MPFC Round 2

## PANTHER PRATTLE





## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Last Saturday marked a key milestone in the re-build of the Panther. It was a day some thought would never arrive, but a strong crowd at Seaford now knows... we are back.

Prior to Round 1... our coaching quartet announced the leadership group for our comeback season. I'm very proud to announce Massey Parker as Mentone Panthers' inaugural Club Captain, ably assisted by Vice Captains Jack Jansson, Lewy Oliver and Geoff McMullen.

Fast forward to Saturday morning. It was fantastic to see so many familiar faces return to the boundary fence and watch their beloved Panthers get the four points against our old rivals, Hampton Rovers. The team fought hard in trying windy conditions, leading at every break and ultimately running out 52-point winners - enough to put the Panthers atop the ladder.

It was great to witness so many new faces in the Panther line-up; our Round 1 debutants included sibling duo Jace and Kayle Henderson, Tom Cotton, Lucas Jones, Nick South, Matty Payne and finally our dominant best on ground, Craig Thorne. Those in attendance would have seen some familiar player faces in the quarter time huddle too. Mills, Edgeworth, Hully and Wiltshire were among those who seamlessly transferred their Old Mentonians legacy to Mentone Panthers.

Onto Round 2. This Saturday we take on Glen Eira at Packer Park, Carnegie. The players will be modelling our new alternate playing strip (with the official strip to be shown off for the first time in our upcoming Friday night Rd 3 clash.) The new strip features two of our major sponsors in this rebuild - EGR Group and Bendigo Bank Parkdale - two long term supporters in a new era. Get down at 11.40am and support the mighty Panthers.

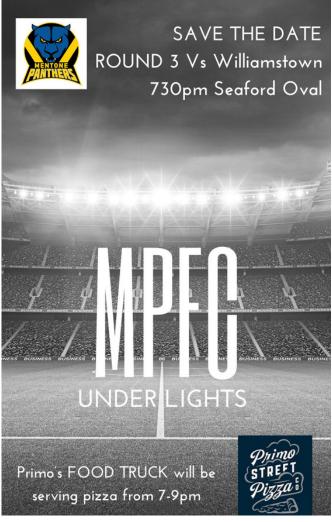
Last, but definitely not least... a massive thank you to not just the dedicated volunteers who got us to Round 1, but those who tirelessly contributed on the day. It takes a village to run a football club, and we'll be looking for help and support from any and all who want to make a difference this year, great or small.

We know and appreciate that not everyone is in a position to contribute financially to the long-term success of our new chapter (although if you are, we'd love to hear from you!) but if you are interested in helping behind the scenes, don't worry - we thank you in advance. Please feel free to come see General Manager Alysia Regan or I on game-day, and we will put you to good use.

Up The Little Red Rooster.

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