



Collingwood Industrial Magpies

President's Report

Week ending Sunday 13/06/10

This week we first look at the Bulldogs game then Rupe Betheras' efforts to get another Central Australian footballer to a Melbourne Club, followed by a look at the VFL's game against Sandringham, and finally, a coaches report from Yuendumu.

Pies reign supreme by Dr Bruce Hearn McKinnon

Collingwood returned to form with a powerful display of fierce tackling and fast ball movement down the central corridor at the docklands indoor basketball arena. Though fading in the last quarter, we dominated for three quarters and should have won by 8-10 goals, instead of the miserly 10 point final margin.

With the return of Leon Davis and Paul Medhurst, our forward structure looked much more balanced, and 'Neon' Leon seemed to relish being fed the ball from Leroy Brown who crashed and bashed his way through Bulldog defenders skittling them over like nine pins. Leon finished with 3 goals and more importantly looked like the week's break had done the trick in freshening him up. Perhaps we should rest him in round 22, bringing him back for the finals!

While Dawes has done a good job at full forward in recent weeks, we certainly looked more dangerous and at times somewhat scary with big, bad Leroy Brown wreaking havoc down forward. The great thing about Leroy is that he is a genuine utility player, capable of filling holes almost anywhere on the ground. His added physicality will also come in handy in September.

Our new recruits, Jolly and Ball both played well and 'Roger' in particular, seems to be finding his rhythm; his ruckwork getting better with each game.

At least 2 goals were scored from direct hit-outs, suggesting more will come as our midfielders come to understand his tap work and he becomes more familiar with the positioning of our midfielders.





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Dids was Dids; all class as usual, finishing the night with 3 goals to his name and several goal assists. Daisy, though clearly hampered by a thigh injury, was as fierce as ever and is having his best year to date. Pendles, is finding his best form again and was probably best on ground, joining with 'Jolsen' as the engine room of our midfield machine.



In defence, Presti did his usual blanket job on Hall, who though kicking 3 goals, had very little impact on the game. Our Harry, particularly in the frenetic first quarter, played his best game for a month and smashed his opponent and even managed to run down the ground and kick a long goal (an 'H' bomb) from outside 50 metres. No doubt about it, there's something about Harry. Heater was also back to his best and seemed to move more fluently, suggesting he has recovered from some injury niggles which have hampered him in recent weeks. Maxwell was the general down back as usual, though he seemed to struggle in the final quarter when Lake was moved to the forward line, forcing Maxy to be more accountable. In retrospect, perhaps the Pies should have moved Leroy to defence in the last quarter to provide an extra tall?

Overall, it was a well needed return to form by the Magpies who should now approach this week's Queen's birthday bash against the Demons full of confidence. Assuming no injuries, it's hard to foresee many, if any, changes to the side, though it's worth noting that Nathan Brown absolutely dominated at full back in the VFL on Saturday, earning himself best on ground honours. Medhurst should be a lot better for the run and I expect him to kick a bag on Monday. Though Melbourne will play their grand final against us – as they always do - on Monday, I predict a big win by the Pies. Collingwood by 10 goals plus!

Aaron Sharpe

Rupe's latest protégé from Central Australia Aaron Sharpe trained with the VFL players last Tuesday night along with his and Rupert's mate Rikki Newton. Aaron didn't look out of place despite the fact that he would never before have participated and a session of drills so well organised and complex which was run by Gavin Brown and Paul Licuria. We will be helping Aaron and will follow his progress with interest. CiM arranged reserved seats on Level 1 at Etihad for the Bulldogs game for Aaron and Ricky. Aaron goes for the



Aaron Sharpe (right), with Rupert Betheras and Rikki Newton, after training with the Collingwood VFL team



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Pies and was keen to get there. We hope he gets a lot out of his efforts here.

VFL Report

Last week the Collingwood VFL side showed good form in a convincing win over Sandringham at Victoria Park. Nathan Brown looked a cut above every other player on the field with a commanding performance at Full Back. While the difference in level between the VFL and the AFL is a chasm there was enough four quarter dominance from



number 16 to encourage a Pies supporter to think we have a very suitable understudy for Simon Prestigiaco in one of the key positions on the ground. There was also plenty to like about the young guys too and Tom Young a NSW scholarship player caught the eye as one who looked like a goer, a bit raw but seems to have the vibe to make the grade in time. In a game played in wet and greasy conditions the Magpies midfield outplayed Sandrigham for 3 and ½ f the 4 quarters in a contest for an elusive ball and difficult clearances. Despite the conditions the Pies looked well organised and consistent holding their shape for all of the game except a loose passge in the ten to 15 minutes

before half time. The conditions certainly didn't suit Jack Anthony and one wouldn't expect him back any time soon. Brad Dick on the other hand looked to be making steady improvement after returning from a shoulder injury and will be pressing for selection in 3 or 4 weeks if that continues The VFL side will play at Victoria Park again this weekend against the Northern Bullants. We are hoping to have a bigger and more regular look at the progress of the VFL team in future newsletters.

Hello from Yuendumu by Darren Jakamarra Talbot

The following message was received from Yuendumu a few weeks ago and we have not been able to post it until now. We look forward to more reports from the Yuendumu coaches in the future.

Hi to everyone in Melbourne. This is Darren Jakamarra Talbot. I'm the senior coach of the Yuendumu Magpies' Football Club. Just writing to let everyone know how we are progressing through the football ranks of the AFLCA league in the town competition. We are sitting 6th at



the moment outta 10 teams - only a game out from top three. Have been very happy with the players so far towards their approach to the game week in week out. Kasman Junguarryi Spencer who is the other half of the senior coaching staff and myself have taken a different pathway into our playing strategies out in training and in the game. We together have implemented a lot of weight training and circuit work to benefit the



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players in working on their body strength and quick speed, which we believe is starting to pay off in game situations.

The respect of a coach and his players towards each other this year has been the focal point of the season so far. Rules and regulations for the season have been unbelievable on all sides of each party, which is something we wanted to get established correctly right before the start of the season. Well done to the committee and leadership group on backing the coaches wishes 100%. Recently in a game of pride and authority we faced off with our old enemies Papunya (MacDonnell districts) in a clash full of excitement. At the end of the 1Q scores were locked at 4 goals a piece with Charro Watson stamping his authority early in the ruck and (mini-me) Chris Walker sweeping all in front of him. 2Q prove to be a replay of the 1st with scores locked again at 8 goals each by the long break, the work ethic of the super backline lead by the general Casper (the machine) Gorey and inspirational leader Sebastian Watson kept the magpies wings flying. Premiership quarter belonged to Papunya for the first 15 mins kicking away to a 4 goal lead, which had coach Talbot thinking for some quick moves to make, in a matter of 30 seconds I had 3 players moved around in the forward and centre and it proved to be a match winning quarter as we kicked 5 straight goals to go into the lead for the final quarter 14 goals to 13 goals. 4th Q and the moment kept the pace for 5 mins until injuries started to happen with Kasman Spencer pulling a hammy (great game) and then another 5 players suffering injuries, the game was now getting away from us. Final score Papunya 20goals Yuendumu 15 goals, players recognized the efforts of each other and the confidence between each individual knowing they gave there all Well Done!! UP THE MIGHTY YUENDUMU MAGPIES!!!!

Coach Darren Jakamarra Talbot.



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