



FALCON FAMILY NEWS

Friday 16th September, 2011

"UNBELIEVABLE!"...After our stunning results last weekend I had a number of very excited people coming up and saying that to me...*"Unbelievable...isn't it unbelievable."*

Whilst I understand the sentiment, it's important we understand that it's not...it's not "unbelievable".

In fact "belief" has been a very important ingredient in our constant improvement as a Club to date and why we are the only Club out of 15 to have all 5 teams in the preliminary finals.

Dare to Believe

Belief is one of 5 key ingredients that are (in my opinion) integral to success...anywhere...anytime. In order those 5 ingredients are...

1. VISION (you first need a clear vision...a dream...of what you want to be and where you want to go)
2. DESIRE (you have to want it...and be prepared to make sacrifices to achieve it)
3. BELIEF (you have to believe it's possible...not in some airy-fairy way but in your heart of hearts)
4. HARD WORK (nothing worth achieving comes without hard work...it's the hard work of the journey that make the prizes along the way more enjoyable)
5. PERSISTENCE ("never giving in"..."never quitting"..."persistence" is the final step without which the other 4 will fail...no matter how low you get or how many times you get knocked down you keep getting up and trying harder)

Look back and you can see evidence of these 5 ingredients occurring within our Club. Maybe we'll talk about that another day.

I could write pages and pages on each of these five "ingredients"...each of these "steps" to success...and then more pages on other key qualities, values and processes that are also necessary for success.

But for now it's just important to understand that **"belief"** is an irrefutable ingredient that we must have and we need it to be ingrained in every corner of our Club.

Belief In Action

For years our stated goal has been to become the best and most powerful Club in this league...and once we get there...to stay there. I've believed this is possible for years and so have a core group of others in the Club.

As we've developed & grown and seen some evidence that we're heading in that direction, many others have come to believe this as well...but we now need every-one believing this if we are to eventually achieve it.

I also believe it's possible to win 5 premierships this year. Why not?

It doesn't matter that it's never been done before in our league...that's irrelevant...IT IS POSSIBLE...and I'll argue that point til the Falcons fly home. Dare to believe.

When you look at our teams against their opposition this weekend, there's no doubt our best footy...I'll repeat that, our best footy...is good enough to win.

Then when you look at the remaining teams that might be there next week, our best footy is good enough to beat them as well.

That being the case then 5 Flagstaff Hill premierships in 2011 IS POSSIBLE...isn't it?

We need to understand and believe it's possible.

Now here comes a very important point.

Believing something is possible is not a guarantee that it will happen.

Nothing in this life is guaranteed (except death and taxes).

Believing something is possible just gives you a much greater chance of making it happen especially when it's combined with the 4 other ingredients.

I'll repeat that... **"believing is not a guarantee...it just gives you a much greater chance."**

If we don't win 5 premierships this year the naysayers will say "see, I told you so, it's not possible." They're wrong. It is possible...and the reality is...as it stands right at the moment of writing this...we are the only side that has a chance of doing it.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

An old saying goes along the lines of *"some things have to be seen to be believed"*
...I prefer the following quote...

***"Some things have to be BELIEVED
...to be seen."***

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If we don't do it this year DON'T stop believing it's possible. Don't give in to the naysayers or worse still become one yourself.

If we fall short of a goal, we just analyse what happened...remain focus on our Club VISION...stoke the fire of DESIRE that drives us...continue to BELIEVE passionately in our goals...continue to WORK HARD...and PERSIST, PERSIST, PERSIST.

On The Right Track

Make no mistake though we're still well short of our overall goal to be the best and most powerful Club in the league...there is still much to prove and much to achieve.

Even if we did win 5 premierships this year we wouldn't be the best and most powerful Club in the league (in my opinion). This only comes about when year after year you keep performing and improving yourself.

What all this means though is that **we're on the right track.**

As a Club our values, our philosophies, our processes, our structures and most importantly all the wonderful people that make up our Club are all leading us in the right direction.

As we head into this weekend all our players, coaches and supporters need to draw further strength, confidence and belief from this. There's no reason to change anything as the prize gets closer...players and supporters just need to keep taking things up a level.

There's no reason to get anxious or tighten up now just because the prize is closer. The goal for each side now is exactly the same as it was at the start of the season...to win a premiership. Nothing's changed. Don't allow perceived pressure (because we're getting closer to the goal) to change anything you do.

We need to stay relaxed...stay focused...and keep doing all the things that have got us this far.

I'll repeat what I said at the start...none of this is unbelievable. It's what we first believed in many years ago.

Our belief has got us this far. Just imagine how far it can take us in the weeks and years ahead if our belief becomes stronger and more widespread.

Enjoy the weekend everyone. BELIEVE!

THIS WEEKS GAMES

Grade	Against	When	Where
SATURDAY			
U14's	Reynella	8.15am	Christies Beach
A's	Brighton	2.30pm	Christies Beach
SUNDAY			
U16's	Happy Valley	9.35am	Noarlunga
U18's	Morphett Vale	11.10am	Noarlunga
B's	Brighton	12.50pm	Noarlunga

GIVE YOURSELF A PAT ON THE BACK

The crowd support we have been getting to all our games has been the talk of the league and has even featured in various editions of the Messenger. We regularly have 5 to 6 times more people at our games than any other Club.

Well done and congratulations to everyone who has been a part of this. All the coaches have acknowledged how important it is to them and our players. It does make a difference.

We now need to take it to the next level this weekend. More people...more colours...more noise. Bring someone with you...better still bring two people.

We expect our players to keep lifting the bar each week...we as supporters need to do the same.

MILESTONE GAMES



CALLUM ADAMS
100 Junior Games



MATT CAIRE
50 Junior Games

What better time to play an important milestone than a preliminary final? Callum lines up for his 100th junior game (a rare achievement) and Matt his 50th.

Enjoy the day guys and do all you can to make a positive difference to your teams.

THIS WEEKS PRESENTATIONS

We will hold presentations **for all 5 teams on Sunday from around 5.45pm.**

A hearty Falcons meal will be available **from 5.00pm** so save yourself the bother of getting your own Sunday dinner.

On Saturday the Club will be open from 6.00pm so we can gather after the U14's and A's games and prepare for the Sunday games. Snacks and nibbles will be available.

We need to stick together on the weekend...everyone supporting everyone else...STRONG & UNITED.

BEHIND THE SCENES HEROES

Thanks to **Jo Collins** for driving the meals and snacks on each of the finals weekend with lots of help from **Deb Osmond** and our Social Managers and no doubt many others.

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Thanks to **Ollie Meinecke & Marilyn Burfitt** who have been providing Friday night pasta meals for our players in preparation for the weekend. Another one percent.

Thanks to the **Old Farts** on Thursday nights for continually raising the bar (and raiding the bar) with the meals they provide our boys after training. The atmosphere they help to create on selection night is another key component of being Strong & United.

I'm sure I've missed out some acknowledgements here but just know that whatever contribution you're making it's important...it's effective...and it's appreciated.

Please keep it up.

MERCHANDISE MADNESS

Here's a quick message from Kim Nash our wonderful Merchandise Coordinator

"With our boys being in the finals and all our supporters out in force, we want everyone in red & blue.

I have caps available now, just call me and we can organise pick up or delivery.

I also have other merchandise on the rack in various sizes.

Kim (m) 0417 823 944"

SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our end of year Presentation night for the A's, B's, C's and U18's will be held on **Fri 7th October at the Golf Club**

Pricing will be the same as last year. \$40 is the set price but the club will subsidise the players as follows...

- ... \$40 for General
- ... \$35 for Senior Players (\$40 for partners)
- ... \$30 for Under 18 players (\$40 for partners)

Flagstaff Hill Football Club 2011 BROWNLOW MEDAL NIGHT 26 September 2011 7.30pm FHFC Clubrooms

The FHFC will be televising this year's Brownlow Medal count on the big screen at the club.

To make the night interesting for all (we can't see any Crows or Port players winning) guests will be assigned an AFL player each upon entry and sit with other guests from their players club for the night.

The players assigned will be the likely top vote getters from each club and will be assigned via lucky dip on entry.

Prizes will be awarded to the guests with the player with the most votes from each club and of course the big prize will be given to the one lucky enough to draw the Brownlow Medallist.

We encourage you to bring a plate of nibbles to share with your teammates for the evening.

The cost for the night will be \$5 per person.

For further information or to register your interest please see **Leigh O'Malley** or email at leigh_o'malley@asteron.com.au

Let me know ASAP if you're coming...or better still organize a table of 10 (so you can sit with who you want) and let me know everyone who will be on it.

JUNIOR PRESENTATION DAY

Junior Presentation Day will be held on **Sunday, 16th October starting at 3.00pm at the Footy Club...**the last Sunday of the School Holidays.

Please come with a plate of finger food/nibbles to share. The bar will be open for drinks.

100 CLUB

We're now down to about 24 out of 100 spots left for the "100 Club".

We MUST fill these spots in the next week or two.

This is an important fundraiser for the Club and to continue to get better we MUST raise more funds for next year.

DETAILS...\$100 per ticket...only 100 tickets available...last ticket drawn wins \$2000...every ticket wins a day at the Strathmore Hotel with free drinks and finger food...on Sat, 15th October...contact Matt Green (m) 0404 024 749 or see Leigh O'Malley or Dave Kearsley for tickets.

THE WRAP

That's it...now let's all get out there...players & supporters...and keep raising the bar...and keep believing.

STRONG and UNITED

Brett Charlesworth...President FHFC

Flagstaff Hill Cricket Club

2011/12 Season Launch

Sunday 25th September

10-12noon

New & Past players

Seniors & Juniors

Registrations & payments

Players register online at www.fhfc.org.au (prior to 25th)

Merchandise - BBQ food & Drinks

Get down to your club and continue the FHFC premiership celebrations

All welcome

CONSTANT



Thomas Burfitt never lets go & never gives up. That'll get him through his knee recon.

RELENTLESS



Team tackle...Dale Salisbury with Jamie Robshaw backing him up. Brothers-in-arms.

PRESSURE



Antun Alavija gives nothing less than 100% all the time. Strong.

FALCONS FLY HIGHER



Big Wayne Collings...strong and committed



Antun Alavija...a fearless Falcon

TAKE 'EM ON!



Finals footy and a bit of sunshine makes normally sane men do strange things.

No names here.

I'm just glad the photo wasn't taken a split second later.

Enjoy the weekend



Matt Carey (top & middle right) and Shane "Buffy" Heinrich (bottom right) tucking it under their arms, backing themselves and taking on the opposition....again and again.

Keep doing what you're doing guys.

Leave nothing out there..

NO REGRETS

