



Youth Girls U15 White

Coach – Paul Smith

Manager – Matthew Roberts

TROPHY WINNERS

Best and Fairest	Elise Ginger
Best and Fairest Runner Up	Sophie Whitton
Rookie of the Year	Charis Zacharias
Coaches Award	Nellie McMillan

Kellyville / Rouse Hill Magpies



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2018



Back row: Olivia Amiet, Brianna Newell, Emily Wood, Sophie Edwards. Absent: Hannah Briggs.

Middle row: Matthew Roberts (Manager), Makayla Bleza, Courtney Smith, Charis Zacharias, Natasha Miller (Co-Captain), Taylah Green, Paul Smith (Coach).

Front row: Keely Stevens, Elise Ginger (Co-Captain), Sophie Whitton, Nellie McMillan, Jade Roberts, Riley Michell.

SEASON SUMMARY:

Team white started the pre-season with two thirds of the team new to AFL or making the big leap from U12's to U15's. To win eleven of the fourteen games throughout the regular season and to finish fourth was an incredible effort and one in which they should be proud of. To lose three games throughout the season and finish fourth shows just how tight the top 4 positions on the ladder were. It was pleasing to see the girls make the finals and continue to display in the finals the same never give up attitude they displayed all year. There were many highlights this season but for me I particularly enjoyed the respect, camaraderie and friendship the team displayed throughout the season towards each other. It was great to see them grow not only as footballers but as young women.

On behalf of the girls I want to thank our manager, photographer, statistician, physio and general organizer Matthew for all the things he did behind the scenes that went unnoticed this season and for organizing us each week. We certainly wouldn't have had a team if it wasn't for Matt's efforts. Thanks also to Greg for running the messages, Craig and Judy for running the water, Ross for being our goal umpire and Vic for his cameo coaching appearance. Finally, a big thankyou to the girls for allowing me to coach them and for their efforts in season 2018.

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PLAYER PROFILES:

Olivia Amiet – Olivia has a great energy both at training and on game day. Olivia always tried her best and was happy to play in any position whether it be ruck, deep in the forwards or in the backline and it's this flexibility that made her an important member of the team.

Makayla Bleza – It was fantastic to welcome Makayla to our team and to the great game of Aussie Rules. Makayla was quick to pick up on the positional requirements of the game and played well in several key positions throughout the year. Watching her tackle some unsuspecting opponent was certainly a highlight for many in our team, but not so for the person on the end of the tackle. Mikayla finished fourth in Best and Fairest voting. Good job.

Hannah Briggs – Hannah was also new to AFL when she joined our team and it was great to see her improve throughout the year, particularly with her kicking. Because of her height, she would often share the rucking duties with Brianna. Hannah played this difficult and demanding position well. Hannah will really begin to shine next season as her skills improve even further.

Sophie Edwards – Sophie was also new to AFL and improved immensely as the season progressed. It was great to see her begin to 'handball' the ball rather than throw it to a team mate. Towards the end of the season Sophie was consistently in our best players. Sophie always brought a sense of fun to training and would love having a 'chat' to everyone about anything not related to footy, mostly during drills.

Elise Ginger – It was wonderful to welcome Elise to the Magpies. From the beginning, Elise's leadership skills were noticeable and she always lead by example both on and off the field. She was voted by the players as co-captain and was most deserving of this opportunity. Elise would frequently feature in our best players each week and always gave 100% and smiled while doing so. It was only fitting that Elise was awarded **Best and Fairest** with 45 votes. Elise also came second in goal kicking with 27 goals.

Taylah Green – Taylah was a key target for the team as she roamed between full forward and center half forward. Taylah was a reliable kick for goals throughout the season and gave the team a lot of confidence as the season progressed. Overall Taylah finished third in the goal kicking with 20 goals including twice kicking 5 goals in a game.

Nellie McMillan – It's almost impossible to believe that Nellie has never played AFL before, joining our team mid-season. Nellie's endurance and ability to win the ball time and time again, in congestion ensured that she was pivotal to the success of the team. Most weeks Nellie featured in our best players and it was only fitting that she received the **Coaches Award**. Nellie polled 29 points for the best and fairest award, finishing third.

Riley Michell – Riley is a wonderful team player who always lead by example and tackled each training session and game with great enthusiasm. Riley always gave of her best went about her business with little fuss and was a key target up forward.

Natasha Miller – This year Natasha was plagued at various times by injury and this hindered her ability to get some consistence in her game. Natasha's hard work during preseason and last year was recognized by her peers when they voted her co-captain for season 2018, congratulations Natasha!!

Brianna Newell – Brianna loves her AFL and always puts her heart and soul into each game. Playing ruck is a difficult position that requires lots and lots of running as well as knowing that you are going to get bruised and battered each week by some tall opponent. Brianna took all of this in her stride and should be congratulated for having an excellent season.



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Jade Roberts – Jade was another player in our team plagued by injury from activities not related to AFL. Jade spend most of her time in the forwards and always tried her best and was a difficult opponent due to her speed and elusiveness. Jade should be congratulated for her persistence in coming back from injury and for her consistency throughout the season.

Courtney Smith – Playing AFL for the past few seasons has certainly benefited Courtney as she has improved in her tackling, kicking and general play. Courtney certainly brought a great deal of fun and spontaneity to training and would always offer feedback to the coach, some of which was constructive. Well done Courtney in finishing 5th in the goal kicking.

Keely Stevens – What an amazing year Keely had this year in the forwards and was the leading goal kicker with 43 goals including once kicking 8 goals in a match and three times kicking 5 goals in a match. Keely was an elusive player who caused havoc for other teams and could be relied on to kick goals on the run from almost anywhere. Her goal kicking from set shots, however scared us all at times including her dad.

Sophie Whitton – Sophie had an exceptional season and continued to improve each week. Her move from the forwards to the middle really allowed her skills and endurance to shine. Sophie should be proud of efforts this year in the U15's and we look forward to even more next season. Congratulations Sophie on being awarded with **Runners Up Best and Fairest**. Less than 10 points separated best and fairest from runners up best and fairest.

Emily Wood – Emily had another consistent season of AFL and could always be relied on to 'play her part' when needed. Emily always gave of her best and was versatile, in offering to play in several positions throughout the season.

Charis Zacharias – Charis was new to AFL and spend the first three weeks of training and game day apologizing for even the slightest of mistakes. Finally, the message of 'if you're not making mistakes you're not trying hard enough' got through and Charis stopped apologizing and really started to shine. Charis' ability to read the play and be in the right spot at the right time, ensured that her spot at full back was cemented. Congratulations on an awesome season and on being awarded **Rookie of the Year**.





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