



U13 Div 2 West



Trophy Recipients	
Best and Fairest	Darragh Treanor
Most Improved Player	Dylan Johnson
Most Consistent	Redmond Power
Coaches Award	Bailey Cousins
Leading Goal Kicker	Redmond Power (13)
	Jedd Gouda (13)

Season Summary

The U13W boys committed early to a pre-season with enthusiasm despite a lean run in 2018 due to injuries and limited personnel. We wanted to focus on self-belief, commitment to each other, commitment to hard work and team disciplines such as one on one footy, run and carry and spread. As the season approached you could sense the excitement, enthusiasm and nerves in players and Coaching staff.

At the half way mark of the season we had mercy ruled several of our opposition, and for the first time in three seasons strung together back to back wins. With each win you could sense the confidence, enthusiasm and trust in one another and as a result their game style grew week by week. This allowed the coaching staff to focus on building each players strengths, and getting them settled into key roles rather than rotating key players across the ground hoping to plug holes which had been the experience of the past.

As the season came to an end we finished equal first on wins, but percentage relegated us to third spot. We had beaten both teams above us on percentage on more than one occasion throughout the year, but finishing third meant we entered a sudden death final. This played into the boys' hands as none of us wanted a week's rest, and we were determined to win the hard way.

We played off in two sudden death finals to reach the Grand Final and both games were away from home and were of the highest standard. When asking the boys in our final training session for the year if any of them believed they would be playing in the Grand Final at the beginning of the year half the team raised their hands, so it was clear they had belief. I must confess the Coach was surprised by the show of hands.

Manager: Eoin Power

Coach: Nathahn Walter



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Our opponents on grand final day were taller and heavier than us and they got off to a flyer in the first quarter. Despite conceding an early goal, our boys worked hard to go in level at quarter time. We went in level again at half time, but you could sense the boys nerves were beginning to settle and they were ready to absorb and react to the coaches' message at half time. From the third quarter on the boys got back to basics which was to run, spread and carry and get to the ball first. All of a sudden we began to hold our marks, and began to use the whole field and we opened the opposition up.

Our opponents did not score in the second half and we ran over the top of them. In finishing out 2019 the boys did themselves, their family, Coaching Staff and Club proud and showed they are ready to emerge as the next generation of young men ready to represent the Kellyville Rouse Hill Junior Football Club.



Player Profiles:

Anthony Haughey – Loves to kick a goal and has a great set of hands for catching over-head marks. Played full forward and straightened us up and always gave a contest bringing our crumbs into play. At times when we needed to stop the opposition momentum, he went back for us and took numerous intercept marks and was a steadying influence. Brought a lot of leadership to the team with his input in team meetings.

Will Martin – Tenacious and will bring down anyone no matter their size. Gave us forward pressure which resulted in the ball coming to ground and several goals being scored through turn overs. Also played through the mid with his ability to win the hard ball. Just knew where to stand, reads the ball well. Once again brought a lot of leadership to the team with his input in team meetings.

Cameron Stewart – Our rock in defence and shouldered the responsibility each week when available to take the kick in. Always seizing the moment to play on and ensured we cleared the 50 zone with his kick outs finding targets along the wing. Played Full back all year and was a leader down back for us taking charge week in, week out to set our backs up.



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Darragh Treanor – Assigned the opposition's best player week in and week out in a tagging role in the centre and was rarely if ever beaten. His explosiveness out of the centre to crumb the tap and drive the ball forward immediately put the opposition under the pump. At times went up for the ruck himself and took the ball straight out of the ruck and ran. In his first full year for the club he played some exceptional football.

Dean Ballard – New to the club in 2019 and despite limited preparation announced himself in his first game for the club against Ingleburn as an attacking, line breaking half back. Has a reliable set of hands and wins the hard ball and loves to take the opposition on breaking the lines. Once again brought a lot of leadership to the team with his input in team meetings.

Bailey Cousins – In his first full season for the club a shoulder injury wiped out his pre-season. He started in the middle due to his explosive pace and just threw himself at everything and worked hard to win the hard ball. Loves to break the lines and run and carry and played a key role in our centre bounce line up. With a full pre-season in 2020 and "a compass" Bailey is destined to take another step.

Dylan Curtis – Used his pace on the wings to provide a key link up between our backs and forwards and was involved in everything. He could be relied upon to rotate out of the centre to take the best small opposition player and his efforts in the grand final to blanket number 3 from Emu Lions was instrumental in helping us to change the momentum of the game from the third quarter. Always volunteering for the hardest match ups, he has a great set of hands and loves to win the hard ball.

Cooper Eckersley – Was instrumental through the middle and has express pace which meant his closing speed was exceptional. Played as a defensive tagger in the middle or on a wing, Cooper loved to break the lines and as the season progressed he backed himself and was a standout exploding along the wings evading tacklers to bounce 4 or 5 times driving the ball into attack.

Lucas Gillmore – Developed into a reliable defender and became a critical part of our defence. Deceptively tall is the quickest in the team with express pace and used his pace to keep pressure on the forwards. His pace in defence meant he could get from one contest to the next which meant we could keep constant pressure on the forwards and resulted in the opposition rushing their kicks.

Jedd Gouda – Played a key role on the wing all year linking our defence up with our forwards. Always finds space and loves to turn players inside out with his ability to turn both. Extremely dangerous whenever he went forward meant he finished the home and away rounds joint leading goal scorer. Once again brought a lot of leadership to the team with his input in team meetings.

Dylan Johnson – Our key centre half back who was rarely beaten and cool under pressure all year. As the year progressed his game got better and better and began to break the lines coming out of half back finding targets by hand or foot. His work at centre half back to win the hard ball at ground level or in the air was exceptional and gave others real confidence. His performance in the GF to win best on ground by putting his head over the ball at critical moments was fantastic to watch. Has real leadership qualities.

Ali Khalid – Started the year off well playing across half forward with his overhead marking a stand out. Injuries robbed Ali from playing a full year, but in his first game back towards the end of the season his poise around the ball stood out. Ali could be relied upon to drop back into defence at times to stop opposition momentum. Had a great finals series.

Cohen Lawton – Was our swing man starting up forward with his defensive efforts and attack on the ball. Kicked a number of goals for the team with his front and centre work getting his head over the ball. Relieving our midfield at times to take up a defensive midfield role whilst also winning the hard ball at ground level to give us first use. Has a solid kick and grew his game week by week.



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James Marshall – Our hard man. Prepared to wrap his arms around and tackle the biggest man on the ground earning many free kicks. Loved to let the opposition know it, which was team lifting stuff. Was a new addition to our club in 2019 and we were grateful to have him in our team. Spent most of the year rotating in the ruck and brought a lot of leadership to the team with his input in team meetings.

Redmond Power - Our quiet achiever who was joint goal kicker in the home and away rounds despite playing in the centre and down back. His front and centre work was a stand out and just knew where to find the ball and was never beaten in a one on one contest. He ran both ways getting back into defence and up forward and played some exceptional football through the centre square emerging with the ball to give us first use.

Brayden Strong – Played on the wing and through the centre to use his foot skills to great effect. Was given some of the hardest jobs week after week tagging the opposition best midfielders and was instrumental through the home and away season to our success by shutting down players. Towards the end of the season took on the role of playing a sweeper role across half back with his intercept marking.

Oliver Walter – Doesn't know how to take a backwards step and just surges the ball forwards by foot or by hand. Brought real physicality to the contest often rotating in the ruck against bigger opponents but found ways to win the tap down to our players. Was used as a sweeper role in defence at times and was often sent forwards when we needed to manufacture a goal and always found a way to score. Kicked goal of the year against Ingleburn.

Braydon Carruthers – Played in defence and up forwards and despite being one of the smallest boys out there always put his head over the ball. Played a significant role as a rotation player which meant he relieved players who needed a rest and his attitude was first class and really appreciated by the Coaches. Had a solid GF game and enjoyed experiencing some team success after a tough season.

Isaac Beacroft -Injuries robbed Isaac from playing a full season but he sure made up for lost time when he returned at the end of the season. The boys love him and his leg speed and evasiveness through the middle and up forwards was electric at times. Worked hard to run both ways offensively and defensively and got into space to provide a target. Had a great finals series and will develop further in 2020 with a preseason.

