

Message from Jimmy:

" It is with great pleasure to announce that I have accepted the position of First Grade Coach at Monaro. I spent my most successful years playing football at a competitive level including Futsal, NSL, NYL, and the Canberra Premier League and it was during the early days that my obsession for football evolved. Some of the highlights during my playing career were making the 1989 Futsal World Cup Squad and being named Junior Player of the Year as well as a top goal scorer for the NPL in consecutive years. Unfortunately one day out from the world cup opener against Italy, I succumbed to an injury which ended my playing career. After several years of recovering, I missed the game and returned as a board member of my local junior club. Seeing the need for coaches, I moved into the coaching ranks in early 2005 completing my senior coaching licence.

After spending several years as a Technical Director I was given an opportunity to enter into Junior NPL coaching and then ultimately senior coaching with much success.

My coaching philosophy is simple "Attractive Possession Based Attacking Football" has led me to be fortunate enough in winning NPL titles with Co-Coach Colin Stirton in NPL16's and NPL 20's with Belconnen United consecutively and this year coaching 20's at Gungahlin from as many attempts. I see my new role as First Grade coach at Monaro a fruitful but challenging one but ultimately the fight that I have been looking for coming back to where it all started as a 17-year-old player ".

Jimmy is bringing on board his experienced assistant coach Colin Stirton and here's what he said about his football background: " Started playing soccer at 4years old, played most of my Juniors career with Canberra North football club with a short stint with Olympic. Started Senior football with Canberra North at the age of 16 then going onto playing in the NSL Youth league for two years with the Canberra Arrows. Then returning to Canberra Senior Football with Canberra Olympic under the tuition of Oscar Lagone. A Career in Retail Management took me away from football for quite a few years before returning to football in a coaching role with Belnorth coaching my two sons through their Junior Careers. Starting up the first buds team for Belconnen United with Mark O'Neil. Then moved onto coaching Belconnen United 16's Premier League for two years on my own coming runners-up in the first year and Champions and undefeated for the next year. Then came the partnership with James Kanaridis. Myself and James have gone on to be a successful partnership with a 16's Premier League Championship and 20's Premier league championships with Belconnen United and one Minor Premiership 20's with Gunghalin United. With James, we work well together with similar styles and philosophy about how the game should be played.

Our Technical Director Adam Firych said " I am sure Jimmy and Colin are the right choice for us. They are both experienced, both well educated and they both know a lot of players which is always important, especially in the Canberra region. We all support Jimmy's coaching style and everyone respects his way of managing. He is very direct and upfront with players which helped him successfully run all the teams he has coached previously. Both coaches pay a lot of attention to detail which is followed by the process of giving specific roles and responsibilities to every player. I can't wait to work closely with both Jimmy and Colin and I am sure we will build a successful long-

time relationship. For new 2019 season we will have a brand new grass surface at Riverside, new fence, new lights, a new scoreboard and refreshed Clubhouse which will make our field one of the most attractive places to play football in the Canberra region. Now we also have excellent new First Grade coaching staff and it's not to our surprise that players suddenly want to join us. A healthy competition across our 1st-grade squad can only bring benefits and we can't wait to start our trials process on 16th October. On behalf of our Panthers Family, I would like to welcome both gentlemen on board and wish them the very best of luck. We are pleased to have you both on board gents. You will get our full support ".

Welcome Jimmy and Colin

Go on Monaro !!!

If any of the players would like to contact us in regards to 1st-Grade trials please send your request's to jamesk750@hotmail.com or adamf.monaropanthers@gmail.com.

