



## Reserves go down in thriller at Greenway

By Kosta Didimiotis

After the cancellation of Round 1 of the 2014 Division 2 Season, the “Magoos” took the field on Sunday against the Tuggeranong Hawks; ready for what would almost certainly be a physical contest. The game did not fail to live up to this expectation.

This was the first real test for the reserves in the Division 2 competition and gave a taste of what the competition is like, and what is expected of a team to be competitive. Lead out by Captain courageous, Jono Dean, with Chris Smith in support, the boys laid down the law in the first quarter, giving Tuggeranong a first-class education of how ANU plays tough, structured, team football. Pat Mclver showed class in the ruck

contest, providing supply for the guys around the ball while Brent Ritchie was at his dominant best on the wing, showcasing the “natural ability” he undoubtedly developed under Schitty’s tutelage (credit goes where credit’s due). The Griffs went into quarter time leading 23-7.

In the second quarter, Tuggeranong reverted to their characteristic crash and bash style, looking to unsettle the Griffs and arrest the momentum. After scoring the first goal of the quarter, Tuggeranong looked to bully the Magoos. Tom O’Connor, Sam Le Page and Jono Dean stood up to the physicality, playing hard at the ball and showing Tuggeranong that ANU does not get pushed around. An altercation

<b>ANU</b>	6. 8. 44
<b>TUGGERS</b>	6. 9. 45
<b>BEST</b>	B. Ritchie, S. Le Page, W. Bonney, J. Dean, P. Mclver
<b>GOALS</b>	J. Buckley 2, J. Cliff , W. Bonney , S. Bishop , S. Tuan

developed resulting in Brent Ritchie being pushed over the boundary fence, with the umpires failing to intervene and stop this kind of thuggish behaviour. The umpire’s impotence led to several spot fires breaking out throughout the rest of the match.

However, Brent Ritchie took it all in his stride, and again showing Tuggeranong what real football is.

Bryden McGregor showed off his ferocity at the ball, making Tuggeranong earn every possession. Pat Mclver came off just before halftime after a heavy head-clash and very sore ribs. He did not take part in the rest of the game...

### Upcoming matches

DIV 1

ANU vs Tuggeranong | 2:30 pm Saturday 19 April, South Oval

Get down to South to support Div 1 in their first clash of the season and the Griffs first home run on South Oval.

A failure to stick to ANU-style football and the structures developed during the preseason lost us the quarter, and ANU went into halftime leading 24-22.

After resetting ourselves at halftime, ANU ran out to take back control. Will Bonney was injected into the midfield and provided a spark in the middle, while Kieran Harris showed class around the ground. Chris Mitchell's uncompromising run at the ball stopped the ball at halfback while the run of Chris Smith and Jordan Hayes allowed ANU to drive the ball deep and lock it in the forward line

Phil Syrros showed that he is a star of the future while Jack Buckley showed exactly why he is the premier half-forward flank at the club.

A goal from 50m out in the third set the Magoos in motion for a fast finish to the quarter. ANU went into three-quarter time leading 43-28.

The final quarter saw Tuggeranong revert back to the bullying tactics they used in the second, accompanied by a lack of umpiring, this saw ANU players come off the ground with game ending injuries. Pat Egli subluxed his left shoulder, Rory Jay did his knee while Bryden McGregor had his forearm fractured during an illegal sling tackle that was not called by the umpires.

After considerable time wasting from Tuggeranong, which again the umpires failed to acknowledge, ANU found themselves one point down with five minutes to play.

However, the unwavering ANU fight shone through to the dying seconds of the game.

A quick kick out of Tuggeranong's defence saw Jono Dean mark just outside 50. In the process, he was taken high, leaving him dazed and bleeding from the left eye.

The umpires felt this was not a reportable offence, let alone worth a 50m penalty, asking only that the ball be replaced due to the amount of Jono's blood on it. The new ball was quickly kicked into ANU's attacking 50, however Tuggeranong won possession and quickly kicked clear of defence, after which the siren rang. ANU went down 45-44.

Although the game was lost in somewhat controversial circumstances, the reserves did get a good look at what is expected if you want to play at this level. Tuggeranong, you better watch yourself next time, we'll be ready.

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## Gain through pain

By Nick Crean

Kicking off the season against last year's Division 1 Premiers at their home ground was never going to be easy. Given the delayed start to the season, however, the Women's team were just mad keen to get on the field for a run against anyone.

On what was a cracking day for footy, 22 Griffs bounced out there as a solid blue unit at 9:25am for the warm up. The opposition looked considerably less interested in their pre-match approach and it came back to bite them in the first quarter. We started sharp and hungry keeping them to just the solitary goal in term 1.

Halfway through the second term, our Best Jones (Bec Jones) was K.O.'ed in a crude and sickening sling tackle to the ground. It was a big blow to us, but the remaining 21 (including Steel who ran a lazy half marathon before playing) stood tall in the second half while Tuggers gave us a pretty brutal lesson in footy.

Interesting to note some Women's results from Sunday:

Tugg 18.11.119 def ANU 0.0.0

Eastlake 26.22.178 def Molonglo 1.0.6

Riverina 30.12.192 def ADFA 0.0.0

So one way to look at it is we fared better than most against what was the best team in the top Division last year. Despite the result, there were so many positives to draw from the effort. The midfield unit of Roy, Chow, Reynolds, Bradbury & Davies clicked instantly carrying on from last year's stellar work. There were also brilliant cameos on ball from Nads Thorman and newcomers, Kat Dellar and Claire Wheaton. Annika did extremely well in rebounding out of the back line.

A bit of friendly fire in the form of a head clash between Chow and Nads saw a second trip to emergency, although Chow was able to walk there, unlike Jonesy. Both are ok now and should be back at training soon. All the best for a speedy recovery.

Many more notable mentions around the field but to all the first gamers, Jenny, Sarah D, Sara W, Ash, Laura, Elle and especially Lee R (who played the entirety of her first AFL game at full back on the league's best goal kickers) – Well done and Congratulations!

**ANU** 00 . 00 . 000  
**TUGGERS** 18 . 11 . 119

**BEST** K. Dellar, C. Reynolds,  
C. Roy, L. Roulstone,  
A Hutchins, L. Chow

# Griffin event and social calendar

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## News from the Top

### President's Update - Andrew Hermann

Griffins new and old, welcome to the second edition of the 'Griffin Tale'.

#### APRIL

Event: Season Launch Party  
Date & time: 6-8:30pm Saturday 5 April  
Venue: Hellenic in the City (upstairs)

#### MAY

Event: Pink Footy Day  
Date & time: 10am Sunday 4 May  
Venue: Gungahlin Oval

Event: Rubik's Cube Party  
Date & time: 8pm Saturday 31 May  
Venue: Hellenic in the City (upstairs)

#### JUNE

Event: Steve Barwick Memorial game  
Date & time: 2:15pm Saturday 21 June  
Venue: Eastlake oval

#### JULY

Event: Pepper Cup  
Date & time: 12pm Saturday 19 July  
Venue: South Oval

Event: 4P's  
Date & time: 7pm Saturday 19 July  
Venue: South Oval sheds

#### AUGUST

Event: ANU Old Boys game  
Date & time: Saturday 3 August  
Venue: ANU South Oval

Event: ANU Trivia Night  
Date & time: 7pm Saturday 16 August  
Venue: Hellenic in the City (upstairs)

#### SEPTEMBER

Event: ANUAFC Presentation Night  
Date & Time: 7:30pm Saturday 20 September  
Venue: Hellenic in the City (upstairs)

#### OCTOBER

Event: Footy Trip  
Details TBC

**SOME POSITIVE FEEDBACK** Firstly, we received a mountain of positive feedback from the first edition and I wanted to ensure that credit is given to those who gave birth to this newsletter. A big thank you goes to Caitlin Roy, Bec Jones and Tim Robb for their work so far and the work they'll continue to do for the remainder of the year.

**FIRST GAME FOR THE SENIORS** It's been a very frustrating start to the 2014 season with heavy rain, continual ground closures and a couple of game cancellations meaning the Griffins haven't been on a footy field for 3 weeks. This weekend sees the first home game at South Oval for 2014 and I encourage everyone to join us on Saturday to watch our Seniors take vengeance on Tuggers in what will be their first match of the season.

**CANTEEN ROSTER** As you all can appreciate, the ANUAFC is run entirely by volunteers and it is my expectation that the playing group help out around the club whenever possible. This year we will be doing something new by implementing a roster for the canteen. We are only asking people to help for an hour or 2 during the year so I don't want to hear any complaints. Keep an eye on your emails for this roster in the next week or so.

**SUPPORTING OUR SPONSORS** Lastly, it's important that we continue to support our sponsors so they can continue to support us. By now you should all have received a membership card for the Hellenic club. I ask that everyone swipe their card whenever drinks or food are purchased. Not only will you get discounts and regular freebies, we'll also be giving prizes to the biggest spenders throughout the year.

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## Fees and Uniforms

### Fees

Students \$150 (SRA covered)  
Non-students \$170 + \$120 (SRA)  
\*All fees due 5 April

### Uniform Prices

Playing jersey \$60  
Team polo \$20  
Shorts \$45  
Socks \$15

Please pay all fees by round 4 and uniform purchases directly into the ANUAFC account:

Account Name: ANU Australian Football Club

Account number: 464 641 279

BSB: 112-908

Reference: E.g. AHermann fees