A few weeks back into the season and we are seeing some good footy being played. Serious injuries are still seeing some players spend lengthy periods on the sidelines. Jimmy Stephanou, Under 16’s and coach of the Under 11 Reds unfortunately broke both the bones in his right arm a few weeks ago and appears he won’t be able to play for the rest of the season. Get well soon Jimmy.

What a day the golf day was. The weather was magnificent, the dinner was delicious and the comedian was hilarious. Then out to the main area of the club with plenty of dancing and great music from “Shake N Bake”. Congratulations to Phil Beardsley and his team for such great organisation, I am sure that next year will be bigger and better; get in early as I am sure that spots will go quickly.

Our next committee meeting is next Thursday 17/5/12 at 8.00pm at the Tradies all are welcome.

Good luck this weekend with your games and I hope all of the mothers get spoilt this coming Sunday.

Frank Cashman
President

**DRAW ROUND 5 - SAT 12th May**

- Auskick vs Bankstown at Waratah at 8am
- U10 vs Bankstown at Waratah at 9.05am
- U11 Black vs Penshurst at Olds Park at 10.05am
- U11 Red vs Bankstown at Waratah at 9.05am
- U13 vs Bankstown at Waratah at 10.10am
- U14 vs Bankstown at Waratah at 11.25pm
- U15 vs Knox at Waratah at 12.40pm
- U16 vs Bankstown at Waratah at 2.25pm

**DRAW ROUND 6 - SAT 19th MAY**

- Auskick vs Heathcote at Heathcote at 8am
- U10 vs Heathcote at Heathcote at 9.05am
- U11 Black vs Heathcote at Heathcote at 9am
- U11 Red vs Ramsgate at Tonbridge at 10.05am
- U13 vs Bangor at Heathcote at 12.15am
- U14 vs Heathcote at Heathcote at 1.30pm
- U15 vs Bangor at Heathcote at 2.45pm
- U16 vs Bangor at Gwawley Park at 2.15pm
Another good turn out for Auskick as we travelled to Olds Park to play the Penshurst Panthers. Again we had three games for the Auskickers. The junior game saw lots of energy and excitement and occasional flashes of the potential that our youngsters have. Aidan played a committed game and was always looking to be first to the ball, while Jackson did some good work in the ruck to get the ball to his team mates. It was also nice to see the players handpassing to each other in their zone and working as a team.

In the middle game, we came up against some good Penshurst players and it was tough going for a while. However their heads never dropped and everyone got some involvement, especially in defence. Mike Sinclair had a great game all over the field, taking a huge number of marks and maintaining possession for the Bombers.

The senior Auskickers played a great and highly entertaining contest. It's hard to pick just one highlight, with Will's goal kicking, Blake's marking and Mitchell's drive through the middle being just some of the great performances.

Quote of the day goes to Lochlan, when asked what he learned: "It's not just about yourself, it's about how the team goes". That's the spirit of Auskick.

This week's NAB Auskicker of the Week is Mike Sinclair. Well done, Mike!

What a great morning for Footy, sunny, but the start of the Winter chill. Unfortunately it seemed as though our boys also attended the fund raising event at Wooloooware Golf Club (and possibly the Vinyl Room at Gymea!!), as they were rather sluggish in the first quarter.

The sideline staff were in awe of the brilliant play by the Penshurst boys who passed with precision and demonstrated some amazing skills for 10 year olds. There were some great defensive efforts by Sam Braine and a fantastic pickup and disposal by Joshua Witts.
The second quarter saw the boys start to get into the game, which stemmed the flow of Penshurst goals. Harry Parker and Sebastian Wilbers started to find the ball whilst some great tackling from Carson and Harry applied some much needed pressure. Josh’s great mark also showed us that he will be a good signing this season.

The third quarter unfortunately saw Penshurst stream away again although the boys were trying very hard.

In the last quarter Nick called on the boys to show their spirit and it didn’t go un noticed. We saw some fantastic tackling from Peter, Carson, Sebastian, Ethan, Harry, Xavier, Jasper and Josh which really showed the experienced Penshurst team that we weren’t going to be pushed around.

It’s great to see the improvement in all of the boys as the weeks go on, as they grow confidence.

Congratulations to Harry Gray for winning the award this week.

Round 4 saw the 11 reds travel all the way to Penshurst to take on the panthers. Another perfect morning for Aussie Rules had the Bombers all fired up and ready to go. In a spirited 1st quarter Miranda took the game right up to Penshurst going into the break trailing by only a couple of points.

The quarter was highlighted by plenty of running and some great midfield play from Luke K. All of the boys were kicking and linking well with each other.

The 2nd quarter continued along the same lines as the 1st with Nathan, Jarrod and Sean coming into their own. The highlight was Aiden kicking his first goal of the season. The boys went into halftime only a handful of points down and full of confidence. All the tackling Wayne made them do at training was paying off. James delivered a rousing halftime talk and everyone was ready to go for the 2nd half.

Sadly some Penshurst positional changes didn’t go our way and their tall timber ran riot in the 3rd quarter. The boys never gave up in the 3rd quarter with Max and Jordan right in the thick of the action. Special mention to Luke Marshall who was struggling with a leg injury in the mid field.
Travis and Mitchell found a second wind in the 4th quarter running hard, both scoring goals and unlucky not to score some more. We would all like to thank Ethan for joining us from the under 10’s. He put in a mighty effort and must have slept well on Saturday night.

The goal scorers on the day were Travis, Luke K, Mitchell and Aiden. Well done to all of the boys, your parents and grand parents are all very proud of you.
Thanks to everyone who helped on the day and at training.

Round 4 saw the Under 11 Blacks facing Cronulla for the first time this season. The weather was cool but sunny & it was a great day for footy.
Cronulla are an excellent team in all aspects of Aussie Rules, attack, defence, kicking & hand passing. From the first bounce the Cronulla side seemed to be everywhere. I was very pleased with the Bombers overall because we hung in there & never stopped trying all game against such a good side.
Josh Harrison was our captain & he had a great game leading from the front in every quarter & was always at the ball & played good tough footy. A highlight was the great goal he kicked on the run. Josh Moors was everywhere again & never stopped trying to get the ball & had a good game. Jake was superb in defence, I lost count of how many goals he stopped in the last line of defence & then cleared the ball in our favour. Great work Jake. He was ably assisted by Tom, Tim & Ellen.
Both Tom & Tim came bursting out of packs to clear the ball for the Bombers on a number of occasions & Ellen did the tackle of the year so far on a Cronulla attacker in the last quarter which just emphasized the effort she put in all game.
Logan & Annie worked tirelessly out of the centre all game & kept Cronulla on their toes all game, well done both of you. The forwards, Kaan, Nick, Jay & Issy all played good games. They kept their defenders on their toes all game. All four of them never stopped trying & Jay played tough with a bit of a cork but never stopped trying, well done Jay.
Kaan & Nick both had stints in the centre & never stopped running.
Issy gets a very special mention for taking the mark of the year so far, she took a fantastic chest mark diving full stretch to mark it inches off the ground which had everyone at the game applauding her efforts. Well done team overall, you all did a good job.
My thanks go to all the parents for bringing the team to training & the game & for being great supporters every week.
Colleen did a great job as manager, with Byron doing another good job of being runner & Steve was terrific behind goals with the flags.
Special mention also has to go to my wife Max who had oranges prepared for the team at half time.
Thanks everyone & Go the Bombers!

Under 13

Penshurst 5 8 38
Miranda 3 11 29.

Well even though none of us wanted it ever to happen I guess being top of the table for 2 consecutive years and winning back to back premierships was going to eventually drive other teams to lift their game. Our undefeated streak came to an end on Saturday and by the look on the faces of our boys one could tell the passion is in their hearts to pick themselves up and have a red hot go next game.

It wasn't all bad, there were some great feats of footy and courage through the game. David kicked the ball further from a set shot into the strong wind than we have seen him kick before, which is a great attribute for any footballer.

Julian was a rock in the last quarter racking up possessions across half back and in the centre firing kicks long into the forward line to try and grab back the lead. Kristian took a couple of strong overhead marks and kicked long into the forward line to set up a goal in the last quarter. Ryan rucked well again this game to relieve Jake.

Riley kicked a great goal in the last quarter to start the revival. Che roved well all game and the player I felt showing the most heart through the match was Harry Challen. He was in and under and put his body on the line many times through the match.

Penshurst played rough and tough footy and really pushed the line when it came to legal tackles and bumps. Andrew, Joel, Jake, Paddy, Dom and others had to take breaks through the match to take care of injuries with Joel having to sit three quarters out after two late hits. What Penshurst did well and legally was to hit the packs hard and tackle ferociously rarely missing an opportunity to turn the ball over as well as get numbers to contests and have players one kick off the ball.

Penshurst's style of play worked for three quarters but our boys really fired up in the last quarter and we very nearly won the match through hard at the footy play. A couple of minutes extra on the clock would have made for a win I feel.

We had the majority of possession in the last quarter and our hard attack on the ball was really putting the Penshurst team off their game. But alas it was not to be and we all had to endure the Penshurst victory song. Not one I personally would like to hear again.
The team grouped together at the end and to the boys credit walked off the field as a team holding heads high even though there were some swelling eyes. I was really proud of how the boys left the field and am sure this loss will ignite a fierceness to develop skills over the next games.

Being defeated rather than continually winning often teaches us more about ourselves and what we can do to become better players and a stronger team. We need to train hard, keep developing skills and the understanding of how the game is played and make sure our intensity is right up there before each game. Penshurst were huddled for at least 10 minutes before the game geeing each other up and really focussing. They were mentally ready to go right from the first bounce and were drawing on the pain of two premiership defeats. Next game we will have some pain to draw on and I am sure if we play our best footy Miranda will be victorious.

Under 14

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Penshurst

Penshurst 17.17 119

The Bombers were primed for a big game this week as they met the might of Penshurst who have proven over the last few years that they are a notch or 2 above all other opposition in this comp. While our boys started very slowly, they showed plenty of promise over the next 3 quarters. Justin Khaw showed the way in the backs with the courage and anticipation of a hungry Lion. He continues to show that size is of no importance in this game, but commitment and heart. Justin had that in bucket loads.

The middle 4 were doing the job that Chris has asked of them since day one. Ryan Greer was up against the best ruckman in the comp but he gave him a great competition and showed that he too is up there amongst the best.

Harry Beardsley had a thousand processions and played solidly all game with plenty of clearances.

Another solid game by Ben Lamb, who I think is starting to find some of that great form that saw him win our best and fairest and club player 2 years back.

I have to say though that Seb Lienart was magnificent. A left foot snap kick from wide out was the highlight for me. He bagged 2 goals and was involved heavily throughout the whole game, running himself into the ground.

Great to see Simmo back as well. He has such a good big kick that he will be a huge asset to this side.
Solid performances also by Mike Ray, who is always tough and Lachlan Hill who seems to be shining under the direction of Chris. Some real promise also by Zach Van Den Dolder, the new kid on the block who gave away a fantastic hand ball to Seb for a great goal. He was under pressure from the opposition but quick hands saw a clean pass to Seb who had the awareness to be in the right position. Paddy too made some top runs and fought hard for the ball while Harves is always going the lead and looking for procession but had limited opportunity today. Thanks also to the U 13s who once again helped out on the day. There’s some class amongst these players as well.

Chris has instilled a very good game plan in the boys and for the most part executed this, albeit against a very strong side. We will give most of the teams in this comp a real fight and our next win is not far away if we just keep working on the plan. We just need a better execution of the basic skills, passing and kicking. The scoreline here does not give a true indication of where this team is at, so stick with it boys and have belief in yourselves, because we do.

Under 15

**Miranda** 16.19 115

**Penshurst** 3.1 19

Another comprehensive win against a quality opponent to retain our undefeated season start and maintain our exceptional percentage, despite a creeping level of complacency among the group as the game progressed. It’s now been about 40 games of footy since this group last tasted defeat. Complacency may be our biggest threat.

On a lighter note, a huge Bombers club welcome goes to Todd Bryant, our latest recruit, who played an outstanding first game of footy, bagging a difficult goal from a set shot on a difficult angle from a strong overhead contested mark, and had a leading hand in numerous crucial plays consistently throughout the game. A great effort Todd, train hard and the rewards will follow.

Thanks also go to Ben Lamb and Harry Beardsley who both played really strongly after entering the play late in the game to show they can mix it with the older boys, and even show some of their older teammates the intensity of play consistently required right up to the final siren, regardless of the score on the board. Harry was well rewarded with a goal for his efforts in the final term.

Highlights of the game, despite the blustery conditions and often congested play, included:

- Multiple goal scorers in Harley Hill, Zach Holdsworth, Justin Maldigri and Alex Slater, all bagging 2 apiece, with eight other individual goal scorers.
• The continued good form of Harley, Alex, Justin & Tim Tegg, all of whom ran non-stop for four quarters.
• Ryan Catbagan stepping up to have a really effective game, consistently contesting and running the ball from congestion and delivering the ball effectively throughout the game.
• Luke Donnelly’s possession count in the first term, racking up close to a dozen critical disposals and scoring an important goal.
• Zach Holdsworth’s soaring confidence, skilfully outpacing numerous opponents and thrilling the crowd with a scorching 4 bounce run and goal in the last term.
• Sensational snapped goals from Alex Slater in the last second of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} term, and Mitch Johnson in the opening minute of the 3\textsuperscript{rd}.
• The goal of the day at the start of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} term, which found Ryan teaming up with Luke Murfitt around the centre wing to move the ball swiftly and skilfully to Tim Tegg who ran and goaled.

Go Bombers.

\textbf{Under 16}
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Frank, Sarah and Gemma enjoying the night time entertainment at Woolooware Golf Club.

Steve Carr and Stuie (from the Southern Power) laughing it up at the dinner/entertainment end of the night.

Steve Carr
Ventriloquist