



U12 Western Div 2

TROPHY WINNERS

Best and Fairest	Max Rose
Coaches Award	Thomas Bittendorfer
Most Improved	Connor Knowles
Most Consistent	Jack Griffiths

Coach – Craig Peisley
Manager – Chris Fischer
Assistant Coach – Chris Black

Played - 16

Won - 5

Loss - 11

Draw - 0

Position – 5th

SEASON SUMMARY:



The season started with a 10 goal loss to Parramatta which made us wonder if we were in for a long year. But we followed that up the next week with a 1 goal win against Ingleburn. These teams ended up grand finalist and Parramatta took out the grand final by 19 goals. Not surprising given Parramatta only had 2 losses for the year and a percentage of over 300.

The boys could consider themselves a little unlucky as a change in the draw at round 4 meant we then faced the top 2 teams 4 times and the bottom 2 only twice. Not a complaint from the team though. The boys just kept concentrating on one game at a time. We had a couple of big wins and a couple of big losses but mostly we had very competitive games. A couple of the opposition coaches (including Parramatta) had commented to me that they were always concerned when they played us. They worried about our physicality and knew we always played the games out for 4 full quarters.

The boys improved all year and made a late charge for the finals starting in round 11. Lining up against Parramatta a finals birth looked unlikely. To have any chance we'd have to beat the undefeated team who had a percentage over 600 at that time. One of the highlights of the year saw the Magpies finish the game one goal up after a seesawing second half. Our season then came down to the last game, again against Parramatta. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be this year. The Magpies finished the year on equal points with 4th placed Ingleburn who had a better win loss ratio so they took the last finals spot.

The whole team rallied many times through the year showing that they never give up. Often giving the opposition head starts the Magpies never laid down and won more than their fair share of second halves.

I want to thank Chris Black for the running almost all of the training sessions and being runner each week. I'd also like to thank Chris Fischer for doing the biggest job as team manager. Thanks also to all the parents that ran water, goal umpired, took photos and supported the boys.

Craig Peisley



Player Profiles

Connor Knowles – (Most Improved) A skilful player with natural ability. Connor improved a lot over the year as his confidence grew. He played a couple of games in the wet but he made the conditions look dry. Connor was often given the role of marking the opposition's key players.



Jai Robinson – Another player who developed over the year. It appeared that part way through the year Jai realised he had strength and learned how to use it. Jai often played a leading forward role but when playing further up the field he'd often bump his opposite number off the ball.



Joshua Black – Josh worked hard on his ball skills through the year. It showed when he started taking strong overhead marks. Josh never gave up on a contest and made several run down tackles. A leading forward who also applied defensive pressure if the ball turned over.



Ryan Peisley – Ryan was a rock in defence who could always be relied upon. Ryan could be found taking marks on the goal line or tackling the opposition forwards. An accurate kick on the run and kicking out from fullback.





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Karl Fischer – Played his 50th this year. Once of the most consistent players with true leadership qualities and a real passion for the game. Was able to improve his skills through playing a lot more on-ball this year. Always trains hard and leaves nothing on the field.



Jackson Folkard - Played his 50th this year. Jackson is a smart player and reads the play well. You could often hear him coordinating the backline.



Sean Plumridge – Strong player who loves a physical contest. I am sure many of Sean's opponents left the ground sore after running into Sean several times in a game.



Flynn Sinclair – Top goal scorer this year. Exciting player to watch. When the ball was in Flynn's area anything was possible. Plenty of pace and his ball skills developed a lot throughout the year.





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Jack Griffiths – (Most Consistent). If I had a GPS tracker I would put it on Jack. Jack runs all day and as a result gets plenty of the ball. Never intimidated by larger opponents, Jack is hard at the ball.



Max Rose – (Best and Fairest). Max has a great vertical leap. A big asset for an AFL player. A very strong player with a good long kick. If Max wanted the ball then Max got the ball. Max has the skills and attitude to be a very good Aussie Rules player and had an outstanding first year in AFL.



Alex Williams – Another to play his 50th. Alex is a versatile player. Never gets pushed off the ball and goes in always trying to get his hands on the ball.



Patrick Hulme – Big improvements from Patrick this year. In the second half of the season Patrick learned a key AFL skill of staying on your feet and getting his hands on the ball. While others were diving over the ball Patrick would reach in pick it up and run away with it.





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Scott Hulme – Very reliable player. In defence Scott made it very difficult for his opposite numbers. When forward he'd lock the ball in. Scott was always looking to support his team mates.



Thomas Bittendorfer – (Coaches Award) 50 games for Tom as well this season. Tom doesn't realise how good he really is. We don't keep tackle count stats but I have no doubt Tom would have been at the top of the list. When Tom joined us he told me he was a back pocket. We moved him in the midfield occasionally and he dominated. We pushed him forward and he kicked goals.

