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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2007

Seasons in football seem to take an age coming, waiting through summer, visiting schools running ads and then all of a sudden it's February and we notice the smug grin on the die-hards that says "we're on again".

It seems the coaches appear, the players arrive, the sausages are sizzling and before you know it it's April and it's all happening. A season true this year with every round being played in the City Competition and only one wet weather cancellation in Northside, we suddenly find ourselves in September and facing the prospect of another long wait over summer.

But things in junior football don't just happen. I'd like to take a moment out to send a great big thank you to all the committee, coaches, parents, carers and volunteers who spent a mammoth amount of their time organizing, planning, coaching, fundraising and administering all the things necessary to keep our kids playing the code we hold so dear. The generosity of our sponsors has again provided the much needed funds to meet the costs of providing the best equipment and experience for our young charges.

Season 2007 saw us playing Auskick, Under 9's, 10's, 11's and 12's in the City Association on Saturdays with the Under 13's, 14's and 16's playing in Northside on Sundays.

Off field we saw a new set of AFL posts erected at Five Dock Oval showing the greater community that our code is growing and we will need the extra ground as time goes on. Also, big things are afoot at Drummoyne Oval with the State Government, Canada Bay Council and the tenant codes all agreeing on some major works including lights, car park, centre wicket and scoreboard upgrade.

On field I would like to congratulate all the players, both experienced and new, for a season of good sportsmanship and humility. An obvious reflection of the messages from your coaches and parents and from a Presidents observation, you have all truly served well Drummoyne Power in Season 2007.

Whilst the season will finish without a junior or youth age premiership flag we have enjoyed our share of wins over the course of the year with the Under 11's and 13's making the finals, we have had our share of representative players selected and have had Drummoyne players poll well in the Association Best and Fairest voting. To all of you - well done!!

...we'll never stop, stop, stop 'til we're top, top, top.

Darren Lewtas

President

Drummoyne Power JAFLC

TREASURER'S REPORT

2007 Treasurer's Update

Each season, the Drummoyne Power Junior Australian Rules Club has a number of financial commitments that must be met to ensure our kids get to play footy each week. This year, these commitments were met from the following sources.

1. Club Sponsorship

Once again, Drummoyne Power has been supported by many generous sponsors, some long standing, some new this year. Our two major sponsors include our continued association with Digicall Australia (Vodafone) and a new sponsorship from Balmain Prestige. Drummoyne Power is very fortunate to have had a total of 9 sponsors supporting the club during season 2007.

The committee, particularly Gavin Nelson (Secretary) have done a wonderful job raising the profile of the club with local businesses and once again we thank our valued sponsors who play a vital role in the success Drummoyne Power has had in 2007.

2. Canteen

The club is fortunate to have very good facilities at our home ground, Drummoyne Oval including the barbeque and canteen areas. We rely on our canteen takings at our scheduled home games to alleviate the need for other significant fundraising activities during the year. In addition, our new alternate ground Five Dock Park provides us with additional home games when needed. Tash & Jason Sansom have once again coordinated the canteen operations wonderfully and the team roster system used in 2007 allowed all parents to participate in this important fundraising function, thank you everyone.

3. Registration Fees

This season, over 210 players were registered at Drummoyne Power and the season registration fees are used to cover many of the game day costs the club must meet to have our children playing each week.

The funds raised from these areas are used to ensure the club meets its financial commitments to the AFL associations the club is a member of and in a variety of ways to ensure the players can train and participate in AFL each week during the season.

The significant expense items include:

- Club /Association Fees (AFL Greater Sydney – City & Northside)
- Council/Ground Hire fees (Drummoyne Oval, Taplin Park, Five Dock Park)
- Equipment Costs (Footballs, Auskick packs, team jumpers)
- Match Day running costs (Canteen expenses, umpire fees, sponsor banners)
- Presentation Day (Trophies, running costs)

With the assistance of our generous sponsors and the many hours of volunteer work completed by numerous club parents, Drummoyne Power Junior AFC was able to successfully operate in 2007, including meeting our financial commitments.

Drummoyne Oval upgrade

During the past few years, the club, along with the AFL(NSW/ACT), NSW Cricket Ass., Drummoyne Cricket Club, Drummoyne Rugby Union and Balmain Dockers AFL, have been in consultation with the Canada Bay Council discussing a proposed ground upgrade and improved lighting of the Drummoyne Oval. This is now planned to commence in 2008 and will provide many opportunities to further the experience players and families will have by being a part of Drummoyne Power.

The club has committed, along with all other stakeholders, to assist in providing for the cost of the proposed upgrade. At the same time the club is looking to secure an agreement with the council for the continued use of the ground for many years ahead. Our financial contribution has been anticipated for a number of years and the committee has been working to ensure the additional expense does not threaten the financial position of the

club. With some extra fundraising activities in the coming years, Drummoyne Power Junior AFC will be able to secure the future of the club and it's tenancy at our beloved Drummoyne Oval.

As you can see the club relies heavily on the support we have been fortunate to receive from both sponsors and families of the club. Supporting the canteen, buying the occasional raffle ticket, purchasing merchandise and just by paying registration fees on time, all contribute to the smooth running of the financial affairs of the club.

Thank you to all who made some contribution financially or as a volunteer to the running of the Drummoyne Power Junior AFC in 2007. In particular thank you to all our valued sponsors and the many hard working members of the committee. We look forward to your continued support again in season 2008.

David Garrick

Treasurer

Drummoyne Power JAFLC

CLUB OFFICIALS

Committee Members

President	Darren Lewtas
Vice-President	Lindsay Brockway
Secretary	Gavin Nelson
Treasurer	David Garrick/Greg Downing
Registrar	Rod Bertino
Football Operations Manager	Kevin Hall

Team Officials

Auskick	Co-ordinator	Peter Higgs
Under 5's & 6's	Coach Manager	John Ferreira Noel Ford
Under 7's	Coach Manager	Paul Bateson Julianne Ferreira
Under 8's	Coach Manager	Kevin Uyeda JulieAnne Anderson & Amanda Burgess
Under 9's Silver	Coach Manager	Jon Williamson Selena Barkley
Under 9's Black	Coach Manager	Peter Higgs Lidia Blundell
Under 10's	Coach Manager	Darren Lewtas Tracey Lenton
Under 11's	Coach Manager	Paul Foran Scott Dowd
Under 12's	Coach Manager	Jason Sansom Denise Currie
Under 13's	Coach Manager	Kevin Hall Bob Brundle
Under 14's	Coach Manager	Craig Wilson Judith McDonald
Under 16's	Coach Manager	Darren Lewtas Richard McMillan



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UNDER 5's & 6's



Coaches Report – John Ferreira

At the end of last season we suggested joining the 5's and 6's into one team; never did I imagine the joy this would create. The two teams have trained together as one but played as two separate teams. With the help of the parents and supporters, we were able to make this a very successful year.

The year started with John feeling a little daunted by the 35 faces waiting for instruction, but after some encouraging words from Peter H. we got the season started. The first few games we mixed the players up until we reached a happy medium and then we settled into the rest of the season.

Training on Wednesday nights were a steep learning curve for Noel, Adrian and I, often leaving training wondering if we were helping the kids at all. Fortunately, all the kids seemed to arrive at the footy field on Saturday mornings with their footy brains in and everyone seemed to have a great time.

Special mentions to Claire for her efforts on match days and the team reports, Julianne for her all round help (especially on Pizza Nights!) and Peter Doyle for the constant stream of quality action shots – no doubt the club's favoured photographer! A special thank you to all the parents who never hesitated to help out with shirt washing, training drills, pre-match warm-ups, match reports ... it all helped to share the workload make every session fun for everyone.

I really hope that all the players come back next season, we could never have chosen a better bunch of kids, mums and dads if we had tried. Thank you to Darren who took the chance and put the two teams together, and to Peter Higgs for all his advice and support during the season. Thank you to all the families for all your support through the season, I wish footy went all year round.

Here are the AFL stars of the future:

Player Profiles

Holly ANDERSON	A second year veteran who really kicked on with her footy this year. Her monster kicks and valuable assists really helped her team along.
Brendan DOYLE	Always in the game, getting to the ball first and with a keen eye for goal. Remarkable development this season from one so young. Can't wait to see him play next season.
Brendan FORD	One of the most consistent players every week. Knows exactly how to lead and present in open space to keep possession for his team.
Bryson HART	As one of the junior players and new to the Power his skill level has come along in leaps and bounds this season.
Aaron JOHNSON	One of the quietest kids in the team but the improvement in his AFL skills made him a giant on the field by the end of the season.
Jasper LONG	New to the game this year, by the end of the season he'd developed a magnet for the ball with consistent possession and good offloads.
James LOUGHNAN	Mr Football. Never put in an average effort, always a solid team contributor and accurate kick. Great to watch him play.
Sam MARSHALL	A consistent player who always tried hard and steadily improved throughout the year. Always willing to help out his team mates if the going got tough.
George MORGAN	Distinct improvements as the weeks progressed. George is destined to continue his good all round form into next year.
Josh PAUL	The "king of the marks". Josh was most dominant in midfield turning over possession with an uncanny knack of being in the right place at the right time.
Ryan SHIRLAW	A real team player for a new entrant to the game. Whenever a passing movement occurred, Ryan was the linchpin. One of our most consistent scorers.
Alex UYEDA	After a shaky start Alex stepped up to the mark and put her best foot forward, always trying and always giving 110%.
Luke WALTON	Terrific all round performances every week from Luke, from his strong contests in defence to his accurate goal kicking. He has a huge potential to kick on in the next season.
Travis BLUNDELL	Understands the game well and always dangerous with the ball in hand. Frequently offloaded cleverly to players in good position, and scored some great goals.
Henry CAIN	Henry played every game like it was the grand final, always giving that extra effort, and always trying something we might have thought was beyond him, but showing us the error of our ways.
Olivia CAIN	A red hot player all season. Great at the contested mark, not afraid of the boys and willing to give everything every week.
Jack DOWNING	Never afraid to make his presence known Jack always marshalled the troops on the field with his knowledge of placements and tactics.
Harry FERRY	One of the smaller members of our team, Harry developed into a good all round player, always training well and willing to give 100%.
Cody GEBERT	Another small man, with big ambitions. His attention to detail and the willingness to listen made him a great team player.

Eddie LLOYD	Never afraid to go in for the ball, Eddie became a great “go to” man in the centre, again always giving 100% at everything he did.
Liam LOUGHREY	Liam’s specialty was defence. He went for the ball at every opportunity, even using his head at one stage. He became a good little team player.
Blaise MCKEE	An excellent season of AFL from a star of the future. Great positional play and invariably took the right option when either disposing the ball or shooting at goal.
Jessica MCKEE	Significant improvement week-by-week from a delightful young lady and great team mate. We are all keen to have Jess back next year.
Hamish MORGAN	“Mighty Mouse”. Always winning the loose ball and hard ball gets to set the team in the right direction. Kicked a few neat goals as well.
Aaron MUELLER	Another one of our shy guys, maybe at training, but put him on a game day pitch and a great player is unleashed.
Nathan MURPHY	Always hungry for the ball and a sharp shot at goal. Nathan can spot opportunities and convert for full points frequently.
Ethan TILLEY	A good player in the forwards, scoring through the year.
Nicholas TILLEY	Another good player for the team, but just like all good combinations put these two brothers together and they were unstoppable. Ethan and Nicholas - the next bother combination for the Swans?

UNDER 7's



Coaches Report – Paul Bateson

Although I get the feeling I may end up saying this every year (!), but as this team has gone through Colts (Under 7's), there have been a number of significant developments in how they approach the game. I think the Auskick decision to promote team names rather than ages has been most appropriate for this group. They really are straining at the leash to show their skills.

Everyone shows real commitment about how the game gets played and shows genuine disappointment if things don't go quite to plan. Positional play continues to evolve and this has been the year where individual skills have become good enough for genuine game play and tactics to emerge. Players' awareness of where they are on the oval has really come on and this has allowed kickers the luxury of having to choose targets.

There's no doubt that the opposition has also improved so this year the major skills we've had to work on have revolved around the contest. Everyone has much more confidence in challenging for the ball and now has the almost instinctive ability to stand tall on the mark should the ball go the other way.

There are loads of parents who've contributed at training and for matches but particular mention should go to three. Elizabeth Evans has been fantastic at helping out with good knowledge and skills to the point where she was officially promoted to Assistant Coach when the Managers became camera shy on photo day!

The improved skill level has meant that we've really had to split the games when the opposition has had our numbers or more and that, of course, requires a second umpire. Anthony McNamara has taken on this role with gusto, even taking over when the coach went lame!

Thanks to great work by the committee, we have a fantastic newsletter but this still requires input from each team. Although there were a few contributors this year, especially with split games, many thanks to Darren Vogrig who was the official Colts reporter.

Finally, Julianne and Jodie have done a great job as team managers sorting out rosters and making sure everything runs smoothly when the coach is running around like a headless chook! Sincere thanks as well to Peter Higgs, our Auskick Co-ordinator who keeps us all on track. Well done Power Colts!

Player Profiles

Angus McNAMARA	Angus is (alphabetically!) the first of a few players new to this squad in 2007. His natural ability shines through, obviously developed within a committed AFL family.
Bailey COX	Bailey is still inclined to entertain the troops, particularly during training, but his focus on game day has really been impressive this year with great team play and good marking skills.
Ben SANDERS	Ben joined Drummoyne this year and has grown to become a stand out in many of our games. It should be noted that Ben is always one of the first to volunteer to play a quarter for the opposition when they are short. Usually to our detriment!
Billy BATESON	Billy continues to improve all his skills but it is probably his high ball marks which stand out and then close handballing gives his team mates plenty to work with.
Bryce HANKEY	Bryce has grown in confidence this year and his play has benefited from it. He attacks the ball and the opposition always know when he's around. His commitment to the team is very impressive.
Cooper SEARLE	Cooper is another of the new stars on the block. A Melbourne background has obviously meant plenty of backyard coaching long before he pulled on the black and teal.
Emlyn EVANS	Emlyn moved to AFL this year after a start in soccer. I struggle to admit it but this probably helped develop his ball skills and, particularly, his positional awareness!
Hailey VOGRIG	Hailey is one of the characters in the squad who can get distracted easily but during the game he has shown remarkable focus this year, especially in front of goal!
Jack EMERY	Jack was new to power this year and despite only playing a few games he has obvious talent is a big presence on the oval.
Jack VOZZO	Jack continues to develop his footy skills but this year has come on as a team player and great sportsman. He's always looking out for team mates and is another regular volunteer for the opposition when required.
Jordan WILLIS	Jordan had to take some time out this year with a broken arm but he's come back with more commitment and effort than ever and is a great asset in the ruck.
Joshua KERR	Joshua is another quiet achiever but he obviously loves his footy as he's always grinning! A great team player with a strong kick and he never shies away from the contest.
Lewis PATTON	Lewis is the most improved player this year. Not least for his change in focus which now allows him to concentrate on the game rather than fool around. As a result his skills have developed and he's usually on the scoresheet.
Matthew SHERIDAN	Matthew continues to develop on the great individual skills he showed last year by running off the ball and improved contested marking. He's also showing up early to help set up the ground!
Michael LAMBROPOULOS	Michael joined Power for his first footy at the being of this year. Since then he has really developed into a team player getting heavily involved both at training and during matches.

Phillip RINGER	Phillip is another great team player whose positional awareness has improved this year. Not only in positioning himself but also looking for multiple targets to pass to.
Sean FERREIRA	Sean has developed a fierce kick this year and continues to be one of the most energetic on the ground. He is always running off the ball but also fights hard to win it back when the opposition have it.
Thomas QUEENAN	Thomas shows incredible commitment all over the oval, especially in front of goal. There's one thing that stands out though, the Thomas Twist. A quick spin to throw defenders off and he's away!
Tom SUDQUIST	Tom is another talent who joined this year and is great on the ball. He is quick to get to the ball and has a good kick to back it up.
Zoe DOWNING	Zoe has put more and more effort in this year to make her mark on the game. Her positional plan is much improved and she certainly goes in for every ball she can.

UNDER 8's



Coaches Report – Kevin Uyeda

I was always proud of this small band of players – their sporting talents shone through but their sportsmanship was even more strongly on display week after week. The players were always happy to make up the numbers for the opposition and played well with the Under 7's players who joined our team when we split the pack into two games.

I look forward to the continued success of this team and, with all the luck in the world, hope to be part of the team too in 2008.

A special thanks to JulieAnne and Amanda, my wonderful managers and cohorts in all the fun. They helped with the smooth running of the season – organising everything and everyone.... including me!! They ensured a great team spirit from the parents and the boys. Thanks too to Glen for assisting with the coaching at training and the games.

And a special mention to the parents of the Under 8's. What a great bunch of parents – always enthusiastic, especially with their cheering from the sidelines – supportive of all the players and the coach, except for the rabble-rousing fathers (we all know who you are) who always made sure their views were heard by Coach Kevin when he had the whistle!!! Kevin has asked for us all to check the 'Code of Conduct' before the season starts next year!!

More seriously, I want to thank you all for your support at training and every Saturday. The team spirit from all families was one of our greatest assets during the season.

Look forward to seeing you again next year.

Player Profiles

Lachlan ANDERSON

Lachie A is an excellent team player who has developed his kicking technique and handballing throughout the year. Lachie works tirelessly for his team – even avoiding playing for the opposition!!

Matthew BAIRD

Matty was a new recruit from Glebe and we are pleased he joined us. Matty settled into the team well, listened to the coach and improved with each game. We look forward to your presence again next season.

Rory BARKLEY	Rory was always ‘hungry for the ball’ – chasing the ball over the paddock and challenging the hardest defence. For someone of his age, Rory reads the play really well and brings his team mates along as he sets up wonderful passages of play.
Lachlan BURGESS	Lachie B missed the start of the season and noticed the increased pace and defence of the Under 8’s – but this didn’t last for long as Lachie quickly settled in. Lachie was a consistent performer, strong all over the paddock.
Edward CROCKER	Edward was always a consistent player for Power and saved some of his best performances for the last few games of the year – especially in defence. For one of the smallest players on the field, Edward uses his skills and talents to outwit some of his bigger opponents.
Darby DURACK	Darby works hard every game and has fitted into the team well. Darby assists the team through strong play in the ruck and deserves more accolades for his efforts.
Joe DUSEVIC	A strong and consistent player all year, Joe is a great asset to the team. Joe plays all positions well, is a good team player and has an enormous big kick. Joe listened to what his coach asked and followed through consistently, even if it exhausted him!!
Charlie GIBBS	Another player who progressed during the year and finally realised that he had a voice! Charlie positioned himself well as the play moved across the ground and began to relish the tough defence – especially when the 8’s took on the 9’s.
Tim KENZLER	Tim worked hard each week ensuring the success of the team. Tim put in strong performances, especially in defence. Tim worked hard at training and was a valuable member of the team.
Jack LOUGHNAN	A new recruit from Melbourne, Jack got straight into the action at Power always with a smile on his face. Jack’s confidence increased each week and by the end of the season, Jack was prepared to take on the strongest defence on his way to scoring.
Riley LUCAS	Riley had a break from Auskick last year – and we now know he was in secret training for a remarkable comeback this season!! Wonderful performances throughout the year – developing and showing his talents as the season progressed.
Lewis MCNAMARA	Raw enthusiasm – Lewis always was ‘best on ground’ as he spent half the game on the ground after taking some spectacular marks. Another new player to the team who showed his skills each game and worked tirelessly for his team.
Jack PACEY	Jack loves being part of the team and is always happy to listen and learn from the coach. Jack has improved greatly throughout the season and will be an asset in the Under 9’s.
James RACITI	This was James first year of Auskick – he was quick to learn and fit into the team. James used his natural sporting talent to assist the team and he improved with each game. We will look forward to some strong performances next year.
Angus RANKIN	What a big kick Angus has!! Angus is always strong with his marks and looks for his team mates to set up the play. A quiet achiever and a great asset to the team.

UNDER 9's - Teal



Coaches Report – Peter Higgs

For two teams that did not exist at the start of the season the Under 9's "Silver" and "Teal" had truly great years.

The year started with Jon Williamson as coach of a list that, at some stages numbered as much as thirty four footballers, who ranged in experience from five year veterans to excited first year players.

Jon battled on manfully but the task was proving extremely challenging even for someone with Jon's experience with this age of footballer.

As it happened on most Saturdays the group would be split into two teams to accommodate all players in match conditions so a decision was taken after four or five weeks that permanent arrangements would be put in place to create two teams known as Drummoyne "Silver" and Drummoyne "Teal".

This change in direction was discussed with the parents of all players and tough decisions were made taking into account issues such as team balance, family ties, travel arrangements etc. and after much soul searching two equally skilled teams were created - "Silver" and "Teal".

Special thanks to Jon for the outstanding work he did with this group as a whole and then with the players in Silver.

"The heroes are those who earn the right to wear the silver teal and black and white"

Player Profiles

Tommy DOYLE

Hard to imagine that Tommy was a first year player. Obviously doing a heap of extra skills training with his good friend and seasoned "Power" team mate Sam. Great skills off the right but needs to work on his left. Great stuff all year.

Rory O'SHEA

Rory joined us mid year and quickly adapted to our great game. An interesting character who prefers his role in defence - great for a coach at this level. Really came along nicely as the season progressed with marking a real forte.

Isaac FALVEY	Isaac is one of the real characters of the team. Not a great trainer but come game day really suffers from “white line fever”. Always willing to share the ball around with his team mates which is a great attribute. Well done.
Ethan BROWNE Yannis BROWNE	First year players Ethan and Yannis are our “twin towers” who continued to grow in confidence, not only football wise but personally as the season progressed. It may look like a cop out reviewing two at once but the skill levels of both have increased along similar lines. Again we discussed mid-season that if the opportunity came to work on your skills away from training then take it! Obviously the twins took this on board and it shows. Great to work with both of you.
Arthur GALLAGHER	Arthur made a brief appearance mid season and as usual always tried his hardest. Always strong in close when the hard ball needed to be won.
Isabelle VICIC	My friend Isabel - the quiet achiever. Another who is hard at the ball in contested situations, Isabel is the pride of the team with all players looking for her as a leading target. Great talent in her ruck work with taps to advantage.
Ben VOZZO	What can I say but another brilliant year from Ben. Again showed his aerial skills and an ability to really read the play from the back half. Sometimes a penchant to try too many fancy tricks rather than playing the percentages, but great to watch when in full flight. Great stuff Ben, keep it going.
Ben COBB	Unfortunately Ben had his season cut short due to an un-football related injury. This left my evil plans of world domination in turmoil as Ben was my secret weapon. Tall, strong, fast and skilful it is impossible to imagine this was his first season. I will keep him in cotton wool for 2008.
Ari LINTZERIS	An interesting story. Ari joined as with two matches left. Has really blended in well with the team and understands the “Teal” ethos. Stay tuned for further updates next season as Ari is working along quite nicely.
Sam CIVIDIN	Last year I said that Sam “will prove a great asset to the future of the Power”. I finally got something right as Sam has proved just that with those perfect left foot passes continually bring his team mates into the game. His ability to read the game and the development of his running game have been this year’s highlights. Keep it up Sam, well done.
Sebastian VERVOORT	Seb only got half a year of football in before heading overseas. Great little player when his mind is on the job which always keeps the coach involved. Having said that, his last quarters are always his best and has “got us home” on numerous occasions.
Jonathon GARRICK	There were rumours in the pre-season that Jon would be unavailable this year but thankfully they were unfounded. I have known Jon for a long time but this was clearly his best year with strong marking and a real desire for the footy. Provided one of my highlights by guaranteeing the first goal in a match and then slotted the first two.
Max MOLINARI	In his second season Max continued to improve his skill level. A great team player who now understands what I require of a back man. While always willing to try new things, I still think we will see better things from Max in the future. Another good year, well done.
Briar BLUNDELL	I gave Briar a challenge in the off season to provide some on field leadership within this age group and he certainly leads by example on the field. Can get a little bit excited in front of the big crowds, but certainly knows how to find the footy. Thanks Briar for your efforts this year.

UNDER 9's - Silver



Coaches Report – Jon Williamson

The Drummoynes Power Under 9's season for 2007 can be categorized as one of significant improvement in all areas, and as one where both a willingness to teach and learn has been paramount. With the huge increase in numbers in this squad, one of the most pleasing things to have witnessed has been the attitude of the Auskick 'veterans' towards the whole playing group throughout the year. As a result, even our least experienced kids, saw their basic kicking, handball and marking skills improve dramatically. This gave the whole group real confidence when they were tested in the 'blast furnace' atmosphere of a real game, leading to some extraordinary results being achieved. I noticed it was never too much trouble for a veteran to lend a hand when a 'new chum' was having trouble, and such an attitude and spirit among the squad has made my job just that little bit easier!

The great moments on the field could not be done justice in such a short piece like this but some that come to mind include Sam Barkley running himself to a standstill against Easts, Brandon breaking through the middle against Wests and Liam having a 'blinder' on the forward line against Maroubra. It's a pity I can't list them all here, but the 'special' moments have been both numerous and wonderful, as all those who got out of bed on a cold winter's morning will attest.

With the last round robin finals looming to decide the premiership team, it prompts me to remind all those who played Under 9's football this year that I have been very proud of all their efforts this season, and in particular, how they have conducted themselves as 'good sports' on game days, no matter what the results.

My big thank you's go out wholeheartedly to Selena Barkley for her expert team management (and always looking glam on the sidelines!), Jamie Barkley, for being more than an able assistant (tipping in two cent's worth and getting me out of a fix numerous times!), Peter Higgs, for covering duties as coach and any number of other huge efforts. Finally, thanks also go to Darren Lewtas, for giving me another year to coach the Under 9's group.

For those players going on to the 'full on' tackle game in the Under 10's next year, I wish you all the best. Your commitment and enthusiasm has been exemplary, and I am bursting with pride to have been your coach. So, roll on Summer!

Hey, has anyone seen where I left that dusty Cricket bat?!?

Player Profiles

Nick FORD	Nick's height and skills have been very important at both ends of the ground. Has kicked some memorable goals. A great season.
Andre CRKVENCIC	He has used his big frame well to give a contest, both down back and centre. Improved his skills along the way. Great effort Andre!
Will ANTHONY	He's hard at the ball and loves to put on a bump. A really improved season in all aspects of your game Will!
Eden NICHOLLS	No doubting his courage and attack on the ball! Always gives a contest and never gives up. Go Eden, the Under 10's awaits!
Selina WILLIAMSON	Has improved her skills and attack on the ball this year. Gives a contest, even when risking a knock in the packs. You go girl!
Tom SANDERS	A very valuable player at both ends of the ground. Kicked some good goals with his improved skills this year. Great effort Thomas!
Brandon LAYOUN	A 'tough cookie' who likes a bounce and a run, his work in the centres was very good this season. Well done Brandon!
Izaac FOSTER	A good 'crumber' and solid defender is Izaac. Manages to get to the ball and use it well. Skills have really improved this year!
Oliver BOURKE	Another who likes to run and kick the ball long. A good goal kicker and mid-fielder, Ollie has had a fine season in '07!
Sam BARKLEY	'Leftie' never gives an inch. Fights hard for every kick, kicks goals and runs flat out. His courage and skills have stood out this season.
Rhys PATTON	Rhys has been a 'quiet' achiever this year. He has worked hard on both his skills and getting into the contest. All parts of his game have really improved. Great effort!
Jack O'DONOGHUE	A tough 'tall', his defensive efforts have been great this year. When combining his courage, height and skill, Jack gives solid service to his team. A great season in 07!
Liam STORAN	A cheeky rover and goal kicker, his courage in the contest cannot be questioned. A solid season with improved skills and game sense. Well done Liam!
Lachlan MCLEAN	Loves to lay a solid bump, and shows courage at all times. Another whose skills have really improved this year. Lachie never gives up, on himself or the team.

UNDER 10's



Coaches Report – Darren Lewtas

The Under 10's this year had a terrific run and as the skills developed, so did the camaraderie and sportsmanship. With no official coach this year but a coaching panel, the team trained and played with the mission in mind. We established some team rules early in the peace and these young athletes took it on themselves to make them stick!

Some inaccurate kicking in a few early games cost us a spot in the four, however I am incredibly proud of the sportsmanship shown by these kids as they were humble with their victories and took their defeats on the chin.

Special thanks to Tracey Lenton our Team Manager who once again brought some calmness to the proceedings. Also thanks to assistant coaches, Mark Willis, Peter Higgs and Gavin Nelson special fitness work from Adam Bertino and game day strategist Steve Lawrence who all brought their expertise to this side.

Well done to the players and of course their parents for a dedicated season

Player Profiles

Daniel TILYARD

Dan had a very consistent season with many fine moments. Who can forget his "impossible" goal under pressure at Easts when Dan calmly put the ball through the big sticks! Dan's strong marking remains a key asset for the team.

Luke EGAN

"Cool Hands" had many strong marks including the "Mark of the Year" running backwards. Hard for the ball all year and was a strong running player with great marking and kicking and a great winning attitude.

Nicholas BERTINO

Nicholas continues to develop his all round skills and can be dominant all over the ground. He is fearless, fast and dedicated.

Patrick CUDA

Patrick worked himself into some form this season and was a valuable part of the team. Plenty of touches forward and back. Keep it up Patrick!!

Oscar DOWNING	Oscar's defensive skills and instincts are progressing as he gathers more experience. With his fierce determination, Oscar had developed into a very handy and calculating player.
Gabriella FERREIRA	Gaby again showed us that it's not about mixing it with the boys but taking the challenge to them. Comfortable all over the ground and stamping her authority as a great tackler!
Adam HATZIGIANNIS	Adam is toughening up and developing as a devoted team player. He's had a good season and gathered plenty of touches!
Dylan HIGGS	Dylan is an example to the younger players. His commitment, courage and versatility are well noted as was the "smother of the year". We even saw a couple of right foot kicks - great season DT!
Lachlan JOHNSON	Lachlan is tough player with plenty of ball sense. He was a welcome addition to the Power colours this season and his strength under pressure is well noted.
Sean KIRK	Sean continues to improve his footy skills and as he seeks out the opportunities, he will develop well into a sneaky forward in seasons to come.
Dominic LAWRENCE	Dom stood tall this season. His welcome height and game sense gave his team mates a target and reassurance.... Dom did not let them down!
Elijah LENTON	Elijah is one of the quickest of our junior ranks. Coupled with silky skills and a passion for the game, he was seen forward, back and centre and always seemed to have the ball!
Xavier NELSON	The X man put in another brilliant season. A mid season operation saw him out for a few games but on his return it was back to business Well done X!
Daniel QUINLAN	Superboot found himself under just about every pack! Dan loves a goal and like a true forward, regards handball for centermen only!! A terrific season!
Joshua SHARROCK	The "Big Man" Josh just keeps getting better and better. An intimidating backman, he helps give the side some strength. Josh really thought about his footy this year and got some great results!
Brock TAYLOR	Brock is one the best team all-rounders. Quiet and skilful, he reads the game well makes great position. He racked up plenty of possessions this season - great work Brock!
Lachlan UYEDA	Lachlan is a true power player. He will give you 100% and it will be tough footy. Lachlan seems to enjoy the taste of the dirt and is one of the best tacklers in the side!
Ethan WILLIS	Spider had another terrific season. Saved plenty when playing in the backline and wasn't shy in having a shot when forward. Showed plenty of good sportsmanship to boot!

UNDER 11's



Coaches Report – Paul Foran

I guess you can only really judge a season in the cold, hard light of hindsight, and that being the case we managed to emulate our feats of last year by finishing the season in fourth place and being eliminated in the knockout semi final by the eventual Grand finalists, the Bulldogs. That would be a season that would satisfy many and an achievement that we could be proud of. On reflection though, that does not, in fact, tell the entire story of our season and in writing this final report I would like to point out a few things that are not immediately clear.

We won 8 games, twice as many games this season as last and lost another four by less than one goal. We went down in a narrow loss to Maroubra by 3 points. This is the Saints smallest winning margin in two seasons and the nearest any team had come before was 4 goals in last year's Grand Final. We improved, both as players and people this year, and although some players increased their skill levels at a quicker pace than some others, we can all be proud and satisfied in knowing that each and every player contributed significantly to our success in so many different ways. I have no doubt that both the Swans and the Saints would have breathed a sigh of relief when they discovered we had been eliminated. As far as the coach was concerned our efforts this year far surpassed our previous seasons as we continued to build on a very solid platform for the seasons ahead.

Many times during the year I was amazed at the efforts of both players and parents to ensure we had enough players at games, and enough volunteer officials to make sure we could participate and volunteer boys to play up in the next grade when asked, and these are just several of the examples that showed the true Drummoyne tradition. This along with manner in which all our boys conducted themselves over the entire season proved that winning does not always equal success. Our boys showed that as a team they have learned to win graciously and lose with honour and for that we should all be very proud.

This season has proven to be immensely enjoyable for me personally and I am sure, both parents and players, will take away a number of significant memories and it is these memories that make the experience of junior team sports so worthwhile.

Lastly, on behalf of the team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that gave their time and effort so unselfishly over the course of the year, without whom a junior sporting club could not function.

Player Profiles

Angus WATERS	Angus is one of those players that has a lot of skill, played all over the ground in many roles wherever needed. Never complained and gave his best in every game, will be much better in his second season.
Nick GARRICK	Nick was part of our solid defensive unit and ran out of defence on many occasions, clearing many dangerous situations. His highlight would be running the length of the field to kick the winning goal against the Swans. A great year.
Robbie MCDONALD	Robbie improved greatly in his second season and played with great determination every week and improved his discipline as the season progressed. Snapped a great goal against Maroubra to kick start our comeback. A pleasure to coach.
Lachlan DOWD	Another of our solid backmen. Spectacular at bringing the ball out of defence and always took the big jobs without question. Would be an asset anywhere on the field, but like all good backmen - did his duty no questions asked. One of our best.
James ENDERBY	Wholehearted performer in our midfield, often the last boy up from the packs, always with the ball. Used his talents well and was rewarded with a spot on the Sydney Association Representative team. Will continue to improve with every game - too many highlights to pick out one.
Matthew LAZ	Spent most of his rookie season in the forwards and acquitted himself very nicely playing down the left flank. Took many a knock and kept coming back for more. No doubt he will improve next season and I have no doubt with a little more experience will be one of the most dangerous forwards in the league.
Alex ROBERTSON	Alex improved his game greatly over the season, really applied himself in defence and when given a chance in the forwards grabbed it with both hands, scoring a double in his first game up front. Great versatility and will be a major part of the game plan next season.
Ryan GOLDER	Another rookie who displayed plenty of skill, playing mostly at centre half forward, Ryan was a natural who took possession of the ball and used it well. With a few more games under his belt Ryan will no doubt form part of a formidable forward line.
Joel VOZZO	Joel was among our best every week, rarely was he seen standing still always either chasing an opponent with the ball or being chased while in possession. Tackled himself to a standstill and never gave up. Joel's potential is unlimited and if he continues to improve at the rate he has shown this year, bigger things beckon. Fantastic to watch perform.
Ka Yin CHAN	Another one of our small forwards who battled hard all year after an interrupted start. Did not get one lucky bounce all season, but with great skill and determination turned difficult ball into attack and was among our leading goal scorers. Always a danger and was rewarded with Representative Honours. Congratulations.
Marco CUDA	Marco was hardworking and diligent in his first year and really began to improve during the middle of the season and was unfortunate to be struck down by illness towards the end of the season. Showed good potential and will be a much more complete player in his second season. Get well soon.
Dan BARNETT	Dan worked hard on his kicking all year and improved his skills greatly over the course of the season. Played mostly in the goal square and always drew a man. Started to make good contests and tackled strongly. Talk of early retirement may be premature.

Sean COTTERILL	Unlucky 13? “Little” Sean certainly didn't share the bad luck associated with the 13 shirt. Played strongly wherever positioned and like most of his team mates, really learnt to put their heads over the ball and subsequently copped a few knocks and got a few free kicks. Never shirked his responsibility and really played his part for the team. Great team man and always looking to improve.
Justin FISH	Really had a good year, played strongly all over the park took some spectacular marks and was dangerous whenever the ball came into his hands. Justin tackled strongly and was always ready to assist a team mate in need. His good form was rewarded with selection in the Sydney Association Rep Team and you could not count the memorable moments. Never gives up.
Oliver KEMP	Another first year player at the Power who settled in and showed great commitment. Always tried hard at training and his form improved in the second half of the season due to that kind of hard work. Much improved player who will be even better next season.
Cameron DURRANT	Cameron was enthusiastic at both training and at the games every week. His commitment to the team shone through, volunteering to stand down in one game when we had too many numbers, and never questioned when asked to do something. Played in the forward line toward the end of the season and became a goal sneak, picking up a major in each of our last three games. Great debut year.
Mitchell FERGUSON	Mitch once again proved to be a key member of our line up. Played mainly in defence, forming a strong backline with Nick and Lachlan, and performed well when called on to do the ruck duties. A good kick and strong mark he was once again rewarded with selection in the Sydney Representative side, everyone is eagerly watching as we hope to see him take his game to the next level. A fine year.
Sean HATTEN	“Big” Sean came of age this year in our forward line and to see his big frame leading out from the goal square and taking a chest mark brings back memories of Plugger for those old enough to remember. Has gained invaluable experience this season and is willing to learn. Like Mitch, we are hoping for big things from Sean next season, with big bags of goals no too far away.
Dwayne PETERS	Dwayne was a standout for us all season. Took on the ruck duties most weeks and played as an extra midfielder allowing our other smaller boys great freedom and when these combinations clicked we played our best football. Was dangerous when sent forward and kicked goals and solid when played in defence. Was rewarded with Sydney Representative selection in only his first full season and by all accounts was one of the stars in an all conquering line up. Anything is possible.
Joe RINGER	Some might say the heart and soul of the team. Joe took so many important marks and made so many important tackles that towards the end they were taken for granted. Always on the bottom of a pack, Joe is a good player with much improvement to come. Always inspirational, nobody will forget his tackle against Maroubra in the dying stages that almost enabled us to pull off that miracle victory. A coach's dream.
Anthony TIZZONE Chris TIZZONE	Anthony and Chris came down to our early season training and I immediately recognized their eagerness and potential, but did not realize just how quickly they would take to the game. By the third or fourth game they had established themselves as our first choice wing combination, running hard in the midfield, playing defensively smart football and had the uncanny knack of coming out of a pack (with the ball) and launching us into attack. This was a great first season for both boys and with a little more experience they will turn out to be invaluable to the team. Next season I promise not to call Chris – Anthony or Anthony – Chris. Wonderful first seasons.

Jack GIBBS

Jack came back in his second year a much improved player and if he can continue to improve at this rate he will be a very valuable team member in the near future. His commitment at the ball is unquestionable and his tackling solid. With a little work during the off season on his disposal we will see better outcomes for the number of possessions he gains. Has shown with his commitment on the training track this year that anything is possible. Greatly improved.

George HATZIGIANNIS

George has proven to be a great team man and some would say a natural leader. His turn as captain this year proved to be a turning point in not only his year, but also set the benchmark for the captains that came after him. Always positive in the huddle and constantly encouraging on the field, George set a great example of how it should be done. George has shown great application in his own game and is one of the most improved players in the team over the past couple of years. Inspirational.

Hugo BOTTERILL

Last but not least, Hugo has improved his game over the past two seasons with good, hard work and shows a willingness to continue along that path. Showed his team mates on a number of occasions that commitment at the ball and hard work in the pack can win out over a more skilled opponent. Having said that, his skills are improving, due to that hard work, and by next season we will see a much more complete player. A team player.

UNDER 12's



Coaches Report – Jason Sansom

It is fair to say that we started the season with a bang after a heart stopping come from behind victory in the first game against a strong Maroubra side which we pinched by 2 points and things were looking good.

In round 2 we faced off against the reigning premiers from the Under 11's Glebe, it was a high standard game and we were right in the game at half time unfortunately we let Glebe skip away with the game and although we were beaten by 6 goals we did manage to score 8 of our own.

In round 3 we came up against a determined West's side on a soggy day at Goddard Park Concord. We undertook a running game and playing some smart team football against our taller opponents and were able to put the score on the board and by full time had won the game by a healthy 25 points.

So by the end of round three we were sitting in the top 4 on the ladder looking forward to our up coming games. Who would have thought that it would take another 11 rounds before we would be able to sing the club song again.

Although we found it hard to get on the board during the middle of the season to the teams credit they never gave up and when the next win by 41 points did come in round 14 at Drummoyne, wasn't the team song delivered with gusto!!!

As per last year, a special mention needs to be made of one game in particular against Maroubra in round 8 at Five Dock. This game was played with tremendous passion, skill and hardness for the ball and it was a pleasure to just be there to see the game. The game was tough (but fair) and tight all day with fantastic skills demonstrated by both sides. In the end Maroubra managed to have their noses in front by 4 points when the final siren rang out at the end of the last quarter. However, as the old saying goes, the "winner on the day was football itself".

Just in closing, although we didn't have all of the success on the field that we would have liked, the spirit shown by the entire team throughout the year was fantastic.

Let's not forget that even though we only won three games this year, one of those wins was against the side that went on to win the Premiership (Wests) and we also narrowly lost to them by just 2 points in another game.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved with a fantastic bunch of young men and women and hope that you all come back next year. Remember it is not about how many games you win but enjoying the opportunity to get out there and have a kick with your mates each week, the wins you have are a bonus.

Special thanks to Denise, Nick, Gavin, Raey, Darren and all of the other mums and dads that have helped out during the course of the season - it is very much appreciated.

Lastly but most importantly of all, I would like to thank the 24 kids that turned up week in and week out both to training and the games for allowing me to be involved in their football development over the last three years. I can honestly say that I have gotten as much if not more out of the experience than they have.

I would encourage all of you to bring a new mate along to training next year so that you can retain strong numbers into future seasons. Look at how good our first year players at the club were this year (John, Riley, Alex, Antonio and Tim).

Player Profiles

Jake SANSOM	Settled into a solid role across the half backline and consistently rebounded opposition attacks. His marking and tackling being a particular feature and Jake had a few runs up forward and took a memorable diving mark and kicked a check side goal deep in the forward pocket against Maroubra at Five Dock.
Austin FISH	Was used again this season in a variety of roles by the coach and was able to take all these in his stride. Contributed to some very good running football through the middle of the ground and could always be relied upon when asked to tag opposing players out of the game.
James SHEHERD	Trained with us during the pre-season and always put in 100%. Unfortunately was not able to pull on the black and teal jumper during the season due to injuries and other sport commitments. Look forward to seeing a little more of James during 2008.
Liam CUNNINGHAM	Liam was the obvious choice to hold the important full back position for us this year. This was due to his height and strong marking as well as his impressive two step 30-40 metre drop punt kicks onto team mates chests.
Jay TAYLOR	Jay again spent a significant amount of time in the forward line and was able to slot a few goals whilst there. Jay always worked hard to take possession of the ball and fought tenaciously to hold the ball in the Power forward line.
Alex CLANCY	Alex was another of our first year players who put in week after week. Alex would always work hard to get his hands on the ball. He was able to develop his skills and put them to the test as the season wore on.
Ryan NELSON	Ryan is the type of player that never gives up, either trying to take possession of the ball under pressure or preventing numerous opposing players from getting the ball. Given these attributes, Ryan played a very important role in defence this year and constantly impressed with his “never say die” attitude.
Jack THOMSETT	Developed into a very handy ruckman. Jack was continually outsized but was rarely beaten in a ruck contest all season. Jack always made his presence felt on the ground with solid bumping, shepherding and tackling and few long runs up through the centre of the ground. Worked tirelessly in the middle of the ground.
Antonio D’ANGELO	Antonio played with the determination of a seasoned player - it was hard to believe that this was his first year. He is another of the players that will never give up and will continually fight for possession of the football. Antonio also managed to kick a couple of goals in his maiden season - a job very well done.
Tim FLEMING	Tim is another of our first year players and he contributed well throughout the year. Tim took a little while to come out of his shell but certainly improved his game and reading of the play the longer the season went on.

Thomas GARRICK	Thomas was another of our players that was only able to play a limited number of games this year due to other sporting commitments. But boy, weren't the games that he did play impressive! Who could forget the game at Wests when we were short of numbers - Thomas played at full back, centre half back, centre, centre half forward and full forward all at the same time. He must have suffered leather poisoning that day!!!
Mason LEWTAS	Who could forget Mason's fantastic leading from the forward line and ability to hit a leading player himself with a well weighted kick putting the ball out in front of his team mate. Mason's technical football skills are up there with the best in the side and is always thinking about game. Knows when and where to lead when the ball is coming into the forward line.
Liam AHERN	One of the few left footers in the team and Liam largely played across the backline using his size to advantage. Liam was another of our determined backline and while they were under pressure in a number of games. Liam always fought the game out to the very end.
Chris WARD	Chris has come on in leaps and bounds since his debut last year. Chris is the type of player every coach appreciates because he always works hard be it at training or during the game. Chris' tackling this year was a feature and he came so close to kicking his first goal for the Power when he had a run up forward.
John KANAYAMA	John joined us this year from Concord where he had been playing in an older age group. John's skills and strength were a feature as he played in a number of different positions throughout the season. I look forward to seeing his football develop even more next year.
Michael ANTHONY	Michael is the type of player that can (and does) produce brilliant passages of play. His evasive skills are something to behold and impressed both in the forward line and the centre.
Riley HAINS	Riley came to us this year from SA and proved he had the skills to mix it with the best. One of the few players that can kick well with both feet. Riley slotted in across both the centre line and on the half forward flank, figuring in many plays that resulted in goals to the Power.
Matthew VICIC	Matt is a natural leader on the ground and always plays the game for team not himself. Matt was switched during the season from centre half forward to centre half back and flourished in the role becoming the sides platform for many forward attacks.
Samuel CHILTON	It seemed this year that whenever Samuel was on the ground the opposition would put there largest/tallest player on him. This didn't deter Samuel who fought hard for the ball all season and it was very noticeable the increase in possessions he had as the season progressed.
Zoe VICIC	Zoe nearly didn't have a run with us this year, however after the first game she realized it was better being on the park than on the sideline and aren't we glad she did. Zoe played most of the season on the wing and had her best season yet. She racked up possession after possession and her disposal of the ball by hand or foot improved out of sight. Let's just hope that she will play on again next year.
Tom CRYSELL	Tom played largely in the centre and his silky skills and pace were a feature of his play. One moment that will always be etched in my memory was the tackle that he laid on at Trumper Park against Easts. It was the hardest (but fair) tackle I think I have ever seen in junior football and it is these types of contributions that inspire a team to go the extra yard.
Jarryde PATERSON	A strong contributor early in the season but unfortunately Jarryde was unavailable for the latter part of the year. Jarryde showed he has all the makings of a fine AFL player and we hope to see him back in 2008.

Madison McQUOID	Madison was again always in mix this year and never scared to put her head over the ball. Madison's kicking skills have significantly improved throughout the season and can look forward to an even better year next year.
Callum NICHOLLS	Callum "The Enforcer" gained the nickname due to how hard he would attack the ball. His attitude was fantastic and a real credit to his side and the club. A complete team player who always gave 100% for the side. Callum's contribution was not just his physical presence but his skills this season have also significantly improved.
Sebastian FOTEA	Sebastian has gone from strength to strength with his football. He played in the forward line most of the season and was always presenting in the contest for the mark. Sebastian kicked a number of goals for the season and can look forward to continued success in the years to come.

UNDER 13's



Coaches Report – Kevin Hall

Where do I start?

I found this to be my most challenging year as a coach at Drummoyne Power so far!

With most of the Under 13's experiencing their first year at high school; and all the boys at different stages of growth with the resulting physical problems arising; with a large number of injuries throughout the season (not all related to AFL), plus school commitments that kept the boys from training sessions (in fact we didn't have one training session throughout the season with all players present nor did we play one game with all players available on match day!) and being asked later in the season to support the undermanned Under 14's by lending them players and then borrowing from the U12's to make our own numbers, one could be forgiven for describing the season as frustrating!

Further, we had ended the 2006 season with 26 players; we lost 11 of them to other sports and movement interstate, taking us to 15. Fortunately we were able to make up the numbers with 8 players, not only new to the club but new to the game of AFL, giving us a playing list of 23.

However, frustration turned to exhilaration, as the skills of the boys (old and new players), came together to form a whole new potentially formidable team.

In a new move the Under 13's joined the North Shore Competition, broken into two divisions and we were placed in the 1st division and finished in a credible 4th place out of a total of 9 teams. The Under 13's played 15 games, won 9, lost 6 and had one bye. Having made it to 4th place we were beaten in the elimination final, on the wettest game day ever experienced by the players. They may have lost the game but it was an on field experience they will never forget and the boys had a lot of fun in the rain!

We were able to nominate 12 players for Sydney City Representative side this season, 3 declined due to other commitments, 9 went forward to try out and 6 were selected to play. The rep games were played in exceptionally wet conditions and to their credit the City Under 13 Rep side finished 3rd out of 6 teams.

From the six boys selected to play Rep footy, two were then chosen to go forward to train for the Pigeon Squad, William Grant and Kristian Ringer, and at the time of writing we are waiting to hear whether they have been selected to go forward to play in the NSW regional side.

So, not a bad year after all!

My continued and sincerest thanks to Bob Brundle as team manager, Rod Bertino for his help and experience at training and match days and Anthony Cahill for his support on match day. And also to Jerry Ryan for help at training earlier in the season and Chris O'Dea for providing the oranges at half-time.

My biggest thanks as always goes to the boys. And to the parents and carers who brought them to training and ferried them around to match locations far and wide throughout the season, your good natured, friendly support and positive attitude on the side lines is thoroughly appreciated.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT ALL THE PLAYERS MENTIONED BELOW ARE VALUABLE MEMBERS OF THE UNDER 13's TEAM.

Player Profiles

Jack BARNSELY	What do you say about Jack? One of the side's best players in 2007, and has been so consistent over the last couple of years. His ability to get to the ball and read the play is fantastic. His tackle is next to none and for his size he puts some of the taller/bigger players to shame. Look out the other sides when Jack has his growth spurt! Jack was also nominated for the Rep side but due to other commitments he was unable to attend the training sessions, so perhaps next year... Well done Jack, a fantastic season!
Adam BERTINO	Adam started the season with a broken arm so missed almost half of the games. But upon his return he showed us immediately why he had been so missed by the team. Adam, or should we call him "Goal Sneak", kicked some great goals and gave off several others. Looking forward to seeing you enjoy a terrific season in 2008.
Lachlan CAHILL	Lachlan was a Rep selection and while he gave his best in the selection process, unfortunately the competition for spots was hot this year and he didn't make the Rep team. However, not only did the Under 13's make the step into the tougher North Side competition, so too did Lachlan step up in his performance throughout the season. Lachlan from time to time really showed us what he is capable of and I would love to see him back in 2008, fit and committed, so he can continue to improve and see what he is capable of achieving.
Chris DAVIDSON	Unfortunately, Chris was not able to join us until late in the season due to a broken wrist. So he had a considerable amount of catching up to do. As a new member to the team Chris slotted right in, his training ethic was good and he tried hard on game day. Having gained the experience of playing at this level he can only be better from that experience in 2008. Towards the end the season Chris was showing real signs of improvement and should be very happy with his efforts. Well done.
Anton EDWARDS	Anton showed that he is more than capable of becoming a very good AFL player. His first part of the season was consistent and at times showed real signs of outstanding passages of play. Unfortunately, Anton broke his arm in the latter part of the season, and only returned in time to play one game in the semi-finals.
Jack EDWARDS	Every now and then a diamond is found and the Drummoyne Under 13 side was lucky to have Jack join us this year. He showed us what a great player he is going to be with his first season behind him. His consistency throughout the year was fantastic and his ability to run with the ball and then kick long was beautiful to watch. Jack you must very pleased with your efforts, we look forward to you rejoining us in 2008.
Luke GARDENER	Luke works hard to improve his understanding of the game and gives 100%. I would love to see him continue to develop his skills in 2008 as he is a good team member. He may not be at the top of the goal kicking ladder but the goals he did score were

always at a critical time of the match. He was asked to play in several positions this season and always gave his best. Well done Luke!

William GRANT

Congratulations to William for making the Rep team and then going onto train with the Pigeon side. At time of writing this he was waiting to see if he goes onto that next stage and plays in the NSW regional side - good luck William. A player who shows signs of becoming a very good player, William needs to believe that he can take his play to the next level. With a strong sense of self-confidence and hard work at training I'm sure he can achieve his goal.

Taylor GRAY

Co-captain and another of our Rep selections, Taylor went on to play in the Rep team and although I didn't see the games I was advised he did his best under trying conditions. With this experience behind him, I'm sure it will spur him on to bigger and better things next season. Taylor has also had to endure tremendous physical discomfort all season, but has always shown up ready to play and has still managed to have a wonderful season due to his great ability to read the play. This is a skill the boys have to learn themselves and once mastered, their game can only go upwards. Well done Taylor for all your efforts!

Richard HALL

Our other co-captain and as far as Richard is concerned, 2007 is a year not to remember. What with signs of asthma at the start of the season, a very badly bruised knee and twisted ankle followed by a recurring ankle injury, Richard was selected for Reps but was unable to take part due to injuries and only began to show his true ability later in the season. Richard says roll on 2008!

Harrison HAZELWOOD

Harrison had a great deal asked of him in his first year of AFL football but showed a solid character. His training ethic was outstanding and he quickly became a great team member. Harrison has shown that he can play this wonderful game at a high standard, and with his first season behind him and the confidence he has gained I hope he is looking forward to rejoining us in 2008.

Mark HOPKINS

Mark was a Rep selection but unfortunately due to other commitments he was unable to take part. I'm hoping that Mark feels he has had a good season because from my point of view he has showed what he is capable of. Mark, believe me when I say you are a very good AFL footballer and if you are prepared to take that next step, and be more self-assured on the field, you could have a great 2008 season and beyond.

Jacob KERRISON

Jacob would be another of our players who would probably like to forget this season. Over the years that Jacob has been playing with the Drummoyne side he has been one of our best players. This season he has battled through severe discomfort with his legs but to his credit he has endured and has still shown us at times what he is truly capable of. Jacob, we hope you get fit over the summer and return to us in 2008 with that passion and commitment you show every week.

Ned NEWTON

Ned is another of our new players to AFL and what a find Ned has been. A player with class, who could be an outstanding player of the future. His running and kicking game shows a maturity well ahead of some players who have more experience than he. Ned has had a great season and really added to the team outcome. I look forward to catching up with you again in the 2008 season.

Campbell NUGENT

What a wonderful physical build for an AFL footballer! Campbell, you now have to learn how to use this asset accordingly. As you mature and gain the self confidence that comes with experience I feel sure that you will become a very good AFL footballer. Your first season with us was consistent and you often showed what you are capable of. With commitment to training with greater energy I know you will enjoy an improvement in your game next season, so please come back in 2008!

Alex O'DEA

Another member of the 2007 Reps team and Alex played his 100th game in the semi-finals, two achievements to be very proud of. Well done Alex! He would be one of our smallest players but he has the heart of a lion. He continually puts himself into the play - where angels would fear to tread. I would think that Alex would be the first to say that his form this season has been mixed. So Alex, you are due for a great season in 2008.

- Kristian **RINGER** What a fantastic year Kristian has had. A list of his achievements: selected in the Sydney City Rep team, selected to try out with the Pigeon side (waiting to see if he is selected), 3rd runner up in the North Side Under 13 competition. And on top of all that, his outstanding weekly performance helped his team mates get to the 1st semi-final with an outstanding year of football. Kristian I could go on, but all I can say is a huge thank you for all of your efforts, you deserve to be very proud of yourself.
- Matthew **ROBERTSON** Matthew, your work ethic at training was outstanding. This, your first AFL season, was probably a big learning experience for you but to your credit you stuck with it. This sticking quality will help you throughout life. You showed real maturity in your understanding of what was expected of you on game day. Your improvement from start to end of the season was huge, so well done! We hope to see you back in the side next year.
- David **RYAN** Yet another Rep selection, but again due to other commitments David was unable to participate. Like many of our players this year David would probably say that due to a number of major injuries this was not one of his best seasons. Although unable to train with us on a regular basis, his match day play showed what he is really capable of. Given the right circumstances and a real belief that he can play AFL, he would be a very good player. Come back next year David as you are an important part of the team.
- Jack **SCOTT** Other of our Rep players for 2007, congratulations Jack! I know that you are a better player for the experience. You would have to be pleased with your effort throughout this season as you have showed that you are more than capable of playing this wonderful game at a high level. Your commitment at training this season has been outstanding, keep this up and your 2008 season should take your game to the next level. Well done!
- Hugh **SHOULDICE** Hugh, I know that we started the season with high hopes of giving you sometime in the forward line but honestly you are a great back-man. And in today's modern game this is where the game can be won and lost. Your ability to read the play and get yourself into a good position continued to improve throughout the season. And the times you saved us was numerous. You are a great team member and your experience helps those around you. Come back in 2008 ready for an even bigger year.
- Jack **SLATER** This was Jack's first season with us and how lucky we were to have him join us this year. If I could put it this way, Jack was one of those rough diamonds that showed periods of sparking brilliance. Given the fact he had not played AFL a great deal and didn't know the finer points of the game, he had a fantastic season. If he was able to commit some extra time to the game he could be an outstanding player. Jack it would be great if you could join us again next season.
- Alistair **WILSON** What a consistent year Alistair had. His commitment and endeavour was first class. At times we asked a lot of him, but he always tried hard to do his best. With a greater understanding of the game and an improved skill level he will see an even bigger improvement in 2008. Welcome back to the side and well done Alistair!
- Liam **BRUNDLE** Although Liam does not play for us now, he continues to take a keen interest in the fortune of the side. For the last couple of years Liam has made himself available to run the boundary line and has now mastered the art of the "throw in". Liam is also a regular at training, helping wherever he can and giving useful advice. Sorry we didn't have a lot of training games to umpire this season Liam, perhaps next year when we hope you rejoin us, as you are an important team member.

UNDER 14's



Coaches Report – Craig Wilson

The Under 14 squad had an enjoyable season of AFL. Whilst success on the scoreboard was not achieved in wins, the development in the team was exceptional. Our ability to front up against opposition that was more physically developed and in greater numbers was TREMENDOUS. Well done Boys!

Overall, we had nineteen Under 14 age boys represent the club. Six boys played every game and we had two new recruits debut during the year, one of whom may return. Overall, we failed to get our full squad onto the park for any game during 2007, due to injuries outside of AFL. This meant we had to rely on the support of the lower age groups to get a game. Thanks to those Under 13, Under 12 and Under 11's players who turned out for us during the season. Your efforts were appreciated along with your parent's support.

When you reflect on this year I want you to take away the lesson to TRY. Homer Simpson is now in the Oxford Dictionary under FAIL – Homers message is 'kids if you are going to fail – don't TRY!' For me, it is more like the saying: TRY and FAIL rather than FAIL to TRY – Have a Go! This year was a tough one as far as results went on the scoreboard. To me, every one of you had a go and TRIED to Make a Difference. You TRIED!

As Michael Jordan says: "I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can't accept NOT TRYING!" He missed his varsity team and was distraught. What it taught him was to set small goals. He took it step-by-step. I can't see any other way of accomplishing anything. There are NO shortcuts. The only place SUCCESS comes before WORK is in the dictionary – the same one that HOMER now appears in.

During the year we had quarters where we outscored our opponents. The thing we had against us was the fact that we were physically smaller than our opposition in most instances. The physical only accounts for a small part of success in a champion. Ron Barassi lists six 'physical' attributes in his list of a champion. They are: Physical Fitness, Football Ability, Physique (Size), Pace, Strength and Stamina. The rest of the attributes are MENTAL – there are twenty. You accomplished a lot of those this year. They include: dedication, **loyalty, courage (determination), willingness to learn, team spirit**, level headedness, concentration, discipline, **temperament, humility**, intelligence, **ambition**, aggressiveness, common sense, initiative, **sportsmanship, enthusiasm**, confidence, ability to think quickly and **unselfishness**.

The Mental aspects are all linked to that three letter word TRY. For me that is what you have conquered in this season, the mental aspect of football. Believe me boys, the thrill of playing a team sport and working together with others will stay with you for the rest of your life – if you TRY! All in all WELL DONE BOYS on never giving up and fighting hard! You INSPIRE me!

Finally, to the parents who provided a great show of support in a tough season – your words of encouragement were appreciated. A BIG thanks to our support staff for 2007. Ross, our assistant coach, your efforts at training with some drills; and your rousing ‘Kanga’ sermons were well timed and well received by the boys. Our runner, Peter – who went the extra mile delivering our messages and providing great support for the boys in the warm up and during games. Our Boundary umpires, Robert, Mason, Rick and our Resident Goal Umpire – Ian for the majority of the season and also to Phil for stepping in. Last but not least, to Judith, for your efforts in Team Management and ensuring the team sheets were updated, the jumpers and snakes were all handed out. Also for providing a balance to the team plans with another outlook – it was appreciated.

Player Profiles

BARRETT, Tim (Co-Captain)	Tim had a good year. He has all the skills and is a real talent. Worked hard on the ball and went forward and scored on many occasions. Tim gained selection in the Inner City Rep Team (Pigeons) for the second year in row – super effort Tim!
BARRETT, Tom (Co-Captain)	Tom had a solid year and played Inner City Reps. He was our most reliable backman who contributed enormously each week. Tom was ready for any task and responds well when given a specific role. Nice work Tom!
BATE, Sam	Sam showed he has the skills for AFL. In only his second year of AFL he continued to develop. He combined his season with soccer. With such a tough workload Sam acquitted himself well, which is a credit to him. His pace and skills should see him improve further in the years ahead. Well done Sam!
CHARD, Tom	An injury interrupted season for Tom. Showed great endeavour and attack on the ball and makes good position. Has great spirit and really loves his footy.
CONSIDINE, Todd (Co-Captain)	Todd had a great year and gained selection in the Inner City Rep Team (Pigeons). Well done! He used his silky skills and was great team player. Either roving or on the forward line, Todd was able to create opportunities and brings others into the game across the midfield and up forward.
FILITONGA, Sione	Sione had a wonderful year. Was reliable in defence and had a couple of stints in the ruck. Sione showed great attack on the ball, tackled well and showed great improvement throughout the year. Great stuff!
HASSETT, Michael	Michael found his spot across half back after finding forward play harder to adapt to this year. When he is on song his tackling and attack on the ball is first class. Needs to back himself more in the marking contest and continue work hard in order to realize his enormous potential. Well done Hass! Keep at it!
IRVINE-BROWN, William	William showed great courage and determination during an injury riddled year. His effort off half back and on the ball was tremendous. Will’s ability to create a contest and work hard for his team-mates is ‘second to none’ and he has a bright future. Nice one William! Keep on working at your skills and it will happen!
JENKINS, Brendon	Brendon had a great season. His run off half back, kick in’s from full back and efforts were tremendous. He even had a run in the ruck and did well. Unfortunately his season was cut short due to injury. Keep working on your skills Jenko and we look forward to your continued development.
McDONALD, Andrew	Battled hard all season and played every game. Andrew was our barometer from a tackling viewpoint – when he tackled well so did the team. Was reliable in defence and had a run on the ball and up forward. Played well against all comers and never let’s size worry him. Andrew capped off his season with a goal in the last game. Well done Macca!

McCAULEY, Gabriel	A solid year for Gabe. Whether it was up forward, down back or in the ruck – Gabe was reliable and really gave his all. His leading to the ball was great and not always rewarded. Good work Gabe!
ROWE, Fletcher	Had a wonderful first half of the year. Fletcher made the Inner City Reps squad and was unable to play due to injury. Used his good skills across half back and on the ball and gave us great drive. Fletch is a reliable player, who brings others into the game with good handball. Great work Fletch!
SOAMES, Mitchell (Co-Captain)	Mitchell played his 100 th game for Club and played for the Inner City Rep team during the year. From his milestone game onward he was a consistent contributor. He played at full back and in the ruck. Started to take some good marks and used his thumping kick to our advantage. Also, tackled well and was a strong performer, when he took on his opponents. Great stuff Mitch!
SPINKS, James	First year player who was thrown into the ruck/centre half forward positions. Showed great promise and should develop into a fine player.
SYMONS, Jonathan	Another, who had his season slowed by injury - Johnno missed the first half of the season. By the season's end he was starting to find that run off half back we know he has. With some hard work over summer he will be able to use his skills to have a consistent 2008. A tremendous effort on your return Johnno – well done!
THOMPSON, Joshua	Josh has developed into a real leader. His efforts up forward were super. He kept the talk up and encouraged his team-mates consistently – great work Joshy! He chimed in with goals on a number of crucial times. Josh was a real asset and a fine team player, playing all games during 2007.

Special Mentions

O'DEA, Alex	Played a credible five games up in the U14s. Thanks for your support Alex. We got great service in defence and Alex showed great poise at this level. Well done!
RINGER, Kristian	Appeared in four games for the Under 14s and showed some great form at this level. Chased, harassed and ran ALL day. Drove us forward with good kicking and read the game well. Nice work Kristian.
SCOTT, Jack	Jack played six games for the 14's and was a great support. Battled hard and provided a forward option in his appearances. Thanks for playing up a grade.

Cameo Shows with a BIG thank you:

- **HOBART, Jake**
- **McCANN, Ed**
- **REA, Mitchell**
- **CAREY, Alex**

Under 13's who showed GREAT CLUB SPIRIT - a BIG thanks:

- **BARNESLEY, Jack**
- **BERTINO, Adam**
- **EDWARDS, Jack**
- **GARDNER, Luke**
- **GRANT, William**

- **GRAY, Taylor**
- **HALL, Richard**
- **HAZLEWOOD, Harrison**
- **KERRISON, Jacob**
- **NEWTON, Ned**
- **ROBERTSON, Matthew**
- **SHOULDICE, Hugh**

Under 12's who showed TREMENDOUS CLUB SPIRIT - a HUGE thank-you:

- **GARRICK, Thomas**
- **NICHOLLS, Callum**
- **SANSOM, Jake**
- **VICIC, Matthew**
- **McDONALD, Robert*** - Under 11 player who played the last game - a little ripper!
- **RINGER, Joseph*** - Another Under 11 who played – well done!

UNDER 16's



Coaches Report – Darren Lewtas

Season 2007 started on a positive note with a combined Under 15's and 16's showing their commitment to each other and the Power colours.

A couple of early casualties and some transfers saw the player numbers decline to the point where we struggled for attendance, both at training and match day. Credit is due to the players who stuck out the season and continued recruiting, training, playing and simply would not surrender.

Mid season we had to face reality and to save us in the numbers game we merged with the Manly/Warringah Bombers and finally we had the numbers to front each week without fear of forfeit. Just what were the combined teams to be known as presented its own problem and from one of the Mums the name "Mongrels" was uttered and stuck. Much to the chagrin of the powers that be the name stuck, the players improved, the boys continued to bring new faces to the games and we simply ran out of season. From a year played predominantly in our defensive half we gave it all we had.

Big thanks to the boys who endured, the parents who persisted, Todd who came on the scene mid season to help with the training and to Richard McMillan from Manly Bombers. Congratulations to those who will go on to Under 18's football and our absolute support to those who will go around again representing us in 2008

Player Profiles

Adam **BROCKWAY**

One of the toughest young backmen we have seen! In his ninth season with the Club, Adam never fails to give anything less than his best.

Jeremy **BARNETT**

Jezz has continued as a true Drummoyne Clubman. His dedication and team spirit was rewarded with a handful of goals again this season.

Christof **FERGUSON**

Christof was a welcome addition to the centre. We finally had a ruckman who won more contests than not. A true athlete with a heart to match his height.

Hamish BURRELL	Hamish contributed another outstanding season rarely venturing forward but the first to stand up and take on an opposition gun forward or centre.
Oliver WHEELER	Oliver is a very disciplined player, ever reliable and accepts seemingly impossible challenges without question.
Brent ROBINSON	Brent appeared mid season and brought with him a toughness and energy we had been lacking. Strong of heart, will and body he gives and demands 100%.
Phil ARARE	Also in his first season of AFL, Phil provided some much need pace through the midfield. A ferocious tackler - we were glad he was on our side!
Sam COOPER	Sam has again shown that his never say die attitude can lift his team mates. Playing predominantly as a rover, do not get tackled by this man!
Tom STEPHENSON	Tom helped when he could outside of his rugby commitments and was always a welcome addition to the side. Always shows good pace and awareness.
Cameron ALLEN	Cam also a rugby man, showed great endurance and speed on the wing. His agility and ball sense made him hard to catch.
Jamir WILLIAMS	Jamir took to Aussie Rules quickly in his first season of the game. He has shown skill, strength and speed and will be a welcome addition to any Under 18's side.
Matthew SHARKEY	We didn't see enough of Matthew this year due to injury. When he played he was dominant with strong marks across the back line and always commands respect from the opposition.
Lau DOK	A late inclusion to Drummoyne Power, Lau amazed us with his athleticism. A welcome extra tall with strong hands and he can kick!
Alex FLEMING	Hollywood helped out again this season when available. His humour, toughness and courage are ever-present! A strong addition to any centre line.

From MANLY/WARRINGAH - a big thanks to the following players:

- Brian **RIGNALL**
- William **HALPIN**
- Anthony **PETROLO**
- Dylan **LOVE**
- Nicholas **MCMILLAN**
- Fergus **HUNTER**
- Cameron **GALLO**
- Cameron **HARPER**
- Alex **CUTHILL**

AWARD WINNERS

Under 9's - Silver

Best & Fairest	Samuel BARKLEY
Runner-Up	Brendon LAYOUN
Coaches Award	Liam STORAN

Under 9's - Teal

Best & Fairest	Ben VOZZO
Runner-Up	Sam CIVIDEN
Coaches Award	Briar BLUNDELL

Under 10's

Best & Fairest	Dylan HIGGS
Runner-Up	Luke EGAN
Coaches Award	Nicholas BERTINO
Jack Devine Award	Dominic LAWRENCE

Under 11's

Best & Fairest	Justin FISH
Runner-Up	Dwayne PETERS
Coaches Award	Nicholas GARRICK

Under 12's

Best & Fairest	Tom CRYSELL
Runner-Up	Matthew VICIC
Coaches Award	Austin FISH

Under 13's

Best & Fairest	Kristian RINGER
Runner-Up	Jack EDWARDS
Coaches Award	Jack BARNSELY

Under 14's

Best & Fairest	Todd CONSIDINE
Runner-Up	Tim BARRETT
Coaches Award	Mitchell SOAMES

Under 16's

Best & Fairest	Adam BROCKWAY
Runner-Up	Christof FERGUSON
Coaches Award	Brent ROBINSON

PLAYER MILESTONES

100 Games

Adam **BROCKWAY**
Todd **CONSIDINE**
Richard **HALL**
Thomas **GARRICK**
Jacob **KERRISON**
Fletcher **ROWE**
Mitchell **SOAMES**
Jake **SANSOM**
Tom **CHARD**
Alex **O'DEA**

75 Games

Mason **LEWTAS**
Tim **BARRETT**
James **ENDERBY**
Tom **BARRETT**
Hugh **SHOULDICE**
Dylan **HIGGS**
Jeremy **BARNETT**
Jack **SCOTT**

50 Games

Adam **BERTINO**
Lachlan **CAHILL**
Michael **ANTHONY**
Mathew **VIVIC**
Liam **BRUNDLE**
Ka Yin **CHAN**
Nicholas **BERTINO**
Zoe **VIVIC**
Mitchell **FERGUSON**
Joshua **THOMPSON**
Michael **HASSETT**
Izaac **FOSTER**
William **ANTHONY**
Nicholas **MAYLON**
Gabriel **MCCAULEY**
Brendan **JENKINS**
Jack **O'DONOHUE**
Daniel **BARNETT**
Ryan **NELSON**

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Under 10's

Elijah **LENTON**
Dylan **HIGGS**
Nicholas **BERTINO**
Xavier **NELSON**
Ka Yin **CHAN**
Dom **LAWRENCE**

Under 11's

Mason **LEWTAS**
Mitchell **FERGUSON**
Dwayne **PETERS**
James **ENDERBY**
Justin **FISH**

Under 12's

Tom **CRYSELL**
Matt **VICIC**
Jake **SANSOM**
Riley **HAINES**

Under 13's

William **GRANT**
Taylor **GRAY**
Alex **O'DEA**
Kristian **RINGER**
Jack **SCOTT**
Jacob **KERRISON**

Under 14's

Tim **BARRETT**
Todd **CONSIDINE**
Tom **BARRETT**
Mitchell **SOAMES**

CLUB SONG

We've got the power to win...

The Power to rule

Come on Drummoyne aggression!

We are the power from Drummoyne

So come on and join

The True Drummoyne Tradition

We'll never stop, stop, stop

Till we're top, top, top

There's history here in the making

It's the Power to win

We'll never give in

Till the flag is ours for the taking

Drummoyne Power!

2007 AFL HIGHLIGHTS

Round 22 Ladder

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST	%	POINTS
Geelong	22	18	-	4	2542	1664	153	72
Port Adelaide	22	15	-	7	2314	2038	114	60
West Coast Eagles	22	15	-	7	2162	1935	112	60
Kangaroos	22	14	-	8	2183	1998	109	56
Hawthorn	22	13	-	9	2097	1855	113	52
Collingwood	22	13	-	9	2011	1992	101	52
Sydney Swans	22	12	1	9	2031	1698	120	50
Adelaide	22	12	-	10	1881	1712	110	48
St Kilda	22	11	1	10	1874	1941	97	46
Brisbane Lions	22	9	2	11	1986	1885	105	40
Fremantle	22	10	-	12	2254	2198	103	40
Essendon	22	10	-	12	2184	2394	91	40
Western Bulldogs	22	9	1	12	2111	2469	86	38
Melbourne	22	5	-	17	1890	2418	78	20
Carlton	22	4	-	18	2167	2911	74	16
Richmond	22	3	1	18	1958	2537	77	14

Top Players

The Top 10 AFL players after round 22 according to www.bigfooty.com

RANKING	PLAYER	RATING
1	Gary Ablett (Geelong)	154
2	Brent Harvey (Kangaroos)	127
3	Jimmy Bartel (Geelong)	118
4	Chad Cornes (Port Adelaide)	108
5	Brett Kirk (Sydney)	103
6	Sam Mitchell (Hawthorn)	98
7	Daniel Kerr (West Coast)	97
8	Nick Riewoldt (St Kilda)	93
9	Nathan Foley (Richmond)	92
10	Nick Dal Santo (St Kilda)	90

Official Awards

John Coleman Medal: Jonathan Brown (Brisbane Lions)

Top Ten Goalkickers:

PLACING	PLAYER	GOALS
1	Jonathan Brown, BL	77
2	Matthew Pavlich, FRE	72
3	Lance Franklin, HAW	70
4	Matthew J. Lloyd, ESS	62
5	Scott Lucas, ESS	61
6	Cameron Mooney, GEE	60
7	Brendan Fevola, CAR	59
8	Fraser Gehrig, STK	59
9	Brad Johnson, WBD	59
10	Brett Ebert, PA	53

16	Barry Hall, SS	44
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Brownlow Medallist: Jimmy Bartel (Geelong)

GEELONG'S Jimmy Bartel has won the 2007 Brownlow Medal. The Cats onballer polled 29 votes to take out the AFL's highest individual honour ahead of the Brisbane Lions' Simon Black, the Kangaroos' Brent Harvey and Eagle Daniel Kerr, who all finished on 22 votes. Bartel's teammate and bookies' favourite, Gary Ablett, finished in sixth position with 20 votes, with Sam Mitchell of Hawthorn in fifth on 21.

Bartel is the first Geelong Brownlow Medal winner since Paul Couch back in 1989. The 23-year-old polled in 11 matches and scored maximum votes in eight of them: round three against Melbourne, round seven against the Eagles, round nine against Port Adelaide, round 10 against St Kilda, round 16 against the Dogs, round 18 against Richmond, round 19 against Adelaide and round 20 against the Kangaroos. He missed the final two matches of the home-and-away season when he went into hospital to have an emergency appendectomy.

Gary Ablett did not poll a vote until round six, when he won best afield for his 32-possession, three-goal performance against Richmond, but went on to poll in 11 matches. 2004 Brownlow Medallist Chris Judd made the early running, polling votes in the first eight rounds before he was slowed by the chronic groin injury that reduced him to a shadow of his prolific self in later rounds. The former Eagle was awarded maximum votes against the Swans in round one, Carlton in round four and the Demons in round eight.

There were several historical firsts: Judd's effort in registering a vote in each of the first eight rounds, Robert Harvey polling in his 100th VFL/AFL match and Brent Harvey gaining five consecutive best-on-ground votes.

Black's effort in finishing second was one of the night's surprises, with the 2002 Brownlow winner gathering little attention from experts and bookmakers alike in the lead-up to the count. The Lions' champion polled votes in eight matches, including six best-on-grounds, to lead Bartel and Mitchell by five votes after round 15, but he failed to register a vote in the remaining seven rounds.

Magpie onballer Dane Swan was also a vote-getter of some note, polling 20 votes. But he obviously didn't rate his chances as he preferred the company of his teammates on their 'Mad Monday' celebrations over attending the vote.

Star Eagle Daniel Kerr was the highest finisher among the ineligible players, garnering six best-on-ground votes. The 24-year-old was out of contention after being suspended for two games for making front-on contact with Melbourne's Cameron Bruce in round eight.

The Cornes brothers, Chad and Kane, were popular with the pundits ahead of the count, but not the umpires, with Kane finishing with 13 votes and Chad 12.

Players who finished outside the top five but who polled the most votes for their respective clubs were: Scott Thompson of Adelaide (18 votes), Heath Scotland for Carlton (12), Swan for the Pies, Scott Lucas for Essendon (11), Matthew Pavlich for Fremantle (15), James McDonald for the Demons (6), Shaun Burgoyne - who was ineligible with 16 votes – for the Power, Matthew Richardson for the Tigers (6), Nick Dal Santo for St Kilda (16), Adam Goodes (also ineligible on 20) and Brad Johnson of the Bulldogs on 14.

NAB Rising Star Award: Joel Selwood (Geelong)

GEE LONG'S 19-year-old midfielder, Joel Selwood, has won the 2007 NAB AFL Rising Star award, becoming the first recipient of the Ron Evans Medal. Selwood won the medal with 44 votes from Collingwood's Scott Pendlebury (37) and Melbourne's Nathan Jones (17). Port Adelaide's Justin Westhoff (10) was fourth, followed by West Coast's Shannon Hurn (9).

Selwood debuted in round one and quickly found a regular place in the Cats' midfield. His statistics illustrate how he has become an important part of the side. His 83 tackles ranks third at the club; he ranked fourth in clearances with 60, sixth in goal assists with 15, seventh in hard-ball gets with 46 and eighth in marks with 98. He played 18 matches during the home and away season and averaged 19 possessions a match. Selwood also kicked seven goals.

In becoming the 2007 NAB AFL Rising Star, Selwood has capped a stellar junior career. He was a member of the AIS-AFL Academy squad and captained the Under-17 Australian side against Ireland in 2005. Selwood won the Barassi Medal for best player during the tour. In 2005 he represented Vic Country in the 2005 NAB AFL Under-18 Championships and was named an All-Australian.

These credentials guaranteed him certain top 10 selection at the 2006 NAB AFL Draft. He was Geelong's first selection - seventh overall - despite a knee injury restricting him to only three games with the Bendigo Pioneers in the TAC Cup in 2006. Hailing from the Sandhurst Football Club in Bendigo, Selwood is the younger brother of Adam (West Coast) and Troy (Brisbane) and older brother to 17-year-old Scott, who is eligible to be drafted in November this year. Adam and Troy were Rising Star nominees in consecutive weeks in 2005.

2007 NAB AFL Rising Star voting

RANKING	PLAYER	VOTES
1	Joel Selwood (Geelong)	44
2	Scott Pendlebury (Collingwood)	37
3	Nathan Jones (Melbourne)	17
4	Justin Westhoff (Port Adelaide)	10
5	Shannon Hurn (West Coast)	9
6	Jess Smith (Kangaroos)	7
7	Bryce Gibbs (Carlton)	6
8	Tom Williams (Western Bulldogs)	2
9	Patrick Ryder (Essendon)	2
10	Martin Clarke (Collingwood)	1

Leading Stats Winners

Kicks: Chad Cornes (Port Adelaide) 392
Highest Swan: 11th - Nick Malceski 333

Handballs: Scott West (Western Bulldogs) 329
Highest Swan: 4th – Brett Kirk 223

Disposals: Kane Cornes (Port Adelaide) 635
Highest Swan: 26th – Brett Kirk 516

Marks: Matthew Pavlich (Fremantle) 203
Highest Swan: 26th - Nick Malceski 152

Tackles: Brett Kirk (Sydney Swans) 149

Hit Outs: Brendan Lade (Port Adelaide) 484
Highest Swan: 3rd – Darren Jolly 458

Frees For: Daniel Kerr (West Coast Eagles) 51
Highest Swan: 2nd – Jude Bolton 48

Frees Against: Barry Hall (Sydney Swans) 41

Behinds: Lance Franklin (Hawthorn) 59
Highest Swan: 15th – Barry Hall 30

The 2007 AFL All Australian Team

GEELONG dominated the 2007 Coca-Cola All-Australian team, with a record nine players gaining the honour. Adelaide defender Andrew McLeod was named captain for the first time, while Port Adelaide's Chad and Kane Cornes became the first set of brothers in the same team since Justin and Simon Madden 20 years ago.

Of the Cats, only Matthew Scarlett had received All-Australian honours before and this is his third selection. The other eight Cats picked are Brownlow Medal favourite Gary Ablett (rover), Matthew Egan and Darren Milburn (defenders), Jimmy Bartel (centre), Steve Johnson and Cameron Mooney (forwards), and Joel Corey and Cameron Ling (interchange). The last time a team dominated a season in this manner was Essendon's premiership in 2000, but the Bombers only gained four selections that year. The Cats had no selections in the last two seasons.

This year's All-Australian selections featured 11 first timers - half the team. Johnson's selection represents a massive turnaround in his career. The team suspended him for the start of the season after an alcohol-rated incident on Christmas Eve and the Cats made it clear he was on his last chance at the club. But Johnson has been outstanding since resuming his senior career in round six, finally realising his rich potential. "Things can change pretty quickly if you do the right thing," Johnson said. Asked if he doubted his ability to return to the AFL, he replied: "Personally I didn't doubt it, but I suppose a lot of people did and that drove me."

Under the new selection system, the selectors named the original squad earlier this month of 12 defenders, 12 forwards and 18 midfielders. They then named six backmen, six forwards and six midfielders from the groups, with no restrictions on the interchange.

While this was the first time McLeod gained the captaincy, it is his fifth All-Australian selection. Western Bulldogs forward Brad Johnson, captain last year, made an All-Australian team for the sixth time. It was also the fifth selection for Fremantle captain Matthew Pavlich. Coleman Medallist Jonathan Brown was named at full-forward and is centre half-forward. Despite his three premierships, this is Brown's first All-Australian team and he was also named vice-captain.

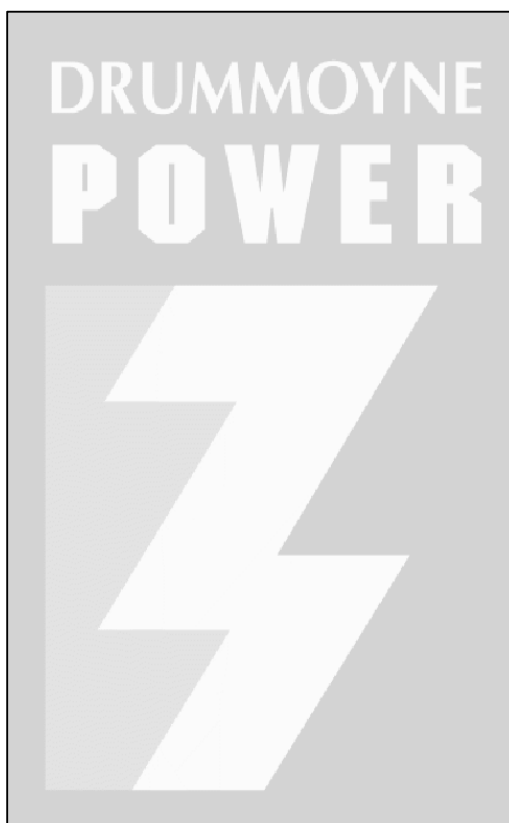
West Coast's Darren Glass is full-back and Egan is centre half-back. Joining Ablett in the first ruck are Eagles pair Dean Cox and Daniel Kerr. The Power had three selections, second to Geelong, and the Kangaroos' Brent Harvey also made the team.

The Cornes brothers were named on the two wings and Power ruckmen Brendon Lade was named on the interchange. Ablett and Hawthorn's Campbell Brown both emulated their fathers' feats of being named in an All-Australian side, with Gary Snr named in eight separate years between 1984 and 1995 and Mal Brown selected in 1972. Kane and Chad Cornes have both been named previously, with their father Graham selected in two separate All-Australian sides in 1979 and 1980.

THE TEAM:

Backs:	Matthew Scarlett (Geelong), Darren Glass (West Coast), Darren Milburn (Geelong)
Half Backs:	Andrew McLeod (Adelaide, captain), Matthew Egan (Geelong), Campbell Brown (Hawthorn)
Centres:	Kane Cornes (Port Adelaide), Jimmy Bartel (Geelong), Chad Cornes (Port Adelaide)
Half Forwards:	Steve Johnson (Geelong), Jonathan Brown (Brisbane Lions, vice-captain), Brent Harvey (Kangaroos)
Forwards:	Brad Johnson (West Bulldogs), Matthew Pavlich (Fremantle), Cameron Mooney (Geelong)
Rucks:	Dean Cox (West Coast), Daniel Kerr (West Coast), Gary Ablett (Geelong)
Interchange:	Brendon Lade (Port Adelaide), Dustin Fletcher (Essendon), Joel Corey (Geelong), Cameron Ling (Geelong)

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