



First blood - Rambo's

By Nicholas Crean and James McMillan

Victory on Saturday to the Women!

The win represents good reward for effort and application at training over the last few months. It is hoped now that the taste of blood will have each and every Griff baying for more. The girls can go into Saturday's rematch against Molonglo with the knowledge that they know what to do to win. This win was not always a sure thing though, even at half time.

ADFA came with a big contingent. It is quite possible that they arrived at 0600 hours, because when we all rocked up in an assortment of uggies and odd socks, they were already standing in wait in

the car park.

When play got under way it was clear that it was not going to be easy. It was a strange 1st half with only 2 behinds scored! Roy and Naughton dominated in the ruck – from memory not conceding a hit-out while supplying the Sherrin to the midfield on a platter. Why then, was it not translating into scoreboard pressure?

The Griffs were their own worst enemy in the first half. Despite having most of the possession, use of space was non-existent. At times you could have thrown a postage stamp over 16 players around the contest. Half time intervened with ADFA threatening goals.

ANU 2.6.18
ADFA 0.0.0

BEST C Roy, P Naughton, B Jones, C Bradbury, K Dellar, L Chow

GOALS E Davies, B Jones

To all the players' credit, the turnaround at the start of the second half was amazing.

Intelligent use of space and talk around the ground was the difference and we kicked on to be clear winners. Jimbo was ringing the rotations thick and fast, with the luxury to try people in new roles. Thanks to Gav for umpiring, the canteen boys, and many others for their support.

HOME TRIPLE HEADER

DIV1

ANU vs BELCONNEN | 2:15pm Sat 31 May @ South

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Smith sizzles as history is made

By Jono Dean

The change rooms were a buzz with emotion as the boys kitted up before the game. If the sight of club stalwart Chris 'Smithy' Smith pulling on the famous jumper for the 150th time as well as the three Quinn's (Ray, Billy and Matty) standing side by side wasn't enough to get the lads up, club legend Simon 'Tuany' Tuan's 348th and final game for the Griffs, most certainly was.

Much has been said about Tuany in his illustrious career spanning 23 years (including 9 premierships), however truth be told, it is an almost certainty that his club record of 348 games will stand the test of time. Each and every bloke standing in the rooms, next to the great man, knew that they were part of something special – this was history in the making.

As Tuan, followed closely behind by great mates Smithy and Westy, led the boys onto the field for the very last time, attention quickly turned to our opponents. Like ourselves, Gungahlin had also failed to break the duck egg in 2014, and the opportunity to climb into the winners circle and capture some much needed momentum and confidence was at stake.

From the siren, the midfield and backline were dominant with Johnny Mitch, Tony Helman and Westy winning hardball after hardball while Dean 'Rawlo' Rawlinson and Nick Scotton called the shots from the back.

ANU quickly established a comfortable buffer and were rarely troubled in the first quarter. Jono O'Bannon continued his impressive form in the ruck and across halfback, Chris Mitchell shut down any momentum Gungahlin were able to muster.

The second quarter followed a similar theme to the first with Johnny Mitch continuing to amass possessions. Gungahlin struggled to penetrate the ANU defence and it wasn't until

Nathan 'Sammy Scotton' Arch's admirable act of sportsmanship,



culminating in consecutive 50 metre penalties, that the Jets were able to make a noticeable impression on the scoreboard.

A loss of concentration in the third quarter enabled Gungahlin to make a mini comeback however it wasn't long until the lads flicked the switch and began scoring with ease, much to the appreciation of the large home crowd.

Despite a thoroughly successful day for all involved, it wasn't until the fourth quarter that the real fireworks commenced, with an electric Smithy turning back the clock with a sublime and devastating 15 minute period.

Ever the showman, the young Smith terrorised the Jets defence with a number of lightning runs and lace out passes whilst adding a few majors to his name. It was a vintage performance from Smithy and one that would have revived memories of his old VFL days.

As the full time siren sounded, the two men of the moment 'Tuany' and 'Smithy' were chaired from the ground to rapturous applause, before the club song was sung with such gusto and pride that the nearby university dorms were forced to lodge an official noise complaint.

The win, which has been a long time coming, was savoured by the boys who celebrated long into the night.

The only blemish on the day, and one that must be a concern to coach 'Kosta Didimiotis' was the performance of the once formidable full forward Timmy 'Robba' Robb.

Although the big maaarrn was able to sneak two goals from close range, Robba rarely troubled the Jets backline and had his GPS firmly anchored to the four points of the goal square.

In what would have been unthinkable at the start of the season, Coach Didimiotis must surely be now only entertaining the thought of selecting Robba when injuries have cut down his more fancied forwards.

ANU Seniors outclassed by Ainslie

By Greg Oberscheidt

Another cracking day greeted the Griffs as First Grade played curtain raisers to the Magoos at Alan Ray (Ainslie) Oval. The early start didn't seem to impact our performance as ANU picked up where they left off after the Tuggeranong game and took the contest right up to the highly favoured Roos. A lull mid quarter saw Ainslie bang on three quick goals but when the 'Duke' marked and kicked truly on quarter time the margin was single figures and the game well and truly alive.

I'm afraid it all got a bit ugly after that as we fell completely away from our structure and our inability to run with the younger and fitter opposition was telling. Singles' venture into the midfield was short lived as a nasty knock on the ankle saw his day end early in term 2. Harris was solid again through the middle and TVW was a tower in the ruck. First gamers Dan Musil and Matthew Quinn showed plenty of promise and battled well.

Led by best afield, Andrew Hermann and Rawlo, the back six were solid all day but given the weight of opposition possession they ended up being outgunned as Ainslie continued the slaughter. Our forward line was unable to produce with any consistency and the midfield were out foxed and out worked by a well drilled team who spread exceptionally from the contest.

Our biggest challenge as a group is evolving past the notion of 'see ball get ball' which has been ingrained since juniors as the desired way to impact the contest. More often than not this results in over commitment of numbers which in turn sees us being burnt on transition.

As individual footballers we have an abundance of talent but the need for team oriented footy is paramount. Until the mental shift takes hold the group will struggle to compete for four quarters.

ANU 1.4.10
AINSLIE 19.12.126

BEST A Hermann, K Harris, A Sorensen, A Douglas, T Vickers-Willis, L Vass

GOALS G Earl-Spurr



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ANU Reserves outclassed by Ainslie

By Kosta Didimiotis

Round 9 of Season 2014 saw the Reserves take on Ainslie at Alan Ray Oval. Playing Ainslie at home is always a tough assignment, and this occasion was no different.

The first half didn't really deliver much for the Magoos outside of a 96 point deficit. However, there were a few individual performances worthy of note. Ray Quinn battled hard all day, proving what a nuisance he is to opposition players with uncompromising courage to stand under a highball with full knowledge that he was about to be levelled. Chris Mitchell also demonstrated his mettle across halfback, putting a lot of critical spoils and throwing his body into traffic. Rob Sirr and Dave Franklin put in a great effort to shutting down the opposition key forward, particularly Rob who sacrificed his own game to do the team thing.

After halftime, the Reserves regrouped and put in a desperate effort into restoring some pride in themselves and their skills, as well as some respect from the opposition. After many attempts to lock the ball into the forward line, a breakthrough came from Warwick Jay, who snapped over his shoulder 30m out after the ball spilled out of the pack. Mick "Rick" James put in an outstanding effort, playing his best game for the Griffs in what will hopefully be a long career at ANU. Will Pleming was also damaging up and down the wing, showing accountability to his opponents but also punishing them going the other way.

In the last quarter, the Reserves put in a consistent effort, controlling play for the last 15 minutes of the quarter. Nick "The Ox" Turner

played an outstanding game, making commanding leads up the ground and providing the critical link at half forward. He also scored the Griffs next goal, but his defining moment was a strong mark, a couple of 'sales of candy' to the opposition and delivering the ball into the forward line. Instead of looking for where he could next get the ball, he immediately stopped and looked around for a free opponent and picked him up; a three-game player providing a clear example of what is expected of any player.

With five minutes to go in the game, the ball came in high into the forward 50, and after a spilled mark, landed in the hands of Rob Kelly, roving with perfect timing and snapping the goal of the day from 40m out in his first ever game of footy.

ANU went down 177-20 in the end, but the second half was certainly encouraging, with the boys putting in enough to walk off the field with some pride in what they delivered. Ainslie demonstrated that to be the best, you have to beat the best. They are certainly the team to beat this year.

ANU 3.2.20
AINSLIE 27.15.177

BEST N Turner, M James, R Quinn,
W Pleming, C Mitchell

GOALS W Jay, N Turner, R Kelly

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 Sept

Venue: Hellenic in the City (upstairs)

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