



West Brunswick Amateur Football Club Inc.

Affiliated with the Victorian Amateur Football Association

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Home Ground – McAlister Oval, Park Street, Parkville

President: Benjamin Lichtenstein
Secretary: Matt Holmes
Senior Coach: Angus Hamilton

Senior Premierships: 1960, '80, 2002, '08, '14, '15
Premiers & Champions: 1976, 2015 (Res)
Reserves Premierships: 1989, '98



Season 2016

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The season started with a bang...

The season opened at West Brunswick with our family and friends day which was very well attended. The weather was perfect for football or a day in the park and it was very pleasing so many made it on the day and brought the picnic blankets along. Not so pleasing was the football itself with the senior team going down to the Preston Bullants by around 50 points.

Welcome to the Section D2 football, two grades up from where we were in 2014, which seems just a short time ago. The bodies are bigger, the play is faster, and the tactics so much more refined than in the lower grades.

Clubs and their mascots.

This season we are up against a whole lot of newer clubs and its worthwhile knowing their mascots so as to understand to whom I refer in the football game reports.

Club	
Bulleen Templestowe	Bullants
Eltham Collegians	Turtles
Emmaus St Leos	Animals
MHSOB	Unicorns
Preston Bullants	Bullants
Richmond Central	Snakes
St Johns	Eagles
West Brunswick	Magpies
Yarra Valley	Bush Rangers

Results:

Seniors:

Round 1

The conditions for football was very nearly perfect with very little breeze and a little bit of cloud cover to keep the sun out of your eyes. The anticipation at the Magpies clubrooms was palatable, with many of the players simply soaking up the atmosphere for the challenge ahead.

Here they are, two flags in two years, a good side, a winner's mentality and every reason to think 2016 would be another march to glory.

The Preston Bullants were stung by the Magpies in a pre season match in 2015 and came to this game more prepared and with some desire to atone for their pre season thrashing. So at the first bounce the game was very quickly being played at a higher tempo.

The first scraps were very physical and quite confronting. The bullants played with more purpose than the magpies and were more precise with their ball movements and positioning. The first quarter was reasonably even, but the second term was all one way traffic to Preston. They were able to get players loose up forward, putting the West Brunswick defenders under pressure in one on one contests.

For the second term they added six goals to two, and the game was virtually over. The bullants were more determined, disciplined, desperate and as the great Tommy Hafey would say showed more desire. West knew their second efforts were lackluster and the half time break couldn't have come sooner.

There was a lift in tempo from the magpies after half time but at no stage did they look like they were going to make much headway on the scoreboard.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	2.1-13	4.3-27	6.4-40	7.5-47
<u>Preston Bullants</u>	3.2-20	9.3-57	9.8-62	14.13-97

Goal Kickers: D. Muscat 2, S. Hulm 2, W. Dillon, M. Holmes, C. Germon

Better Players: L. Martin, E. Lloyd, J. Taylor, C. Borovac, C. Wills, M. Holmes

Round 2

West Brunswick ventured out to the outer reaches of the metropolis to take on the Eltham Collegians in their very picturesque ground. In round one the Turtles had suffered a loss by the narrowest of margins to the other 'Bullants', Bulleen Templestowe, and were keen to make amends.

Equally the magpies needed to make amends of their own, so the game was set for some great football. There were a couple of changes at the selection table with four new faces in the magpies line up. West were a far better proposition than round 1 and moved the ball with far more precision than a week earlier. In the first half the magpies dominated play and only a lack

of concentration allowed two late goals to the turtles, this blemish noted by the coach at the half time address.

In the second half the magpies had many scoring shots, racking up seventeen to nine, but were somewhat inaccurate and allowed the turtles to gather some respect with three goals in the final quarter. But the first win for the season in the higher division was a good space to be in.

Eltham Collegians	1.2-8	3.4-22	5.7-37	8.8-56
<u>West Brunswick</u>	5.3-33	8.8-56	11.15-81	14.19-103

Goal Kickers: D. Muscat 4, B. Irving 3, Z. Tisdale 2, S. Devlin, W. Dillon, B. Kline, M. Holmes, B. McCarthy

Better Players: J. Beer, C. Germon, E. Lloyd, J. Taylor, C. Mitchell, L. Buckler

Round 3

Following an agreement with the VAFA and the competing clubs, the game v the bushrangers was a 'twilight' match, commencing at 3:30 and finishing under lights. There was a pre game ceremony acknowledging the ANZAC spirit and play got under way. In the first term the bushrangers dominated and quickly scored goals. By quarter time it was five goals to one, and the magpies were in for a hard day at the office.

Following a much needed rethink of strategy, the magpies regrouped and played the second quarter with more purpose, applied much more pressure to their opponents and created the turnovers missing from the first term. West added five goals to one, to go into the half time break only five points in arrears.

After half time the magpies kept up their intensity and the bushrangers quickly fell away. West added another nine goals to three to come away winners by 31 points.

<u>Yarra Valley OB</u>	5.1-31	7.2-44	8.5-53	10.8-68
<u>West Brunswick</u>	1.3-9	5.9-39	11.13-79	14.15-99

Goal Kickers: D. Muscat 4, B. Irving 3, Z. Tisdale 2, W. Dillon, S. Hulm, D. Ferrier, L. Martin, B. McCarthy

Better Players: E. Lloyd, C. Germon, C. Mitchell, C. Borovac, D. Ferrier, H. Paez

Reserves

The juggernaut continues to roll on. The reserves team have lost a total of four games in the past four seasons, an incredible record. Was season 2016 going to be the beginning of their roll back to a more normal situation, or will it stay the same.

At this point the impressive record continues.

Round 1

The bullants were out of the blocks quite hard and were able to match it with West in the first term. Both teams were running hard to cover their opponents and made it a great contest each time the ball was loose. In the second term the superior fitness and run of the magpies brought the bullants undone, and accurate kicking created a large buffer at the long break.

In the second half West added fifteen goals and were not challenged for the football. The bullants did however try intimidatory tactics to unsettle the boys but that wasn't ever going to work.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	3.2-20	11.3-69	19.5-119	26.9-165
<u>Preston Bullants</u>	2.2-14	3.4-22	4.6-30	9.6-60

Goal Kickers: Z. Tisdale 5, B. Shepherd 4, P. Carroll 3, W. Vagg 3, B. Rodin 2, A. Thompson 2, R. Benjamin 2, T. Costa, B. Wolfenden, C. Thomson, N. Arnold, R. O"Kane

Better Players: B. Wolfenden, N. English, W. Vagg, N. Arnold, P. Carroll, R. O"Kane

Round 2

As with last season, each round brings new faces to the team. With four players making their way in the senior team, the reserves also had a few making their way up from the thirds and other available from non football commitments.

Personnel changes reinforce the disciplined effort of this team, and with coach Craig Mitchell being promoted to the seniors, he was able to get a better look at the team from the boundary. The clipboard was getting a bit of a hammering at quarter time, but things settled in the second term and the magpies ran away with the game.

<u>Eltham Collegians AFC</u>	1.2-8	1.2-8	1.4-10	2.7-19
<u>West Brunswick</u>	3.3-21	7.11-53	8.15-63	14.18-102

Goal Kickers: J. Nulty 3, M. Roach 2, A. Schipp 2, T. Costa, B. Wolfenden, C. Thomson, B. Shepherd, P. Carroll, C. Simpson, B. Rodin

Better Players: T. Costa, N. English, J. Taylor, A. Schipp, R. O"Kane, S. O"Conno

Round 3:

The game against the bushrangers was dominated by swift ball movement and hard running. The only thing missing seems to be a bit of excitement, with very little talk out on the ground. This was commented upon by coach Mitchell and will be the focus for the next couple of matches.

<u>Yarra Valley OB</u>	0.2-2	1.4-10	2.8-20	2.9-21
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<u>West Brunswick</u>	4.1-25	8.6-54	9.11-65	14.15-99
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Goal Kickers: P. Carroll 3, R. Benjamin 2, R. O'Kane 2, M. Roach 2, S. Pritchard, A. Thompson, T. Walsh, H. Mahoney, N. English

Better Players: P. Carroll, P. Kelly, B. Wolfenden, B. Watson, H. Mahoney, T. Costa

Thirds

Uhs-Vu Afc	1.0-6	1.0-6	2.0-12	2.0-12
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West Brunswick AFC	6.6-42	11.10-76	16.15-111	17.21-123
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Goal kickers and better players:

Supressed for privacy purposes.or because somebody didn't load them into the VAFA website.

<u>West Brunswick AFC</u>	3.6-24	5.12-42	8.14-62	12.21-93
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<u>Monash Blues</u>	1.1-7	2.1-13	2.2-14	2.4-16
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Goal Kickers: J. Sandow 2, P. Kelly 2, S. Devers, K. Vanston, C. Bond, J. MacReadie-Smith, N. Ansons, A. Hays, T. Emmett, J. Hyslop

Better Players: S. Creek, P. Kelly, D. Butorac, C. Bond, T. Emmett, H. Mahoney

The thirds team is in a six club grade with the season involving plenty of recurring matches. The match against Old Geelong was seen as the two better teams of the competition up against one another.

West didn't have their best team in but they didn't bring their A game with them either, allowing the cats to work to the front too often.

<u>Old Geelong</u>	4.1-25	6.2-38	9.3-57	11.5-71
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<u>West Brunswick AFC</u>	1.3-9	3.3-21	5.4-34	6.5-41
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Goal Kickers: S. Devers 2, J. MacReadie-Smith, D. Monacella, J. Boyle, B. Wynne

Better Players: N. Ansons, D. Monacella, J. Boyle, C. Gook, S. Creek

Forthcoming Social Functions:

May 21

Past players Day

Commencing at 12 noon

BBQ luncheon.

Clubrooms

The 2016 fixture:

The full season's fixture is available on the club website and can be accessed any time.

April	30	v	MHSOB	Home
May	7	v	Bulleen	Home
			Templestowe	
May	14	v	BYE	
May	21	v	Richmond	Home
			Central	
May	28	v	Emmaus St	Away
			Leos	
June	4	v	St Johns	Away
QUEENS			BIRTHDAY	

Noticed That...

- There were nearly 100 players at training on the eve of round 1
- Club mascots have always been around..But it's like a jumper clash to have two clubs in the same grade calling themselves the Bullants. Fletch, surely that's not fair. How will we be able to tell them apart.??
- Some of the lads are sporting very savage haircuts these days.
- Most of our life members remembered to wear their membership badges to our Round 1 family day
- VAFA coach of the year Angus Hamilton needed to use the 'F bomb' on Saturday to make his point at half time v the Turtles
- Our current president is also captain of the Reserves team and our vice president is captain of the Senior team. Somewhat unusual but both gentlemen are happy to wear the two hats and enjoy working tirelessly for the club.

Golden Magpies

Thanks to the following who have become golden magpies for season 2016.

Bob	Baker
Cliff	Bastow
Robin	Benjamin
Grant	Buckler
Billy	Chambers
Laura	Englert
Bob	Green
Bruce	Ivey
Niina	Kautto

Phil	Leatham
Brenda	Muscat
Roger	Rush
Fred	Tointon
Andrea	Vagg

This year the membership fee is still \$50.!!Last season we had over 65 golden magpies, the contribution goes a long way in helping the football club provide first class services to our players and take some of the pressure off fees.

There may be others who have paid into the clubs bank account but are not listed here. This is because the Treasurer is on holidays in the Bahamas and returns to a mountain of work next week. We will catch up then.

Club Bank Account

Bendigo Bank

Account Name:

West Brunswick Amateur Football Club

BSB: 633-000

Acc No: 136422383

Current Sponsors

We are pleased to announce the continuation from 2015 of our major sponsor for the upcoming season:



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The club is looking for sponsors in any form. If you would like to promote your business in the Birdsnest, website or around the club get in contact with Chris Germon (cgermon@gmail.com). We can get you promoted in many wonderful ways...posters, tickets, t-shirts, special dedications, small ads on banners of milestone games, inside the inner sanctum etc.

Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out around the club – in any capacity. Casual once off basis or a few Saturdays during the year. Jobs include time keeping, goal umpire, running the boundary, match day manager, scorer, helping in the canteen on a Saturday or perhaps cooking up a pot of bolognaise for the boys for Thursday night selection. Contact: Evan 'Red' Lloyd if you can assist in any way.

Keeping in Contact

The club's has a linkedin Group – West Brunswick Amateur Football Club
If you've changed your email address send an email to the club westbrunswick@gmail.com to update your details