## **VALLEY**



### **NEWS**

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#### Important Dates

#### 19-20 September 2020

Junior Round 9
Senior Round 10

#### 30 September 2020

Next closure date for TVAFC merchandise

https://www.tuggeranongfc.com.au/merch

#### **AFL Canberra Fixture**

https://aflcanberra.com.au/fixt ures-results/



#### A Word from the Board

Wow! It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of season proper already, and for many it has probably felt like one of the longest seasons we have ever had, regardless of the shortened rounds.

As Junior Director, this year I couldn't be prouder of the way everyone has embraced coming under the one banner. Everyone looks amazing in the new gear and there is nothing greater than spotting people walking around town displaying our Club emblem with pride.

In the junior space last weekend, we farewelled our Auskick Rookies for another year and this Saturday will see the last games for our Auskick Pros and Under 9s. Auskick Pros and Under 9s probably had the rockiest start to the season having to play each other for the first two home rounds, before pairing up with Queanbeyan. But to the coaches and managers testament they all took it in their stride and gave the best possible experience to all of our players, so well done. I also can't go past Auskick without acknowledging the amazing work of our Auskick Coordinator Steve Coad who worked tirelessly across Rookies and Pros to make the season happen.

Our Senior grades also wrap up their season this weekend against Queanbeyan at Allinsure Park. It will be one of the very rare opportunities this year to see them player, in fact the last opportunity, with 500 spectators allowed at games in NSW. So if you can find the time to pop out for one of the games I strongly encourage you to do so. It is also a great way of thanking the Senior players that have been involved in our junior program this year through helping at junior training or by attending games. The significance of this commitment does not go unrecognised and having a cradle to grave club should not be taken for granted. A pathway where juniors and seniors are engaging with one another is crucial to seeing the success of football in Tuggeranong, so thank you to all of those players that got involved and to all Senior's, enjoy having some well-earned rest.

Last of all, a message for our remaining Junior/Youth teams, that are entering finals or their final season proper games. Congratulations on an amazing season! Whilst results may not have always gone your way, you all held your heads up high and represented Tuggeranong proudly. Your coaches, managers and the Board could not be happier with how you have all conducted yourselves in a challenging year. Enjoy every minute of your remaining games, play your hardest, leave it all on the park but most importantly have FUN. It has been a huge season so you deserve to finish in a huge way.

Kelly Hogan

Director Junior Football
Tuggeranong Valley Australian Football Club

# **MATCH REPORTS**

#### UNDER 14S GIRLS RD 7

The under 14 girls travelled to Reid, to take on the heavyweight team of the age group Ainslie Red. Ainslie have smashed all teams that have come before them this year with an average winning margin of 96 points across the 8 rounds . Ainslie are not only very effective when going forward but their defence has only leaked 2 behinds all year.

With this in mind we looked to set up on the defensive side and aimed to surge when allowed. We asked the girls to do three things, take the ball wide and play the boundary, bring the pressure and be accountable to your direct opponent.

From the first bounce it was clear that this was going to be an uncomfortable game for Ainslie. The midfield worked as a unit and laid more tackles in the first half of the game than all the other games we have played combined, Come quarter time we had managed to do what no other team had done and kept the Ainslie team to under two goals. The second quarter came and it was more of the same the midfield and defence working as one to repel raid after raid. It was not until the last 5 minutes of the half where fatigue set in that Ainslie kicked another two goals.

The game opened up a little in the third and we were able to play more on our terms resulting in several scoring opportunities. Then after 8 rounds and nearly three quarters of footy it finally happened Christina took a mark 50 out played on and kicked a goal from 25 out. The girls had managed to do what no other team had done all year, kick a goal.

The final game score was 9.15-69 to 1.0-6, this does not reflect the game or show how close the game was until the final quarter. The girls have set a new benchmark for the team and I look forward to watching them grow as a team.

Special mention to the midfield and defensive units you all had outstanding games, but our players player was none other than Christina for that goal.

Well done girls!

Josh Motbey

## UNDER 11S BLUE - RAPTORS RD 7

Under 11 Blue (Raptors)
Opposition – Ainslie Tricolours
Ground Location – Gordon
Match Report

This week saw our U11 Raptors finish the home and away season against Ainslie under perfect football conditions. Wanting to finish the season on a high and celebrating Charlie Wallace's 50<sup>th</sup> match the Raptors jumped out of the blocks displaying great teamwork finishing the quarter with a 3 goal lead at quarter time with a slight breeze behind their backs.

The second quarter was a tough tussle with our backline holding up repetitive attacks by Ainslie holding them to another goalless quarter still maintaining a 3 goal lead.

Following a half time break with the coaches making some positional moves the Raptors for the first time this season was able to break the shackles putting on a 9 to 0 goal quarter. Everything as a team we had work on during the season was on display with the team playing unselfish football sharing the ball between each-other, handballing backwards to teammates in better positions and displaying some cleanest passages football we had seen all season from any team.

The last quarter brought a few positional changes to allow some of our defenders an opportunity to play up forward where we were able to run out eventual 86 point victors. Unfortunately the team fell a win short from making the top 4 however the improvement and development of the team made throughout the season was remarkable where another season of football together as a group, no doubt will bring success!

#### Final Score:

Tuggeranong Valley Blue (Raptors): 13.9.87 Ainslie Tricolours: 0.0.1

Goal Kickers: C. Matthews 3, N. Dokonal 3, Z. Dalmolin 2, C. Summers 2, R. Backhouse, C. Aiken, N. Coleman

Best Players: Everyone!

## UNDER 10'S GIRLS - THUNDER RD 7

The under 10s Thunder girls took on a strong Queanbeyan team on Sunday. They took us by surprise a little, but it didn't take long for the girls to settle and play their usual brand of football.

The defensive efforts of Holly, Emma, Abby, Matilda and Margaret today was outstanding. Through the midfield, Layla, Issy and Milla took on the opposition and used space wisely. Eleanor and Sophie know exactly where to run, and gave us plenty of options out wide.

We have some small girls, but they take it to the taller opposition each week. Today was no different. Karli, Darcie, Mia, and Reina ran all day, tackled well and went in hard to win the ball.

When up forward, the girls made the most of it. Plenty of goals were scored, due to the relentless efforts of players like Maeve, Abby, Eleanor, Layla, Milla, Matilda and Annaliese - a great reward for another fantastic team effort.

Each week the girls work on skills and fitness at training, and display their hard work each Sunday. I am so impressed by how much they have improved since the start of the season and by the exceptional skills of girls so young. Keep a close eye on these girls, as they are all superstars with a very bright future in this great game! They are also a lot of fun to hang out with.

Thank you to everyone who helps, but a special thanks to Nicole 'ice woman' & Matt Knox and Gerry Patron.

**GO THUNDER!** 

**Eugenie Hickey** 

# SENIOR RESULTS

## Seniors round 9 - Results

Men's 1st grade



22.18-**150** 



3.4-**22** 



Women's 1st grade



12.13-85



0.1-1



Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade



18.12-**120** 



4.6-30



Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade



Bye



# Rising Stars round 9/8 - Results

#### Men's Rising Stars



19.12-**126** 



3.1-**19** 



#### Women's Rising Stars



5.10-**40** 



0.1-1



## **NOTICE BOARD**

#### Raffle Tickets for SALE



Without being able to hold any of the regular major fundraisers this year the TVAFC is running a Raffle with some great prizes from some of our amazing sponsors. Tickets are \$5 each and will be drawn on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Ticket books can be collected from Team Managers or by contacting Luke Lowes – community@tuggeranongfc.com.au



# Club Chocolate Fundraiser Money **OVER DUE**

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to arrange a mutual collection time

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