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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2008

It's hard to believe that we wait all summer for football to start, we welcome the new families and those who are returning again, then it seems in a blink of an eye, the seasons over. Season 2008 at Drummoyne has been a very special year, with our 10 Year Anniversary celebrations coinciding with 150 years of AFL as we know it. We showed strong growth in nearly all of the younger age groups and were very strong numbers wise in the youth sector.

It certainly has been a season of events and celebration off field with the Swans at pre-season training, a training night at the SCG, a visit to Club Swans, a Sunday morning with the entire Fremantle Dockers side, the aforementioned 10 Year Dinner and Presentation Day at the SCG.

Football Clubs don't just happen, they rely on the unceasing efforts of real people behind the scenes. To both the Executive Committee and the General Committee, the coaches, the managers, the mums, dads and helpers who tackle every task imaginable from washing the jumpers, running the canteen, distributing flyers and generally keeping everyone smiling, please accept our most sincere thanks. It is this band of volunteers that no Club can do without and your efforts are very much appreciated by all at Drummoyne.

To the coaches and managers in particular, we extend an enormous vote of thanks for delivering a successful football experience to your players and player families. Sometimes a year's on field results can become more important than the message of sportsmanship and participation. This year Drummoyne flew the flag of sportsmanship above all else and the efforts of all the coaches, managers and players is to be highly commended.

As we continue to grow Drummoyne AFL, the tasks get bigger and the expenses greater. We are very grateful to our sponsors' one and all for their generous donations. The monies received and raised by the Club go directly into obtaining all the necessary playing and training equipment, leases, insurances and operational expenses. Without the generosity of our sponsors most of these things just couldn't happen.

We also have been greatly assisted by the AFL and our Patron Ms Angela D'Amore in securing a long term lease at Drummoyne Oval which will incorporate the upgrading of the lights and other projects to ensure that the Drummoyne Junior AFL Club will play on Drummoyne Oval for many years to come.

In summary, it has been an absolute pleasure to have been involved with Drummoyne again this year, watching junior and youth players grow both in skill and stature and watching lifelong friendships forged simply from a common passion that is our favourite code Australian Rules.

Darren Lewtas PresidentDrummoyne Power JAFLC

TREASURER'S REPORT

2008 Treasurer's Update

Drummoyne Power Junior Australian Rules Club has a number of financial commitments that must be satisfied to ensure our kids are able to strap on their footy boots each week. We were able to fulfil our commitments through four key areas:

Income

1. Club Sponsorship

Drummoyne Power enjoys the support of many generous sponsors; some long standing, others new this year. We are very fortunate to now have three major sponsors including our continued association with Digicall Australia (Vodafone), and Balmain Prestige. We also welcome our new major sponsor in 2008, FDC Constructions.

Drummoyne Power is very fortunate to have had a total of 14 sponsors for the 2008 season, up from 9 sponsors last season. The committee, particularly Gavin Nelson (Vice President), have continued to do a wonderful job raising the profile of the club with local businesses. We cannot survive as a club without the continued support of our sponsors, both financial and otherwise. Sincerest thanks to you all, you have played a vital role in the success Drummoyne Power in Season 2008.

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. With the investment in a portable canteen with the addition of a new BBQ, we were able to expand our canteen operations at our new alternate ground at Five Dock Park, and even a Sunday at Marrickville. This has provided us with additional home games when required and allowed us to run the canteen when we've been forced to change venues at short notice.

The coordination of the canteen has been undertaken again this season by our fantastic Canteen Coordinators, Tash & Jason Sansom. A seamless team roster system used in 2008 allowed all parents to participate in this important fundraising function, thank you everyone. A special thanks to Tash & Jason to whom we bid adieu from this role for the 2009 year – with an imminent addition to the family, we wish them all the best for a new Auskicker in 2013!

3. Registration Fees

This season, over 230 players were registered at Drummoyne Power and the season registration fees are used to cover many of the game day costs, insurances and the like that the club must meet to have our children playing each week.

4. Your time and effort

The Club cannot put a price on the continued support it receives each week from all the parents and supporters who put their hands up to help out each week. Whether it be on the canteen, helping out on the ground set-up or supervising children during Auskick, your time and effort is invaluable – Thank You!

Expenses

The income received from our generous sponsors, the funds raised from the registration fees and the revenue from the canteen are all used to ensure the club meets its financial commitments. The most significant costs are the AFL association fees, to which the Club is obliged to be a member, as well as a number of other areas which allow the kids to train and participate in AFL each week during the season.

The significant expense items include:

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

This year we celebrate 10 years as a Club. The 10 Year Anniversary dinner, organised this August as a celebration of our 10th birthday, and to thank our sponsors for their continued support was also a special activity which incurred a small net cost. However, we must recognise the significant achievement and milestone that a 10th Anniversary brings and the celebration was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Drummoyne Oval upgrade

The final touches to the design of the upgraded Drummoyne Oval are in place. The financial commitment the Club has made to this redevelopment will guarantee secure tenure over the lease of the facilities at Drummoyne Oval for years to come. Stay tuned on the Club's website over summer for any updates we receive from Council. Suffice to say, Drummoyne Power's Oval will, without doubt, become the most sought after venue to play junior football.

We have planned, over a number of years, for the financial commitment required to contribute to the Drummoyne Oval upgrade (and therefore to secure our lease), and we are happy to confirm that the Club is in a sound financial position to make this commitment without any further financial impost on families, either now nor in the future.

Final comments

We are a junior football club that relies on the financial 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 2008. 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 2009.

Anna Edwards Treasurer Drummoyne Power JAFLC

CLUB OFFICIALS

Executive Committee

President Darren Lewtas

Vice-President Gavin Nelson

Secretary David Garrick

Treasurer Anna Edwards

Football Operations/Registrar Rod Bertino

General Committee

Auskick Coordinator Peter Higgs

Northside Delegates Darren Lewtas & Gavin Nelson

Sydney City Delegate John O'Donoghue

Canteen Tash Sansom

Property Steward Paul Bateson

Team Officials

Under 5's & 6's Coach Paul Bateson

Manager Gabrielle Brown

Under 7's Coach Adrian Walton & Noel Ford

Manager Jennifer Loughnan

Under 8's Silver Coach Darren Vogrig

Manager Nicholas Lambropoulos

Under 8's Teal Coach Anthony McNamara & Mark Parker

Manager Julianne Ferreira & Jodie Queenan

Under 9's Silver Coach Glen Burgess

Manager JulieAnne Anderson & Amanda Burgess

Under 9's Teal Coach Peter Higgs Manager Lindy O'Brien

runager Emay & Brief

Under 10's Teal Coach John Ferreira

Manager Lidia Blundell

Under 10's Silver Coach John O'Donoghue

Manager Selina Barkley

Under 11's Coach Jason Sansom

Manager Tracey Lenton

Under 12's Coach Simon Ringer

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UNDER 5's & 6's



Coaches Report - Paul Bateson

Wow - what a ride!

I helped Frances Lewtas with my son Billy and his peers from Under 5's but never fully appreciated how difficult it was to get those basic skills across from scratch! Despite helpful comments from past coaches John, Noel and Adrian it took me a while to find my own way and I'm still learning. I've thoroughly enjoyed this year and hoped the team have had as much fun as I did. There's been incredible improvement from everyone and I really feel that the latter half of the season we've had some superb flowing games, not just in the Under 6's but in the Under 5's as well.

There's been a lot of great help from a number of parents but we really do have to be very grateful for the untiring efforts of Manager Gabrielle and support of our official Assistant Coach Nick who really ran the Under 5's on many occasions.

Special thanks to all the players for being patient with me and hope you're all looking forward to next season as much as I am.

Player Profiles

Bianca WALTON Bianca joined us a few weeks into last season obviously inspired by her Dad's

coaching of the Colts! She started off quietly but has really come out of her shell

this year.

Gilbert HOGG Gilbert had a love hate relationship with footy at the start of the year! Now he's

always keen to get our there, has a lot of fun and shows some great skills.

Isabella PIPPIA Isabella is another one of those who started a little quietly, happy to hang on the

goal line when possible. Now she's very confident and goes for the footy

whenever she can.

Jessica BATESON Jessica was very happy to have a chat (and perhaps some ballet!) in the first half

of the season. Now, although still keen for a chat, when she's on the ball keep

out of her way!

Julian VOGRIG Julian's very quick around the park and always extremely happy. Draw, draw or

draw you can always count on Julian to come out beaming!

Luca FOTEA Luca's another happy character but there's a bit of a tiger in there too! When he's

got the footy it's heading down field towards the goal one way or another.

Maxim **ANGELOS** Maxim's one of the most helpful of the team, always happy to put out cones,

layout jumpers and collect stray grownups! On the field he's equally helpful,

always looking to pass the ball.

Ringo (Riley) MULLINS

Riley has picked up the nickname Ringo just for footy. He may run rings round

the opposition or just drum them into the ground but it might just be to avoid

confusion.

Sam **BERTRAM** Sam's definitely a ruckman within the under 5s but his skills and confidence

have meant he is very able to help balance numbers with the Under 6's and is

often called upon.

Thomas **CONNELL** Thomas started the year with a strong desire to tackle opposition and team mate

alike. Perhaps he was just being friendly! Now he's refined the skill to standing

on the mark without the bear hug!

Kosta VAXEVANIS Kosta only joined us a few weeks before the end of the season and a couple of

those were washed out! However, he's already shown a good presence and keen

eye for the ball.

Aaron **MUELLER** Aaron's a definite thinker. He really gets into his footy but never gets loud or

overzealous. You can almost hear him working out his next move. Could be a

coach in the making! Watch out me!

Finn **COLLINS** Finn is very quick to get to the ball whenever it's within range and has got a

good boot to get rid of it when the time comes. He usually finds his target!

Hamish MORGAN Hamish is a real terrier around the park, always looking to get the ball and move

it forward. His distinguishing skill though, is his dogged determination when

standing on the mark!

Harley's taken the mystery man jumper and made sure everyone knows he's on

the oval! Obviously enjoying himself he chases everything and has a strong

kick, especially towards goal.

Harrison **FERRY** Harrison is another of our great on-ballers, really quick to the loose footy and

good at moving it on up the ground with a handball or kick.

Liam LOUGHREY Liam's happy outlook on life usually comes with a hint of mischief but when he

takes to the oval he's very serious about the game. He looks ahead and passes up

field very well.

Meera CHINNAPPA Meera started the year like many at the quieter end of the spectrum but has

certainly grown in confidence this year and now has no qualms rushing forward

to grab that ball.

Nathan **MURPHY** Nathan has definite passion and commitment which means he has lots of

possessions. This year his kicking and handballing have really come on and he's

becoming a complete player.

Oscar HOGG Oscar really enjoys his footy and gets involved all the way from full back to full

forward. He loves to run with the ball and is very careful about where he kicks it

to.

Riley's big grin lights up the oval when he comes on, he's fast around the ground and when he has the ball he always works to get it up to his team mates.

Yan Yu **SIMMONS** Yan Yu joined us a few games into the season but quickly made her mark

getting best on ground her first week! She's built on that improving all her skills.

UNDER 7's



Coaches Report - Adrian Walton & Noel Ford

It was an absolute pleasure to be a part of a successful and enjoyable season of junior AFL with such a wonderful group of boys and girls. The start of the year saw our experienced players return to be bolstered by a pool of very talented new players, and for all the rate of development accelerated on a week-by-week basis (weather permitting!) as all the players demonstrated the old sporting adage "the harder I work, the better I play".

Both the Silver and Teal teams were a great example of the old adage that a "star team will beat a team of stars". For teams of such tender years, they were committed to playing as a team, backing each other up, passing the ball and displaying unselfish play at all times. As a result, they have the ability to send the ball accurately from the backline to the forwards with the players in all combinations and achieved a number of high scores during the season (not that the parents need to maintain the scores – the players always know the result)!

An abiding memory of this season will be the team work these young players exhibited. By season end 'goal of the match' and 'best on ground' were regularly awarded to the whole team, indicative of the passion and skills of our young players.

Thank you very much to all of our supporters – you all truly made the season very special for all concerned. A special thank you to Jen – pulled the season off without a hitch and managed to do it with a smile for everyone. Although it is difficult to single out any parents as you were all incredibly supportive and helpful we would like to send a very special thank you to Vaughn Paul, James Shirlaw and Paul O'Leary for their extra efforts in helping coach throughout the season and to Margaret Cassidy for all the brilliant photos every Saturday.

Enjoy the off season, some sleep on Saturday mornings and the happy thought that it all kicks off again in only a few months. We know we can't wait, and look forward to seeing all the families again next year.

Player Profiles

Travis **BLUNDELL** One of our original players who stands out each week for his hard ball gets and

clean disposals. Travis is developing solid all round footy skills. His blistering

finish to the season promises big things for next year.

Olivia CAIN Another good season from one of the best team players running around. Renown

for always chasing the ball with full determination and looking for team mates

to pass to.

Ely **CORLISS** Good first season from Ely who quickly picked up the essentials of the game.

Ely's confidence grew with each possession he earned. We look forward to

seeing him continue to develop his skills next year.

Zachary **DENNIS** Quickly settled into the Drummoyne colours, scoring a number of excellent

goals and taking confident marks. Displays very good positional play and

hunger for the ball. One to watch for the future.

Brendan **FORD** Another successful season of footy under his belt. Brendan can play anywhere

with confidence, consistently starting off attacks with pinpoint passing to open

players as well as being an accurate kick for goal.

Bryson **HART** If ever a player has "future tough fullback" written all over him, it is certainly

Bryson. Loves to close down attackers, but also cracks a huge smile when he

plants the ball between the big sticks.

Nicholas **JENNEKE** An excellent first Power season from Nick. Consistently in the running for

player of the match, Nick used his height well to win the ball and was a key goal

scorer.

Luke enjoyed a terrific start to his AFL career. One of the most consistent

performers in the team, particularly in midfield or defence. Made many

memorable marks and goal line saves throughout the season.

James LOUGHNAN James is the player the opposition love to try and close down. Always dangerous

with the ball in hand, setting up play with clever disposals as well as accurate

goal shooting. A ruckman of the future.

Jessica MCKEE Brought strong footy skills and a sociable approach to the game. Jess was a true

delight to have in the team, scoring valuable goals and consistently winning the

'best hair' award.

George **MORGAN** Looked like Nick Malceski with his runs from defence (how did he develop the

body swerve)? Always hungry for the ball and matched his determination with

accurate passing and regular goal kicking.

Conal **O'LEARY** A gutsy season of footy from Conal. Has the ability to read the game and be in

the right place for the ball. Combined with his determination, Conal is another to

watch next year.

Josh **PINTER** Played some terrific footy consistently. Josh works hard in winning contested

possessions for the team. Developed a magnificent swerve step, earning him the

inaugural 'Fred Astaire' award.

Ryan SHIRLAW Another great season from Ryan. Still perfecting the Micky O check side shot,

Ryan is a quality all round footballer who plays well above his age. Look out for

this one in 2009.

Liam **SOPER** A first year player, Liam has been improving since he started. Likes to take off

up the corridor with the ball in hand. Always keen to make an impression by

looking to get a piece of the action.

Darcy **BOUWMAN** Our tallest player who in his first season is already showing potential as a

ruckman with some great tap outs at the centre ball up and some strong marks

around the ground. Well done Darcy.

Jasper **LONG** A great second season with a strong performance around all parts of the ground

and always displaying good sportsmanship and teamwork. Jasper is always ready to dive in to get the ball and pass it to a team mate. Great work Jasper.

Holly **ANDERSON** Holly is a real asset to the team where she always worked hard to the get ball

and trained hard every Wednesday night. In her third season, Holly is solid with

her ruck work and keen to support her team mates.

Luke WALTON

Luke continues to improve his ball skills and game sense where he had a very

positive impact on the flow of the ball and its delivery down to the forwards in a number of the games he played. In his third season, Luke is learning that

concentration leads to greater success!

Louis **MULLINS** WOW! What a first Season with Louis showing a marked improvement in every

game. This led to a great improvement, particularly with his kicking, and Louis kicking a great goal in his last game for the season. Louis has set a solid

foundation for a great season next year.

Corey **GRIFFIN** Corey had a great first season where he took plenty of clean marks and read the

game well and I can't wait to see him progress even further next season. Keep

up the kicking practice over the summer Corey!

Josh PAUL In his third season. Josh continued where he left off last year with strong

marking and plenty of goals. Josh is developing into a fine player in particular when the ball is on the ground and he manages to get possession of the ball. A

great rover in the making.

Blaise MCKEE A real thinker with plenty of all round ability. Blaise is an excellent example of

a player with the sense of how to make space and develop opportunities for himself and his team mates. Above all Blaise is team player and always committed to doing his best. Well done on a great second season with the

Power.

Fraser **PHILLIPS** On off season recruit from Geelong (huge transfer fee paid) with plenty of

natural ability and speed. As the season unfolded Fraser had many highlights with great marking, prodigious kicks and his approach to teamwork is getting

better every game. Fraser has got a very bright future.

Callum **DALY** A commendable first season with Callum being very keen at training and getting

his share of possessions one each game day. Callum is a player of the future and

I can't wait to see him next season.

Alistair MOORE Alistair had a great season. While he had played in previous seasons, he was

very focused during 2008 and his game sense improved in every game. A pleasure to have on the team and will be even better next season. Great stuff!

Brendan **DOYLE**Brendan's third season with the Power was another strong season with a very

mature approach to being focused throughout the match and reading the game well and anticipating play. He is one of the longest kicks in the team and his marking makes him a very valuable player who has the potential to go all the

way. Keep up the great work.

James **COOPER**This was James' first full season of Auskick after a few weeks initiation in the

West during 2007. As the season progressed James was the real improver with getting involved in the flow of the game and getting plenty of possessions around the ground. He has developed some good strong kicking which puts him

in good stead for next season.

Henry CAIN

Henry played up an age group this year and acquitted himself well with strong clean marks and accurate kicking. Henry always displayed a high level of sportsmanship and team work. He was committed to supporting his team mates and will have a great season next year.

Billy VAXEVANIS

While Billy joined the team late in the season, it didn't take long for Billy to get into the rhythm of the game and trained well. He displayed enthusiasm for getting the ball and we are looking forward to Billy playing next season.

UNDER 8's



TEAL

Coaches Report - Anthony McNamara & Mark Parker

This year the Under 8's were fortunate enough to have had the numbers for two team Silver and Teal, we were lucky enough to help out with the Teal team.

The season started out with nine players but we were lucky enough to gain Kosta towards the end of the season. Of these 10, 4 were new AFL players that joined our core group from past years. All the boys gelled very quickly into a team to be reckoned with, playing with and for their team mates.

Like last season we had to deal with the weather again, several matches were rained out and illness took its toll on the players, also the Pope made an impact on our schedule, unfortunately causing the cancellation of a round, though the parents were glad not to have to fight for parking at Trumper.

We had a little trouble finding a coach this year by in the end we were blessed to find 2 great coaches in Mark Parker on the Wednesday training nights, and Anthony McNamara who officiated all, yes all, our Saturday games. Without the assistance of these two gentlemen, Jodie and I might have become some of the first female coaches, can you imagine that. Please don't!

We would like to thank all the parents for their support again this year, our wonderful coaches Mark and Anthony and especially the kids for making this year another year to remember.

Jodie and I are looking forward so seeing all of you back next season when we step up to the Under 9's and start the journey out of Auskick and into the big league.

See you all next year!

Player Profiles

Lindon **DURRANT** Lindon was one of the new players to join us this year. He started the year off a

little timidly but built up the confidence to be one of the best ruckmen we had.

Sean **FERREIRA** Has been with the club for a few years now, and his skill level this year took off

at a rate of knots, he is still a little shy around the ball but his reading of the play

is second to none.

Charlie **GRIFFITH** Another new player this year, Charlie was very shy in the game, but with the

help of his team mates Charlie become the man that fought for every ball on the

ground.

Bryce **HANKEY** This is Bryce's second year, and what a year he had. He found the right

breakfast cereal to eat because he always put in 110% every match, and in every

position you put him in.

Angus MCNAMARA Another returning player, Angus found the confidence this year to take it up to

the opposition. Most were bigger than him but that didn't stop him showing

them how to play AFL.

Lewis **PATTON** This season Lewis found his feet, literally. Lewis became one of our most

accurate goal kickers. Whether is was right in front or off to the side he rarely

missed.

Thomas **QUEENAN**Thomas' celebrations might have mellowed but his passion for the game hasn't.

All around the field he is great but his friendship with every one is a joy to see.

Ben **SANDERS** Another great roving player, Ben has the ability to play in any position the coach

wants, whether it is marking in the centre, goal from the forward line or tackles

in defence.

Jonah VAN WACHEM

Another new recruit this season, Jonah learnt the game very quickly, becoming

an integral part of the team especially in defence stealing the ball is a specialty

of his.

Kosta VAXEVANIS Kosta joined the team towards the end of the season, unfortunately the Pope

came to town, next week it rained and he got the flu. Kosta, we are looking

forward to next season.

SILVER

Coaches Report - Darren Vogrig

In 2008, 20 players participated in Auskick's Under 8's. With such a show in numbers, this heralded the formation of two Under 8 teams – the Silver and Teal Team for which I was proud to help with the Silver Team. Of the ten players in the team, three were new AFL Auskickers (David, Joel & Will) joining the seven who had already been involved in previous years (Bailey, Billy, Hailey, Josh, Matthew, Michael & Philip). Little time went by before all players became comfortable with their new surroundings and coaching style which led to a cohesive team play spirit as the season progressed.

As with all teams, we endured match and training cancellations due to weather although somehow this seemed to strengthen our player's tenacity and will to play well when offered an 'open window' of sunshine.

We were fortunate to have Darren Vogrig volunteer his skills in coaching our players (and to the team's advantage drew additionally on his key skills in early childhood education). With sheer determination to coach the team towards cohesiveness, we all gained an appreciation of the sport and a sense of plain fun.

A thank you as well to Mark Parker, Anthony McNamara and John Ferreira who were there to support us during the training nights and match days. Last but not least, a note of thanks to the parents for their support throughout the season.

Well done to all our players! Here is to the memories gained in 2008 and looking forward to the year of the Under 9's in 2009.

Player Profiles

Bailey	COX	Bailer	/ started	cautiously	/ althoug	th as the	season	prog	gressed.	methodically	V

increased his stats with hand passing, kicking and marking. This paved the way for his strong presence with kicking and goal scoring in the last two matches of

the season.

Billy **BATESON** Throughout the season, Billy's one of two combinations came out – goal /

kicking or goal / marking. He was always in communication with his team

members and displayed that football and fun came as a pair.

David **FOWLER** David (the first of our new players) had to leave us for a while during mid

season although from the end of June until the end of the season showed us that

nothing gets in the way of team play, goal scoring and marking.

Hailey **VOGRIG** Magnetism between ball and player is what exists when Hailey is on the field. If

it's not hand passing and marking, it's kicking and goal scoring or just playing

the ball to support the team.

Joel GARDNER Joel (the second of our new players) has come through quietly as a very able

player with spurts of kicking and intercepting which had definitely influenced

the outcome of matches.

Josh's great team play, constant stats of goal scoring and kicking and great

communication with his team is what a team sport is all about.

Matthew **SHERIDAN** Matthew has never been one to shy from any approaching ball or opposition

player. When the goals are nearby or the opportunity arises to kick the ball from

back to forward zone, he always showed great energy and success.

Michael LAMBROPOULOS Throughout the season. Michael was able to successfully spread himself across

the areas of goal scoring, kicking, intercepting, hand passing and marking (sometimes to a point of getting literally 'knocked out' for that great mark).

Phillip RINGER Phillip showed great focus when it came to keeping the ball in play. He allows

himself time to take in where his team players are and immediately assesses

when to hand pass, mark or just go straight for the posts.

Will **HEINE** Will (the third of our new players) joined the team in June and started with a

bang by constantly pursuing the goal posts with his kicks whilst increasing his

stats when it came to marking throughout the rest of the season.

UNDER 9's - TEAL



Coaches Report – Peter Higgs

Overall this was a reasonably successful season and hopefully the boys enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

With five first year players joining us this year, success was always going to be judged on our improvement throughout the year rather than results on the field. Having said that our results were fairly commendable and we gave a good fight against most opposition.

The obvious highlights were our match ups with our brothers from Silver when the intensity on both the field and sidelines had to be seen to be believed. To split the regular season one all and the have the round robin result decided on the last kick of the day was indeed uplifting for myself as the Auskick Co-ordinator.

Thanks must go to Glen Burgess for his efforts in getting the two teams up and running and for his pre-season training efforts.

Obviously as we know, a good management and support team is necessary to keep these things ticking along so my sincere and heart felt thanks to Lindy, Richard, Mark, Mario, Mara, Tom, Nittin and Niti.

Well done guys - it has been a pleasure to be involved with you.

Player Profiles

Alex **BULLEY** Being a first year player, Alex found the going a bit tough at times.

As the season progressed so did Alex's skill levels but there is still room for improvement on the training track. Well done and keep working on those

handball skills.

Luca **CARUSI-LEES** With other sporting commitments we did not see a great deal of Luca this year.

What we did see was an ability to attract the footy and provide great run for the

team.

Ed CROCKER

A key member of our mosquito fleet, Ed loves a goal and kicked a couple of beauties throughout the year. With a little better understanding of the coaches requirements Ed appears to have a bright future with the Power.

Darby **DURACK**

What have I created! I have known Darby over his career as a quiet character who "got" the footy when it came to him. This year I challenged him to "get" the footy with strength and commitment. What a transformation! Darby did not lose a single contested situation in match conditions and set a great example for our team.

Joe DUSEVIC

Joe had a quieter year than I expected on his previous career form. Medical tests provided a reason for this and such his performances were indeed commendable. Always a dominant player in the air Joe has really come a long way with disposals off his non preferred side being a highlight to the coaching staff. Looking for a big season next year Joe.

Charlie GIBBS

Charlie had a great year taking a few by surprise with his marking skills being a highlight. Tends to get caught up in the social aspect of matches at times but when his focus is on the game, watch out. Keep it going Charlie and continue to work hard at getting the footy.

Rohan GUPTA

Hard to believe that Rohan was a first year player as from the time he hit the ground running at Bat and Ball Oval until seasons end he left a trail of scorched turf across all grounds. A pleasure to coach, Rohan developed all skills asked of him particularly overhead. With some off season work on his kicking style a bright future seems possible.

Tim KENZLER

Tim worked hard on his kicking all year and improvements were noted by the coaching staff. As a leader in the backline, Tim provided plenty of solid play to set things up for his team mates. With a solid pre season Tim looks sets to take the next step.

Riley LUCAS

Mr Everything. Riley has it all except for a left foot which he is working very hard at perfecting. Took on the responsibility for guiding the team around the paddock all season and thankfully the umpires did not understand Auskick zones as Riley was in them all. My evil plans to use him as a tagger in some games reaped great rewards as he not only stopped his opponent but got a bunch of it as well. A pleasure to coach.

Jack PACEY

Jack had a solid year and is developing nicely into an all around footballer. He has worked on his skills overhead and understands the need to train hard to keep these improvements happening. Well done Jack.

James PELLEGRINO

James is another first year player who took to our game with great aplomb. He is another mosquito fleet member who provided plenty of run. Off season skills sessions on his kicking style will see James develop into a top liner. Great stuff James.

James RACITI

Another left footer, James has some good skills and provided plenty of enthusiasm around the huddle. With a little more confidence in his own skills James can get enough of the footy to help any team.

Ben ROWLEY

In his first season Ben was a little tentative at first but just kept improving his skills through hard work at training all year. Tried so hard to slot that elusive goal all year and just fell short. I really enjoyed Ben's efforts throughout the year.

Jordan WILLIS

Fantastic year from Jordan as he took great steps forward to really show improvements in his skill levels. He got involved in everything this year and slotted some great team lifting goals. Great stuff Jordan.

UNDER 9's - SILVER



Coaches Report - Glen Burgess

I set out to enjoy the Under 9's play the season from the sidelines each week armed with a cappuccino and an egg and bacon roll. Due to player numbers and the need for an additional coach, I somehow put my hand up to coach the "Silver" team. This was a decision I certainly have not regretted as I have really enjoyed being part of the "Team Silver".

The team was an interesting mix of established Drummoyne players, boys from coming from other clubs, players returning from a year off and a handful new to the game. What did stand out in the pre-season was an enthusiastic bunch of boys who all liked and complemented each other. At training it was sometimes like "herding cats" but we all had fun!

At the beginning I simply set out to get the boys to develop their skills as the season progressed, enjoy their footy, play as a team and to have some fun and hopefully success in the process. Our first game at the Bat & Ball Oval exceeded all expectations and was a clear sign to all that the team was going to have a great season.

The boys' enthusiasm and passion to play footy only needed a little guidance from me as it was their collective on field efforts that resulted in a fantastic season. The team worked hard each week and soon became a great unit that demonstrated great sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the game.

If I have had a positive influence on the boys to enjoy their footy and to play in the true spirit of the game then it has been a truly great year. I am proud of every member of the team and wish all well for the coming years.

Thank you to all the parents for their support in cheering the boys on and for ensuring the boys were always at training and on time come game day. Thank you to every family who happily contributed their time to support the team. I am also very appreciative of the assistance at training provided by Jamie Barkley, Sean Rankin, Alex Henderson and Nick Stevanovic.

A big thank you to JulieAnne Anderson for her excellent support as Team Manager. Behind the scenes everything ran like clockwork with JA continually keeping everyone informed of what was happening and building great team spirit. Thank you once again to all the boys for what was a great year and hopefully you will all return in 2009.

Player Profiles

Lachlan ANDERSON Lachlan was always passionate and committed to defending the goals. He used

his height to advantage in the ruck and in marking contests. Lachlan always listened and ready to learn at training so that he could improve his skills. Great

work in defence this year.

Rory **BARKLEY** Rory is an inspirational player and stood out every game. He has a natural desire

and desperation to win the ball and worry opponents out of a contest. A great asset for the team with great speed, a penetrating and accurate kick and a

passion for football.

Salil **BARRETT** New to the game, Salil has improved his ball handling, tackling and kicking

over the season. He was a keen member of the team who put into practice what

he learned at training. He will develop into a good player

Lachlan BURGESS Lachlan was a solid reliable performer. He has good game sense, reads the play

well good and accurate with his disposals that usually found a team mate. He is

adept all over the round and has developed a fond liking for tackling.

Murali **CHINNAPPA** With number 12 firmly plastered on his back, Murali set out to play good footy

every game taking some great marks throughout the season. Murali had an improved second half of the season and could be counted on to take a solid mark

when needed.

Brendan **FLEMING** Brendan returned after a year's break. He was always ready to give his best and

a great team player who kicked some memorable goals.

Rhys **FLETCHER** Rhys was one of the big improvers this season. Particularly good in defence,

Rhys reads the play well and has a very reliable and accurate kick. Rhys will

certainly continue to develop his skills next year.

Sandy **HENDERSON** Sandy has developed into a key member of the team. He has great composure

and an uncanny ability to back himself through traffic. An emerging talent for the club who contributed to the play all over the ground. Sandy has great

marking and kicking skills.

Jack LOUGHNAN Jack worked hard to improve his skills and started to really come of age in the

second half of the season. He has developed into one of the best tacklers in the

team who will relish the step up next season.

Angus MCNAMARA Our "Rookie" was a terrific and valuable acquisition to the team. He was agile

and potent in the forward line and kicked some memorable goals. Thank you

Angus for making an outstanding contribution to the team

Lewis **MCNAMARA**Never any doubt about his passion and enthusiasm for the game and his team.

Lewis is a key contributor who continued to chase down the ball and throw himself into any and all contests. He took some terrific marks and kicked many

smart goals on the run. Great commitment and determination all season.

Seamus O'LEARY Seamus was always an enthusiastic and keen player and worked hard every

game. He always had a smile on his face and was the first to offer to play for the

opposition when required. He is a really good sport and team player.

Patrick O'LEARY Patrick started the year strongly and was progressing well. He reads the play

well and is a valuable team player. Unfortunately Patrick was only able to play

in the first three games.

Angus **RANKIN** Another great season from Angus. He was a solid contributor this year up

forward and back and was prominent in many passages of play and his height a key asset around goals and in the ruck. Angus has a penetrating kick that kept

the team moving in the right direction.

Ben STEVANOVIC

Ben showed eagerness and potential from day one. A combination of penetrating kicks, evasion skills and a great turn of speed enabled Ben to control play and establish himself as a key player. Ben played for the team and played consistently well each week.

Jack VOZZO

It was great to have Jack in the team. He worked hard and tirelessly all game and was particularly impressive and potent in the backline. He impressed with his skills and created plenty of forward moves with smart unselfish handballing.

UNDER 10's - SILVER



Coaches Report - John O'Donoghue

I have been associated with this club since 2004 when my son Jack joined Auskick. Since then I have been very impressed by the way the club was run so professionally, the new friends I was making around the club and why people keep coming back to the club year after year.

About 12 months ago Darren Lewtas asked me if I would like to coach the Under 10's. It was something I've always wanted to do but somehow thought I would never get the chance. Thank you to Darren and the Drummoyne Football Club for giving me this opportunity. I did the Level 1 Coaches Course in February and then it was straight down to preseason training to coach the Under 10's Silver. John Ferreira, the Under 10s Teal coach and Jon Williamson, my Assistant Coach were also there and I must thank them for their support and help at training and on game day throughout the year.

By the first round we were ready to play but it was obvious that Silver may have been more lucky with the draw than our team mates at Teal. After two wins in the first two rounds, we faced the undefeated Newtown and all (including the coach) received a big wake up call after the loss. Someone once said coaching can take you to some very dark places and after that first loss I think I went to some of those dark places but since then I have accepted defeat as just one of those things that comes with playing football and I am slowly getting used to it!

At the halfway point of the season we were five wins and three losses and a final beckoned but we had a horror run home with the draw playing the top four sides in the last four games and ended up with seven wins and eight losses, finishing 5th on the ladder and just outside the finals.

We had some memorable wins during the season, particularly the last quarter effort against Maroubra Black. Leading by a point at three quarter time and after consuming copious quantities of coloured snakes we kicked the last two goals of the game to seal victory. The 12 goal demolition of Concord at Hansen Oval was not unexpected, but everyone got amongst the goals, even Angus. Perhaps the gutsiest win I have been associated with was the four point win over East Blue at Five Dock Park. With half the team on their sick beds, we managed to beat one of the top teams by four points in a very low scoring and dour affair. The last quarter tested the resolve of players, coaches and parents alike.

As with any team, you are only as good as the people you have around you and we had a great team with us this year. From Selena Barkley our Manager for working tirelessly all year, David Sanders, Noel Storan and David Foster for doing the match reports and stats, Terry Papapetros for his goal umpiring, Louise Chilton for the photos, Jamie Barkley for letting us train at the SCG and finally to all the parents who helped out at training, washed all those jumpers, provided the snakes, did the votes, taxied the guys around and paid for those sausage sandwiches – thank you!

As for the players, it has been an absolute pleasure to coach these guys this year and I am proud of all of them. There is so much obvious and hidden potential in this team and I believe with this group they can go all the way, some day. Here's to a finals berth in 2009.

Go Silver!

Player Profiles

Nicholas **FORD** Nick had an interrupted season with cricket and holiday commitments but still

managed to dazzle when he got on the field. A dangerous long kicking forward Nick kicked six goals for the season including a memorable last quarter goal against Maroubra Black. With one post to aim at Nick curled it in and sealed the

game for Silver.

Tom **SANDERS**Tom was also busy with Representative cricket this year and turned up

unexpectedly after a holiday in Tuscany half jet lagged but still managed to turn in a blinder against Maroubra Black. A versatile player with two goals, Tom settled into a more familiar role at centre half back with his strong tackling,

hardness at the ball and overhead marking.

Nich olas **ADGEMIS** Nick in his first year with the club made an explosive debut in round 8 against

Concord with three goals and finished with five for the season. Nick does not mind getting his hands dirty and his hard work at the stoppages improved as the

season went on.

Klaus **KAZAMIAS** Klaus made his debut in round 4 and soon got amongst it with some of the

veterans showing him the way. Klaus needs to work on his kicking skills but

shows great potential with his desire for the ball.

Eden **NICHOLLS** Eden was an absolute revelation this year with his courage and complete

domination of the ruck. With his deft tap work to Lefty he made sure Silver always got first use of the ball. Eden played consistently in every game this year including his last quarter effort against East Blue. To hold it up in our forward

line for 10 minutes in the last quarter and give us victory was a delight.

Brandon LAYOUN Brandon's attack on the ball and his role as a ball carrier is now the stuff of

legend. With nine goals for the season, Brandon knows where the goals are and a haul of three in the second quarter in round 2 against Concord was a season highlight. His season was unexpectedly cut short in the second last quarter of the final game of the season, when he fell awkwardly and fractured his arm. We

look forward to welcoming him back in 2009.

Lachlan MCLEAN Lachlan took the next step this season in his third year at the club with greatly

improved skills in marking and kicking. His reputation as the hardest tackler in the squad was highlighted in the game against Teal when he was rewarded with

a free kick in the forward line and slotted one in from a long way out.

Selina **WILLIAMSON** After debuting in 2004 Selena celebrated 50 games this season in the game

against East Red. Selina continues to work on all aspects of her game and is one

of those players who shows great potential.

Liam STORAN Liam had a tremendous season at fullback with his strong defence, ability to

read the play and those attacking runs out of the back line. His form was rewarded with a Representative selection, but his guts and determination to play out the game against East Blue when he was physically ill on the field, and help give us victory was something to behold. Liam also became a TV Star late in the season appearing in a NAB Auskick commercial which was a fitting end to his third year at the club.

Angus CHILTON

Angus, in his first year at the club, was a real surprise to all who witnessed him play. The smallest and youngest player in the team, Angus somehow enjoyed picking up the biggest player on the other team and annoying him for the rest of the game. Some kicking practice at training one night paid dividends when a few days later he snagged a goal against Concord and made this coach very happy.

Izaac FOSTER

Izaac is the longest serving player in the team having debuted in 2003. Each year he quietly goes about his business and has developed into a talented winger or half forward. The "veteran" kicked one of the goals of the season in round 1 against Glebe when he gathered the ball on the wing and took off to kick a long goal on the run.

Rhys **PATTON**

Rhys, in his fifth year at the club, continues to go from strength to strength with his marking and handballing. He took some very telling marks in some crucial games and finished with one goal for the season.

William PAPAPETROS

William is one of the best kicks in the Silver team which probably explains why he was our leading goal kicker with 11. A strong overhead mark also helps and William has this covered too. Probably took the mark of the year in the round 5 clash against Wests.

Sam BARKLEY

What can you say about Lefty? He is one of the most talented and naturally gifted young footballers going around. Combining with Eden his attack and ability to win the ball, break a tackle, run with it and then drive it deep into our forward line was outstanding and he did this in every game. A strong overhead mark, he also kicked seven goals and was voted best player in the Representative Squad. He did not play a bad game all year and is hot favourite for the Best and Fairest. Well done Sam!

Oliver BOURKE

Oliver in his 4^{th} year at Drummoyne is a consistent contributor all over the field, is never too far from the ball and relishes his new found role as a tagger in the midfield. A hard tackler, Oliver also bobbed up with three goals for the season, two in the last quarter against Glebe which turned the game in our favour.

Jack O'DONOGHUE

Described by his Representative Coach as "A Bit Of A Hard Man" Jack's work around the packs this year was outstanding with lots of hard ball gets which proved he is not afraid of the rough stuff. He also got amongst the goals with eight for the season and settled nicely into a half back flank position in his fifth year at the Power.

William ANTHONY

William, in his fifth year at the club, kicked one of the goals of the season in round 2 against Concord but seemed more at home in defence in the back pocket next to Liam. For a small man he put in some huge side on bumps during the year that had the opposition gasping for breath.

Bryce WHITTAKER

The other lefty in the team, Bryce in his first year at the club started slowly but really worked hard on his skills during the season and his kicking improved tremendously. Always threatening in the goal square as a crumber Bryce was desperate for a goal that never came. That's why we want him back in 09!

UNDER 10's - TEAL



Coaches Report - John Ferreira

As the new kid on the block, I had a lot to learn this season. I have always coached little ones so it was a big step up to the Under 10's. But I was fortunate enough to find myself with a great bunch of kids, great parents who helped out at every turn and the best manager in the world in Lidia. I am very grateful for all your help over the season.

As a team, we had a slow start to the season with our first win a few games in against the Cats. We had several new players and after a few weeks they gelled as a formidable unit, our confidence soared after a win in the local derby against the Silver team, but illness and other commitments took their toll in middle of the season.

The second half of the season saw us find our feet with yet another win in the return match of the Silver/Teal derby. After this we come up against The Pope who moved our game to a Sunday and all the top teams of the competition, but we sure did give them a run for their money, needing just the last game to win to squeeze into the finals, but that was not to be.

Hopefully all the boys will return next season as in my humble opinion they are all destined for greatness.

Player Profiles

Briar **BLUNDELL** This boy can fly, he was hard to corral but once we decided that he was the

rover he made his mark in almost all of the games.

Matthew **SHEPHERD** Often arrived running from THAT other code but always gave his all in the

centre or any where else that we put him.

Sam **CIVIDIN** This boy has an AFL head on his shoulders, his reading of the play left me

dumbfounded some times, so it was lucky that he knew what to do.

Tommy **DOYLE** Tommy always put in 100%, either at training or at the game, always going

where I asked and trying out all my unusual tactics.

Isaac FALVEY Isaac quickly became a great on baller, always going in for the contested mark

or the hard ball get. Looking forward to seeing him next season.

Jonny **GARRICK** Jonny might be one of the smallest players but that didn't stop him having the

biggest go. Always fighting for the ball, he is a joy to watch.

Ari LINTZERIS Ari was in inspirational player this year over coming a hand injury that could

have put him out of the game for a very long time, but he overcame that to be a

great team player.

Seb **VERVOORT** Seb may have been a quiet achiever at the start of the year, but once he found

his place in the team, on the ground he was hard to miss.

Ben is a great all around player, always doing what was needed cheering on his

team mates and encouraging everyone. Even me sometimes.

Max **MOLINARI** Max became one of the "go to" boys in the team. After a quiet start he grew into

a player the boys looked to, always there and reliable.

Calum LAVERY

As with all the players in the team, Calum has become one of the players that

the other boys came to rely on. Stay tuned this boy is going places.

Rory **O'SHEA** While Rory may have been definitely the shyest boy on the team, the second

half of the season saw his feet learn how to kick goals; we just couldn't keep

him away from the big sticks.

Nathan CARRICK Nathan is an all round A1 team player always happy to take the lead and be first

on the ball.

Anthony **LAWRENCE** Anthony may not have been our flashy player but as far as team players go he

was tops, consistent and a joy to see his improvement each week.

Sam **RUTTLEY** Sam joined us in round 5 and quickly became a valuable contributor to the team.

Sam's skills developed significantly as the season progressed and he reads the

play very well.

UNDER 11's



Coaches Report - Jason Sansom

It was fantastic to start the new season on clear autumn day at Bat and Ball Park, we fronted up to a determined Glebe White side and at half time there was nothing in the match. Unfortunately after half time Glebe proved a little stronger and ran away with a four goal win.

In round two we came up against a very strong Maroubra side however again at half time there was only 1 kick in it. As per round one we faded in the second half to be well beaten on the day.

The team was still very enthusiastic at training and trying hard on the park each Saturday with little result until round six came around and our first true home game at Drummoyne oval. Again the score was tight in the first half and even at three quarter time there wasn't a lot in it. The team was very determined to not let this one slip and stormed home in the last quarter to post a 49 point win and sing the club song for the first time in 08.

This game proved to be the turning point of the season. Once the team had registered its first win then the confidence was there to tackle any other side head on. Although we went on to drop the next two games by 2 goals each the signs were still encouraging as the team was running out the game and not giving up until the final siren.

Therefore at the halfway mark of the season we had amassed 1 win, 6 losses and sat 8th on the ladder.

It was about this time that it all seamed to come together and the side was able to win its next three games playing some fantastic running team football. It was a joy to watch the skills of each of the players develop but more so the way the side grew together and played as a team. The running style suited the side and when in full flight they were very difficult to beat.

It was a little unfortunate that we left our run a little too late in the season to make the finals. There were a number of opposing sides that were glad that we didn't quite get there as well given the type of determination that the side had gained over the second half of the season.

At the end of the regular season we had finished with 5 wins, 8 losses and missed out on the finals by one spot by finishing 5^{th} .

When you consider that 10 of the 22 players in the side were new to the team this year it goes to show the quality of both the new and established players. It was very noticeable once given a little time to get used to each other and the game how well they could play as a team. As long as they stick together and all turn out again next year I am sure that a finals berth is not to far away.

It is very important to note that whether the team was winning or losing the attitude and spirit shown by the entire side throughout the year was fantastic.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved with a fantastic bunch of boys and girls (even if it did take me half the season to learn all of their names) and hope that they all come back next year.

Special thanks must go to Tracey (Team Manager), Peter (Rev up coach and runner), Gavin (Runner), 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 22 kids listed below that turned up week in and week out both to training and the games they all carried the same attitude throughout the season that although winning is great its even better just getting out there and having a go with your mates.

Player Profiles

Gabrielle FERREIRA	Had another great year	ar playing predominately	on the wings and	flanks. Gabby is
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a tireless worker with great skills and is rarely beaten. She always seems to find space to run into with her kicking and hand passing skills a feature of her play.

Elijah **LENTON** One of the sides midfielders who brings other players into the game. Elijah has

terrific skills by either hand or foot and works hard all day. Elijah worked to the

team plan of a running style of football to perfection.

Ewan **SPINKS** The first of the new players to the team Ewan settled into the side early and his

never say die attitude was something to watch. Has the speed and agility as well

as determination to develop very well in the game.

Michael **ROBERTS** The second of our first year players to Drummoyne who also had strong skills

for the game. The one attribute that really stood out with respect to Michael was how well he read the play. Michael consistently positioned himself to intercept

the ball time and time again.

Dan T played a significant number of games at fullback this year for two

primary reasons his strong marking and long accurate kicking in from defence. On the odd occasion that he had a run in the middle or went forward he was

always difficult for the opposition to manage

Maso **GIROTTO** Who could forget that smile. Maso another of our first year players who

developed his skills over the course of the season and who always participated

with a smile on his face either at training or during the game.

Sam **CLARKE** One of those traditional in and under players who works hard all day. He is very

difficult to beat in a one on one contest either in defence or attack which makes

him very versatile player.

Tim **WOHLFIEL** Missed the first few games but once Tim started it became apparent that he was

going to be able to add some speed to the side. Tim plays terrific team football always looking to share the ball around and with his burst of speed difficult for

opposition sides to handle.

Dominic LAWRENCE Our tireless ruckman who worked hard all day at both ends of the ground. A

strong mark and accurate kick to boot will be missed next year. Dom all the best

down in Melbourne.

Joshua IACONO Another hard worker pulling on the boots for the first time this year at

Drummoyne. Missed a few games through the middle of the season but when he

returned still worked just as hard game in game out.

Ethan WILLIS

"Spida" another player who has the ability to read the play very well. Also works hard at ground level with solid bumps and tackles a real asset to the side with his hardness at the ball.

Anthony **ROBERTSON**

Anthony developed very well throughout the year and when thrown into the ruck at short notice produced a stirling performance. Takes a good strong mark and defensively plays the game very tight in a one on one situation.

Jack KEYNES

When Jack missed a number of games through the mid to latter part of the season due to injury he still turned up to training week in week out as well as on match day to support his team mates. Once back on the paddock another of those in and under type of players who never lost the passion to get to the ball first. A true team player in every sense of the word.

Brock TAYLOR

Brock played most of the season across the half backline primarily due to his ability to take strong marks under pressure. Brock constantly rebounded the ball off the half backline and always placed significant pressure on his opponent when they had the ball.

Daniel QUINLAN

Dan Q is one of our key small forwards and would constantly come up with the ball from the bottom of the pack. This desire to get to the ball first often led to Dan receiving free kicks by playing in front thus giving us numerous opportunities to score.

Nick BERTINO

Nick had a great season across the centre always putting his body on the line. Nicks skills are very strong by hand or foot and he runs all day. One of the true leaders within the team Nick always worked hard at either training or during the game, keep up the good work Nick.

Luke EGAN

What a versatile player Luke is, no matter where I through Luke I knew he could do the job. Whether playing deep in defence, through the middle or in the forward line Luke always gave 100 percent and played some classy football to boot.

Xavier NELSON

Another of our versatile players, however Xavier settled into our forward line and managed to kick a number of goals due to skills by foot and evasiveness. Who could forget goal at Jubilee Park when Xavier pick the ball up on centre wing (and with fantastic shepherding from his team mates) took two bounces running into the right forward pocket to kick a check side goal on the run that never looked like missing. One of the true memorable moments of the season.

Dylan **HIGGS**

A true work horse within the side, played predominately on the wing or across the flanks. Runs all day and is one of the best tacklers in the competition. DT is a team player who is always thinking about the game on the field he places tremendous physical pressure on the opposition often leading to them making mistakes. His tackling shepherding and bumping are something to behold and will serve him well into the future

Alexander PERRY

Alex the rock of Gibraltar across the half backline. Alex constantly taking strong marks and delivering the ball long into the forward line. He made centre half back his own and always worked hard to keep the opposition out, a very good first season at the Power.

Briar LUCAS

Again another of our first year players who grew and grew throughout the season. Playing up in the forward line Briar was always working hard around the fall of the ball and her marking became a real focal point in the latter half of the year.

Lachlan JOHNSON

Lachlan tackles and bumps as hard as any player in the side. He always ensures that the opposition earns their kicks and places maximum pressure on them when they have the ball. Lachlan constantly puts his body on the line for the benefit of the team another true team player.

Alex TROVATO

Alex was a valuable member of our team but unfortunately was only able to play in the first four games. Alex reads the play well and commits himself to every contest.

UNDER 12's



Coaches Report - Simon Ringer

Season 2008 saw our club field one of the biggest Under 12's squads ever, with 29 starters at the beginning of the season. We went in to the season with goals around teamwork, skills development and enjoyment and we did achieve these, making 2008 a very important development year. We notched up two memorable wins for the season and there is plenty more wins ahead for this team as we continue to develop.

From a personnel viewpoint, this squad was a very different outfit to the previous Under 11's and there was not a great depth of AFL experience in the group. It was thus interesting to observe the level of improvement across the whole team in their read of the game, the significance of specific roles that individual players can have and the power of teamwork. That experience definitely makes for a worthwhile season of AFL. We certainly do have more work to do on the basic skills and our fitness but we made clear progress in understanding the dynamics of the game and that is an essential cornerstone for development.

The generous spirit amongst the team was a pleasure throughout the season and the will of the parents and boys to make the one-off 2008 collaboration with Concord work as well as it did was much appreciated by many in our league. The upside of this was that our boys were able to enjoy many more quarters of football than they otherwise would have. Each boy has at least one highlight that they will remember from this season – something that they can be proud of, as I am, and something that we can take in to season 2009 and make even bigger and better.

A big thank you to all the parents and players who were able to manage all of usual logistical challenges of the season, with wet weather and other factors imposing changes that were out of any of our hands. A special thank you must go to Ken Enderby for his dedicated service as Team Manager. We were all also very grateful to the inspiration from Alex Vozzo as Assistant Coach and the work of Kristian Ringer as team runner.

Thanks to the O'Dea family for the oranges – much appreciated. Thanks also to C.K. Chan, David Hatten and others for their work with the flags. We'll give you more to wave about next year. The regular support and encouragement from all Under 12 families was terrific.

Well done everyone!

Player Profiles

Hugo **BOTTRELL** Showed flashes again this season and was one of those players that learned how

to lay a big bump by seasons' end. Will be needed in 09.

Ka Yin **CHAN** Always gave something. A clever and hardworking mid-fielder who is one of

our most skilful players.

Samuel **CHILTON** A player with a big heart and a great sense of team. Every team needs a Sam

Chilton. Will improve in skills and speed.

Dominic **DEBS** Dom was great this year, showing loads of courage and guts when the tough

assignments were on. Took some great contested marks – has more

improvement to come.

Lachlan **DOWD** A natural backman, Lachie had a busy season and found himself in the thick of

it on many occasions. A great team man and leader.

Jake **DUNNE** Definitely a player that improved throughout the season and someone who

learned to compete in tough pack situations. Has developed a sensational hip

and shoulder!

Cameron **DURRANT** A steady performer for the team, both at training and on game day. Reliable and

always ready to offer encouragement to his team mates. Has some tough quarters of footy under his belt now and will take it to the next level in 09.

Tomas **EDWARDS** A terrific debut season for Tom. Spent most of his time in the backline and in

the middle and really started to 'get it' as the season progressed. Has the most important footy attributes of all: guts and determination. Is showing all the early

signs of a 'ball magnet'.

James ENDERBY Perhaps James' finest season. Spent most of his season roving, James was again

at the bottom of a lot of packs and did rack up a lot of possessions every game.

Is officially a 'ball magnet'.

Josh **EVANS** A fine all round sportsman, Josh showed us this year that he knows the game of

the AFL and has what it takes to be a top-notch player. Combines athleticism with skill and wit. It is going to be a delight to watch his game develop over the

coming years.

Mitchell **FERGUSON** One of our more experienced players, Mitch missed the first few games of this

season due to injury. The capacity and confidence of the team changed

immediately when Mitch returned. Can drop in to the forward line and will kick a goal or two and can play back in a defensive sweeping role. Is now starting to

blossom as an AFL player and is one to watch.

Sebastian **FOTEA** A classy, skilful player, who served the team tirelessly for much of the season in

the difficult position of ruckman. Has a lot of natural ability and will go far in

this game if he wants to. A real stalwart player of this team.

Nick GARRICK Lots of heart, combined with skill and courage, Nick had a good season. This

player did good things all season and always gave 100%, whether it was at

training, in a reps jumper or a Concord jumper. Leadership material.

Jack GIBBS Another one of our strong improvers over the season. We saw what happens

when this player discovers the fire in his belly to get the ball – get out of his way! Is one of several players that will continue to improve with more skills

work.

Ryan **GOLDER** A good season for Ryan because he showed some early promise as a forward

and finished the season as a genuinely dangerous target that caused all kinds of

headaches for opposition backlines. Also, a good team man. Has lot of further potential - definitely one to watch on 09.

Cameron **GRIFFITH** A terrific athlete who is progressively gathering the ball skills. Has a great

attitude to the game, able to concentrate and stick to his mission for the team.

Has enormous versatility and likes getting the ball in his hands. Well done Cam

– you have a lot to look forward to in this sport.

Marcus **HAMILTON** Knows the game of footy. An early contributor and team member at the start of

the season. We enjoyed the time we had with Marcus and hope to see him next

year.

Sean **HATTEN** Sean spent a lot of the year in the forward line but also came up the field for

stints as a ruckman. Was great to see the big fella airborne and winning hit outs. Sean is an important part of this team – he understands the game in detail and is

a fantastic team man. Will improve and kick goals in 09.

Oliver **KEMP** Demonstrated to us all that a lot can be achieved when we simply decide that we

want to be the one to get the ball. A good trainer, regular contributor on the field

and a great sport. Will benefit from the experience.

Matthew LAZ A gutsy mid-fielder that could always be relied on to give 110%. Strong on

encouragement for his team-mates and a player that led by example. Able to do clever things in tight situations. Will keep on developing and improving.

Robert MCDONALD A reliable player all year, Robbie played up and back and saw lots of action. Has

improved steadily throughout his time at Drummoyne and has become one of

our most versatile players.

Josh MUSTILLO A player that knows how to tackle and how to win a hard ball. Very much

hoping to see Josh back in 09.

Jack **O'DEA**A natural back-man, Jack is not afraid of the contest and to put a strong tackle

on someone twice his size. Made a significant difference to our scoreboard by stopping a number of goals on the last line. Has further improvement in him.

Chris **PAPAPETROS** A classic goal-sneak, Chris spent most of his time down forward and was

always dangerous. Understands about leading and getting into space. Can

improve further and shows promise as a dangerous forward.

Joseph **RINGER** A regular contributor in the middle and down back, able to combine a hard

tackling game with an ability to win the ball in difficult situations. Can improve

further in 09.

Alex **ROBERTSON** Spent most of the season in the forward line and was always dangerous. Has

skills and is developing the ball hunger that sets the scene for an exciting season

2009.

Jake **RUTTLEY** Joined late in the season and was a passionate contributor. We want to see more

of this boy – has good skills and attitude.

Harrison **THOMAS** A pleasure to coach – one of the real 'heart & soul' players of the team.

Combines skills and courage and keeps on improving. Will be another one to

watch closely in 09.

Jordan **TROVATO** Our gentle giant, Jordan was magnificent in his debut season. Rucked, played

forward and played a sweeping defensive role all will skill and courage. Improved steadily throughout the season and has genuine potential in the sport

of AFL. Look out for him in 09.

Joel **VOZZO** Speed, skill, stealth and steadiness – the sensational Joel Vozzo has a great year

mostly playing out of the centre. This guy is all class and we want to see more

of him next season. A joy to coach.

Angus WATERS

Steady in the backline, Angus was usually involved in the toughest packs and the heat of battle. Improved his marking and kicking significantly through the year and will have an important role in team 09.

A big thanks to others that contributed throughout the season and a special mention to little Ben Vozzo who stepped us for us a couple of time at short notice and shone! Well done all.

UNDER 13's



Coaches Report – Darren Lewtas

The Under 13's this year had a roller coaster ride. We had a few wins and a few more losses and were better for the journey. We grew as footballers, we welcomed some new faces and grew stronger together as a team.

Sincere thanks must go firstly to our Manager Denise Currie and Assistant Coaches Reay Nicholls and Barry Welsh, Runners Gavin Nelson and Oliver Thomsett and Goal Umpire Nick Vicic who together undoubtedly kept us all moving.

This team was an absolute pleasure to coach and full credit to the players whose sportsmanship and discipline both at training and game day was unprecedented. Special thanks to the Under 12's who played up each week and to Patrick who lent a hand at seasons end.

We had our share of injuries and school sport conflicts which are a part of any youth team but by and large, the team grew in courage, skill and sportsmanship. We go into a Sunday competition in season 2009 and if enthusiasm counts for anything the season can't come quick enough.

Player Profiles

Chris is a very handy addition to the backline he showed us plenty of pace and was

always ready to lay a tackle.

Jared **COMERFORD** Jared although a late inclusion to the side has all the attributes of a promising player.

Tough and fearless I'm sure we'll be reading more about Jared in years to come.

Liam is a likable larrikin; he is a very willing and capable team player and on field

took his role very seriously.

Austin **FISH** Aussie played equally well forward and back his understanding of the game at both

ends is always an asset.

Justin **FISH** A handy small who works well as a changing rover, Justin was not afraid of the

specky.

Jack FITZGERALD-MUIR "Jack Frost" just got better and better as the season unfolded - very quick around the

flanks

Thomas **GARRICK** We only had Thomas for a handful of games but what a difference he can make to a

side! Very commanding at centre half back.

Mason **LEWTAS** Mason ended up with his fair share of goals this year playing as a forward pocket

and contributing consistently with some shots from very tricky angles.

Vasu **MEHNDIRATTA** "Rowdy" played predominantly in the centre this year and is a very welcome

newcomer to Drummoyne.

Ryan **NELSON** Ryan had his best season to date. Growing ever tougher in defence and always

prepared to chase.

Callium **NICHOLLS** Callis a tough small on-baller who never gives in. Bit of a bulldog through the packs

just keeps coming up with the ball.

Jake **SANSOM** As a centreman and on-baller Jake gets better each year as he gets stronger - great

team player!

James **SHEPHERD** When we have James in the side we lift! Troubled by injury this year and we missed

him for part of the season.

Bill **SHIPWAY** Bill is a very disciplined player and accepts every challenge put to him without

question (loves a goal)!

Jack **THOMSETT** Jack is probably one of our most consistent players he is tough and strong and thinks

ahead.

Liam **TRAVERS** A very welcome addition to the backline - Liam has no fear.

Matt hew VICIC Matt is a true leader, on field and off. A clever player who understands the game and

his team mates.

Zoe VICIC Zoe has been an inspiration to many taking on all challengers - a serious team player.

Chris **WARD** Chris has improved leaps and bounds this year playing both forward and back with

enthusiasm.

Jay TAYLOR Jay has grown stronger and tougher this year. Good work at ground level and great

energy!

Jake **WELSH** A very welcome addition. "Big Bird" has developed and his skills continue to

improve - just has "ruckman" written all over him.

UNDER 14's



Coaches Report - Kevin Hall

The 2008 season again began with a mix of old and new players. Having ended the 2007 season with 23 players we lost 7 of them for 2008, taking us to 16. Fortunately we were able to make up the numbers with 8 new players, 4 of whom were <u>new to AFL</u>, giving us a playing list of 24.

Of those 8, we were rejoined by Tomas Perez who had played for us when younger, and later in the season by Harrison Hazelwood who had played in 2007. Thanks to Bill Yole who joined us for 4 games with his own particular style.

I would like to thank the Under 13's Thomas Garrick who played for us on many occasions and Matt Vicic who volunteered to play, but on the morning of the game before the siren even sounded, he slipped in wet conditions and broke his shoulder! Thanks also to Mason Lewtas for a couple of games. We even had to call upon Tomas Edwards and Joseph Ringer of the Under 12's and Nicholas Bertino from the Under 11's to help us out for 2 games - thank you very much boys!

When I wrote in the coaches report 2007 that the season had been the most challenging one I'd experienced so far, little did I know what 2008 would bring!

The Under 14's played again in the North Shore Competition, broken into two divisions; we were placed in the 1^{st} division and finished a 3^{rd} out of a total of 6 teams. The Under 14's played 16 games, won 9, lost 7. In fact, we beat St. Ives, the very team that went on to win the premiership!

We enjoyed our time on top of the ladder for 3 weeks, and can proudly claim that we beat every side in the division at one point during the season. Having made it to 3rd place, (one up from 2007, well done!) we were beaten in the first semi-final by Baulkham Hills.

Even though we lost 7 games, all losses had short margins of less than 10 points, except one game against Baulkham Hills when we were very short on players.

Considering that the playing list we had was such a mixture of experience and lack of, and we were frequently unable to play players in their best positions, our successes during the season demonstrate that the Under 14's were

always contenders and competitive. We were not without injuries to beset us from week to week, notably towards the end of the season when we lost Kristian with the stress fractures in his back, we all wish him a full recovery for next season.

I can only feel that had the whole team been able to train together regularly the boys would have enjoyed more successes along the way. We introduced 2 training sessions a week as needed at this level, but since boys today have so many other school and sporting commitments the tradition of being fully involved with a sport's club during the season has changed, as Paul Roos commented in his weekly article in the Daily Telegraph half way through the season with regard to coaching Easts.

Success will always come down to the level of commitment made by the players.

We were able to nominate 10 players for Sydney City Representative (TPP) side this season, all went forward to try out and 6 were selected to play. From the six boys selected to play Representative footy, 3 were chosen to go forward to train for the Pigeon Squad - Kristian Ringer (for his second year), Jack Edwards and Richard Hall. Unfortunately Kristian had to withdraw from the Pigeon programme and from playing with Under 14's due to his back injury. Congratulations to Jack Edwards who has been selected to play in the Pigeon's Side, representing teams from Sydney City to Wollongong, in Wagga in October.

My continued and sincerest thanks to Bob Brundle as team manager, Rod Bertino for his help and experience on match days and Chris O'Dea for all his support and help at training and match day. And Robert Shouldice for helping out as runner and Stephen Wilson and Simon Ringer for flying the flags!

Liam! Once again you've been our boundary umpire, always there, always running, always a part of the team – thank you, it's great to have you around the club.

Once again my heartiest thanks to the families who brought the team to training and match locations at home and on North Shore. I recognise the difficulties many of you face juggling the commitments of your sons. Thank you always for your vocal support on match day!

> "No matter how fit a player is what counts most is his being able to be where the ball is and to win possession of it. Reading the play is what it's all about."

BOB SKILTON, triple Brownlow medallist.

Player Profiles

Jack BARNSLEY Jack was selected to train for Reps and continued to be one of the teams most

> consistently good players throughout 2008. His tackling was outstanding and his courage at getting the ball was terrific. He has a great work ethic on match days but if he put more energy and enthusiasm into training sessions I'd hate to think

just how good he could be!

Adam BERTINO This was Adam's best season with the club so far; he continued to be our goal

> sneak and showed a good knowledge of the game and reads the play well. resulting in a solid contribution to the team throughout the season. One thing Adam could work on in the off season would be his kicking skills. Well done!

Anton EDWARDS Anton's pre-season rowing commitments set him up for a strong start to the

> season. His body strength was an asset; at times he showed real maturity in his game and was committed throughout the season at training and on match days. He needs to develop greater consistency in his play and to gain possession of the ball. From time to time he'd show a great dash out of the backline, great stuff!

Jack EDWARDS Jack was selected to train for Reps; selected to play for Sydney City Rep Under

14 team; selected to train for Pigeons and selected to play for Pigeons regional

Under 14's side.

Jack continued to build on his great 2007 season and always trained and played on match days to his full ability. His run off the half back line was fantastic and at times tremendous to watch. His selection for Reps and Pigeons is testament to his worth as a footballer. I am sure he will benefit enormously from the Pigeon's experience in October and will bring an even greater understanding of the game to the 2009 season. Great work Jack!

Luke GARDNER

Luke continued to train hard and give of his personal best throughout the season and is a good team member. He needs to develop confidence in himself on the field and to develop his ability to get possession of the ball next season. Keep up the effort Luke!

William GRANT

William was selected to train for Reps and his experience with Pigeon's team in 2007 gave him a greater maturity and understanding of the game. This led to a fantastic season both for himself and his contribution to the team this year. He could always be depended upon to be at training and when asked on match days to play in different positions he always accepted willingly and played well wherever he was placed. A great season William!

Taylor **GRAY** (Co-Captain)

Taylor was selected to train for Reps and selected to play for Sydney City Rep Under 14 team 2008. As always Taylor displayed a great enthusiasm for the game this season, and although he took time out on his exciting round the world trip he came straight to the ground upon landing back in Sydney to play for the team, this is what we call *commitment!* I'm sure if his feet give him less trouble next season his running game and thus endurance will improve. His courage to contest the hard ball is outstanding, he was often to be found at the bottom of the pack; he is the Brett Kirk of our team!

Richard HALL (Co-Captain)

Richard was selected to train for Reps; selected to play for Sydney City Rep Under 14 team and selected to train for Pigeons. Richard is one of our most reliable players and fully committed to the team. He always works hard and conscientiously at his game, always endeavouring to improve his skills. He attended all training sessions (not that he had an option!) Richard is aware of what he needs to build on for next season and I have no doubt that he'll work hard to improve in these areas. It's tough being the coach's son but Richard doesn't let it hold him back, well done!

Harrison HAZELWOOD

Harrison returned to join us for his second year half way through the season. He is well liked by his team members and shows willingness to improve, and by working on his skills and endurance levels he'll lift his game and enjoyment levels all the more. Harrison played largely in the back line and provided great support to the team, good work.

Marshall LEE

Marshall was selected to train for Reps and was selected to play for Sydney City Rep Under 14 team. Marshall joined us from North Ryde Dockers this season and proved to be a great asset to the team. He displayed all the essential AFL skills and a real talent for the game. Well done, and keep on working on your running and endurance for next season Marshall. Congratulations on your 150 milestone AFL game this season!

Mitchell MORONEY

Mitchell joined us as a new comer to competitive AFL this year and what a great year he had! He slotted right into the playing group and was well received by his team mates. Due to the makeup of the playing list, Mitchell was asked to play in a very difficult position for a first year player, but by the end of the season he playing in the back pocket like a "pro". His toughness at the ball was outstanding. Well done! Give us another go in 2009 Mitchell.

Ned NEWTON

There is no doubt that Ned is a great athlete and has a presence on the field. However, his skill levels and knowledge of the game will only improve when he decides to train regularly with the team. With extra work and commitment, Ned would be surprised to discover how much more he'd enjoy the game and his contribution to the team and just how **good** an AFL player he could be.

Campbell NUGENT

Campbell is actually an Under 13 who plays up to be with his mates. I believe this has been Campbell's best year so far. His game has improved wonderfully since last year and he could develop into a great utility player. He would be the first to say that he needs to inject greater commitment of effort in his training sessions, which would lead to an even higher skill level. Due to the lack of 'big' players a lot was asked of him this season and Campbell did a sterling job, well

Alex O'DEA

Alex was selected to train for Reps and selected to play for Sydney City Rep Under 14 team. Alex had another solid year at Drummoyne Power; he could always be relied upon to be at training and match days. Like many of his team mates, Alex needs to build more consistency in his game. There is no questioning Alex's determination at the ball and other 'bigger' boys could take a leaf from his book when it comes to having courage!

Ben PARBURY

Ben arrived from the UK this year with a keen interest to play AFL and his soccer skills proved very handy at times! It's difficult to come to this game with its many nuances, but to his credit Ben worked hard, was a good team member and we hope he enjoyed himself in his first year of AFL!

Tomas PEREZ

Tomas last played for the club in 2005 Under 11's Teal side. He joined the Under 14's once the season had started and quickly made himself known to his team members, he trained hard and contributed some useful goals at full forward. Tomas, keep working on your ability to get possession of the ball and endurance for next season. Hope you enjoyed coming back to this great game.

Kristian **RINGER** (Co-Captain)

Kristian was selected to train for Reps. selected to play for Sydney City Rep. Under 14 team and selected to train for Pigeons. Kristian started the season with his usual strength and determination; although he was playing under difficult circumstances he continued to show us what a great player he is. It wasn't until late in the season that he was diagnosed with 2 stress fractures in his back at which point he had to stop all physical activity. Had he not had this injury and had he played the full season I'm sure he would have been selected for the Pigeons team once again. Always a reliable and dedicated player, we hope he returns to full strength over the break. Kristian received 'Third Runner Up to Best & Fairest' in the North Shore 2008 Competition – well done Kristian!

Matthew ROBERTSON

Matthew showed real determination and continued to build on his skills throughout the 2008 season, his 2nd year of AFL. He'd be the first to recognise his own ability but always enjoys the camaraderie of being in the team and of giving his best. If Matthew returns for 2009 he'll need to improve on his endurance and ability to win possession of the ball. Great effort!

Jack SCOTT

Jack was selected to train for Reps and has a genuine love of the game, (not such good taste in teams to barrack for however!) and always puts his heart into it. Jack trains with such enthusiasm and has such good skills that he should feel much more confident in himself and what he has to offer the team each match day. If I could make one suggestion over the break it would be to work on your endurance and running skills Jack, thank you for all your efforts this season and especially your rousing club song rendition.

Hugh SHOULDICE (Co-Captain) Hugh was selected to train for Reps and is our second rower on the team, whose pre-season rowing training built up his endurance levels greatly. Hugh is a great team player and took his co-captaincy responsibilities seriously. One area for improvement in the break would be to build up your running speed Hugh. As one of our most consistent players this season, your endeavour on match days and presence in the backline saved us on many occasions. Go Hugh!

Darcy TRAVERS

Darcy had played AFL at Riverview before joining the team this season. He battled hard against much larger opponents and showed real determination. He was often asked to play in different positions due to the needs of the playing list and always gave it his best shot, good effort Darcy.

Patrick VERRELL

Patrick, another first year player, was actually playing up from Under 13's level in order to be with his mates. Given that, Patrick had a great season and learnt a lot. He became a reliable back man who was always hard at the ball and very competitive. I know he would have been very disappointed to miss out on the semi-final game due to his ankle injury sustained at school sport. Pat should be happy with his first year of AFL, great effort.

Alistair WILSON

Alistair, as the third rower, built tremendous upper body strength pre-season which I feel sure gave him extra confidence to tackle strongly, with determination from his position in the back line where on occasions he showed real dash! His endeavour is unquestionable, but an area of growth for Alistair would be to build more consistency in his game and to try to get possession of the ball more often. Well done this season.

Bill YOLE

Bill, unfortunately due to other sporting commitments, was only able to play a handful of games for us. He plays his football in a very physical way and obviously enjoyed the competitiveness of matching up on his opponent. Thank you Bill.

WELL DONE TO ALL THE PLAYERS OF THE 2008 UNDER 14'S TEAM!

AWARD WINNERS

Under 9's - Silver

Best & Fairest Rory BARKLEY
Runner-Up Ben STEVANOVIC
Coaches Award Lachlan BURGESS

Under 9's - Teal

Best & Fairest Riley LUCAS
Runner-Up Joe DUSEVIC
Coaches Award Rohan GUPTA

Under 10's - Silver

Best & Fairest Sam BARKLEY
Runner-Up Edan NICHOLLS
Coaches Award Brandon LAYOUN

Under 10's - Teal

Best & Fairest Briar BLUNDELL
Runner-Up Tommy DOYLE
Coaches Award Sam CIVIDIN

Under 10's

Jack Devine Award Liam STORAN

Under 11's

Best & Fairest Nicholas BERTINO
Runner-Up Elijah LENTON
Coaches Award Alexander PERRY

Under 12's

Best & Fairest Jordon TROVATO
Runner-Up Josh EVANS
Coaches Award James ENDERBY

Under 13's

Best & Fairest Jack THOMSETT
Runner-Up Bill SHIPWAY
Coaches Award Jake SANSOM

Under 14's

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

PLAYER MILESTONES

100 Games

Marshall LEE
Richard HALL
Thomas GARRICK
Alex O'DEA
Jake SANSOM
Mason LEWTAS
James ENDERBY

75 Games

Adam BERTINO
Hugh SHOULDICE
Dylan HIGGS
Jack SCOTT
Mathew VICIC
Nicholas BERTINO
Liam BRUNDLE
Ka Yin CHAN

Zoe VICIC

Billy BATESON

Angus RANKIN

Lachlan ANDERSON

50 Games

Zac FOSTER William ANTHONY Jack O'DONOHUE Daniel TILYARD Rhys PATTON Ryan NELSON Gabrielle FERRIERA Jack BARNSLEY Elijah LENTON Alistair WILSON Justin FISH Ben VOZZO Xavier NELSON William GRANT Jonathon GARRICK Austin FISH Ethan WILLIS Luke GARDNER Nicholas GARRICK Callum NICHOLLS Matthew SHERIDAN Anton EDWARDS Sean FERRIERA Sebastian FOTEA Jack VOZZO Oliver **BOURKE** Lachlan BURGESS Joel VOZZO Selina WILLIAMSON Timothy KENZLER

Mitchell FERGUSON

Lewis PATTON

Jordan WILLIS

Briar BLUNDELL

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Under 10's

Sam BARKLEY

Jack O'DONOGHUE

Liam STORAN

Gabrielle FERRIERA

Dylan **HIGGS**

Briar BLUNDELL

Sam CIVIDIN

Under 11's

Nicholas BERTINO

Elijah **LENTON**

Ka Yin CHAN

Under 12's

Nicholas GARRICK

Mason LEWTAS

Joseph RINGER

Joel VOZZO

Under 14's

Kristian RINGER

Jack EDWARDS

Richard HALL

Alex O'DEA

Marshall LEE

Taylor GRAY

UMPIRES

Xavier NELSON

Ryan NELSON

Zoe VICIC

Matthew VICIC

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

RANK	CLUB	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	FOR	AGAINST	%	POINTS
1	Geelong	22	21	1	0	2672	1651	161.85	84
2	Hawthorn	22	17	5	0	2434	1846	131.86	68
3	Western Bulldogs	22	15	6	1	2506	2112	118.67	62
4	St Kilda	22	13	9	0	2126	1923	110.57	52
5	Adelaide	22	13	9	0	2017	1838	109.75	52
6	Sydney	22	12	9	1	2095	1863	112.46	50
7	Kangaroos	22	12	9	1	2121	2187	96.99	50
8	Collingwood	22	12	10	0	2267	2038	111.25	48
9	Richmond	22	11	10	1	2228	2288	97.39	46
10	Brisbane Lions	22	10	12	0	2156	2200	98.01	40
11	Carlton	22	10	12	0	2217	2354	94.19	40
12	Essendon	22	8	14	0	2130	2608	81.68	32
13	Port Adelaide	22	7	15	0	2118	2208	95.93	28
14	Fremantle	22	6	16	0	1988	2121	93.74	24
15	West Coast	22	4	18	0	1670	2535	65.89	16
16	Melbourne	22	3	19	0	1629	2602	62.62	12

Official Awards

John Coleman Medal: Lance Franklin (Hawthorn)

Top Five Goalkickers:

NAME	TEAM	TOTAL GOALS
Lance Franklin	Hawthorn	102
Brendan Fevola	Carlton	99
Daniel Bradshaw	Brisbane	75
Jonathan Brown	Brisbane	70
Matthew Pavlich	Fremantle	67

Brownlow Medallist: Adam Cooney (Western Bulldogs)

Western Bulldog Adam Cooney has won the 2008 Brownlow Medal. Cooney polled 24 votes to finish just one ahead of Brisbane Lion Simon Black who had led for most of the night.

Cooney is the first Bulldog to win the medal since Scott Wynd in 1992, capping a terrific season that mirrored the emergence of his side. The Bulldogs finished third after the home and away season, and bowed out of the finals against Geelong. Cooney, the No. 1 pick of the 2003 NAB AFL Draft, played all 25 games in 2008 – taking his career total to 112 – and averaged almost 26 possessions. He had 30 or more touches on four occasions, which spiked with 37 against the Brisbane Lions in round 12, and kicked 23 goals.

Pre-count favourite, Cat Gary Ablett, took third after finishing equal-second last year, polling 22 votes, along with Matthew Richardson of Richmond. Richardson, 33 and in his 16th season, seemed to carry the unofficial title of people's favourite – with roars building with each of his later votes. Then it was two ineligible players in Swan Adam Goodes (21) and Hawk Lance Franklin (20), ahead of Geelong's gun kid Joel Selwood.

Black was the leader early, racking up four best-on-ground performances in the first eight rounds, but the pack was close behind – Cooney, Richardson and Hawk Brad Sewell were all on 13. Goodes, Franklin and Hawks skipper Sam Mitchell, also ineligible, filled the next three slots, with Ablett on eight.

By round 15, Black still led on 20, but was just one ahead of Ablett – who missed the next three rounds with an ankle injury, then Cooney and Goodes. Richardson, on 16, was followed by Mitchell (15) and Franklin (14), then Mark McVeigh and Sewell (13).

Round 16 saw Black (23) strengthen his lead, but those were the last votes he'd receive for the night. Richardson took three in round 17 to move to 19, along with Ablett, Cooney and Goodes. Fremantle captain Matthew Pavlich and Mitchell had 15, Sewell and Franklin 14, while McVeigh remained on 13. Round 20 saw Richardson and Ablett leap to 22, Black stay on 23 and Cooney hold striking range on 21. It was then that the Dog pounced, with three votes against Essendon getting him to 24. Black, Richardson and Ablett failed to add and, when none of the leaders polled in the last round, Charlie had gone to a Bulldog for the first time in 16 years.

On a night that also included a significant tribute to community football, outgoing St Kilda champion Robert Harvey received a stirring acknowledgment as old friends and former teammates stood in a guard of honour as he went to the stage to be interviewed by host Stephen Quartermain. Harvey polled Brownlow votes in 20 of his 21 years in the game, and won the award in 1997 and 1998.

NAME	VOTES
Adam Cooney (WB)	24
Simon Black (Bris)	23
Gary Ablett (Geel), Matthew Richardson (Rich)	22
Adam Goodes (Syd)*	22
Lance Franklin (Haw)*	20
Joel Selwood (Geel)	19
Brent Harvey (NM), Matthew Pavlich (Frem)	17
Chris Judd (Carl), Brad Sewell (Haw)	16

^{*} Ineligible due to suspension

Leading Stats Winners

Kicks: Jimmy Bartel (Geelong) 339

Highest Swan: Ryan O'Keefe 282

Handballs: Daniel Cross (Western Bulldogs) 362

Highest Swan: Brett Kirk 260

Disposals: Joel Corey (Geelong) 640

Highest Swan: Brett Kirk 495

Marks: Matthew Richardson (Richmond) 222

Highest Swan: Ted Richards 142

Tackles: Brett Kirk (Sydney Swans) 138

Hit Outs: Aaron Sandilands (Fremantle) 646

Highest Swan: Darren Jolly 543

Frees For: Joel Selwood (Geelong) 57

Highest Swan: Jude Bolton 35

Frees Against: Lance Franklin (Hawthorn) 65

Highest Swan: Darren Jolly 38

Goals: Lance Franklin (Hawthorn) 102

Highest Swan: Michael O'Loughlin 36

Behinds: Lance Franklin (Hawthorn) 84

Highest Swan: Barry Hall 32

NAB Rising Star Award: Rhys Palmer (Fremantle)

Fremantle's Rhys Palmer has capped off a stellar debut season to become the 16th NAB AFL Rising Star. Palmer, 19, was awarded the Ron Evans Medal at the annual function at Melbourne's Crown Palladium. He won with 44 votes from Hawthorn's Cyril Rioli (37) and Richmond's Trent Cotchin (21). Carlton's Matthew Kreuzer (11) was fourth, with Fremantle teammate Garrick Ibbotson (seven) and West Coast's Ben McKinley (six) rounding out the top six.

Collingwood's Nathan Brown (three), Melbourne's Cale Morton (three), Port Adelaide's Alipate Carlile (two) and another Demon, Austin Wonaeamirri (one), earned the remainder of the votes.

"There's been some great boys that have come through, Cyril Rioli, Cale Morton, Garrick Ibbotson," Palmer said in accepting the medal. "I always hoped I could make it to the big time, but I love footy, pretty much since I was born, and I've played through the ranks. "I've always loved Robert Harvey with the way he carries the ball and how steps up in big games, so he was my idol. "It was a dream come true to play against him this year."

Palmer is the second Fremantle player to win the accolade after Paul Hasleby in 2000, and joins an elite crop of emerging guns including the last three recipients – Joel Selwood (Geelong), Danyle Pearce (Port Adelaide) and Brett Deledio (Richmond).

He played 20 games this year after being drafted by the club with selection No. 7 in the 2007 NAB AFL Draft, having stood out at the NAB AFL Under 18 Championships. He led Fremantle in disposals, averaging 23 possessions a game, and also demonstrated fearlessness at the contested ball and a high level of endurance.

Palmer battled a bad bout of osteitis pubis in 2006 while playing junior football in Perth, which he believes strengthened his character. "It was a real good stepping stone in my life, a good learning curve, just to teach me how to look after my body," he said. "It really gave me inspiration to really succeed and to prove to everyone I can play the game." He said this year has opened his eyes to how tough life an AFL footballer is, but wouldn't change his occupation for a second. "It's a tough gig," Palmer said. "When you win, everyone is up and about at the club and when you lose, everyone is down. But it's been a great experience and it's just a great job."

2008 NAB AFL Rising Star Nominations

ROUND	NAME	TEAM		
Round 1	Bachar Houli	Essendon		
Round 2	Josh Hill	Western Bulldogs		
Round 3	Rhys Palmer	Fremantle		
Round 4	Kieren Jack	Sydney Swans		
Round 5	Ben McKinley	West Coast		
Round 6	Cyril Rioli	Hawthorn		
Round 7	Austin Wonaeamirri	Melbourne		
Round 8	Kurt Tippett	Adelaide		
Round 9	Garrick Ibbotson	Fremantle		
Round 10	Nathan Brown	Collingwood		
Round 11	Matthew Kreuzer	Carlton		
Round 12	Trent Cotchin	Richmond		
Round 13	Jarryd Morton	Hawthorn		
Round 14	Colin Garland	Melbourne		
Round 15	Jack Riewoldt	Richmond		
Round 16	Kyle Reimers	Essendon		
Round 17	Brad Ebert	West Coast		
Round 18	Gavin Urquhart	North Melbourne		
Round 19	Shaun Grigg	Carlton		
Round 20	Cale Morton	Melbourne		
Round 21	Bradd Dalziell	Brisbane Lions		
Round 22	Alipate Carlile	Port Adelaide		

The 2008 AFL All Australian Team

B: Dale Morris, Matthew Scarlett, Tom Harley

HB: Luke Hodge, Nathan Bock, Sam Fisher

C: Jimmy Bartel, Joel Corey, Adam Cooney

HF: Steve Johnson, Nick Riewoldt, Brent Harvey

F: Brendan Fevola, Lance Franklin, Paul Medhurst

Foll: Dean Cox, Chris Judd (captain), Gary Ablett

I/C: Corey Enright, Matthew Pavlich, Matthew Richardson, Aaron Sandilands

All Australian team members as profiled by Matt Burgan - www.afl.com.au

BACKS

Dale Morris (Western Bulldogs) – An integral member of his side's back-half, Morris again claimed some key scalps throughout 2008, with his ability to play on bigger or smaller opponents a feature of his game. His 280 disposals for the season was career-best.

Matthew Scarlett (Geelong) – Not only reinforced his status as the best tall defender in the game, he also staked his claims as one of the all-time great full backs in 2008. Scarlett's ability to stymie opponents, rebound and win the ball was again unsurpassed.

Tom Harley (Geelong) – On the back of leading the Cats to their first flag in 44 years, Harley had his finest AFL season and was a rock in defence. He elevated his captaincy status to the point where he was regarded by many as the best leader in the AFL.

HALF-BACKS

Luke Hodge (Hawthorn) – Although one of the best 'all-rounders' in 2008, it was the Hawthorn vice-captain's form across half-back that stood out the most. Despite missing five matches, Hodge's consistency and match-turning ability was among the AFL's best.

Nathan Bock (Adelaide) – Produced his most dominant season – his first half in particular was outstanding – as he settled down back. Able to beat and run off opponents, Bock had the fifth most kicks and was the most effective in the AFL over 22 rounds.

Sam Fisher (St Kilda) – Statistically had his finest AFL season – even better than when he finished third (2006) and runner-up (2007) in St Kilda's best-and-fairest award. Fisher was also one of the AFL's most consistent defenders and effective kicks in 2008.

CENTRES

Jimmy Bartel (Geelong) – The brilliant midfielder played at such an elite level in 2008 that he is on target to win back-to-back Brownlow Medals. Regularly among the best and most influential in matches, he was the AFL's leading kick-getter after 22 rounds.

Joel Corey (Geelong) – With star teammates Gary Ablett and Bartel in the midfield, Corey can sometimes be overshadowed, yet he had more disposals than any other player in 2008. Without question, he was one of the most consistent players of the year.

Adam Cooney (Western Bulldogs) – The dashing Dog was pivotal in his side's top-four rise. So dominant was his first-half of the season, he was up with Gary Ablett and Lance Franklin as the best AFL player during that period. He remains a Brownlow Medal fancy.

HALF-FORWARDS

Steve Johnson (Geelong) – The 2007 Norm Smith Medallist had another outstanding season, booting 49 goals. He also had equal second most goal assists in the competition. His six goals against West Coast in round 22 matched his personal best.

Nick Riewoldt (St Kilda) – The St Kilda captain was a major reason for the club's top-four finish, highlighted by a stunning second half of the season, including four best on grounds (rounds 13 to 16). The AFL's leading contested marker also booted 56 goals.

Brent Harvey (North Melbourne) – The forward/midfield dynamo mirrored his brilliant 2007 season. Again a favourite for this year's Brownlow Medal, Harvey was in the top 10 for disposals, kicks, effective kicks, loose ball gets, inside 50s, goal and scoring assists.

FORWARDS

Brendan Fevola (Carlton) – Missed the magical ton by just one goal when he finished with 99 majors – just three shy of Coleman Medallist Lance Franklin. Fevola had his best year, averaging 4.5 goals per game, kicking two bags of eight and three hauls of seven.

Lance Franklin (Hawthorn) – Without question the most exciting – and arguably best – player in the AFL, 'Buddy' took his game to another level in 2008, mesmerising the competition with his unique talent. He finished the home and away season with 102 goals.

Paul Medhurst (Collingwood) – The former Fremantle forward produced his finest AFL season this year – his second at Collingwood. Medhurst booted 48 goals for the home and away season, including six goals against Essendon in round six to win the Anzac Day Medal.

FOLLOWERS

Dean Cox (West Coast) – The best 'all-round' ruckman in the game, Cox had an outstanding year, even though he played most of it with a broken foot. Yet he still played all 22 matches at such an exceptional level that he won career-best disposals and hit outs.

Chris Judd (Carlton) – After a stellar career at West Coast, Judd had a brilliant first-up season with the Blues. The skipper led the competition in contested possessions and hard ball gets and last week won Carlton's best-and-fairest award – the John Nicholls Medal.

Gary Ablett (Geelong) – Despite missing four matches through injury, the midfield dynamo staked his claim as the best player of the season, after another scintillating year. He has already claimed the AFLPA MVP and is again a Brownlow Medal favourite.

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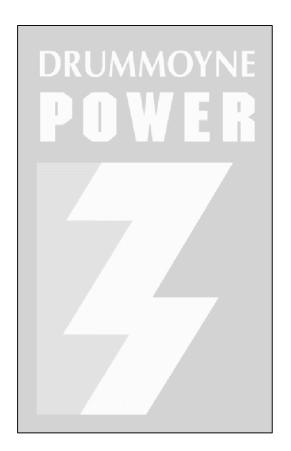
Corey Enright (Geelong) – Had his best AFL season, although he still somewhat flies under the radar in a stellar side. Enright's second half of the season was highlighted by a purple patch from rounds 14 to 19, when he averaged 30.5 disposals per match.

Matthew Pavlich (Fremantle) – In line to receive his fourth consecutive All-Australian, the Fremantle skipper had another super consistent season, kicking 67 goals, including eight against North Melbourne. He was again one of the AFL's best contested markers.

Matthew Richardson (Richmond) – Switching to the wing, along with playing as a key forward, resulted in Richardson's finest AFL season and the unofficial title as 'utility' of the year. He had career-best disposals, booted 48 goals and was a regular match-winner.

Aaron Sandilands (Fremantle) – The game's equal tallest player had an underrated year, claiming the most hit outs and hit outs to advantage in the AFL. He was also fifth in contested possessions and fourth in hard ball gets – an outstanding effort by a ruckman.

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