

*"We play it hard, We play it fair
We never shirk,
We're always there
For we are the Mighty Blues!"*

Blues News

Round 15, 2011 Edition



MEMBERSHIPS
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Croydon vs Blackburn 30th July 2011

Social Calender
30th July: Premiership Reunion Luncheon
3rd August: Auction
13th August: Major Raffle
20th August: Band Night
9th Sept: Presentation Night
 Keep your eyes peeled on the CFC website for all the latest information on functions.

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2011

Today we offer a very warm welcome to those players, wives and friends of the 1971 Premiership team to today's luncheon. It is absolutely fantastic to have you all here today and we hope that you enjoy the day's events, have a lovely meal and catch-up with others to reminisce about those past times. Again congratulations too on achieving the ultimate goal and we wish you all the very best for today.



Today we have our second Home game in a row and with two Away games to follow, we will finish off the year with the Round 18 clash against Norwood with our last Home game to be held at the ground for 2011 and with no games to be held at the ground for 2012, it will be sometime before we are able to see our teams at this ground. So make sure you are all here for that final Home game clash against Norwood.

Last week saw us against East Burwood. Our Colts started and continued to show great form and had a great win. Our Reserves, very competitive for a half, were not able to hold on for that last half and paid the price. Our Firsts had a great game and led for most of day, the exception being the opening 10 mins of the match. Great result and it is good to see the Coach, Brett Chandler and the players receiving some well-earned reward for their commitment and efforts.

We have several important social and fund-raising events coming up, so make sure you get to know what is happening and of course join in, and bring some friends for some true family fun. First up is the Annual Auction and I must say that we have some fantastic items up for the auctioneers hammer. It is a must that you put next Wednesday yes that's right next Wednesday the 3rd August in your calendar. Viewing of the items starts from 6:00pm. Of course this is the major fund-raising event of year for the club, your support is needed.

Next up we have our Major Fund-Raising raffle draw set for Saturday 13th August after our Round 17 clash against East Ringwood which is an away game. The function starts from 8:00pm and the club is putting on some food (beer, wine & soft drinks and spit roast rolls and salad for those ticket holders. There is magnificent prizes on here, with the first being a whopping \$5,000.!!! Make sure you get yourself a ticket and of course support the club.

Our next event is of course the much loved and talked about Band Night following our last Home game on August the 20th. For those who have attended previous years, this one is set to be an even greater one, so get your dancing shoes polished up, bring your partner and friends along and have a great evening in the comfort of the club rooms.

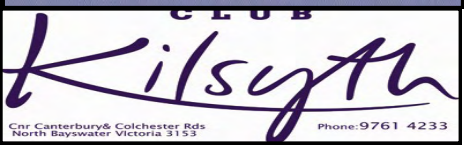
We also can say that the 'Darwin' office is getting back to normal with new carpet in place. Thanks again to all those helping out with this one.

Go Blues!!

Next Match:

**Croydon
VS
Vermont**

Saturday 6th August
Vermont Recreation Reserve



Sponsors

The Croydon Football Club recognises the value and importance of the support our Sponsors provide the club. We strongly recommended that all our supporters take the opportunity to hunt around and try our sponsors for your purchases. Just mention that you are from Croydon Football Club and I am sure you will be well looked after. For those loyal sponsors who have renewed, welcome back and for the new one, welcome aboard!

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500 CLUB FUNCTION

For all 500 Club Members, a reminder that there will be a function on at the CFC Clubrooms on Sunday starting at 12pm with BBQ and beverages provided. Please come along for what is guaranteed to be a great afternoon of Sunday Sippers and of course, mindless char about game winning tactics.

We thank you all for your continued support throughout the season!

CROYDONIANS

1971 Premiership Reunion Luncheon

The 40 year anniversary of the 1971 senior premiership is upon us. This will be a fantastic evening full of many memories and laughs with nearly all players in attendance.

Please note that this luncheon will be on at the clubrooms during today's reserves match from 12-2pm. Due to this, the clubrooms will be closed to the public and will reopen at the beginning of the senior game.

2011 Annual Auction

Plans are underway for this years auction. The event is a HUGE fundraiser for the Croydon Football Club. Each year tis event gets bigger and better with a huge range of items up for auction.

Get your hands on some priceless sporting memorabilia, incredible good and great deals on services. Keep your eyes peeled in the newsletter and online on our website for the list of items as they appear.

We welcome any ideas or leads for items to be included in the catalogue, or feel free to donate goods or services. Please see Bruce Kerr, Peter Molloy, Laurie Fletcher or David Green. We are expecting over items at approximately \$30,000 worth of goods.

When: Wednesday 3rd August

Where: Croydon Football Club Clubrooms

A sneak peak of some of the great items up for grabs in this year's auction includes:

- AFL Framed & signed jumpers by Chris Judd, Hawthorn Team, Collingwood Team, Geelong Team and Essendon Team
- Child's Cubby House
- Rounds of golf at Heritage & Croydon Golf Courses
- Accommodation packages
- Sherrin Football signed by the panel and cast of "The Footy Show"
- PLUS over 75 more great and unique items! So don't miss out!!!!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW THE LATEST VERSION OF THE AUCTION CATALOGUE. THERE ARE FANTASTIC ITEMS UP FOR GRABS THIS YEAR, SO MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THEM OUT PRIOR TO THE NIGHT.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.croydonfootballclub.com.au



LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

COLTS

Croydon 13.14.92
East Burwood 8.8.56

Best: P. Thatcher, S. Campbell, B. Dickson, N. Wilkins, B. Kitto, Z. Gorsuch

Goals: T. Gillingham 3, T. Lehmann 2, J. Loonstra 2, J. Deary 2, Z. Gorsuch 2, M. Lyall, B. Kitto

RESERVES

Croydon 8.5.53
East B'wood 12.7.79

Best: M. Cardamone, S. Black, S. Wilson, D. Bailey, T. Green, A. Caley

Goals: J. Barton 3, M. Cardamone, K. Webster, C. Raines, A. Caley

SENIORS

Croydon 10.10.70
East Burwood 8.8.56

Best: D. Cupido, T. Martin, T. Wright, J. Wilson, B. Finnerty, N. Parlby

Goals: D. Cupido 9, L. Kimpton

Results according to EFL site.

Coaches Report: Simon Fielding (Colts):

Round 14 against East Burwood and pleased to report another strong effort by the TEAM to win their fourth game of the season.

This round was a chance for the TEAM to set some previous wrongs right against East Burwood, and show that the side that they played in the earlier "bye", round was not indicative of where this TEAM had progressed to.

The first quarter had us take real control from the outset, with hard pressure, sure ball handling and commitment to win each contest. At quarter time we led 4 goals 5 behinds to 1 goal 1 point. Their goal coming in "Red Time" a problem that seems to haunt us. At the break we spoke about maintaining the pressure, and the commitment each of us had to our individual jobs. Unfortunately we were very flat in the 2nd term and allowed East Burwood back into the contest. Our ability to clear contests and pick the ball up when under pressure fell away, and at the half break we held a 2 goal lead.

Again reinforcing the TEAM theme for the day of "being involved" we went out in the third term to re-establish our presence on the game. Things looked shaky early in the 3rd quarter as East Burwood got to within 2 points. Tyson Leehman was moved to full forward, Beau Kitto to CHB and Big Thatch took a permanent rucking role. This changed things up with Leehman striking a purple patch, being fed by Wilko in the middle and Kitto playing strongly from the half back line. Jacob Deary also played the elusive forward role well creating scoring chances as we kicked 4 for the quarter and shut East Burwood's run down.

The last quarter had us finishing off again strongly as East Burwood fell away. Zac Gorsuch, who had missed some earlier chances kicked truly for 2 and Tome Gillingham, James Loonstra capitalised on some good forward play. Another 4 goals in last quarter had us finish on top of East Burwood 13.14 to 8.8. With Daniel Fielding moving into the Senior team, the Colts were well led by Paul Thatcher (who played the majority of the game in the ruck and moved over the entire playing field), who was supported all day by Stewy Campbell, Nick Wilkins, Beau Kitto, Matt Lyall, Billy Dickson, Tom Gillingham, Zac Gorsuch and James Loonstra. A pleasing part of the game is the growing number of players who are starting to get their hands on the ball during games, with 13 players achieving double figure stats, which are thankfully taken at games by Peter Cooper with the assistance of John Lylle. Thanks guys.

This week we look forward to continuing the challenges the season has presented by hosting Blackburn, who will no doubt figure in this year's finals, and measuring our improvement on our last meeting.

Geoff Wighton (Reserves):

Unfortunately we didn't get the third win we were all looking for, The guys battled hard all day. Our skills let us down in the first quarter and this allowed East Burwood to get a break on us. We fixed this in the second quarter and managed to level up by half time. However, in the 3rd quarter we had a major lapse in concentration and East Burwood ran away from us and we just couldn't find a way to slow them down. The positive from the day was to see how well our guys fought the game out, earlier in the year when opposition teams got on top of us we caved in and got run over the top of, but this week we fought the game out valiantly. I know our guys are learning and getting better each week and hopefully they learn again from last week's loss and treat it as one that got away.

This week the chance to play a team in the top 5, and find out how much we have improved!

Brett Chandler (Seniors):

A fantastic win for the boys against East Burwood. This game was a great test for the team as East Burwood sit just outside the 5 and have been a competitive side all season, so it required real strength and team work for our boys to get over the line. The performance was the best four quarter performance we've played all year, following instruction and coaching each other rather than relying on directions from the bench.

The win puts us two games clear from the bottom side, Mulgrave and puts us in a great position to have a good run home for the remainder of the season. Only four weeks to go and we can hopefully show what we're really made of as we take on Blackburn this week!



YOUNG STARS



MY BLOOD OATH



Twin AFL coaches, the Scoot brothers, along with the TAC and AFL Victoria are running a campaign to raise awareness of looking after your mates when you're on the road. This fantastic cause is using social networking giant Facebook as it's launching pad. Local clubs have the chance to win weekly cash prizes or the grand prize of \$30,000 for whichever club gets the most supporters to "make a pledge". To make your pledge for the Croydon Football Club, go to www.facebook.com/mybloodoath and follow the links on the left hand side of the page that says "Take the Oath" and make sure you enter in the Croydon Football Club.

The more support we can have for the CFC, the more chances we will have of winning some fantastic weekly prizes and the more we can create awareness for this important issue among our youths.

Senior Committee 2011

President: David Green **Senior Vice President:** Darrel Grant

Vice President: Mick James **Treasurer:** Richard Hughes **Secretary:** Prue Green

Committee Members: Debbie Grant, Geoff Cripps, Corey Rogers, Rob Smith, Michael Robinson, Alan Wilkins, Laura Denny, Michael Zinghini, Ken Edwards, Mary Wilkins, Peter Cooper

Social Committee Members: Katie Adams, Kirsty Bower, Alicia Mortley, Alana Hughes

