

POINTS is what Brisbane Lions lost by against reigning premier Hawthorn on Thursday night in their AFL pre-season match at Etihad Stadium. The Lions, who aren't tipped to be serious flag contenders, went in with a grossly inexperienced line-up and the VFL/AFL flag-winning laden Hawks punished them at every opportunity.

CRICKET

Ready to turn pink

FOR THE FIRST TIME, WERRIBEE IS RAISING FUNDS FOR MCGRATH FOUNDATION

Luke D'Anello

WERRIBEE players will join counterparts from countless cricket clubs across the nation on Saturday and don pink for the McGrath Foundation.

Clubs will band together and take part in Pink Stumps Day to raise awareness of breast cancer and money for care nurses.

Werribee will be taking part for the first time, with pink stumps, hats and shoe laces on show at Chirnside Park and Soldiers Reserve.

Werribee vice-president David Duxson has been affected by the disease.

"My sister passed away with breast cancer and my mum's a survivor," he said.

"It's interesting when you just have general conversations with people to find out just how widespread it is in terms of families.

"It's the initiative of the committee of the last two years to try and involve ourselves a little bit more in the community side of things.

"The McGrath Foundation Day - it's part of the cricket family, as everybody knows.

"We just thought we'd try and do something in respect to that this year and get more of the ladies involved in the club and then just try



Werribee's Chris Hennessy and his mum Jill are helping the club raise money for the McGrath Foundation. Picture: SUSAN WINDMILLER

and broaden it out a bit into the community."

Werribee will host a high tea fundraiser at Chirnside Park on February 22, with

Lalor federal Labor MP Joanne Ryan and McGrath Foundation breast care nurse Jacinta Bryan locked in as guest speakers.

The club has also gained generous support from local businesses.

"We've knocked up and down the streets of Werrib-

ee and got some good support, not only from our own sponsors but from local businesses as well," Duxson said.

SUB-DISTRICT CRICKET

Pritchard shines for rampaging Tigers

Luke D'Anello

VETERAN Heath Pritchard produced another eye-catching display as Werribee kept its unbeaten record intact on Saturday.

Defending 9-238 in its Sub-District Cricket clash against rival Williamstown at Chirnside Park, the ladder-leader was forced to undertake some hard labour to claim the points.

Pritchard again took centre stage, collecting 5-38 from 16.4 overs - his fourth five-wicket haul at the Tigers' home ground this summer.

Werribee skipper Shaun Dean said Pritchard had exceeded his expectations after crossing from Caulfield during the off-season.

Pritchard's nagging line and length has garnered 32 wickets at 9.5, with two

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matches of the home-and-away season remaining plus finals.

He shredded another batting line-up at the weekend and grabbed the key scalp of Williamstown star Craig Sheedy.

The Seagulls were eventually dismissed for 192 from 58.4 overs, with Jonathan Burton (2-65), Matthew

Thomson (1-25) and Tim O'Brien (1-35) also adding wickets to their season tally.

"They (Williamstown) made us earn it, that's for sure," Dean said.

"It was a hard-fought win in the end and their middle-order batted well. I don't think we were really at our best with the ball."

But Dean reserved plaudits for the in-form Pritchard, who seldom has a down day the bowling crease.

"He loves playing at home. He gets a little bit out of every wicket, he just knows where to bowl, the right areas and makes the batsman play a lot and makes it hard for them," Dean said.

"We always knew he was always going to add that extra bowling to the side. We felt we needed an extra bowler at the end of last year.

"We knew he'd take a few wickets and be pretty economical, but to take 32 wickets ... he could end up with 40-odd wickets, which is a fantastic year."

Werribee remains two games clear on top of the ladder with 11 wins from as many starts.

But the Tigers' litmus test will arrive in coming weeks, with clashes against Oakleigh and Bayswater - their two biggest rivals for the silverware.

"They're huge games to play," Dean said. "Your finals campaign almost starts as of next week.

"You don't want to go into finals losing two games or being beaten.

"No one says that you have to lose a game. There's no reason why we can't go through undefeated. We're out to win every game."



Werribee wicketkeeper Kyle Andrews climbs high on Saturday. Picture: KRIS REICHL

fast lane

Bees beaten

➔ **Bowls:** Werribee went down 73-68 against Preston-Reservoir in Bowls Victoria Division 1-Section 1 on Saturday. The Bees are in third spot on the ladder with a 9-7-1 record, equal on wins with Kew Heights (fourth) and Richmond Union (fifth) with one round of the home-and-away season remaining. Werribee will meet second-placed Bundoora RSL 2 in the final round on Saturday. In Division 3-Section 1, Hoppers was defeated by Melton 2, 72-66.

Outright loss

➔ **Cricket:** Laverton (73 and 30) suffered an outright loss against Doutta Stars (4-107dec) in Turf Cricket North Division on Saturday. In North A1, Werribee Centrals (9-214) enjoyed a big win against St Andrews (171).

Giants in fourth

➔ **Baseball:** Werribee suffered a 4-3 loss against Baseball Victoria Summer League Division 2 ladder leader Williamstown last Sunday. Despite the defeat, the Giants remain in fourth spot on the ladder and were set to tackle St Kilda on Sunday (after deadline).

New president

➔ **Football:** New Western Region Football League club Tarneit has appointed Sue Thornton as president. After the departure of former president Jay Hazleman last month, Thornton will lead the club in its inaugural year and will be the league's only female president. "It's a little bit daunting, but I'm really excited to be a part of the club's beginning and am looking forward to getting us get up and running," Thornton said.

Tymms called up

➔ **Football:** Albion boss Aaron Tymms has been appointed assistant coach of the Western Region Football League's interleague team. Tymms, who is about to embark on his first season in the top job at the Cats, will work alongside Brett Jacobs, Aaron Freeland and chairman of selectors Steve Thom when the WRFL takes on the Southern Football League on March 29. "I was shocked when I got the call, but thoroughly excited to be picked for the role considering it is my first year as senior coach," Tymms said.