



U17 Div 1



Trophy Recipients	
Best and Fairest	Cillian Murphy
Coaches Award	Daniel Furness
Most Consistent	Marshall Poynter
Most Improved	Harrison Cutting
Leading Goal Kicker	Marshall Poynter (11)

Season Summary

The pre-season commenced in January to give ourselves every opportunity to perform for the whole season. Most of our boys were bottom age players and only seven remained from last season, thereby getting as much training in as possible to compete against bigger more mature bodies was crucial.

The boys entered the pre-season with great excitement and passion - and a win in our pre season trial against Westbrook gave the team good reason to be optimistic for the season ahead.

That was unfortunately the only win we had for the year – the season was challenging and extremely frustrating – consistent injuries, illness and unavailability cruelled our year – we were never in a position to have the same team grace the field two weeks in a row and on most occasions only had 16 or 17 players available, and more often than not finished the game with only 14 fit players. The flow on effect was to be expected – i.e. being overrun in games due to fatigue, players never being able to settle into a position, players being asked to fulfil roles they were not used to and boys not being able to gel as a unit.

We in fact only had 3 players that played every game, and most injuries were long term. Having said that I could not have been prouder of the boys and their willingness to sacrifice their own game to play in a position the team needed. They accepted the situation for what it was and continually rocked up with belief passion and a desire to succeed.

Assistant Coach: Julian Ballard

Manager: Kerry Jackson

Coach: Brenton Poynter



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The team suffered some heavy losses - but the “never give up attitude” from the players was inspiring. They attended training with the same level of commitment and continually wanted to improve to try and get a win the following week – for this the boys should be commended. Regardless of the win/loss record it was exciting and rewarding to see the improvement and development of the young men both individually and collectively as a team, and we were always proud of their performances. The eagerness and willingness to learn, attendance to all training sessions and pride you guys showed especially after not winning a game is something you should be very proud of – WELL DONE BOYS.

I firmly believe that with the talent within the group, the commitment demonstrated by the boys and just an even amount of luck, we all should look forward to next season with tremendous optimism. We have a group of boys that now know what U17 Division 1 requires to succeed. We have many players returning to be top age and probably more exciting than all is the emergence of brilliant young players from the U15's who will join our squad in 2020.

I have got every confidence that with natural improvement, continued understanding of the dedication needed, working hard on fitness before the season starts and a willingness to get better as players, we will see 2020 as a year to remember.

I would like this opportunity to wish the seven boys that will now join the senior ranks of football every success in their football journey. To Matt, Max, Dan, Riley, Jared, Caleb and Mitch thank you for your support and efforts throughout your junior football career and all the very best moving forward.

A sincere thank you is extended to Julian for his advice, passion, thoughts and dedication as assistant coach throughout the year and it is with great appreciation, I thank Kerry for her tireless efforts as manager.

Finally, thank you to all parents for your support – it was greatly appreciated. Let's look forward





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Player Profiles:

Matt Hayhow: Our Captain for the year but unfortunately missed the majority of season through a work injury. A talented and inspirational leader who was sorely missed, even when not playing had a significant contribution at training and game day – thanks for your help Matt.

Angus Edwards: Our Vice Captain who also missed large chunks of the season. Extremely talented and gifted mid fielder who finds the ball and delivers on big occasions, Angus was another player the team sorely missed. Looking forward to a fit Angus having a big impact next year.

Ryan Arthur: A very competitive, aggressive and skilful player who was also forced to miss many games. The team performed so much better when a fit Ryan was playing. He had an outstanding end to the year and his determination and never say die attitude was brilliant. Ryan polled in most matches he played and finished in the top 5 for B&F.

Mitchell McVey: Mitch is a classy silky player who also missed games through injury this year. He never questioned my direction to play any position to help the team. His talent and ability are unquestioned and the team was better off when he was on field. Mitch had such an impact that he polled most games he played and finished joint runner-up despite missing many games.

Max Davis: A determined, aggressive and committed mid fielder who became a leader of the team. He had a really consistent year and led by example. Max never accepted defeat and was committed to the very end. Well done Max.

Riley Ginger: Riley a classy, silky and talented midfielder who delivers the ball to his team mates with precision. He also missed a few games but made a massive difference when he was able to string some games together.

Cillian Murphy: Cillian played in defence most of the year. His ability to read the play and come off his man to gain possession was outstanding. Along with his marking and long raking left foot kicks he regularly got the ball out of our defensive 50 and into attack. Cillian played through injury most of the year which in itself was impressive but was able to take his game to a new level this year and was clearly our Best and Fairest. A pleasure to coach and was always determined for the team to improve. Congratulations Cillian.

Damian Ballard: One of our most versatile and consistent players all year finishing in the top five in the B&F count. A strong, aggressive and tough at the ball player, he never shirked the task and played in any position the team needed. Damian is the type of player you love playing next to, he just gives 100% at every contest and protects his team mates. An absolute pleasure to coach and we look forward to seeing a bigger and better season in 2020.

Harrison Cutting: Harry had a really good year. Due to injuries Harry was forced to shoulder all of the ruck work for the season. His improvement was massive given he was playing Div 2 U15's last year and now to be holding his own as our number one ruckman in Div 1 was great to see. Still plenty to learn but his willingness to listen and improve was impressive. Harry was clearly our most improved player this year. Good work Harry.

Daniel Furness: Dan was our heart and soul. He played in defence most of the year and invariably came up against bigger and stronger opposition, this didn't phase him and continually repelled the ball from defence into attack. Dan had a great year and was always prepared to do what the team needed. He set the example and was awarded with the Coaches Medal. Congratulations Dan.



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Noah Jackson: A dynamic skilful and classy forward/wing man who also had to play many different positions. Noah improved greatly as the season progressed and was able to get his hands on the ball to deliver to advantage. The team loved it when Noah had the ball in his hands because you knew he would hit a target.

Oliver Kozak: Oliver is an extremely talented footballer with an outstanding overhead mark. He also had to sacrifice his own game to play in positions to best suit the team. Oliver has the ability to dominate games and his improvement as the season progressed was there for all to see. With increased fitness I can see Olly dominating next year.

Caleb Jackson: Opportunist forward with a classy left foot kick. Caleb tried his heart out all year and gave 100%. He never questioned instructions and sacrificed his own game by blocking, smothering and putting on forward pressure. Well done Caleb.

Jared Calear-King: Jared had a consistent and reliable year. Because of his strength, ability, talent, aggression and commitment Jared played in virtually every position on the ground. He was a joy to coach, would always put up his hand to do what was best for the team. Jared totally dominated parts of the game and would do anything required for the team to win – a true footballer's footballer.

Jake Abbey: A no nonsense reliable tough defender. You know what you get from Jake – toughness and reliability. He also had to play on bigger bodies but this didn't worry him. Jake had a really good year and with a big pre-season and improved fitness Jake will take the next step to be a vital part of the defence.

Liam Crowley: A pleasure to coach, Liam would always listen and ask questions to improve. He played mostly in the forward line to do the one percenter's. Liam tackled, harassed, smothered and provided life to our forward line. He continually got better as the season went on – well done Liam.

Marshall Poynter: A talented committed tough player who had a very good year. Marshall was another who had to play various positions because of what the team needed and could be relied on to do the job. Marshall mainly played forward and held the attack together. One of only a handful that played every game and polled in most matches, which resulted him in being joint runner-up in our B&F and was our leading goal kicker.

Tom Fishburn: Tom is a very talented footballer that can do freakish things on a footy field. He played various roles for the team and had some great games. I really believe with increased fitness and increased commitment Tom can take his game to the next level. Tom is a pleasure to coach and we look forward to seeing his natural ability being produced further next year.

Isaac Miloloza: A strong, aggressive, tough and uncompromising player. Isaac is the sort of player you need on the field every game. Unfortunately, he didn't get to play as many matches as we all would have liked but when he did play the team was so much better for it. He would play any position the coach asked and always gave 100%. Well done Isaac.

Liam Maher: Liam was another that we had to swing between defence and attack because of our injuries and lack of numbers. He gave 100% at every contest and held his own. Liam is aggressive, strong and tough. Although he has only played footy for a couple of years, he was a great asset to the team and he continued to improve. Liam is a pleasure to coach and he is always willing to learn. We look forward to this improvement translating to an excellent 2020 season.



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Declan Bow: Totally new to the AFL experience, Declan continued to get better as the season progressed. He was always willing to learn and do whatever the coaches asked. Declan is tough, quick and strong. With a year under his belt and the football knowledge he has gained I have no doubt a massive improvement will be forthcoming and a great year in 2020 will be produced. With a solid pre-season Declan can look forward with optimism to next year.

Marcus Williams: Marcus was one of our key players early and having a really good year until serious injury took its toll. He is a tough, strong and reliable swingman that can play both forward and defence, he was sorely missed when not playing. Marcus is committed and dedicated and will be a key component to our success next year. A pleasure to coach as nothing is too much trouble and will give you 100% all the time. Really looking forward to see what Marcus can bring next year.

