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Blues News

Round 18, 2011 Edition



CROYDON FOOTBALL CLUB

Presentation Night

FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

The Dorset Gardens Function Room



Dress: Cocktail

\$50 Ticket - inc. two course meal

Seated by 7:30pm

**Tickets must be purchased prior to the event by 21st
of August.**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2011

Today marks the last game for the 2011 season for the Croydon Football Club and I wanted to say a very warm welcome to our supporters today. It is timely to reflect on the season just gone and to highlight some areas where the club is already focusing on for next year.

Before I do this, I must say a big THANKYOU to all the Committee and other volunteers who have contributed so much time and effort to help the club in what on reflection can be said as a difficult year for the club. I must also say that the club is headed in the right direction and we are well positioned this year to again be a finals contender in 2012.

The coaching staff have worked hard this year and with Brett Chandler, Geoff Wighton and Simon Fielding, they have done a great job developing young players, who are after all the future of the club. We have a very bad run with injuries, however it is pleasing to see the players finishing off on a strong note which puts us in good stead for the future.

We recognise and understand that to be persistently successful takes not only hard work but planning and organisation, we are working hard already in developing the necessary structure and resources to support our coaches and players through a better and bigger Football Department. We understand that this is necessary and we are developing and resourcing this already for next year.

Off field we again had a very good outcome with strong Sponsorship take-up and it is pleasing to see the return of past years sponsors, and in several cases an increase in support from them. We also gained new sponsors and it is fantastic to these on board. We will as always work hard with our sponsors to ensure a long and lasting relationship to come.

Our Croydonians this year have again done a splendid job and we have a record membership and of course they have run some magnificent functions culminating in the Annual Auction which again was a superb result for the club.

Our Social functions this year have also been great and with some new attractions, like the Yarra Boat Cruise, and with the favourites such as the Bad Azz and of course tonight's function the Band Night. Oh, make sure you come to that one!!

Our Memberships and merchandise sales have been good, and for those who joined as members we thank you for your support, we sincerely hope to see you again in 2012.

Our canteen continued to provide some wonderful food and our Thursday night dinners were again a big part of this season. The fund-raising efforts was exceptional this year with Game Day raffles, the Major Raffle and others proving to be a significant benefit to the club.

The Past Players held a wonderful function with the 1971 Premiership reunion and it is great to see some increased generation of interest for next year. We all understand and appreciate that the club has a wonderful history, and it is also pleasing that we have a wonderful future with our greater involvement and relationship with the Junior club this year. We have had deliberate focus on this and it is pleasing to see that the bond and cross support is increasing between the two committees.

We have of course worked with the Maroondah council to obtain commitment to have the ground renovation works to commence once our football season is completed. This will mean that for 2012 our Home games will be played at Hughes Park and we will return to a revamped oval including coaches boxes.

Again a thank you to all those committee and supporters who have given up so much. I also would like to thank the players who provide us with the enjoyment and pride of being at this great club of ours.

Finally thank you to our editor of the Blues News, Alana Hughes who has done a great job in providing you the information about the club.



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Condolences to the Arbuckle Family

Patrick Arbuckle, a beloved member of both the Croydon Football Club and the Croydon Cricket Club, sadly passed away recently. The Croydon Football Club, and in particular the Croydonians would like to send out their sincere condolences to Patrick's wife, Patricia, and their four children Michelle, Jamie, Sean & Robbie. Patrick was a keen cricketer, back in the day, where he was best known for his spin bowling talents at the Croydon Cricket Club of which Patrick was a life member. After finishing cricket at Croydon he played for North Croydon. Patrick has been involved with the Croydon Football Club and a proud Croydonian for several years, attending most games, particularly due to the fact that all three of his sons played for the CFC.

1971 Premiership Reunion Luncheon

A huge thank you to all that attended the Past Players 1971 Premiership Reunion Luncheon. A great day was had by all, with fantastic food, many laughs and fond memories. A big thank you to those that helped to organise the event!



The Blues Brothers!

The CFC's very own Blues Brothers!



Who's head is this?!

Somebody needs to find this man a qualified hairdresser! We understand he's a bit of a handy-man, but maybe the grooming should be left to the professionals! Can you name the owner of this lovely "do"? Prize for the winner is a free matching haircut, done by the man himself!



THE COLTS

Coaches Report:

Simon Fielding (Colts):

The last three weeks have seen the Colts Team play against 2 of the top 3 sides in the competition and the side directly above us. Unfortunately, the boys have not been able to register a win from the past three games, but what they have done is confirm the big improvement they have made from their earlier meetings in the season.

Our Round 15 home game against Blackburn, saw us go goal for goal with one of the strong finals contenders. This was an exciting game from start to finish, and when the scores were level mid way through the final quarter we were looking for a big upset, but unfortunately just couldn't cap off the hard work that had been put in earlier and we lost by 2 goals. A massive improvement from our first meeting.



Next up, Vermont gave us a real football lesson. Starting strongly, kicking the first 2 goals of the game, we looked to have control, but early injury to our ruck department left us weakened around the ground, as we struggled to fill the gaps left by their absence and the gulf that showed between top and middle of the ladder was exposed. One positive of this game was the real character of the group, that at no stage did they give it away but continued to make each contest their best. The benefit of clean handling and run were clearly displayed and they ran out very comfortable winners by 126 points, our worst loss of the season.

Our last game at East Ringwood had us play with a real passion and displayed in full the improvement we have made over the season. Coming up against a full strength East side, we were without Thatch and Kitto playing up in the Seniors, and we had 2 of our U16 juniors getting some game experience with us. The team played extremely well, handling the ball with confidence, running in numbers, man on man contests, and leading our opponents all over the park. We led by 11 points at half time.

East came out stronger in the 3rd term and kicked 6 goals to our 4 and we trailed by just 4 points at 3 quarter time. Unfortunately in the last quarter our boys lost the composure they had in the earlier parts of the game, and we registered a massive 21 turnovers! The final loss by 60 points does not reflect the true course of the game and does an injustice to the efforts of the team on the day. Our last encounter with East Ringwood had us register just 6 scoring shots (3.3) compared to 22 this meeting (11.11) and this with a side not at its full list.

Good performers over the past three weeks are Billy Dickson, James Loonstra, Daniel Fielding, Paul Thatcher, Beau Kitto, Oscar McInerney, Matty Lyle, Ben Riley and Brett Corris.

I would like to thank at this time, all the support that has been given to the Colts team through the season. Ray Thatcher, Dave Egan, Andrew Smith, Steve Kotaidis, Jordan Fielding, Ross Millard, Paul Corris, Alan Wilkins, John Lyle, Peter Cooper, Corey Rogers, Michael Robinson, Kenny Edwards, Darryl Grant, Bobby Hammond, Gary Stephens and the mums



who have served in the canteen, plus the other dads that helped on cold mornings assisting with the fence at home games and thanks to the committee. Your support is priceless to the club and team.

A final thanks to Brett Chandler (Senior list Coach) and the whole senior group for their encouragement and acceptance of the new younger players to the club from early pre-season to now. Your input both personally and to the team has contributed enormously to their progress and the betterment of the club in the long term.

We look forward to our final game against Norwood, and pushing ahead for next season.



THE SENIORS

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

COLTS

Croydon 11.11.77
East Ringwood 20.20.140

Best: J. Loonstra, D. Fielding, B. Dickson, M. Lyall, R. Kotaidis, B. Riley

Goals: M. Lyall 2, J. Loonstra 2, B. Riley 2, J. Larkin, Z. Gorsuch, T. Gillingham, N. Wiggins, J. Deary

RESERVES

Croydon 4.6.30
East Ringwood 18.13.121

Best: K. Webster, B. Gardner, D. Bailey, P. Blight, M. Cardamone, A. Cowan

Goals: S. Wilson, W. Carter, P. Blight, B. Gardner

SENIORS

Croydon 21.13.139
East Ringwood 10.13.73

Best: L. Kimpton, D. Cupido, J. Grant, D. Bull, D. McConnell, B. Finnerty

Goals: D. Cupido 10, L. Kimpton 2, N. Haag 2, T. Wright 2, D. Cross, J. Wright, B. Finnerty, B. Kelleher, J. Ficorilli

Results according to EFL site.
<http://www.efl.org.au>

Coaches Report:

Geoff Wighton (Reserves):

Well the end of the season is upon us, it's been a fairly tough year but the young guys have come forward in leaps and bounds as the season progressed. Our last couple of weeks have been a little disappointing but they should just be forgotten as the season has taken a fairly heavy toll on the two's players.

Today however is a celebration of our season, let's all stick together and get Chambo on the scoreboard. After today's game I'm asking all players to stay back at the club and enjoy the Band night!

Brett Chandler (Seniors):

Blackburn – Round 15 Sat 30th July.

After 2 very even first quarters, where we were neck and neck to them, we let ourselves down badly in the third term. To be within 3 points at half time and down by 55 points at three quarter time was most disappointing. We were outscored by a total of 3 points in the first half and outscored them by 13 points in the last quarter. After a great effort the previous week against East Burwood, we failed to go the full four quarters.

Vermont – Round 16 Sat 6th August

In what was arguably one of our best performances for the year in a game that had so much hinging on it and only going down by 4 points was gut wrenching for all involved. So close and yet so far. It's just those little lapses where we deviate from instructions as in the 1st and 3rd quarter and our game plan falls away momentarily that proves costly. In this standard of football 5 minutes here and 5 minutes there where concentration breaks the game can be lost. When we get it all together, watch out. Congratulations to Jarrod Wright on his 100th game, great effort.

East Ringwood – Round 17 Sat 13th August

"That's what we're talkin' bout". 4 quarters of quality football, stick to instructions, follow the game plan and commit to your team mate, the players did this to a tee. Result – the most satisfying game of the year. There wasn't too much we did wrong and that was reflected in the end result and to come home in the last quarter with 8 goals to 1 exemplified the attitude the boys had to get the job done. To have 9 players spread the goals and share the ball around, to have the backline being as disciplined and committed to the task as they were, the midfield and onballers carry out their tasks as they did and the rotations working to keep us fresh, it was a great team effort.

Two of our U18's, Thatch and Beau, put forward a great effort. Others like Kimpo, Haagy and Sheepa keep on improving and it'll be exciting to see what goals they set for next season, they have laid the foundations this year and will continue to build on their opportunities. This week is another game, we will carry on from East Ringwood, and the boys now should have the belief that if everything is carried out as instructed, their mindset is right and their commitment to themselves and their teammates is where it should be, then another win is just around the corner.



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