 or 4 goals by the end of the game. We generally had no trouble defeating other teams. We finished fifth on the ladder after putting together four excellent quarters against Ainslie - minor premiers - in the last home and away game to win by 2 goals 3 behinds.

The team had arrived and was combining skills with confident pressure football. We defeated ANU in the Elimination Final and defeated Eastlake in the First Semi-Final.

Our Preliminary Final loss against Manuka was perhaps our best ball-winning effort for the season but a series of errors in our scoring zone cost us the chance to play in the Grand Final. In the third quarter the team kicked 4 goals 5 behinds but the 5 behinds resulted from kicks no more than 25 metres from goal and several other scoring situations failed completely.

In reaching the Preliminary Final and acquitting itself so well, the team showed vast improvement and has developed depth in our club strength which augurs well for the future.

CLEVE WEATHERILL

THIRDS TEAM 1975

The Third Grade team was a mixture of talent from the former Turner and Belconnen Under 17 teams. It is fair to forecast that after this year's performances the nucleus of the team will join the ranks of the First Grade in the next year or two.

After a slow start to the season we lost to West Canberra. This called for a re-assessment and with the entry of Les Calvert the team settled down better and wins against Ainslie, Eastlake and Queanbeyan during the season were achieved.

We ended the season in third place but suffered narrow losses in the Qualifying Final against Eastlake and in the First Semi-Final against Ainslie. In both instances we went down by only a few points and with only an ounce of luck the results could have been in our favour.

On behalf of the team I extend congratulations to David Bennett on winning the CANFL Best and Fairest award in the Third Grade competition.

My sincere thanks go to co-selectors Don Johnston and Jeff Fischer who doubled as manager and to trainer Jock Gregor.

JOHN STANKEVICIUS

APPRECIATION

The club expresses its appreciation and thanks to those ladies who helped out throughout the year by marring the stall at home games and by washing jumpers.

The stall workers were: Diane Baguley, Molly Johnston, Joyce Goddard, Hilda Walding, Janine Lewis, Laurel Calvert, Moira Burgess, Claire McGregor, Judy Briggs, Lyn Brown, Josie and Joanne French, Ruth Van, Helen Allison and Diane McLennan.

The jumper washers were: Diane Baguley, Hilda Walding, Pauline Falconer, Joyce Goddard, Ann Langley, Molly Johnston, Audrey Fischer, Josie French and Frances Smith.

WHERE TEAMS FINISHED

FIRST GRADE

	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Pts</i>
Ainslie	14	4	1976	1337	148	56
Eastlake	13	5	2016	1195	168	52
Manuka	13	5	2123	1422	149	52
<i>Belconnen</i>	12	6	1892	1503	125	48
ANU	9	9	1724	1824	95	36
Queanbeyan	8	10	1588	1949	81	32
RMC	2	16	1048	2370	44	8
West Canberra	1	17	1138	1905	60	4

Elimination Final lost vs ANU 13.14 to 17.9

SECOND GRADE

	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Pts</i>
Manuka	14	3	1	1589	898	176	58
Ainslie	13	4	1	1568	875	179	54
Eastlake	13	4	1	1450	865	167	54
ANU	11	6	1	1332	1015	131	42
<i>Belconnen</i>	9	9	0	1180	1029	114	36
RMC	4	14	0	720	1199	60	16
Queanbeyan	4	14	0	729	1632	44	16
West Canberra	2	16	0	692	1747	39	8

Elimination Final won vs ANU 14.13 to 6.7

First Semi-Final won vs Eastlake 18.14 to 14.9

Preliminary Final lost vs Manuka 11.13 to 15.10

THIRD GRADE

	<i>Byes</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Pts</i>
Manuka	2	15	15	0	1457	393	370	72
Eastlake	4	14	9	5	925	783	118	52
<i>Belconnen</i>	4	14	8	6	852	766	111	48
Ainslie	3	15	8	7	867	789	109	44
Queanbeyan	4	14	5	9	686	1121	61	36
West Canberra	4	14	3	11	377	1124	33	28
ANU*	2	9	0	9	82	270	30	8

* Withdrew midway through season

Qualifying Final lost vs Eastlake 7.10 to 8.13

First Semi-Final lost vs Ainslie 13.12 to 9.10

1975 CLUB VOTING

First Grade

T. Allison	16	S. Lewis	15
M. Burgess	1	J. Manson	32
J. Calvert	23	M. Manson	10
M. Chinnick	12	G. Moss	1
R. Chadwick	2	W. Quade	6
K. Duryea	19	P. Stubbs	5
R. Goddard	13	P. Sheedy	4
P. Johnson	18	S. Taylor	7
R. Koehne	2	S. Widera	39
M. Lawn	10	R. White	82

Second Grade

Rob Baguley	1	R. Lawn	3
R. Burgess	13	G. Moss	2
R. Byrne	4	J. Manson	7
D. Beazley	4	D. McGregor	10
G. Burgess	29	J. O'Dea	9
B. Bek	9	M. Read	3
O. Bradbrook	8	W. Sleeman	1
K. Birch	13	M. Suidgeest	11
Ray Baguley	7	P. Sheedy	19
A. Cooper	3	J. Talikka	37
P. Culnane	9	M. Wigley	31
R. Chadwick	9	K. Duryea	8
M. Drekovic	22	D. Murphy	1
W. Gotovac	21	C. Flinn	7

Third Grade

N. Austin	13	A. Laird	10
D. Bennett	32	A. Lamont	6
L. Calvert	4	B. Lowes	5
W. Campbell	3	R. Pallazzo	9
M. Fischer	20	S. Pettersson	15
G. French	15	A. Read	12
T. Hughes	33	J. Smith	8
A. Jessop	6	P. Taylor	52
R. Jessop	1	A. Wylucki	9
		R. Wylucki	1

TROPHY WINNERS 1975

First Grade

Best and Fairest, McEwens Perpetual Trophy: R. White

Runner-up Best and Fairest: S. Widera

Most Improved:)

Most Consistent:) To be announced

Coach's trophy:)

Ray Andrews Trophy - Most Determined: To be announced

Ray Jones Trophy, Shell Jamison - one set of tyres:
To be announced.

Second Grade

Best and Fairest, Oscar Washington Perpetual Trophy:
J. Talikka

Runner-up Best and Fairest: M. Wigley

Most Improved:)

Most Consistent:) To be announced

Third Grade

Best and Fairest, Reg Proctor Perpetual Trophy:
Peter Taylor

Runner-up Best and Fairest: Tim Hughes

Most Valuable:)

Most Consistent:) To be announced

Best Clubman, Mrs K. Jones Perpetual Trophy:
To be announced

CLUB STATISTICS

Leading Goalkickers

1971 M. Read 52
1972 M. Read 40
1973 M. Read 20
1974 M. Manson 49
1975 W. Quade 61

Best and Fairest

1971 T. Allison
1972 M. Chinnick
1973 P. Bateman
1974 R. White
1975 R. White

Mulrooney Medallists

1975 R. White
As Turner F.C.
1948 H. Madigan
1952 J. Gleeson
1964 K. Mitchell

ACT Representatives

T. Allison 1971,73,
(Capt-Coach 74),75
M. Chinnick 1972,74,75
P. Johnson 1975
R. Koehne 1971,72
R. White 1975

CANFL 1975 BEST AND FAIREST VOTING

First Grade

R. White 3,3,3,3,3,2,
2,2,2,2,1
S. Widera 2,2,1
P. Stubbs 1
R. Goddard 3
S. Taylor 2,3,1
T. Allison 2,1
R. Koehne 1
K. Duryea 3
M. Manson 2
R. Baguley 2
P. Sheedy 2
J. Manson 2,2

Second Grade

M. Drekovic 3,3,2
G. Moss 1,1
M. Wigley 3,3,2
R. Byrne 2
R. Chadwick 2,2,2
M. Read 2
W. Gotovac 1,3
P. Culnane 3,3
R. Lawn 3,2
R. Burgess 2
D. McGregor 1,1
K. Birch 3
J. Talikka 3,2,2
G. Burgess 2

Third Grade

D. Bennett 3,3,2,2,2,1,1
G. McCarthy 2
N. Austin 3
A. Read 3
L. Calvert 2
P. Taylor 3,1
A. Laird 1
T. Hughes 3

CLUB SONG

We're a happy team BELCONNEN,
We're the mighty fighting Blues,
We love our club, and we play to win
Riding the bumps with a grin at BELCONNEN.
Under pressure we'll be striving
For teamwork is the thing that counts,
One for all and all for one
Is the way we play BELCONNEN
We are the mighting fighting Blues.