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ON THE COVER: DOMINANCE

ANUFC's NPL2 side celebrate during their 5-0 demolition of Weston Molonglo

GOLDEN BOOT

Turn to page 32 for a who's who of ANUFC's deadliest strikers

TOURNAMENT FOOTBALL

See pages 10 and 19 for *SCUM*'s preview of the Copa America and EURO 2020 semi-finals

HALFWAY MARK

SCUM reviews ANUFC's progress so far in season 2021

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

July publication of the 'May' issue - these are the dangers of putting a university student in charge of the club magazine! For those who have been keenly waiting to see their match reports in print, I can only offer the well-trodden student excuse of 'exams'. In the absence of anyone better qualified to introduce this month's (last month's) issue, however, I find myself with the formidable task of writing a short piece on how season 2021 has gone so far for ANUFC. Here goes...

Leading the line, as their section of SCUM on the page over is titled, the NPL2 and NPL2 under-23 sides are having absolutely tremendous seasons to-date. With losses and draws that could be counted on one hand, both are making fine progress towards the goal of NPL promotion for season 2022, with the whole club behind them.

ANUFC's successes aren't limited to NPL, however, as teams resplendent in blue and white currently occupy the top spot in six of the seventeen leagues in which the club has entered sides this season. Of course, there are plenty of games left to run at this near-halfway point in the season, so I won't hype anybody up too much. That said, stellar runs by both CLM4 teams, the Over-45s, and ANUFC 1 in State League 1 are worth keeping an eye on or getting along to if your team has a bye or the entire ACT gets washed out again.

None of this is to take away from the other teams who are in contention in season 2021, but for one reason or another haven't quite scaled the top step at this point. Between the CLM2, the SL1R, and the Masters League 1 sides, only a handful of points stand between them and glory.



Though the weather is doing its best to shut teams out from training and games, each is working hard to close in on the top step of their respective tables. The same can be said for those teams battling to secure or cement a spot for finals, even if the top step on the ladder is distant for now. Among them, the CLM5 (ANUFC20), CLM6 (ANUFC15), SL1R (ANUFC2) and my CLM3 side are all working hard to keep finals in view. If all goes well - and don't accuse me of jinxing teams here, I'm just incorrigibly optimistic - ANUFC might end up with more than half of its entered teams mounting some sort of finals charge. That's a pretty decent return!



Of course, the season might well have some surprises in store yet. As I've alluded to, Canberra's recent torrential rains have seen some teams go weeks without a competitive fixture. Add to that the New South Wales Government's wisdom in letting COVID-19 get out of control again, and the last few weeks have thrown some uncertainty into the mix. Let none of that distract from the quality of ANUFC's performances in season 2021, however. From the storming results at the NPL2 and NPL2 under-23 levels, right through State, Community, and Masters leagues, the club are making the best of yet another tumultuous season of Canberran football.

Joshua Woodyatt



Plenty to look forward to: Season 2021 has lots more moments like this in store

LEADING THE LINE

ANUFC in the National Premier Leagues

on matchday seven, the NPL side have a handy four goal advantage over O'Connor on goal difference. More impressively, they boast the best defensive record of any side in NPL or NPL2, having conceded only five goals to date. While their defensive record isn't quite as headline-grabbing, ANUFC's under-23 team have taken their league by storm, and stand undefeated after eight rounds with a whopping six points in hand. With only two draws to their name - against White Eagles and Weston Molonglo - their run towards finals is looking strong. Make sure to turn out for home games this month against Queanbeyan City (June 19) and Yoogali (June 27) at South!

	NPL	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	ANU FC	11	9	1	1	27	8	19	28
2	O'Connor Knights SC	11	9	1	1	23	6	17	28
3	Queanbeyan City FC	10	7	0	3	35	14	21	21
4	Canberra White Eagles FC	10	5	1	4	22	22	0	16
5	Yoogali SC	11	5	0	6	25	27	-2	15
6	Weston Molonglo FC	11	2	1	8	18	37	-19	7
7	Brindabella Blues FC	11	2	0	9	20	31	-11	6
8	Wagga City Wanderers FC	11	2	0	9	14	39	-25	6

	NPL U23s	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	ANU FC	11	9	2	0	44	14	30	29
2	Brindabella Blues FC	11	6	1	4	26	21	5	19
3	Weston Molonglo FC	10	5	2	3	21	15	6	17
4	Queanbeyan City FC	10	5	2	3	23	20	3	17
5	Canberra White Eagles FC	11	5	1	5	29	30	-1	16
6	O'Connor Knights SC	11	4	0	7	31	42	-11	12
7	Yoogali SC	11	2	2	7	16	29	-13	8
8	Wagga City Wanderers FC	11	1	2	8	14	33	-19	5



Timing: NPL Matchday photographer takes top-notch action shot with ANUFC gazebo in frame



On target: ANUFC in action against Wagga



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WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

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NPL2 Home Games

Be sure to check out their games against **Brindabella** (3:15pm, 3 July, South Oval 1) and **Wagga City Wanderers** (3:15pm, 31 July, South Oval 1) as they vie for NPL promotion!

EURO 2020 and Copa America 2021

Europe and South America's premiere footballing tournaments are finally going ahead after COVID-19 disruptions in 2020. See pages 10 and 19 for SCUM's preview of the quarter-finals!

What's in the *SCUM* in 2021

SCUM relies on submissions from across the club for its weekly match reports, and we are always on the lookout for submissions **up to 500 words** covering interesting or exciting results (win or lose) from your team. We do our best to fit as many match reports as possible into each issue, so as long you meet the editorial guidelines, we'll publish! If only they took it this easy with writing and publishing standards across the rest of the University.

This year's match reports will run in conjunction with the *Hardly the Pulitzer Prize* photo competition, with the promise that articles paired with an image won't be relegated to the absolute back of the issue. For more on SCUM's editorial guidelines, and for information on complaining to the editor about a report, an image, the font, or just the kind of bloke he is, see page 33.



Route one: Centre-back Samos sends it long

STATE LEAGUE STANDINGS

	State League 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Weston Molonglo FC 1	9	7	2	0	27	7	20	23
2	ANU FC 1	11	7	2	2	36	22	14	23
3	UC Stars Football 6	10	7	0	3	34	12	22	21
4	Belnorth FC 4	9	6	2	1	37	14	23	20
5	Majura FC 6	10	4	4	2	28	20	8	16
6	Gungahlin Juventus 2	10	4	1	5	27	20	7	13
7	ADFA FC 1	9	3	0	6	10	24	-14	9
8	ANU FC 3	9	2	2	5	18	20	-2	8
9	Monaro Panthers FC 3	9	0	2	7	7	36	-29	2
10	Woden Valley SC 9	10	0	1	9	8	57	-49	1

	State League 1 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Weston Molonglo FC 2	9	6	2	1	38	11	27	20
2	ANU FC 4	7	6	1	0	25	7	18	19
3	UC Stars Football 7	9	5	2	2	38	19	19	17
4	Gungahlin Juventus 3	9	5	2	2	22	15	7	17
5	ANU FC 2	10	5	1	4	40	18	22	16
6	Belnorth FC 5	9	4	1	4	22	17	5	13
7	Monaro Panthers FC 4	8	2	1	5	15	26	-11	7
8	Majura FC 7	9	1	0	8	22	51	-29	3
9	ADFA FC 2	8	0	0	8	6	64	-58	0

	State League 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Yass FC 1	9	8	1	0	36	12	24	25
2	Lanyon United FC 1	10	7	2	1	19	9	10	23
3	Cooma SC 1	10	5	3	2	26	7	19	18
4	Canberra City SC 1	9	5	1	3	27	17	10	16
5	Weston Molonglo FC 18	10	4	2	4	22	17	5	14
6	UC Stars Football 8	9	3	2	4	15	11	4	11
7	Tuggeranong United FC 1	9	3	1	5	23	24	-1	10
8	ANU FC 5	9	3	1	5	19	22	-3	10
9	Brindabella Blues FC 4	10	3	1	6	14	26	-12	10
10	Canberra Croatia FC 2	11	0	0	11	8	64	-56	0

	State League 2 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Yass FC 2	9	8	0	1	37	8	29	24
2	Canberra City SC 2	10	7	1	2	36	5	31	22
3	Weston Molonglo FC 19	9	7	1	1	25	12	13	22
4	ANU FC 7	10	6	1	3	38	15	23	19
5	Brindabella Blues FC 5	9	6	1	2	31	11	20	19
6	UC Stars Football 9	9	4	1	4	20	12	8	13
7	Lanyon United FC 2	9	3	1	5	19	15	4	10
8	Tuggeranong United FC 2	10	2	0	8	13	33	-20	6
9	Canberra Croatia FC 3	11	1	1	9	9	58	-49	4
10	Cooma SC 2	10	0	1	9	12	71	-59	1

	State League 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	ANU FC 6	9	7	2	0	26	7	19	23
2	Belwest Foxes SC 1	10	6	2	2	32	18	14	20
3	UC Stars Football 10	10	5	3	2	29	17	12	18
4	Canberra City SC 3	9	6	0	3	30	26	4	18
5	Brindabella Blues FC 6	10	4	3	3	19	19	0	15
6	Woden Valley SC 11	10	5	0	5	21	23	-2	15
7	Burns FC 2	10	4	1	5	22	21	1	13
8	Narrabundah FC 1	10	3	1	6	24	28	-4	10
9	Tuggeranong United FC 3	10	1	2	7	17	31	-14	5
10	Belsouth FC 2	10	1	0	9	11	41	-30	3

	State League 3 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Burns FC 3	9	8	1	0	25	6	19	25
2	Belsouth FC 3	10	7	0	3	41	20	21	21
3	Belwest Foxes SC 3	10	6	1	3	25	18	7	19
4	Narrabundah FC 2	10	5	3	2	23	13	10	18
5	UC Stars Football 11	10	6	0	4	22	18	4	18
6	Canberra City SC 4	10	4	0	6	15	27	-12	12
7	ANU FC 8	9	3	1	5	19	29	##	10
8	Woden Valley SC 12	9	3	0	6	18	30	-12	9
9	Tuggeranong United FC 4	10	2	0	8	15	28	-13	6
10	Brindabella Blues FC 7	9	1	0	8	7	21	-14	3

Capital Clinic Physiotherapy



HELLENIC CLUB

Six hundred and thirty one days. That's how long it's been since ANUFC last bothered the competition ladder scribes with a competitive win, in the final round of the 2019 season, a 2-1 win against Belnorth. It was the game before *that* semi-final against Monaro. Pat Walker is still trying to bury thoughts of that day deep down by putting away goals in over-45s. Now some may debate which team we're talking about, and who played at which level, but suffice to say we're discussing the team that provides the inspiration for this line of articles. Onto this week and there's nothing more inspirational than a steaming pile of football against Lanyon on Mothers' Day.

Waniassa 204 provided the views and uncomfortable pitch in unnaturally warm conditions. The fields are also deceptively not right off the Parkway (apologies to non-Canberra readers), and someone may have made some bad decisions regarding the drive there and not heeding an earlier tip about roadworks fun. That someone gave Paul Mullens a lift and found himself with enough time to speculate openly about the possibility of Pauly breaking his season duck. So having arrived with barely enough time for the coach to warm up his big fat mouth, a knack-stretched ANU took to the pitch with everyone's favourite referee, who appeared to struggle throughout with some kind of leg-gah!

FINAL SCORE **Lanyon 0 – 3 ANUFC**

Scorers:

Paul Mullens (2x)

Ian Moes

CELEBRATE MOTHERS' DAY BY GIVING HER PART OF AN OPPONENT'S LEG

Masters League 1
Lanyon United v ANUFC
Waniassa 204
9 May (matchday 3)

Next door, their referee was busy pushing the button on his hand-held whistle-chirper-thing and brandishing red cards in the intensity of #QBN v Spent Force Weston, the 3-0 scoreline to the coffee sippers rubber stamping Weston's passage to over-45s next season. Adjacently, UC appeared to be thrashing Belwest to the tune of not being excited by goals anymore, according to Moesy after he'd nonchalantly slotted one himself. A date with UC at Harrison awaits ANU next week, where a win for ANU would be a repeat of the preseason Uni Cup success, and a UC triumph would confirm their status as competition favourites.

In The main game, Pauly fulfilled the prophecy by finishing off a neat passing move down the left hand side. Indeed ANU looked their best when attempting neat passing moves, in contrast to the booming balls over the top that made life easy for Lanyon's 'keeper. Later on, said 'keeper's life got a whole lot worse - scrambling off his line for the umpteenth time, his calf gave out in a painful scream that had many speculating a knee issue. The ensuing six minute early half-time was not helped by the referee, who promised a 51-minute second

half. With no subs left and a makeshift shot stopper, Lanyon were there for the taking, but ANU made a bit of a hash of the second half after a promising start. Some old habits re-emerged but were put to bed with two breakaway goals (Moes, Paul) off insightful balls from Miguel and Wall. With Lanyon vanquished, the early finish allowed all players to crack a tin and be glad they weren't involved in the QBN/Weston slugfest which was turning ugly on the field over.

The world of football is choc full of derbies. Whether it's Barça v Real, Liverpool v Everton, River v Boca, or Juve v Inter, derbies are defined by local rivalries, a clash of ideals, or the haves v the have nots. Mostly, derbies are about two teams trying to occupy the same time and space in people's hearts and minds, and an endless pursuit of bragging rights. Derbies are a reminder that football is more important than it seems to the outsider. Something that keeps us coming back again and again. Or in the case of Masters, again and again and again.

This week's game between two teams representing the biggest tertiary education institutions in Canberra may not have

So at long last ANU gets that winning feeling and establishes a precedent for facing Lanyon twice more this year. They'll be out for blood next time, and the rest of Pauly's ankle. Attention later turned to mums everywhere and a relaxing drink to toast everything they do. Someone may even have fallen asleep in front of Lego Masters that evening.

Mark Shrewsbury

encapsulated all the key qualities of a derby. To be sure, the cold weather and high winds meant most fans stayed at home. Without much recent history between the two teams, as well as rebranding after rebranding for competition favourites UC, this was more a clash of cultures, in that we don't like UC. I suppose that makes every game in this league a clash of cultures, doesn't it?

UC would have been expecting goals, given their record in their first three games. Meanwhile, ANUFC could take heart from recent performances, and the fact UC have never beaten ANU while wearing red (fact check pending). It was a good day for anyone who had "referee has a bleeding nose and may not be able to officiate" on their Capital Football Bingo Card. Nonetheless, he soldiered on, red and white tissue blasting forth from his nose, barely able to breathe or see.

UNIVERSALLY CHALLENGED

Masters League 1
UC Stars v ANUFC
Harrison 102
16 May (matchday 4)

With new ANU defensive reinforcements not obtaining international clearance in time (that's how we roll), it was the usual crew who lined up. Feeling confident (red shirts, remember) but having only had that one win over Lanyon in the past 12 years, ANU shaped up well, not wanting to be the only blight on a stellar day for ANU Masters teams. Pauly ignored the coach's instructions to create some havoc in the first half with some composed passes and darts into the box. But when Moesy stepped into an expertly directed pass from Waz that was not at all a scuffed shot, ANU's 1-0 lead felt like it was against the run of play.

UC must have felt that they deserved more, levelling after Markus felt sorry for them or had the sun in his eyes, or something, and forgot that heading was a thing. That despair was

FINAL SCORE UC Stars 2 - 4 ANUFC

Scorers:

Ian Moes
Warren Hauck
Si Kayser
Pat Mullens

brushed aside by Waz moments later with a shot over the 'keeper's head - a tactic that would pay off later, too. By midway through the second half, UC were shell shocked - Si had steered the ball in with his sunglasses from unmissable range, and Pauly scored a decent goal. With UC in disarray, they started to get under the referee's skin and bicker amongst themselves. You love to see it!

Mark Shrewsbury



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EURO 2020 SEMI-FINAL PREVIEW

After COVID-19 put paid to UEFA's plans for a Europe-wide 'festival of football' in 2020, EURO 2020 finally went ahead on 12 June Australian-time, with Italy's clash with Turkey at the Stadio Olimpico kicking things off. Though many predicted reigning world champions France to sweep to the title, strong showings from Germany, Belgium, and England in warm-up fixtures suggested a contested road to glory for Les Bleus. This (very) partisan editor was therefore pleased to watch as Les Bleus crashed out in the round of 16 against Switzerland, Portugal were efficiently dispatched by Belgium, and the mighty Three Lions' 55-year hoodoo against Germany was laid to rest with a stressy 2-0 win at Wembley. The surprises continued in the quarter finals, with emergent favourites (in the eyes of some) Italy beating number one ranked side Belgium in a tight contest at Bayern München's Allianz Arena. Spain narrowly beat Switzerland in Saint Petersburg, continuing their run of victories which have never quite seemed certain, while neutral favourites Denmark put paid to Czech hopes of a second semi-finals appearance since their run to the final of EURO 96. Lastly, English chants of the Baddiel and Skinner anthem 'it's coming home' grew louder again as the Three Lions put four past Andriy Shevchenko's Ukraine in Rome's Stadio Olimpico, where their World Cup journey had come to an end at the semi-finals of Italia '90 thirty-one years and a day prior. Naturally this editor is now backing England to go all the way, so keep that in mind as you consider SCUM's predictions for the semi-finals of EURO 2020, and for the big dance on 12 July.

Italy v Spain



Where: Wembley Stadium

When: 7 July, 5:00am

Winner? Italy

To be sure, Luis Enrique's Spain have grown into EURO 2020, but even for the most dedicated Spaniard it's hard to say that they've been convincing. Italy, while not defensively watertight, have had the better run of form and look like a side with the drive to really win tough games. Italy to edge it by a goal, maybe in penalties.

England v Denmark



Where: Wembley Stadium

When: 8 July, 5:00am

Winner? England

Denmark have had a great run at EURO 2020, and will carry the backing of neutrals everywhere after recovering from the shock of Christian Eriksen's opening day collapse. For all that, the Three Lions still look like the far superior team and should make their first tournament final since 1966. Then again, you never can be sure...

Euro 2020 Final England v Italy



Where: Wembley Stadium

When: 12 July, 5:00am

Winner? England

I know the fans will be insufferable if they do it, but you have to admit that it's hard to look past England for the title on 12 July. Home advantage, solid defence, and an Italian (or Spanish) opposition that have consistently conceded in knockout games mean it's something of a now or never moment for England.

On a cold windy day the CLM3s took on the wooden valley tree trunks. It would be a hard-fought game with the tree trunks averaging nine goals conceded per game and the boys in blue coming off a minor team munity in which four players saw it fit to retire. The game started off with probably the greatest striker ANU has every produced and currently on loan from Don Lovies SL2s, Dan Clink missing the easiest of chances. He was quickly reminded he was only playing there because the other striker was injured, and he would soon be dropped again.

All images care of dedicated matchday photographer Kiera, who braves utterly miserable weather to photograph Community League 3 matches like a champion for reasons known only unto herself.

ANUFC IN MINT FORM AT DEAKIN

Community League 3
Woden Valley v ANUFC
Deakin 102
12 June (matchday 9)



Miserable weather, top pen: Dave slots home ANUFC's first with a clinical penalty

After the blue brigade missed 15 more chances, they were finally gifted with a goal curiosity of Geelong hipster himself Sir Davos slotting his pen into the side netting whilst wearing his hybrid adidas x Birkenstock boots. 1-0 at half time. The interval saw some mediocre chat mixed with a couple of oranges and a tactical vom from a winger who will go unnamed, but the boys were keen to get back out there.

Second half came and Dan Clink decided to actually try, taking a lovely ball down from the CB and putting through a Xavi like ball to Cairns-import Scotty. 2-0. I don't really know what happened next, but Dan scored with his family jewels, some Tasmanian brothers scored one each then had a sneaky kiss (to be expected) and then yeah it was 9-0 or something, maybe 8-1.

Dan Clink



Jürgen Klopp:
Stand-in manager takes
his duties far
too seriously
with matching
tracksuit



Das Wunder aus Bielefeld: No-nonsense, Copa Mundial-shod centre-back Fabian channels his inner Arthur to embarrass Woden



All ball, ref! Woden keep their
defensive plan simple



Beauty: Dan's top bins strike in all its majesty

FINAL SCORE

Woden 1 – 6 ANUFC

Scorers:

David Marshall

Dan Clink (2x)

Solomon Roach

Steven Roach (2x)



Mr Reliable: One of Dyl's inch-perfect corner kicks

MASTERS LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Masters League 1		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Queanbeyan City FC 1		9	7	1	1	32	19	13	22
2	ANU FC 16		9	5	2	2	20	13	7	17
3	Weston Molonglo FC 15		9	5	1	3	22	14	8	16
4	UC Stars Football 14		8	4	1	3	30	20	10	13
5	Belwest Foxes SC 7		8	1	1	6	11	27	-16	4
6	Lanyon United FC 4		9	0	2	7	10	32	-22	2

	Masters League 2		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Weston Molonglo FC 16		8	7	0	1	34	7	27	21
2	Gungahlin United FC 7		8	5	1	2	23	17	6	16
3	Monaro Panthers FC 5		8	4	0	4	13	18	-5	12
4	ANU FC 17		7	3	0	4	13	19	-6	9
5	Burns FC 5		8	2	2	4	13	21	-8	8
6	Gungahlin United FC 6		8	2	1	5	19	29	-10	7
7	Woden Valley SC 2		7	1	2	4	10	14	-4	5

	Masters League 3		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Tuggeranong United FC 7		9	8	1	0	50	12	38	25
2	Belsouth FC 4		9	8	1	0	38	6	32	25
3	Belnorth FC 14		9	6	0	3	44	19	25	18
4	Brindabella Blues FC 3		9	6	0	3	47	23	24	18
5	ANU FC 18		9	5	1	3	25	21	4	16
6	Gungahlin United FC 9		9	4	0	5	23	32	-9	12
7	Weston Molonglo FC 17		9	2	2	5	15	27	-12	8
8	Belnorth FC 15		9	2	1	6	11	33	-22	7
9	Woden Valley SC 3		9	1	0	8	11	39	-28	3
10	Gungahlin United FC 10		9	0	0	9	5	57	-52	0

	Masters League O45s		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	ANU FC 19		9	9	0	0	32	5	27	27
2	Woden Valley SC 4		9	6	1	2	32	13	19	19
3	Brindabella Blues FC 2		9	5	1	3	19	14	5	16
4	Woden Valley SC 5		10	4	0	6	18	33	-15	12
5	Canberra Croatia FC 1		9	3	0	6	9	14	-5	9
6	Weston Molonglo FC 45		10	0	0	10	12	43	-31	0



Gungahlin

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It was a successful away day in Yass as ANUFC 13 took the full three points from the redbacks. It took some gritty and physical football on a freezing and wet day to get the win. The piercing wind acted as a friendly reminder that football is in fact a winter sport. With both coach Marcus and captain Sam away, it took some good organisation and initiative by the team to get everyone out to Yass and to perform to the level that the team has played so far in the season. It was a tight opening to the game as Max's thumping opener was quickly equalised by a long distance shot from Yass. A close handball decision led to a penalty that was denied by some goalkeeping mastery by Peter 'penalty king' Phillipa which proved to be a pivotal moment in the game. It was clear that all the penalty training had paid off. Max continued his goal scoring spree by clipping in a perfectly placed corner kick courtesy of Nick Burton to put ANU back into the lead again before half time.

The second half was a continuation of the first with Max completing yet another hattrick, his fourth of the season. ANUFC13's lead was kept untouched thanks to Peter's incredible reflexes and athletic dives as well as some impressive defensive efforts from everyone at the back. There were several close chances created from fast counter attacks, but it was Sonny's first goal of the season which gave the team the winning margin.

AWAY DAYS IN YASS

Community League 6

Yass v ANUFC

Walker Park 1

15 May (matchday 5)

The final 4-1 scoreline reflected the performance well. Marcus would have been happy not only with the score line, but with the style of play that he developed that the team showed throughout. A big shoutout to Sia for his impressive solo coaching debut as well as to vice-captain Nick Burton for his leadership in stepping up in place of Sam. The long trip up to Yass in the freezing weather was justified by an impressive team performance which kept their perfect run of wins intact.

Nick

FINAL SCORE

Yass 1 – 4 ANUFC

Scorers:

Maxim Wiggins (3x)

Sanjai Lakshmanan

ANUFC 13 took on Belsouth at Willows oval for a crucial top-of-the-table match. The ANU side were running short on players due to injuries, and a couple of hangovers didn't help. The grit and determination of ANU13 showed with team members stepping up and playing a full 90 minutes and in positions they weren't even familiar with. The game started slowly, with both teams struggling to find their feet, but as the temperatures coming of the pitch were rising, so were tensions between players. As the day wore on it seemed like Belsouth would take the upper hand with some great scoring opportunities they created mostly on the counter, kept out by all-star keeper Peter Phillipa and a strong defence who take absolute credit playing a few men down. ANU had a few good scoring opportunities but failed to capitalise in the first half and finished the half at 0-0.

The second half showed a well fought game, with both teams putting in their all. Tensions reached a breaking point and play was stopped to deal with an altercation after Sanjai

TABLE-TOPPERS CLASH

Community League 6
ANUFC v Belsouth
Willows 1
8 May (matchday 4)

Lakshmanan "definitely didn't do anything" and definitely did not prod the opposition for a response at all. ANU held firm and continued to play their well-honed system (admittedly with a few verbal barbs from coach Marcus to keep players in line). A slap, a few rough ankles and a couple of dicey threats later, ANU13 came out 2-0 up with goals from Max Wiggins (the first game of the season he did not get a hat trick) and a brilliant penalty from Su Hamond to maintain their undefeated streak and charge to the top of CLM6.

Gavin Styles

The sun was beaming down on willows synthetic pitch as ANU14 and ANU13 were setting up for the first derby day of the season. ANU13 were sitting top of the CLM6 table with ANU14 looking for their first win of the season, setting the stage for a good game between two teams that knew each other all too well.

DERBY DAY ROUT

Community League 6
ANUFC (13) v ANUFC (14)
Willows 1
1 May (matchday 3)

Other than the slight issue of a global pandemic, 2020 was not the greatest of years for ANU14 as they played and lost all 3 derbies against ANU13. However, with new players on both teams and a novice 'coach' on the ANU13 sideline, both teams must have felt optimistic about their chances. Tensions started high with both teams attacking through their respective wings but ANU13 were more effective with their

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finishing as Max Wiggins pounced on every opportunity to score a left-footed hattrick within the first 30 mins of play. A 4-player substitution power play from coach Marcus, helped ANU13 continue the press with Nick Burton scoring a quick brace before half time. The second strike was the goal of the day with a long-range dipping shot which brought captain Sam to his knees thanking the gods, set up by a slick pass from Henry. 5-0 at halftime.

The pitch continued to heat up as the sun baked the synthetic turf in the second half with ANU14 starting to press harder and higher up the pitch but ANU13 were able to hold on to their first clean sheet of the season. Sam made a captain's contribution with a swift counter to hit a sweet curling shot to make the score 6-0. In the last 20 minutes ANU14 started finding their groove and were having the stronger possession having multiple shots on goal but Peter and his back line ensured there were no clear-cut chances. The game finished 6-0 with goals from Max, Nick and Sam. Max with his third consecutive hattrick and currently leads the ANUFC Golden Boot charts and with two MOTM awards under his belt, is on his way to a season for the annals of ANUFC CLM6 history.

Nicholas Burton

FINAL SCORE

ANUFC (13) 6 – 0 ANUFC (14)

Scorers:

Maxim Wiggins (3x)

Nicholas Burton (2x)

Sam Long

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COPA AMERICA 2021 SEMI-FINAL PREVIEW

Although in a more precarious position than EURO 2020, with political tension and outbreaks in Colombia and Argentina (respectively) leaving the tournament venue-less but for Brazil's good graces, Copa America 2021 never fails to deliver a world-class spectacle. 2021 has offered up one of the more interesting Copas in recent memory, as several South American giants came into the tournament on mixed form. 2019 Champions Brazil are the standout favourites, with the Seleção victorious in all but one of their group games and boasting a team replete with stars, though they haven't been nearly as convincing or all-conquering as commentators had expected. Titans Chile and Uruguay were much less certain - with good reason, as both never really got going on their way to quarter final eliminations at the hand of Brazil and Colombia (respectively). Without the traditional allocation of guest teams thanks to COVID-19 - successive Asian champions Australia and Qatar having been billed for debuts before the pandemic - it fell to traditional South American minnows to stage an upset or two in 2021. To that end, a neutral football fan can't go past Peru as the dark horses of this Copa America, emerging victorious 7-6 on penalties against Paraguay on their way to a hopeful first title since 1979. If not Peru, you can't go past the fairytale run of Lionel Messi's Albiceleste, the diminutive Argentine talisman willing his side to a fourth successive Copa semi-final with a superb free kick against Ecuador. Lastly, despite the absence of 2014 World Cup golden boot winner James Rodríguez, Colombia have made steady progress to the semi-finals, dispensing with ever-present contenders Uruguay along the way. With all that said, here are SCUM's picks for the Copa America semi-finals.

Brazil v Peru



When: 6 July, 9:00am

Where: Estádio Olímpico

Winner: Brazil

Valiant though Peru's Copa 2021 run has been, they're going to have to put in a superhuman shift to beat Brazil at home in a game of this size. Even absent Gabriel Jesus, the Seleção should do this easily as they vie for back-to-back Copa America titles.

Argentina v Colombia



When: 7 July, 11:00am

Where: Estádio Olímpico

Winner: Argentina

Picking Argentina is more an exercise in hope than football prediction. Sure, Argentina look like the better team and should get the job done, but you still can't help but want Messi to finally get up and lift a trophy on national duty. Plus, it'll set up a top final.

COPA 2021 FINAL Brazil v Argentina



When: 11 July, 10:00am

Where: Maracanã

Winner: Argentina

To be honest, Brazil at home in the Maracanã should be pretty much unstoppable, but they said that before both the 1950 World Cup final and the 2014 World Cup semi-final and look how those turned out. Messi to break his duck and take home the crown.

SHOOT F*CKING!

Masters League Over-45s Canberra Croatia v ANUFC Charnwood 127 16 May (matchday 4)

Oh for Chrissakes, Tony... it's 1:50 am, you're playing football tomorrow morning at Charnwood. Get home...

The memory of last year's match versus Canberra Croatia was in our minds. A game where ANUFC were in complete control, and still lost 2-0. It wasn't much spoken about, but it was clear we wanted to correct the record. The warm-up in the frost went really well (I was told), the motivational team talk was delivered by CDR (apparently), and it was on.

It wasn't long before the opposition's game-plan was obvious. In between swan-dives, shirt-grabbing and appeals to the referee ('Arghhh... f*cking!' 'Referee!! F*cking!', 'F*cking cheat, f*cking!', etc), these guys actually took a step up from last year. ANU worked hard to retain the ball and play their possession game but had few chances on goal in the first half-hour. Nonetheless, a great strike low and hard from Nick from just outside the penalty area finally put ANU 1-0 up. Goal f*cking! Soon after, Plastic got all his angles right to make a sharp diving save and maintain our lead. Save f*cking! It was around this time that I managed to remember to put my shin pads on, and that job was completed about ten, maybe fifteen, minutes later.

Substitutions were made, and half-time was blown seconds after the last one, but with five minutes still left on the clock. Ref said 'it was the teams' fault - not ready to play at 9 am.' Hmm...maybe...

Everyone knew 1-0 was not going to be enough. It wasn't comfortable. Sooner or later, one of those complaints to the referee was going to get some traction and deliver a free kick in a dangerous area, or something. Not sure why they bothered to lobby the ref so much...refs never change their mind.

The second half picked up pretty much where the first half left off. More diving and whining from the opposition, and relatively few clear chances on goal for either side. ANU's plan of wearing the opposition out, spreading the ball around, and making them chase wasn't really working.

With maybe twenty minutes left to play, someone, somewhere delivered a ball to Haigy out on the left in the final third. He controlled it in a perfectly legal fashion and ran behind the defender and into the area, looked up and saw at least two ANU shirts lining up in front of goal. The pass was delivered and as hard as it was for me to do it (like, really hard), I let the ball run between my legs to the man outside and behind, none other than Pat Walker, who slotted it home for that much-needed two-goal buffer. Goal f*cking! There were the obligatory shouts from Canberra Croatia, but these were to no avail.

But again, the floodgates didn't open. In fact, the opposition took it right up to ANU. Their big man up front managed to get possession near the edge of the area, and slot one low and

hard into the corner. Goal f*cking! Argh f*cking. 2-1 with maybe fifteen on the clock.

ANU needed that two-goal buffer again, and it looked likely to come when Stods picked up possession and charged towards the area from central midfield. The opposition's defence converged and he was cut-down from behind by maybe five defenders... well, at least two. Was it in the area? Will anyone be carded? Give the ball to Pat, he might be able to slot it home from this range. Again, the opposition surrounded the referee, but what was the point, refs never change their minds. Next thing ANU knew, it was Stods that had actually committed a foul (or was it simulation, no one really knows), and Canberra Croatia took a quick short free-kick and the game continued. Huh? What? Did the ref just change his mind...?! What just happened there?

Maybe ten minutes to play, and a tense final ten it was, with ANU holding on to win 2-1, but given a timely reminder of playing every game to the final whistle... f*cking.

Peter Papathanasiou

FINAL SCORE Canberra Croatia 1 – ANUFC 2

Scorers:

Pat Walker

Nicholas Houston

How do you stop that which cannot be stopped? How do you blunt the Brindabella spectre from rising once again as Champions of their own making as a top-of-the-table clash reaches its decisive final moments? Just a thought – but sticking the ball in the net might be a start.

On a glorious, and occasionally frantic morning at Calwell, ANU weathered periods of indecisive pressure to run through Brindabella, an ageing team grown old, unable to cope with ANU's width and spring. Oh, how Matty Cuttell would have rampaged down the line, the afterburners blazing blue and cold. Instead, he had a raging cold of his own to deal with, a noticeable and sore absence.

LIVING IN CALWELLIAN TIMES

Masters League Over-45s
Brindabella Blues v ANUFC
Calwell 204
23 May (matchday 5)

Instead, the greatest points of tension were Brindabella's blunted attacking edge and an ANU midfield determined to hold up the passing lanes, frustrating like a train of venerable Kombis up a steep hill. CDR had made a point of this at training and duly sent out 5 midfielders and 4 defenders. It's just the way CDR wants to win, the reward being a first clean sheet of the campaign.

Pat and Macca led the attack but faced a suave Brindabella defence. In the first 15 minutes, any advantage by either team floated quickly away like a plastic supermarket football caught in the wind, after which ANU owned the midfield, with Channers devouring any leftovers with his pointlessly good positioning.

Early progress came down the left side, with Ravi and Stods combining well, bringing Captain Cosmo in for some overlapping moments, as he flicked the burners off and on en route to the final third. A number of chances came from these forays but, lacking a decent angle or obvious gap through a whirling Brindabella defence, produced only gloriously unnecessary moon balls.

On 26 minutes, the play was on the other side and Macca, led in by the exquisite Tommy K and a huge rearing car crash thing called Palfrey, stepped out and around a Brindabella defence who lacked the agility and nous to work out where he was headed, and were left with the threat suddenly behind them. Macca, darting in from the right, was close - real close. He felt the rush of years, years wasted and years used unwisely. He felt the shot choices scroll past him, as if they were ghosts, things that can haunt a man's days and nights. But that's the thing about choices: you don't regret them until after they've been made. And Macca made it. Brindabella 0 ANU 1.

By now, ANU knew they could do this, and better still, Brindabella knew it too, breathing heavily from chasing high-tempo ANU incursions. They were many, and chances kept coming - when a quick counter down the left by the Ravi/Stods/Cosmo partnership ended

up near the goal, somehow the ball tickled in, and the half-time siren sounded. 2-0.

After the break, ANU faced a determined foe whose half-time rant went something like 'stack the frontline and bomb it forward'. A reasonable but ultimately futile tactic in the circumstances because after 20 minutes, the Brindabella forwards started to tire, and ANU countered at will. With 72 minutes gone, the ANU defence holding, and Brindabella facing another of those long sudden counters, Cosmo and his Brindabella BFF led a merry dance cross-field. Up to this point, Cosmo had been more eager than eye-catching, but this was his moment. Both should have been booked, and after a mandatory period of over-passionately alerting the referee to details within the referee handbook (a copy of which was never produced), the game thankfully continued, its record tarnished to a degree.

Towards the end, ANU closed out the game in front of a tired and frustrated Brindabella. They clanged the crossbar on the final whistle from a corner, which may give them some false hope next time. There is an astonishing momentum and winning quality to this ancient team. Here, it was embodied best by stifle, cloying, compactness, and quality. Fun and freewheeling exist only in our (Pat) dreams.

Love, Butch

FINAL SCORE

Brindabella 0 – ANUFC 2

Scorers:

Steven McIntyre

"I think Haigy mentioned something about writing a match report purely in haikus, so I took it as a personal challenge..."

Charnwood in winter
Sun is shining, wind blowing
Time for some football

Chris delivers plan
Wide and expansive ball-play
Training drill ensues

Plastic comes gloveless
Drives to Hackett to find them
Quiet day in goals

Matt ready to run
Left back bombing into box
Boundless energy

Paul solid as rocks
How many crunching tackles?
No yellows this time

Butch at centre back
Weaving runs, beating players
Desires midfield

Tom back from sore leg
Happy to let others run
Misses maiden goal

Ravi giving width
Called offside from a tap-in
Always smiling though

Nick at number six
Forgets to be defensive
Great game in attack

PLAYING A 5-7-5

Masters League Over-45s
Woden Valley v ANUFC
Charnwood 127
13 June (matchday 8)

Palf with all the skills
Trademark jink, swivel and turn
Next goal is coming

Haigy everywhere
Instrumental in attack
Two goal assists here

Macca's birthday week
Scores hat-trick, all from close range
Still laughing throughout

Patrick is all hips
Scores brace in another game
Golden Boot beckons?

Cosmo off the bench
Runs fast all over the pitch
Too good for this league

Dom in warm Uggies
Soft tracksuit pants and glasses
King of the barbie

Nige Stods Teebeejay
Channing and Junior as well
Nowhere to be seen

Thanks to M3 guys
Always willing to help out
Wisey plays next week?

The Grump at the Dump
A brand-new kids' fairy tale
Parkwood nirvana

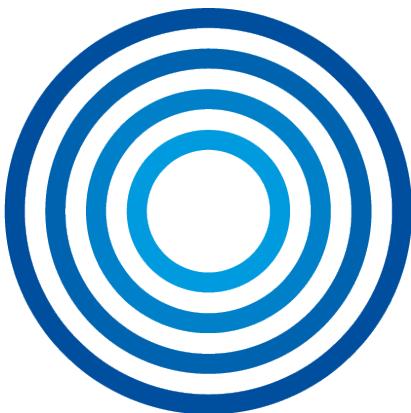
Five great goals to nil
Full control, start to finish
Eighth win in a row.

FINAL SCORE

Woden 0 – ANUFC 5

Scorers:

Steven McIntyre (3x)
Pat Walker (2x)



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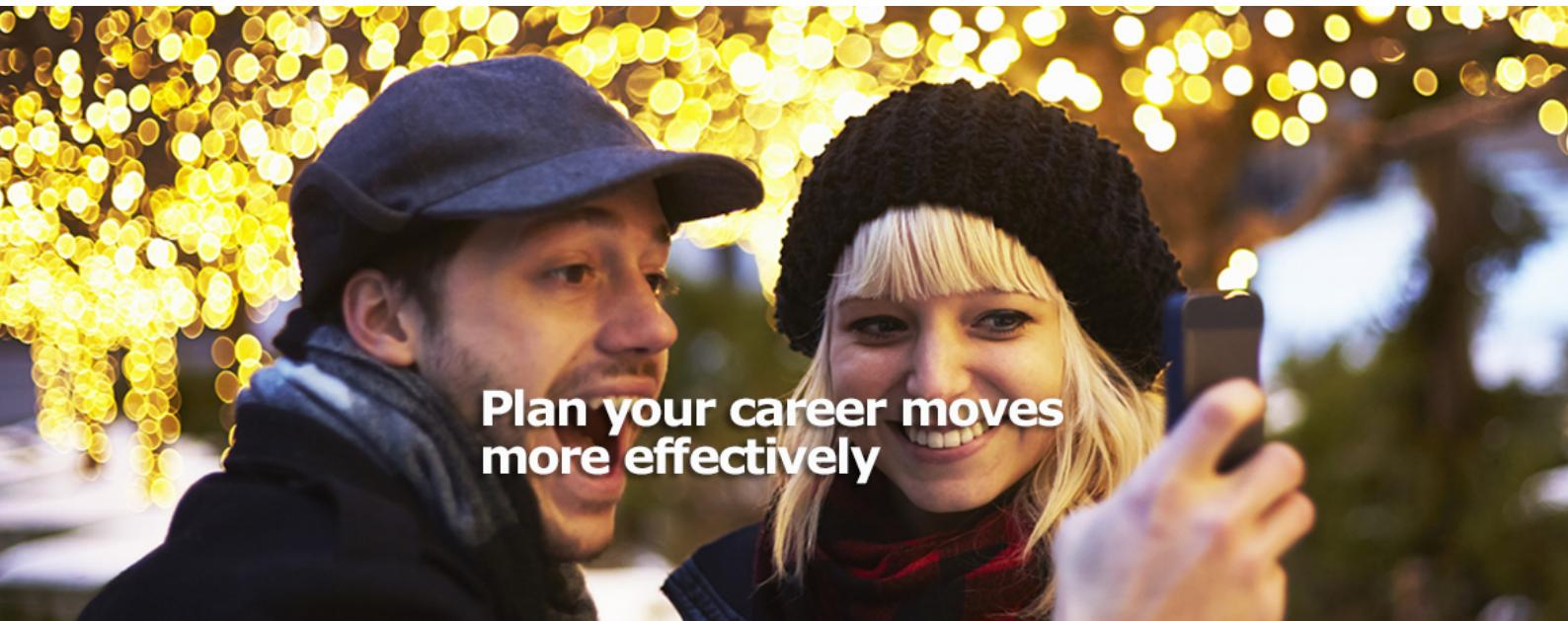
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AN ODE: NO HAMSTRINGS FOR OLD MEN

Masters League Over-45s
ANUFC v Weston Molonglo
Lyneham 208
30 May (matchday 6)

The day started out not too bad
Hosting the traditional Champions League
breakfast at my pad
Junior and Macca and Plastic came 'round
To see me in my fluffy dressing gown
Wrapped luxuriantly around my body of dad.

Bacon and eggs and coffee and toast
Which were sensational, if I could quickly
boast
Plastic insisted on adding olive oil
To the avocado in the bowl
Bloody Greeks think they know how to host!

To Lyneham then for football at nine
Which was at least nearby for a change this
time
Weston were waiting
While we were debating
The absence of Cosmo and his elbows so
fine.

The first goal came from Pat
A sumptuous backheel which knocked
Weston flat
After a cross from the right
From Nige, shining bright
We could've easily gone home after that.

A second from Pat, and then a third from
Scott Haig
Who ran riot in midfield like the plague
But then, woe!
We copped a goal from kickoff like a blow
And went into halftime 3-1 feeling vague.

Worse still, I bloody tore a hamstring
Near the sideline, so loud it went ping
My day was done
I sat on my bum
To watch Matty Cuttell blaze a trail along the
wing.

I wanted my chair, my glorious recliner!
I wanted my dressing gown, made by
designer!
I wanted my pain to be more minor!

But I just had to sit there
To watch Weston dream and dare
They took the game up a notch
And kicked ANU in the crotch
We didn't concede, but they gave us a real
scare.

Enter again the wizardry of Scott
Of the Haig variety, I kid you not
Against the run of play
Prancing merrily and gay
His buttocks sublime thanks to many a squat.

The game ended with ANU feeling great
A 4-1 win to seal Weston's fate
Weston were not unhappy
They had been brave and scrappy
Although it helps to play a bloke who is only
38!

My hammy was still lodged in a cramp
And my socks so wet they were still damp
But to the Old Canberra Inn
For lunch and beers to celebrate the win
For I could only smile amidst the company of
champ.

Peter Papathanasiou

FINAL SCORE **ANUFC 4 – Weston 1**

Scorers:

Pat Walker (2x) Scott Haig (2x)

The day dawned bright, cold and sunny as we headed down to the deep south that is the Woden Valley. The suburb of Mawson was named after Antarctic explorer Sir Douglas Mawson, and fittingly there was a sharp frost on the lush turf as Ravi and I arrived at 8:05am to ensure no calamitous net c*ck-ups.

By 8:15am, 'our' net was up, Ravi having to dig into his supply of spare pegs and use his own mallet. This ensured the tension of the net met Ravi's exacting standards. We then waited for the rest of the mighty over-45s Crew to arrive in dribs and drabs until, a full 15 minutes before kick-off, we finally had 11 uninjured players at the ground.

They say that good teams win matches, while good squads win championships, and this match would certainly be a test of that. Missing from our line-up was the pace of Matty Cuttell, the boundless energy Nige Palf, the mouth artistry of Wisey, the thundering full-backery of Tommy, the left (and indeed right) peg of Junior, and the calm distribution of Dom. How would we manage without them? Only time would tell...

We had been left in no doubt during the week of the importance of this top of the table clash. And, indeed, the big game had attracted a season's best crowd of three ANU supporters. The game had also been subject to some careful strategic and tactical planning. Whatever the Greek equivalent is of "shoot f*cking", Plastic had left us in no doubt that this is what he expected. And shoot we did... I counted approximately 23 shots on goal in the first half (Cosmo 21, Nick 2), and even Channers had a ping, letting fly from distance with a couple of beauties. But their keeper was on form and we approached half time level.

THE WORLD THROUGH PAT-COLOURED GLASSES

Masters League Over-45s
ANUFC v Woden Valley
Mawson 103
6 June (matchday 7)

The best chance of the first half was a thing of footballing beauty. Ravi had the ball in their final third out on the left, and dinked a gem of a cross just over the head of their defender. Behind him, Palfrey had ghosted (in as much as a Big Beast can ghost) into a glorious position, took a perfect touch to instantly kill the ball, and then slotted it calmly towards the corner, only for the keeper to pull off a close-range save with his trailing leg. Would have been a goal of the season contender for sure.

It may surprise readers to know that I spend my time exclusively in the opposition's half. In my blinkered view of the world, defenders are basically just there to make up the numbers and give the ball to me, or to those who then give the ball to me. However, on this occasion, I paid extra attention to the other end of the pitch, knowing I had been anointed to write the match report. Well, bugger me - we've got a cracking defence... who knew?!

In all seriousness, our bloody awesome defence definitely won us this game. Woden have two of the top three goalscorers in the league (modesty does not permit me to name the other one), and our backline of Ravi, Haigy, Butch and Paul were immense - sharp in the tackle and calmly switching the ball to either wing to stretch the opposition. Years of

experience gave them the know-how to give their better players a sharp crack on the ankle often enough to pick up a couple of yellow cards, but never straying close to a red. On the few occasions when their dangerous strikers got through, Plastic made a couple of top-drawer saves and was quick to snatch crosses and through-balls when needed.

The second piece of tactical planning was reinforced at half-time. Coach De Ruyter emphasised that the route to goal was down the wings, but made it crystal clear to Stods, Macca and Teebeejay that when they got down the line, they should pull the ball back towards the penalty spot for maximum threat.

One minute into the second half we opened the scoring following a tremendous move. Butch and Cosmo ran a combined 70 metres with the ball (Butch accounting for nearly 2 of those metres), Cosmo played Stods in down the left and he sprinted towards the byline. My eyes met Stods', a connection was made, and we instantly made a silent pact to "cheat on" CDR without apology. Stods clipped a perfect cross to the near post and I met it from my favoured distance of a yard out. ANU 1-0.

Thereafter, we closed the game out with relative comfort. Other than some set pieces, I don't recall our defence being troubled much in the second half, and our central midfielders provided a great screen. Haigy bombed around practising his trademark one-man press, while the rest of us stood and admired as Nick, Palfrey and Channers set our wide players free with aplomb. Macca, Teebeejay and Stods created some threatening situations, but that killer second goal just wouldn't come. I'm told that the highlight of

the second half to many was this reporter suffering his second sniper attack of the season with an elegant reverse pirouette. As the ball was nowhere near me, I hoped it had passed unnoticed. I'm grateful, therefore, that eagle-eyed Teebeejay took the time to go over to both my wife and daughter and make sure they had seen this (they had), and that they had also found it amusing (they did). What a true charmer and team player is Teebeejay. If that was the highlight, the lowlight was Channers' calf popping with a sound that could be heard right across the fair suburb of Mawson, meaning we have yet another injury to manage through June and maybe even July.

We made the game safe when I was mercilessly hacked down for a penalty. I hadn't even hit the deck when I'd already grabbed the ball to ward off any chance that someone else might take it. Nick did mischievously wander over to suggest he might have a go, but we both knew this was never, in a million years, going to be entertained.

So, it ended 2-0 to keep our 100% record intact. A very good performance throughout the ANU squad against a decent Woden side, and the second clean sheet of the season to boot. A fitting birthday present for Plastic, and one thoroughly deserved by him and the whole defensive crew.

FINAL SCORE **ANUFC 2 – 0 Woden**

Scorers:

Pat Walker (2x)



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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM HALF A SEASON?

Masters League 1
ANUFC v Lanyon United
Harrison 103
13 June (matchday 8)

The great permutation game is in full swing. Six doesn't go into four, and four won't go into three, all the while three times five is an unkind number, and half of six is lame but will it count for points?! It seems collectively accepted that #QBN will be somewhere near the top as the season draws to a climax, as no one except ANU can seem to take points off them, who themselves are on a Magic Roundabout with SF Weston and UC.

The sound of someone asking Brett again what happens after three rounds was music to this writer's ears. What happens, indeed? No one can be sure, which is part of the fun. Capital Football may have figured it out and aren't telling anyone, but I wouldn't bet on it. Whatever the decision, be assured it will be the worst for ANU - carrying over points or not, round robin or knock out, bye week against someone annoying. UC are playing the long game by keeping their options open if the future writing on the wall reads that they'd be better off playing Belwest and Lanyon - postponing this week's fixture with Belwest no doubt due to long weekend absentee gah! and an eye on The Plate.

One team whose destiny is clearer is Lanyon. Mired in a downward spiral of despair, like an elephant stuck in a tar pit, with no obvious way

out and lacking the required strength to lift it. After a promising early result against UC, they provided Belwest their first win, and have looked underdone as the season wears on. They were pluckily resilient in the first half against ANU, aided by their secret weapon holding the lineman's flag, and a stoically foolish high defensive line. After a brief half-time reminder for ANU about angles and timing, this stopped working. A familiar scenario played out with a feisty 0-0 half-time score giving way to a comfortable 3-0 ANU win, meaning the third meeting this season will end in a 1-0 win for Lanyon after an early calamity. But this time around, with beer and pizza (thanks Chris) flowing in equal measure, ANU were pretty pleased with themselves for being *checks notes* second with winnable fixtures ahead.

Mark Shrewsbury

FINAL SCORE **ANUFC 3 – Lanyon 0**

Scorers:

Pat Mullens
Ian Moes
Chris Wall

ANUFC engaged with the next step towards glory with the second (or third) edition of the Stink Cup against UC, with everyone nursing some kind of injury not obvious to the casual observer. The team overnighted at stand-in coach Brett's winter residence in Good-Views-But-Avoid-The-Neighbours-Wanniassa. An assortment of hung sheets and pop-up tents providing privacy for whatever pre-game rituals each player indulges. Despite staying almost pitch-side, Marcus still went via "washed out" Mawson, just for LOLs.

This writer stepped over sleeping bodies to head down early to catch The Reserves going through their paces but instead was treated to the rare sight of two Burns teams playing simultaneously on adjacent pitches. Neither Burns side seemed much of a match for their opponents, despite drawing upon about 10,000 collective years of experience. Perplexed by the decision to schedule the fixture on the sloping pitch with the crooked crossbar, both ANU and UC hierarchies implored The Ref to switch to the not-as-bad adjacent one, which represented his second-best decision of the day.

It's fair to say UC had the better of the first half - they would rue a penalty miss, following cavalier work in the area from Nick T. The striker then lost his bearings as Tom won the psychological battle, after Delves had provided some feedback to The Ref. Brett's halftime address was delivered with the

CHEATING BASTARD

Masters League 1
ANUFC v UC
Wanniassa 202
20 June (matchday 9)

rousing passion of a conveyancing clerk, losing track of how many positions to fill and bemoaning the fact our pass-per-advanced touch metric had fallen below 4.3 - known as the Moesy Constant. After Brett's stirring words, UC probably had the better of the second half, too.

Midway through the second half, transition monster Solano went off with hamstring twang, removing a potential pathway to goal and adding to swelling injury concerns. Usurped coach Mark suggested ANU would be lucky to escape with a point, but this is probably the underlying reason he was hooked mercilessly. Those remaining on the pitch knew better - after a couple of experimental forays, ANU's attacking cohort agreed on the most expedient route to goal: Miguel freestylery then a nifty pass between defenders from Moesy, giving Pauly time to weigh up his options before blasting a hole through UC's 'keeper for the sweetest of victories.

Mark Shrewsbury

FINAL SCORE

ANUFC 1 – UC 0

Scorers:

Pat Mullens

COMMUNITY LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Community League 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Belnorth FC 7	9	9	0	0	56	5	51	27
2	ANU FC 21	9	8	0	1	48	6	42	24
3	Gungahlin Juventus 4	8	8	0	0	51	12	39	24
4	Majura FC 8	9	4	1	4	22	24	-2	13
5	Woden Valley SC 14	10	4	0	6	17	30	-13	12
6	Gungahlin United FC 4	10	3	2	5	29	24	5	11
7	Gungahlin United FC 5	9	3	2	4	22	27	-5	11
8	Belwest Foxes SC 5	10	3	1	6	23	42	-19	10
9	ADFA FC 4	8	1	0	7	7	39	-32	3
10	Belwest Foxes SC 4	10	0	0	10	11	77	-66	0

	Community League 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	O'Connor Knights SC 20	9	8	0	1	60	14	46	24
2	Weston Molonglo FC 4	9	8	0	1	38	8	30	24
3	ANU FC 9	9	4	3	2	31	23	8	15
4	Weston Molonglo FC 3	9	4	1	4	29	25	4	13
5	Belnorth FC 11	9	3	2	4	25	27	-2	11
6	Belnorth FC 8	9	2	2	5	17	25	-8	8
7	UC Stars Football 12	3	0	0	3	2	28	-26	0
8	Woden Valley SC 15	9	0	0	9	6	58	-52	0

	Community League 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	ANU FC 11	8	8	0	0	42	2	40	24
2	Majura FC 9	9	6	2	1	39	14	25	20
3	ANU FC 10	10	6	2	2	42	21	21	20
4	Canberra White Eagles FC	8	5	1	2	36	9	27	16
5	Burns FC 4	10	4	1	5	31	29	2	13
6	Gundaroo Bullocks 1	9	3	0	6	21	26	-5	9
7	Majura FC 53	8	2	0	6	22	40	-18	6
8	Belnorth FC 10	8	2	0	6	14	41	-27	6
9	ADFA FC 5	8	0	0	8	5	70	-65	0

	Community League 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Weston Molonglo FC 5	8	7	1	0	40	10	30	22
2	Lanyon United FC 1	9	6	2	1	29	14	15	20
3	ANU FC 12	8	4	3	1	28	13	15	15
4	Majura FC 10	9	4	1	4	17	18	-1	13
5	ANU FC 20	8	2	2	4	14	14	0	8
6	Narrabundah FC 3	8	1	1	6	10	20	-10	4
7	Tuggeranong United FC 5	8	0	0	8	5	54	-49	0

	Community League 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Weston Molonglo FC 20	11	9	0	2	45	15	30	27
2	ANU FC 13	9	6	2	1	28	12	16	20
3	Belnorth FC 16	10	5	2	3	37	25	12	17
4	Belsouth FC 1	9	4	1	4	18	28	-10	13
5	Gungahlin United FC 11	9	4	0	5	30	25	5	12
6	ANU FC 15	9	3	1	5	20	21	-1	10
7	Yass FC 3	10	3	1	6	18	36	-18	10
8	ANU FC 14	11	1	1	9	17	51	#	4



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GOLDEN BOOT 2021

Nothing spurs a bit of (un)healthy competition quite like the golden boot, which is why ANUFC is proud to announce that this year's top scorer across NPL, and the State, Masters, and Community Leagues will receive (something, we're working on it) at the 2021 presentation night. In the event of a tie, goal:game ratio will be used to separate winners. If that doesn't work, players will be ranked by division, failing all of which you'll just have to make do and share the as-yet-unknown prize.

We at SCUM would like to stress that we do not endorse either the refusal to pass so you can try and take five blokes on and score yourself, the refusal to be substituted because you haven't scored yet, or the tapping in of someone else's goal right on the touchline, in the pursuit of the Golden Boot.

Here are the overall standings from May and June:

Rank	Player	League	Team	Games	Goals	Ratio
1	Max Wiggins	CLM6	ANUFC13	9	17	1.888r
2	Lee Hynes	NPL U23s	NPL U23s	10	13	1.3
3	Pat Walker	Over-45s	ANUFC19	8	12	1.5
4	Noah Stael	CLM3/CLM6	ANUFC9/15	8	11	1.375
5	Thomas Elford	CLM2	ANUFC21	9	11	1.222r
6	Xavier Ellingham	CLM3	ANUFC9	5	10	2
7	Sam Carters	NPL U23s	NPL U23s	10	10	1
8	Juan Guerschmann	M3	ANUFC18	7	9	1.286
9	Elliot Lavers	CLM4	ANUFC11	7	9	1.286
10	Otis Connor	SL1R	ANUFC2	10	8	0.8
11	Jack Gibson	SL1	ANUFC1	11	8	0.72r
12	Cameron Thomas	SL2	ANUFC5	8	7	0.875
13	Scott Degura	SL3	ANUFC6	8	7	0.875
14	Ariel Larkey	SL1	ANUFC3	9	7	0.777r
15	Paul Mullens	M1	ANUFC16	9	7	0.777r

A special mention is also due to Battlers 1 (ANUFC21) in CLM2, who have both the highest number of goals scored thus far (48) and the best goal difference (+42) across the whole club, and the runners up in Scott's team (ANUFC11), who sit close behind with 42 this term in CLM4 and only two conceded (goal difference +40).

SCUM EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

To prevent SCUM turning into *War and Peace*, submissions for 2021 have been limited to **500 words**. We will publish all acceptable submissions though, so get writing! Your contributions are what make the SCUM.

Submissions to the SCUM should be directed to the editor at scum@anufc.org.au.

Although submissions are designed to be humorous and satirical, the ANUFC committee and SCUM editor have a responsibility to prevent the publication of:

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- Language that a reasonable person would find obscene, offensive, racist, or sexist; and
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- The name of the photographer;
- Details of the game (teams playing, final scoreline, date); and
- A catchy title (i.e. not 'Photo24366 taken on iPhone.jpeg').

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