



On the Mark



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THE WEEK THAT WAS

Round 5 saw a top of the table clash with Eastlake taking on ANU at home and taking away a win, by 8 points, with the final score being 3.8.26 to 2.6.18.

The weekend also saw ADFA Rams take their first win for 2005, beating the Belconnen Magpies by 2 points in a competitive game which saw ADFA go out strong to dominate in the first quarter. Belconnen came back in the second half but weren't strong enough to beat the Rams. The final score was 2.11.23 to 3.3.21.

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Ainslie Kangaroos went down to the Riverina Lions at McPherson Ovals 24.18.162-0.

Round 4 saw a double header on the Saturday with the ANU Griffins take home another win over the Ainslie Kangaroos 161-0 with top goal kicker, Summer Caston, kicking 7 goals for the day. The second game of the day saw the Eastlake Demons take on the Riverina Lions which was a competitive game and excellent to watch with the Demons taking it home in the last quarter 8.13.61 to 5.1.31.

The Monday night saw Tuggeranong Hawks take on the ADFA Rams, with it being the Rams first game of the season. The Hawks dominated in the cold weather winning 6.17.53 to 1.3.9.

Round 3 saw Tuggeranong make the trip to Wagga to play the Lions, with the Lions proving to strong, with the final score 7.18.60-0. The round also saw ANU take it's second win for the season against Belconnen 8.14.62 to 0.1.1.

The ladder at the end of Round 5 has Eastlake Demons on top, followed by ANU Griffins, then the Riverina Lions, Belconnen Magpies, Tuggeranong Hawks, ADFA Rams and the Ainslie Kangaroos.

THE WEEK AHEAD

In Round 6 Eastlake Demons take on the ADFA Rams at Kingston tonight at 6.30pm whilst the Lions host the Griffins at 12pm at McPherson Oval. This will be an interesting game to see who comes out strongest.

Tuggeranong Hawks take on the Belconnen Magpies under lights on Saturday night at Greenway with a 5pm start and ADFA and Ainslie go head to head on Sunday at 10am at ADFA.

The final round before the National Carnival, Round 7, sees a triple header at ADFA on Saturday, 11 June starting at break of dawn for footy – 8.45am. Let's hope the Hawks and the Kangaroos are awake and ready. The 10.30am game sees the Demons and the Magpies meet for the first time and are followed by the Rams clash with the ANU Griffins. The Lions also take on the Rams on Sunday at McPherson Oval at 12pm in a Round 2 game.

ACTWAFL NEWS

The ACT Representative Team has been selected

The ACT Team has been selected and is ready to hit Melbourne to compete in the National Carnival from 19-25 this month, with coach Rickie Dolliver leading the way.

This year's team looks very strong with the top girls from each team being selected, most with at least one full year of experience, and for those that have less are no less eager. This team has a clear shot at making the top three!

You can meet the team this weekend at Manuka Oval. The ACT Representative Team will be announced during half time of the North Melbourne v Melbourne game this Sunday. If you have your free ticket, make sure you support all the girls!!!

The team has had energetic training sessions on Wednesday night's and Sunday afternoons, with the Riverina Lions girls making the effort to come up from Wagga to make the sessions. That is just one example of how committed these girls are.

A scratch match is being played against NSW up in Sydney on Monday, 13th. This is the same team that played in Dubbo against an ACT Representative Team that didn't have the same grunt as today's, so it should be a competitive game with the ACT taking its first win under its wing for 2005.

At the Carnival, the ACT comes head to head with the Australian Defence Force on the Monday morning, followed by an afternoon clash with the South Australian Team. This is great preparation for the game against the Victorian's on the Tuesday morning with a rest day on the Wednesday. Thursday sees the girls take on the Northern Territory with Friday saving the best till last, a clash against NSW in the morning and the West Australian's in the afternoon.

Games are played at Optus Oval in Carlton, Brunswick Street Oval in Fitzroy and Windy Hill Oval in Essendon with the finals being played at EJ Whitten Oval, home of the Bulldogs at 12 and 2pm with ACT fighting for a spot in the 2pm game!

If you would like more information on the carnival or would like to support the girls traveling down by way of donation, please contact Rhiannon Carder via actwafll_info@hotmail.com. Page # has a list of the ACT Representative Team players and their history in the game.

ACTWAFL Trivia Night a success

The ACTWAFL Committee would like to thank all that attended the Trivia Night that was held on 21 May at the Majura Community Hall. The night was a great success and raised over \$2000 for the ACT Representative Team.

Congratulations goes to the Tuggeranong table headed up by Hawks coach, Dave Mathews, for taking a win away with them. Thanks to our MCs for the night, Emily and Carly for keeping everything and everyone in order so that the night ran smoothly. And thanks to Barb and Francis for working under pressure to make sure all answer sheets were marked correctly, and to Mike for running the canteen and to all others that assist in making the night a success.

Special thanks to all the family and friends that came down and had a good night and helped us raise money. Thanks to the Riverina Lions girls for staying up in Canberra for the night, it is greatly appreciated, and I think I am speaking on behalf of everyone in saying that it wouldn't have been the same without you!

All monies raised will go towards the ACT Rep team trip to Melbourne in a couple of weeks.

AFL NEWS

Optus packed for farewell clash

From www.afl.com.au

It was left to triple Carlton premiership coach David Parkin to best sum up the feelings of Blues' fans as Carlton gave Optus Oval an emotional farewell on Saturday.

"It will leave a hole in a lot of people's hearts," Parkin said as generations of Carlton fans contemplated life without the ground the club has called home since they were formed in 1864.

The only ground which has hosted matches in every season of the VFL/AFL dating back to 1897 hosted its 1277th and last match on Saturday as the Blues' attempted to get their 2005 season back on track against Melbourne.

Only the MCG with 2158 matches has hosted more league matches in the history of the competition as the last match at Optus Oval on Saturday also signaled the end of suburban football in Melbourne as the Blues' home ground became the last traditional venue to close its doors following on from Punt Road (1964), Brunswick Street (1966), Glenferrie (1973), Lake Oval (1981), Junction Oval (1984), Arden Street (1985), Windy Hill (1991), Moorabbin (1992), Western Oval (1997) and Victoria Park (1999).

And the man who perhaps did more than any other person to ensure the Blues' stayed at Optus Oval for as long as possible - controversial former president John Elliott - was on hand to see the Blues' play their 962nd and last home match at the ground formerly known as Princes Park.

However Elliott, whose reign ended in disgrace when the Blues were fined nearly \$1 million for systematic salary cap breaches, kept a low profile as he watched the match from a superbox in the stand that used to bear his name until it was changed by the club's new administration.

It was that administration led by president Ian Collins that decided the club would have to move from Optus Oval to play its home games at the far bigger MCG and Telstra Dome to get the club back on a sound financial footing, following the end of the Elliott era.

And although that has saddened many Blues fans, most understood it was simply a necessary move to enable the club to grow with its quaint 32,000 capacity home ground no longer capable of hosting the kind of crowds the club hopes to attract to the 53,000 capacity Telstra Dome and soon-to-be completed 100,000 MCG.

But Blues' fans certainly did not miss their chance to farewell their traditional home with a full house packing into the ground to witness the wonderful sight of all 16 Carlton premiership flags being unveiled in the centre of the ground before the game.

And Blues fans had the chance to also thank many of the players who were central to those premiership successes as the likes of Johnson, Williams, Silvagni, Buckley, Gleeson, Hanna, Alvin, Sexton, Marcou, Madden, the club's longest ever serving skipper Stephen Kernahan and even members of the club's 1947 premiership team were given a rousing reception before the game as the strains of Mark Knopfler's stirring theme *Going Home* from the movie "Local Hero" blared out over the loudspeakers.

THE WHISTLE BLOWER

Want to become an umpire fore AFL in Canberra?

Becoming a field, boundary or goal umpire is easy, all you have to do is go to training and be committed an enthusiastic.

Field - Turn up to trainings at least once a week. Trainings are 5:45pm till about 6:45pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Manuka Oval. Once you have trained a couple of times you can start umpiring (usually in the juniors league to start with and then you can work your way up). The first 2-3 of weeks will see you in a fluorescent green shirt and umpire with a "mentor" who runs beside you and helps you with positioning and what to call etc.

Boundary/Goal - You train on the job, but can attend field umpires trainings as well if you like. This is a good way to ease into field umpiring and you may even start by boundary umpiring some men's games.

If you are interested in umpiring you can contact either Mel Backhouse, Competition Co-ordinator via mbackhouse@kpmg.com.au of the ACTWAFL or Steve umpman@aflact.com.au or on 6228 0366 and they will make sure the field umpires coach knows you are going to be at training.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Girls College AFL Carnival

Friday, 3 June, 9am-3pm
Stirling Oval

Round 6

Saturday, 4 June

ACT Representative Team Training

This Sunday, 1030am
Reid Oval

Kangaroos v Melbourne

This Sunday, 1pm

ACT Rep Team presented at half time

Round 7

Saturday, 11 June

BBQ to raise money for ACT Team

WFA National Carnival

19-25 June
Melbourne

High School Girls AFL Carnival

23-24 June

Round 8 (split round)

2-9 July

ACTWAFL Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 6 July

Round 9

Saturday, 16 July

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Nissan Pulsar GLI '92', White, 5 Spd Manual, Good Condition, Air Conditioning, CD Player w/ Remote, Mags, Tinted Windows, New Brakes, Rego 10/05 & 178600kms. **\$5200 ono.** Please phone Sharee (Magpie) on 6121 7713 or 0414 344 329.

This is a free service to ACTWAFL members

If you have anything you are trying to sell, or anything you are trying to find, please email Rhiannon with the item, price and contact details so it can be placed in the next edition of *On the Mark*.

MEET THE 2005 ACT REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

Fran Babic

This is Fran's first year with women's AFL and with the ACT Representative Team so she is looking forward to the carnival. Fran currently plays with Ainslie in the centre as ruck or rover.

Mel Backhouse

Mel has placed in the ACTWAFL competition for Eastlake since 2000 (with one year off to go overseas) and was part of the 2002 premiership winning team. She also played for the ACT Rep team in 2001, 2002 and 2004. She generally plays in the centre line and is looking forward to another good result for ACT in the 2005 National Carnival.

Amy Bainbridge

Aims is in her second year of footy with Eastlake. She's a lanky basketball recruit who usually plays in the forward line. She originally hails from the country Victoria town of Horsham, and is more than a little nervous about playing the Vics at nationals. Despite that, she's looking forward to smashing them at her first trip with the rep team.

Rosie Barnes

Rosie is in her 4th year of footy and plays for ANU on the wing. AFL is her first attempt at a team sport as she comes from a cycling background. This is her first year representing the ACT and she is looking forward to it.

Rhiannon Carder

Rannie is in her third year with the Belconnen Magpies and can't get enough of the back line as she loves being a defender. Many say she is well known for being a good communicator on the field! This is her first year with the Rep Team and can't wait for the experience.

Summer Caston

Summer has been playing football for 4 years and is currently sitting on top of the goal scoring ladder averaging six goals a game. Summer is looking forward to yet another trip away with the rep team.

Megan Chisholm

Megan is in her third year of AFL with the Riverina Lions and this will be her first year playing in the ACT Representative Team. She usually plays on the wing or half forward line and enjoys the physical challenge of AFL.

Karina Demant

This is KD's first year in the AFL women's league and she plays for Ainslie. She has been playing though, for 6 years since the under-9's. KD plays as fallback and has a fifty metre kick at only 15 and this is her first year in the ACT Rep team, and is VERY excited!!

Kim Dickerson

Dicko has been playing AFL for 4 years now and was apart of the Tuggeranong Hawks when they won the premiership last year. In 2003 she was that runner up goal kicker with 24 goals and this year, is leading the tally with 40 goals.

Emily Diprose

Dipper is a veteran in her 5th year playing for the ACTWAFL, currently with Eastlake, and has represented the ACT for all 5 of those years. She has been selected as All Australian player of the last three National Carnivals. Dipper has co-captained the rep team for the past 2 years. She is a strong leader on the field and enjoys playing all over the field and is very dependable no matter where she plays.

Samantha Engel

Sammy is playing her second season of aussie rules with the ANU Griffins. She first played Rep in April 2005 against NSW in Dubbo, and is looking forward to the National's tournament in June! Sammy usually plays fullback, and can't wait to go hard at the carnival.

Racquell Farrell

Faz plays for the Riverina Lion, and is a strong part of the half back line. She was joint best & fairest for the Lions in lions 04 and is representing the ACT Rep team for her second year.

Kirsty Ferguson

Fergs is in her 3rd year of AFL for the Riverina Lions, in season 05 she has been playing Ruck and also plays in the forward line and, of course, is looking forward to debut for the ACT Rep team.

Jo Harris

Joey has been playing AFL for 6 years with the Belconnen Magpies, and has Captained the team for the last 4 years. She is a very strong centre player but also feels at home in the back and forward line. Jo will be playing her 100th game for the ACTWAFL at the National Carnival, so congratulations Jo.

Karen Heath

Kaz played for Ainslie in 2000 and 2001. In 2002 she moved to Eastlake and was a member of their 2002 & 2003 premiership winning teams. Kaz is a tough on baller with a lot of experience. She played for the ACT Representative team from 2001 to 2004.

Nina Heymanson

Nina, originally from Melbourne, discovered women's footy after moving to Canberra in 2003. She is in her third year with Belconnen Magpies and is representing the ACT for the second year in a row. Nina plays up in the forward line and is looking to score plenty of goals over the carnival.

Kristin Ireland

Paddy is in her second season playing AFL with the Riverina Lions and was named B&F last season for the Lions. Traveled with the ACT Rep team to Adelaide last year, and is looking forward to going hard against the VIC's again this year!

Alana Lowes

AJ started football in 2002 with ANU and has represented the ACT in 2002,03 and 04 and made the All Australian team each year. She has captained ANU for the past two years and was the ACTWAFL Best and Fairest in 2003.

Jo Maxwell

Max is into her second season of AFL and plays with the Belconnen Magpies. She calls the position of Ruck her home on the footy field with Belconnen, occasionally playing in the backline. This is her first time playing at Nationals for the ACT and she's looking forward to the experience.

Julie McLean

Chicka started her AFL career with a two-year stint at Ainslie, and has since been a major force behind the Riverina Lions, captaining the club since their inclusion in the league 3 years ago. Chicka is looking forward to the challenges and adventures ahead in the AFL capital, in this, her 5th year representing the ACT team.

Anna Miley

Anna has played four games of footy in her life (all for Belconnen Magpies) and has loved every minute of it. She is stoked to be going to Nationals!

Linda Morris

Mini has been playing in the ACTWAFL with Eastlake for 3 years now and has played in the Rep team twice. She's a regular in the backline, is quick to the ball and has a fast disposal of the ball to clear out the backline.

Tara Quinn

Tara started playing footy this year for the Belconnen Magpies. She has only played a couple of games due to injury, so she will be one fiery little player when she hits the field at nationals.

Megan White

This is Tank's third year playing Rep footy and loves going away with the team and playing high level football. Tank has played in the back line so far this year and is looking forward to giving the Vic's a run for their money this year.

Allison Wight

Wighty is an experienced, versatile player who has played for Ainslie, RMC, ADFA and Eastlake since 2001. Wighty was a part of Eastlake's 2003 premiership winning team and was a member of the 2002 and 2003 ACT Representative teams.

Kristan Woods

This is Woodsy's first season of aussie rules, she was recruited from the Eastlake cricket team. Already she has proved that she is a talented player with tons of potential and she is keen to use this at Nationals to gain as much experience as she can.

Emergencies: Danielle Curcio (Ainslie) and Bec Hall (ANU).

All girls that tried out for the Representative Team were of an outstanding quality but unfortunately, we can only take a team of 27 girls to Melbourne.

**Good Luck
to the ACT Representative Team**

**Updates on their progress will be sent on a regular basis over the
week of the 20 June!!!**

THE SPOTLIGHT

Dan Fankhauser– ADFA Rams

This is Dan’s first year as coach of the ADFA Rams since returning to ADFA as a Staff member in January 2005. He is a past player with the ADFA men’s team while last at ADFA in 1998-99.

"The women’s competition was just starting up when I was last with the club," he said. "I thought it was a fantastic and unique opportunity for women to get involved in AFL, so that is what got me interested in being the coach.

"My best experience was seeing a large portion of the team being selected to represent the Army and Air Force at the Australian Defence Force Inter-Service AFL championship.

"And the worst was being under-manned at the ACTWAFL pre-season carnival due to Inter-Service representative commitments!"

The personal goal for the coach of the Rams, is to see the team develop, make the finals and most of all to have a good time.

"I hope to see the league expand in the future to include a couple more teams and also gain more recognition within the community.

"The Pre-Season Carnival is a great concept, as it enables all teams to get together and meet each other while also providing an indication on where each team stands before the start of the season."

Dan is married to Kelly, and along with trying to get a team of 24+ girls into the finals this year, he is also expecting his first child in late July.

ACTWAFL COMMITTEE

President	Mr Mike Moore	(no club affiliation)
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General Member	Ms Jo Maxwell	(Belconnen)
General Member	Ms Carly McGrath	(Belconnen)

The next Committee meeting will be held on 00 Month. For more information or to raise an issue with the ACTWAFL Committee please do not hesitate to email the Secretary via actwafl_info@hotmail.com.

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