

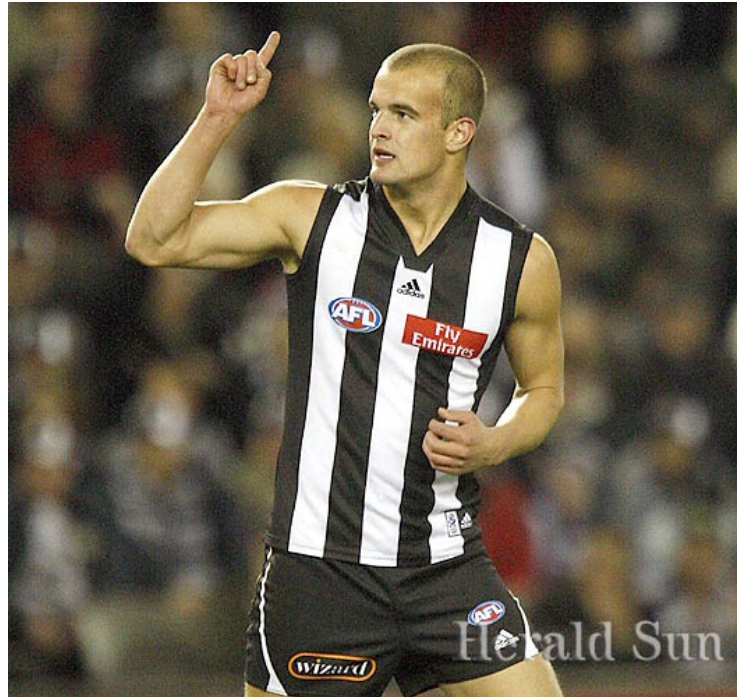


Collingwood Industrial Magpies

President's Report

Week ending Sunday 30/05/10

Fading out at the Gabba on Saturday night, a tired looking Collingwood slowly gave up four points that may prove very costly come September. In the process a structural weakness in the forward set up emerged. The demise of Leon's neon and the ongoing marginalisation of John Anthony has taken an edge off the attack, which prevented the Pies from ever putting the game outside Brisbane's reach. With big marking forwards getting bigger as the game wears on you can't afford to let a team that well equipped see the chance of victory late in the game. The Pies failure to put the Lions away let them pin their hopes on the Twin Towers and made their game plan simple and direct while the Pies were always trying to thread a needle at the wrong time, when skills were getting shaggy from tiredness and score board pressure.



The wrecking Ball has laid 63 tackles already this year

Another great inside effort from Luke Ball, largely unheralded. The clearances went Brisbane's way convincingly and but for the work Ball did at the contest could have blown out to embarrassing proportions. MM made it clear he thought Collingwood didn't work hard enough to take the ball off Brisbane. Are the other midfielders leaving too much of the hard yakka to the new guy? Do we need pace or a small forward when Leon doesn't play, rather than a hit up marking type like Anthony? Barham was best on ground in the VFL and must be pushing for inclusion particularly against a team like the Bulldogs. It will be interesting to see if Leon's calf comes up.

Hopefully, the lacklustre games against Geelong and Brisbane can be put down to the incidence of travel to the west and then to Brisbane. On the other hand Sydney away beckons soon.



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A great night from Daisy

Some news on the indigenous front. Rupert Betheras CiM's patron is currently supporting a visit by two young players from Central Australia who are hoping to break into the big time. They both played with Rupert for MBHOS on Saturday. Baydon Ngalian and Aaron Sharpe showed plenty of talent in a strange environment. Baydon was named as one of the team's best players kicking three goals, including a boundary line snap that set the crowd on fire while Aaron took a screamer in the goal square. We hope to have some images soon. Rupe is trying to set up a training run with the Collingwood VFL squad. Aaron goes for the Pies so maybe?

On another front two members of the CiM Board have been invited to attend a function at the MCG to

announce an art project to be executed in conjunction with the Yuendumu community which will involve cutting a Warlpiri ceremonial design on the turf of the MCG. Details below from the invitation:

Stewart Russell and Kate Daw are currently undertaking the inaugural Basil Sellers Fellowship and art project based at the MCG. They have been developing a major project over the past six months that will take place in two stages, and in two locations.

The curators have begun discussions with an indigenous community in central Australia called Yuendumu.

The projects starting point was a proposition in two parts; (a) to create a temporary, full scale drawing of the MCG playing surface on a site close to Yuendumu and (b) to invite artists from the Yuendumu community to propose an artwork that could be rendered through rolling and cutting the MCG playing surface.

Both works require the expertise and participation of the MCG ground staff and the greater MCG family. Stewart and Kate have invited two established artists from Yuendumu to come to Melbourne to meet supporters of the idea and to further develop the project.



Cecily Granites and her family watch the Collingwood VFL Team with Kasman Spencer



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Cecily Granites and Elsie Granites have been selected to represent the interested parties in Yuendumu and they will be visiting the MCG as guests of the project.

Cecily and Elsie have been invited by the National Sport Museum and the Melbourne Cricket Club, and two mentorees from the Mt Theo Project, to Melbourne on the afternoon of Saturday, 5th June, for the afternoon match between Melbourne and Carlton at the MCG.

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