

THE BOMBERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



2009 ANNUAL

We farewell our 17s and welcome our new Auskickers to the game; we wish them all good luck in the future- we may still see some of them on the amateurs, WAFL or maybe even AFL footy grounds in the coming seasons!!

Sam Begg : 8 seasons for 105 games; silky-skilled smart midfielder, twice runner-up Best & Fairest

Ashley Boyes : 6 seasons for 95 games; a great ball-winning goal-kicking midfielder and Best & Fairest

Jack Burmiester : 2 seasons for 30 games; intimidated opponents as a ruck/forward

Nikki Darkovski : 2 seasons for 41 games; a very handy attacking utility with a brilliant team ethic

Matt Dixon : 5 seasons, spectacular athletic key position who returned twice!

Scott D'Mello : 5 seasons for 79 games; none harder than this attacking defender

Alex Dowson : 1 season for 16 games; injury comeback; showed class in any position

Matt Gordon : 3 seasons for 36 games; top shelf fast aggressive attacking utility and Best & Fairest

Daniel Kalphas : 2 seasons for 35 games; dedicated and highly talented midfielder/defender

Stephen Li : 6 seasons For 101 games; inspiring, quick attacking midfielder, club (multiple) and league Best & Fairest

David Quain : 10 Seasons for 135 games; smart running agile utility with great game sense

Beau Parry : 2 seasons for 19 games; fast, strong, long-kicking key position

Alec Sara :10 seasons for 163 games; smart and hard small forward who kept the team laughing

Mark Schaafsma : 9 Seasons for 130 Games; a key tall with great skills and game sense

Blake Tilley : 7 seasons for 110 games; superb running halfback who was rarely beaten

Nathaniel Worthy : 1 season, 16 games great in the ruck and around the ground

Steven Wityk : 1 season for 16 games: Highly skilled and athletic key position

Patrick Keeffe : 9 Seasons for 125 games; inspiring key position with aggression, pace and long accurate kick

NOTE:- Games as at 30/11- more games may have been played in the finals series. (Refer to games played tallies at end of this annual)

Back row I to E

Alec Sara, Sam Begg, Patrick Keeffe, Jack Burmiester, Nathaniel Worthy, Danile Kalphas, Nikki Darkovski, Steven Li, Matt Gordon, David Quain, Scott D'Mello

Front row I to E

Jack, Tom, Daniel, Cory, Jed, Smylie, Jordan, Ben, Ethan, Angus

Laying down

Beau Parry



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Your committee this year has worked tirelessly to ensure that we had a successful year. I can not thank them enough for the support that they have given the club. It made my job easier.

- Vice president for youth age groups-Chris Sara
- Vice president for junior age groups-Bryan Bennington
- Club secretary-Jenny Sara
- Treasurer-Kendal O'Rielly
- Registrar-Martin Bowker
- Youth coaching coordinator-Graham Begg
- Junior coaching coordinator-Jason Thomas
- Auskick coordinator -Clint Degebrott
- Bomberettes coordinator- John Murray
- Canteen and merchandising coordinator - Rachel McSweeney
- Sponsorship coordinator - Vince Miaudo
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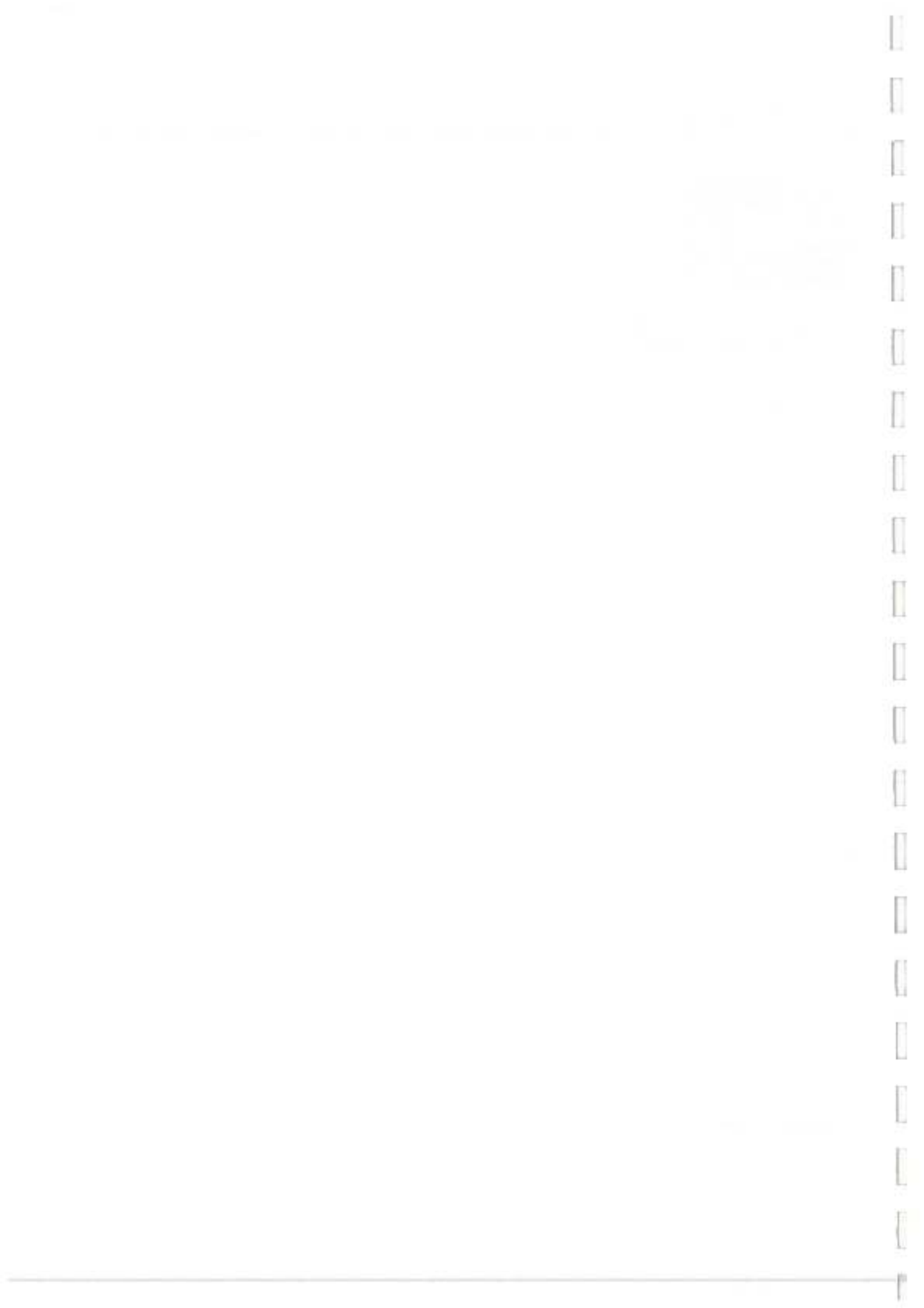
Without the effort that these people put in, our kids would not be playing footy every weekend.

A voluntary junior football club can not operate on fresh air. We rely on sponsorship to help with financial obligations that have to be met each season. Our sponsors have helped us meet these obligations, either with monetary help or gifts of materials essential to the running of the club.

The year began well with the parents and player's information evening. The parents had the chance to meet the coaches and managers and the coaches in turn had their chance to pass on the player and spectator codes of conduct. This must have worked. The codes of conduct, in the main, have been followed-making for a conflict free year and in turn adding to the enjoyment of the game.

Some of the highlights of this year have been;

1. Mike Italiano and his crew running a successful 11's carnival
2. Clint's Auskick crew running the Auskick Gala day, where special mention must be made of the effort put in by Craig Austen stepping in for Clint due to illness.
3. Jason and Brendan's 12's playing little league at the Freo vs. Bombers AFL game at Subiaco.
4. Graham Begg being selected to be featured on the cover of the RAC monthly magazine as a representative of volunteers in football.
5. The new light tower which has been installed thanks to the efforts of Silvio Trinca, Leo Schaafsma and Lindsay Dick. This tower opens up our ground for training to three quarters of the oval instead of half.
6. The team effort of the majority of the club, in conjunction with the Coolbinia West Perth amateur football club, in hosting the first week of the finals, where our 13's, 15's, and 17's were successful in advancing to the next round.



PRESIDENTS REPORT - cont

The efforts made by our coaches and managers can not be understated. These are the mentors for our players and their attention to the skill development of their charges is what makes the kids playing experience enjoyable. Whether it is Auskick, Bomberettes, Year 4's or all the way up to the 17's. I do not know of a coach or manager who hasn't enjoyed carrying out his or her weekly obligations. If you enjoy what you are doing you normally become better at it and from what I have seen at our club this year everyone must be enjoying themselves.

I would like to finish by thanking everyone who has made the effort to make this club a good place to be associated with. Footy is a game, and games are for fun. Each and everyone of us has a responsibility to share the fun and get more people involved for next year

Many thanks,
Laurie Hart
President
Coolbinia Bombers JFC

SECRETARYS REPORT *Jenny Sara*

Wow!! another season comes to an end.

It is with a tinge of sadness that I write this. I have been involved with The Bombers Junior Football Club for 10yrs now, and 2009 was my last.

My three sons have all played at this great club and have left with many friends, memories and a couple of premierships too!!

The Bombers is a club where I have enjoyed being involved and helping out wherever I can. It is a club where everyone is always welcomed and valued.

I feel confident that the club will continue to grow and prosper over the next 10 years and I look forward to seeing today's Auskickers playing in tomorrow's finals.

A note to all parents-

if you really want to help your children participate in a great sport at a great club, then come along and join the committee- we don't bite!!!

Thanks for many years of fun and laughter

TREASURERS REPORT *Kendal O'Reilly*

Another successful year not only on the field but off the field as well. As I write this one of our youth teams have reached the Grand Final with two of our teams playing for a Grand Final spot this weekend. Season 2008 has also been a successful year financially for the Club.

The major achievement of the Club was the installation of an additional light tower, which will improve training facilities and safety on training nights.

Sponsorship this year totalled \$3080.00, for which we are very grateful. The committee is continually looking for ways to increase this sponsorship. Any suggestions are welcomed. This year we did not have the services of the Mokador coffee van. The club has also received much "in kind" sponsorship from our suppliers, notably Allmark and Associates and Bakers Delight North Perth.

Our major sponsor this year was again Max Rayner of Ezi-way Yokine. All of our sponsors are mentioned in this Annual and we ask that you support them as they have supported us over the 2009 season.

The Club also obtained two grants this year - Healthways \$1800 and Woolworths \$2000. Thank you to Vince Mirauda for securing these funds.

We are also applying for a Volunteers Grant to purchase items for the Club and to assist Volunteers in their duties at the club. We are applying for new furniture and a new BBQ just to name a couple. The outcome of this Grant will not be known until later in the year.

The Club has been able to retain the term deposit, current balance being \$11,371.12. This was earmarked for the purchase of the light tower, however so far we have been able to pay for it with our having to touch the term deposit.

Again the Canteen has been the major earner of income for the Club with the Canteen making an approx net profit of \$15,000.00 Thanks must go to our Canteen Coordinator – Rachel McSweeney and to all members of the club who supported the canteen each week.

The season from an accounting point of view has not quite finished as we have Youth teams playing in Final which incur umpiring fees, Grand Final DVD fees etc. We also have end of year expenses e.g. Trophies to purchase etc. Final reports on the financial position will be tabled at the AGM to be held in October and will also be available for viewing on the website.

It is estimated that the Club will end the season with a bank balance of approx \$20,000.00.

Final reports on the financial position will be tabled and available at the Annual General Meeting

REGISTRARS REPORT *Martin Bowker*

...I think she caught me at a weak moment...

As the manager of the 13's in 2008 I was thrilled to have survived my first year in the Youth age group, what with team ladders, E points, interchange, MORE paperwork!

We had just played our last game and I was busy making sure I had the jumpers, the match ball and that I had paid the umpires, did I mention the paperwork...

"Marty, how would you like to be the Registrar next year, it's a pretty easy job I believe. A bit hectic at the start of the year but then it eases off after that", Rachel said. She was very persuasive and I thought, well if it's not too hard...."OK". ...hook, line and sinker!

The truth is I am still waiting for it to ease-up a bit. However, what an interesting year it has been. I have now seen first-hand how the club operates and who is responsible for keeping all the plates spinning.

There are some amazingly hard work people down at the club, and it's been really enjoyable working with them all. There were a few people that really helped me along the way this year. Thanks to Jenny Sara, Kendall O'Reilly, Laurie Hart and Rachel McSweeney. I'm sure that rather than just stumbling a couple of times, I might have fallen in a heap, so thanks so much for all your help.

The numbers of kids that registered this year was as good as ever. A pretty good sign that as a club there are a lot of good things happening, and that keeps people coming back year after year.

We had 12 teams in all, 4 Youth teams, 7 Junlor teams (2 in the Yr 4s, 2 in the 10's and 12's age groups) and off course the Auskick with 100 kids, and 30 young ladies playing in the Bomberettes.

That's nearly 400 kids registered to play with the Bombers this year!

You will find a list of all the kids names in the Annual and the total number of games played. As the years flash past players sometimes move from club to club or take a year or two off, it can be quite difficult sometimes to keep an accurate record of games played. If you have any queries regarding this list please talk to your team manger who will in turn talk to me about checking this for you.

I am glad to have been a small part of the kids journey this year. And to have three Youth teams make it through to the Grand Final is simply fantastic! That surely tells us something about the quality Of the Coaches, managers and administrators that we have at the Bombers.

I have enjoyed this year at the Bombers, I hope you and your kids have too and we see you back next year.

CANTEEN REPORT

Rachel McSweeney

It has been a great year for everyone visiting the clubrooms this season. The renovation of the clubrooms began last year with our new kitchen and this year thanks to the generosity of the Kalphas and Anglekov families and a lot of hard work from your Committee the clubrooms are stepping into the 21st century and becoming a great venue to get out of the weather and watch the AFL games on our big screen TV; getting a cold drink from our fantastic new four door bar fridge; looking around at the memorabilia on the walls and trophy cabinets or the historical photos displayed in albums. We are all very proud of the Club and encourage everyone to make use of our great facilities.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered some of their valuable time to help out in the canteen on game days, there are a dedicated group of Mums and Dads who are always early to the club on Saturday mornings to cut bread rolls and wrap muffins and set up the canteen for the day, blower-vac the verandas, hang up the flags and it's all these little jobs that make our Club a great place. Thanks so much especially to Morena, Craig, Bruno, Anthony, Rachele, Deb, Annette, Angela, Clem and Donna. Without these helpers the canteen would not be able to operate and if each family can spend just one hour assisting the club each year we are able to improve facilities and equipment for your kids, we are always happy to have new helpers in the canteen – and you get a free coffee for your time!

I'd also like to thank the players who are quick to offer assistance, in particular young Michael Lenzo (Year 4 Black) and Ulrich Bojarski (11s) are two young men who should be commended for stepping forward and doing a job before even being asked - the club's future is looking good if we have more young members like these boys. Once again this year Olivia and Georgia Burmester have helped out in the canteen each Sunday during their brother's games, the Club is so grateful to all the sisters, aunts, uncles and grandparents who help out - it is a great way to watch the footy and not get wet!

Early each Sunday morning the oval is ringing with the sounds of future Bombers and Bomberettes and I'd really like to thank the women who have been in the canteen whilst their husbands coach the kids. Giselle Degebrodt and Tina Bojarski ran the canteen each Sunday for the Auskick along with Anne-Marie Murray from Bomberettes and I'm sure you are grateful for their quick smiles and hot coffee.

The Bombers canteen are fortunate to have many long time sponsors - Laurie at Laurie's Continental Butchers (behind Eziway deli on Walcott Street) does make the best beef sausages, and Todd at Bakers Delight in North Perth Plaza is a 100% supporter of community football so please consider their businesses when buying your meat and bread.

This year we've hosted three carnivals which have been very profitable for the canteen; of course this was only possible with the assistance from each team and their parents. The Auskick Gala Day, East Perth Qualifying/Elimination Finals and the Year 8 & 9 School Girls' carnivals were great fun to watch and I'd like to thank all those who helped out cooking sausages, washing dishes and serving in the canteen.

This year the canteen has turned over approximately \$27,000 with \$15,000 of that being profit - this means that the new light tower was paid for by you spending your money at our canteen. Thank you!

Sales of all merchandise were steady this year and the black and red polos are now a familiar sight as our teams arrive at games in their Bombers shirts. Along with the polo shirts the Club also sells rugby tops, caps, beanies, rain jackets and socks. Wear the red and black with pride and support and promote Coolbinia Bombers Junior Football Club.

I have enjoyed managing the canteen this year and I do look forward to seeing you all next year – on either side of the counter 😊

COACHING COORDINATOR

Graham Begg

Defining Success: Is it really about winning?

Few teams win a premiership and the majority of players never experience one. Why then create a culture where it is the only acceptable outcome? The irony is that teams that focus on their skills, competencies, etc as their primary goal, are more enjoyable to be part of, and quite often end up holding premiership cups anyway as a bonus.

As a club we aim for exemplary behavior by coaches, parents and players. An excerpt from a recent article by former Melbourne champion (and Footy show host) Garry Lyon highlights that an "unhealthy focus on winning" is a "problem at junior-level football". He goes on to say that when "victory becomes the single-most important thing and it starts to impact negatively on your behaviour, you need to reassess your attitude to it. Not all coaches, and parents, are able to equate victory with anything other than who is in front at the end of the game, and as a result their behaviour is inextricably linked to that. Their frustrations are then directed to umpires, players, opposition supporters and coaches, and in the most extreme cases, that frustration and inability to control emotion leads to violence."

Clint from the Bombers Modifieds offers a nice summary of what we are attempting at Coolbinia:-

- *Player success is measured by the amount of improvement that he/she makes in a season.*

A coach is successful when:

- *Their players return the following season/more players come to join their team*
- *His or her least developed player makes improvements/develops*

If the focus is on team rules and the reliance of each team member contributing, encouraging players to 'take them on', empowering them to make mistakes, gain secondary involvement, as well as to play for each other and work hard when they don't have the ball, you will be successful and you tend to win the game.

A coach has a chance to improve young people, mentoring them to accept decisions, manage frustration, be humble in success and self reflective when things need improving ; in other words - teaching our kids how to be good people.

Footy is life: work hard, follow the rules, look after your mates, never give up.

'Winning' is simply the by product of good skill development, team structure and game style.

Coaching Wrap

The 2009 season has seen 13 teams represent our club (5 Youth, 7 Junior, Bomberettes), plus a big contingent of Auskickers. That's a lot of kids running around having fun and hopefully getting a thrill out of playing our great Australian game. A total of 30 coaches and 16 managers have supported these teams and enabled them to take the field each week. Congratulations and a big thank you to each of these highly valued volunteers. The club and your community value your contribution. I invite you all to step forward again and offer your support for next year. As per the usual procedure, we will declare all coaching positions vacant at the AGM and seek nominations over the coming months for 2010. For any budding coaches out there, please become involved; it is a fun and rewarding experience. The club provides access to Level 1 accreditation courses and we do our best to provide direction and mentoring for our coaches, the majority of whom have no previous coaching experience.

AUSKICK REPORT *Clint Degebrodt*

Well done to all the players and parents that participated in this season Auskick Program at the Bombers. The kids skills and game-play developed nicely under the guidance of our dedicated volunteer coaches.

Hats off to Adam who had the very challenging task with our PP-1 kids. I've never seen the job done better, hopefully we can get all of those kids back under Adam's care and he can continue to develop their skills! Adam was assisted very well by Grant, Danny and others. You did a brilliant job, and we'd love to have you all back with Adam in 2010. Well done to the parents of that group who participated brilliantly, this has fast tracked your kids!

Johnny Rischbiter returned this season to coach the 6's and did a good job with some energetic kids. Energetic kids tend to make great footballers and by the end of the year, Johnny had them ticking over very well. Great parent support and participation and well as some innovative thinking and activities from Johnny served the kids well. Johnny returns in 2010 but will need a partner as he returns to Triathlon racing. This will be a great way to share the workload of a season, so if you are keen, we'd love to hear from you!

Simon Cox recruited Paul Dragosevic and together they ran a good program. Paul will return to run the 8's program next year which is exciting for all, hopefully with Simon assisting as well. This group had a great time playing and learning about football. Parent support was good and anyone that would like to be involved will be very welcome. Thanks to Simon for his work over the last couple of years, you are a very professional and effective coach.

Sam Caruso has completed his first tour of duty and some of his 8's have developed very nicely, Sam starts his second tour of duty as an assistant to Adam in the 6's. I'm sure that all will agree that the children started to play a good game style and skills steadily improved all year. The parents that helped out with training each week ensured that the children had great instruction. Thank you to all of you. Of course, the year 3's will go up to the yr 4 grade of footy as they start their modified footy program. The markers are gone, so have a ball!

Huge thanks go to Tina Bojarski for her work in the canteen. She deserves massive credit for the efficient operation of the canteen every week! Thanks to Tina and Johnny also for taking over the running of the whole centre while Giselle and I where away in Brisbane.

Thanks to Wayne French for assistance with anything that needed to be done, and thank you to every Mum and Dad that helped with the BBQ and Canteen. Thanks to Rachel, Kendal, Laurie and Craig from the Committee who were all there when we needed them.

Thanks mostly to the kids and families who participated this year. Football is all about having fun with friends in a safe environment, we hope that this has been your experience and that we will see you next year at the Bombers.

YEAR 4 RED REPORT *Luigi Incani*

It has been great to watch a bunch of guys develop from individuals into a footy team as the season has gone on. Their confidence in themselves and their teammates has grown as their skills have developed. This was the first year that the guys were allowed to tackle and after a few weeks they were fearlessly running into packs and coming out with the ball. When defending they learned how to man up, and when going forward they learned where to run and how far their teammates could kick so that they were in the right position to receive the ball.

There were many highlights during the season. We were amazed at some of the chains of three or four handballs as the guys ran the ball forward. They had a great quarter one week at Mt Hawthorn when with the aid of a strong breeze the guys kicked some huge goals.

There is no way I could have managed during the season without a lot of help. Many thanks must go to Paul Steel who took training on Wednesdays and got the players skills up as well as keeping them entertained. His fitness training was evident in the way we were able to dominate the second half of most games as the opposition tired. Coming up from the 8s last year and not knowing all of the procedures

in Junior footy, it was reassuring to have two experienced managers in Anthony Lenzo and Bruno Granato. They looked after everything behind the scenes so well that things just got done without anyone noticing, and they also filled in when needed for Paul or Myself. Thanks also to all the parents who helped out at training, and during games, and all the people around the club who gave me valuable advice during the season.



The Mighty Warriors

Aidan Austen : A hard runner who can follow the play all over the ground, and with a fearless attack on the ball and hard tackling in the packs, constantly won the ball and sent it forward for the team.

Liam Kubach : Skillful player with the ability to body the opposition off the ball, take possession and then deliver the ball to a teammate with an accurate kick. Represented the team in the handball final at the Carnival

Luca Incani : Showed great improvement this year. His ability to feed a quick handball out of the pack to a teammate, and his long left foot kick made him a valuable player.

Joseph O'Sullivan : Knows where to run in the forward line to get on the end of a kick and mark it, and then a lovely straight kick at goal.

Jack Laffer : Tireless runner who has the strength and ability to dominate games. Loves to play on, break a couple of tackles and kick a long goal.

Jack Mitchell : Saved goals many times when he was the last player in defense, his cool head and courage to run straight at the ball won it back for the team. Also popped up with goals at crucial times during games.

Nicholas Manno : A willing and valuable member of the team. Went overseas during the middle of the season and came back a foot taller and started to win ruck contests.

Ben Chester : Dangerous near goal and can swing around and kick a goal from anywhere in the forward line. Kicked some great goals this year.

Andrew Le : A great team player who isn't afraid to go hard into a pack and get the ball.

David Slater : Inspired everyone with his fearless attack of the football and willingness to mix it with much bigger opponents.

Sam Steel : A great mark and long accurate kick. The ball rarely gets past him. Represented the team in the kicking contest at the Carnival.

Josh Acquarola : Can break through packs, and the longer the season went on the more confident he became at using his strength to feed the ball out to teammates.

Blake Budimir : Always cheerful, even when on the bottom of a pack of players. Took some great marks and kicked some nice goals to have a great season.

Michael Lenzo : Hard running player who knows where to go to get the ball, and he gets it often. Always has time to take a bounce and kick a long goal or use it to the team's advantage.

Julian Granato : Had some incredible bursts where he popped up at important times and turned games around with a quick succession of goals.

Tom Higgins : A great mark and can read the play and position himself to be in the right place to be where the ball is. Numerous courageous marks in packs both to save goals at crucial times, and also to set them up for the team.

YEAR 4 BLACKS REPORT

Clint Degebrodt

The development of the children in this side has been phenomenal. They spin out of tackles, take species and kick bananas from the boundary. Everything they do is done with a big smile, and they link up with great team play. What a great bunch of kids! They are a credit to their parents and will be assets to the Bombers.

Our manager Les Emmerly is an absolute champion, he is efficient, professional and dedicated. His support has directly benefited the children, and he and Sue were a great help to the team and me this season. Craig Footman is a terrific assistant, he is an outstanding motivator and ensures that the kids have a great time at training and during games.

A coach couldn't ask for a better group of parents. They are relaxed, involved, supportive and they understand that it's all about fun and learning. Thanks to all parents for the season, particular thanks to the French and Horn families for their coaching and training work, as well as the Durham family who seem to provide transport for a fair few players. We have had help at training from Richard, Wayne, Les, John, Michelle, Kerry and big brothers Michael and Jake. There were more, thank you very much.

Great effort from Tahliah Footman as our sole female player who played very well this season. Well done to 'Neon' Leon Italiano as our fastest and most dynamic as well as our youngest player. Thanks to Auskickers Matthew French, Ashley Degebrodt, Sam White, Nathan Tsolakis and Rueben Pasalich for playing with us this year.

Well done to Bombers all the players Yr 4 Black, remember to keep running with the footy! Thanks to all the team, and to the Club for allowing me to coach.

10 BLACKS REPORT

Keith Henneker

This year was another successful season especially when we had six first year players out of the fifteen we had on the ground each week.

Throughout the season the boys showed great character with their never say die attitude especially on the days when the weather was rough and we where kicking into a strong wind our teamwork was great and we seemed to kick more goals into the wind than with it.

The confidence and skill development of each player has been satisfying to watch and the experienced players who have played before your help and encouragement to the kids who where playing their first year was great.

Thanks must be given to Dave Vos our team manager for his "match day" work.
Thank you to all the parents for your "match day duties" help

I have enjoyed being a part of your child's footy development and look forward to next year and hopefully doing it all again.

10's Black 2009 Player Profile

Liam Brown : Great team player lively and who is improving all the time.

Ryan-Henneker : Has the ability to turn a game, elusive and was exciting to watch.

Matthew-Kahn : Has really built up his confidence & skills over the season and a danger around the ground.

Michael-Kaye : Showed great skill and a player who has developed so much over the season.

Steven-Kaye : Never gave up and improved with every game with great skills.

Jacob-Levin : A hard at the ball pack breaker with great strength.

Tyler Lehner : A first year gritty player who goes in hard with confidence.

Tim Lomeri : A great first year was cool and calm under pressure & silky skills.

Mandu- Mazalevskis : Unfortunately has been out with a broken arm but still came down to watch -----great team man.

Luke Martelli : First year with the Bombers a player who was growing in confidence by the week well done.

Cooper-Newman : Well balanced and tough at the ball improved as the year went on.

Flynn O'Reilly : Another "first timer" who's skills and confidence & never give up attitude was great to see.

Domi-Sabri : Was always a problem for the opposition with his pressure on the ball carrier.

Josh Smith : Another first year player who goes in with a tough eyes for the ball attitude.

Nathan-Scott : Another reliable hard working season with great defensive work.

Ben-Vos : Another strong and reliable player with leadership qualities.

10 REDS REPORT

Bryan Bennington

Wow, what a season from a group of boys who were committed to the cause as well as being part of a team with their mates.

The improvement from the start of the season to the final game was huge for those team members from last year's 9's team and *exceptional* for those new members to the team.

All games included hard running for the ball, strong leading, applying tackles that stuck and heaps of unselfish football. This year we also developed new skills around pin pointing foot passes to team mates, manning up on our opponents as well as hunting in packs to make it that much harder for opposition teams to make an impression.

Again we have been blessed with a fantastic support structure for the team including the greatest Team Manager, Craig Austen (supported by his fantastic wife Morena in his absence), the always positive and fun Assistant Coach, Jamie Tassicker as well as all parents who were always at the games when they could be and willing to assist, even when it wasn't their turn on the roster.

Finally, a special thanks to all the Brilliant players in the Bombers 10's Red team who gave me endless rewards by always giving 100% and consistently improving throughout the season. It has been my privilege to coach these magnificent little people.

Now, on to those boys who made the season what it was:

10 Red's 2009 Player Profile

Max Armenti : Continues to develop in all aspects of his game and is turning into a regular goal kicker

Travis Austen : Gets a lot of the ball and is now using the ball to find a teammate. Capable footballer in whatever position he plays.

Matthew Baldwin : A player who is both hard at the ball as well as being evasive when he needs to be.

Austin Bennington : Probably our quickest player over the first 5 metres as well as possessing great all-round skills. Has the ability to step up when the going gets tough.

Samantha Campbell : One of the teams tall timber brigade. A strong mark with the ability to score goals as well.

Dion Cotterle : A new player to the team this year who has all the makings to becoming an accomplished footballer. Already able to use both sides of his body.

Dylan Dimanopoulos : Another member of the teams' tall timber brigade. Capable of taking strong marks and a reliable team member.

Seton Douglas-Smith : Works hard around the ball and always there to help his team mates.

Jedd Edwards : Another member of the teams' tall timber brigade. Strong mark, good kick and doesn't mind either kicking or savings goals.

Jordan Feinberg : When he has eyes for the ball he is at it 110%. Continues to possess exceptional overhead marking skills as well as a strong kick.

Nicholas Merrin : Continues to work hard for the team as well as developing his skills on both sides of his body. Has the ability to read the play and find the ball.

Christian Pollitt : A new player to the team this year who has improved immensely with each game. Can pay either down back or up forward.

Thomas Rees : A new player to the team this year who come along in leaps and bounds. Feared by opposition forwards with his fierce tackling and rarely misses a team mate with his passing of the ball.



Ben Salerno : The fourth member of the teams' tall timber brigade. Has the ability to take a strong mark either down back or up forward and always there helping his team mates.

Edan Sinai : Came back from injury and played well in the latter half of the season. A handy player up forward with the ability to kick the odd goal.

Mitchell Tassicker : Is able to play anywhere on the ground and has the ability to find the ball. Handy player wherever he plays on the ground.

Jakeb Vuong : A resolute backline player and evasive player up forward. Knows where the goals are and doesn't mind kicking one or two.

Angus (Mango) Watson : A wiry forward who seems to be able to kick goals from anywhere. Continues to love his footy and being around his team mates.

11'S REPORT *Michael Italiano*

The 11's Team Season ended too soon in the second half of the year the players worked out their strengths and weaknesses and worked on them at training which bought the energy and enthusiasm levels really high which was good to be around and great to coach, considering it was their first year of actually tackling the boys did really well even in some games when they were way out of their weight division. The boys really gained momentum as the season went on and with only 2 players going out and 3 in from previous year I hope this group pace of kids stick around together to play 12's. All players started adapting to different positions on the field and played accordingly, in general they were great to coach and made it easy. My job was made easy because of the help of Steve James my manager who took care of match day procedures and all administration duties. Patrick McKenna who was my runner and to Jim Sutcliffe and Mark Johnston who helped out with some one on one skills at training and thanks to all the parents who did their Match Day Duties and of course the committee of the Coolbinia Bombers Junior Football Club. I hope everyone enjoyed the season as I did.

See you back at Bomberland next year!

11's 2009 Player Profile

Matthew Ciavatta : Great skills and pace. reads the ball well of the packs. trains hard.

Tyler Johnston : Knows where the goals are and shows more courage than anyone on the team.

Blair Kirby : Loves it in the packs and won't ever give the ball up always reliable.

Brad Houston : Mr Consistent, works hard and reads the ball well. never gives in.

Alex Anglekov : Can lay a tackle, get a kick away and make it to the next contest. Great season.

Michael Italiano : Loves a goal but showed some poise in the backline with some strong marking.

Henry Jordan : Always fighting hard at the bottom of the packs. Good skills.

Robert Dickinson : The high flyer of the team. Loves a specky and can kick a goal as well.

Connor Taylor : Can play all over the ground anywhere and play well. Good season.

Ulrich Bojarski : No.1 ruckmen in the team with heart of a lion. Great year, never missed training.

Matthew Sutcliffe : Silky skills and determination to match. Had a great season.

Liam Warr : Mr Dependable. Can tackle and drop boys twice his size. Great skills especially in the backline.

Zach Jones : If Zach didn't get the ball neither did his opponent. Stuck to his job always, good year and trained hard.

Jaydon Manso-Vukovich : Trained hard and got better as the year went on. Great season and strong marking.

Joel McKenna : First year player and backup ruckmen can hit a pack and shirtfront someone all in one Motion. Great season.

Jordon Brown : Trained hard and loves a goal. Improved out of sight in the second half of the year.

Jake Kouroulis : Had a good season and can play in the backline and forward line with great effort.

Jarrah Bartley : Can play at both ends of the ground and never gave in. Good skills.

Jordon Monastra : Real in and under player with great skills. Knows how to find the goals.

12 REDS REPORT

Jason Thomas

What a great year for the 12s Red team. Some of the highlights were:

Pre Season Camp at Fairbridge Farm: The year started with a pre-season camp at Fairbridge Farm over the Labour Day long weekend in February. Amongst the training, 2km time trial, beep test, ghosts, heat and a few scratch matches, there was some time for the boys, their parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters to have a great time. (Let's look forward to an even bigger, better, camp in 2010)

Season Kick off Pasta Night: We kicked the season off proper with a great pasta night and gurnsey presentation. The highlight of the night was the pasta and pasta sauce, courtesy of Karen and Karen.

50th and 100th Milestone Games: What a year for milestones! I think the current world wide shortage of black and red crepe paper was caused by the 12s Red team! The following boys celebrated milestone games this year: Cameron Bethune (50), Shane Hale (50), Matthew Henneker (50), Harrison Moore (100), Stephen Murphy (50), Gregg Osrin (50), Liam Purdy (50), Michael Staines (50), Danny Surace (50), Angus Thomas (50) and Matthew Youens (50).

I look forward to seeing Oliver Antoniazzi David Chililama, Daniel Lenzo, Corey Evans, and Luke Salerno celebrate their 50 and 100's in 2010

Sprint Training: Esther Armenti was good enough to offer her time to coach the boys in sprinting throughout the season. This was a great opportunity for the boys, which they benefited from greatly.

AFL Little League Game: We were lucky enough for to be offered the AFL little league game for the Freo v Essendon game at Subi. We joined with the Black team to take a total of 20 boys to the game, who all had a great time.



Open Rules Full Field Games: We played open rules games for the last 5 games of the season, with a few of them being played full field. This was a great opportunity for the boys in preparation for 13s in 2010. I think the boys were a little "shell shocked" at the size of the ground in our first match, but by the last game we played, handled the size and rules very well.

Training with the Black Team: We trained as one BIG group throughout the season, combining the Red and Black teams. While this was a bit of a challenge due to the size of the group, I think this served to help the boys get to know each other very well, which will set us up for 13s next year.

Red v Black Scratch Match: For our last training session of the season, we had a scratch against the Black team. I think the Red boys were expecting an easy win, but the Black team came to play, and were coached exceptionally well on the day. The Black team came out of the blocks hard and fast, and at quarter time were 4 goals up. Black continued their dominance through the second and third quar-

ter's, but the Red's hung on, not letting the lead getting too great. In the fourth quarter Red scored a few extra goals, and while Black lead the game from siren to siren, a beautiful kick from Gregg Osrin set up Daniel Lenzo, who managed to mark the ball a second before the siren sounded, and then squeezed a 6 pointer through, leaving the Red team the victor by two points.



12 Red's 2009 Player Profile

Oliver Antoniazzi : A really hard running player, who likes to kick the occasional goal! Had a few bags of 5+ goals, and is developing as a great forward pocket player.

David Chillama : The bird man still continues to think he can fly, took some big leaps throughout the year, ran and carried beautifully through the season.

Shane Hale : Played well all year, and finished the year in outstanding style with a gutsy game against the Cardinals in round 16.

Daniel Lenzo : Finished the season off with a few outstanding matches, bumped and shepherded really well, ran hard, and took some great marks and kicks.

Stephen Murphy : Mr Multi, that is, multiple efforts! Played his usual "leave nothing behind" game all game, every game!

Liam Purdy : The golden boot continued to kick long and straight through the season, kicking some outstanding goals, and pumping the ball deep into our 50 from half back on occasion. Great work below the knees for a tall.

Michael Staines : Arguably the best mark in the team, with a set of hands that leaves full backs in tears. Definitely the making of a great Full Forward.

Angus Thomas : An injury interruption could not stop him from having what was definitely his best season. Some great snaps and goals, and outstanding use of his head as a battering ram.

Cameron Bethune : Played some great games and full back and ruck this year, took some outstanding contested marks, and used his body to great advantage

Corey Evans : A great Centre Half Back, with discipline, skill and maturity. Can always be relied on to take on the hardest job on the field.

Matthew Henneker : The hard nut! Puts his body on the line each and every week, a great running player, with excellent skills. Consistently rated in the top 3 by his team mates.

Harrison Moore : Worked hard on his kicking this year, which complimented his hard running, never say die attitude. Can always be relied on to run, and run, and run, and run, and run and run...

Gregg Osrin : An outstanding athlete, with a great vertical leap, good skills, and very disciplined attitude.

Luke Salerno : Can always be found in the open. Has an uncanny ability to find space, and be ready for the next kick. Played a couple of outstanding games at Full back, which reminded me of Darren Glass' commitment and determination.

Danny Surace : A breakthrough year for Danny, with some great hard running off half back, a BOG on his 50th, and a couple of great goals through the season

Matthew Youens : A breakthrough year for Mat, with some great marks and goals throughout the season.

The season of course could not have gone so well without a lot of help. Thanks to Peter Staines, our tireless assistant coach, Brendan Hodge, the 12s Black coach, Shaun Murphy for his great management and delegation, and to all the parents who make this bunch of boys so much fun to coach!

I look forward to seeing all the boys back in 2010. Look for the pre-season training e-mails in January!

12 BLACKS REPORT

Brendan Hodge

One word you could not use to describe the Black team, and that is complacent! We started 2009 with some old heads plus about 40% new players – We hit the ground running and the main focus was to get the boys to gel as a team. The goal was to get the boys to support each other on and off the field, which they did with great aplomb. Have a read of the player profile and you will see why we had such a Stirling season:

12 Blacks's 2009 Player Profile

Ciaran Allsop : This boy has no limits; undoubtedly Ciaran's success comes from one thing – Desperation – He simply wants the ball more than any other player out on the field. One other small detail is that he had a stomping left foot kick, which he used effectively.

Elliot Ashbil : Mr Guts personified, each week we felt for his mother watching as Elliot threw himself into every contest with total abandonment! He was also a natural leader as Elliot always went about his work with an unassuming efficiency. Gees could this kid tackle!

Michael Bell : Michael has a great set of hands, big kick, massive engine, oh and also he was our star ruck. This boy put in starring performances every week and there was always a sense of security knowing that Michael was out on that field representing our club.

Michael Cohen : It is fair to say that Michael is a small bloke, but hey we all know that size does not count – This boy has some silky skills and he is fast! Michael is a smart boy and he used his grey matter to position himself effectively around the ground.

Haydn Cooper : Haydn was as efficient up forward as he was down back, this boy puts his heart and soul into every game. Haydn regularly ran himself into the ground however; he would always come off the field with a big grin on his face, simply because he just loves playing footy. Well done on reaching 50 games!

James Dick : This boy loves his football, and willingly plays in any position. He is the master for drawing a free kick, as he could speedily get rid of the ball just prior to being tackled.

Zalman Goldblatt : Zalman is definitely Mr Dependable, he is not the most orthodox player, but boy does he get the job done with regular efficiency! Week in week out Zalman would come storming through the half back line, either mopping up or simply taking the ball off the opposition before belting it into our forward line.

Bronson Janson : Mr Rugby Scrum – Bronson loved nothing better than to grab the ball and go for a run out of the backline however; the 5 opposition players simultaneously tackling him probably wondered what more they needed to do to bring this herculean boy down?!

Abraham Kennedy : At times we felt that is was just cruel letting Abraham play on a modified oval, we weren't sure if he would just cramp up on us! – This kid is designed for the open spaces, he is the Hussein Bolt of the football field, with a great deal of the Nattinui about him! Aside from his great speed and ability, he can kick the ball, mark the ball and would make an ox buckle at the knees – And on top of that he is a great kid.

William Knight : The Smiling Assassin – William is a 'smiley' type of kid, now the opposition might have mistakened this as William being friendly, but really he and we just knew that the opposition was in for a good pasting. William broke his arm during a game, took 3 weeks off, came back and played with as much guts and determination as he had left off.

Darren Kristal : Darren came in to the season doubting his skills and ability, but thankfully he stuck to it and what a find he turned out to be! This kid went from strength to strength and became our most regular goal contributor – Great stuff Darren!

Nicholas Pearce : Nicholas is Mr Commitment, he rarely misses training or a game, and we can be assured that he puts in 100% each week. Nicholas is definitely a 'glass half full' type of guy and it is wonderful to have such a positive kid playing football.

Stefan Russo : Stefan is a serious boy who is totally committed to being the best player he can possibly be. He was one of the more experienced players on the team and his work ethic could never be questioned. Stefan could be relied upon to do anything that was asked of him.

Kurtis Sullivan : Kurtis has really developed his skills and general football repertoire over the past 2 seasons, and probably would have developed even further if he hadn't listened to his fathers constant wayward advice (sorry Brendan couldn't resist!). Seriously though, Kurtis displayed efficiency up forward or down back and was a reliable on-baller.

Brendan Sullivan : Masqueraded as a runner, warm up coach and general loiterer. Brendan would generally camp himself some distance from the coach so no running instructions could be relayed – However, wherever Brendan was situated he would be giving positive instructions and actively contributed to the success of our boys – He is the type of asset that will always go up in value!

Mitchell Warburton : Mitchell had a solid preseason, which gave him a great sense of confidence that carried him in good stead throughout the season. This year he used his size to great effect which had a positive influence on his kicking and marking. He was also king of the second efforts.

Justin Woodley : This boy oozes talent – He is one of the very few kids that I have seen score goals using his right and left foot. Justin is a quiet achiever who chases, kicks the ball with pin-point accuracy and doesn't mind taking a 'speckie' or two! He has added a great deal of value since he has joined, not just in his playing prowess, but also in the way he handles himself.

Well as you can see from the player profile we had a great group of boys who all enjoyed a successful season. The skill development was very satisfying and it was a credit to the group how they welcomed Abraham and Justin into the team mid way through the season.

The highlights of the season included:

- Pre season camp at Fairbridge
- Haydn Cooper and Kurtis Sullivan's 50th games
- Sausage sizzle night
- Playing at half time during the East Perth, West Perth derby clash
- Playing at Subiaco Oval during the Dockers V's Essendon game
- Scratch match between the Red and Black team, which saw the Red team win by 2 points after the siren (so technically the Black team won over the four quarters.....!)
- Parents' dinner to celebrate the season



Overall I was very happy with the season, and to see how quickly the boys gelled as a cohesive unit – And this greatly contributed to the success they had on the field. I thoroughly enjoyed the banter with the parents on game day and the total support they offered each week – So many of you washed jumpers more than you had to, or brought oranges, or stood in the pouring rain as the goal umpire. Thank you for being such a wonderful group of people, it was great getting to know, and hopefully this will continue in 2010. I would like to personally acknowledge Guy Russo, who ran the boundary and generally would do anything that was asked of him and Brendan Sullivan who ran for me and is the heart and soul of the team – Thank you so much for the support. Finally I would like to acknowledge the most important person in my life – Brenna – who was the Team Manager and 'Game Day Note Writer'; you are wonderful, wonderful and just wonderful!

Remember - It is not the size of a man but the size of his heart that matters – And boys; each of you have Phar Lap's heart!

13'S REPORT

Dave Tomasi

Our first training session was on a late afternoon on a hot Sunday in February and was the start of a tough pre-season. It was a long way from September! Welcome boys, to 13s and open rules.

The hard work the boys put in did not go unrewarded though and we started the season well, winning our first four games. This period really established a strong foundation for our season, giving the boys confidence in both themselves and our game plan.

It was this strong start which ultimately allowed us to finish fifth and make the finals with a 9:7 win:loss record. If we had lost any one of these first four games, chances are we would not have made the finals and our season would have ended with disappointment of what might have been.

We were unsuccessful in the next three games before being back on the winners list for the next three, leaving us 7:3 after 10 rounds. Our season then came a little unstuck and we dropped games to sides we should have beaten (and had beaten in the first round).

At 7:6 with three rounds to go, we were staring down the barrel. We were in real danger of missing the finals. We had to win at least two of our last three games, all against teams above us and all of whom had beaten us in the first round. It was during the warm-up for the first of these games (against Morley at R A Cooke Reserve) where the boys took control of their own destiny. It was right then they realised it was up to them. No amount of "wisdom" or encouragement from the sidelines would help them. They must venture out and do it themselves. They must take responsibility.

The next seven games saw us lose only twice, both of these to the Noranda who were undefeated for the whole season and deserved their 18:0 record.

Making the grand final was a just reward for effort and one the boys can be justifiably proud of. It was a great experience for the players, coaching staff, parents and families alike.

The first half saw the boys throw everything at Noranda and at half time we were only eight points adrift.

Unfortunately, the effort expended in the first half took its toll in the second half against the much bigger, stronger and more mobile Noranda and they took the game away from us in the third quarter.

To the boys' credit they never gave in and added two goals in the last quarter. In the end, the margin was 43 points but was much closer than the scoreboard suggested.

In truth, I started the season believing we were one of the top three sides and the results in the end showed the players, as a group, lived up to the expectation.

We were not a team which relied heavily on two or three individual stars. Rather, we had a very even spread of talent and player depth not matched by any other team. What we lacked in size, we made up for with good old fashioned courage, determination and desire for the footy. All of these qualities will be valuable for the boys in future years.

Defensively, we were the second best team in the competition and our ability to apply constant defensive pressure was the difference that enabled us to advance to the grand final.

It was both an honour and a pleasure to coach the group.

To see how they matured as a playing group from a collection of boys with a love for the game, to a tightly knit unit with an understanding of what was required to be successful was personally very satisfying.

I am sure this year will not only have given them a yearning for more success in the future but also laid the foundations for them to be successful.

Thanks to the club for providing such a great atmosphere and environment. As a club we had a successful year and this is no accident. It is the organisation which helps breed the success. Well done to all.

From a team perspective, thanks to all of the parents and supporters who helped in one capacity or another, whether it was as team runner or water boy, roster duties or general supporter.

Special thanks to John Duva, Kevin McSweeney and Vince Miraudo for providing support at training and on game day (when I couldn't make it).

Special thanks to my left and right hand men, Steve Casella and Alan Taylor who were joint managers. Their ever efficient organisation allowed me to concentrate and focus on training and the games.

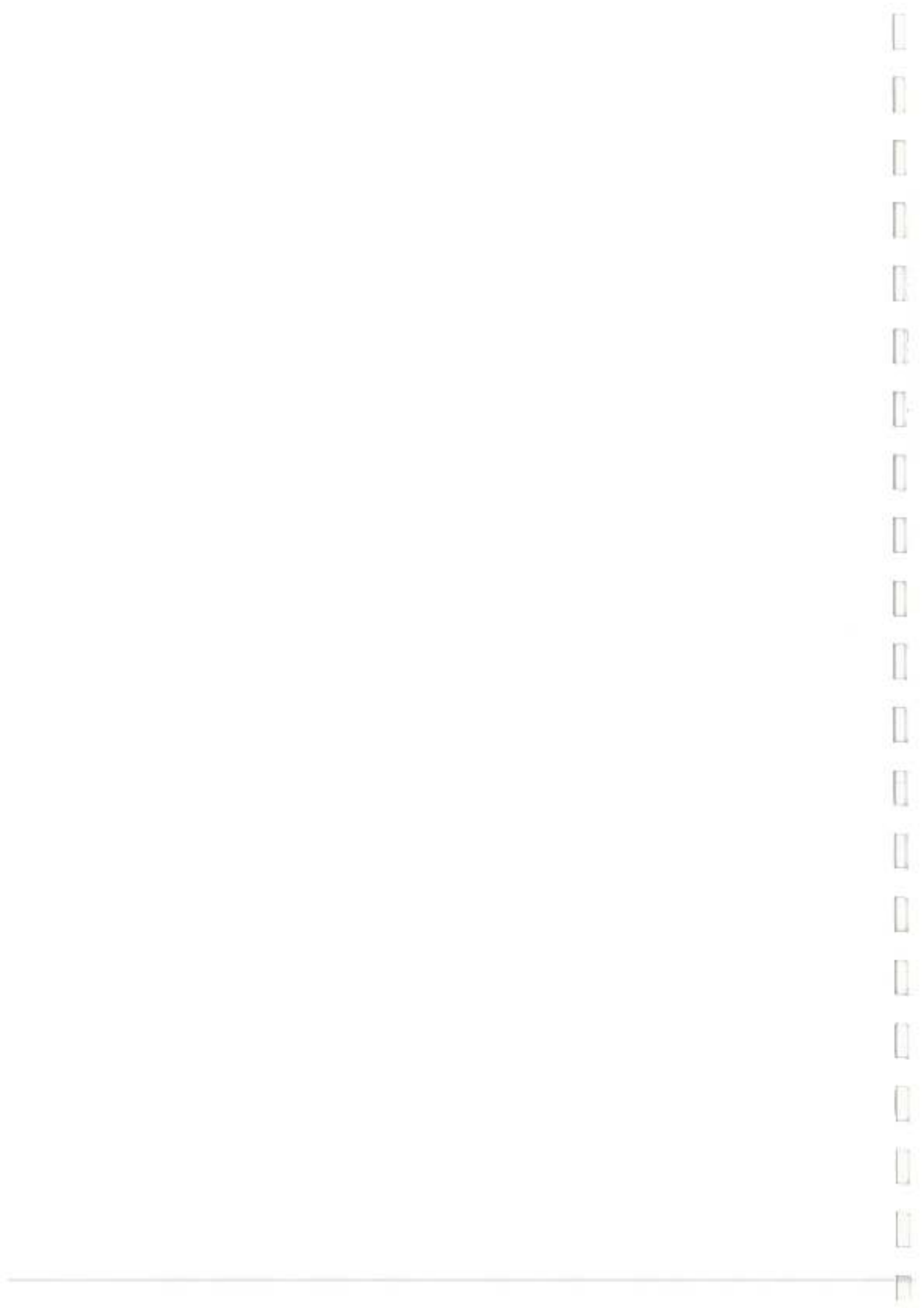
Lastly, thanks to all of the boys for their efforts and enthusiasm, both at training and on game day. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did and look back on the season with fond memories.

I also hope when you look forward to next year and the rest of your footy days you can always find time to reflect back on what made 13s both so enjoyable and successful.

In closing, let me leave you with a quote from Shakespeare's Henry V:

*"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother;"*

Thanks to all my (little) brothers!
David Tomasi



14'S REPORT

Luke McNeice

Season 2009 started full of expectation for the 14's. Pre season started with some beach runs in February, and with the introduction of four new players in Jordon Moore, Reed Troup, Matt Worthy and Sean Rimmer the group had high hopes of making the finals this year.

Despite our best efforts, we weren't able to achieve that but finished the year really strongly and can take a lot of positives into 2010.

The boys had a really slow start to the year, winning only one of their first eight games. In the lead up to the Round 10 game against Bayswater, Brett and I really challenged the boys to play to their potential as a team. They responded magnificently winning the game against Bayswater and then going on to beat Mt Lawley Blue, Ballajura Blue and losing narrowly late in the game to Morley. We finished the season very strongly winning three of their last five games and finishing the season in 7th after being an outside chance to make the five with two weeks to go.

There were plenty of highlights over the course of the year but the biggest one for me was the way the boys continued to develop as a team. They are a really tight group and if they stay together and continue to work on their skills and our game plans then the success they deserve will come.

We had four players play their 100th game this year - Jeremy Begg, Michael Houston, McLaine Thomson and Anthony Sidoti. Well done boys this is a great achievement and we look forward to you reaching 150 by the time you finish your career with the Bombers.

We also had 7 members of the team make development squads:

Subiaco: Reed Troup and Bryce Deysiuk

East Perth: Jordan Vuong, Jordon Moore, Matt Vasoli, Zach Freund, Matt Worthy

Brodie Callanan was nominated for the Subiaco squad but suffered a season ending knee injury after 5 games. Brodie is one of the great team players in the group - he was more concerned with the result of the game that day than his knee and then he came to every game for the rest of the season even though he was in a wheelchair for most of them !! We look forward to seeing back next year Brodes.

Once again I was assisted this year by Brett Callanan. Brett is a great role model for the boys. Thanks for your efforts and I look forward to seeing you take on a head coach role in future - you'll do a great job.

Brian Bozich managed the team this year and did a super job in his first year in the role. Thanks Brian you made my job easy. Thanks also to Paul Vasoli (our game day runner) and David Schildkraut (our water "boy") for their efforts on the field.

Thanks too to all of the parents and family members who came down and supported the boys - we appreciate it.

The Bombers 14's in 2009 were led by our Leadership Group of: Jeremy Begg, Matt Vasoli, Bryce Denysiuk, McLaine Thomson and Max Burmester.

The rest of our playing group was: Sam Armenti, Sam McNiece, Nathan Anderson, Chris Moody, Jordan Bozich, Brodie Callanan, Sam Christo, Zach Freund, Jason Lopresti, Michael Houston, Jared Lutter, Jordon Moore, Sean Rimmer, Zibeon Schildkraut, Zach Sheldrick, SAnthony Sidoti, Reed Troup, Jordan Vuong and Matt Worthy.

Our Trophy Winners for 2009 were:

Best and Fairest : **Jared Lutter**

Jared had some huge challenges to deal with off the field this year but despite this his football improved. Jared played the majority of his games at Centre Half Back and was never beaten. His ability to win the hard ball is outstanding and if he improves his disposal he will be a complete footballer.

Runner Up Best and Fairest : **Zach Freund**

Zach was our first choice ruckman. He regularly played against much bigger and stronger opponents and was rarely beaten in the air however it was when the ball hit the ground that Zach's fitness, run and quality disposal came to the fore. A deserving runner up for the second year in a row.

Third Best and Fairest : **Reed Troup**

After having a break from footy and playing soccer last year, Reed was welcomed back with open arms. Reed played in the midfield and impressed with his speed, marking, ball handling and disposal. He constantly created opportunities for our forwards with his clever kicking. I think this year has convinced Reed that his footy career will win out over soccer.

Most Consistent : **Jordon Moore**

In his first year with the Bombers, Jordon made a huge impression. His competitive instincts drove him to have a big impact in virtually every game this year. Continued belief in his ability will ensure he has a promising footy career.

Coach's Trophy : **Bryce Denysiuk**

Bryce had a great year all round. One of the most enthusiastic members of the team he showed outstanding leadership to his team mates for the entire year. His football improved significantly too and saw him rewarded with selection in the Subiaco Development Squad.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our coach Luke McNiece and his assistant Brett Callanan. I know that both of them have put in so much work this year for the team so we are truly appreciative. They have tried to help us win games, have some fun and become more of a team and I can happily say that all their hard work has paid off, so thank you.

Thankyou to Paul Vasoli, David Schildkraut, Mr Denysiuk and Mrs Thomson who helped out on every game day, being runners, water boys and first aid support. Also thanks to the parents/families for their cheering and support which was of a high level even when we were struggling.

Our season has consisted of some great highs, but unfortunately also some low points. Just remember to get to the top, it's always good to make the mistakes and fix them first and this is what we have done but just sadly left it to the end of the season to start winning games. I can say that this Coolbinia Bombers team will be back next year and doing the club proud. (Maybe we boys can set a goal for ourselves next year of making the finals)

Jordan Bozich

15'S REPORT

Richard May

At the end of 16 games, we were third on the ladder with 11 wins, four losses and a draw. The real story of our season though was the development of the boys, every single one of whom had improved their skills, fitness and understanding of the game. This is exactly what the coaches Paul Ramsay and Gordon Polson set as our goal for the year, and it was achieved to the fullest. Not only did the boys improve personally, but they finally learned to play as a team – to trust each other, encourage each other and always support each other. When they did this, they were just fantastic to watch, and when they didn't, they were still 'pretty good'.



Entering the finals we had to play Mt Lawley, and then Noranda – both of whom finished ahead of us on the ladder. The first final with Mt Lawley was memorable because we hadn't beaten them all year, and from my memory for the past four years, so for us to come away with a win was very special. We then faced Noranda, and without three of our very good players we went on to win a game which our coach later described as the best game of the season. It was a hard, tough and gritty performance by the team and when it came to picking the top performers at the end of the game there was unanimous agreement that we had 19 young men who had given 100% for the entire game. The win over Noranda gave us a week off, during which time Paul and Gordon prepared the team both mentally and physically for the challenge of a grand final. Our performance on the day was exemplary with a third quarter burst putting the game out of reach of Mt Lawley. There were some truly memorable performances, with Dom Radecki being awarded best on ground by the umpires and a five goal haul by Jackson Ramsay, two of which were snaps from 'impossible angles'. Our players of the final series were Marcus Ruggerio and Travis Hartzler, who performed brilliantly in all three games we played in the final series.

We had many individual highs this season. Matt Armenti, Dorian Bralic, Jordan Instance, and Kurtis Polson all celebrated 50 game milestones; and Leonard Beaty, Jack Davis and Armani May all played their 100 games for Coolbinia – Armani's was in the Grand Final. Special mention also to Domenic Radecki who was selected for the State Schoolboys team and performed wonderfully well in the carnival held on the Gold coast in August.

We had new players this year in John Dilallo, Jamie Dowling, Ben Moulton, and Tim Pitcher (who had not played footy before, but could run down any member of the opposition); players who came from the 16's/17' in Jordan D'Andrilli, Travis Hartzler, Daniel Perkins-Germana and Lachlan O'Reilly; and the boys from the 14's last year in Matt Armenti, Jackson Babic, Leonard Beaty, Dorian Bralic, Jack Davis, Jordan Instance, Jake Keeffe, Armani May, Jack Pages-Oliver, Kurtis Polson, Domenic Radecki, Jackson Ramsay, Marcus Ruggerio, Gerard Ryan, and Callum Sabatino.

Despite the fact that almost half the boys hadn't played football with each other before, they quickly came together and play as a team. Of special mention also, is that in 64 quarters of football and 64 ¼ time, ½ time, ¾ time and end of game huddles not once did any of the boys 'have a go' at their team mates for a mistake, a fumble or a bad decision made during the game. There was always support, and never criticism for each other. Something which I think was truly special about this team.

The boys can be very proud of their individual and team achievements this year, but they would also be the first to say that these would not have been possible without the mentoring, support and coaching of Paul and Gordon. Between the two of them they got the best out of the boys and in the process earned the respect of every single boy (and a 'helluva' a lot of parents along the way). Paul and Gordon provided the boys with some wonderful opportunities and lessons which I am sure will stay with them for many years to come.

Thank you also to the many volunteers throughout the year, the mums and dads who turned up for their rostered duties (especially those who came even when their sons were injured and not playing or simply filled in because of last minute emergencies), our regular boundary umpire Gerry Moulton, our regular runners Brad Pages-Oliver and Graeme Keeffe, and our water carriers Rick Davis and Christian/Nathan Ruggerio. Oops! Nearly forgot, and to Angela May for washing the jumpers throughout the season.

17'S REPORT *Mark Burgess*

The Bombers 17's had a successful season overall, ending up 10 points shy of a premiership flag when runners up in the Grand Final.

I honestly believe we had the best team in the competition when everyone played to their capabilities, and this was evident in a large number of our games. Unfortunately on Grand Final day, we didn't quite put it all together, and a measly 10 point margin was enough to relegate us to the second best team on the day.

On a more positive note, my outlook on coaching is to take note of what you start with, see what you finish with, and then evaluate if your players have improved in their skill level, and most importantly, their knowledge of the game. If there is a marked improvement, which assists the player in taking the next step in their football journey, then the coaching group has done their job, and I feel we have taken good steps forward in this regard.

Obviously, premierships are the ultimate reward, but they are also difficult to accomplish.

I need to thank the support group for the 17's this year, as without that network, quite simply nothing happens. My assistant coaches, Pat Litherland and Laurie Hart were exemplary in their roles and we wouldn't have reached the position we did without their input. We all have different strengths and weaknesses, so where one of us fell down, the other filled the void, which is very important in the coaching spectrum. Thanks guys, it was a pleasure working with you and I'm sure we each learned off each other.

My manager Lindsay Dick is the crucial element in the weaving together all of the intricacies on game day along with paperwork / communication issues during the week. Whenever something was thought about that needed doing, Dicko already had it arranged. Apart from all that, what you see is what you get and he is a genuine contributor and a good mate. Cheers Linds.

To the parents of our players who played a role on game day and at other times, your assistance was much appreciated. Without this support, the whole club breaks down, so thanks again.

And finally to our players. You are the ones we all come to watch, where we hope for a win, hope to see you enjoying yourself, and hope that you learn from your experiences; about how the strength of a team with everyone contributing toward a single goal is an unwavering force and how you learn to rely on your team-mates to be there for you. If you understand these uniting aspects and mutual respect in a football team, they will stand you in good stead in whatever you do, whether you are winning or losing.

It's been a pleasure being involved with each and every person involved with the Bombers 17's this year, and I wish you all the best for the future.

PLAYER TALLYS

PLAYER NAMES		TEAM	2008	2009
ACQUAROLA	Joshua	Yr 4 Red	0	7
ALLSOP	Ciaran	12 Black	57	70
ANGLEKOV	Alexander	11	29	44
ANTONIAZZI	Oliver	12 Red	24	44
ARMENTI	Max	10 Red	15	30
ASHBIL	Elliott	12 Black	0	17
AUSTEN	Aiden	Yr 4 Red	0	11
AUSTEN	Travis	10 Red	25	42
AUSTEN	Aiden	10 Red	0	2
BALDWIN	Matthew	10 Red	16	33
BARCLAY	Jack	Yr 4 Black	0	10
BARTLEY	Jarrah	11	15	27
BELL	Michael	12 Black	54	69
BENNINGTON	Austin	10 Red	15	32
BETHUNE	Cameron	12 Red	45	62
BOJARSKI	Ulrich	11	17	32
BROWN	Liam	10 Black	0	13
BROWN	Jordon	11	29	41
BUDIMIR	Blake	Yr 4 Red	0	11
CAMPBELL	Samantha	10 Red	15	31
CARROLL	Sean	Yr 4 Black	0	15
CHESTER	Benjamin	Yr 4 Red	0	10
CHILILAMA	David	12 Red	14	30
CIAVATTA	Matthew	11	0	15
COHEN	Michael	12 Black	32	47
COOPER	Hadyn	12 Black	44	60
CORFIAS	Joshua	12 Black	29	29
COTTERLE	Dion	10 Red	0	17
CROOK	Ben	Yr 4 Black	0	16
DEGEBRODT	Hasen	Yr 4 Black	0	13
DEGEBRODT	Ashley	Yr 4 Black	0	9
DEGEBRODT	Ashley	Yr 4 Black	0	4
DICK	James	12 Black	0	16
DICKINSON	Robert	11	29	44
DIMANOPOULOS	Dylan	10 Red	13	25
DOMI	Sabri	10 Black	13	27
DOUGLAS-	Seton	10 Red	8	15
DURHAM	Nicholas	Yr 4 Black	0	14
EDWARDS	Jedd	10 Red	15	29
EMERY	Nathan	Yr 4 Black	0	15
EVANS	Corey	12 Red	77	95
FEINBERG	Jordan	10 Red	15	30
FOOTMAN	Jayke	Yr 4 Black	0	12
FOOTMAN	Tahliah	Yr 4 Black	0	12
FRENCH	Matthew	Yr 4 Black	0	16
FRENCH	Matthew	Yr 4 Black	0	7
GOLDBLATT	Zalman	12 Black	30	45
GRANATO	Julian	Yr 4 Red	0	11



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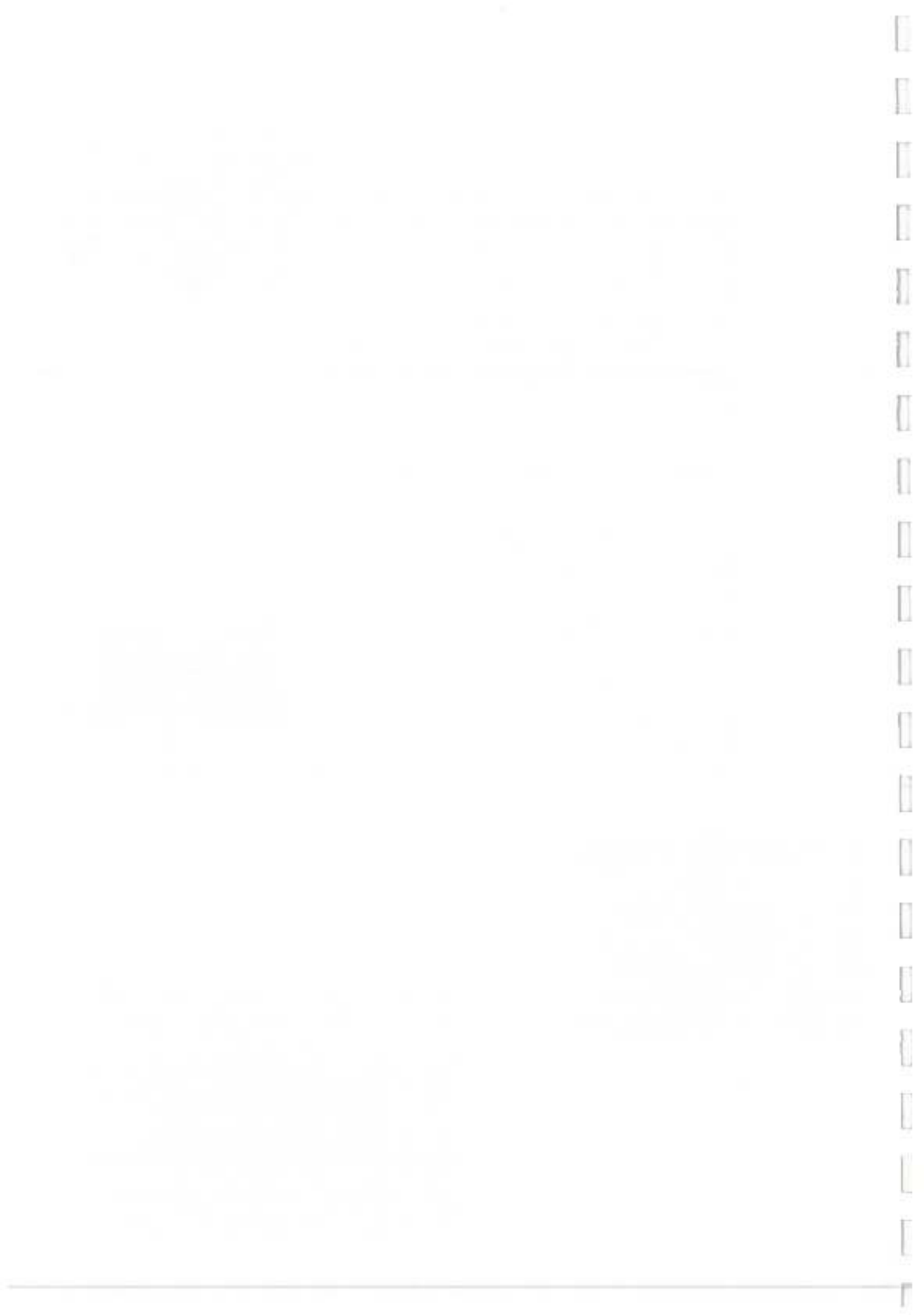
PLAYER NAMES	TEAM	2008	2009	
HALE	Shane	12 Red	46	63
HENNEKER	Ryan	10 Black	28	42
HENNEKER	Matthew	12 Red	44	61
HIGGINS	Thomas	Yr 4 Red	0	11
HORN	Robert	Yr 4 Black	0	15
HOUSTON	Bradley	11	50	65
INCANI	Luca	Yr 4 Red	0	11
ITALIANO	Adam	Yr 4 Black	0	16
ITALIANO	Leon	Yr 4 Black	0	16
ITALIANO	Michael	11	34	51
JANSON	Bronson	12 Black	31	47
JOHNSTON	Tyler	11	30	44
JONES	Zach	11	16	32
JORDAN	Henry	11	17	34
KAHN	Matthew	10 Black	14	30
KAYE	Michael	10 Black	14	27
KAYE	Steven	10 Black	14	29
KENNEDY	Abraham	12 Black	0	13
KIRBY	Blair	11	30	44
KNIGHT	William	12 Black	0	12
KOUROULIS	Mark	Yr 4 Black	0	15
KOUROULIS	Zach	Yr 4 Black	0	15
KOUROULIS	Jake	11	34	50
KRISTAL	Darren	12 Black	0	16
KUBACH	Liam	Yr 4 Red	0	10
LAFFER	Jack	Yr 4 Red	14	24
LE	Andrew	Yr 4 Red	0	5
LEHNER	Tyler	10 Black	0	16
LENZO	Michael	Yr 4 Red	0	10
LENZO	Daniel	12 Red	75	76
LEVIN	Jacob	10 Black	11	26
LOMERI	Timothy	10 Black	0	16
MANNO	Nicholas	Yr 4 Red	0	8
MANSO-	Jaydon	11	31	45
MARTELLI	Luke	10 Black	23	36
MAZALEVSKIS	Mandu	10 Black	12	13
McKENNA	Joel	11	0	17
MERRIN	Nicholas	10 Red	33	49
MITCHELL	Jack	Yr 4 Red	0	11
MONASTRA	Jordan	11	32	48
MOORE	Harrison	12 Red	90	108
MURPHY	Stephen	12 Red	46	64
NEWMAN	Cooper	10 Black	14	28
O'REILLY	Flynn	10 Black	0	15
OSRIN	Gregg	12 Red	37	52
O'SULLIVAN	Joseph	Yr 4 Red	16	25
PASALICH	Reuben	Yr 4 Black	0	2
PEARCE	Nicholas	12 Black	14	29
POLITT	Christian	10 Red	0	15
PURDY	Liam	12 Red	43	59



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REES	Thomas	10 Red	0	16
RUSSO	Stefan	12 Black	50	66
RYAN	Levi	11	15	16
SALERNO	Ben	10 Red	16	33
SALERNO	Luke	12 Red	12	29
SCOTT	Nathan	10 Black	12	26
SINAI	Edan	10 Red	16	28
SLATER	David	Yr 4 Red	0	11
SMITH	Joshua	10 Black	0	16
STAINES	Michael	12 Red	44	61
STEEL	Samuel	Yr 4 Red	0	9
SULLIVAN	Kurtis	12 Black	42	58
SURACE	Danny	12 Red	42	57
SUT-	Matthew	11	4	19
TASSIKER	Mitchell	10 Red	13	28
TAYLOR	Connor	11	33	46
THOMAS	Angus	12 Red	49	67
TSOLAKIS	Nathan	Yr 4 Black	0	4
VOS	Ben	10 Black	28	44
VUONG	Jakeb	10 Red	14	30
WARBUR-	Mitchell	12 Black	29	42
WARR	Liam	11	33	48
WATSON	Angus	10 Red	31	48
WHITE	Sam	Yr 4 Black	0	2
WOOD	Sam	Yr 4 Black	0	14
WOOD-	Justin	12 Black	?	6
WOOD-	Reuben	Yr 4 Black	0	11
YOUENS	Matthew	12 Red	42	57





PLAYER TALLYS - Youths

Player Names		Team	2008	2009
ANDERSON	Nathan	14	69	80
ARGIROPOULOS	Zac	13		15
ARMENTI	Sam	14	84	95
ARMENTI	Matthew	15	45	61
BABIC	Jackson	15	30	48
BEATY	Lee	13	102	116
BEATY	Leonard	15	92	110
BEGG	Jeremy	14	93	107
BEGG	Sam	17	92	105
BENN	Yoel	17	58	64
BOYES	Ashley	17	83	94
BOZICH	Jordan	14	84	98
BRAJKOVICH	Matthew	13	64	80
BRALIC	Dorian	15	43	58
BURGESS	Callum	17	129	146
BURMESTER	Max	14	34	47
BURMESTER	Jack	17	12	30
CALEGARI	Max	17	30	46
CALLANAN	Brodie	14	29	37
CASELLA	Jamie	13	61	73
CHRISTO	Samuel	14	78	92
CONTI	Nick	13	41	53
D'ANDRILLI	Jordan	15	74	90
DARKOVSKI	Nikola	17	37	55
DAVIS	Jack	15	90	108
DENYSIUK	Bryce	14	12	25
DICK	Jason	17	124	140
DILALLO	John	15		18
DIXON	Matthew	17	14	16
D'MELLO	Scott	17	63	79
DOBSON	Ted	15		6
DOWLING	Jamie	15		27
DOWSON	Alexander	17	79	86
DUVA	Edward	13	76	89
FREEMAN	Thomas	13		13
FREUND	Zach	14	55	68
GEORGE	Conor	13	65	81
GORDON	Matt	17	32	36
HART	Michael	17	60	75
HARTZER	Travis	15	125	142
HOCKEY	Alistair	13	14	29
HOUSTON	Michael	14	91	105
INSTANCE	Jordan	15	49	65
JOHN	Max	13	55	70
KALPHAS	Daniel	17	17	35
KEATING	Thomas	17	20	38
KEEFFE	Jake	15	100	117
KEEFFE	Patrick	17	114	125
KENNY	Rhys	17	41	49
LI	David	13	57	73
LI	Steven	17	83	101
LOCANTRO	Julian	17	96	106

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Player Names		Team	2008	2009
LOPRESTI	Jason	14	74	86
LUCEV	Jesse	13	35	51
LUTTER	Jared	14	70	84
MASAREI	Myles	13	37	52
MAY	Armani	15	81	99
McNIECE	Sam	14	66	80
MCSWEENEY	Cameron	13	95	110
MCSWEENEY	Daniel	17	161	179
MIJOSKI	James	13	59	73
MIRAUDO	Stefan	13	109	125
MIRAUDO	Adrian	17	79	96
MOODY	Christopher	14	59	72
MOORE	Jordan	14		13
MOULTON	Ben	15		12
NEWBURN	David	17	104	121
OLENDER	Omri	13	41	55
O'REILLY	Lachlan	15	105	126
PAGES-OLIVER	Jack	15	23	41
PARRY	Beau	17	14	19
PERKINS	Daniel	15	54	83
PITCHER	Tim	15		10
POLSON	Kurtis	15	39	54
QUAIN	David	17	120	135
RADECKI	Domenic	15	33	47
RAJCEVIC	Alex	17	52	58
RAMSAY	Jackson	15	51	68
RIMMER	Sean	14	0	11
ROCCHI	Christopher	17	110	126
RUGGERTO	Marcus	15	59	75
RUSSO	Daniel	13	55	70
RYAN	Gerard	15	27	42
SABATINO	Callum	15	13	26
SARA	Alec	17	145	163
SARACENI	Christopher	13	14	30
SCHAAFSA	Mark	17	127	130
SCHILDKRAUT	Zibeon	14	74	88
SCOTT	Nicholas	13	58	73
SEEBER	Shaq	15	11	15
SHELDRIK	Zachary	14	13	27
SIDOTI	Anthony	14	87	100
SIVWRIGHT	Christian	13	39	54
TAYLOR	Jordyn	13	55	67
THOMSON	McLaine	14	87	100
TILLEY	Blake	17	107	110
TOMASI	Daniel	13	61	75
TROUP	Reed	14	45	59
VASOLI	Matthew	14	14	28
VJONG	Jordan	14	70	83
WARD	Joshua	13	47	63
WATSON	Thomas	13	84	100
WITYK	Steven	17	96	100
WORTHY	Matthew	14		11
WORTHY	Nathanael	17	4	20





