



NEWS LETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

August 2017 Edition

Welcome to the August edition of "Blood Lines". The intent of the Club's newsletter is to keep members, players and supporters informed about what's happening at South by recalling the highlights of the month just passed and informing on what's coming up in the month ahead.

If there are any other areas or aspects of the Club that you would like to see us cover please feel free to submit your suggestions via a return email.

LOOKING FOR OUR HISTORY

2018 marks the 125th anniversary of the formation of South Bendigo as a club. In planning for activities to recognise this significant milestone one of the considerations has been the gathering and display of a range of historical club memorabilia.

Given the amount of interest that old Football Records, pictures and newspaper cuttings etc. have generated at recent premiership team reunions it was thought that a collection of similar items from across the various eras of the club would be a real attraction for supporters and past players alike over the weekend of the 125 Anniversary celebrations.

So if you have any old Footy Records (complete with the must read "South Scatters"), Annual Reports, newspaper cuttings, membership pins, supporters badges, old footy jumpers, official club or supporters clothing, team pennants, trophies won by family members or anything that you think would be of interest either from your own or your families association with our club over the years we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Stephen Dean on 0437 299 063 or via email at msdean@bigpond.com your input to help us celebrate 125 years of history could become a part of the Bloods history in its own right.



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR BLOODS ANNUAL SPORTS LUNCHEON

Who could forget last year's Sports Luncheon which featured prominently in a range of national news bulletins on the day. With the event generating such a frenzy of interest it's certainly one you should mark down in your diary as a "must attend" later this month.

With a great panel of guest speakers, a fine meal provided by our good club sponsors the Old Boundary Hotel and a beverage package included; the day presents excellent entertainment at outstanding value. Grab a table for friends and colleagues or just a ticket for yourself.

For tickets and/or further information contact President Rick Townsend on 0417 037 572 or at rick1242@me.com

SOUTH BENDIGO FNC
Sports Luncheon
SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST
SBFNC Social rooms QEO view st.
Guest speakers

Phil Garman	Jake Stringer	Terry Wallace
 <p>NICKNAMED 'Fabulous Phil'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COLLINGWOOD BEST AND FAIREST: 1975• 2X GOALKICKER: 1975, 1978• COACHED STURT IN THE SANFL FROM 1995-2001	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AFL PREMIERSHIP PLAYER (2016)• ALL-AUSTRALIAN TEAM (2015)• 2x LEADING GOALKICKER (2015, 16)• 2x 22UNDER22 TEAM (2015, 2016)• AFL RISING STAR NOMINEE (2014)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 X VFL PREMIERSHIP PLAYER• 2 X PETER CRIMMING TROPHY• 2 X CHARLES SUTTON MEDAL• ALL-AUSTRALIAN TEAM (PLAYER)• ALL-AUSTRALIAN TEAM (COACH)

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KIERAN STRACHAN PLAYS DEBUT VFL GAME FOR ESSENDON

Story by Luke West in the Bendigo Advertiser from 12th July 2017

Strachan grasps VFL opportunity with Essendon in win over North Ballarat



SOUTH Bendigo's Kieran Strachan had been waiting patiently for an opportunity in Essendon's VFL team. Last Sunday he got it and grasped it with both hands.

The ruckman in his first year on Essendon's VFL list had been regularly named an emergency this season before earning a call-up to the Bombers' team to play North Ballarat. The 21-year-old admitted he had pre-game nerves about not getting a kick in his debut game, but a couple of hours later he walked off Ballarat's Eureka Stadium as one of Essendon's best players in a 54-point win. The Bombers named Strachan fourth best for a performance in which he finished with 16 disposals, eight marks – five contested – and four tackles playing the majority of the game in the forward line with some pinch-hitting in the ruck.

"It was a really good experience... the boys certainly helped make the transition from the Bendigo league to the VFL," said Strachan, a co-captain this year with his aligned club, South Bendigo. "I had been an emergency about five times this year waiting for an opportunity and it was good to get it at the weekend. "It was good to get a kick and take a few marks... my biggest fear was turning up and not getting a stat, so to get a few and have a win, I was really happy with it. "I got some good feedback after the game from the coaches, but with only four or five VFL spots available outside of the AFL-listed players, I'll just have to wait and see about this week."



[Luke West](#)

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RED & WHITE PLAYER SPONSORSHIP PORTRAITS NOW AVAILABLE

Supporters who obtained their 2017 membership through a Red & White Player Sponsorship are advised that their sponsored player/s portraits are now available. The intent is for individual players to pass them on to their sponsors and in doing so provide the opportunity to express their thanks for your support. If you have not yet received yours please contact your sponsored player or the club.

The Red & White sponsorships are a great way to purchase your annual Bloods membership, supporting both your club and your favourite player at the same time. Sponsors can either elect to support a player of their choice or alternatively a player chosen by the club. The second option provides great support for young players or players new to Bendigo with few contacts such as students who have traditionally found it difficult to obtain sponsorship.



SUPPORT THE SOCIAL ROOMS AND THE CLUB



The South Bendigo Social Rooms at the QEO have been a big asset for the club over many years. In addition to being a great facility for club gatherings and social events they also provide the club with an opportunity to raise money through the hire of the venue for external functions. The club maximises the revenue opportunities the Social Rooms provide by running these external functions wholly with volunteers. Unfortunately, as with many things, this responsibility is starting to fall onto fewer willing workers.

In line with the principle that “many hands make light work” the club is looking for expressions of interest from people who would be in a position to help out serving behind the bar and/or generally assisting at these functions from time to time. No experience is necessary and you won’t be locked into any roster. Emails go out requesting assistance the month before and if you’re available then great, if not, well then maybe next time. It’s not an onerous task and often can be a lot of fun.

So if you think you are in a position to help us (and the Club) out please get in contact via Alan Ellis on 0427 427 627 or at alan_ellis@bigpond.com

NETBALL NEWS

100 GAME MILE STONE

Congratulations to Amy Morrissey one of our A Reserve Defenders who stepped out to play her 100th game with the club in the Round 13 game against Castlemaine.

Amy played an absolute blinder game coming away with the Best on Court award and to top it off for her the A Reserve girls came away with a convincing 30 goal win.



Milestone Achievement: Amy Morrissey just prior to going on court for her 100th game in Red & White

ONLY 4 ROUNDS TO GO

It is hard to believe how fast this season has come & almost gone.. only 4 rounds to go of the regular season..

We currently have A Reserve, B Grade & B Reserve sitting in the top 5 & vying for their finals position & both A Grade & Under 17's only just out & sitting in 6th position with finals hopes still very much alive.

Please make sure you get across to the Netball courts & show some Red & White sidelines support to our girls in the coming weeks.

Go Bloods!

SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

Round 12 V Gisborne at Harry Trott Oval
Pictures: Scott McLeod



JUNIOR NETBALL

Throughout the 2017 Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association (BSNA) season, the South Bendigo Junior Netball Division has represented the Club with pride and players and coaches have continued to work hard to develop their skills and further their knowledge – this has included participating in playing and coaching activities outside of regular games and training. It is a testament to the Club and its commitment to develop its coaches and players to their full potential that we are encouraged to take up these opportunities.

Junior Development Day

On Sunday 9th July, the Club hosted a very successful Junior Development Day covering various aspects of coach and player development. An open invitation was extended to all Clubs across the various local associations and leagues to join specialist sessions hosted by very experienced and highly qualified coaches – Kane Fetterplace and Sarah Collett. Kane and Sarah shared with current and aspiring coaches their hints and tips for coaching for success, including:

- Giving the team belief that it will succeed right from the beginning of the season
- Ensuring all players on the court know their role
- Understanding the skill level of each player and what makes them ‘tick’ and tailoring a program to enable them to improve
- Identifying your own strengths as a coach and areas for improvement

The coaching development session was followed by a player development session. This was an opportunity for Kane and Sarah, and the coaches who had attended the earlier session, to put into practice what they knew and what they had learned. Close to 40 players ranging in age from 11 to 18 years greatly benefited from this practical session which was designed to improve skills and maximise enjoyment!





One of the highlights of the Junior Development Day was a visit by Melbourne Vixens player, Khao Watts. Khao shared her story about becoming an elite netballer and showed the players that it is possible to achieve your goals through hard work, dedication and commitment.

Maryborough Netball Association 2017 Annual Tournament



The South Bendigo White Team competed in the 13/U Section of this year's Maryborough Netball Association Tournament, held on Sunday 16th July. The girls had a great time and really enjoyed the experience of participating in a netball tournament – their second for the year! Thank you very much to the wonderful Celeste for giving up her Sunday to come along and coach the girls and to our enthusiastic, devoted and committed families for your support and encouragement.

BSNA 2017 Winter Season

With only four games remaining of the regular season, a number of our teams are well-positioned to make the finals and are proving just how competitive they are this year!

Our Section 1 Junior Development Team is un-defeated this season and is sitting on top of the ladder. This is a remarkable achievement considering this is the premier section of the Association and a number of these girls are competing against players who are 2-3 years older than them!

The other teams hopeful of making the finals are our:

- Section 3A Reserve Gold Team – currently in 4th position
- Section 3B Silver Team – currently in 1st position
- Section 4A Blue Team – currently in 4th position
- 13/UB White Team – currently in 2nd position
- Grade 6B Green Team – currently in 2nd position

Our very best wishes to all of our eight teams for the remainder of the season!!

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FOOTBALL NEWS

WHO'S BEEN OUR BEST SO FAR IN 2017?

The Bendigo Advertiser's on line site carried a story headlined "Your club's top five players this year – according to your club" by Luke West on the 28th of July.

Luke researched the best players as submitted by clubs in their match details for every game up until Round 13. Then by allocating 6 points for the player named best, 5 to the second best and so on in descending order arrived at the "5 best".

Using that formula at our club the Bloods best so far in 2017 have been:

1. Mitch Rogerson -**37**
2. Isaiah Miller – **31**
3. Liam Bartells – **23**
4. Zac Hare – **22**
5. Kieran Strachan – **21**



Mitch Rogerson – having a fine season in 2017

RESERVES UPDATE

It is wonderful to see how well all the Reserves that have gone up to the Senior side over the past month have played their role and acquitted themselves incredibly well. Congratulations to Mitch Hocking, Tom McGhee, Riley Burns, Nathan Devanny and Mitch Gardner who've all been called up to the senior side in the past month.

Vs Eaglehawk; We went to the Borough seriously undermanned but still with plenty of quality in our group. Two of our under 18 footballers Tom Fillery and Harley Turner both played great games for the side, Harley kicking two goals. Unfortunately Eaglehawk came to play and completely out ran our guys. Our best for the day was Chris Innes and young Harley Turner kicked two goals also.

Vs Gisborne; This was, by far, one of our side's best performances of the year. Again undermanned but every player played a part and executed the game plan to a tee. Led magnificently by Captain Tim Arnold and five goals from live wire assistant coach Dan

Farrelly was a match winner. Nice result and win against the side that was sitting 5th on the ladder.

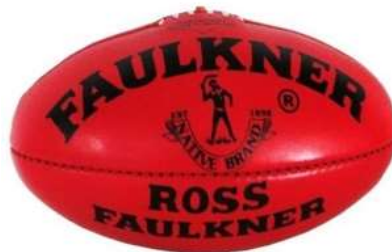
Vs Maryborough; With no under 18 game, this was an opportunity to throw our side about and include some young players and rest some guys carrying injuries. It wasn't much of a game as Maryborough continue to struggle with numbers. Very easy win by almost 30 goals and a BOG by Regan Harvey with a huge number of possessions.

Vs Castlemaine Our guys controlled about 80% of the play but were very indirect and unfortunately turned over a lot of ball. This resulted in a far closer contest than we would have liked. Charlton Hindle had his first game back post hamstring and he showed no signs of the injury in a BOG performance.

Vs Kyneton This was a tough and hard fought game, we started the day with only 16 players due to injury and illness throughout. Luckily for us and thanks to Neale Torpey and the Under 18 group, 4 quality players backed up and played a second game with our Reserves side. All acquitted themselves brilliantly. It came down to the last quarter against a howling gale and the grit of our young Bloods was on display pulling off a wonderful four point win that took the Reserves side to third on the ladder.

The Reserves side's finals position has been secured. As such the guys have added additional sessions to their training schedule for recovery, makeup sessions and extra fitness work in the lead up which is a testament to the culture the club is building. We have lost a lot of guys this year through injury but it will not stop our assault as a club on the competition and fight for success in September.

Bryce Balsillie & Dan Farrelly.
Reserves Coaches.



UNDER 18's UPDATE

Being well over the halfway mark of the season the under 18's continue to develop and win games of football. Currently we are sitting 3rd on the ladder (5 games clear of 4th) ensuring we play finals for the first time since 2011 with 3rd being the lowest we can finish. This was our main goal at the start of the season and being able to tick this off so early in the season allows us to refocus and set new goals for the remainder of the year.

Over the past 6 weeks we have some great wins over Kangaroo Flat, Eaglehawk, Gisborne, Castlemaine & Kyneton. Some of more consistent contributors over this period have been: Will Allen he is really starting to take his football to the next level by not just being an avenue to goal for us but by also showing his versatility and going through the ruck when required. Kade Blow has been moved from a wing to an on-ball role and again he has shown his willingness to listen and develop as he develops his game on both the inside and outside.

Brayden Sheahan was moved from on-ball to half back and has set up many goals and even managing to kick 4 himself. He has been vital to us setting up from half back at critical stages. Joe Beedle has played on a wing and more recent weeks half forward after playing some solid football down back again adding versatility to the side and his game. Joe was best a field in his first game on the wing against Golden Square. Jesse Sheahan continues to provide versatility to the football side by playing down back over the past 5 weeks then going forward last game and kicking 4 goals.

We have some extremely big games over the next 4 weeks starting with Sandhurst at the QEO this week. With some minor tweaks to our game plan and the possibility of fielding our strongest team for the year, we are confident that we will put up strong performance against Sandhurst and Strathfieldsaye (in 3 weeks' time) showing that, come September, we are not just there to make up the numbers.

Congratulations to Matt Long who made his senior debut against Maryborough in round 12. "Longy" is another player who has developed his game over the past two years and it was great to see his hard work pay off by making his senior debut. It was even more rewarding as he managed to kick on goal on debut.

Over the past two season 7 players that have debut in the seniors from the under 18's. It shows the great support from Brady and the senior selectors to have the faith in the young blokes by providing them with an opportunity to play at the next level.

"GO THE BLOODS"

Neale Torpy
U18's Coach



Tim "The General" Arnold

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

Round 10 V Golden Square at Harry Trott Oval

Pictures: Natasha Rowe



YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL

Welcome back all for our August monthly review.

Fortunately for the youth girl's parents the competition had a break over the school holidays and so we also gave the girls a 2 week rest, getting back on the track after the term break. The resumption saw big numbers back at training eager to keep improving their skills.

Mark Taig has brought some new drills which has enhanced training and being able to train at Harry Trott, rather than the school oval at Bendigo South East Secondary College, is an exciting experience for the girls.

Our last hit out was against North Bendigo which resulted in a 72 point win to the girls but with a score line of 10:18-78 we think some goal kicking practice is in order! Our next game is against Kyneton down at Kyneton and the girls are looking forward to the challenge.

At this point I would like to thank all the parents for stepping up and helping out this year, we certainly have not been short of support and it is greatly appreciated.

Emma Tomlins

SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

V North Bendigo

Pictures: Scott McLeod



FIXTURE & RESULTS

Round 11: 1st July V Gisborne at Harry Trott Oval

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	14:14-98	15:9-99	13:11-89
Gisborne	12:15-87	4:5-29	4:9-33

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	37	46	47	42	30
Gisborne	55	47	28	27	63

Round 12: 15th July V Maryborough at Princes Park Maryborough

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	23:17-155	26:18-174	Bye
Maryborough	9:7-61	0:2-2	

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	45	Bye	59	53	40
Maryborough	54		16	23	47

Round 13: 22nd July V Castlemaine at the QEO

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	11:22-88	6:13-49	7:17-59
Castlemaine	6:5-41	4:5-29	6:7-43

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	71	62	57	60	58
Castlemaine	37	32	12	21	38

Round 14: 29th July V Kyneton at Kyneton Show Grounds

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	8:16-64	6:8-44	9:7-61
Kyneton	13:13-91	5:10-40	8:4-52

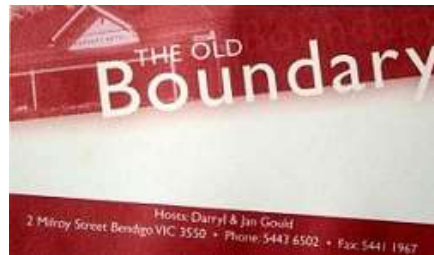
Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	59	Bye	Bye	35	Bye
Kyneton	30			30	

Coming Up

Round 15: 5 th August	Sandhurst	At the QEO
Round 16: 12 th August	Golden Square	At the QEO
Round 17: 19 th August	Strathfieldsaye	At Strathfieldsaye Oval
Round 18: 26 th August	Kangaroo Flat	At Harry Trott Oval

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