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Coming Up.....

Tonight
after Lilydale @
Home : 9 Lives Duo—
Free

Sat July 16
Donc. East (Away)
Sat July 23
Bayswater (Home)
1981 Premiership
Team Reunion



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DEMON DAYS

Just Over Half Way—Plenty Of Hard Work Ahead

With 11 games gone the senior side, despite a bad run with injuries are well positioned in second place but given the nature of the Division 2 competition, they cannot afford to drop games they should win, and must win those against their biggest rivals. With games against fellow finals contenders in Lilydale Doncaster East and Bayswater, a testing time lays ahead as the final seven rounds unfold. Will the hard work of the pre-season prove important in the run home? And is our list able to cover the injuries and press on to the finals? Will the Development squad continue good results despite limited numbers? Can the Colts continue to match it with the top sides despite the promotion of their better performed players to senior ranks? Time will tell and your unwavering support of all of our teams will be important in determining how these questions will be answered.

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Today's Senior Game—Shaun Kelly's Preview



First and second on the Division 2 ladder face off this weekend, as they do in divisions one and four as well, in what is a huge game for the Montrose Football Club as they look to not only work their way back onto the winners list after their 15-point loss out at Rowville last weekend, but also to retain their top two position, which could well be overtaken should they not win this weekend. Not the time, then, that you want to come up against Lilydale, however the Falcons have looked a touch vulnerable over the last fortnight with a loss to Bayswater and a huge scare against Mooroolbark last weekend,



and to add to that, their leading goalkicker Nathan O'Keefe looks like he could be sidelined for a few weeks with a shoulder problem emanating from a couple of weeks ago.

So does that leave the Falcons ripe for the picking this week?? Given that Montrose will be looking for a big effort to wipe away the memories of a sub-par performance against Lilydale on ANZAC Day this year, and also given that coach Troy Simmonds has managed to coax another of his former Richmond team-mates in Kayne Pettifer down to Montrose (Pettifer debuted for the Demons against Rowville last weekend), then there's every chance. But the Falcons aren't sitting atop the Division 2 ladder for no reason, and whilst O'Keefe will be a big loss, in Daniel Breese and Andrew Bawden they have the tall timber to cover O'Keefe's absence.

Tipping big games in lower divisions isn't as easy as it is in division one through the virtues of the whole relegation/promotion system – if a team spends an extended amount of time at the top of division two, a "glass half full" kind of person says that it indicates that they are a good side that aren't quite ready to make the jump to division one yet, and the "glass half empty" person says that being at the top of Division 2 for a long stretch of time shows that they can't win big games, otherwise they'd already be in Division 1! Basically, there's no get out of jail free card for me!! As such, whilst I believe that Montrose are a huge chance tomorrow simply through needing to save face after last weekend and their last meeting against the Falcons, **LILYDALE** have earned the credits this season to carry the weight of my selection this weekend in what is sure to be a close one.

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SOCIAL NEWS

COMING UP.....

Sat. July 9th
“9 Lives” Duo
FREE night
Home game
against Lilydale

Sat July 23rd
1981 Premiership
Reunion

Sat August 6th
Sponsors’ Lunch

Sat. Aug 6th
Back by popular
demand! DJ
Fraze – Cocktail
night
Home game –
8.00pm SHARP

Entry fee \$10 –
Finger food
provided

Sat. August 20th –
LAST GAME
“Noisy
Neighbours”
Band

Away game –
8.00pm SHARP
Entry fee \$15 –
Finger food
provided

Sat. Sept.17th
Vote Count

Fri. Sept 30th
Presentation
Ball at Linley
Estate - Kilsyth

Short Passes.....

1981—A PREMIERSHIP REUNION 30 YEARS ON.

The next home game against Bayswater (July 23) sees the opportunity for the Premiership heroes of 1981 get the chance to catch up and relive their great achievement of 30 years ago.

Any player, team or club official or member associated with the 1981 achievement is welcome to attend. It is a difficult task trying to track people down so if you wish to come and/or know of anyone who should be invited please advise either Steve Wright (wrightys@dodo.com.au / 0447 440 003), Les Ford (lesford1@bigpond.com / 0409 147 408) or Greg Gardoll (ggardoll@cogar.com.au / 0418 341 256) asap to ensure our catering arrangements can be organised.



FUNCTIONS A GREAT SUCCESS

Since our last newsletter we have seen terrific nights in the Legends Of Sport (apparently Richo was extremely obliging and amusing) , the very popular 1-100 Night (with Hendo quite a bit richer), a sold out Junior trivia night and a packed Night with DJ Fraze. Congratulations to all involved for their efforts in providing quality functions which are not only enjoyable for members and Guests but also great for our bottom Line.

JUNIOR PLAYERS CONTINUE TO SHINE

A terrific effort from Kyle Staples, a member of our Under 16 team who recently debuted in the Eastern Ranges TAC side as a 16 year old, and has now played four games in that side. We will watch with interest as he continues to develop his football career.

WILL WE SEE FINALS AT MONTROSE?

Plenty have asked the question but the short answer for 2011 is—no. The club was indeed approached by the EFL with a view to playing Junior finals at Montrose for the first time this year. However, given the success of the Junior section of the club, which should not only see five teams in finals but also many Montrose people (from Board, Junior and Senior levels) wanting to support these teams at their finals venues, combined with the amount of work the new facility has created for our hard working volunteers at senior level, we have declined the offer. However it should be noted that the EFL does now expect our club, given our facilities, to host finals as soon as next year, so when the call comes out for the 20-30 volunteers needed to run them successfully, make sure you offer your help and support.

Welcome Kayne and Adam

In a great coup for the club the pre-June 30 signings of Kayne Pettifer and Adam Pattison will go some way to replacing the many players currently sidelined with long term injuries.



For the record. Kayne played 113 AFL games for Richmond between 2001 and 2009 kicking 132 goals. Adam’s record includes 66 AFL Games with Richmond and St.Kilda between 2005 and 2010. Currently vice captain of the Box Hill VFL side, Adam has nominated Montrose as his home club and will play when and as available. A big welcome to both from all at Montrose FC

LICENSING MATTERS... Club representatives recently met with representatives of the Good Sports Program and pleasingly, it is now likely we will be recommended to proceed to Level 3 Accreditation status — a real feather in the club’s cap. It will also ensure we continue to strive to meet all licensing requirements and, with the help of members, take our approach to responsible alcohol management seriously.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEMBERS’ DRAWS

Each Friday Night up until the end of the season we will be conducting **Members’ Draws**.

On offer is **\$100 per week**.

So what do you have to do?

Be in the Function room around 6—6.30 pm with your membership card (300 Club, ordinary membership or Social) or badge (Life Member) and if your name is drawn out you take home the cash. (Bar opens @4.30pm) If the name drawn out is not in attendance the prize will **JACKPOT** to the following week, until the jackpot reaches \$1000 when it will be drawn until someone in the room wins.

So come and join us for an after work refresher on Fridays and you could leave with more in your pocket than when you arrived.

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