



Griffins notch up first win in club legend's last game

Since moving up a grade the start of last season the Seniors and Reserves have battled valiantly but have been unable to get the desired result.

A strong Reserves outfit were able reverse the trend on the weekend and notch up a win against old rivals Gungahlin.

Throughout the game Jono Dean made plenty of friends on the Jets side by sharing possession of the pill. Due to the many new friendships formed this week Jono was unable to drag himself away from MSN Messenger and write his match report.

More to follow in next week's edition...

ANU	12.11.83
GUN	4.9.39
BEST	C. Smith, L. Vass, R. Quinn, M. Quinn, J. Buckley
GOALS	C. Smith 2, M. Quinn 2, T. Robb 2, J. Buckley 2, S. Tuan 2, B. Quinn, N. Arch



Upcoming matches

DIV1
 ANU vs AINSLIE | 12pm Sat 24 May @ Ainslie
 DIV 2
 ANU vs AINSLIE | 2:15pm Sat 24 May @ Ainslie
 WOMENS
 ANU vs ADFA | 10am Sat 24 May @ South

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!

Want to contribute?

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Smithy reaches 150

By Simon Tuan

Arriving in Canberra in 2002, Smithy was an experienced footballer, having played mainly in Victoria with a variety of different teams. Through contacts he was introduced to ANUAFC in 2004 and he's never looked back, and why would he, winning a premiership in your first 2 years with any club is a bonus.

Following on from his junior athletic days, he's made his mark as the third fittest bloke at the club (thanks Chasto and Sirry), running free up and down the wings of many grounds, but particularly the hallowed expanses of South Oval. As he's progressed in age, he's moved seamlessly into the backline, but is always keen to run forward. Who will ever forget his celebratory whoops in the 2004 GF, moments before the halftime siren, with the ball still in midair heading for a match-defining goal.

You don't get to play 150 games without having some talent and Smithy can run fast, kick well and mark under pressure. Even lays the odd tackle. But you'd be wrong to expect a handball around goal and don't expect him to swing onto his left foot. To get to this stage, Smithy has worked out his routine, always being a stickler for detail and preparation. First one to arrive at a game, headphones in (listening to Justin Bieber), getting strapped and changed early. Has his Gatorade, bananas and protein bars weighed, measured and laid out just right, eaten of course in the correct order. First out to warm-up prior to the game. Post match, his recovery would be the best, with rehydration and rehab being habits that many at ANU have never heard of.

And that's why he's still going strong in Div 1.

Now Smithy is a great communicator and motivator, even at training. Just ask Kosta about the Smithy inspired one-vs-one challenge of pushups and burpees, with this being the real reason Kosta required a shoulder reconstruction this year. Always a yapper on the field, Smithy uses his age and experience to freely offer instructions and encouragement to his teammates, but is also never shy at telling opponents how to improve their game around him. Quoted after the 2007 GF, Smithy offered this pearl to his tagging opponent, "you stay with me and I'll take you to the ball, but when you're looking for it, I'll already have it and you watch how I run and kick". As a footnote, Smithy won the Norm Smith for best on ground in that premiership game.

Off-field, he's an enigma that keeps a low profile. A high-flying business executive, making boardroom decisions involving plenty. He's the ultimate brand man, with Armani suits, designer t-shirts and clothes. With his lovely wife, Emma, it's not uncommon to see Smithy enjoying fine food, a beer and partaking of a good red wine.

But get him down to the footy and he crosses the line. No guesses who's calls include "number 11, you're a peanut. You're a peanut number 11. That's your man number 11, pick him up. That's your goal number 11. You're useless number 11".

Loves his footy does Mr Smith. Thank goodness he's on our side though.

Anyway, cheers to you Smithy. Well done, you're an ANU legend and all the best in your 150th.

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



Rivals a dampener on South debut

By Nick Crean

In their first game on home turf this year, the Griffs hosted last year's pool 2 Premiers, Queanbeyan Tigers. Quite the rivalry has grown between the two clubs since we got within 10 points in the GF last year. The Griffins were looking to get a bit of revenge on last time they met in Round 5. It was not to be, however, with Queanbeyan's attack on the footy setting the tone early. They are again the team to beat this year and we will do plenty of work to close the gap on them.

Enough about them! For ours, the women came out firing in the second half and enjoyed much more control of the footy, while restricting the Tigers run. Dellar and Burgess were showing how contested marks are taken at each 50m arc. One particular hanger by 'Stellar' Dellar brought the crowd to their feet and she was not done yet, earning 'best on' for a brilliant four quarter effort.

Our whole defensive unit was solid – Nads, Bradders, Hutch, Em Davies & Munro are all in rich form and they were supported this week with the return of Ani Gautusa. Ani had lost no touch over the break and was reading the play superbly.

With possible returns of Shorty, Roulstone, Dicko and Lui, our run out of defence will only get stronger.

Welcome to two more debutants for the club – converts from other codes. Alma Lacken is from the Emerald Isle and a background in Gaelic Football, while Bec Piese is in off-season from Ultimate Frisbee.

It was great to see the guys come down early to support, thank you for that. Big props must also go to Groves for donning the Orange and doing a fantastic job umpiring – will that tee make an appearance at the Rubiks Cube bash...? We need more umpires guys, so I encourage you to get onto the league and earn a quick \$65 for umpiring.

Bring on next week at home against ADFA

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QBN 14.13.97

BEST K Dellar, A Burgess, N Thorman, C Bradbury, A Gautusa, A Hutchins

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

Account Name: ANU Australian Football Club

Account number: 464 641 279

BSB: 112-908

Reference: E.g. AHermann fees



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