

## PANTHER

## PRATTLE



## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Round 2 saw the Mentone Panthers take on Glen Eira Football Club at an increasingly sunny Packer Park. The team ran out of the sheds wearing our new predominantly white clash strip, which was well received by players and supporters. With the new Panthers logo on the front, a splash of our traditional colours and “OMFC EST 1968” sitting proudly on the back, it’s a wonderful ongoing reminder of not just where we’re going, but the legacy that’s got us to this point.

The Panthers took control of the game from the first bounce and kept the pressure on Glen Eira throughout the first half, only conceding one goal late in the second quarter. Luke Hull and Jack Jansson were excellent in defence, repelling the Glen Eira attack. Up the other end of the ground, new recruit Chris McInnes was providing excellent skill and pace while Dustan Mills was doing Dustan Mills things. The Panthers took a healthy six-goal lead into the half time break, leading 6.7 (43) to 1.6 (12.)

Despite a consistently spirited effort from our opponents, it was the second half in which the Panthers took control of the game, the gap on the scoreboard growing with a relentlessness that reflected our attack on the footy. This allowed the coaches to move the magnets and provide players with some opportunities. Our other new recruit, Brett Mathrick, provided a strong impact on the play, especially in the forward 50, and in doing so established himself as the newest in a long line of fan favourites.

The team maintained the rage all the way to the final siren, notching up a 68-point win. Throughout, the support from the other side of the fence was again fantastic; I know the playing group was humbled to see so many past players (and Panthers of the future!) with their mums and grandmothers at the game.

I strongly encourage all supporters to attend this week’s home Friday night game against Williamstown CYMS at Seaford; first bounce is at 7:30pm. On-field performance and enjoyment is critical for us this year but just as important is the sense of community and enjoyment, so we’re doubling down; the legends at Primo Street Pizza Co have all your food needs covered for the night.

We’ve organised a ‘Panther Pavilion’ in the main building at Seaford, adjacent to the action, for our younger supporters to recharge and take a break on Friday night. The community response has been wonderful so far - we’re looking at any and all options to make sure the experience of being at a Panthers game builds week on week.

Finally, our Club shop will be selling brand new Mentone Panthers merchandise. With our first couple of consignments arriving last week, I’m pleased to say our friends at Belgavia and New Balance have delivered a range that not just looks great but is high-quality and, like the Panthers, built to last.

The momentum is building on and off the field; I can’t wait to see you there among our growing crowd, cheering on the team this Friday night.

Up the little Red Rooster!

# WHATS ON!



**ROUND 3**  
Friday 19th April  
Vs Williamstown  
730pm Seaford Oval

# MPFC

## UNDER LIGHTS


Primo's FOOD TRUCK will be serving pizza - Dinner organised



### MPFC VS WILLIAMSTOWN

### PIZZA MENU - \$25 PER PIZZA

- 'REAL MARGHERITA'  
BASIL, FIOR DI LATTE, PARMESAN, E V OLIVE OIL
- THE BOSCO  
BASIL, MOZZARELLA, SALAMI, ROAST RED PEPPERS, PARMIGIANO
- MEAT ON MEAT  
MOZZARELLA, SHAVED HAM, SALAMI, PORK & FENNEL SAUSAGE
- CAPRICCIOSA  
FIOR DI LATTE, SMOKED HAM, SALAMI, MUSHROOM, OLIVES, OREGANO
- CHICKY  
FIRE ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST, FIOR DI LATTE, BASIL PESTO, RED PEPPERS
- PIZZA VERDE  
FIRE ROASTED ZUCCHINI, BASIL, FIOR DI LATTE, ROCKET, PARMIGIANO



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