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Brett Todd on the coming season



1931 Blues Club Membership



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2025 Program

Welcome to 2025

Welcome to all Players, Coaches, Committee, Support Staff and Supporters to the 2025 Imperial Football Club season.

This year we will be emailing monthly Newsletters to all members/supporters of the Imperial Football Club with updates and information about our Club. Our first Newsletter will introduce our Coaches, Committee Members, projects for this coming year and other information we discussed at our first Committee meeting.

We also thank and appreciate our Sponsors for 2024 and we are hoping all our previous Sponsors will continue to support our Club this year. Please contact us on if anyone is interested in becoming a new sponsor for 2025.

Toddy on 2025



Senior Coach Brett Todd has presented a picture through his report of what to expect in the coming season, his report is in addendum 1.



The 2025 RMFL Fixture is addendum 2.

Thanks to the Committee and Coaches for 2025:

Committee for 2025

President: Jack Daniels
Vice-President: Chris Hollitt
Secretary: Kristine Dalitz
Treasurer: David Daish
Kevin Roberts: Football Director
Matthew Gates: Junior Co-ordinator
Simone Harrowfield: Social Committee/ Media
Hugh Barker: Catering
Kaye Rance: Newsletters
Brock Reu
Mick Nottle
Richard Crane
David Clarke

Coaches for 2025

League: Brett Todd
Reserves: Grant Hansen
U 18's: Daniel Zadow
Under 15.5's: Shaun Clayson
U13's: Scott Rowland
U11's: Russell Annear
U9's: TBC



Projects

Nets behind Goal Posts & Sponsor Sign re-alignment.

A huge thank you to all volunteers with this project. Nets will hopefully be attached to the new poles by mid March.

Shane Snell, Skeet (Keith Medlow), Lachlan Daniels, Jack McKay, Mason Merritt & Jack Daniels.

The clubs also acknowledges the support of sponsors Spry Civil & Construct-Sam Rasheed (Hole boring and concrete supply), LMC—Barry and Mason Merritt (delivery of concrete), Smiley Carwash—Matt and Katrina Hood (donation of Telehandler hire



to hoist net poles into position), and the ongoing almost endless resources provided by Daishsat, including steel fabrication, delivery to site of poles and ongoing site support wherever its needed.

Painting of Fence, more access entries to oval and mesh to be attached to fence from Coaches Box to Playground Shane Snell

Upgrading of the “Seniors Shed” (next to the BBQ) Jack Daniels – painting

Installation of TV (donated by Matt Seyers)

Flooring (donated by Stephen Plumber) – to be laid by Lachlan Daniels



Roller Shutter around TV – Mobbsy and Plumbs

Coaches Boxes

Painting – Jack Daniels

Fake lawn from Netball Club to be laid in front of both coaches' boxes – Jack Daniels



1931 Blues Club 2025 Draw information

Membership will be \$100 (this includes being a financial club membership)

- * 21 x \$100 Weekly draws
- * One weekly draw on Thursday nights. Commencing on Thursday 3/4/2025
- * 8 x \$100 Saturday night draws at home games
- * Winners will be notified and results posted on Facebook page and on the Imperial Football Club website as soon as possible after the draw.
- * If Membership is not paid by 30/6/2025, the number will be removed from the draw.

Major Prize (will be drawn at the Senior Presentation Night)

1st drawn out number \$2500
2nd \$1250
3rd \$ 750

- ♦ *Winners do not need to be present to collect the \$100 weekly prizes or the major prizes. Arrangements will be made for each winner collects their prize.*

Payment options; EFT (Contact Kris Dalitz for bank transfer details)

Cash (Either to Kris or can be dropped to Richard Crane at Sportspower - 22 Bridge Street Murray Bridge). Please place in an envelope with your name on it.

Membership of \$100 includes becoming a financial member of the Imperial Football Club. Please either respond to this email or contact Kris Dalitz if you would like to become a member of the 1931 Blues Club.

Merchandise

Kris will be meeting with Nelsons this week to work out the merchandise for this year and to set up the portal for ordering it online in the coming few weeks. Please refer to our website and/

or face group page for the portal details as online ordering is the only option. I can also email members if you would prefer to be contacted this way regarding the portal details. Please email if you would prefer all correspondence from Imps via email.



60 Years at Johnstone Park

- Lease granted to Imperial Football Club to move to Johnstone Park on 8/2/1965
- 3rd September 1965 - dressing shed foundation poured
- 1st November 1965 – reported a healthy cover of grass on the marching girls and oval areas.
- 16th July 1966 – first game played at Johnstone Park.

This year will be 60 years from the start of Johnstone Park (Foundation Year) – watch this space as we will be providing more information to celebrate this milestone. Tentative date, 16th August 2025 which is a home game against Mypolonga. Ideas for this night – auction of guerseys and merchandise to be available.



Thanks once again to all our volunteers to help make our Club so successful. If you can spare any time to assist around the Club, please speak to one of the Committee Members, Coach or Team Managers as we require many hours of volunteers each week for all our teams to play on Saturdays.

Jack Daniels
President

Brett Todd

I started my coaching journey in 2019 with the Glenelg Football Club with the U18's as an assistant coach working with the midfield. In 2020 I stepped up and I was a part of the senior program working under the premierships coach Mark Stone. On game days, I was working with Adam Hartlett coaching the reserves as assistant and being in charge of the midfield. I continued in the same role with the reserves, working under Brett Hand in 2021. Both sides had a really dominant year with the league losing the Grand Final, however, I was part of the reserves premiership.

Having the opportunity to experience being part of a highly driven group of individuals developing their skill set to play league footy was hugely rewarding and special to be a part of grand final day on Adelaide oval.

In 2022 we made finals in both grades but weren't able to go all the way. I can't thank the Glenelg Football Club enough for the opportunity I was given to be able to develop my coaching. I was selected by the SANFL that year to complete my level 3 coaching accreditation.

In October 2022 I was given the opportunity to coach the Imperials league side. This was a role I was ready for and couldn't wait to introduce to the boys my own coaching program and game style. I feel in my 2 seasons at the club I've been able to bring a positive change and have had an impact on professionalism, structures and driving higher standards. Unfortunately, as a senior group we haven't been able to taste the ultimate success but I'm very confident in the path and journey we are on, that premiership glory is really close. I've loved every minute of being involved with club and can't thank everyone enough how they have embraced myself and my family.

Jack Penfold will remain as a playing assistant coach which is a role he is continuing to develop each season. Jacob Rance has also accepted a role to be a playing assistant coach this coming season. I'm super excited to work with Ranger closely and looking forward to him bringing his knowledge and skill set to the role.

This coming season looks to be a very exciting one after a very productive off season recruiting some high-end talent to our list. A big thanks to Bluey for all his work behind the scenes.

I would like to introduce Cam Ball, Brodie & Mitch Carroll and their families & partners to the club. All 3 boys were part of the 2022 league premiership team.

Cam is key tall who has played most of his footy as a defender. His ability to read the ball and intercept mark is a highlight. Brodie is mid/running defender who is a very good ball user and decision maker and an elite runner. Mitch is very similar to his brother and covers the ground very well and plays through the midfield/ wing roles. All 3 have come from a successful club with really high standards, habits and behaviours, which I can't wait for them to have an impact on the playing list.

Lachie Elsworthy is another recruit who has played most of his footy at Lobethal Football Club but has moved to the area for work. Lachie is a skilful mid who has had his last 2 seasons interrupted by injuries.

Baxter Raymond is young developing ruckman with the ability to cover the ground and contested marking his strengths.

This guy needs no introduction to the Imps family with Johnny Boras returning to the club after a season away. I'm looking forward to seeing him not only providing scoreboard pressure but more importantly developing the younger forwards around him.

Another exciting announcement is to have Shane Paech return to his junior club. Paechy's skill set is a big addition to our squad, with his high marking and forward craft being a feature of his game and I feel he will fit into our front half, adding another dimension to goal. I'm looking forward to working closely with him and allow him to take his game to another level.

The coaching and playing group would like to thank all the volunteers for all the work and we are looking forward to showcasing our footy to all supporters and members when the season kicks off in April

Brett Todd



IMPERIAL FOOTBALL CLUB

2025

1

5th April
Cats v Mypolonga (Meningie)
Jervois v Suns
Storm v Tailem Bend (Peake)
Mannum v Ramblers
Imperials - bye

2

12th April
Tailem Bend v Mannum
Suns v Storm (Lameroo)
Mypolonga v Jervois
Imperials v Cats
Ramblers - bye

19th April

Easter Long Weekend

3

26th April — Anzac Round
Jervois v **Imperials**
Storm v Mypolonga (Karoonda)
Mannum v Suns
Ramblers v Tailem Bend
Cats - bye

4

3rd May
Suns v Ramblers (Lameroo)
Mypolonga v Mannum
Imperials v Storm
Cats v Jervois (Coonalpyn)
Tailem Bend - bye

5

10th May
Storm v Cats (Peake)
Mannum v **Imperials**
Ramblers v Mypolonga
Tailem Bend v Suns
Jervois - bye

6

17th May
Mypolonga v Tailem Bend
Imperials v Ramblers
Cats v Mannum (Meningie)
Jervois v Storm
Suns - bye

7

24th May
Mannum v Jervois
Ramblers v Cats
Tailem Bend v **Imperials**
Suns v Mypolonga (Pinnaroo)
Storm - bye

8

31st May
Ramblers v Storm
Tailem Bend v Jervois
Suns v Cats (Lameroo)
Mypolonga v **Imperials**
Mannum - bye

7th June

June Long Weekend

9

14th June
Imperials v Suns
Cats v Tailem Bend (Tintinara)
Jervois v Ramblers
Storm v Mannum (Karoonda)
Mypolonga - bye

10

21st June
Mypolonga v Cats
Suns v Jervois (Pinnaroo)
Tailem Bend v Storm
Ramblers v Mannum
Imperials - bye

11

28th June
Mannum v Tailem Bend
Storm v Suns (Peake)
Jervois v Mypolonga
Cats v **Imperials** (Coonalpyn)
Ramblers - bye

12

5th July
Imperials v Jervois
Mypolonga v Storm
Suns v Mannum (Pinnaroo)
Tailem Bend v Ramblers
Cats - bye

12th July

Country Championships

13

19th July
Ramblers v Suns
Mannum v Mypolonga
Storm v **Imperials** (Karoonda)
Jervois v Cats
Tailem Bend - bye

14

26th July
Cats v Storm (Meningie)
Imperials v Mannum
Mypolonga v Ramblers
Suns v Tailem Bend (Pinnaroo)
Jervois - bye

15

2nd August
Tailem Bend v Mypolonga
Ramblers v **Imperials**
Mannum v Cats
Storm v Jervois (Peake)
Suns - bye

16

9th August
Jervois v Mannum
Cats v Ramblers (Tintinara)
Imperials v Tailem Bend
Mypolonga v Suns
Storm - bye

17

16th August
Storm v Ramblers (Karoonda)
Jervois v Tailem Bend
Cats v Suns (Meningie)
Imperials v Mypolonga
Mannum - bye

18

23rd August
Suns v **Imperials** (Lameroo)
Tailem Bend v Cats
Ramblers v Jervois
Mannum v Storm
Mypolonga - bye

24th Aug U11 Carnival

TBA — Auskick Carnival

30th Aug Qualifying Final
Storm (Karoonda)

31st Aug Elimination Final
Suns (Pinnaroo)

6th Sept Second Semi Final
Jervois

7th Sept First Semi Final
Mypolonga

13th Sept Prelim Final (Netball Grand Final)
Imperials

20th Sept Grand Final
Tailem Bend

