



## Promising Signs

By Greg Oberscheidt

Our First Grade side made the journey to a surprisingly sunny Tuggeranong on Sunday afternoon to take on the Hawks who had beaten the ladder leading Queanbeyan the previous week. The flu had struck hard with three players pulling the pin in the 24 hours before the bounce which thinned out a already skinny line up missing a host of big name players.

Some stern words from Cliff pre game about sticking to the structure and working for each other appeared to hit home as the Griffins put together the best half of football they've played in a long time. The back six led by the evergreen Chris Smith controlled the ball and the pace of the

game with Dougie and Crawsh running hard to link up on the switch and Sorro lighting up the turf as always. Duke and Big Bish provided a sorely missed target up front and Co Captains Heincke and Forsyth kept banging the ball in side 50. Our midfield were on top and except for some pressure errors we should have led at half time.

The third quarter saw a drop in intensity which allowed the Hawks to kick away and hold a five goal advantage at the final change but to their credit, the lads came out strong in the final term and held their own right up until the final siren. The six goal margin didn't reflect the balance of the match and the playing group took a great deal out of the experience with everyone now firmly of the belief that if we work to structure and play for the jumper then we can match it with the best Div 1 has to offer.

<b>ANU</b>	6. 8. 44
<b>TUGG</b>	11. 16. 82
<b>BEST</b>	C Smith, A Hermann, K Harris, S Bishop, R Sale, G Earl-Spurr
<b>GOALS</b>	S Bishop 2, K Harris, R Sale, N Arch, G Earl-Spurr

Smith held the mug aloft showing that at 44 he can still match it with the kids and his leadership was outstanding on the day. Harris battled manfully in the middle for four quarters and Bish played his best game for the club throwing himself into contest after contest. Herm continues to evolve as a link man in defence and Spence is loving the freedom of playing midfield.

The Griffins are on the rise and with continued hard work will be humming after the bye.

### Upcoming matches

**DIV 2**  
ANU vs GUN | Saturday 17 May 2014 2.15pm

**WOMENS**  
ANU vs QBN | Saturday 17 March 2014 10am

### Post match preso

Get down to Hellenic after every game for BOG awards and a mudslide with your mates. BOG receives a Kingston Physio session and \$50 Hellenic voucher. Best of all, you don't pay for a drink all night!

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# Women go down in nail biter

By Brent Ritchie

A cracking day's football was in the offering as the Women's Team ventured to the far northern reaches of the Territory to take on Molonglo at the Gungahlin Town Centre facility. An explosive start by the Griffs saw Bec Jones hit the scoreboard with a major in the opening minute of play, generating the sense that there would be a veritable old-fashioned goal feast on the cards from the women! However, from that point the game turned in to what could be best described as an arm-wrestle of a match, where contrasting styles of play were on display. The more skilful and well-drilled griffins were using the ball the better of the two sides but were finding that their bigger-bodied opponents' 'crash and bash' style would have them stretched for the duration. Scoring was at a premium as the ball spent large periods of time between the two half-forward lines.

In blustery and slippery conditions, Olivia Clark was a machine all day, not only tasked with quelling Molonglo's key playmaker 'Chook' (a most apt nickname), a role she undertook with aplomb, 'Liv' was finding the football herself and making a significant impact of her own. Lui and Hutch were busy racking up stats all day, acquiring key possessions at crucial times. Dellar was a rock in the backline across four quarters, repelling wave after wave of attacking thrusts by Molonglo. Roy and Phoebe toiled hard all day, and Burgo could not have done anymore to try and drag the girls across the line with quite literally one of the gutsiest performances I have ever seen on a footy field, pushing through two shoulder dislocations to run out the match as one of Uni's best contributors.

Ultimately the result was a heartbreaking four point loss where the best team on the day was not rewarded with the four premiership points; indeed a bitter pill to swallow. It was however a gallant effort by the women who can take a number of positives into next week's match.



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<b>ANU</b>	1. 4. 10
<b>GUN</b>	1. 8. 14
<b>BEST</b>	O Clark, A Hutchins, K Dellar, N Thorman, E Davies
<b>GOALS</b>	B Jones

## GRIFFIN SOCIAL CALENDAR

### MAY

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

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# The end of an era

By Chris Smith and Damien West

Club legend Simon Tuan (Tuany), the famous number 6 will play his 340th and final game for the ANU Griffins against Gungahlin at South oval on Saturday. Tuany has achieved much in his time at ANU, a player with nine ANU premierships, two ANU best and fairest awards, a players player award, ANU life member, ACT representation and last year achieved Masters All Australian status. A devoted husband to wife Lynn and loving father to Caden, Luca and Xanda, Simon is also a successful professional owning and managing his own pharmaceutical practice.

Those of us fortunate enough to have trained and played alongside Simon would all be well aware of his intensely competitive nature. Losing was never an option, gut running, 'go harder', 'find something' were some of the captions which drove Simon to unprecedented success. Running at 10:00pm during the week, pre training 3km runs and other sessions were always part of Simon's training regime. Always looking to find an edge over his opponents, never doubting his ability to defeat an opponent.

Simon was a great player at all levels, highly respected by his peers and competitors.

Simon was never deterred by injury. Many players would not have contemplated playing with the injuries which Simon endured. His courage at times required innovation, this involved Simon playing with a soccer shin guard to protect his forearm, a cricket thigh pad to protect cracked ribs, tape for broken fingers, tape and knee support guard for strained ligaments and endless bags of cotton wool for a recurring broken nose. His courage was unquestionable. On one occasion

Simon had a broken finger which had punctured the skin, yet despite the enormity of the injury, Simon proceeded to fly for a contested pack mark with his metacarpal bone exposed. It was this courage and endless fear which made Simon such a great and revered player.

A fierce competitor, Simon was also a great statistician. On presentation night, Simon could recite how many kicks, marks, handballs and goals he had kicked. Often Simon could break a game down quarter by quarter with a detailed analysis of each possession, location and quality of execution. Simon kicked six goals in one game and rates the 1993 Grand final as his most memorable game. Coming from seven goals down against RMC at start of the last quarter to kick 9.4 to win was a career highlight. The 2004 grand final against Belconnen was also a special win having rebounded from a 10 goal defeat in the qualifying final. Tuany rates Simon Stanfield as the best ANU player he has played with while toiling week in week out with his old mates, Westy and Smithy amongst some of his favourite players.

Coaching Simon was often a tutorial in diplomacy. It was not uncommon for Simon to share his strong opinions with the coaching staff. Strategy, match ups, team mix and positional planning were often part of Simon's brief to most coaches. Many coaches have attempted to explain structure, accountability, and team rules. As the evolution of rotations became part of common football, Simon decided to demonstrably disprove the theory and continue to run opponents into the ground with smart and intense gut running. Many runners quickly learnt not to ask Simon to come off for a 'rest' and many runners learnt not to relay the message from Simon to the coach. After 339 games, we would all

still back Tuany to beat his opponents with his sheer gut running ability and unconditional determination.

On a regular basis, Simon was tagged, closely marked, terrorised and tracked by opposing teams. Despite this close attention, Simon thrived on the attention and frequently ran his opponents into to the ground. It was not uncommon to hear Simon commentate the game to his opponents as they ran off for a rest. On the odd occasion when Tuany's opponent was first to the ball, they were often met with an uncontrolled clumsy challenge with knees and elbows flying in all directions (generally towards the head). Simon always embraced the challenge, physically and mentally defeating every opponent who attempted to defeat him. Simon's teammates never doubted his ability to win and emphatic competitiveness to perform for the team. A trait which was deeply respected and admired by all.

An unsung philanthropist for the club, Simon has for many years quietly supported the Griffins with the supply of tape and medical supplies. Never seeking public accolades, Simon wanted the best for everyone who represented the club and did this without fanfare or attention.

This Saturday will mark the end of a great career, not just of a great footballer, but of a great person. A great leader and inspirational person who inspired all by his actions both on and off the field. Simon, we will all miss you, however your legacy will never wain.

You are a true legend.

# Fees and Uniforms

Player registration fees are now overdue. Please pay any outstanding fees and uniform purchases directly into the ANUAFC account:

## Fees

Students \$150 (SRA covered)  
Non-students \$170 + \$120 (SRA)

## Uniform Prices

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



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## ANU GRIFFINS NOTICEBOARD

- Tuany's 340<sup>th</sup> and final game
- Smitty's 150<sup>th</sup> game
- Hellenic 'Happy Hour' from 9pm, Mudslides on Arch

### Canteen

- Jimmy Tighe, Dom Weppner and David Hutchinson, Dean Rawlinson, Nadia Thorman, Jesse F, Rob Sirr, Rob Sale

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