



A week is a long time...

By Greg Oberscheidt

It wasn't a great day for the seniors against a white hot Ainslie who are gearing up for a flag tilt. Despite our best efforts the Tri-colours ran away with a 15 goal win in our last home match for the season. Co-Captain Ryan Forsyth was asked for his thoughts on the game and the upcoming clash with ADFA at the post match presser...

"Today wasn't ideal by any stretch. We felt we had a good unit on paper and we'd ticked all the boxes. We felt that we came to play, to send a message but we weren't quite there. They're a yardstick of our competition and if you don't bring you're A game, if you're not up and about then you get found out..."

The boys tried their guts out today and the playing group, along with the football department will put in the hard yards on the track this week to make sure we're up and about for the ADFA game next week... There were promising signs, I played well which is a bonus at my age. Groves was good on his return, Tow-Ball head got on the end of a couple out wide and our big fellas all put in today so we've got a good base to get stuck in next week... We'll have a chat about a few things during the week and work on a few gaps and we'll be 110% come Saturday... It'll be a see-sawing affair but if we hit up our spot ups and work the fat side we should be able to

hammer a few home and bury some demons. They've had the wood on us for a few years but we've put in the hard yards, the playing group is up and about and there's a great feel around the club... It's a big game for the footy club, the seniors last hit-out for the year and we're hoping our supporters come out in droves and get behind us this week."

ANU	5.7.37
AINSLIE	19.13.127
BEST	A Groves, L Vass, R Singleton, T Vickers-Willis J Cliff, B Ritchie
GOALS	G Earl-Spurr, J Boyle, R Forsyth, A Groves, D Musil

Upcoming games

Cheer on your mates this Saturday with seniors hoping to finish off the season on a high against ADFA at RMC and the women preparing for finals against Belconnen at Kippax.

SENIORS

ANU vs ADFA | 12pm Saturday 23 August @ RMC

WOMEN'S

ANU vs BELCO | 10am Saturday 23 August @ Kippax Oval 2

Old Boys game and Mad Monday

Get down to support members past and present at the Old Boys game and Family Day, kicking off at South Oval from 12pm Saturday 30th August.

Start thinking about your costumes for Mad Monday 25th August at South Oval, following on from the Seniors final round game.

The Yellow King, Perseus & the pterygium boots

By Nathan Arch

"Let the game begin" the battle cry from the late coming Robb as he announced his entry into the final game for the 2014 season 10 minutes after the opening bell.

Tippy toeing around his opponent like the King of Carcosa he made flowers everywhere he waddled. The Yellow King was like an amphetamine fuelled sloth and in full flight was a sight to behold, bringing the crowd into the game with every step he took outside of the goal square.

Reminiscent of a young Perseus, Syrious Phil was mesmerising as his glint svelte physique cut through the tri-colours midfield, to what in my mind would've synched perfectly well with the inspirational soundtracks from The Mission, Sunshine or any circa 70's porno.

Benny Weise backed up his past two games with yet another outstanding performance, gathered plenty of the pill and used it well, pity he let himself down with such atrocious dress sense on Saturday night, sporting a heinous purple number.

Bucks kicked the goal of the year, twice. Was probably the most influential player on the ground in the first half then took a nap in the second.

Cannon O'Bannon was great in the ruck all day aided by the brilliance of Johnny Mitch and his orange pterygium boots.

And holding firm in the backline Retro played one of his best, handing his beastly giant like opponent a lesson in "how to be 4ft shorter, have less reach, 2 yards slower and still beat your opponent."

Heaps of other cats stepped up and in a hard fought contest blew the well fancied tri-colours off the paddock in the final term, wrapping up the rounds with a cataclysmic spiral into obliteration. Sucked in.

The day definitely belonged to two of the club stalwarts and favourite sons: Tuany & Smithy, who were both winding back the clock a couple of weeks in performances befitting both Smithy's final game for the Griffs and Tuany's 350th game. Getting the result and ending our season with three wins was a great way to cap it all off.

Jono Dean rocked up to the ground and seemed to loiter around the change rooms for far too long... was a little creepy really.

ANU	10.9.69
AINSLIE	9.12.66
BEST	P Syrros, J Buckley, N Blandford, J Mitchell B Weise, J O'Bannon
GOALS	J Buckley 3, T Robb 2, S Bishop 2, S Tuan N Arch, P Syrros

FOOTY TRIP

Clear out your calendars for end of season footy trip!

When: Labour Day long weekend 3-6 October

Where: Kiama, South Coast
More details on the ANU Facebook page

Cost: \$200 per person; includes accommodation, transport and activities.

We are only booking 28 places, confirm your attendance by paying the full amount into:

Name: ANU Australian Football Club
Account number: 430 515 063
BSB: 112 908
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*Please note this account is separate to the normal ANU account



The last laugh

By Johnny Mitchell #18

There are some magnificent things about our native game ranging from the initial roar that goes up following the national anthem at the G on the last Saturday in September to the silly but entertaining chatter of boys on the hills as the sun starts to dip behind Black Mountain on a sunny Saturday afternoon.

Travelling to Gungahlin for the penultimate game of a disappointing season on a freezing Wednesday night in August is not one of the magnificent things about our great game. This cold, frustrating midweek trip north was only made possible by the good heartedness of the civilised ANU 2nd grade, who despite annoying and constant demands by the boys representing the "3rd best" university in Canberra, were so keen to see the fixture played that we reluctantly agreed to it.

Luckily the boys in the blue with the white V did not let these things bother us as we bolted out of the gates to kick 6 in the first quarter and build up an at times uncomfortably close, but ultimately unimpeachable lead to run out winners by 34 points. This was another strong effort as ADFA honestly gave it everything they had and there were moments that back 6 looked rattled, but following Smith's advice to "stay composedBUT FOR GODS SAKE JUST KICK THE BLOODY THING", the Magoos withstood the onslaught and then gave it back with interest.

Helman was outstanding, his opponents not able to keep track of him all night; this also went for his teammates, as no one was able to locate Tony when it came to signing the second verse of the song. Tim Robb replaced the drinking boots that he was wearing on Sunday with his goal kicking boots and managed to sneak 8 through the big sticks. Syrras, back from being on loan to Bergmann provided Nigel Mansell like drive in the midfield while Bonney and O'Connor also played well ensuring selection for the next game barring any planned work trips to the snow.

Club legend Simon "Bob Saget" "Johnny Tuanham" Tuan played an unbeaten 350th game for the Griffs on the weekend, even sneaking in a cheeky goal to get the job done.

Chris "Smithy" Smith was also in on the action, giving as good as he got on and off the field in his last game for the Griffs before moving interstate... muh, muh!



ANU 15.14.104

ADFA 11.4.70

BEST A Helman, T Robb
C Smith, J O'Bannon,
P Syrras, W Bonney

GOALS T Robb 8, T Larkin 2,
P Egli 2, J Mitchell,
T O'Connor, N Arch

Congratulations to Tarlina 'Tip' Tipungwuti for claiming the AFL Canberra Duxton Player of the Round after dominating Women's Round, round 18, at Jamison. Tip scored 4.3 and nailed a goal in the dying minutes to get the Griffins over the line against rivals, Molonglo. Well deserved Tip!

The final straight

By Caitlin Roy

Morale was high amongst the Women's team after stringing together a couple of good performances and a top week of training. There was a lot to play for kicking off the final triple header of the year, not least bragging rights for Churchy in everyone's favourite Ainslie-Griffo household tussle.

We started the game with 20, though the unaccustomed challenge of a having bench was abruptly cut short when Piesse and Tip ran into injury after making a real impact on the game; Piesse in intensity at the ball and Tip down forward, leaving the defence for dead and again drawing first blood on the scoreboard.

It was back to business as usual with 18 on deck and Hutchy making up the 19th player on the field with invaluable voice through the middle. Despite the tight knit defence led by the usual suspects: Lui, Shorty and Munro, Ainslie were quick to catch up to the Griffins blistering start, going into half time four goals ahead.

The break gave us a chance to regroup, not perturbed by the scoreboard differential, we went into the third with renewed attack. Liv did a great job shutting down one of their key play makers and Lee Steel was as steady as a rock under pressure.

Whilst the scoreboard looked unfavourable, ample opportunities were made by Best Jones up forward and Flick who provided great run on the wing. Taking chances to switch play and reinforce structures down the ground caught the opposition off guard and there were plenty of positives take away.

Special thanks to Laura who must have racked up 10km keeping us hydrated and Gav who would have been lucky to clock up 1km in failed attempts to collect footy. Thanks also to the tireless work of our coaches. Bring on finals!

ANU 1.1.7
AINSLIE 10.4.64
BEST L Steel, M Munro
K Dellar, A Hutchins
L Rosin, O Clark
GOALS T Tipungwuti



GOLDEN BOOT STAKES

<i>R Kelly</i>	1.20
<i>S Ryan</i>	1.50
<i>A Kay</i>	3.00
<i>R Singleton</i>	6.00
<i>A Groves</i>	8.00
<i>C Roy</i>	15.00
<i>J Church</i>	18.00
<i>N Arch</i>	18.00
<i>T O'Connor</i>	22.00
<i>B Ritchie</i>	45.00

Players and guests are invited to
ANUAFC Presentation Night
7pm, Saturday 20th September
Hellenic in the City
RSVP to ANUGriffins@gmail.com

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Fees and uniforms

Player registration fees and SRA numbers are now overdue. Please confirm your SRA or student ID numbers with Daniel O'Reilly or Brent Ritchie ASAP.

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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GRIFFIN SOCIAL CALENDAR

AUGUST

Event: Old Boys game & Family Day
Date & time: 12pm Sat 30 August
Venue: South Oval

SEPTEMBER

Event: ANUAFC Presentation Night
Date & Time: 7pm Sat 20 Sept
Venue: Hellenic in the City (upstairs)

OCTOBER

Event: Footy trip
Date: Labour Day Long Weekend kicking off Friday 3rd Oct – Monday 6th Oct

