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## Round 15 Vs Mooroolbark

**Date** – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**Score** – 0-0

**Scorers** – None

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There was great anticipation in this Round 15 clash between Beaumaris and Mooroolbark. Beaumaris finally appear to have found form in the league putting together a nice run of 4 undefeated games whilst the Barkers were sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder hoping to go top if other results went their way. There were two changes to the Beaumaris starting XI with captain Ross Iles out injured with Travis taking his spot whilst Ammar was replaced by James to cater for Mooroolbark's pace in attack.

The game got off to a bright start for Beaumaris matching the Barkers in every key aspect – pressure, tackling & possession. Both sides were lacking a cutting edge up front early with the Barkers centre back having two of the best chances, both headers, but both went well over the crossbar. Half way through the half a Mooroolbark striker had a good one on one chance from a tight angle however goal keeper Tyler saved well at the front post. The Barkers were keen to play ball behind Beauy's defence with another shot being skied over crossbar shortly afterwards with the Barker's player through on goal. Beaumaris' best chance of the half fell to Travis who was through on goal albeit from a tight angle however his fiercely struck shot flew over the crossbar. Boffa had a long range shot just before half time; however his miss-struck shot went narrowly wide. 0-0 at half time with both coaches having plenty of thinking to do.

Beaumaris started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half in a more aggressive manner with the confidence of the team now up after a solid showing in the first half. Both teams were now going forward in numbers with the game opening up. Gibbo had a long range volley brilliantly palmed away by the Barkers keeper. Half way through the half Beaumaris coach Bob Shields make a couple of aggressive subs with Ammar and Erdem both being sent up front in place of Tom Cannon & Boffa. Soon afterwards Nick was brought down in the Barkers penalty area which looked a very good shout for a penalty, however it was waved away by the main official.

The final minutes of this game were hectic with both sides throwing everything at each other in order to get the winner. Erdem supplied a perfect through ball to Ammar who rounded the keeper but could not get enough power on his left foot shot which the scrambling defender cleared off the line. Soon afterwards the Barkers had another one on one chance which was again brilliantly saved by Tyler who was quickly off his line. Tom Hogan then had Beauy's last chance to win the game when he had a clear chance inside the penalty area but he poked his shot narrowly over the crossbar.

Finally the Barkers could have got all three points when their sub had a real chance to win it, however his well struck shot smashed against the crossbar, bounced on the goal line and was cleared by a relieved James! In the end this action packed game could have easily finished 3-3 with a draw being a fair result in the end. In the reserves game Mooroolbark ended up winning in 3-1 with Blake the only scorer for Beaumaris. Beauy are up against league leaders Old Scotch this week hoping to extend the undefeated run.