

## Coach – Martin Tolar Manager – Steve Coddington

### **TROPHY WINNERS**

Best and Fairest	Ryhim Zackria
Best Team Player	Jack Goodwin
Most Improved	Harrison Tolar

#### **SEASON SUMMARY:**

For many of the U9 Greene's this was their first year of football after graduating from Auskick. Most players had not played together and it was fantastic to see the team quickly bond. On a number of times during the year we saw the players work together helping out their team mates and demonstrating the Kellyville "Side by Side" spirit.

It took most of the team a few weeks to adjust to the physicality of the game but I am pleased to say that by the end of the season all of the players had the confidence to attack the ball and compete when the ball was in dispute.

The focus for this year was on developing the player's skills and making sure that good habits were being formed that will assist in the development of good footballers for years to come.

It was most pleasing to see that all players improved as the year progressed.

We ensured that everybody played in every position each game and therefore had the opportunity to develop their offensive game as well as their defensive.

At a lot of time was also spent on teaching the team to mark up in defence and also to create opportunities in attack by creating opportunities and leading into space. I think it's fair to say we were much more successful in having the team "man up" in defence. As the season progressed there were glimpses of the players leading into space. More confidence and kicking accuracy will reward these efforts in coming seasons.

I would like to thank Steve Coddington for the wonderful job he did as Team Manager. A big thank you to all of the parents that made our job easier by having players to training and games on time and for the way they participated and supported all of the players in the team.

I trust both parents and players had an enjoyable season and we look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

Martin Tolar



#### **Player Profiles**

- Archie Maguire A fantastic team player who was always prepared to put his body on the line to win the ball or make a tackle. While he isn't the biggest of players, he showed plenty of heart and often had a big impact on the field.
- **Harrison Tolar** This was Harrison's first year out of Auskick as well as playing an age up. He started the year slowly, but as the year progressed he worked hard to improve his skills and there was a big improvement in his willingness to contest the ball and get involved in the play.
- Jack Goodwin Cast a large shadow, especially up front where he came to the fore as one of our weapons in attack. Jack always tried his best in games and at training. Jack was always willing to learn and improve his game.
- **Joel Ribbans** It took Joel some time to adjust to the physical nature of playing contested football but by the end of the season he had grown in confidence to compete for and win his own ball. A solid start to his football career.
- Lachlan Stewart Was our rock in defence. Always dependable down back to man up and clear the ball. Up front he also did well kicking at bag of three goals in one game. A strong kick and a great team player, often helping out his team mates on and off the field.
- **Nate Coddington** Was always dependable around the ground to win the contested ball. Happy to work under packs and win the hard ball. A great first year of football after graduating from Auskick.
- **Ryhim Zacknia** Had a great year and made a strong contribution each game. Ryhim made the most of his size and worked hard to develop his skills. Very coachable and was rewarded with representative honours.
- **Sam Coddington** Another player stepping up from Auskick for the first time. Sam made a strong contribution to the team, preferring to play up forward, where he scored his fair share of goals for the team.
- **Tyler Allan** Another of our players who played up an age. Tyler's skills developed consistently over the year which resulted in his increased confidence on the field. By the end of the season Tyler was making a solid contribution to the team.
- *Will Needham* Joined the Magpies this year after coming across from the Suns. Will made a great contribution to the team each week. He is a very good kick of the ball and knows how to find the goals. Looking forward to seeing how he continues to develop in coming years.

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