



# That's a paddlin'!

By Greg Oberscheidt

On a blustery afternoon the ANUAFC Seniors travelled to Queanbeyan to take on the ladder leading Tigers. Showing no signs of an ANZAC day hangover the boys took it up to their more fancied opponents early and the first quarter was very much an arm-wrestle. The Griffs were strong at the coal face winning plenty of contested ball and tackling with vigour. Harris led the way in the middle with Grovesy showing plenty early in his return from injury. Spence provided a solid target coming out of defence and Hutchy worked into the game in his club debut.

The second quarter started much like the first with plenty of contested ball and our boys standing up well. Will Bonney got involved in some nice link

play and Rawlo was standing tall at the back. The tide turned after the 20 minute mark when the Tigers banged on four quick goals to open up a solid lead at the main break. We lacked some composure late in the quarter but the signs were still pretty positive.

The first 17 minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> term saw the Griffs control the play and keep the Tigers goalless. A lack of run across half forward and some poor options through the middle of the ground meant that we didn't maximise on our time on top. Again junk time hurt us with the Tigers banging on another five goals late with the Griffs unable to stem the tide.

I don't think anyone went home at 3 quarter time but if we had the result

**ANU TIGERS** 2 . 4 . 16  
21 . 16 . 142

**BEST** A Groves, R Forsyth, D Rawlinson, R Singleton, A Sorensen

**GOALS** A Hermann, R Forsyth

wouldn't be much different. 9 goals to bugger all saw the Tigers run away with a 20 goal win and whilst the margin was disappointing there were encouraging signs in patches. Tim Vickers-Wills looked good in his return to footy and Hutch looked a find before injuring his shoulder. Groves was best on along with Harris and Rawlo who toiled manfully.

Our endeavour and attack on the footy is first rate and if we can gain a little composure then our decision making and skill execution will improve dramatically and the reward for effort will follow.

## Upcoming matches

DIV 1  
ANU vs Belconnen | 2:30pm Sunday 4 May @ Kippax  
DIV 2  
ANU vs South Coast | 2:15pm Sunday 4 May @ South  
WOMEN'S  
ANU vs Gungahlin | 10am Sunday 4 May @ Gungahlin

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# Crouching tiger, hidden griffin

By Nicholas Crean

It was a 'Q' clash of a different kind out at Dairy Farmers Park on Saturday with both the Senior and Women's sides taking on the Queanbeyan Tigers at their home ground. In a change to the norm, the Women's fixture followed 1<sup>st</sup> grade so the girls ran out through the 1sts tunnel (thanks lads) and out into to the fading evening light – soon to be replaced by the artificial flood lights.

There were yet more players making their Griffin debuts this week – thank you to Pheobe Naughton, E-Lai, Liv Clark and Monique Munro for the great effort. I think some of the pack-clearing, rugby-style tackles by E-Lai were a game highlight for many. Phoebe rose to the challenge of rucking and showed plenty of promise. Monners and Liv were great around the ground with their second and third efforts and run.

We had an extremely positive start – M.Munro took the first mark of the day at half back pocket and then switched back into the corridor to link with Ash Brady who handballed to Roy charging through the centre. For the rest of the evening we had a bit of a 'nearly' game – heaps of heart and determination from the collective but just missing on that 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> phase of play needed to apply scoreboard pressure.

We are a new team still getting to know each other, getting to know the rules, and what to expect from our footy. At times on the weekend some players seemed uncertain of whether they were 'on' as an option or not. That is going to happen at the beginning of the year. It does not take anything away from the grit displayed by each and every player. Only with a bit more experience under the belt and time on the track together can we find and unleash that hidden Griffin within. As Pharell says, "Like the legend of the Griffin" or something like that...

**ANU** 0 . 0 . 0  
**TIGERS** 12 . 9 . 81

**BEST** C Bradbury, N Thorman  
 A Hutchins, A Burgess,  
 C Reynolds, C Roy



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# Griffins rue missed chances

By Kosta Didimiotis

The second game for Season 2014 saw the Reserves take on Harman at the new Gungahlin Town Centre Oval on Thursday 24 April. Under lights, and with a crowd building, the Magoos took to the field raring to make up for the loss to Tuggeranong.

The first quarter saw the reserves dominate play, sticking to the structures worked on at training. Rebound footy was on show as the Griffs went coast-to-coast on many occasions. Ray and Matt Quinn had the ball on a string, combining for many passages of play out of our defensive 50. Gary Earl-Spurr, or 'The Duke', was a revelation down forward; showing his unique athletic ability, while the usual suspects: Jono Dean, Johnny Mitchell and Tony Helman set about business-as-usual. Despite our dominant play, some wayward kicking didn't give us the advantage at quarter time that we deserved. ANU was in the lead 15-9.

The second quarter saw a role reversal, where Harman we dominating the play

and playing our own structures against us; rebounding hard and kicking truly when it mattered. Rafa Webb played his best game so far in the ruck while Connor McMaster undoubtedly played the game of his career with the Griffs, with strong leads and several crucial marks in the forward line. Phil Evans was again the link player between defence and attack, and battled hard all night. Again, the wayward kicking cost us, leaving ANU behind at halftime; 29-19.

Resetting at halftime, and with a focus on maintaining the structures, the Magoos set about to wrestle control of the game back into their favour. The quarter was hard fought, with neither side looking to give an inch. Lachie Vass showed how "Slippery" he is, selling the candy to multiple opponents and turning them inside out. A failure to lock the ball into the forward 50 ultimately cost ANU the quarter, going into three-quarter time down 50-25.

The last quarter saw the flood banks

<b>ANU</b>	3 . 8 . 26
<b>HARMAN</b>	11 . 12. 78
<b>BEST</b>	R Quinn, M Quinn, L Vass, R Webb, P Evans, S Tuan
<b>GOALS</b>	G Earl-Spurr 2, C McMaster

burst wide open, with Harman dominating play for the entire quarter. The Reserves did manage to get the ball to half-forward, but couldn't break past the Harman defensive line, and when they did, couldn't capitalise. A four-goal last quarter saw Harman take the game: 78-26.

All in all, this was an encouraging game for the reserves, demonstrating that the structures worked when executed properly, and most of all, the Magoos are not too far off the mark, making a competitive impact across all four quarters. To the rest of competition; be warned, ANU is coming.

## Round 6 - Umpires Round

Green arm bands will be worn this weekend to show support for umpires – without who this great game wouldn't be possible.

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