



Collingwood Industrial Magpies

President's Report

Week ending Sunday 20/06/10

Magpies Grind to a Halt!

When you spend too much time impersonating a Rugby team, rucking the ball forward around the boundary line, is it any wonder that the opposition's defensive fortifications are ready and waiting when you finally get the ball into the air inside fifty. No? So not surprising too that the best marking forward on the ground (Travis) is triple teamed and with still plenty of defenders waiting below the contest, which has moved like a glacier along the members wing at the MCG. In fact so concentrated and ponderous is this performance that it is possible to interchange players in and out of the goings on without anybody really noticing. At times it looked like the Collingwood AGM could be held around the interchange bench without any inconvenience. Has everybody except the person who counts most noticed that the answer from the opposition coaching boxes is "FLOOD" while you've got time and present the conversion problem, by forcing the shots on goal away from the scoring angles. Think St Kilda, Geelong, and what will Sydney do? There were times in the first quarter when it seemed that there were 36 players inside the Pies forward fifty. All a bit too predictable. When you're playing Collingwood next week there is no need to expect the unexpected.



The loss of Didak and Johnson and in particular their ability to create opportunities and change the angle of attack was a problem from the start. The loss of Maxwell before half time took away the sweeper who creates the quick rebound in the corridor and by half time the Pies were left with?



Yes the game plan! The 19th man. The boundary. A team playing without the captain and one short, without it's main inside ball getter, without two of its most creative and skilful players would always have its back to the wall, so let's hear it for the players. What saved the Pies wasn't the boundary line it was the endeavour of individual performances. Dane Swan was two players, he effectively became Luke Swan or Dane Ball depending on what was required, a consummate performance against all comers. Daisy showed fantastic and consistent courage. Scott Pendelbury



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was prolific. Ben Reid was quietly outstanding in defence. Then at the end of the day the combined experience of Darren Jolly and Tarkyn Lockyer got what points were available. And of course the fabulous enthusiasm, commitment and work rate of that skinny aboriginal kid from WA who your correspondent watched playing an ever willing 2/3rds of a slippery and demanding game against the Northern Bullants on Saturday at Victoria Park. Brad never stopped believing or running! Not on Saturday or Monday. It may have been a draw but you still have to earn the two points and the players deserve all the credit for salvaging them and hurling themselves into the contest in the dying minutes after having drawn level. So the positive is the spirit lives!

News from Yuendumu

Yuendumu had a bye in the Central Australian Football League and instead went to Papunya for that Community's Sports weekend. Papunya and Yuendumu are traditional rivals, and their sports weekends are traditionally some of the most meaningful encounters between the teams from the respective communities. The Honeyant Cup is a trophy of considerable significance out in the desert. Darren Talbot will provide us with a full update on the progress of the two Yuendumu Football teams in the Central Australian Football League after their games against Hermannsburg this coming weekend in Alice Springs.



The Yuendumu Magpies at Papunya Oval

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