

IVIES WIN THEIR FIRST 4 POINTS

Saturday 22 April will hold a special place in the hearts of Ivanhoe AFC people, marking the date our Women's team won their first regular season match. It was a wonderful day for our women and club. Check out what the Heidelberg Leader (Phil Skeggs) had to say about the win!

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VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Ivies secure their first win



Ivanhoe's Ivies celebrate a breakthrough victory Picture: PETER MARSHALL

Phil Skeggs

IVANHOE'S foundation women's team celebrated its first win in a match under lights against Yarra Old Grammarians at Doncaster Reserve on Saturday night.

The Ivies got up by four points, 5.5 (35) to 4.7 (31), in their Women's Grading Group 2 clash with Nicole Tumblety, Sarah Kerr and Georgia Aanensen leading the way.

Ivies coach Bill Emerson said it was an emotionally-charged game, with players wearing black armbands on behalf of teammate Nannette Rogers, whose father died during the week.

"Nannette got a goal in the third quarter and then collapsed ... and every girl in the team ran to her in support," he said.

"There was as much emotion in the rooms as I've ever seen.

"And, the ones who couldn't sing the club song just shouted out something to *Jingle Bells* (Ivanhoe's club song is sung to the tune of *Jingle Bells*)."

Meanwhile, the Ivanhoe men came agonisingly close to an upset win over the more-fancied PEGS in a Division 1 thriller at Ivanhoe Park on Saturday.

The Hoes, buoyed by the return of skipper Mitch Lovell (four goals) and a handful of key players, kicked six goals to two for a half-time lead of 21 points.

But PEGs clawed its way back with five goals in the third term to cut the margin to four points. The lead changed hands five times in a tense final quarter, with PEGS bagging the deciding goal with less than two minutes remaining.

Every PEGS player was ordered to cram the backline after the desperate Hoes won the next centre clearance.

PEGS successfully ran down the clock with a series of stoppages and boundary throw-ins inside Ivanhoe's forward 50m.

PEGS 10.16 (76) defeated Ivanhoe 10.12 (72) with brothers Keke and Reuben Blackmore-Moore best afield for the Hoes along with onballer Alex Whitehead.

And, Old Camberwell is third on the Premier C ladder after a 44-point comeback win over Old Ivanhoe, 15.17 (107) to 10.3 (63), at Chelsworth Park.

Nine goals in the last quarter gave the Wells a memorable win.

The women celebrate a historic win!

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150 GAMES FOR “GOLDEN BILL”



Golden Bill Jackson plays his 150th club game in Round 1. Picture Phil Skeggs



Bill Jackson in the game against Whitefriars last season. Picture Phil Skeggs

Ivanhoe Amateurs congratulates Bill Jackson on his 150th game for the club in Round 1.

As his nickname implies, “Golden Bill” hasn’t lost any of his lustre as a senior player after several seasons. Bill debuted for the seniors as an under 19 in 2010 and established himself as a feisty, hard working small forward with good hands and goal sense. He was a member of the 2012 D3 grand final team and the 2015 D2 reserves premiership. Bill’s dedication to his club and teammates is without question. May we hear the chant of “Golden Bill” many more times after the team song is sung this season.

Phil Skeggs

TON UP FOR PURTA



Alex Purtell in action against Whitefriars last season. Picture Phil Skeggs



Alex Purtell spoiling to good effect against PEGS last season. Picture Phil Skeggs

Congratulations to Ivanhoe Amateurs' iron-fisted defender Alex Purtell on his 100th club game in Round 1.

“Purta” played nearly 50 games in the Under 19s before his senior debut in 2013. He was full-back in the U-19 (North) team of the year in 2012 and also played in the 2015 D2 grand final. As a key member of Ivanhoe's back six in recent seasons, Purta has honed his defensive skills against some of the best forwards in D2 and D1. A smart reader of the play, Purta backs his judgement with a calm, no nonsense approach, spoiling to advantage and launching rapid transitions out of the back half. Well done Purta. May you continue to excel for the Hoes.

Phil Skeggs

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BLACK AND WHITES - GET BEHIND THE CLUB, WHEREVER YOU ARE!

To all Ivanhoe Supporters and Past Players.

The Black and Whites has changed this year to combine our past players and social members under the one banner.

There are two tiers of membership:

\$300 includes 15 drinks, entry into the end of season members dinner, 3 match day lunches and entry into the past players day.

\$100 gets you 15 drinks and entry into the past players day on August 19 (this event is open to all supporters and finger food will be provided on the day).

We're trying to build the Black and Whites into something big to ensure the club's viability going forward. At the moment 46 people have indicated they are joining but we need a lot more.

If you are not already a member and are interested in joining, please email ivanhoeafc@gmail.com and we will be in touch soon.

Regards,
Colin McDonald
IAFC Committee

WOMEN'S FIXTURE RELEASED

The first three rounds of the inaugural VAFA Women's competition has been released. This will involve six grading groups that will help form the grades for the remainder of the year. It truly is exciting times for the VAFA and our Ivys! Round 1 we take on Old Carey, this Saturday at 2pm. It will be played at Spicer Oval, Carey Sports Complex, so get along and get behind the ladies! For more information on the fixture, [click here](#).

WOMEN'S LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

Well done to our Ivys Women's team on a fantastic effort at the VAFA Women's Lightning Premiership on Saturday. Each team played 3 games before the top two teams played for the premiership (two sections). Our women faced Collegians, Oakleigh and South Melbourne

in our three games, coming away with two victories. Our only loss was to eventual runners up Oakleigh, with our two wins showing great potential for the year ahead. Well done ladies, now the real stuff starts, Go Ivys!!



The Ivys taking on South Melbourne on Saturday. Photo courtesy the VAFA.