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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2009

It's hard to believe that we are at the close of another season. The things that need to be done at the start of the year, the players to find, the coaches, the managers and the volunteers and yet, as we draw the curtain on Season 2009, it is great to reflect on the friendships forged, the on and off field successes and knowledge that we really are a part of something great.

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.

The on field celebrations continue as we salute our Under 13's Premiers and Under 16's Grand Finalists and indeed every team who took to the field in the Silver, Teal, Black and White. It is all of you from the Under 5's to the Under 16's that keep the Mums and Dads so incredibly proud.

This year we saw some rule changes at Under 10's level and the newly formed Sydney Harbour Youth Association take hold. The Under 15's competition as we knew it was merged into a divisionalised Under 16's table.

The continued growth of Drummoyne JAFL, sees the tasks get bigger and the expenses greater, we are very grateful to our sponsors' one and all for their generous donations.

2009 was a frustrating season weather wise with a few washed out games and even more missed trainings and a times a test of patience as we juggled grounds to get the kids on the park. Well done to our coaches and managers who took the positives from the challenges beyond our control and delivered again to their teams, the best AFL experience.

We were very fortunate to once again to hold a training night on the SCG and have our share of home games on Drummoyne Oval, which I believe, are the two finest surfaces in Sydney. We wait with anticipation for the works to start on Drummoyne Oval which should see us with a well lit, more accessible venue and a user agreement that will see Drummoyne JAFC play Aussie Rules on the ground 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

President

Drummoyne Power JAFLC

TREASURER'S REPORT

2009 Treasurer's Update

Drummoyne Power Junior AFL Club is a community organisation that relies upon the support of its sponsors and families. A lot of work goes on in the background to ensure that we are able to pay our bills and provide a fantastic footy experience to our players.

Income

1. Club Sponsorship

Drummoyne Power enjoys the support of many generous sponsors; some long standing, others new this year. Despite 2009 being the year of the "Global Financial Crisis" we are very fortunate that our sponsors believe in the value of supporting our Club. Without the sponsors we simply would not be able to provide to our players the wonderful experience they currently enjoy.

Drummoyne Power now has four major sponsors including:

- Digicall Australia (Vodafone);
- GNC Constructions;
- FDC Construction & Fitout; and
- PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub Drummoyne who we welcome for the first time as a major sponsor.

Thank you to our four major sponsors as well as Warwick Williams Real Estate, Ambassador International, The Bakehouse Bakery, Five Dock Physio, Destro's Pharmacy, Jetset Travel Drummoyne, Sofa Bed Specialists - Sofaheaven, The Drummoyne Sports Club, VFX and for the first time this year EyeConnect Marketing & Communications.

This brings our total number of sponsors to 14. Gavin Nelson's tireless work in raising the profile of the club with local businesses as well as ensuring we provide our sponsors with feedback on how they've assisted us grow cannot be underestimated - thank you so much Gavin. In addition, Darren and Gavin have also helped in liaising with Council which has helped in gaining much needed support for AFL in the area.

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 and to a lesser extent at Five Dock Park with the help of all our helpers with the back-of-the-ute-and-trailer mobile canteen. We rely on canteen takings at our scheduled home games to alleviate the need for other significant fundraising activities during the year.

The coordination of the canteen has been undertaken this season by Bonita Nelson. Thank you Bonita - you're a marvel! With four children and a husband who travels regularly, you've done an amazing job. I urge all Power families to think about putting their hands up and helping out. The commitment required is minimal and the difference it makes to the "regulars" is immense.

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 - AFL Greater Sydney – City & Sydney Harbour
- Council/Ground Hire Fees - Drummoyne Oval, Taplin Park, Five Dock Park
- Equipment Costs - Footballs, Auskick packs, team jumpers, year-end giveaways
- Merchandise Costs - Training jumpers, hoodies for last season's giveaway & top-up order, new polos and caps
- Match Day Running Costs - Canteen expenses, umpire fees, sponsor banners
- Presentation Day - Trophies, running costs
- Sponsors' dinner - speakers, catering etc.

Drummoyne Oval upgrade

The final touches to the design of the upgraded Drummoyne Oval are in place. Drummoyne Power's Oval will, without doubt, become the most sought after venue to play junior football. Whilst the redevelopment has been delayed somewhat (my report last year anticipated we'd have lights in by now!) recent discussions with Council confirm that the redevelopment needs to be completed by mid-2010.

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. This year saw us adding to our term deposit to enable us to contribute towards the upgrade.

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 2009. 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 2010.

Anna Edwards

Treasurer

Drummoyne Power JAFLC

CLUB OFFICIALS

Executive Committee

President	Darren Lewtas
Vice-President	David Sanders
Secretary	Gavin Nelson
Treasurer	Anna Edwards
Football Operations/Registrar	Rod Bertino

General Committee

Auskick Coordinator	Peter Higgs
Sydney Harbour Delegates	Darren Lewtas & Gavin Nelson
Sydney City Delegate	John O'Donoghue
Assistant Secretary	Gabrielle Brown
Canteen	Bonita Nelson
Property Steward	Paul Bateson
Recruitment Manager	Adrian Walton

Team Officials

Under 5's & 6's	Coach: Paul Bateson	Manager: Elizabeth Hogg
Under 7's	Coach: Hugh Loughrey	Manager: Gabrielle Brown
Under 8's	Coach: Adrian Walton & Noel Ford	Manager: Nicole Morgan & Kara Paul
Under 9's	Coach: Anthony McNamara	Manager: Jodie Queenan
Under 10's Teal	Coach: Kevin Uyeda & Darren Lewtas	Manager: Lindy O'Brien
Under 10's Silver	Coach: Glen Burgess	Manager: JulieAnne Anderson
Under 11's Teal	Coach: Noel Storan	Manager: Mark Cividin
Under 11's Silver	Coach: John O'Donoghue	Manager: David Foster
Under 12's	Coach: Jason Sansom	Manager: Tracey Lenton
Under 13's	Coach: Simon Ringer	Manager: David Garrick
Under 14's	Coach: Darren Lewtas	Manager: Denise Currie
Under 16's	Coach: Mik Car	Manager: Bob Brundle & Anna Edwards



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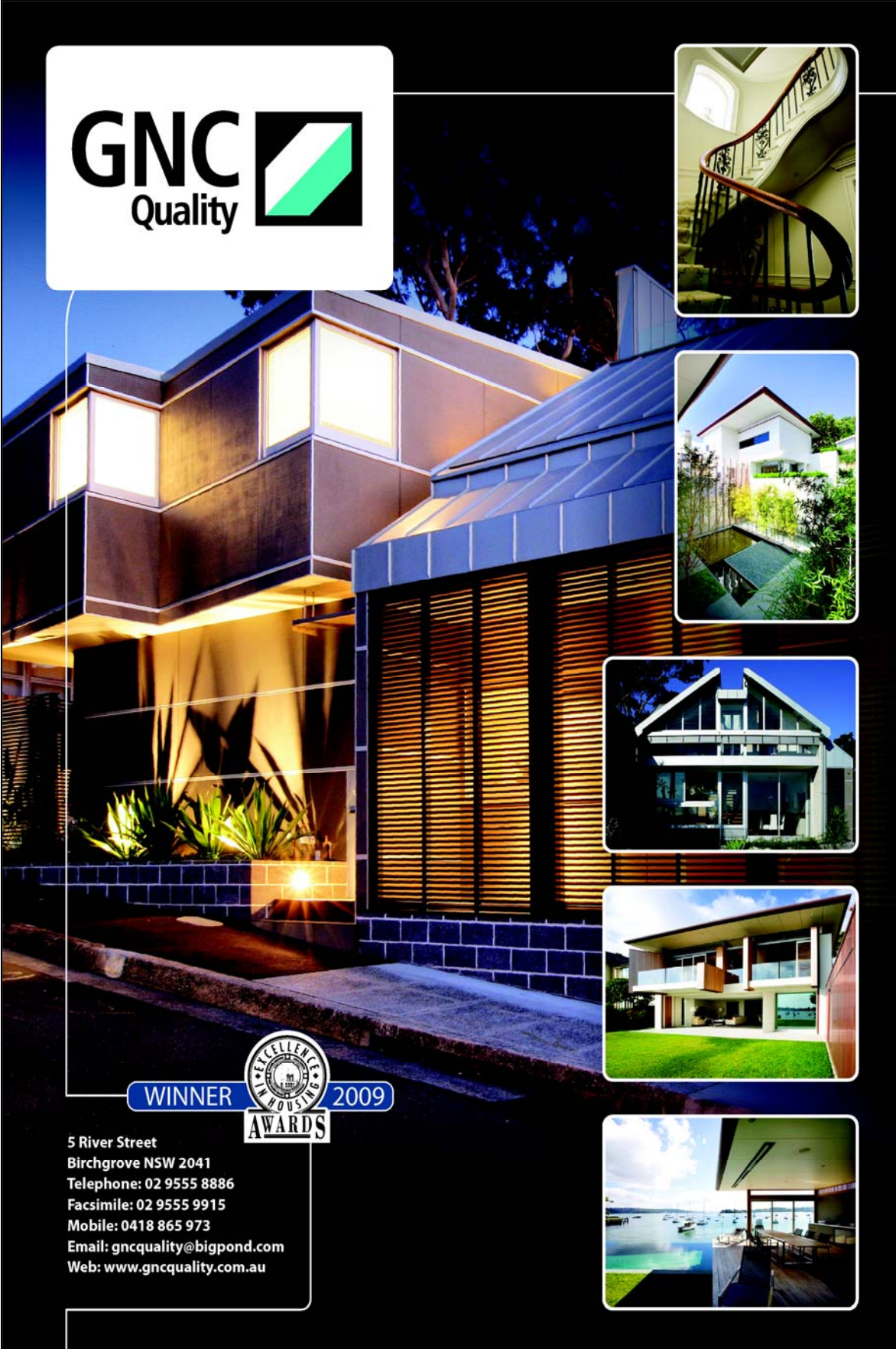
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UNDER 5's & 6's



Coaches Report – Paul Bateson

During a season that was significantly affected by poor weather, the Auskick Juniors enjoyed a promising year, developing their football skills and building a strong team structure.

The match against Concord at Drummoyne was the best game of the season, with all players contributing to a fabulous team effort.

The individual season highlight was during the game against Moore Park in July, when a fantastic teamwork saw each player in the side touch the ball as it moved from one end of the ground to the other, resulting in a fabulous team goal.

The team was well led by second year players Thomas, Riley (Ringo), Maxim, Gilbert, Jessica and Bianca (whose commitment to the team saw her playing both Auskick and netball some weeks). While first year players Logan, Cameron, Katey, Matthew, Luke, Tom, Will and Charlie all demonstrated a quick aptitude for the game and fitted into the side well. It is clear many of the team members have promising football careers ahead of them.

The development of the team was aided by the active participation of most parents at training and/or on match day. This support helps the coaches and managers provide a better learning environment for the players.

From a statistical perspective, it was clear that everybody in the side worked together to provide a great team effort.

Player Profiles

Most defensive 50 clearances

RILEY seemed to be at home in defence and worked hard to win the loose ball in the backline, providing a spring board for attack.

Best tagger

KATEY was always willing to follow her nominated player, ensuring any possession they gained was hotly contested and well earned.

Highest efficiency rating

TOM was always in and under looking for a possession and made sure that every one of his possessions found a team mate or resulted in a score.

Most short passes	When JESSICA was on the ball she always looked for support and was constantly looking for the short pass to bring a team mate into play.
Most inside 50s	CAMERON'S kicking was an asset to the team, and he led the side in long kicks regularly driving the team into attack.
Leading goal kicker	THOMAS was the team's leading goal kicker, building on his strong goal sense from last year, he now also looks for other avenues to goal through his team mates.
Most contested marks	LOGAN showed strong marking skills, taking several strongly contested marks during the season. He also showed good skills in gathering the ball cleanly in open play.
Most runs in open play	MAXIM was always keen to pick the ball up and run forward, initiating attacking moves and sharing the ball with his team mates.
Leading goal assists	GILBERT was a great contributor to the team, often setting up opportunities for his team mates to capitalise on.
Most hit outs	LUKE used his height to great advantage and was always eager to contest ruck duels in the centre and around the ground. His mobility around the ground also proved an asset.
Most one percenters	WILL was always keen to do the team thing, going the extra yard to win the ball for his team-mates and catching the coach's eye for his efforts.
Most handballs	MATTHEW was regularly in the thick of the action and keen to handball, providing team mates with the opportunity to move the ball forward.
Best defender	BIANCA was always a solid defender, using her netball skills to stymie attacking raids and smother kicks.
Best debut	In Ted Hopkins style, CHARLIE made his debut in the last game of the season and immediately fitted in with the rest of the team contributing to some great passages of team play.

UNDER 7's



Coaches Report – Hugh Loughrey

It was a privilege to coach the Under 7's this year and see this group of experienced veterans and new talent develop into a strong blend and a great team. They are a charming and lively bunch of kids, who are very enthusiastic and look out for each other on the pitch. Despite the weather interruptions, they managed to improve their skills and talents individually and collectively. They should be well set up for a strong season in 2010.

Particular thanks goes to Peter Higgs for training the team each week and organising match day fixtures and to Gabrielle (our team manager) for her super organisational skills and unflagging commitment to the role. Thanks to Nicole for managing the important task of allocating the match day jerseys and keeping the stats. Also thanks to Bill Allen and Zoe Vicic for helping and encouraging all the team members at training and on match days.

Thanks also to all the parents for their continued support. Finally, thanks to all the players for making 2009 a very special season for everyone involved with the team.

Player Profiles

Sam BERTRAM

Sam had a fantastic year building up his skills and confidence. He is developing into a strong all round player and loves to take on the opposition. He was *Player of the Match* in round 7 and a strong performer in all games he played.

Darcy BOURKE

Darcy had a great first season with the Power. Right from the start in Round 1 he showed a keen eye for the ball and a commitment to teamwork. His skills developed as the season went on, and he made a big impact with his team mates.

Meera CHINNAPPA

This year Meera has grown in confidence every week. She is always enthusiastic and loves to run after the ball. After scoring *Goal of the Day* in round 7, she was unstoppable in front of the posts, scoring goals in most games in the later rounds.

Rory EVERITT	Rory was another strong contributor in his first year of AFL. He has great determination and worked hard on his kicks and rucking skills. A keen team player – picking up <i>Most Improved Player</i> in round 8.
Jack HAUSCHILD	Jack had a strong season. He is a real go getter on the field and loves a good chase and contest for the ball. He was always prepared to look out for others and help his team-mates. Jack enjoys being in the thick of the action.
Oscar HOGG	Oscar showed great enthusiasm this year. He loves to get involved in the game and be part of the team. He is particularly strong in attack, Oscar was a regular goal scorer for the team. Oscar has a lot of fun on the pitch, which rubs off on his team-mates.
Lachlan KLUMPER	Lachlan proved to be a dynamic presence on the pitch always getting involved with the game. Another newcomer to the Power, his confidence grew by the week – and he kicked the <i>Goal of the Day</i> in round 11. Well done Lachlan.
Liam LOUGHREY	Liam had another great year with all of his mates. He gained confidence in his kicking and improved his contest skills. He managed to score a number of <i>Goal of the Day</i> awards and was always happy to play for the opposition if they didn't have enough players.
Alistair MACDONALD	Alistair was one of our new players this year. He proved a terrier in defence, and had great marking skills to boot. Always in the thick of things, Alistair made a great contribution to the team and should go from strength to strength next year.
Hamish MORGAN	The “Mighty Mouse” of the team, Hamish had another fantastic year. He was a strong consistent performer with a dead eye for the goals. He was also a real ball magnet, picking up numerous <i>Mark of the Day</i> and <i>Goal of the Day</i> awards during the season. <i>Player of the Match</i> in round 8.
Riley NELSON	Riley was a real livewire. He put in a huge effort for the year and was always looking to get his team-mates involved in the game. With energy to burn, he is one of the fastest on the pitch and always wears a smile on his face.
Ruby REED	Ruby was another new recruit who performed strongly during the year. In her own quiet way she established herself in the team and developed a strong partnership with Rory. Ruby was the <i>Most Improved Player</i> in round 13.
Toby RICH	Toby had a great first year in AFL. He demonstrated all round skills in the game and showed a keen willingness to get involved. As the year went on, Toby's hunger for the ball grew and he developed into a strong team member.
Yan Yu SIMMONS	Yan Yu started the year on fire with a great game in round 1. She worked hard all year on her ruck work. Yan Yu has a strong kick and loves to be involved in the action, picking up <i>Player of the Day</i> in round 8.
Charly SIMONI	Charly made a huge contribution to the team in his first year of AFL. He made his mark on every game he played. He has a fantastic kick and was involved in some great passages of play. <i>Often Player of the Day</i> , Charly really made his “mark” in AFL this season.
Ben TUITE	Another convert to AFL, Ben quickly imposed himself on the game with his strong running and big kicking. He takes a lot of marks and is always gives his all to the game and his team-mates.
Kosta VAXEVANIS	Kosta's skills at AFL improved with every game. He showed great energy on the pitch and was always keen to contest the ball. <i>Most Improved Player</i> in round 1, he set the tone for a big year and we hope to see him back on the park next season.

UNDER 8's



Coaches Report – Adrian Walton & Noel Ford

Thank you parents for giving us the privilege of coaching your son or daughter, and in particular, thanks to those of you that have helped along the way this season by helping out at training, match preparations, goal umpiring, swapping the bibs over, recording match highlights and writing the newsletter reports et cetera.

A special mention to Nicole Morgan for her management work with the team as well as Kara Paul who did excellent uniform presentation each & every week of the season, Margaret Cassidy and David Dennis for the brilliant photos each game day, and last but not least, all of the dads for helping with the team preparations each Wednesday and Saturday.

Every game we have a different set of circumstances in terms of player numbers. On many occasions we had to provide players to “match up” with the other team – a core element of the Auskick philosophy. Every player at some stage played at least once for the other side without any fuss, something we are all proud of. WELL DONE.

Clearly we have great bunch of players, some of whom have played for four seasons and have been complemented by players joining each season. Next season will mean no more BIBS and a hold & release tackle rule will come into play.

For those players who would like to work on their game in the off season there are 2 skills that will help your development.

1. Practice kicking with your opposite foot.
2. Overhead marking.

In closing it was great to see the increased amount of teamwork happening between the zones and the combinations working well which leads to the often used cliché that “A TEAM OF CHAMPIONS WILL NEVER BEAT A CHAMPION TEAM”.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity – we look forward to welcoming you all back for the 2010 Season!

Player Profiles

Travis BLUNDELL	Travis really put in this season, every match, every minute. Has developed some impressive and confident footy skills in all facets of the game. A highlight was surely Travis's "Motlop" special on the siren which had the fans gasping at his skills.
Henry CAIN	Henry worked extremely hard this season on obtaining possession for his team, often in heavy traffic, then picking the right option to dispose of cleanly to a team mate. An excellent season of footy from a player who will be an all round champ next year.
James COOPER	Well done a great 2 nd season where all aspects of his game have improved markedly in particular when the ball hits the ground on many occasions he was able to gather it up and dispose the ball to a team mate. James is the most improved player this season for the Teal team.
Ely CORLISS	The most improved player in the Silver team as the season progressed. Ely has developed strong positional play in the forward line, making it his specialty as a goal sneak. Was winning lots of contested ball and converting into majors regularly by the end of the season.
Zac DENNIS	Zac's football skills had the fans excited week in, week out. Really came into his own when confronting a tough opponent, making sure he was first to the ball to then set up a wave of attack. Can be relied on to produce strong team performances consistently.
Brendan DOYLE	Brendan achieved the 50 game milestone this year where he continued to dominate each zone he played in every week. Brendan is a very valuable part of the team where his strong kicking & overall play has a very positive impact on every game and is learning the importance of teamwork.
Brendan FORD	A terrific season of footy from one of the bright young talents of the team, also joining the club's 50 game brigade. Has an excellent footy brain, always looking for the best options and delivering pinpoint passes every time. An accurate shot at goal had Brendan on the scoresheet every week.
Bryson HART	Another tough, uncompromising season of football by one of the team's true workhorses. Bryson is excellent at giving second efforts to close opponents down and deny them opportunities to dispose. A delight to coach as he always wants to learn and contribute to the team.
Nick JENNEKE	Nick just kept getting better and better every game. Invariably a pivotal player in the numerous goal-to-goal passing movements the team excelled in, Nick has the uncanny knack of positionally being in the right place at the right time to take the right option.
Luke LAWRENCE	An outstanding season of footy from an emerging young talent. Luke transforms himself from a quiet, polite young fella off the field into a possession hungry, determined and footy savvy member of the team once he puts on the Power jersey. Can only see big things ahead for Luke next season.
Blaise MCKEE	In his 3 rd season and always starts the game off in the centre where he combines well with other power players and plays a style a game well above his years of age. Blaise has got a very clear understanding of the importance of teamwork.
Jessica MCKEE	Jessica showed real improvement in her game in particular when she was playing in the centre, where she made many a speedy run followed by an improving kick in to the forward line. Jessica was a pleasure to have on the team.

Alex MEDJUMURAC	Alex joined us late in the season and very quickly demonstrated his ball skills with a good strong pair of hands marking the ball and an equally as effective kick. With more training & game time Alex has got an exciting future in AFL. Well Done Alex.
George MORGAN	Another one of the tough defensive unit that consistently won possession in crowded packs, taking the ball through the congested opposition, to emerge and deliver clean ball that started numerous attacking movements. George has a terrific footy brain and makes a positive, determined impact whatever position he plays.
Louis MULLINS	Louis is enjoying his second season and is developing into a sound player where he is getting plenty of touches each game he played and kicked a number of strong goals & has developing more game sense as the season went on. Louis really gets into the team song at the end of the game.
Josh PAUL	Josh celebrated his 50 th game this season playing every game possible in the last 4 seasons which is a fantastic achievement. Josh is always in the thick of things and is continuing to develop his game sense in particular making space for a team mate to pass the ball to him which is making him a top notch contributor.
Fraser PHILLIPS	Fraser in nearly every game was the best on the ground. The most pleasing part about Fraser this season is his commitment to teamwork and combining with other players to get a positive outcome for the team. Congratulations Fraser a great season.
Ryan SHIRLAW	Ryan really kicked on with his footy this season, and continued to contribute as one of the most reliable and clever players in the team. Didn't play anything less than a solid game, and was at his best when moving into open space to provide an easy target for his team mates, then utilising the ball cleanly every time.
Liam SOPER	In his second season and showed that he can play the game and kicked a couple of memorable goals. Liam will be better for having this season under his belt and is learning that concentration leads to greater success.
Michael TOMARCHIO	Michael direct from an Auskick Camp at his school, and a slightly rain interrupted start to his debut has demonstrated a real passion for the game and has improved in each match he played. Michael will be all the better for his 1 st season. Well Done Michael.
Billy VAXEVANIS	In the games he played he got into the flow of the game and made a contribution. Billy also realises that the more focused on the ball the more impact he will have on the game at hand. Billy has got plenty of ability and the more games he gets under his belt the better he will be.
Luke WALTON	Over the last 4 seasons Luke has played every game possible which has enabled him to reach 50 games which is a great credit to him. His ruck work was pretty handy as he continues to develop in to a strong attacking player with Luke realising the more focused on the game the more he will assist in the team's success.
Benjamin WRIGLEY	Benjamin enjoyed a terrific start to his AFL Career. His ability to mark cleanly and strong kicking has really added further depth into the Under 8's squad. Benjamin played like he had 3 or 4 seasons under his belt, was always very well mannered and a team player. Congratulations Benjamin.
Benji WILLIAMS	Despite a short interruption in the middle of the season. Benji had an exciting entry into the AFL with many game day highlights, all aspects of his are already at a high level with his game sense improving every game. Well Done Benji on being the Rookie of the year.

UNDER 9's



Coaches Report – Anthony McNamara

The boys enjoyed a great year's football and continued throughout the season to bond and play as a team. With numerous players both new to the club and even the sport of AFL, it has been a pleasure to watch their development.

The boys all have high expectations of themselves and energy to burn and we look forward to harnessing these vital qualities in the seasons to come to enhance their skill level, team work and competitive spirit, whilst at all times displaying the wonderful sportsmanship that they did 'to a man' when called upon at various times to balance numbers with the opposition club.

Well done boys!

Player Profiles

Thomas QUEENAN

The Litmus Test /The Barometer

A veteran at Drummoyne Power, when Thomas is hot, the team is hot! With more drive than a Mack truck, Thomas plays his heart out and loves to duck and weave leaving the opposition in his tracks. At his best with clearing dashes along the wing.

Player Reference: Dale 'Daisy' Thomas

2010 Improvement focus: Long drop punt kicking

Billy BATESON

The Wall

With a heart that fills his big chest, Billy played a season like we have not seen from him before. Despite carrying an injured foot most of the time he learnt how to use his strength and trust himself. His kicking developed wonderfully over the course of the season. Single handedly repelled many attacks.

Player Reference: Jonathan Brown

2010 Improvement focus: Over head marking skills

Angus MCNAMARA***The Dynamo***

The blond cousin of the great Mexican rover, Speedy Gonzalez, Angus is simply everywhere! Never intimidated by the big guys he is always hard at the ball and bursting through the packs. More comfortable on the run than set shots 'Gussy' kicks more bananas than come out of Coffs Harbour.

Player Reference: Gary Ablett (Jnr)

2010 Improvement focus: Tackling skills

Will HEINE***Always There***

The old saying "when the going gets tough, the tough get going" really typifies Will's first year of AFL. In the big games, Will invariably stood up and delivered, - marking and kicking good long drop punts to position. Throughout the season he consistently read the play well and created space – a great year!

Player Reference: Marty Mattner

2010 Improvement focus: Long hand ball skills

Liam FERRIER***Coming Through***

In his first year of AFL Liam had a big impact....particularly with anyone he ran into! Fast and strong, Liam never shirked a contest and often charged off the centre half back line with a sprint and bounce before unleashing a big penetrating kick forward, exciting to watch.

Player Reference: Luke Hodge

2010 Improvement focus: Quick disposal (kicking & handball) skills

Matthew SHERIDAN***Skills***

The ball is always in safe hands with Matt. A good reliable mark with the best kick in the team, Matt had a stellar year setting a great example of junior football for all around him. Matt's long clearing kicks off the backline regularly set up goals and invariably found their target.

Player Reference: Adam Goodes

2010 Improvement focus: Reading the play & making position skills

Ewan MACDONALD***The Magnet***

Wherever Ewan went, the ball went! (Or was it the other way around?) A brilliant first season of football had Ewan displaying his speed, confidence and general ball skills. A talent to watch and enjoy in the future.

Player Reference: Chris Judd

2010 Improvement focus: Reading the play & making position skills

Josh KERR***Rolex***

Reliable as clockwork....but leave the watch at home! Josh had a great year and reads the play really well creating opportunities for his team mates and regularly getting in for the hard ball. In several big games Josh was able to nullify the oppositions 'top guns' when used as a defensive tagger.

Player Reference: Brett Kirk

2010 Improvement focus: Long drop punt kicking skills

Ned TRAVERS***Grinner***

The happiest boy on the team, Ned is into everything, regularly on the bottom of the pack chasing the hard ball. He had a solid introduction to AFL skills and is noted as one of the best kickers of the drop punt in the team. It should also be noted that Ned also enjoys a run.....a very long run! (Save that for the rugby Ned.)

Player Reference: Adam Schneider

2010 Improvement focus: Tackling skills (and bouncing!)

Ben SANDERS***Shin boner***

Blessed (or cursed) with his father's passion for North Melbourne, Ben typifies the 'Shin Boner Spirit'. As strong as an Ox, Ben is hard at the ball, always contesting and can kick the ball long.....very long! Learning to stay on his feet a bit more will help immensely.

Player Reference: Glenn Archer

2010 Improvement focus: Overhead marking skills and staying on feet

Jonah VAN WACHEM***Yapper***

Whilst his namesake once burst from a whale, this Jonah regularly bursts from the pack clearing the ball for his team mates. Always chatting, Jonah is constantly seeking to improve, learn and to do his best. Jonah regularly plays 'well above his size' which is testament to his spirit. Great work playing the wings and creating opportunities for our forward line.

Player Reference: Craig Bolton

2010 Improvement focus: Long handball skills

Lewis PATTON***The Joker***

When he is not up to mischief, Lewis is one of the most aware and footy smart boys in the backline. Lewis single handedly saved more goals this year than the team as a whole kicked, keeping his wits about him and knowing when to drop back.

Player Reference: Lewis Roberts -Thompson

2010 Improvement focus: Overhead marking skills

Michael LAMBROPOULOS***The Thinker***

Despite the calm exterior there lurks within a work rate equal to Rodan, always producing works of art on the field. Michael really stepped up a gear (or more) this year and never shirked a contest. Regularly delivering with big kicks deep into the forward line, it has been great to watch Michael's development.

Player Reference: Robert DiPier Domenico

2010 Improvement focus: Tackling skills

Charlie GRIFFITH***Casper***

Quiet as a church mouse, Charlie drifts across the field, forward and back sneaking away from his opponent but always creating opportunities for his team mates to channel through. Charlie's goal in the last game was my season highlight, and I thank you for that wonderful effort.

Player Reference: Jessie White

2010 Improvement focus: Long drop punt kicking skills

Lindon DURRANT***Solid as a Rock***

The most improved of 2009. Solid in defence, fast and determined when playing in the centres and always creating opportunities when up forward. Lindon never backs awaycertainly taking on all the attributes of his player reference.

Player Reference: Nick Del-Santo

2010 Improvement focus: Long handball skills

Bailey COX***Mr Second Effort***

2009 was by far Bailey's best year with 'The Power'. While his kicking and making skills improved, it was his unrelenting determination that stood out. Bailey so often followed up with a second, third and fourth effort which regularly converted a defensive play into full on attack.

Player Reference: Matthew Scarlett

2010 Improvement focus: Quick disposal (kicking & handball) skills

Phillip RINGER

Welcome back

Following a severely curtailed season through injury (broken arm) Phillip was welcomed back into the side and soon made his presence felt. Phillip reads the play well and creates lots of options for his team mates.

Player Reference: Brent Harvey

2010 Improvement focus: Overhead marking skills

Jack FAVERO

The Draft Pick

Jack joined the club and the team late in the season and enjoyed his first season of AFL despite the challenges of balancing Saturday mornings with his school sport commitments. Jack is a fast and exciting young prospect with clear ball handling skills and a fearless approach.

Player Reference: Lewis Johnston

2010 Improvement focus: Quick disposal (kicking & handball) skills

UNDER 10's - SILVER



Coaches Report – Glen Burgess

Having the opportunity to coach the boys in the Silver team again was an invitation too good to refuse. The addition of five new players, Chris, Dylan, Max, Tim and Angus O added even further depth and personality to an already great side and the season looked very promising before it even started.

Throughout the season I had tried to develop the skills of each player and to instil in them a love of the game and a mindset to try their very best week in week out. I trust that I have been able to tick all the boxes in that regard and that each and every player will want to return to play with the team and this great club next year.

Personally the season has been a very enjoyable one and I have been proud of the individual and collective efforts of the boys. Their on field success and the sportsmanship they displayed throughout the season is testimony to their desire to play the game.

Another pleasing aspect is the apparent joy the parents gained from watching the team play each week. The season was peppered with some memorable moments and every player had their own standout game where they have really showcased their talent.

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Sean Rankin for his help as Team Manager City West team and for his professionalism as goal umpire.

A very big thank you to JulieAnne Anderson for her support as Team Manager. JulieAnne as always has kept the team and parents going in the right direction.

Player Profiles

Lachlan ANDERSON	A long standing member of the team and a veteran with five years at the club. Lachlan is attentive at training and understands what is expected of him on the field. Finished off the season with good performances in the Round Robin and needs to continue to focus on his skills development to get into the play to realise his full potential.
Rory BARKLEY	Another superb year from Rory. A gifted footballer who possesses great skills, speed and a true hunger to win the ball. His drive and evasion skills gave the team an enormous edge in every match. Well deserving of selection in the City West exhibition team.
Salil BARRETT	Salil was the big improver this season. He approached the new season with a renewed determination to win the ball and repeatedly demonstrated his doggedness particularly in defence. Well done Salil and keep practising your skills.
Lachlan BURGESS	Lachlan is very solid and reliable all rounder. He played his best football up forward or in the backline and was known for his long kicking. Reads the play well and a good link man in the team.
Murali CHINNAPPA	Murali started and finished the season off strongly with some excellent performances, the most significant being a bagful of goals against Teal in round 3. He continues to develop as a good all rounder and a passionate player.
Chris DE BAETS	Towards the end of his first year in AFL Chris started to really read the play well and pick up a number of possessions. A popular member of the team, who always had a smile on his face, and will develop into a good footballer with more game time. His efforts throughout the season were justly rewarded with a memorable perfect kick to goal in round 13.
Rhys FLETCHER	Rhys is one of those ever reliable players you can put in any position on the field. He always picks up a bagful of possessions through reading the play well and making good position. Ask him to do a job and he will do it. A solid team player.
Dylan KENNERSON	It was great to have Dylan in the team. He was always the most enthusiastic and attentive player at training each week. His skills and confidence to attack the ball grew as the season progressed and in turn won plenty of the ball. Dylan will be remembered for the little things he achieved that sometimes go unnoticed such as the quick handball or the tap out of the pack. Well done Dylan.
Jack LOUGHNAN	Jack had another great season. His liking for tackling opponents made him an ideal backman however since the mid season he started to use his physical presence to win the ball with his first effort and stamp his authority as a reliable all-rounder and solid defender.
Lewis MCNAMARA	Lewie is the “Brett Kirk” of the team. He is a true in and under player who relishes the opportunity to win the hard ball gets. His second and third efforts to win the ball were the best in the team. Lewis had a great season and demonstrated great team spirit.
Max MORRISON	Max was a great inclusion in the squad. It was hard to believe that it was his first season in AFL as he used his pace to advantage and gained plenty of possessions along the way. He is well suited to the game and will develop into an even better player next season. A great first season Max.
Angus OHLIN	Another rookie who demonstrated plenty of skill as a new player in the team, Angus was a hardworking player who improved with every game. His commitment for the ball was without question and his determination and physical presence unnerved his opponents whilst adding depth to our side. Great work Angus.

James PELLEGRINO

James is a lively type who gave his all. He may be small in stature but he was quick and clever in close contests. James is a very handy player to have in a team and backs himself. He is fast and skilful around the packs and works hard for the team.

Angus RANKIN

Angus had an outstanding year. He has a good football brain and instincts that saw him develop into a key playmaker for Silver. Early in the season his kicking and reading of the play improved and together with his height and pace saw him prominent in every game he played. A well deserved selection in the Exhibition team. A great year Angus, well done.

Tim REED

Tim was a new member of the team this year. Always keen to know if we had won the game and someone who thoroughly enjoyed the captaincy in round 15. Plenty of practice in the off season will assist Tim in season 2010. Keep up the practice.

Ben STEVANOVIC

Ben had another great season this year. His athleticism and confidence were telling with many offensive and defensive plays. A skilled individual, Ben can always be relied on to win the ball and get the team out of jail every quarter of footy he plays. Thanks for some superb performances and your enthusiasm.

Jack VOZZO

Jack had another consistent season with some great moments to boot. He has always had plenty of ball sense and uses this to his advantage wherever he plays. Jack is a key asset to the team as he chases the ball down and works hard for the team all over the ground.

UNDER 10's - TEAL



Coaches Report – Kevin Uyeda & Darren Lewtas

Our roster was bursting with talent, a terrific mix of experienced hands and new boys eager to learn and play footy. With so many players on hand each week it became a pleasant juggle. We were also able to play some mammoth 18-a-side contests over the course of the season. It was a pity that so many training sessions and games were cancelled due to rain, especially both our fixtures against the mighty Silver. But in one of the highlights of our season, we played our hearts out to come away with a draw against our club mates in the helter skelter footy of the Gala Day.

One of the most difficult adjustments for us was getting used to the tackle rule, which kept changing from week to week, umpire to umpire – although it was a burden shared by us and our opponents. With some many ferocious competitors within our ranks, next year will be “game on” when we play to a more physical and consistent set of rules. Although we only kept half an eye on the scores, we won two-thirds of our games and could outplay any side if the match-ups fell into place.

We were grateful to the wise and hardy who looked after the boys at training and on match day. Kevin Uyeda got us going early on, especially smoothing the transition for the newer players. Peter Higgs and Mason Lewtas stepped up to give us great support. Glen Burgess, with a flock of his own, was very generous with his advice and time. Darren Lewtas was able to use his magic for inspiration, humour and the charisma of high office to spur the team to great efforts. It was like Grand Final day every time he revved up the boys in the home sheds at Drummoyne. He was a model for calm, patience and encouragement from the sideline.

Our parents were smart, steady and rock solid, always there with a helping hand, smile and cheers; the Dads were okay, too. So many parents helped out with scoring, goal umpiring and the jerseys, but a special mention goes to Mark W, Richard L and Richard B, Nittin, Uncle Sam and David, “the Governator”. But keeping this bulging, sprawling, rolling show on the road, from pre-season to beyond the final siren, has been Lindy. Our unflappable and fiercely loyal manager is a star, the warm centre of our football family. Thank you OB1 so much. See you all in 2010.

Player Profiles

Gabe BESWICK	Became more involved as the season went on, winning the ball in the centre and taking marks around the ground. Is quick, covers a lot of territory and has a great, big boot when he gets onto one.
Declan BLAXALL	A dangerous goal sneak with an accurate set shot. Gets into great position close to the goal square and can take a strong mark in a pack of bodies and arms.
Alex BULLEY	A calm and clever player, who improved over the course of the season. Had a great knack for scoring goals when the going was difficult and when they were most needed.
Lars CRAMP	A bundle of determination and competitiveness. Always managed to find space out on the wing and often showed up his team mates when he gallantly took a stint with the opposition.
Edward CROCKER	Whenever the ball is heading goalwards, you want Eddie as your defender on the goal line. Composed under pressure and one of the safest markers of the ball you will ever see.
Rohan DENING	He burst onto the scene with a bag of goals in his debut and never looked back. As well as being a gutsy and fearsome competitor, this highly skilled and confident player is clearly on the rise.
Will DEVENISH	A wonderful debut season, culminating in rep selection while still learning the game. He can play anywhere, but his poise, vision, awesome boot and confidence has seen him control the back end of the field, from where he often launches the attack.
Darby DURACK	Loves to get into the thick of the action, in and under, but has fine kick as well. Do not fight this man for the ball. He is comfortable tagging the opposition's best player or just doing the hard grind of tackling in the middle of the ground.
Joe DUSEVIC	He's got all the skills, a big motor and a gift for something special off that sublime left boot when the team really needs it. Growing taller has not hurt his ground skills and he's perfecting the overhead mark. Playing in the ruck, or in the key positions, comes naturally as he reads and approaches the game like an old pro.
Charlie GIBBS	A pocket rocket of energy, courage and heart, he gets battered and bruised and always emerges with a cheeky, winning smile. Charlie's legs never give in and he's got a reliable pair of hands when the ball is there to be marked.
Rohan GUPTA	What a joy to watch and have in your team. If he got a dollar for every time he won the ball in a tough contest or for every kilometre he ran, the Gup could put a deposit on a house. He has great peripheral vision, a sixth sense for goals and the ability to slip through packs and hit a running target with a precise kick.
Andrew HAWKEN	Another new lad who is learning his trade. Early on he worked to build his skills and by the end of the season had found confidence on the field and got more of the ball. Can take a tough mark and has quick hands.
Tim KENZLER	A sturdy fixture in defence, he branched out to all parts of the ground. Playing in the forwards, he had a keen sense for the sticks and was often in prime position to sneak in a goal when the ball came his way.
Riley LUCAS	He is both the engineer and artist in a talented footy team. Riley is part showman, part street fighter and 100 per cent a natural, with fierce determination, true grit and pluck. He runs himself into the ground because he is hungry for the ball and reads the play so well. When he has the Sherrin, just about anything is possible.

Sean MCCANN	A stunning first season. He scores goals, takes marks, has beautiful hands. Seanie throws himself into contests with bravado and his ground skills are exquisite. Little wonder he won representative honours by season's end.
Jack PACEY	A good man to have on your side. He's on the spot and in the trenches and utterly unbeatable. Don't let that mild manner fool you, he's a tiger in spirit and a great contributor to team harmony.
James RACITI	A slow starter this season, but once he got his bearings James was terrific and an important part of our forward set-up. He takes great marks in the scoring zone and his awesome left boot knows one direction only – high and right through the middle of the goals.
Tom STUDLEY	A quiet fellow, who also matured as the season rolled on, finding more of the ball in general play. He was always first to put up his hand to help out the other team, a selflessness much appreciated and often missing in footy at this age.
Wes TOWNER	He relishes the hard contact of footy, its bumps, tackles and skirmishes. Became a very influential player with his ability to clear the ball and score goals from long range. Wes will really come into his own as the game becomes more physical in future years.
Jordan WILLS	A very handy player that contributes all over the park. Jordo is most dangerous in the forward fifty, where he finds space and takes great grabs. At set shots, there is no one more composed and accurate when the pressure is on.

UNDER 11's - SILVER



Coaches Report – John O'Donoghue

This was my second season of coaching and there was much anticipation as the first training run on a hot afternoon in February finally arrived. We had a good roll up of players returning from last year but trying to fill the shoes of players like Eden Nicholls and Liam Storan who had gone to greener pastures was always going to be difficult. Fortunately we received a boost with a bunch of talented players from Concord Football Club and with a squad of 15 the season ahead looked promising.

After the first round it appeared some of the other teams in the competition had also done some good off season recruiting and grown an extra few inches and a tough draw lay ahead. It would not be till round 4 in a very physical game against Wests that we managed to get our first win on the board. This game had everything and all players went home sore but satisfied.

Further wins against Maroubra Black, a close one against Glebe and the return bout with Wests when we kicked a big score and held them goal less were encouraging. The final match of the year against arch rivals Teal, a team we had never beaten was a real eye opener. I tried to explain to the players that we had been competitive in most of our games this year having been in front at quarter time, even at half time, a goal or two down at three quarter time and then getting beaten by four or five goals. Why was this so? When I hinted it may have been our mental attitude and we needed to lift the intensity as the game went on because the other team wanted to win just as much as we did, something snapped.

I'm not sure if it was the smell of liniment or "the graph" but they went nuts. They went out on the field and kicked 10 unanswered goals, our highest score of the year and we won the match. That is the sort of four quarter intensity that wins matches and hopefully they can carry that over until next year. At the end of the season we finished 8th on the ladder with 5 wins and 9 losses just behind Teal.

My support team this year were again fabulous. David Foster my manager did so much behind the scenes and was always there for me when I needed someone to confide in. I would also like to thank Bernice Kesbah my runner, David Sanders for his wordy match reports, Noel Ford behind the goals and Terry Pappapetros and Demetrius Adgemis for helping out at training.

And finally the players and parents for their commitment and dedication over the whole season – thank you!

Player Profiles

Klaus KAZAMIAS	Klaus started the season off in the ruck but soon found a more comfortable role as a midfield stopper and half forward. Klaus hardly missed a training run and was always out there working on his kicking skills which greatly improved as the season went on. He continues to develop his skills and shows great potential.
Nick ADGEMIS	The hole left by the departure of our fullback Liam created a few headaches for the coach. In a team where no one wants to play in the backline, Nick stepped forward and just said "I'll give it a go". Kicking out when there are no lines marked on the ground is probably the hardest thing any player can do. Nick really embraced his new role and even managed to go down and kick a goal from fullback in the gutsy victory over Wests which would have made Stephen Silvagni proud.
Lachlan MCLEAN	Lachlan again was a solid contributor in every game this year on his now customary half back flank. He showed great improvement in his ability to make a contest and spoil the mark making it impossible for his opponent to score. A big moment was in the game against Glebe when he emerged from a pack on the half back line, took a bounce in the centre then goaled. Great stuff.
Zac FOSTER	Zac really took the next step this year with his hard attack at the ball and running off a along lead. He seems determined to take a spekkie and regularly got very high off the ground to pull down some screamers. Zac got amongst the goals too on a few occasions but an injury to his hand mid season seemed to have no effect on his drumming abilities.
Jack O'DONOGHUE	Jack rotated from the half backline to a tagging role in the centre and also as a forward snagging three in the famous victory over Wests at Wagener. He has a great ability to read the bounce of the ball but it was his Brett Kirk style of play in close at the stoppages that really shone and helped us get first use of the ball.
Brandon LAYOUN	Brandon returned from injury and started the year slowly but as his confidence grew so did his courage and bravery. A few stints in the backline proved that he is definitely a forward and his now familiar one hand gather and sharp turn for goal from half forward ensured he was regularly on the scoreboard. Two goals in the grudge match against Teal in the last round were standouts.
Sam BARKLEY	Sam picked up exactly where he left off last season and just continues to give his all and be one of the more dominating players in every game he plays. A brief stint at full back saw some big kick outs and at full forward he kicked some incredible goals but it is in the midfield he really excels. Sam also made the Representative team for the second year in a row.
Nick FORD	Nick finished second in the goal kicking this year and managed to get on the scoreboard in nearly every game. Rotating between centre half forward and full forward Nick always provided good delivery to William but it was his ability to present as an awesome target steaming downfield that really was the biggest improvement in his game and pleased this coach to no end.
Tom SANDERS	Tom volunteered early in the season to help out in the ruck after Eden had left and this he did with great composure. Switching to centre half back also suited his strong defensive skills and hard attack at the ball which sometimes saw him come off the worse for wear. Easily the best side on bump in the team; it was the improvement in his left foot kicking skills that really surprised this writer.
William PAPAPETROS	William was our leading goal kicker for the second year in a row narrowly shading Nick Ford. He again took some big overhead marks but it was his Fevola-like attack on the ball when it hit the ground that was a real pleasure to watch. Two hauls of three goals each against Wests at home and away were instrumental in getting the result we desired.

Adam KESBAH	The team had already seen some of Adam's good work last year in games against Concord so we already knew he was a gun player. What was to follow in the next 14 rounds when he pulled on the Power colours was truly outstanding. Adam started the season well in the forward line kicking our only goal against East Blue. From there he played all key position roles including full back, centre half back/sweeper, rover but it was his work in the ruck and that big leap and punch that completely baffled the opposition and gave us the ball at the stoppages.
Nick JORGENSEN	Nick was one of the two new players from Concord and was welcomed by all. After witnessing his tackling skills it was decided he may be very useful in the back pocket. Working in tandem with the other Nick at full back these two single handedly repelled wave after wave of forward attacks with their good talk and handball skills and were solid as a rock in defence.
Andrew BARCLAY	Andrew comes from a soccer background and in his first year of Aussie Rules had almost mastered the drop punt before the first game! After a shaky start where his kicking off the ground skills were frowned upon by the umpires, Andrew really started to find his feet. His ability to elude his opponent and run into space was a delight for his coach and he was rewarded with a goal against East White in round 5 that brought the house down.
Oliver BOURKE	Oliver is our utility player or fixer who relishes a challenge and is not afraid to speak up at the breaks and say "can I go and do this?" The coach regularly gave him his opportunity to do this and Ollie always rose to the occasion. If he said he wanted to go forward and kick a goal, he did it. He is extremely fit and is one of the hardest runners in the team, always finding space and covering more ground in a game than Adam Goodes.
Rhys PATTON	There is nothing more frustrating for a coach than to see a ball dribble over the opposition's goal line for a goal. Enter Rhys. After starting the season off in the forward line Rhys was switched to the back pocket to "guard the goal line" like a soccer goalkeeper. And guard the goal line he did, saving so many goals this writer lost count. It was just another example of a player being asked to fill a role and he carried it out to the letter. Thanks Rhys.
Dylan HIGGS	Dylan was always the first choice as a back up when numbers were down and he gladly accepted the challenge on at least half a dozen occasions after he had just played a game of rugby and before he would run on with the under 12's. A particular corner of Heffron Park proved to be a hero and villain for Dylan. In the first case Dylan was moved to full forward in the dying stages of a close match with Maroubra Black and turned the game for us by kicking two goals. On the return visit he twisted his knee in the same pocket and was carted off to hospital, fortunately with no serious damage.

UNDER 11's - TEAL



Coaches Report – Noel Storan

In late March, as we were walking into the Waratahs v Crusaders match to kick off the 2009 Rugby season, I took a call inviting me to coach the Under 11 Teal side at Drummoyne Power. It was with some trepidation that I accepted the role of Coach as my knowledge of AFL was very limited but decided to give it a go. After all, how hard could it be - run around the oval, catch and kick the ball?

So my little adventure into AFL began while the kids enjoyed the experience of trying to understand a guy with a funny accent shouting at them from 50 metres away. If that doesn't prepare you for life – what will! Hopefully by season's end, we would have won a few games and had a bit of fun.

Right from the first game it was obvious that we had some very talented players in our team, ready to get stuck into every contest. The fundamentals of all sports - commitment, courage, effort and spirit were not going to be in short supply with this group.

As the season wore on it became apparent that the technical, strategic and tactical development of this uniquely Australian game were the areas where we began to fall away. John O'Donohue from Under 11 Silver was a great support in helping to develop drills and training practices to assist the boys. Next year we'll try and build more on the player development.

In the first few games of the season we moved the boys around into different positions and combinations to try and find their favourite positions and a natural balance in the team structure. Some days it just clicked and magic happened as the play moved fluidly down the field, passes found their mark etc. Other days, we just couldn't seem to find our rhythm and with the same intensity of effort we couldn't conjure up the magic. The great quandary of every coach, every team in every sport – how do you get it all to click on the day!

There seemed to be an abnormal amount of interruptions to this season with lots of rain, ground closures and swine flu adding to the normal pattern of injuries, holidays and other commitments. However, some season highlights come to mind with a winner on the siren against East Red, a tough game against West's, period of fluid passing in every game but my highlight was a narrow loss to East's Blue at Drummoyne Oval. We were well behind going into the last quarter but no-one dropped their heads, no-one watched the score board, no one gave up and we played

some beautiful football to almost run them down in the last quarter. You all showed spirit, character and a never say die attitude and that's what makes coaching worthwhile.

My sincere thanks to Mark Cividin for his help as manager of the team and to all the parents who helped out throughout the year.

Congratulations to Angus Baker, Sam Cividin and Tommy Doyle for making the representative side this year. As we approached the end of the season, the sniff of a finals berth was in the air but it wasn't to be this season. On their day, this team is capable of beating any opposition and in the end we won a few, lost a few and learnt a lot. It was good to have spent time with my son's mates and discover they are a great bunch of guys. It gives me confidence for the future, as very soon they will be charging into their teenage years.

Player Profiles

Angus BAKER	An absolute talent, determined and skilful with the ball with the ability to dominate the centre of the field. The challenge for Angus and the club is to continue developing his skills to ensure he fulfils his potential.
Briar BLUNDELL	A natural ability to take spectacular overhead marks. Complete commitment to eyes on the ball and beware anyone who lies in the path. Briar spent most of the season in the centre ruck but also assisted in defence when required.
Nathan CARRICK	Nathan developed his game as the year progressed particularly with tackling and getting his head over the ball. He worked hard in every game keeping pressure on the opposition, a real team player.
Angus CHILTON	Angus was never afraid to get involved in the action even though he was almost always tackling a bigger opponent. Tight marking and foraging for loose ball produced scoring opportunities for Angus this season.
Sam CIVIDIN	Sam has the heart of a lion and his all round determination on the field inspired the other players. Sam's contributions in the centre clearances and breakdowns kept the ball moving forward for the team.
Tom DOYLE	Mr Magic, Tommy just seemed to appear with the ball in the right place and score a goal. He used the open spaces on the oval to his advantage and we have to develop this on the bigger grounds next year.
Jonny GARRICK	Jonny runs well onto the ball to get front position and reads the play well. Jonny played every position on the ground this year and contributed well in every one.
Lachlan HARTLEY	Lachlan was a first time participant in AFL this year but quickly became a valuable member of our team. Lachlan was quick to cut off balls across the defensive line using his speed and agility.
Sandy HENDERSON	Our secret weapon, Sandy was one of the youngest in the team but his tackling, running, kicking and energy in every aspect of his game made him a significant contributor to our success this season. Sandy is a quiet achiever but a name to watch out for in the future.
Anthony LAWRENCE	Anthony was a bit uncertain at the start of the season but we could see his confidence lift every week. A delightful young man and I hope he continues to enjoy his footy.
Calum LAVERY	Strong in the tackles and good safe hands, Calum was a utility player this season, playing forward, back or centre. Calum was always looking to be involved in the thick of the action in every game.
Rory O'SHEA	One of the big men in the team, Rory matched up against the opposition for the high balls and tough encounters. Safe hands and a strong kick, Rory will dominate his opponents when he can unleash controlled aggression in his play.

Jack RYAN	Jack has very good hands and marked the ball at every opportunity. He has the ability to drift loose from defenders and create a target across the forward line.
Matthew SHEPHERD	Matt was our target man at centre forward when available this year. Matthew's presence in the forward line attracts defenders and opens up opportunities for him and his team mates. A memorable kick on siren to win the game against East's Red was a highlight this year.
Liam STORAN	Mr Energy, he just doesn't stop and leaves nothing in the tank every week. He loves the contested ball and tight tackling games. Liam does appear to have time on the ball when looking to distribute to a team mate, an ability to be nurtured in his game.
Seb VERVOORT	Seb was a tackling machine this year; he revelled in the tough and hard encounters across the backline. His defensive tackles reverse the direction of play and start our counter attack.
Ben VOZZO	Ben has a natural athletic balance that allowed him to evade tackles and provide forward momentum from either a defensive role or centre play. A quick pick up and a strong kick on the run cleared many dangerous moments for this season.

UNDER 12's



Coaches Report – Jason Sansom

The season started with a real bang when we fronted up to West's at their home ground for the first round of the season. I was very impressed with how the boys took the game on and a healthy win was forthcoming. We were all very excited about the fact that we had won first up that we almost forget to sing the club song.

Unfortunately we found it quite difficult to find the same form that we had showed in the first round and tended to play a little inconsistently week to week. We did manage some very good football but only in one or two quarter bursts which made it hard to win many more games. Next year the boys will move up into youth football which will present its own challenges and opportunities however, if they stick together, they will grow as a team and given the potential that they have shown, I am sure that greater on field success is not too far away.

There are a lot of people that are involved in ensuring that the kids have the opportunity to play and enjoy their football each week of which I would like to acknowledge them here:-

Tracey – what a Team Manager! Many thanks for all of your support and co-ordination of the team off the field. It's amazing the difference it makes when you have someone that can organise the team and keep everyone so well informed - the team is very lucky to have you as their Manager.

Peter – helping out on game days, running/team motivation talks at the breaks in play and someone to bounce ideas off - cheers.

Mark – helping out at training (Tuesdays and Wednesdays). It always makes life easier when you have an extra pair of hands and eyes with 20 + kids running around.

Kevin/Rod/Greg/Gavin – again people to help out on game day (ie: taking the kids through their warm-ups and running etc) which allowed me to focus on the team structure.

Matt – one of our under 14's players who has been taking the kids through their warm-ups/stretches and some of our drills at training. It is fantastic to see some of our older players at the club helping and supporting their junior club members through their development. A great role model that all the kids respect.

Jake – another under 14's player running the boundary for us week in and week out, very much appreciated by all as it has allowed the Mum's and Dad's to focus on watching and supporting the team.

Adam – one of our under 16's players who has pulled on the runner's shirt for us a number of times this year.

All of the Mum's and Dad's that have been very supportive of my involvement with the team which has made it that much more enjoyable being involved. For all of those that were new to the club this year (11 in all) I hope that you have enjoyed your first season at the Drummoyne Power and hope that you will be back next year as it is a great club to be involved with.

Lastly I would really like to thank the boys themselves for allowing me to be a part of their football development, they are a great bunch of kids and even when the chips were down during the season you could always count on them to fight out every game to the final siren. You can be very proud of the way all of these boys played their football and therefore represented their club they were always respectful of their opponent's when they won but more importantly were equally gracious in defeat.

Player Profiles

16 Nicholas BERTINO	Worked on his non preferred side this year and even resorted to using his left a few times during the season. A centre man and representative player who is a born leader on the field and always puts in 110% week in and week out.
34 Sam CLARK	Came to us a little later in the season however made a big impact with his height and agility. Has shown tremendous potential in the few later games that he was able to play.
15 Tennessee DEE	Ten is another of our first year players who was always very enthusiastic at both training and during each game. Has worked on his kicking during the season and has improved out of sight.
2 Luke EGAN	Another very solid performance from Luke who always worked hard to get the ball and thoroughly deserved his representative nomination this year. Also stepped up to play a number of games with the U14's.
1 Julian FAVERO	Another player that joined us in the latter half of the season, however also bringing a little more height to the side. Very enthusiastic player at both training and during the games themselves who has developed his skills well during this period.
3 James FORD	A first year player that always managed to pick up multiple possessions a game and in fact mastered the art of the sneaky handball.
24 Dylan HIGGS	Another solid year from our left foot all rounder, none better than the first game of the season when he managed to put four through the big sticks.
14 Joshua IACONO	Key marking forward who managed to sneak a few goals this year and bringing the ball to ground for the smaller forwards to crumb.
17 Lachlan JOHNSON	Takes no prisoners! As hard at the ball as any player in the side and would have to have had the highest number of contested possessions in the team. An inspiring player to have in the side.
4 Liam KENNERSON	Quiet left footer in his first season at the Power. His skills improved throughout the season playing either forward or in the backline.
13 Elijah LENTON	Midfielder with silky skills and when undertaking the running game plays some exceptional football bringing his team mates into the play. Another of our representative players for 2010.
6 Conor MORRISON	Another of our quiet first year players who grew in confidence throughout the season. As his confidence grew, so did the number of possessions that he gained each game.

18 Xavier NELSON	Has a good football brain and skills to match. Reads the play very well and manages to get himself in space, calls loudly and also played a few games with the U14's during the year
19 Daniel QUINLAN	A small forward who "punches" well above his weight. What he lacks in height he more than makes up for in pure determination. Good luck back in Melbourne next year.
26 Michael ROBERTS	Predominately played across the half backline and always seemed to be very well balanced and another of the players in the side that reads the game so well.
12 Anthony ROBERTSON	Managed to kick his first goal for the Power this year and then followed it up in the same game with his second. Largely either played forward or as our alternate ruckman and always put in 100%.
30 Alec SHEEHY	Has come out of his shell a little during the season and improved every game he has played. Should look to a very successful 2010 with the Power.
7 Cameron SMITH	One of those first year players that just quietly goes about his tasks however could always be relied upon to work hard and always create a contest putting pressure on his opposite number.
22 Will STUDLEY	Tended to play across the half back/forward lines or on the wing and has very good hand and kicking skills. Will more often than not hit his target when passing to a team mate.
21 Brock TAYLOR	Solid half back man, has taken plenty of strong marks across the half backline this season and in the few games where he had the opportunity to play forward was just as menacing with his marking a feature. Good luck up in Queensland next year.
5 Daniel TILYARD	Played largely at fullback or centre half back with the occasional run in the forward line. The feature of his play is his terrific long right foot kicks, therefore largely had the kicking in duties from opposition points.
29 Lachlan UYEDA	A nuggetty in and under player who always worked hard around the packs to get the ball and would fight tooth and nail to gain possession. Also has a great fend and tackles very well.
10 Ethan WILLIS	Another stellar year from our number one ruckman. Has developed into a very mobile tough player whose kicking has really improved this year and has a bright football future ahead him.
9 Matt WILSON	A feature of Matt's game is his fantastic bursts of speed and strength in a contest. Played representative football both at a league and state level which is recognition of the impact he can have on a game.
30 Tim WOHLFIEL	Was only able to play in the first game of the year but as per last season still had that trademark pace and balance. Unfortunately a broken arm brought his season to an abrupt end hopefully will look to pull the boots on in 2010.
34 Ben YAO	The lucky last of our first year players who always had a smile on his face and worked hard on his skills during the season. It would be great to see him running around with the Power again next year.

UNDER 13's



Coaches Report – Simon Ringer

Last year, our season 2008 report concluded with a hope to give the generous parent volunteers that offer their time to serve as goal umpires a bit more to wave about in 2009. Well, we delivered on that hope! Season 2009 saw us field a squad of boys genuinely eager to develop their footy. We got going with a pre-season that saw us running hill-sprints already in February and the boys and their families quickly adjusted to these regular training sessions.

The team were delighted to welcome a few newcomers: Aaron Sheldon, Alex Trovato, Daniel Cecere and Brendan Parry joined the core group that returned from last year. We joined the newly formed Sydney Harbour Division 3 – an eight team competition. The signs were there right from the first few minutes of the first quarter of our first game against the Willoughby Wildcats: the boys were hungry for the ball, were prepared to steady and take time to look for each other and we saw glimpses of the familiar and wonderful sight of the U13's running together and using handball and accurate kicking to control the ball and the tempo of the game. It was a wonderful season - here is what some of that waving was about and why we will cherish our memories of our 2009 footy, forever.

Premiers Division 3: Drummoyne Power Under 13's

Now, it is certainly true that winning is not everything. But, let's just say that after the regular beltings we experienced in 2008, we had explored thoroughly that aspect of the game! We were ready to see what it was like to put a winning score on ourselves and, happily, we report that there are also things to learn there. In fact, we learned that there is a lot of discipline involved in getting ahead and staying ahead in a game of football: learning how to develop and build a lead – or how to just hold on when we need to. And the boys learned about being a front-runner team that everyone wants to have a crack at. Congratulations on the boys for putting themselves in a position to earn that experience.

But, of course, it was more than just the quarter-by-quarter and final score-lines that we were proud of with this team. There are various other do's and don'ts that the boys made their own in 2009. They didn't swear or 'flip out' during games. They did encourage each other when they made mistakes or copped a hard smack. They didn't get involved in commentaries on umpiring. They looked at each other in the eye, called strongly and had some of the best on-field talk going that I have ever seen in a junior footy team. That persistent, loud yap between our players from before the bounce to after the game was a massive buzz when we had the run-on and was a hugely steadying influence when our opposition would post a few unanswered goals.

On grand final briefing night, the boys explained to us why they actually play football. Their answers were very impressive: fun came up a lot. They told us that they enjoyed the social aspect, the friends outside of school and being part of a team. They liked the fitness and health aspect associated with footy – their words! Some also talked about the skills. The notion of winning and losing came up, but was certainly a minor response. I am sure that these were genuine responses that suggest that the boys' attitudes and approaches to their sport cannot be underestimated and I believe these underpinned the on-field success.

To me, every aspect of these values was tested on grand final day, as we took on a very worthy opposition in Hornsby-Berowra. To come through and post the fourth *Premiers* trophy in the Drummoyne club trophy cabinet was a great achievement for all the boys and their families. Well done to all.

Team of the Year, Sydney City Association: Drummoyne Power Under 13's

Yes! Our Drummoyne U13's were voted by the officiating umpires as team of the year! Consider that! Amongst all city clubs, teams, divisions, our team stood out to win this coveted award. This is a terrific mark of credit to all of the players, parents and all associated with the team as it is a reflection of the way that the team embraced the spirit of the game.

Best & Fairest, U13's Sydney Harbour Division 3: Jordan Trovato.

Jordan had (another!) great season. He dominated many of the games he played in and was the best and fairest player throughout the season in the eyes of the umpires. This is a great credit to Jordan. Not only does he play a great game of football, but he always gives 100%, is team focussed and is always fair-minded in his outlook of the game. This is a big deal – especially when you are one of the bigger boys of the competition. He attracts a somewhat rougher, scraggier opposition when he has the ball and takes plenty of big hits.

Representative Squad Training, 2009: Nick Garrick, Jordan Trovato & Joel Vozzo.

These boys and their families took an extra step and were selected for representative squad training in 2009. Well done boys – we trust that the extra training was valuable learning experience. These boys formed our leadership squad in 2009 and all served stints as team Captain. These boys can play the game and made a special contribution to the squad. We are grateful boys – stick with it.

Pigeons Selection, U13 Sydney Harbour: Nick Garrick.

The NSW junior AFL association boffins announced the selections for the various Pigeon's squads, which are representative teams from the local association. Nick's selection was a terrific achievement and reflects fabulously on Nick and the amazing progress that he has made in his footy in the last year or so. His skill, courage and dare in taking the game and opponents on is outstanding. He also brings many of his team-mates in to the game and we should all take some inspiration from his achievement.

Best on Ground, 2009 Sydney Harbour U13's Div 3 Grand Final Match: Nick Garrick.

What a great tradition it is to award the match ball to the b.o.g. player on the day! And what a fitting reward to Nick Garrick who played the consummate Captain's game. Of course, we all remember the snap to the goal-line from the boundary whilst being tackled, which resulted in a much needed goal. We remember the dashing runs and contested marks. But if you have a chance to review the tape – I know I will – please look at the work he does off the ball. A very clever football player: congratulations Nick.

Finally then, a big thank you goes out to all the parents and players who were able to manage all of usual logistical challenges of the season. The parents are ultimately the people that instil the values and attitudes in to the players and I think we all recognise that we have an outstanding group of families to share our footy with. May the Power continue to be with you!

A very special thank you goes to David Garrick for his superb work as Team Manager. I have the feeling that the AFL season is a progressively more complex logistical exercise each and every year, as new requirements are put upon us. I'm sure that each initiative is a good idea in its own right, but the imposition and responsibility on the Team Manager is huge. Not only are grateful for David's outstanding organisation, but we are also fortunate that David really knows the game so well and is always valuable consul on team matters. And, if all that was not enough, he donned the yellow T-shirt on Sunday's and acted as team runner for the year! David came up with '*U13's – set to shine 09'*' and how right he was! Many thanks Dave!

We were all also very grateful to the help and support from Mr. Alex Vozzo as Assistant Coach. Alex inspired all of us to get the best out of each other. He has a deep knowledge of footy and shares this generously with our boys. He was also a major source of encouragement and I know of a few boys that stepped up and never looked back after a little chat with Alex through the year.

All at the team very much appreciated the work of Kristian Ringer and Louis C. as trainers – your enthusiastic presence with the team during training and game day was really significant. Having big, fast, enthusiastic guys like you on the training track lifted the intensity of our sessions and we appreciate what you contributed.

We also want to thank C.K. Chan, Thomas Garrick, Michael Ferguson Pete Sheldon, Adam Golder, Paul Rumens, John Edwards and Xavier Nelson and others for their work with the flags, boundary umpiring and related help. Ken Enderby provided valuable statistical data on match days and this was also much appreciated. A big thanks also to John & Anna Edwards for all the photos throughout the year and to John for organising the GF film crew! In know that all contributed a most memorable season – the families all worked together well to keep the BBQ, canteen and laundry duties all ticking over. Finally, I know that we all appreciate the fantastic behind the scenes work of the club executive group that make so much of what we do possible.

Well done everyone and GO YOU POWER!

Player Profiles

Nick (The Solid) **BERTINO** Actually an Under 12, Nick played-up several games with the team throughout the year and was a wonderful team oriented contributor. Usually thrown in at the last minute to a back-line role, he always gave 100%. He deserves a lot of credit for his demeanour on and off the field and has huge potential. Will be welcome in 2010.

Hugo (Hard Guy) **BOTTRELL**

Several players decided that they wanted to improve their intensity around the ball this year and Bottrell was one of them. Playing flanks and pockets, forward and back, Hugo was flexible and adaptive and always gave 100%.

Louis (The Ogre) C.

In his debut season of AFL, Louis helped as U13's trainer and enforcer prior to his regular U16's commitments. With his boom-boom voice-box and dashing sprints to the lines, he was often seen begging for mercy from the little guys. Classic bump on Jordan at July training will go down in history – both went in to a low earth orbit and were reported to air traffic control at Sydney airport as unidentified footballing objects.

Daniel (Brave Heart) **CECERE**

Daniel joined us for his first season with the funny shaped ball and showed us that he has courage and skill. He slotted in immediately to a forward pocket role and whether he was crumbing goals or laying shepherds, he contributed in every single game he played, including the grand final where his body work opened scoring channels for us. We need more like him.

Ka Yin (Jackie) **CHAN**

A significant improver in season 2009. 'Owned' his wing and was always reliable with silky skills. Our famous handball chains usually involved this bloke. If he keeps improving at this rate, the sky is the limit.

Jake (The Enforcer) **DUNNE**

Jake has continued to hone the skill of the hip and shoulder. He has developed into a classic half-forward flanker. Increasingly found himself in dangerous situations throughout the season and became a genuine goal-sneak. Speedy and tough is what a forward line needs and he pressured the opposition backs when they began to clear. Your best season so far, Jake – and there is further improvement to come.

Cameron (The Wall) **DURRANT**

This player took it to the next level this year. Played an important "run-with" role for our Centre-Half Forward and in addition to getting his own frees, marks and disposals, he played an important role blocking and shepherding. Knocked the tackle bag into a coma during training one night – and it has been on life support ever since! Great season Cam – keep on improving.

Tomas (Laser) **EDWARDS**

Difficult to believe that this was Tomas' second season of AFL. Very difficult to believe that he played most of the season with a series of passing ailments that would have put most boys out of action and rendered them bed-ridden. Tomas emerged as a leader in the team and a key player, serving as an on-baller in a follower type role. Trained well, listened to instructions with his laser-like focus. Footy is a game of

wits and thinking, as well as running, fitness and toughness. Tomas understands this and will continue to improve in 2010.

James (Rasputin) **ENDERBY** Another major improvement this season – on top of steady improvements. Fortunately, our official 'ball magnet' had an immunity to (leather) poison on a par with Rasputin. Undoubtedly, James was fitter than he has ever been and his capacity to run hard in the last 5-10 mins of the games was a telling factor on many occasions.

Mitchell (Big Game) **FERGUSON** Steadily improved all season and probably had his best game in the grand final – which was handy of him! A big game player that was ready, willing and able to step it up for the big ones and when it counted in the various matches. Was a hugely flexible player – down forward, back and on-ball were all roles that he mastered. He also trained well and is a hugely positive influence in the group. Well done Mitch.

David (Speedy) **GARRICK** Magnificent debut as Team Manager and ISP e-mail speed-check provider. Doubled as team runner, though clearly needed to do more in the pre-season, particularly hill-work. Modelled himself as runner on the famous Dave Arnfield, though the resemblance stops there. A great manager: is receiving a lot of SMS from clubs in the district and will need to be retained. Occasionally babbles uncontrollably about the Crows or the Bays and this will need to be checked in 2010.

Nick (The Power) **GARRICK** An outstanding player, unrecognisable from last season. Just flew out of the blocks from the pre-season and was magnificent all year. Was in control of virtually one whole side of the field in his wingman position and started lots of the opportunities we created. A very strong correlation existed between Nick's possessions and the follow-on effect of the team making a shot at goal – if one was up, so was the other. Well done Nick!

Jack (Strong Man) **GIBBS** Was a strong improver throughout the season. Was unavailable for a few weeks and played his best footy when he returned. Has now emerged as a key defender, capable of taking on a designated spearhead forward. We are all hoping that Jack can return to the game in 2010 because there were signs of something special towards the end.

Ryan (Bull) **GOLDER** Wow! Ryan was a bulls-eye target for the team for much of the season. Played the key position of centre-half forward and was a natural talent for this role. He ran in to space, used his voice and presented himself all day. This is so important for a centre-half forward: he got himself in to space and used his voice to bring the contest to himself and then take it on, however the ball bounced. But! There's more! Ryan also had the initiative to come up the field when needed and add extra bite to the backline when we were struggling. And...his encouragement and spirit on the field were a major inspiration. Great season Ryan – there are more exciting stories ahead.

Cameron (The Gazelle) **GRIFFITH** Ran all day and could just keep-on-keeping-on. A good attacker and, when needed, a good defender. Was given major assignments running with excellent mid-fielders throughout the season and delivered every time. He is another than saved his best til last and played his best quarter of football all season in the last quarter of the grand final. Handy that, considering the narrow margin at three-quarter time.

Oliver (Not Goin Anywhere) **KEMP** The whole team were struggling with contesting the ball in the air for the first several matches. Oliver was one of the first players to switch-on to the need to be more competitive in this area and regularly was pulling in marks or earning frees for being in front. When the high ball was coming in and the pack were forming, Oli Kemp was not goin' anywhere – eyes only for the ball. Keep it up Oliver!

Matthew (The Fish) **LAZ** Not many players can play most roles of the field. Yet, Matt can do this. He is a clever player who played most of the season in the backline. He demonstrated some inspirational run-down tackles on the opposition and his sure passing and quick handballs were a feature of most games. Showed no reluctance to dive in to Canada

- Bay to retrieve a footy that had gone in to the drink and was fast drifting towards Parramatta. A great swimmer, a great footballer and a great team man.
- Brendon (Leftie) **PARRY** Joined us soon after the season started and was a regular contributor. Can play the game, with skilful disposal and clever anticipation. Started in the back-line and developed flexibility to go forward when asked. This boy is a steady improver and shows signs of being a major influence on our game plan: we look forward to his contributions going forward.
- Chris (Fev!) **PAPAPETROS** Played at full-forward most of the season and continues to show promise as a dangerous forward. Kicked our opener in the grand final in what was a classic Chris P moment and a moment where we really needed him. Many more good things to come for this player.
- Joseph (Coal Miner) **RINGER** Loves a February hill-sprint and was often at the bottom of the packs digging his way to the ball – or something. Usually came up blackened especially when there was mud about. Is improving his game and finished the season as a valuable utility player able to swing back when needed or add bite in the forward line.
- Kristian (Swish) **RINGER** Back again to support the squad as trainer this year, the big bloke darted in and out of the 13's all season and the guys even let him have a kick or two. Gave us run and intensity at training.
- Aron (Whirlwind) **SHELDON** Playing his first season with the Power this year, Aron had a great season. An attentive trainer and player, he made steady progress at learning to position himself between opposition forwards and the ball. They didn't seem to like this. He will continue to improve – and will be much needed in 2010.
- Alex (The Dart) **TROVATO** Was it a bullet? A speeding train? No – it was usually Alex darting out of the backline up to a contested ball situation and giving his all to usually win a possession for us and get us moving back in the right direction. A marvellous debut season for this bloke – a little younger than the rest of the squad but made up for it all with his courage. Another guy that played a huge game in the grannie.
- Jordon (Big Fella) **TROVATO** Rotating between ruck and a centre-half back role, Jordon was a key playmaker for the team in 2009. After a strong debut last year, he has backed up with a fabulous season and there is more promise yet. A great facet of his game was the determination to bend over whilst running and tap-dribble the ball in to control before sending forth booming kicks that smashed windows for miles around.
- Alex (The Voice) **VOZZO** Great performance as Assistant Coach, this year, modelled himself on Mark Williams when he was serving under John Cahill at the Power. No houses on Bayswater Road, have windows intact – THE VOICE saw to that. Preaches hardness and toughness at the footy. Keep this man away from raw meat.
- Ben (Legend) **VOZZO** This little bloke is actually an Under 11 that offered himself very kindly to play up with the team on several occasions. Born without the fear gene, he just powered through traffic and was a hugely reliable influence at back pocket. Several games involved us losing players to injury or helping the opposition with numbers and Ben stepped up at those time and courageously provided inspiration for the team. Is welcome anytime.
- Joel (Cuz) **VOZZO** Class, courage, commitment, clever, clearances – CUZ! This bloke made the prestigious centre position all his own and was a key clearance winner. Talking, planning and executing our centre breaks was a major feature of this boys footy. At the start of the season, he was asked to bring more of our guys in to the game with his possession winning and disposal skills and this he did. One of our best players all season.

UNDER 14's



Coaches Report – Darren Lewtas

Season 2009 saw this band of Drummoyne Players improve on their skills, their game sense and their sportsmanship. We had a few new faces join us and sadly we farewell a couple of players that have been a part of the core of this team for many years. Zoe Vicic will move to a coaching role within the Club and continue with her umpiring and Jake Sansom will be donning the Bombers strip in Tasmania in season 2010. We wish both these players all the best and thanks for being such great team members.

We were well lead by our captain Mat Vicic and vice captains Thomas Garrick and Jack Thomsett. We were amazingly organized by Team Manager Denise and had support all season from Assistant Coaches Barry and Jason. Again, a huge thanks to all.

The extra training night had its obvious benefits with fitness as did mixing the training with the Under 16's. The boxing and strength work paid off and meant that this season we were harder at the ball and stronger in the tackles. We seemed to not play as much football as we wanted and felt a little hard done by with Mother Nature, and subsequent byes and forfeits from other teams.

All in all we finished our season just one game out of the finals even though we were a little thin on numbers for most of the season. However, we were greatly assisted by the Under 12's and Under 13's who bolstered our bench week after week – a huge thanks to those players who helped us from the younger age groups.

Use your summer well and I hope to see you all back in 2010.

Player Profiles

Liam TRAVERS	Liam showed plenty of courage this season with great speed out of the half back line and he laid some great tackles. Always prepared to put his body on the line.
Jake WELSH	“Big Bird” has improved out of sight, as an alternating full back and ruckman. He even snuck forward a couple of times to goal. Jake just gets better and better.
Bill SHIPWAY	Tireless in his endeavour, Bill takes on all comers. His work rate on and off field is a credit to him and a fine example to his team mates. An inspirational on-baller who will run all day.
Jake SANSOM	Jake has been a part of this team for a long time now. He is always there to encourage his mates. A keen midfielder who is ready to stand any opposition player and always ready to lend a hand with the younger ages. A player we will truly miss next season.
Jack THOMSETT (VC)	Jack played a drifting role this season filling holes in the half back line and backing his centres and forwards. Keen to lend a hand if a team mate got into any bother. A worthy vice captain.
Zoe VICIC	Zoe has been an inspiration to all the young girls who come through Auskick and on to Youth Football. She has been a major contributor to the team and will be sorely missed - we hope to see her further her coaching and umpiring.
Matt VICIC (C)	A true leader and Matt has led by example. Our captain Matt has all the attributes of an AFL player - skill, speed, game knowledge, the respect of his team mates and expensive boots!
Liam CUNNINGHAM	Liam rotated between the half forward line and half back. His defence work is to be noted, especially those long arms with the spoil - our own “gadget man”.
Mason LEWTAS	Mason is a good SLB half forward, prepared to crumb and lead and squeeze the angle on the goals. His work in the centre in the latter part of the season showed us how keen he is get involved and lay a tackle as well.
Thomas GARRICK (VC)	One of the two vice captains, Thomas is a dominant centre half back. He troubled the forwards from all rival clubs this year and delivers game after game. Thomas caught the eye of many and finished in the Sydney Harbour Best and fairest leaders. A great season!
Ryan NELSON	Ryan has improved every season and as his strength and speed develop, he has settled in to a back pocket role that fits to a “T”. Ryan gives the good chase, lays the tackle and in Wanganeen fashion, slips through his opponents grip.
Conor MAY	Conor’s first season of AFL from ice hockey saw amazing physical development. He turned up, put in and did whatever was asked him. The sort of guy you’d always want on your side.
Jeromy BALL	The “superboot” Jeromy says its quite simple “get it to me and I’ll kick the goal”. Jeromy is our Plugger presence in the square and is as strong as he is accurate. Bring on next season.
Daniel JOHNSTON	Another in the SLB category. Daniel is a sharp witted flanker who will run out of traffic and create some space. Not afraid to end up under a pack - we valued his contribution and even snuck him forward for a goal or two!
Leslie VERRELL	Energy plus! Leslie just wants to give. He got better and better with every game played and would be the first to back you up in a crisis. Very few could catch him and only the brave would take him on!

Patrick VERRELL	Pat has been a welcome inclusion to the side on the weeks he could double up with codes. Strong, wilful and comfortable wherever he played, Pat shows plenty of ticker.
Xavier NELSON	X factor, an absolute pocket dynamo. X played up from the Under 12's for nine games and is a worthy full time inclusion in the Under 14's. Xavier picked up stats in the pockets at both ends of the ground and is fearless taking on the bigger opponents.
Nick GARRICK	Nick's work rate is exceptional. He backed up from the Under 13's for eight games and made a real contribution in every game he played. Fits in with the entire team as they look for his leads out wide.
Ben HALMARICK	One of our new inclusions. Ben has taken very well to the code and we hope to see a whole lot more of him in seasons to come.
Jake DUNNE	Another of our Under 12's who played up consistently. We valued Jake's input and he shows true Drummoyne spirit by taking on all challenges presented to him.
Joel VOZZO	Joel seemingly can't get enough footy. He too backed up on many occasions from his real age group to sneak a goal and make sure we had the numbers.

UNDER 16's



Coaches Report – Mik Car

What else can I say but what a year 2009 turned out to be!

Despite the end result on Grand Final day, I believe that everyone involved with the club would be ecstatic with the improvement that this side has shown throughout 2009. We started trying to make up numbers in division three, but quickly moved to making our mark in division two.

The boys really responded well to each challenge that was placed in front of them, and their professional attitude to training and game day was clear as we continued to set the benchmark in league for our attire and sportsmanship.

As this was my first year with the Drummoyne Power football club, I was unsure of what to expect from the club. Finding a junior club run in such a professional manner is outstanding and the committee members that make it possible for us to enjoy the weekends really deserve all the praise that is bestowed upon them.

With only a couple of players having to move up to Under 18's next year, I hope that 2009 will provide the building blocks and inspiration for an even better year in 2010. I for one am extremely excited at the possibilities that lay ahead of us all!

Very special thanks to Liv (my patient wife), Liam, Bob, Anna, Rod, Darren and parents for all their help and support throughout the year.

Player Profiles

Alex O'DEA

What a fantastic in and under player. Alex enjoyed his role in the centre this year and won plenty of the football. Though as the teams got bigger he found his niche as a small crumb in the forward half of the ground. While he struggled for consistency, Alex still had a fantastic year I hope he continues his good form into next year.

Ned NEWTON	Always solid as our full back. His booming kick outs, strong fist and dash from the backline were evident all year. I'm not sure how but he managed to run off his opponent and kick a goal! His athleticism and fitness are a real tribute to his commitment to his team and himself.
Marshall LEE	Marshall moved from the midfield to an attacking half back role this year. Typically forwards do not show enough respect to their defensive counterpart, and each time they did he would make them pay. His attacking run off half back, and his accurate disposal into the forward line made for exciting football to watch. I hope he continues his development, and can't wait to see how he performs with a full pre-season under his belt. Marshall represented Drummoyne at the Sydney Junior rep carnival and did himself and the team proud. Although all the Drummoyne boys had limited game opportunities they made the most of their time on the field.
Jonathan SPENCER	Johno came to Drummoyne as a soccer player, and I have really enjoyed watching his football skills and knowledge progress. He has developed into a really mature and composed footballer, and his skills have improved drastically over the past 6-8 months. Jono should be proud of the improvement he has made this year, and with some extra work over the pre-season he will continue to develop into a fine player.
Jason CRANSON	Jason was another newcomer to AFL this year. He is enthusiastic at training, as well as eager to learn all aspects of the game. He had a great fitness base this year, and that coupled with his speed have provided him with a solid base to learn the game. Great effort for a first year player.
Jacob KERRISON	Jacob came to us without a pre-season and with chronic knee problems. With Tom Perez shouldering the full load in the ruck duties, Jacob's inclusion was welcome. The commitment to his team and training has shown with his improvement throughout the year. It has been fantastic seeing him grown in confidence and leadership skills.
Jack BARNSLEY	JB was the timid and shy one of the team this year. He does however have a serious case of white line fever. His attack on the football and ferocious tackling was outstanding this year. His run off the wing and half forward line saw him deliver pin point passes into the forward fifty, or slot through some fantastic goals on the run.
Kristian RINGER	Kristian had a great pre-season and was even doing additional work with Sydney Uni under 18's. Unfortunately for him round 1 was not possible as he broke his wrist! One of our key midfielders, his attack on the football and ability to break tackles were the key points of his game. His desire to learn more about the game, and his commitment to the team were outstanding all year, and evident in his skill and game improvement in the last half of the season.
Hugh SHOULDICE	Hugh was a solid contributor all year. Very versatile being played from half back, wing or half forward Hugh always managed to beat his opponent, and find the ball. His disposal was fantastic, and his commitment to training and his team was impressive. Hugh is a natural sports person, and would be a great fit in any team. I hope that he continues to play, and improve with his AFL.
Will GRANT	Will has fantastic skills, and his ability to break tackles and find and use the football effectively is fantastic to coach and watch. Will enjoys his football, and his improved attitude on the training track has really helped in his development into an excellent and exciting midfielder.
Tom CHARD	As a hard running half forward Tom has presented well all year. With a sturdy set of hands and a fantastic attitude Tom's game and on field leadership has really matured over the season. While Tom will not be at Drummoyne next year, watching him improve this year has been really exciting and I wish him all the best at his new club next year.

Adam BERTINO	Adam started off the season as your typical back pocket player. He didn't let his man near the ball, ran hard all day and showed desperation in order to stop his team conceding a goal. About halfway through the year though he really started to believe in his ability, take on his opponent, attack the football, and provide run from the backline. It has been a pleasure watching his desire to learn and thus his improvement over the year.
Jack SCOTT	Jack was thrown around the ground in different positions pinch hitting all year. Towards the end of the year though he returned to his best position at centre half back. His confidence in his abilities allowed him to out-position and out-mark his opponent most of the time. His run and skills across half back were often the start of a foray forward. Jack has an excellent knowledge of the game and his attitude at training, coupled with some boisterous cheering of 'Go Jack Scott' from an unnamed member of the Scott family from the sidelines is a real asset to the team.
Richard HALL	Richard has a great understanding of the game, and is an extremely talented player. He has a great ability to find the ball, and his disposal is always first class. His ability to run off the wing and hit targets up forward has been a real asset to the team. Listening to him guide his team mates, and improve his on field leadership over the year has been outstanding. A few additional kilos on his frame would help his confidence and football immensely. Richard also represented Drummoyne at the Sydney Junior Carnival and had an impact up forward.
Mitch MORONEY	Mitch has had a fantastic second half of the season. He has played well across half forward, and not only has he snagged a couple of fantastic goals, but his skills have improved and he is able to hit targets really well now. Mitch has a real desire to improve his game, and works extremely hard at training to improve his fitness and skill level.
Jack EDWARDS - Captain	Jack has unfortunately struggled with injuries this year, but even though they had not allowed him as much game time, or game influence as he would have liked his leadership for the team has been exemplary. Jack is always striving to learn more about the game, improve his skills, and encourage and teach those around him. When fit his run and creativity off half back was fantastic, and when he has been hampered he has been dangerous lurking around the goals. Let's hope next year will provide him with a bit more luck!
Luke HAYWARD	The Cheeseburger was another solid half back contributor for most of the year. That was until his pestering to kick a goal and his size and attack at the footy forced me to move him into the midfield. Luke displayed great poise with the football, and also provided great body support for the other smaller framed midfielders. His skill around the ground and accountability for his opponent has made him an ideal midfielder.
Tom PEREZ – Vice Captain	Tom has been a fantastic contributor to the team this year. He has attended every session and is constantly pushing himself to improve. His fitness levels and game awareness have really improved this year, and he has taken his game to another level. He is running out games in the ruck, and resting as a dangerous forward. His marking has improved and he has kicked multiple goals more than once this year. Tom is a great asset to the club, and a fantastic role model for the younger kids on just how much you can improve over the course of one year.
Ben PARBURY	In his second season of AFL Ben has really started to pick up the game. His skill level is improving dramatically, as is his awareness of his surroundings and the game in general. He is reading the play a lot better, and his reaction times have improved. Ben is very fit, and a team player with some great potential.
Mitchell WOOD	Mitch is another one of our midfield brigade, and has done really well across the wing and half forward this year. He has played some fantastic games, and I have enjoyed his desperation for the football and his efforts on game day and the training track.

Josh HAYWARD	Josh is our strong leading full forward. His first game started with 8 goals, and he is a fantastic target up forward for our midfielders. Another with a rugby background, his attack at the ball is fantastic. He has a fantastic overhead marking ability, and is a really dangerous forward. The brother of Luke they both combine really well on game day. Unfortunately Josh is also one of our mature age players, and will have to play at another club next year. Good luck mate!
Louis CHAROENWACHARAVIT	Louis was another Drummoyne player that had never played AFL before. Fortunately Louis has a great mentor in Kristian, and his work ethic at training is impeccable. His improvement this year has been outstanding, and he has been a real live wire around the club. I hope he continues with the game next year, and he would be a great asset around the club.
Morgan LEE	Morgan is the brother of Marshall and together the two have teamed up to provide a great service in the backline. His determination and attack at both the ball and opponent is a real standout feature of his game. He is constantly working on his skills and game knowledge and though he did not play at Drummoyne last year, he has been a fantastic addition to the squad. One of the older and bigger kids in the group, he has taken the smaller boys under his wing and looked after them against some of the more aggressive opponents. Morgan is another that has to leave Drummoyne next year, and I wish him all the best.
Darcy TRAVERS	Darcy is our little rover/small forward. His physical size does not do justice for the service that he provides around the ground. He is a fantastic team player, always puts his body on the line and gives 100% to ensure he is getting the most out of himself. Darcy is fit and maybe a little too energetic at times, but he is always one of the first at training and strives to improve his skills.
Ethan ATKINS	Ethan loves the physical side of football, and has really improved his skill and knowledge of the game over the course of the year. While he has not played much AFL in the past he is a strong, and fit boy that will mature into a great AFL player. He has a huge desire to win every contest, and is a great team player.
Mat ROBERTSON	Mat unfortunately left us midway through the year due to other commitments. He had a great desire to learn the game, and improve his overall fitness levels. He was a great team member for the boys and was missed in the latter half of the year.
Luke VEVERS	Luke is another natural rugby player that is playing AFL. He is extremely fit, has very good skills and his rugby background gives him the confidence to take on bigger opponents. While Luke has not played every game with us this year due to other commitments, his contribution to the team has been fantastic.

AWARD WINNERS

Under 9's

Best & Fairest	Ewan MACDONALD
Runner-Up	Matthew SHERIDAN
Coaches Award	Thomas QUEENAN

Under 10's - Silver

Best & Fairest	Rory BARKLEY
Runner-Up	Angus RANKIN
Coaches Award	Lewis MCNAMARA

Under 10's - Teal

Best & Fairest	Riley LUCAS
Runner-Up	Rohan GUPTA
Coaches Award	Will DEVENISH

Under 10's

Jack Devine Award	Darby DURACK
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Under 11's - Silver

Best & Fairest	Sam BARKLEY
Runner-Up	Adam KESBAH
Coaches Award	Nick ADGEMIS

Under 11's - Teal

Best & Fairest	Angus BAKER
Runner-Up	Tom DOYLE
Coaches Award	Briar BLUNDELL

Under 12's

Best & Fairest	Nick BERTINO
Runner-Up	Matt WILSON
Coaches Award	Luke EGAN

Under 13's

Best & Fairest	Nick GARRICK
Runner-Up	Ryan GOLDER
Coaches Award	Jordon TROVATO

Under 14's

Best & Fairest	Bill SHIPWAY
Runner-Up	Matthew VICIC
Coaches Award	Thomas GARRICK

Under 16's

Best & Fairest	Marshall LEE
Runner-Up	Kristian RINGER
Coaches Award	Adam BERTINO

PLAYER MILESTONES

100 Games

Marshall **LEE**
 Thomas **GARRICK**
 Jake **SANSOM**
 James **ENDERBY**
 Tom **CHARD**
 Dylan **HIGGS**
 Jack **SCOTT**

Richard **HALL**
 Alexander **O'DEA**
 Mason **LEWTAS**
 Jacob **KERRISON**
 Adam **BERTINO**
 Hugh **SHOULDICE**
 Nicholas **BERTINO**

75 Games

Mathew **VIVIC**
 Zoe **VIVIC**
 Liam **BRUNDLE**
 Jack **O'DONOHUE**
 Jack **BARNSELY**
 Rhys **PATTON**
 Nicholas **GARRICK**

Ka Yin **CHAN**
 Mitchell **FERGUSON**
 Zac **FOSTER**
 Xavier **NELSON**
 Ryan **NELSON**
 Daniel **TILYARD**
 Elijah **LENTON**

50 Games

Ben **VOZZO**
 Jonathon **GARRICK**
 Lachlan **UYEDA**
 Lachlan **BURGESS**
 Matthew **SHERIDAN**
 Oliver **BOURKE**
 Jordan **WILLIS**
 Liam **STORAN**
 Lewis **PATTON**
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 Thomas **QUEENAN**
 Brendan **FORD**

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 Joel **VOZZO**
 Ethan **WILLIS**
 Jack **VOZZO**
 Angus **RANKIN**
 Timothy **KENZLER**
 Lachlan **ANDERSON**
 Billy **BATESON**
 Joseph **RINGER**
 Lachlan **MCLEAN**
 Riley **LUCAS**
 Briar **BLUNDELL**
 Kristian **RINGER**
 Nicholas **FORD**
 Joshua **PAUL**
 Luke **WALTON**
 Brendan **DOYLE**
 Bailey **COX**

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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!

2009 AFL HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Final

As reported by Jason Phelan on www.afl.com.au

GEELONG is the premier for the second time in three years after coming from behind to stun St Kilda by 12 points in a classic Toyota AFL Grand Final at the MCG on Saturday.

The scores were level with just five minutes to play in a nail-biting final term, but a quick snap from Paul Chapman gave the Cats a lead they would not surrender despite the Saints' best efforts in the frantic final minutes. Max Rooke played one of the best games of his career and the ball fittingly ended in his hands as the final siren sounded. He put aside his elation to bounce through the meaningless goal that confirmed the 12.8 (80) to 9.14 (68) final scoreline.

The Saints will rue the many opportunities they missed to secure their first premiership since 1966 during extended periods of play when they had the Cats on the ropes. But where the Saints were left to lament, the Cats must be paid proper credit for their ability to take blow after blow and keep coming.

Chapman's heroics in the final minutes capped a gutsy 26-possession, three-goal display that saw him awarded the Norm Smith Medal. Joel Corey (29 possessions), Gary Ablett (25) and Joel Selwood (24) all played critical roles in around the many stoppages. Harry Taylor and Matthew Scarlett won their respective battles with Nick Riewoldt and Justin Koschitzke, which had a significant bearing on the outcome. Jason Gram was the Saints' most consistent performer with 30 touches while Lenny Hayes (24) and Leigh Montagna (23) were also prominent. Steven Baker got the job on 2007 Norm Smith Medallist Steve Johnson and he carried it out to the letter, ensuring he had no influence.

Playing in their third straight grand final, the Cats could have reasonably expected to better handle the early pressure of the occasion and did. Rooke set a ferocious tone with a brilliant chase down and tackle of Raphael Clarke that allowed him to goal from just inside 50. Cameron Mooney's effort sent Geelong to a 12-point lead soon after, but the Saints were beginning to get their house in order. Brendon Goddard got the ball rolling with a set shot from 50 and despite Selwood's classy running goal, the game was turned on its head as St Kilda dominated the remainder of the term.

The Cats could not find a way through the wall of Saints in front of Mooney and their other forwards with most attempts going straight back down the other end. Hayes capped a prolific first quarter with a goal and when Adam Schneider added the Saints' third, they were up by two points at the first break.

The trend continued in the second term when frequent showers became a constant downpour. Sean Dempster went some way to justifying his late call-up with the first goal of the period, but his teammates squandered several quality opportunities to apply the blowtorch to Geelong. For all their dominance, the Saints managed to get just 10 points up before Shannon Byrnes inevitably made them pay for their tardiness.

In the blink of an eye, Ablett had his side back in front after he worried Sam Gilbert into infringing close to goal. Tom Hawkins cut off an ill-advised pass across goal by Zac Dawson and then Chapman goaled almost directly from the restart to move the Cats two goals up. But once again, St Kilda managed to conjure a complete momentum shift with a stunning three-goal burst inside the last two minutes of the half.

Clint Jones skidded one through from a stoppage and Koschitzke ran onto a long ball to soccer it through, levelling the scores with nine seconds on the clock. But just as the crowd started heading for the concession stands, umpire Stephen McBurney took umbrage to Darren Milburn's reaction to Koschitzke's goal and put Schneider on the line. St Kilda was up by six points at half time.

The intense pressure of the first half lifted even more as the second got underway. With both sides looking to harry the ball-carrier, it brought stoppage after stoppage but Geelong was able to edge back in front thanks to Mooney's second. Riewoldt, quelled in the first half by Taylor, escaped his minder's clutches to fire through an answer as the Saints once again contained the Cats in defence.

Chapman snapped truly from a rare forward foray, but Montagna's slick roving effort sent his side into a titanic final term with a seven-point advantage. Hawkins' set shot in the second minute wobbled through to slice the margin to just one point with misses to Schneider and Dempster at the other end opening the door for the Cats to pull off their stunning rally.

St Kilda 3.2 7.7 9.11 9.14 (68)

Geelong 3.0 7.1 9.4 12.8 (80)

GOALS

St Kilda: Schneider 2, Goddard, Hayes, Koschitzke, Jones, Dempster, Riewoldt, Montagna

Geelong: Chapman 3, Mooney 2, Hawkins 2, Rooke 2, Selwood, Byrnes, Ablett

BEST

St Kilda: Gram, Hayes, Ball, Jones, Montagna, Baker, Goddard

Geelong: Chapman, Rooke, Milburn, Taylor, Selwood, Ablett, Corey, Bartel, Ling, Scarlett

INJURIES

St Kilda: Goddard (nose)

Geelong: Nil

REPORTS

Nil

UMPIRES: McBurney, Ryan, Rosebury

OFFICIAL CROWD: 99,251 at the MCG

Round 22 Ladder

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	DRAW	POINTS	%
St Kilda Saints	22	20	2	0	80	155.71%
Geelong Cats	22	18	4	0	72	127.38%
Western Bulldogs	22	15	7	0	60	122.58%
Collingwood Magpies	22	15	7	0	60	122.27%
Adelaide Crows	22	14	8	0	56	117.61%
Brisbane Lions	22	13	8	1	54	106.72%
Carlton Blues	22	13	9	0	52	110.46%
Essendon Bombers	22	10	11	1	42	97.79%
Hawthorn Hawks	22	9	13	0	36	92.55%
Port Adelaide Power	22	9	13	0	36	88.68%
West Coast Eagles	22	8	14	0	32	93.30%
Sydney Swans	22	8	14	0	32	93.14%
North Melbourne Kangaroos	22	7	14	1	30	83.37%
Fremantle Dockers	22	6	16	0	24	77.34%
Richmond Tigers	22	5	16	1	22	74.29%
Melbourne Demons	22	4	18	0	16	74.66%

Official Awards

John Coleman Medal: Brendan Fevola (Carlton)

Top Goalkickers:

NAME	TEAM	TOTAL GOALS
Brendan Fevola	Carlton	86
Jonathan Brown	Brisbane	78
Nick Riewoldt	St Kilda	68
Lance Franklin	Hawthorn	67
Mark Lecras	West Coast Eagles	58
Jason Porplyzia	Adelaide	52
Warren Tredrea	Port Adelaide	51

Brownlow Medallist: Gary Ablett (Geelong)

As reported by Jennifer Witham on www.afl.com.au

Geelong's Gary Ablett has capped three brilliant seasons with the 2009 Brownlow Medal. Ablett, 25, polled 30 votes to win the medal from Carlton captain Chris Judd (22) and St Kilda's Lenny Hayes (20). The champion ball-getter was favourite to win the 2007 and 2008 Brownlows, claimed by teammate Jimmy Bartel and Bulldog Adam Cooney.

Ablett missed three games with injury in 2009, but polled in 13 of the matches he played; voted best on ground eight times. He led early in the count, but saw his cushion trimmed to just four votes with four rounds remaining, after Brisbane Lions skipper Jonathan Brown bounded up the leaderboard, passing Hayes and Judd. Three votes for his 44-disposal game against the Sydney Swans in round 20 was enough to hand Ablett the medal. He sweetened the deal by picking up three votes in round 21 against the Western Bulldogs, and one the following week against Fremantle.

Ablett had got off to a flyer, polling heavily in the first five rounds, but failed to be recognised in round six against Melbourne. That was also the week he injured his groin and he missed the next two games. The 25-year-old's absence enabled St Kilda's Nick Dal Santo's one-vote game in round seven to draw him level, and for Hayes to also sneak up. Two-time winner Adam Goodes made a move and polled six votes over rounds seven and eight.

Ablett returned in round nine with a bang, polling three votes against the Western Bulldogs. But when Hayes picked up six compared to his four in rounds 10 and 11, the challenge was thrown down. As the count entered round 12, it shaped as a three-horse race between Ablett, Hayes and Dal Santo, but it was the Cat that held a handy three-vote lead.

Another three to Ablett in round 13, a 36-possession performance against Port Adelaide, saw him push to six votes in front. In the round 14 clash between Geelong and St Kilda, none of the three players received a vote. Ablett missed round 15, but picked up one vote the following week for his 40 possessions against Melbourne, which extended his lead to seven votes from Judd and Hayes.

Brown looked like becoming the late runner of the count when he was awarded seven votes between rounds 15 and 18 to bound into contention. His charge was halted in the final four rounds.

Ablett broke a number of long-standing records during the count. He became the first player since Paul Meldrum in 1987 to poll 12 votes in the opening five rounds and the first since Robert Harvey in 1998 to register 22 after 14 rounds.

NAME	VOTES
Gary Ablett	30
Chris Judd	22
Lenny Hayes	20
Simon Black, Jonathan Brown	19
Nick Dal Santo, Adam Goodes	17
Joel Selwood	16
Bryce Gibbs, Marc Murphy, Nick Riewoldt	15
Matthew Boyd, Brendon Goddard	14

Leading Stats Winners

Kicks:	Dane Swan (Collingwood) 401 Highest Swan: Rhyce Shaw 373
Handballs:	Gary Ablett (Geelong) 402 Highest Swan: Brett Kirk 295
Disposals:	Dane Swan 700 Highest Swan: Rhyce Shaw 532
Marks:	Nick Riewoldt (St Kilda) 204 Highest Swan: Lewis Roberts-Thomson 144
Tackles:	Brett Kirk (Sydney Swans) 170
Hit Outs:	Darren Jolly (Sydney Swans) 682
Frees For:	Joel Selwood (Geelong) 55 Highest Swan: Jude Bolton 48
Frees Against:	Simon Taylor (Hawthorn) 46 Highest Swan: Brett Kirk 30
Goals:	Brendan Fevola (Carlton) 86 Highest Swan: Adam Goodes 38
Behinds:	Brendan Fevola (Carlton) 56 Highest Swan: Adam Goodes 17

NAB Rising Star Award: Daniel Rich (Brisbane)

BRISBANE Lion Daniel Rich has won the NAB AFL Rising Star for 2009, scoring a maximum five votes from all nine judges.

Since Rising Star voting has been made public in 1997, Rich is only the second player to be the unanimous choice for the award, joining Melbourne's Jared Rivers, who won the award in 2004. Rich was also the first player to win the award after being nominated in the first round since Hawthorn captain Sam Mitchell in 2003. Rich was the standout performer in a stellar debut season for the Brisbane Lions where he played every single game.

Adelaide's Andy Otten finished as runner-up with 30 votes, ahead of Essendon Tayte Pears (28), Collingwood's Dayne Beams (10), Fremantle's Stephen Hill (nine) and Bulldog Callan Ward (nine).

Rich averaged 17.7 disposals per game for the Lions and 4.6 inside 50s. He quickly earned a reputation for his ability to win contested possessions and his booming left foot. Rich is the third consecutive No.7 draft pick to win the award, following on from Fremantle's Rhys Palmer and Geelong's Joel Selwood.

The stocky midfielder arrived at the Lions ready-made for senior football after a solid grounding from WAFL club Subiaco. Rich was the first nomination for the award this season for his 21-disposal game against West Coast, the side he grew up supporting.

Speaking to *afl.com.au* after receiving his nomination in March, Rich said he was not overwhelmed by playing against the team he was barracking for just months earlier. "I always supported the Eagles but I'm Brisbane through and through now. I didn't really think about it too much," he said.

The on-baller was one of the most highly-rated players in the lead-up to last year's draft. Many experts had him tipped to be taken by Fremantle at No.3 before they chose fellow West Australian Stephen Hill instead. Rich said he harboured no sadness at not being able to stay in his native WA and has comfortably set himself up on the other side of the country. "I like Brisbane. It has good weather and a good lifestyle. I wasn't disappointed. I just wanted the chance to play AFL and the opportunity to be at a club. Not being able to stay home didn't bother me whatsoever," he said.

2009 NAB AFL Rising Star Votes

NAME	VOTES
Daniel Rich	45
Andy Otten	30
Tayte Pears	28
Dayne Beams	10
Stephen Hill	9
Callan Ward	9
Patrick Dangerfield	4

The 2009 AFL All Australian Team

THE four preliminary finalists have dominated this year's Four'N Twenty All Australian team, with 15 of the 22 players coming from Geelong, St Kilda, Collingwood or the Western Bulldogs. St Kilda skipper Nick Riewoldt was named captain of the All-Australian team and Chris Judd, who led the side last year, was given the vice-captaincy honour.

Geelong and St Kilda both had five representatives. The Cats had Gary Ablett, Paul Chapman, Corey Enright, Matthew Scarlett and Joel Selwood; while the Saints had Riewoldt, Nick Dal Santo, Lenny Hayes, Leigh Montagna, and Brendon Goddard. Collingwood had three representatives; Leon Davis, Nick Maxwell and Dane Swan.

The Dogs were represented by Matthew Boyd and Brian Lake, with Carlton (Brendan Fevola and Judd) and the Sydney Swans (Craig Bolton and Adam Goodes) also having two members in the team. Adelaide's Simon Goodwin, Brisbane Lion Jonathan Brown and Fremantle's Aaron Sandilands were the sole members from their respective sides.

Essendon, Hawthorn, Melbourne, North Melbourne, Port Adelaide, Richmond and West Coast Eagles did not have any members make the side this year.

Goodwin and Scarlett made the side for their fifth time each – an outstanding achievement. Goodwin made the side in 2000, 2001, 2005 and 2006 and Scarlett in 2003, 2004, 2007 and 2008. The first-timers this year were Boyd, Chapman, Davis, Goddard, Lake, Maxwell, Montagna, Selwood and Swan.

Enright, Scarlett, Ablett, Judd, Sandilands, Fevola and Riewoldt were all selected in 2008 and retained their spots. Jimmy Bartel, Lance Franklin and Steve Johnson made the initial squad, but did not remain in the side from 2008.

The full-back position was given to Scarlett with Lake claiming a back-pocket. Riewoldt was named at centre half-forward, with Fevola, who was unable to attend due to shoulder surgery, claiming the full-forward position and Brown tucked in the forward pocket. Sandilands, who was named on the interchange last year, has claimed the No.1 ruck position. Only one ruckman was named this year, although Goodes' flexibility could allow him to come off the bench and pinch-hit in that position.

As expected, Swan, who was somewhat of a surprise to be named as a forward in the initial squad, was given a half-forward flank. The bench was made up of two midfielders (Boyd and Dal Santo), a defender (Goddard) and a forward (Goodes).

Backs:	C Enright (Geelong) M Scarlett (Geelong) B Lake (Bulldogs)
Half-backs:	S Goodwin (Adelaide) C Bolton (Sydney) N Maxwell (Collingwood)
Centres:	L Montagna (St Kilda) L Hayes (St Kilda) A Selwood (Geelong)
Half-forwards:	P Chapman (Geelong) N Riewoldt (c, St Kilda) D Swan (Collingwood)
Forwards:	L Davis (Collingwood) B Fevola (Carlton) J Brown (Lions)
Followers:	A Sandilands (Fremantle) C Judd (vc, Carlton)
Rover:	G Ablett (Geelong)
Interchange:	M Boyd (Bulldogs) N Dal Santo (St Kilda) B Goddard (St Kilda) A Goodes (Sydney)

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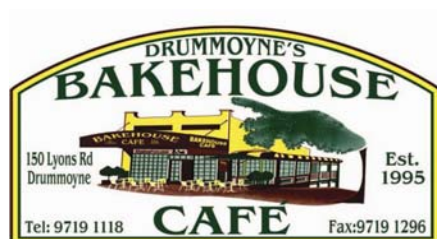
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