# MIRANDA AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC.



# **Presentation Booklet**

# 2020

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# 2020 MIRANDA BOMBERS PRESIDENT'S REPORT ANDREW BRIGGS

The AFL has referred to it as "the Longest Shortest season ever" and that only starts to capture the challenges of 2020. In what has been the most disrupted and challenging season ever, due to world and local events, the Bombers team has risen to the challenge. Adaptability is probably the word for the year.

As always, our players and our teams did us proud in 2020. From pre-season training, to not training, to training in groups of 10, to training on 'the dry half' of a field to playing home games away – our players have adapted to everything the world has thrown at them without complaint. With a record 340 players and 16 teams (plus Auskick) in 2020, we hit the delayed first bounce with approximately 10% more players and teams than the Bombers have ever fielded before.

A special shout out to our three youth girls teams in 2020, the first time we have ever had three dedicated girls teams in the club. There is a very strong future here as our YG teams are growing significantly faster than the club average. I expect we will stay at three teams next year and consolidate our numbers in U10/12/14 and take on U16 in 2022

Our team results on the field were some of our strongest ever. Of 10 teams in scoring competitions, six teams made it to the shortened finals series (U11 Black, U12-3, U13-2, U13-3, U14 and U17). Congratulations to all those teams. While a couple of teams were extremely close to grand finals, our U12 and U14's both did us proud getting to grand final day, with the U14s bringing home the club's first flag in five years. Congratulations all!

At a player level, we saw five of our players recognised in the AFL Best and fairest awards (the equivalent of the Brownlow) in their respective divisions. Congratulations to Jamie, Grace, Hunter, Isaiah and Zak for being great representatives of our club

Nothing happens without coaches and managers and ours have taken on so much extra this year. From sanitising footballs, to tracking attendance, to moving training and games on countless occasions, they just rolled up your sleeves, adapted and got it done. The whole club thanks all of our coaches and managers for all their efforts. Their flexibility and positive attitude made season 2020 as successful as it ended up being.

This year saw another massive contribution from the committee - if there has been a harder year for volunteers I don't want to see it. Making adjustments day by day if not hour by hour, 2020 threw us all challenges we have not seen before. Special mention to Alan who has 'grown out' of Auskick after an amazing three years of building the future of our club. Thank you. Going back to the player numbers up at the start of this, Alan and Tod have been the key drivers of player numbers from Auskick in the last 5-6 years. As always the exec team - Stu, Tod, Michael and Mike - have provided super human efforts to keep the club both running week to week and building it for the future, while supporting me personally. It wouldn't happen without you

Of course, as well as the external challenges we only had half a field for the majority of the season due to plumbing and drainage issues. Again the whole club adapted and just made it work. With massive thanks to Mike and all his work with council, we are having additional drainage completed before next season to make Waratah an even better home.

What's next? That's not for me to say - after 5 amazing years as president of the club it's time for me to step aside and allow new ideas and energy to drive the club forward. I will stay around to support our new president Tod, the committee, our coaches / managers / players / umpires as much as possible for the next season.

At a personal level I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to everyone for all of your support. I have had an amazing time and will always look back on my time as Bombers Prez fondly. The first former player to be president - or more accurately - the worst back pocket ever to play for the club, finally did something useful.

Thank you and GO BOMBERS!!!!!

Andrew

### LIFE MEMBERS

#### FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Jim Chamberlain Allan Gibbons Les Gray Maurie Hatch Bruce Hoskins Bob Kelso Alwyn McDonald John Trotman

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# 2020 CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT JACK BRAMLEY

2020 has been a crazy year for everyone, with the start of the season delayed by COVID-19 and starting around June. After sitting inside for 3 months, everybody was keen to get out and play some good footy, even if it was a shortened season. For my final year in Junior AFL, it has truly been a memorable and amazing experience that I will always look back upon fondly.

Personally, for me our final game was quite an emotional one, losing by only 1 goal to a team we trained hard to beat. Seeing the boys after that game was something that truly showed how much AFL meant to us. Tears were shed, and a few hugs were passed around, but we left the field with our heads high and proud of our efforts. I'd like to give a huge thankyou not only from me, but from the entirety of our team to Rhys for coaching us for the past 3 years. Thank you for your continued hard work and efforts, and giving up your own free time to coach us.

Seeing the growth of the club has been incredible. With well over 300 players in the club this year, it's amazing to see so many new faces enjoying the amazing game of AFL. The only reason these players are able to have such a great time is because of the continued efforts of coaches and managers. So thank you for all the work and time that you all put in, to allow the players to grow as individuals and to create memories for the future.

To Andrew and the Committee, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent the Miranda Bombers as the Club Captain. The efforts that you all put in behind the scenes to piece together this year's season is truly appreciated. Without you we wouldn't have a field to play or train on, or a season to play.

Lastly, thank you to the parents who drive the players to training and the games each week. I'm confident that every player appreciates the time their parents put in to take you to games every week, as I sure appreciate my parents!

Again, thank you very much to everyone and go the Bombers!

Jack Bramley

Miranda Bombers Club Captain 2020

# **PLAYING MILESTONES**

# 200 games played

# 150 games played

# 100 games played

Theo Fluckiger	U15
Ben Kavanagh	U17
Lukas Manns	U15
Hunter Pickett	U14

### 50 games played

Aaron Briggs	U12
Jamie Caetano	U17
Michael Grant	U12
Dylan Harvey	U13
Isaac Leonard	U12
Cave McKnight	U13
Lachlan Mohapp	U12
Jett Pearce	U11
Roman Pickett	U12
Noah RIchardson	U13
Jackson Turner	U17

### **CLUB UMPIRES**

Evan Briggs Blake Collier Xavier Fabian-Carter Ben Kavanagh Declan Kavanagh Liam Mernagh Jacob Reichel Charles Thompson-Owens

### ASSOCIATION AWARDS

### PLAYER AWARDS

Jamie CaetanoU17 Best and Fairest 2020Grace ParsonsU14YG Best and Fairest 2020Hunter PickettU14 Best and Fairest 2020Isaiah NoonanU13 Equal Runner Up Best and Fairest 2020Zak LarsonU13 Equal Runner Up Best and Fairest 2020

# AUSKICK

Auskick is a great introduction to the sport, which focuses on confidence building, fun and development in a pressure free environment, where our kids get to learn and develop their basic football skills in a safe and super-fun setting before they enter the competitive levels of game from under U9 and upwards.

Auskick is also an opportunity for parents to get involved in football with their kids, for those who have and have not played football previously and both Mums, Dads, carers, etc. An incredibly fun and fulfilling way to spend training nights and Sunday mornings with your awesome kids.

In 2020 the shortened season failed to dampen the enthusiasm of any of the kids, and attendance at trainings and games was always good, we hope next year to build on this and get a full season. But even with the shortened season it is amazing how far all the kids progressed in the development of their skills, and enthusiasm for the game, and most importantly putting huge smiles on their faces. However, none of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of an awesome team of coaches and managers. A massive thank you to Scott and Grant (Under 8's), Stuart, Tim, and Margery (Under 7's), James, Andrew, and Louise (U6's), and Xavier (U5's).

It is worth remembering that all the above group manage to keep themselves busy with work and family during the week, and still give graciously of their free time on Friday nights and early Sunday mornings through the season.

Having Xavier on board this year coaching the Under 5's was very special, we hope to continue encouraging our older players to get involved with the younger kids, helping them with their skills and providing a positive connection between Auskick and the older playing groups.

A huge thank you to the Club Committee for their strong support for Auskick. What we all get to enjoy every gameday at Waratah is the result of a huge consistent effort and commitment week in week out by Andrew (Club President), Mike Picket (Football Manager) and the committee we are very grateful to them all,

Finally I would like to thank the stars of Auskick, our kids, what a great pleasure it has been this year to see all of these kids out on the field whatever the weather threw at them and having fun with their team-mates.

Farewell and good luck to our U8's who are graduating to junior footy next year.

Looking forward to seeing you all back in Auskick at Miranda Bombers next year.

Go the Mighty Bombers!!

Alan Wheelock

### AUSKICK COORDINATOR

# **UNDER 5 AUSKICK**

### Coach: Xavier De Domenico



What a fantastic season from the Bombers U5 auskickers this year. As I'm sure we are all aware, not only did COVID disturb the season, we had numerous days called off due to rain which didn't help. All the boys showed great sportsmanship and displayed great skills throughout the year creating an exciting little unit. Thanks to all the parents and helpers who made the season possible. It was great to see all the parents getting involved week in week out.

# ARCHER

Archer makes Auskick fun, he is great to have in the team and brings passion and joy each week. Archer should be very proud of his development throughout this season as he continues to practice and improve his skills.

# ASHTON

Whether it was a shot from the midfield or it was right in front, Ashton would always find a way to take a snap!! He has shown himself to be a relentless on ball player who seems to be able to get the ball no matter where on the field. As his skills develop his leadership will follow and Ashton should be very proud of himself this year.

# HUDSON

Hudson plays to his strengths, he loves to run and looks for opportunities to grab the footy and dash down the wing. Liam has also strengthened his kicking accuracy and has been a great teammate.

# JORDAN

Jordan is a great kicker of football who is incredibly focused on the field and at reading the play. He always seems to find the football and extended his play late in the season by beginning to handball more to teammates in better positions than him to progress the football forward.

# JUDE

What a great year for Jude!! His skills have increased significantly since the beginning of the season and it has been great to observe his passion and enthusiasm for the game. Jude's kicking has flourished late in the season as he has developed a solid routine to follow every game.

# KINGSTON

Kingston is a great kicker of football who is incredibly focused on the field and at reading the play. He always seems to find the football and extended his play late in the season by beginning to handball more to teammates in better positions than him to progress the football forward.

### LACHLAN

Lachie is a very focused player who is constantly trying to get his hands on the footy. Lachie has brought a lot of passion to the playing group, and finds ways to involve his teammates through passing to them, and he is continuously developing his kicking and handballing skills.

### MAX

Maxy is a very enthusiastic player who is constantly trying to get his hands on the footy. Charlie has brought a lot of passion to the playing group and finds his ways to involve

### NOAH M

Noah has persevered throughout the season and his determination has paid dividends. Over this year of Auskick, Noah has shown great improvement in his kicking and handballing and has been an encouraging teammate.

# NOAH V

Noah loves the game and it is clearly shown by the way he plays. He is enthusiastic and is a very good team player. Nah has taken giant strides forward this year especially with his kicking and handpassing.

# RORY

Rory loves his footy and has a great attitude, both with his training and on match day. Rory can take a mark, deliver a handball and kick a footy to his teammates. Rory has shown an ability to pick up skills very quickly and is a great all round team player.

# TOMMY

Tommy has been a wonderful addition to the bombers this year. His teamwork in moving the ball down the field and enthusiasm has been exceptional. Tommy was able to develop his hand passing technique throughout the season to complement his kicking ability.

# **UNDER 6 AUSKICK**

### Coach: James Azzopardi



What a blessing it was to take part in a few games this year given it looked as though we may head the way that Melbourne kids did and not grab a run! On behalf of both of us coaches, we were honoured to coach a great bunch of children in the U6 bombers and thank each of you and your parents for the continued assistance! A special thanks to Louise Laws for Managing the team this year and making things a lot easier for us both.

For some of the kids, it was their second + year of playing Auskick, and for many more, it was the first year of putting on the boots and having a crack.

We can honestly say that every single child improved from week 1 to the end so a big congratulations to you all.

# JAKE AZZOPARDI

Second year in for Jake and again found himself doing plenty of great work on the footy field. Jake has a real hunger for the ball and a massive kick which saw him kick plenty of goals, take lots of possessions and distribute the ball well for his team mates - great team player!

# **DECLAN BAKER**

Declan has a great deal of pace and was always heavily involved at training and game day. Kicking skills improved from the start to finish of the season as well as a general understanding of the game. Good job!

### WILL BROWN

Lucky enough to have Will from the HAWKS, he has come from some good Footy stock. A very determined young man who enjoyed putting his body on the line to gain possession and scored a few cracking goals to boot. Champion effort!

# LOLA CARRICK

One of the quickest in the team and with skills to match, Lola was a great contributor both at the games and training. With a great kick, handball and touch, we can no doubt see Lola one day play in the AFLW!

### ALBIE CERONE

Albie's first year at the Bombers from the Heathcote HAWKS and Albie had a solid year with us given he was one of the better players at the HAWKS the year prior. Could have played in the U5's this year but you wouldn't have known it with a keen eye for the game. Well done mate.

### HENRY DAVIES

First year at footy and one of the big improvers. We witnessed Henry kicking some fantastic goals and with pace to boot – a well rounded player. Definite natural. Top job.

### ETHAN ELLIS

Back for his second year and Ethan again played well and improved over the weeks we had on the pitch. His kicking strength sky rocketed and also with an ability of putting himself in a position to receive the ball from his team mates was good to see. Legend!

### MILLER JOUBERT

Got a taste of what footy is like through a few training sessions. Coming all the way from South Africa, it was good to see him exposed to the great game of AFL. Kick on buddy.

### LUCAS KEMP

One of the quiet improvers this year coming into the team for the first time and developed a really strong kick and ability to understand the game. Loves a yarn to the umpire too which helps putting them in our pocket! Great stuff mate!

# ELLIOT KLAUSE -

From the start of the year when Mr Klause was not allowed to move away from Elliots' side, big improvements came. By week two, the field was attacked by Elliot and to watch him kick his first goal a couple of weeks in was great to see. Top effort Elliot.

### **CRUZ LAWS**

Another top year by Cruz. One of our stronger kickers and again from good footy stock. Understands the game in depth and what to do in pressure cooker situations! Takes a good mark and can also stop a few goals as well! Cracking job.

### TAJ LAWS

Joining his brother Cruz again and playing up an age group, the game clicked even more for Taj. Has an ability to put himself in the right position a couple of moves before they happen which is very valuable. Great footy skills all round! Good stuff bud!

### WILKIE McNEIL

The little man with a big heart. Could have played the U4's this year and lost out to no-one when he joined his brother in the U6's. Already with a great straight kick, we may see this young man one day put on a GWS jersey and bring home a flag!

### JENKIN MCNEIL

Jenkin used his height to advantage and can already both read the game and understand where to put his body. A great kick at goal and point scorer which was handy if we lost count! Top stuff mate.

### NOAH PASCOE

Another first year player and picked the game up naturally. Immediately had a good kick, plenty of speed and understood the game. Really good effort mate.

### COOPER SECKOLD

Second year back and we recall the player of the week performance first game against Cronulla kicking a couple of great goals. Also has come a long way since the U5's from kicking by a tee to now booting the odd torpedo!

### MAX SMITH

Second year back for Max and he started off where he left off which was with pace around the pitch and many goals. Handles the fundamentals of the game very well through hand passes, marks and kicks. Great job.

# **ABEL WILSON**

Loves to kick a goal I reckon even more than most! Abel might be a future full forward particularly coming from footy heritage. Keep up the top work mate!

We hope to see you all back again next year and if not, we wish you and the kids all the very best for the future.

# **UNDER 7 AUSKICK**

### Coaches: Tim Lee, / Margery Pardey / Stuart Millen

### Managers: Margery Pardey



Absent: Daniel Layton, Maxwell Eckersley Coaches: Stuart Millen, Tim Lee Manager: Marg Pardey

A big thanks to the Miranda Bombers executive and, in particular, Alan Wheelock for another fun year of Auskick. Some highlights from the year were watching the kids learn to work as a team by using each other's names, sharing the ball with hand passes and of course kicking plenty of snags. The crowd favourite was the sight of kids running down the wing having multiple bounces every game which was drilled into the players at training (unfortunately Auskick only allows once bounce so we will look to temper for next year!) Looking forward to seeing everyone back next season

# **UNDER 8 AUSKICK**

### Coaches: Scott West / Grant Hurst



As we all know so well 2020 has been a difficult year, however the great news was that we got a 2020 season underway, albeit much shorter in duration than we all would have liked.

Congratulations to those players who competed the 4 years of Auskick. It's been amazing to see you all turn up with a smile to play footy each week in rain fail or shine. You all have most certainly developed some amazing skills over the 4 years. Good luck in the future if you continue playing junior footy in 2021.

Also, it was great to see so many new faces joining the Miranda Bombers this year.

During the season it was great to see all players turn up with a smile on their faces ready to play footy. Each one of you should be proud of each other as you should the required respect and integrity to the opposition's players and coaches.

Now it's time to get ready to move into Junior footy. Over the season most notably you all developed great skills of hand passing and kicking to transfer the ball between team mates, as well as game management for marking opposing players in defence.

For those who are continuing into Junior footy in 2021, keep practicing. Over the off season it is important to remember to keep moving and don't develop butter fingers. Most importantly have a fun and safe summer. See you all in 2021.

# **UNDER 9 BLACK**

### Coach: Rohan Donovan Manager: Tim Laws



Without a doubt the best year of coaching/managing we have been involved in. This group of boys really showed how much improvement can be made when you all have a common goal. They are focused, train with intensity and play to win. With this as the basis it was easy to implement tactics and plans that would work to our benefit. Learning what the fat side is and how to back your team mates and spread really caused chaos for the opposition teams. I could not be prouder of each and everyone one of them, watching them all develop and flourish through the season puts a smile on your face and makes you want to give them the skills to succeed. We had a mix of old and new players, however they jelled from the first season and throughout the season developed a wonderful bond. They all play for each other, back each other and congratulate each other. A very unselfish and mature group of wonderfully gifted young footballers.

To sum up the season it was Just a brilliant year guiding a great bunch of kids who love their footy, while having a laugh along the way! It's always a nice feeling to see the boys develop their skills and confidence (and a bit of cheeky lip!!).

2021 is going to be another outstanding season and we cannot wait to watch each of them dominate on the field.

### AIDEN DONOVAN

The link. Can be put in any position and create run from any part of the ground. Has a natural ability to read the play and scan the field for options when looking to offload. He has also introduced his opposite foot to assist it is more accurate then most player's dominant foot. Aiden's best footy came from the backline where his aggressions, pace and accurate kicks helped create numerous scoring opportunities for the forwards. You will see Aiden at training running a few laps before or after a training session to keep fit. He has a huge engine

### HARVEY ROWLAND

Harvey is a coach's dream. He listens, takes orders and executes them to perfection on the field. Being the first year where tackling is allowed Harvey has took to that piece of the game magnificently. This is an area that will not need a lot of work on in the future! Look out for Harvey hovering over any opponent and ready to pounce.

### JOSH DAVIES

Silky!! He reads the play better than most which helps him both win the ball and transition play when required. Josh demands the ball and with that has the ability to initiate linking team mates together. He is often the switch player and with his penetrating kick is able to hit targets up forward. He is the statistician of the team, counts every point and every possession. Keep dominating Josh

### HARRISON LEE

A breakout year for Harrison, he really enjoyed his footy this year and made sure that he was going to be the kamikaze player. Diving on the ball, tackling his hard out and happy to take some big hits. This boy is always trying and has the desire to win the ball no matter the opponent. He goes in hard and gives 100% every game which is all a coach can ask for. In future years we will witness a tough kid that will break through brick walls to get the ball if he needs too.

### JAMES WALLACE

Exceptional first season of AFL. This kid has natural talent, he has strong hands, huge kick and serious desire to win the ball. James is not only a wonderful addition to this team, he is also a true team player. His very first touch was special and will not be forgotten. Her lead up hard, calling passionately for the ball, jumping above several players to taking a spectacular overhead mark. Super excited to see what the 2021 season brings for this young man.

### SPENCER O'MAHONY

A brilliant first season of AFL. Spencer looked at home in the backline where on countless occasions he was able to shut down the key forward. Out of defence Spencer used clean hands to take hold of the ball and put on the after burners to slip past opponents and then hit players up the field on the chest with his left foot. Looking forward to seeing his development and what he can bring to the team in 2021

### **DYLAN SMITH**

The smiling assassin! This season was a little different for Dylan. He found out that tackle footy adds a lot of pressure to your disposals, however his ability to take on board information and implement it shows we have a genuine superstar in the making. Dylan progressed from being unconfident when tackled to ensuring he was not caught holding the ball for the rest of the season. He is a beautiful kick of the footy and if we were counting shots on goal, he would be 100%.

### HARRY JAMIESON

Courage under fire!!. This was Harrys season, the season where he would rise to the top. Through the year we have seen Harry put himself between ball and bigger opponents and winning more times than not. Harry's game significantly improved this year, notably his marking and accuracy of his kicks. A magnificent season from a dedicated and team first player.

### **KAI LAWS**

Kai is another natural footballer who provides best value up forward. He exhibits an uncanny ability to kick from all angles and loves to snap for goal, he knows where the big sticks are kicking 5 goals in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter vs Cronulla. Kai is a ball getter and this year we've seen Kai develop the ability to run and bounce. He regularly finds space on the field to create a spread and then off load to players on the lead.

# UNDER 9 RED

# Coach: Dave Carr Manager: Shari Carr



# **UNDER 10 GREY**

### Coach: Ben Barkwith / Assistant Coach: Adam Tremellen

### Manager: Lee Barkwith



Ben and I couldn't be more proud of the Under 10 Greys this year. It was a strange and awkward start to the year, with a few of the boys a little nervous or anxious about playing football again. But once the boys got their hand on the leather and started running around with their mates, their confidence and love of football grew again. We also had a few new boys in their first year at the Bombers which was excellent to see and were very welcome additions to the team

Football wise we had a pretty strong year, with only a couple of losses. The boys' skills developed but more importantly so did their football brains. I was most proud though of one of the last games against Cronulla. The Cronulla A team smashed us in the first quarter and the boys came off at quarter time with heads down, disappointed and defeated. After that point, they rallied as the strong team they have become and we fought back valiantly, with the smallest of our boys tackling down the biggest of theirs. The boys realised if they stuck to the game plan, did the small things right, and helped each other out, they could match it with the best team in the league. They came off the game at the end, happy and smiling (although exhausted), having had to run and fight as hard as ever before. All of the parents on the side line were extremely proud of the way they played that day, and the boys took another big step forward in their football development. Such a great year and everyone is keen to get back again next year.

On a personal note, I just wanted to acknowledge the football club, volunteers and parents in making it such a rewarding year for the boys. Bring on Under 11s.

### HARRY "THE RUCKMAN" PARSONS

showed great improvement in his tackling, and kicking this season. Although a playful nature at training, Harry always went in extra hard on game days and showed courage and determination to get amongst it in the ruck. As we move into 2021, Harry will become an even more important key positional player in our team.

### SENAN "THE CAPTAIN" FREARSON

had another great year. Combining his football smarts with a superb overhead marking ability and long kick, he exudes a quiet confidence that his team mates look up to. Importantly for us, he added to his game the confidence to direct his team mates out on the field, helping everyone improve. A fierce competitor Senan helped us claw back more than a few games, even when injured. He fired up physically against a tough contest in Cronulla and impressed everyone as he marked up against the biggest guy time and time again and never backed down.

### JACK "THE WINGMAN" HOMER

excelled through the middle and on the wing this year. He seemed to love the quick run down the sideline, using his silky skills to dodge around defenders and then using precision kicks to feed the ball to the forwards. Jack has one of the best kicks in the team and grew in confidence throughout the year.

### PATRICK "THE ENFORCER" LAYTON

was fierce in defence and had a single mindedness for the ball, so it made it no surprise that he loved to play in the mids. We saw a marked improvement in his handball and kicking skills and also his game focus this season. Paddy also delivered some key goal saving tackles in many games.

### XAVIER "THE FLASH" MILLEN

was an asset for us in every game this year. His lighting speed and all round intensity in both attack and defence made him a valued team member and one of our best. Xav was always generous with a hand ball, had a great mark and kick, and used his speed to his advantage playing in the forwards to be one of our leading goal scorers this year.

### TYLER "THE FOOTY MASTER" SMITH

always gave 150%. Combined with some beautiful ball skills, Tyler's enthusiasm of all things footy always lifted the whole team around him. His dynamic runs looking while calling at the top of his lungs 'Senan!' were also a thing to behold. One of the stand out moments for Tyler came at the last game, with ''Mark of the Year', running backwards and jumping in the air to catch a spectacular overhead mark.

### ZACHARY "THE UNSTOPPABLE" ROBERTS

discovered through the season a real enjoyment in kicking great goals He became an unstoppable force, wading his way through defenders left and right, to plug the footy though the big sticks, multiple times in our last few games.

### MILES "THE MISSILE LAUNCHER" BARKWITH

found his confidence in the mids this season, where he used his size to get clear of the ruck, shrug off the opposition and use his big missile launcher clearance kicks to get the ball forward. Miles was always strong in defence with tackles when they counted and he had an ability to dodge and weave around opponents. Miles racked up a few goals to his name this season too.

### BILLY "THE MAGNET" TREMELLEN

learned the importance of positional play this year, and often seemed to find himself in the right places to get his hands on the footy. Combined with his improved ball skills he was able to set up some rebound across the back and with quick ball movement and to drive the ball forward again and again. We watched his confidence grow this season to become a formidable team player, highlighted in his last game with two scorching marks on the run and followed up with decisive goals.

### JACKSON "THE ROCKET" SHIPWAY

improved out of sight this season. As a second year player he impressed with both his ball skills and marking this year. He was quick and loved getting his hands on the ball and charging down the field towards the goals. Jackson was also a strong competitor and committed tackler and he often took it up a level in the tough matches.

### SAMUEL "THE FAST" GIBSON

was part of the new dynamic duo that joined our team this year with his best mate Adam. He impressed the start, with his speed and strong desire to get his hands on the football. Samuel loved the challenge of game day, and one of his signature moves to get the ball clear of the centre square was to surprise the opposition by smacking the ball out of a contest before scooping it up and sprinting away into clear space.

### ADAM "THE FURIOUS" HILL

was part of the dynamic duo with Samuel. He was intense and focussed, always looking for his mate Samuel to connect with further up the field. Adam had good ball handling and kicking skills, and also landing big marks when they counted. He was always up for a challenge and happy to play all positions on the field. We are very happy to have Adam and Samuel join our team as they are both great assets and friends of the team.

### EOGHAN "THE MAGICIAN" HARVEY

returned to our team this year for another season with the Bombers and it was great to have him back. Eoghan constantly surprised the opposition with his speed and with his willingness to suddenly rush headlong into play with some crushing tackles, even among much bigger opponents.

# **UNDER 10 BLACK**

Coach: Matt Rivers Manager: Breeana Rivers



### The "Black Attack"

Hard at the ball and with a competitive spirit, The U10 Black team was always a competitive team and a tough team for our opponents. With 2020 being a short season the boys built on their team work from last year and we saw some real improvement on the basic skills.

With a key focus on effort, The Blacks were a team that were always strong in the contested game; they loved tackling and performed well when locking the ball. This year we worked on the boys honing their roles within the team and this saw some players hold down various key positions. We implemented some good basic game plan strategies and the boys responded and relished in the opportunity.

We worked on some key skills and technique with tackling, ground balls and marking being our key focus areas throughout the year. This helped us win more possession in both contested and uncontested situations.

As special mention to the supportive group of parents we have in the U10 Blacks, They are always positive and happy to be involved. This was evident in the team warm ups on game day and at training.

### LUKE WALSH

Clean and classy on the outside. In his second year of AFL Luke took his game to another level, As a result this earnt him our Most Improved award for this year. He was pivotal in developing our team passing game and developed confidence in taking the game on with the ball in hand. Well Done Luke on a great season!

### FINN O"KEEFE

An imposing figure on the field Finn played most of his footy this year as a key forward or mobile ruckman. His best footy was in the middle. He showed real potential for the years to come at the bombers winning hit outs and ground balls bringing his teammates around him into the game with his hand balls. Another great Year F BOMB. Bring on 2021.

### SAM HEWITT

The ultimate utility player. He's a competitive beast and is an inspirational leader for the team. Sam played a key position role all over the field and used his size and strength to keep the Bombers in the game. Sam was often given the leadership role of calling our "Huddle" for kick outs and it was great to see him relish with this opportunity in rallying the troops.

### **COBI GLOVER**

A pleasure to coach and a great team player. Cobi had another good year with his footy. He played his best footy as a forward where he was attacking the game, passing and bringing his defensive tackling to the team to lock the ball in our forward line. When Cobi was thrown into other positions, he always plays his role for the team and has a bright future at the Bombers.

### HARRISON SHIRLAW

Haz brings great commitment to the team and is always working to improve. This year we saw him embrace the opportunity to tackle and improve his skills. He's our forward pocket rocket. Harrison is a great teammate for all the players where he is supportive and plays his role in the team every week.

### **HUGH MONCKTON**

Hugh's passion for footy grew this year. Whilst he missed a few games with injury he showed great commitment to the team at training and to get back onto the park. He's a real natural across half back and relishes the opportunity to defend but also win his own ball and send us forward. It will be great to watch Hugh develop across half back in the years to come.

### JOSH DALTON

J Dogg undoubtable once of our strongest players. He held down a key defensive position all year. He has strong hands and a massive kick. His ability to get control of the ball and help us gain field position was pivotal to us getting forward. Josh really developed this year in his ability to read the ball and get competitive. He took his tackling game to a new level. It was great to see. Josh was awarded our Most Courageous as he was always putting his body on the line down in our backlines.

### HAMISH WIGLEY

A well rounded footballer that is majestic in the air. He's light on his feet and extremely agile. When we spoke about effort, he brings it in spades! This year Hamish spent more time in the middle and relished in this position. He really developed his tackling to become one of our strongest tacklers. He worked well in the clearances and helped us structure up in the middle and across half back. Hamish was awarded our Best and Fairest and had a very consistent year.

### **KRIS LORKIN**

Lightning fast, impossible to catch and tackle. Kris was fantastic on the outside playing across half back and half forward. He loves getting the ball and taking the game on. When thrown in the middle he was always able to get clearances and was one of our more consistent players this year. Well done on a great Season Kris.

### PETER KATSIRIS

Peter played the majority of his footy this year as a key forward. He was always presenting and ended up as our highest points scorer for the team. He also is a beast with tackling and hunts down the ball when we don't have it. As the season went on, we saw Peter improve his marking and set shots at goal. Well done Pete.

### MASON RIVERS

Played most of his footy in the mid or down back. Maso bring effort in every game. He's a clearance machine and loves the contested in and under stuff. Small in stature he's not one to shy away from a tackle. Maso spent time working on his skills and really developed his marking ability. His opportunity is to keep working on his passing skills. A consistent year of effort and hard work in the contest has earnt Mason the Runner Up Best and Fairest award.

### **ETHAN COLEY**

Big E, he's extremely athletic and played multiple roles in our team. He's almost the ultimate utility player. However, as the season went on E showed a passion and ability to play and add a heap of talent into our midfield partnering well with team work it was great to see his confidence grow. E is a pleasure to coach and applies himself at training every week.

### TY VLAHOS

In his first year of footy Ty showed real potential at training, he's quick and agile and his highlight game at Penshurst saw him build up some possessions and tackles. He has a real potential on the outside with some speed and classy disposals.

### LIAM CARR

Liam won our Coaches Award in his first year of footy. He was a pleasure to coach and improved every week. He always took on our coaches' advice and slotted into the team perfectly. As his confidence grew so did his attack on the footy. He was pivotal in the back half of the season in our backline. Well done Liam on a great season and we look forward to welcoming you back at the Bombers next year.

### TOM FRASER

Tom was our best on ground in his first game of footy with the Bombers. He is athletic and showed a great understanding of the game and ability to read the ball. Unfortunately, he broke his collar bone early in the season and was unable to finish the year. Hopefully we can see Tom back at the Bombers in 2021.

# **UNDER 10 RED**

### Coach: Ben Carrick / Assistant Coach: Alan Wheelock



### Manager: Belinda Harrington

What a year 2020 has been! With all the uncertainty of even being able to get a season underway and with new terms like 'social distancing' and 'fist bumps' or 'elbows' all becoming part of a 'new normal', when the call out to have 2 training sessions before the season got underway, I didn't know what to expect. The fact that almost 100% of the boys across all 3 U10 sides came back to the club and were raring to go tells me that as a club and an age group we have a really strong culture and importantly the kids are enjoying themselves.

On the field we had everything – torrential rains, abandoned games, extremely early starts and fierce competition. We continue to develop our skills and play for each other and never once gave up or backed down from a contest. We developed defensive strategies (a.k.a Donald trump) and held each other accountable, and when each was called to captain the side, leadership skills shone through. For me personally, the highlight of the year was how we galvanised as a team. We always played hard but fairly and gave our all from the first bounce till the final siren each and every week. And in the really tough battles seeing how exhausted our mighty reds came off the field and how much they had emotionally invested into the game filled me, and no doubt the parents cheering on from the sideline with an enormous sense of pride!

It goes without saying that my job is made so much easier because of our Manager extraordinaire Belinda and Assistant Coach Al as well as all the assistance from the families pitching in to help with the game day duties. We've got a great group of kids and families and I look forward to continuing to coach the team for as long as you will have me! Bring on 2021!

### BILLY

We welcomed Billy to the Reds in an off-season shuffle to balance the three U10 sides and he slotted right in. Over the course of the season Billy grew each week in his confidence, going in to contests harder and putting his body on the line for the Reds, becoming a more complete player and an important team member.

### SAM

Mr Reliable – each and every week I can rely on Sam to bring his 'A-game' and play his role for the team. Never beaten in defence, fiercely competitive in the middle and a damaging forward upfront it doesn't matter where Sam plays – he always gives it his all.

### AIDAN S

Aidan's already solid skills went to the next level in 2020 and both his marking and long kicking were well utilised weapons for the Reds. Another fierce competitor that is never beaten, Aidan is a really important member of the Reds who makes his teammates stand a little taller around him.

### AIDAN M

The game that stands out to me this year with Aidan was against Cronulla down at Gawley early one Sunday. I had been getting frustrated at the Red's slow starts and asked the boys to be 'fired up, ready to go' and Aidan led by example with a tenacity and ferociousness that inspired his team mates and scared the opposition!

### CHARLIE

Charlie brings a competitiveness and passion for the game and his team that is unrivalled and when he crosses that white line, he demands the best of himself. Really proud of how Charlie channelled this energy and put everything on the line for his teammates and his club – an inspiration for the Reds!

### FINN

Took his game to the next level this year and bought a physicality to his attack on the contest that I didn't know was there! Finn tries and tries and tries each and every week and is a critical member of the team. 2020 also saw some amazing goals from our silky skilled left-footer – well done Finn!

### XAVIER

In addition to coming up with the 'Donald Trump' code name, Xavier bought week in and week out the X-factor. I clearly remember in the last game of the season a situation where Xavier had to go and put himself in harm's way for his teammates and there wasn't even a moment of hesitation. That commitment to the team is what make Xavier a Red through and through!

### ISAAC

Isaac as a player represents the best thing about the mighty Reds – he enjoys playing with his mates, giving his best each and every week and improving as a player. 2020 was easily Isaac's most consistent year and his attack on the ball and opposition players went to the next level!

### PADDY

The Irish Import picked up season 2020 where he left off last year and was another important player for the Reds. Paddy's goal kicking was the standout area of improvement over the off-season and there was more than one game this season that he almost won off his own boot – well done mate!

### JOSH

Can't think of a game this season that Josh didn't have an impact on be it his work in the ruck, defensive marking or booming goals from downtown. A really important player to the Reds, Josh developed a hardness at the contest this year that would have no doubt sent waves of fear through opposition players

### JAKE

Jake was one of our biggest improvers from last season and had a real influence in a number of games. Really improved his focus and was able to implement our strategies and execute his skills at the highest standards. Great job!

### JOEL

Another 'newbie' to the Reds that from the very first game looked as though he was part of the furniture. Joel used his size and strength throughout the season to help out his teammates and give us a good structure to work with. Looking forward to a really big 2021!

# **UNDER 10 YOUTH GIRLS**

Coach: Chrissy Ferron Manager: JP Ferron



This year brought many challenges to winter sport but we are thankful that these enthusiastic group of girls were able to come together and experience all that AFL has to offer. For many of the girls, this was their first experience of the game and they took to it with fearless passion, determination and an openness to learn and experience something new. All of the girls grew in confidence throughout the season and it was a pleasure and honour to witness this renewed confidence, for some, moving out of their comfort zone, enjoying the physicality of the game and making friends along the way. A great bunch of girls who came together week in and out to give it their all.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers for your unwavering support, bringing the girls to training, encouraging them and helping out on match day – it was a true team effort. Go Bombers.

### EDEN BENNIE

Edie joined the Bomber family this year and immediately made a big impact on the team. A natural leader, Edie is a fearless defender, at home in midfield and equally in the backs. Edie enjoys the physicality of the game, never shying away from the play and is always to be found where the ball is. She has a fantastic positive attitude and spirit and for this reason and more she is the worthy recipient of the 'Coaches Award' this year. Congrats Edie – you have a great future ahead in AFL.

### **RUBY CARRICK**

Ruby may be slight in frame but is a warrior on the field. Playing up from Auskick she is relentless when on the field and a brave tackler. She loves nothing more than being in the thick of the play and has the ability to quickly scoop up the loose ball for a quick disposal. Well done Ruby on a great season.

### AMELIA COCHRANE

Amelia is one of our more experienced players and is a quiet achiever on the field. Amelia has the ability to quickly dispose of the ball once in her possession and rarely gets caught in a tackle. She has the ability to read the game well and has often used this to steal the ball and convert for goal. Amelia is a very versatile player with a strategic football mind which she uses to her advantage. Well done Amelia on a great season and the worthy winner of 'Most Improved Player'.

### **GRACE FERRON**

Grace was back for another year in U10s and is known for her fearless and strong tackling. She is most comfortable in the backs and loves nothing more than the physicality of the game. No opponent is too big or small to be on the receiving end of a 'Grace' tackle. Well done Grace on another great season.

### **GRACE LEVIS**

Our little pocket rocket, Grace is quick on her feet and displays amazing bursts of speed when needed. Grace can always be found in the thick of the play and doesn't shy away from the hard tackles. Grace is always handy for a couple of sneaky goals when playing in the forwards. Grace has a great future ahead in AFL and one to watch!

### ZARA ROPER

Zara had a cracking season and is a natural leader on the field, being one of our most experienced players. Zara is a fierce tackler, able to slow down the opposition play to our advantage. Zara is equally instrumental in the forward and enjoys playing midfield, scooping on any ball around the ruck and has an accurate and long kicking style. Well done Zara on an awesome season and being the worthy winner of the 'Most Courageous' award.

### **CALLIE STEVENS**

Callie was new to the Bombers this year and was instrumental when particularly in the forwards. Her stand out performance was during the wettest game of the season where Callie stepped up and kicked two goals. She really found her confidence as the year progressed – well done Callie on a great first season.

### **GEORGIE VINE**

Georgie is a fierce competitor and has the killer instinct for the ball and one of our most courageous players. Georgie has fantastic stamina and is a tenacious player with a never give up attitude. She is a very positive player to have on the pitch and has the ability to quickly turn the paly around to our advantage. A great future ahead and one to watch!

## **JACINTA WATSON**

Jacinta joined the Bombers this year and quickly became an integral part of the team. Jacinta grew in confidence as the season progressed and in particular is known for her accurate and direct kicking style. Jacinta has a calm nature and when she has the ball she uses it wisely to stunning affect. Well done Jacinta on a great first season.

### **GWEN WHEELOCK**

Gwen also playing up from Auskick this year was a welcome addition in the U10 team. Always willing to listen and learn with a big smile on her face. Despite her small frame, Gwen is fearless with her tackling and was particularly effective smothering the opponent's ball on the goal line for what would have been sure goals. Gwen is always one of the first girls to volunteer to play on the opponent's side if required to give all the girls a full game run and epitomises the 'team player' ethos. Well done Gwen on a great season.

### JADE ALLEN

Jade played in the final game of the season along with Kaida and boy did she make an impression. An early snap for goal saw her make a mark on the game. An agile, versatile player who we can't wait to welcome back for 2021 where we know she will shine.

### **KAIDA HOPKINS**

Kaida joined the U10 for the last game and is certainly one to watch. In her only game she skilfully bounced the ball on the run, an impressive feat for a newcomer. Kaida is small in stature but doesn't back down from the tackles and displayed a ferocious determination for the ball. Certainly, one to watch in 2021.

### **GEMMA HAMILTON**

Gemma only got to experience the first game of the season before an injury in her first game put a premature end to her season. A great disappointment but we hope Gemma will be back next year as we know she will be a welcome addition to the team. Thanks to Gemma and her family for their ongoing support to the team throughout the season.

# **UNDER 11 BLACK**

Coach: Gary Collyer

Manager: Kristyn Dundas



First year of competitive football for the boys and with a difficult start to the season due to COVID, limited training and not knowing if we'd even get on the field, the boys really did do an outstanding job this season, it was not easy for anyone, especially all the new players. The U11 Blacks lost a couple of players prior to season start and was eventually made up of 14 players, an equal mix of experienced players and some very talented rookies. This season was about trying to help the boys find a role that suited their playing styles and grow their footy skills.

With a short season, including byes and washouts, the boys did so well only losing 2 games and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder. I would have loved to see the boys have a full season, with lots of new young guns just finding their feet towards the end of the season. To see the boys have a full season, I think they would have been unstoppable.

The boys did a great job to bond quickly and work well together as a team, with our experienced crew looking out for our new boys.

We played a full team each game, no bench, so the boys really had to work on their fitness and agility. The physicality of the game increased this year, and as to be expected, took a while for some of the boys to get comfy with that.

The effort of the team overall was excellent and whilst some games were up and down, all players improved individually and as a group. Our experienced boys really improved on their skills and showed why they are invaluable to the team and our new boys, given very little time to even learn the game rules, really impressed with their quick learning and skills. To comment on the phenomenal job performed by Kristyn this year, a full page, let alone a paragraph is an injustice. The hours Kris has spent this season in managing the team was staggering and the dedication shown was evident. My job coaching this year was made so much easier and enjoyable knowing that Kris had everything under control. Thank you Kristyn!

Footy teams don't function without the help and support of the parents, therefore a huge thanks goes out to all the mum's and dad's, who not only got their kids to training and games each week but also helped out in whatever role needed filling, whether it be goal umpire, runner, medic, canteen, cheer leader or B&F voting. Special mention to Elijah (Jayden's Brother) for helping at training on many occasions.

MAFC prides itself on not just the kids on the ground having fun playing, but also bringing families together in a social atmosphere which made Kristyn and my time looking after this team so enjoyable. The friendship and support from the parents carried over to the boys as they trained and played as if they had known each other for years.

Also, special mention to Senan and Tyler who played up for us when we were short numbers and for Rhys and Mannix who lent a hand one week.

It was a strange year, remembered for our socially distanced team huddles and washing footballs, but hopefully the boys loved their season with the Bombers and learnt new skills and made new friends.

### DANIEL #16

Dan is one of our experienced players and has had a consistent year. Although being one of the youngest in the team, Dan has shown good maturity in his decision making on the field. He has worked hard on his tackling and blocking and has proved to be an invaluable player in backs. Dan is strong is contests and has a good strong accurate kick. He is a reliable player that has the skill-set to be an outstanding footballer. A most up standing season Daniel and well done!

### WILL #11

Will was often found in amongst the opposition fighting to get the ball clear of the pack. His determination to get his hands on the ball is indeed a credit to him. As each game went by, you could definitely see Will's game improving. With the rate of Wills improvement this shortened season, I feel that next season (hopefully a full season) we will see Will with increased skills and determination. Keep up the hard work Will.

## **JAYDEN #5**

Jayden, another of our experienced players, is a natural in all aspects of the game. Jayden is great at winning the footy, running to space, getting the ball cleanly to teammates, reading play and positioning himself. It was clear to see that Jayden was the barometer of the team as when he was playing well, the whole team lifted. Even though one of the smallest of the team he is happy to tackle, no matter the size of the opposition. His positive and can-do attitude will surely see him perform well in future years in the game. Great season Jayden.

## JACK #13

Jack, in only his second year of footy, shows the experience of someone who has played for many years. Jack has a big boot on him and is always ready to back himself in goals. Jack plays confidently up forward but has also shown great skills in backs as defender. He has great ball skills and is a positive and enthusiastic team member. With each game played, his confidence was noticeably increasing.

## TOM #15

Tom was new to the Bombers this season, and to AFL, and we have seen real growth from him this season. He always turned up to training and put in the effort and is really starting to grow in his confidence. He is always determined to get into the contest and has also taken some great marks. He kicks well and can handpass quickly. He has slotted in well to the team I look forward to watching his skills and confidence grow with more game time. Hopefully Tom will come back next year and gain the confidence to be a great footballer.

## ALBY #14

Although another first year player, after a couple of training sessions you couldn't tell – being extremely comfortable with ball in hand. Alby improved each week and was a strong runner with the ball. He had strong kicking and hand passing skills and scored a few goals throughout the season. With more game play and confidence, Alby will definitely be one to watch. Always one to have a smile on his face, he was a pleasure to have in the team and with his nature, very entertaining!

## ANGUS #2

Angus, although new to AFL, is a born footballer. Angus is always one of the first players to the ball, his speed and energy a definite advantage on the field. Angus is always full of enthusiasm and has a great ability in all skill levels, whether it be in a contest, marking, kicking, handballing or tackling. He plays really well in mids and is a valuable asset to the team. Look forward to seeing what he can do with more experience. Angus and Jayden you would swear were brothers, and I had great enjoyment watching these two at training in the contested drills. Great season Angus and I look forward to watching your AFL career progress.

## JOEL #10

Another newbie to AFL, Joel's willingness to learn saw him improve week by week. Joel loved his diving marks and took some great contested marks. He fearlessly attacked the ball and even managed to sneak in a goal at the end of the season. Joel missed several games early on, so for the little game time he had, he really showed himself to be a very versatile player. With more game play and experience, Joel will be a solid footballer.

### JETT #19

Jett, our Mr Experienced, is not only a skilful footballer but one of the hardest working players in the team. Having grown a foot of two since last season, Jett being one of our tallest players took some great contested marks, but also one of our fittest, able to run up and down the field all game. Always tackling – HARD – and fast to move the ball out of a contest, Jett was a valuable player as always. Jett is always very supportive of his teammates and the first to help an opponent up once tackled.

## LOUIS #12

Louis, another one of our experienced crew, Louis is a 'livewire' around the ball. His ability to break tackles, fearlessness to attack the ball – or the opposition always impresses. With Louis's speed and skill with the ball, combined with evasive moves he was always hard for the opposition to catch. Louis worked hard on keeping tackles legal and holding position this season and was superb each game. Look forward to watching Louis grow as a player.

### OWEN #8

Owen, also part of our experienced crew, is a dedicated team member. He has improved in all areas of his football and shows tenacity and dedication to the game and his team. Owen listens and tries his best all 4 quarters and never gives up or complains. Owen is solid in defence and reliable in taking marks and kicking. Owen also proved to an asset up forward, one game taking 3 goals and a few behinds. He is a coach's dream and has a big future ahead of him.

### ALEX #7

Alex, one of our experienced boys, is a quiet achiever. Being one of our tallest players he did a great job this season working on punching the ball out in ruck so that our midfielders could run onto it. Alex was consistent at holding position and did his best in a contest. Alex was sometimes a little hard on himself, but that just showed me how much he wanted to push himself and succeed. Keep up the good work Alex.

#### DEAN #9

Dean, an experienced player, who having played up in U11's last year was able to offer experience of competition football for the boys. Dean is a strong player who loves to run all over the ground. Not scared to chase the ball he loves playing mids, forwards and when thrown into the backline, performed well. Being one of the bigger boys he always looked threatening to the opposition and when possible worked hard in breaking out of a contest and setting up scoring opportunities.

#### ZANE #3

Zane, another one of our experienced boys, just brings a smile to your face. Zane has been one of our biggest improvers this season. Always willing to try his best and improve on his skills, Zane has done well this season in rucks and forwards. He has worked really hard on his tackling, chasing down the ball and going for contested marks. He was really unlucky not to get a goal for himself this season, but has been part of the chain in implementing a few. Zane is one of the loveliest boys you will ever meet and is well loved by all his teammates.

When coaching the boys, I often forgot that quite a few of them were actually new to the game as they integrated so well and it was a 'Cherry On The Cake' moment for me coaching to hear that they wanted to keep playing AFL and some were going to drop other football codes which they had been playing, to do so.

We are hoping to see them all back next season! It has been a privilege to coach and lead the boys this season.

# UNDER 11 RED

#### Coach: Nya Andrews

#### vs Manager: Fiona Thoms



### NICK

is full of energy and is comfortable in any position on the field. He is always on the go and always manages to find the right place to get possession of the ball. Nick has continued to develop his skills this season and has created a strong bond with his team mates.

### LIAM C

attends every training session and game with a smile. He always gives 100% and is not afraid to fight for the ball against the bigger opponents. Liam is able to get in and get the ball out before being tackled. His speed and ball handling skills are his biggest assets.

### ALEX

is a solid player who consistently plays well in any position. Alex has taken some fantastic marks this season, he is a great team player with a passion for AFL. He has a mature attitude and extensive knowledge of the game. Alex has such dedication to the game, even when he is battered he is keen to get back on the field.

#### EDISON

is a well rounded player who is never afraid to go after the ball, he has also produced some great marks this season. Ed has a wonderful sense of humour and has made a positive contribution to the team. Ed is a player who shouldn't be underestimated; he never ceases to surprise us.

## HENRY

is a strong AFL player, you can throw anything at Henry and he will run with it. Henry is a well rounded player and has advanced skills in reading the game. The team can rely on Henry for wise words and to retrieve and clear the ball down the field with those huge kicks. Brennan was new to AFL this year, he always came with a smile, manners and a can do attitude.

### BRENNAN

was keen to transfer his skills to a new game. He was quick to learn the rules and get stuck in. Brennan has become an asset to the team and has great potential. Blake has a natural flair for AFL, he has shown great skill and speed in his first year of AFL. Blake commanded his area with his well rounded skills. Blake is a resilient, well mannered and courageous player.

### LIAM B

is an extraordinary player who reads the play well. He is always in the right position, contests the ball well and puts points up on the scoreboard. Liam shows great sportsmanship on and off the field and has developed great skills this season. Liam is always keen to lead the club song and debate the intricacies of the game.

### JOSH

has great leadership qualities and is a well rounded, talented player. Always ready to get involved in the fight, he has great skills to clear the ball or add a goal or two to the scoreboard. Josh puts in a huge effort every game and out runs the competition.

#### CALLUM

is always ready to go, a keen AFL player who never lets his team down. Callum has built on his skills from last season and can play anywhere on the field. Callum has managed to remain calm in truly testing times and shown growth in character that should be commended.

#### RHYS

has a passion for AFL that shines through in his play. Rhys is a talented player showing mature leadership skills, giving appropriate direction to team mates and demonstrating true sportsmanship. Rhys showed tremendous loyalty to the team, even turning up to coach from the sidelines to support the team when injured.

### LOGAN

is always happy to play in any position, but has definitely settled in to the backs. He is not afraid to get involved in the tackle. He and has developed strong defensive skills this year, improving his marking and tackling skills. Logan is a great team player and happy to assist in moving the ball down the field.

## PATRICK

the king of marks! Patrick showed wonderful defensive skills and was part of a solid team. He was never scared to get involved. Patrick has developed great skills and will be a great asset in either a forward or back position.

### JAMES

has great energy and a never-stop attitude. James is a great player, always playing all over the field and, more than likely, in possession of the ball. With a great kicking precision and a natural marking ability, James has assisted the team in taking home a win. Mannix is a strong player who uses his skills from his other activities to produce high energy play. He has wonderful enthusiasm for the game, always gets involved and gets the ball.

#### MANNIX

is not intimidated by players with a bigger stature and always gives his best. Blake R joined our team late in the season. Using his transferable rugby skills, he was quick to learn and keen to get involved. Blake is comfortable with a footy and has a natural athleticism that lends itself to any team sport.

# **UNDER 12 YOUTH GIRLS**

Coach: Joe McGinty Manager: John Ferron



2020, despite the constant threat of Covid, was a very enjoyable season for all concerned with the U12 youth girls' team. There were some great wins, close calls and hard losses which is what playing footie is all about. The girls were simply magnificent throughout the season and were brilliant to watch every Sunday. As a group they all wanted to learn and they all wanted to play which made the coaching team's job very easy.

A notable trait from the whole team was that even when games were going against them, they refused to give up...they kept playing to the end which shows great character. There was also a great team spirit among the girls who genuinely seemed to really enjoy playing with each other. We had numerous girls who trained and played with injuries as they didn't want to let the team down.

The final tally was 4 wins, 4 losses and 1 cancellation. The teams 3 – 6 finished on level points with the girls missing finals by 1.8%, the equivalent of a goal over the whole season. A wonderful effort considering all the girls, bar one, are young enough again next year. Roll on 2021.

Thank you to all the parents/guardians for helping out along the way and for supporting the girls throughout the season. The team doesn't play without your support. A big thank you to Andrew, the club president, and his team for making the season happen. A monumental effort from all. Go Bombers.

### CHELSEA ALLEN

Operating mainly in the forwards Chelsea is a tough, smart footballer with an eye for goal. Despite being hampered with a finger injury for a large part of the season, Chelsea still turned up for every training session and game as she didn't want to let the team down. A true team player.

### **KEZIAH BIDDLE**

U12YG Captain for the season and our defence rock. Keziah controlled the last line of our defence brilliantly all season. A great reader of the play who thwarted multiple opposition attacks which was normally followed by a long clearance kick. A worthy winner of the "Coaches" award.

### **ELISABETH BREALEY**

One of the most experienced players on the team Elise is also our number 1 recruiter having persuaded a number of her friends to join the Bombers. A versatile player, who manned most positions for us throughout the season, Elise used her lovely left foot to great effect in every game. Always happy to lend a hand, Elise is the heartbeat of the team

### HANNAH FERRON

Operating mainly at midfield Hannah loves nothing better than scooping on any loose ball around the ruck and launching an attack. A strong tackler despite her size, Hannah is tenacious, energetic and works hard for the team in all areas of the pitch.

#### ASLEIGH L'ESTRANGE

In her first season playing AFL Ash was our B&F winner which says it all really. A girl with a huge workrate, blistering pace and a ferocious appetite to win the ball, regardless of who is in front of her, has marked Ash out as one to watch in future. A deserving winner of our best and fairest.

### MOLLY LIDDICOAT

Our tackling machine. Don't let her small frame fool you...Molly never backs down from anyone. Molly played wherever we needed someone to get stuck in and pressure the opposition. A quiet girl who loves her footy Molly is another team player who refused to let injury stop her playing...a warrior in every sense of the word.

#### SHILOH MACFARLANE-ANNING

Runner-up in our B&F, Shiloh used her blistering pace to devastating effect. Shiloh mainly operated between half back and midfield due to her ability to swoop on any loose balls and counter attack at pace. Her long kicks also helped her score multiple goals during the season. Since trying her hand at AFL towards the end of last season Shiloh has become a very skilled and strong footballer.

## **EVE MCGINTY**

The youngest on our team but also one of the most experienced as Eve has being playing football for a number of years in the Bombers. Despite being young enough for the U10s, Eve played up all season. Operating in the forwards Eve has an uncanny eye for goal. Her football brain puts her great positions to pounce on any loose balls and her trusty right boot does the rest. Another team player who played a game on one leg to prevent the team forfeiting the game.

### NANICHA SRIMAUNG

Another player in her first season at the Bombers Nani was a worthy winner of our "most courageous" award. Always willing to listen and learn, her footie skills developed markedly with every game she played. What was notable from the beginning however was how courageous she was in attacking the ball or tackling any opponent. Operating mainly in the half back line Nani was a fearsome competitor in her first season.

### LAILA STEVENS

Another first-year player who had a fine season for the Bombers. Laila played mainly in the forwards using her height and athleticism to great effect. A constant menace up front whose tackling pressure on defenders led to plenty of goals. One to watch for next year. Well done Laila

### PAIGE TAYLOR

One of our second-year players, Paige played in most positions throughout the season. A brave tackler, Paige was another girl who played through injury. Her kicking, tackling and all-round game skills have dramatically improved this season which was why she was a worthy winner of the "Most Improved" award. Congrats Paige.

# **UNDER 12-3**

## Coach: Dave Sleishman / Assistant Coach: Daniel Grant

### Manager: Alison Briggs



It was a fresh, exciting start for our U12s this season. With the merge of our two 11s teams from last year, as well as three new players joining the group, the boys all turned up for (first) preseason raring to go. Everyone's attitude and focus at our early training sessions was quite impressive. The boys were keen to work, learn and play. We were all excited to get the 2020 season underway, when we had to pause... for an unknown amount of time. We were thinking there may not even be a season this year... Thankfully we all got one and it lasted!

The boys all came back for 'second pre-season' with the same great focus we saw earlier in the year. We picked up where we left off and prepared for our first season as a solid group. Our first round was a 'learning loss' to Moore Park - who ended up being the only team in the competition that would get the better of us. We needed to be more physical at the contest and more thoughtful of what we were doing with the ball when under pressure.

The next week, we bounced back with a complete and dominant performance against Heathcote. The boys clicked and our team play in the wet was really heartening to see... plus we brought the heat physically.

The boys went on with it over the following five rounds. We saw so, so many great moments from all of the boys. Individually, working together and truly becoming a team to be reckoned with.

Our final round of the short season was aptly pitted against Moore Park and at home once more. We gave it everything and came away with the win, the minor premiership and a whole bunch of confidence heading into the finals. Nine rounds - eight wins and one loss to a very classy team.

Extremely proud of the boys with this effort alone.

For many of the boys, it was to be their first footy finals experience. We had Cronulla in the first final at home again and they were definitely up a few notches with intensity, compared to our regular season game against them. In a tight, low scoring affair, the game went down

to the wire and thankfully we pulled it together and got across the line with a tough win. This gritty win proved how much the season meant to the group and again was a huge moment in team development. We're into a grand final!

A nervous week for all was calmed with two training sessions and Friday night pizza. The boys all knew their positions and roles going into the weekend. Enjoy the buzz and bring on Sunday morning!

Again, the GF (against guess who ?!?) was a tight, low scoring affair. We were with Moore Park for the majority of the match, but they ended up running clear in the fourth to get us, as well as the premiership 30-14. We missed our chances at a few crucial moments. They didn't. That's footy and congratulations to them. However, we couldn't be more proud of our boys. They gave it everything as we knew they would. There was plenty of emotion post game and the message after was simply - look at what we've accomplished in our first season together! Tough to digest, but we're only just getting going as a team really, given the nine round season. Massive achievement.

We'll be back at it next year on the full field. We'll be bigger, stronger, fitter and even more focused, as we now know what it's like to be in the pressure cooker of finals footy. We have a taste for it and are all the better for the experience.

Looking forward to seeing where this exciting team of young men will end up in 2021 and beyond. More big things are coming, that's for sure!

## SAXON BAYLEY

Owned His Position. Marking Magnet. Kicking Longer!

Saxon made the right half back flank (as well as the majority of our back third) his own again this season. Always confident in taking the high ball, Sax's safe hands and work at the contest increased as the season progressed. Sax's confidence grew to create more and more run and carry off his line as well. Going to a full size field next season, this was very encouraging to see. Saxon's ground coverage and contributions across the half back line and deeper were excellent, as is his ever increasing skill with the ball. Defending against his opponent was always solid and Sax is starting to use his body size to his advantage and out muscle opponents, which is great to see. Really looking forward to seeing your playing go to another level again next season mate. Congratulations on a great season Sax.

### HAMISH BRAMLEY

Loves To Shake Off A Defender. Loves To Mark. Loves To Goal.

Hamish comfortably took control at full forward for us for a good number of games. Looking right at home, Haim gave us a solid target to down front, took some solid marks and kicked some nice goals from within and outside of his full forward lair. There were a few really nice, old school, Plugga type push offs of defenders to take the classic one out mark. Loved it. When rotating through different forward positions, Hamish also proved a good hunter of the ball a bit further up the ground and really helped our forward pushes towards goal. Haim unfortunately had to sit out a number of games late in the season, but it as great to have your support on the sideline mate and we were stoked to have you back in for grand final. Thanks for hanging in this season and all of your great work Hamish!

## AARON BRIGGS

Solid. Cool Under Fire. Mr Dependable.

Aaron is 'cool under pressure' personified. Holding down our fullback role this season, Azza defended opposition attacks brilliantly. Whether it be one on one, against a pack or as he so often did, positioned himself in front of goal at precisely the right time to intercept a sure six pointer. Aaron was up to the task and was on point for the majority of his kick out placements and clearances, which often allowed us to get onto a fast counter attack. Your kick is definitely getting longer mate, as is your ability to get in front on many occasions to win the contested ball against strong forwards. This all continued to really improve as the season went along. Looking forward to seeing those kicks continue getting longer too. Well done Azza!

## **DYLAN BRISTOW**

## Hungry For The Contest. Kept Working. Goaled!

Dylan played his forward roles rotating through forward pocket, right half forward and even a few go's at full forward. Working hard for the loose ball, more often than not at the contest, Dylan was able to quickly gather ball and either pass accurately to his outside team mate, or put boot to ball in order to get us further forward and centre, contributing to our forward lines often dominance over the opposition. You also scored a few handy goals this season mate and like your fellow forwards, your pressure on the opposition backs at each kickout was solid and contributed to turn overs in our favour. Well done and thanks for a great season Dylan!

## OSCAR CARRICK

### The Thinking Man's Ruckman!

Oscar simply went from strength to strength in his role this season. Having shot up over summer, Ozzie's height was always going to be an advantage for him, but it really was his continued work on placing the ball down at the feet of his hungry co-midfielders that really stood out. That type of tap accuracy really allowed our inside men (mainly Lachy and Jack) to position themselves well and receive great ball service at the stoppages, which is the best possible outcome when it comes to rucking. Depending on the team we were playing, there was often congestion around the stoppage. Oscar also worked hard on getting down (which is now a fair way down!) to the ground ball and clearing. Often the ball would go flying over the pack via Oz's hands or boot... clear! Well done on a great season Oscar!

## LUCAS FLYNN

### Won Plenty Of Ball. Marking Improved. Kicked Goals!

Playing in forward pocket or at times on the half forward line, Lucas became more and more confident up front as the season progressed. Always a good gatherer of the loose ball and run out of the contest, Lucas worked himself into good positions to take solid marks, really contribute in forward attacks and yes... kick goals! All of this was really good to see. Manning up at opposition kick outs in order to cause turn overs, was something our forwards really worked on. Lucas was great at this and on a good number of occasions, pressured opponents into mistakes with the ball when they tried to clear out. This allowed us to gather and push back towards goal and score. Awesome season Lucas! You should be very happy with your playing.

## **ASTON FULLER**

Keen. Speedy. Got Involved.

Joining us during (first) pre season, Aston looked very comfy with the footy in hand and had the ball spinning nicely off his kicks immediately. Excellent at grabbing the ground ball, Aston also has really good speed, this all came in handy at game time. Being another new to AFL, Aston got stuck into his role and rotated into the backline well (mainly back pocket and either side on the half back line). What was great to see was Aston's consistent commitment at the contest. Always a fighter for the ball and like every good back should be - sticking to their opposite forward and spoiling whatever comes in. Astons league tackling skills also came in handy, as most of his opponents could not shake him. Really looking forward to seeing Aston's development and as with all of our boys, trying out new positions on the big field. Thanks Aston!

### MICHAEL GRANT

Great Skills. Big Heart. Works All Game.

Mikey had the job on right wing for the majority of games and he was an absolute asset out there. Elected into the leadership group also, Mike was always a positive force on field. He's a solid marking target in space, as he really knows how to lead in order to become the guy who gets kicked to. Clever. Equally as impressive is Mike's ability to win contested possession at ground level. There were plenty of times when Mike found himself against multiple players and he always handled those situations the same way... ball first! If he wasn't beating his opponents to deliver the ball forward, he'd be fighting for it hard at the stoppage. There would be the odd time Mikey would take a fairly big hit - Which can and will happen when you always go ball first. However, he'd bounce straight up and be back at it to return fire at his opponents. Part of the job. Thanks for a huge season of effort Mike! Well done mate.

## TYLER GRIGOR

Strong Up Front. Has Moves. Loves A Goal.

The 'Tyler Hawk' had a very good season indeed. Mainly played up front as a deep forward, either in the pocket or at full forward and right from our early games, Tyler was easily shaking off his opponents to kick a nice goal. Very good at making himself a target for incoming ball, Tyler took a lot of good marks and continued to hit the scoreboard. Communicating with his fellow forwards also added to Tyler's ownership of his area. He really took control of the space, used some great basketball like weaves to get past would-be defenders and then bang a goal through. Never selfish in play either, Tyler would always look for the best passing option as well. We saw that often and can certainly say that we're very much looking forward to seeing all of this and more from Tyler next year. Thanks for a great season up front Tyler!

## **COOPER GUINANE**

Cool. Clever. Creative.

Another league man trying his hand at AFL, Cooper definitely looked a natural with the footy straight away. The majority of Coopers game time was spent on the half back line and he was able to read the play straight away and immediately become a kick out target and clever interceptor of the incoming ball. Natural attacking instincts also helped cooper create some very good clearances/rebounds off of half back, that allowed us to really push forward. Cooper's natural attacking capabilities led me to drop him into the forward line a few games in, against Maroubra. That immediately paid off with a goal. Unfortunately Cooper had to sit out a few weeks thanks to a couple of head knocks, between league and us. It was great to have you back for finals mate. Another solid year on full field and I think Cooper will be looking even more at home on the oval. Thanks for a solid season Cooper.

## ANGUS HAMILTON

## Fast. Hard Working. Wins Plenty Of Ball.

Angus worked really hard this season in both the half forward and half back lines. His fight for the ball and ability to clear out of the contest was always helping the team surge forward. Angus was always one of our most consistent ball movers each week. On the forward line, Angus' crosses in from right half forward really helped center our attack and gave good service to our high forwards, leading to plenty of goals. Very important work mate. You knocked a few nice goals through yourself as well. When on the half back line, Angus was ever present if the opposition was trying to push forward. Often beating opposition forwards to ball, Angus was then quick to move it down the line. It was always great to see the trademark Angus long range kick in motion. I'm sure you're going to lap up the full size field as well mate. Well done on a solid season Angus!

## LEVI HERMAN

### Lively. Worked Hard. Kept Improving.

Levi was one of our 'new to (AFL) footy' boys in the team this season. It was great to see him working hard on his skills at training from early in the year, until we finished up. Levi was mainly given the back pocket, or a spot on the half backline to look after. He stuck to his opponent every week and always fought hard against them for the incoming ball. AFL can be challenging to get your head around as a newbie to the game, but Levi took it in his stride, just went out and did his job and continued to grow in confidence and win the contested ball. A great first season to build upon. Great job Levi!

## **ISAAC LEONARD**

Great Skills. Focused. Always Creating.

To say Isaac had a good season this year would be an understatement. An elected leader, Isaac really took the role on and helped motivate the team pre, during and post games. At the break huddles, he'd always lead the hands in and he'd always lead the team song after each win (with gusto!). Isaac's footy did some serious talking in every match as well. Either at centre or left half forward, Isaac was a constant headache for opposition defenders. Using his body to gain advantage and take a strong mark was always great to see. Isaac's big and accurate kick was responsible for many a great goal (from any angle) Isaac would often come up the ground to help the mids out, drive the ball forward and then run hard to get back down. Isaac also trains like he plays. Focused and committed the entire time. That attitude really is serving you well mate. Well done on a great season Isaac!

## **ROHAN MICHELS**

Does. Not. Stop... Ever.

Taking complete ownership of his left wing and elected leadership position this season, Rohan was a force to be reckoned with. One of our hardest workers at the contest, Rohan was either always over his opponents in the contest to win the hard ball and get good boot to it, sending the Sherrin deep into the forward line. Rohan's relentless work ethic really helped us to stop opposition counter attacks and to win the tight contests. Ro's stamina also really saw him working up and down his wing, as well as covering the centre line and linking up with the backs really well. On more than one occasion, you took some heavy knocks mate and kept soldiering on. There were a couple in the Grand Final, as well as that big knock early in the season against Heathcote... after that one you went and backed up in the 13s!. Hard. Love it. Skills are really coming along nicely too. That kick is getting bigger : ) Awesome season Rohan!

### LACHLAN MOHAPP

### Fierce. Fast. Always Creating.

Lachy had a huge season. Always looking dangerous out of the middle, Lach was either winning ball and delivering forward, or he was laying some of our biggest tackles... regardless of opposition size! Being another elected leader, Lach really let his footy do the talking. Great at the inside contest and crafty just off them, Lach's ability to win ball in every situation was impressive week in, week out. Working into space to take a nice mark, then to put the jets on for a long run, is something we became very used to seeing (and very much entertained by!) from Lach. We already know you're ready for full field as, numerous times you really lit up the middle or wing mate. A massive highlight came was your 50th at Gwawley...where one of those runs led to 'that goal'! Working with your mid mates, the team received such good service going forward. Job well done on a brilliant season Lach!

## JACK OLIVER

## Clever. Non Stop Worker. Hungry For Ball.

Another elected member of our elected leadership group, Jack was a driving force for the team. Being in the thick of things in the middle all season, to say Jack loves it out there is an understatement! Combining with Lachy and our other mids, Jacks pressure at the contest was fierce from the first siren to the last, every game. There were some really nice combinations happening out of the middle in order to get us going forward. Jack was always involved in them. His ducking, weaving and creating run out of the centre, was really good. Something that has always been a major part of Jack's game went up a notch this season... tackling! There were plenty of big ones at crucial moments. I would not like to be opposition in the middle when Jack is fired up! Annnnd... you finally got that goal : ) Great work mate. Thanks for an excellent season Jack!

## **ROMAN PICKETT**

## A Season Of Strength To Strength!

Another player who can and will play all over the park, Roman's game went from strength to strength this season. Always hungry for the contest, Roman would command the ball and it was always fun watching him take two or three defenders along with him! A booming kick would often see Roman clearing out from our half back line. When required, Roman's ruck work stepped up and not only was he able to dominate opposition rucks, he was placing the ball intelligently for our mids to swoop on and go. A great link player in general play thanks to his ever increasing marking ability (which earned the umpires grand final best on ground!), you're a real asset to the team in attack and defence mate. We know you love a goal down forward too (as do a number of our opposition teams now as well!) Thanks for a great season Roman!

## **RYDER PICKETT**

### Hard Working. Versatile. Bustling Ball Magnet.

Ryder played a few positions this season and did a great job with every assignment. Whether on the half back or half forward line, or rotating through the mids, you can always be assured Ryder will be in the thick of the action! Gathering ball comes naturally to Ryder. Your disposals, along with your game play really improved as the season progressed mate. Run and carry is also on the improve, as there were plenty of times we saw you take on the opposition and get yourself into space with the ball. Linking in with play coming down the line, so often helped us move in the right direction. Ryder again was always a major link in those chains. It was also great to see you bang a few nice goals in as well. Great reward for effort. Your ability to play numerous roles on the park, made you a real asset to the team this season mate. Really looking forward to seeing your moves on the big field as well. Thank you Ryder!

## ZACH SLEISHMAN

Always Hunting. Hard To Tackle. Loves To Snap A Goal.

Zach has had a great season. Deadly around the goals, Zach works the half forward line really well. Pretty much always in front of his opponent as a constant threat in the air. We saw some solid marks and really good ground work from Zach. Often channeling the great Dusty Martin, Zach developed his fend and evasive moves this season and used them to good effect, leaving plenty of defenders in his dust. As our leading goal scorer, Zach was in some games, literally putting them through from everywhere, as the service to the forward line from our mids was that good. Also working with his fellow forwards, Zach had his eye on the hot spot as a target to deliver to. Another point worth noting...your goal celebrations really entertained as the season progressed as well. Love the passion! Well done and congrats on a big season Zach!

### **SPENCER WALLIS**

Focused. Hard Working. Loves The Contest.

Spencer picks up every year where he left off. Improving. Anytime I would scan the backline to check on our manning up and structure, Spencer was right there there with his opponent. Mainly at left half back and back pocket, Spencer also worked hard on staying in front of his opposite as the ball came in. This led to good pick-ups and Spence delivering the ball up the wing for us. As has so often been the case with Spencer, if his opponent was unfortunate enough to actually win the ball in tight, he was crunched by a trademark Spence tackle! Your kicking is improving as well, mate, so keep it up in the off season and you'll be more than dangerous on the full field come next year! Well done on a great season Spencer.

# **UNDER 13-2**

### Coach: Stuart Stansell Manager: John Murray



Season 2020 can only be described as a success with the team overcoming a slow start to turn it around & eventually finish 2nd after home & away.

The team was a blend of last year's div 2 boys, some old players returning, 4 lads coming up from div3 last year and some new players being welcomed into the group.... so all in all a bit of a mix!!

It always takes a few rounds for a new team to gel and we were no different, but the boys dug deep and really started playing for each other and this showed in their results.

The lads played Heathcote in the first week of semis with The Hawks getting the jump on us. Our boys were down by more than 4 goals late in the 3rd quarter but produced a massive last quarter to draw even late but eventually going down by 7 points.... It was a super comeback which showed guts and resilience.

Well done to all the boys for their performances this season. Coaches, managers & parents are all very proud of their efforts.

There is the makings of a very good football team if the lads can stick together into the seasons ahead.

Our team comprised of:

### **JAIRUS BREALEY**

Jai has a great footy brain and his love for the game is infectious for the group. Jai had a solid season playing mainly in the forward half but really finding his feet playing a deep role which allowed him to show off his foot skills close to goal. Jai played some great games for his team and kicked some important goals. Keep working at your game mate as it is paying dividends.

### NICK CORNISH

Prior to joining us this season Nicko had only played a couple of school games but this didn't stop him growing into an important team member. Nick worked on his kicking and marking skills and as his confidence grew he moved from forward pocket to half forward where he played some great games for his team. Towards the back end of the season we heard Nick's voice during team huddles which shows his natural leadership tendencies. Great first season Nicko, keep at it.

### LACHY KENNEDY

Lach had an awesome season as one of our tuff backman who was always up for the fight. Lachy's kicking & handballing skills kept on improving throughout the season & his hard tackling is exactly what we need down back. Our ability to keep opposing teams to low scores was thanks to our backline crew that Lachy is a big part of. Great effort mate.

### **CAVE MCKNIGHT**

Cave is a quintessential team player who leads the boys around the park with great skills and gut running. Cave had a mega 2020 season being one of, or best on ground week in week out which culminated in him being awarded the B&F. Cave is a high class on-baller who is also good for a few goals when put up front. Cave is to be congratulated for his selection into Swans Academy & Endeavour. Supper year mate.

### ALEX MICIELI

Alex is an important cog in our team with his skills & experience making him a key player week in week out. Alex is a team player who has the ability to play across the park which is a massive benefit to the coaches when we need to sure up a zone. Alex loves his footy and this shows at every training session & game. Keep improving your footy skills mate and the accolades will keep coming!

#### JOE MURRAY

One of those players you love to watch because time stands still when Joey has the pill. This young fella has a great football brain which combines well with silky hand & foot skills. Joe leads by example and he played some huge games for us as a hard inside mid, never shirking his task & always in the thick of it. If there was an overall possession count for the whole comp then this fella would have been near the top. Great season mate, well done.

## DARCY PADROTH

Darc started the year playing in his traditional role as a backman but came into his own when asked to play at full forward. Darc' size & strength made him hard to beat in marking contests and combining this with his ability to give it a roost we are certain Darc has the ability to become a leading forward in the years to come. Keep working on your forward craft mate & the results will come.

### JED PAYNE

Jed had a massive year starting the season at full forward but really finding his best position as our key ruckman. Jed's marking and kicking skills are improving year on year and his ability to cover ground quickly helps us get numbers to the contest. Keep up the hard work mate it is definitely paying off. Well done on a great season.

### ZAC POKORNY

Zac had a great season and proved himself as one the best centre half backs in the comp. Within the group Zac is a natural leader who loves his sport and loves to win which is great to watch. Zac has great marking and kicking skills and his ability read the play is a huge asset to the team. Great season mate, keep it up, you have the makings of a top level player.

### CAM PRICE

Cam is a naturally talented sportsman who can play any position that is asked of him. Cam always gives 110% and his inbuilt competitive drive makes him an ideal team member. Cam played on the wing & in the middle but probably played his most important games for the team when off half back. Keep running hard at the contest mate, it is great to watch!

#### NOAH RICHARDSON

Noah's season kept getting better and better and he came into his own on the wing where he played some super games for his team. Richo's kicking & handballing skills are improving all the time and his natural competitiveness when in the contest makes him hard to handle for his opponents. Keep working at it mate.

### JAMIE RUDZIS (C)

Jamie had a great season and had the honour of being voted as captain by his teammates. Jamie played some super important games for us at centre half forward and also in the ruck. Being a big kick off either boot Jamie propelled his team forward by supplying the boys up front with great scoring opportunities. Jamie came into his own as skipper late in the season when playing some super leaders games. Great season mate, well done.

#### **ISSAC SCHIPPERS**

Schippers has been the rock that holds the teams backline together for a few seasons now and he had another great year. Issac has a great ability to read both the play & the ball in flight which allows him to outmark bigger opponents and then use the footy to his teams advantage.... all this makes him one of the best fullbacks in the comp. Well done mate, great year.

## CAL STANSELL

Cal had a solid season playing up from the 12s. Cal played most of the season as an outside mid with his gut running, direct kicking and handballing skills helping his team progress up the field on many occasions. Cal is one of the smaller kids in the team so he is often up against bigger opponents but his toughness and skills see him come out on top more often than not. Well done bud.

## JACOB WAY

Jacob is super solid for us down back and is a real leader in that zone. Jake had many awesome games this year showing off his marking & kicking skills which combine well with his determination to beat his opponent at the contest. Another who's voice you hear in the huddle which is awesome. Well done mate, great season.

### **CARLIN WONG**

Carling has speed to burn and when combined with his awesome kicking skills he is always high on the possession count running mainly off left wing. Carlin plays a great 'ball magnet' brand of footy that is exciting to watch. Carlin's skills get better every season and his improving game knowledge and decision making are seeing him turn into one of the standout wingman in the comp. Great stuff mate, keep it up.

We would like to thank the following boys who were a massive help to us playing multiple games up during the season.... Zak Larson, Isaiah Noonan, Mitch Green, Elijah Dundas & Alex Watson all played important roles and proved themselves as good as any. Big thanks to John Watson who without his help organising the boys we would have played many games short. Thanks JW.

Special mention to our NT boys LeBron & Lyndon who left a great impression on all of us during pre-season and would have played important roles for us this year if not for Covid keeping them back home. We look forward to the lads joining us in 2021.

Thanks to all the parents who help out every week. Special mentions to Ryan McKnight who's skills & assistance are priceless, Brett Rudzis for always being there to help, goal ump's Ray Kennedy & Roger Schippers, Anna Schippers for kindly doing the first aid role all year, Glen Pokorny for his assistance including taking the team photos and anyone else I have forgotten©

Lastly a big shout out to John Murray who kindly put his hand up to manage the team again while juggling coaching commitments and everything else! Cheers Muz.

All the best,

Stu.

# **UNDER 13-3**

### Coach: John Watson / Assistant Coach: Morgan Hide

### Manager: Nicole McKenna



2020 is a season that we will all remember. It had its low points but there were plenty of highs and I am pleased to say that the return of footy brought a lot of the better moments and helped propel us out of the lockdown back to a level of normality I didn't think we would see when things took a turn for the worse in March. Our pre-season had been put together really well and a month out from the season start I could see that the boys were ready to go so it was a real disappointment when the games were put on hold. I was unsure about how things would pick up and how high enthusiasm levels would be when we returned. However I was so impressed at the way the boys came together at that first training run in June, and picked up where they had left off. I am proud of the resilience they have showed through the ups and downs of this stop, start season and it is great how they came together as a team and put together a really productive season. We had a lot of new faces when we kicked off in Feb and now they are part of the establishment. As a group and as individuals they all worked hard to improve their skills and understanding of the game. It has been a pleasure coaching this group and I am excited about what they might achieve next season.

I would like to thank all the parents for assisting throughout the season and getting the boys to training and games each week. Lastly a big thanks to Andrew, the committee and club for putting together a really good season and making sure we always had a ground to play on when Waratah was out.

I'm really looking forward to 2021!!!

### **OWEN ALBANI**

Owen's ability to find a target and overall ball use efficiency are high which provides the team with the ability to get out of sticky situations. He really excels in one on one contests and always maintains his composure often under real pressure which rubs off on his team mates. Next Season I'm looking forward to Owen dominating down back and shutting down opposition forwards

### **CAMERON MERNAGH**

Cameron once again showed that he is a courageous player who will always put his body on the line. His insights into how the game is played, sound football strategy and how the team is functioning is a real skill. I value his input at training and on game day. *Next Season* I'm looking forward to Cam becoming a real leader of the group and developing his footy knowledge.

### **ELIJAH DUNDAS**

Elijah's intercept marking was once again a highlight from this season. It was great to see him attacking the ball going for the mark or spoiling. His follow up second efforts were a strong addition to his game & his long kick launched a lot of attack for us. Next season I'm looking forward to Elijah running hard, breaking lines off half back and driving the team into attack.

### **CHARLIE MARKS-BRADFORD**

Charlie put together his most productive season so far in his career. His contribution to the back six through his clean hand ball is growing and his positional awareness is growing all the time. Took the mark of the season in the Preliminary Final.

Next Season I'm really looking forward to Charlie showing us more of his excellent kicking skills.

#### HAYDAN MORTIMER

Haydan gained a lot of fans over the season with his dedication to learning the game. His persistence and determination really paid off in the last four games where he started to dictate the flow in and around contests. It was good to see him start backing himself. *Next season* I'm looking forward to Haydan showing more of run and bounce off half back.

#### **RORY LEWIS**

Rory bought the season home with massive improvements around the contest. His confidence with ball in hand has grown and as a result he is hunting it out and getting more of it. Has become a versatile player who can run on the wing, go forward or play down back.

Next season I'm looking forward to Rory winning the loose ball, clearing the contest and imposing himself on the opposition.

## MITCH GREEN

This season Mitch bought a new level of intensity to his game. His physicality and intent on ball became dangerous when combined with his trademark run and raking left foot. He is dangerous up front as well and can convert the slightest of chances into a major for the team.

Next season I'm looking forward to Mitch running opponents ragged and some big metres gained.

## LOGAN GEORGES

Logan really relishes the inside play and his ability to win the hard ball is high. Over the season his ability to pop up in the right spot at the right time was uncanny. His contested marking more often than not won us the ball against the run of play.

Next season I'm looking forward to Logan taking us some spectacular marks and slotting those well deserved goals

### CHARLES OWENS

Charles came into his own running in the mids. He can mark a high ball and has a great kick which can always find a team mate. Showed plenty of character and tenacity when the going got tough. He showed real bravery in the Prelim playing on while injured. *Next season* I'm looking forward to Charles becoming a contested ball beast & plenty of good banter.

## ZAK LARSEN

Zak settled into Footy like a natural. His ability to cover the ground was first rate and he became the athletic, around the ground ruckman every coach wants. He was well rewarded for his efforts picking up equal second in the Division 3 Best & Fairest count. Well done on a great season.

Next season I'm looking forward to Zak becoming a hit out king and providing his mids with some sliver service ball delivery.

### ISAIAH NOONAN

Isaiah showed a great ability to gather the loose ball, separate from his opponents with a step and swerve then drive the ball into the forward 50. Hegot the umpires attention for all the right reasons and tied with Zak for second in the Divisional Best & Fairest. Well done Isaiah on a fantastic season

Next season I'm looking forward to Isaiah going forward and rounding out as a genuine goal kicking mid.

### NATHAN BEAUMONT

Nathan is the benchmark when it comes to tackling pressure in the team. He applies himself ferociously to the task. He provides great flexibility to the team when playing forward with really strong goal sense and I know he will leave it all out on the field. *Next season* I'm looking forward to Nathan leading contested ball stats and plenty of scoreboard impact.

## JAMES AFIFY

James plays as a genuine tall forward and can rotate through the ruck when required. He has a strong overhead mark and reads the play well. A strong and long kick who always contests hard so that his team mates are brought into the game. A great addition to the team and club.

Next season I'm looking forward to James leading hard and clunking some big marks.

### KON TODOROVSKI

Kon plays the game with complete abandon and real energy. He is fast and goes really hard, always committing to wining the ball by whatever means he can. Playing up forward or on the wing Kon is always a chance to create an opportunity for himself or his team mates.

Next season I'm looking forward to Kon developing into a hard running midfielder who can turn the game on its head.

#### **DYLAN HARVEY**

Our resident small forward continues to learn his craft and applies himself well whether at training or game day. He isn't daunted by bigger opposition and his approach to contested marking has been a standout this year. He has shown good dedication to playing his role week after week.

Next season I'm looking forward to Dylan being the front & square master and kicking more sneaky goals

### OSCAR HIDE

Oscar's confidence really built into the back end of the season. He is settling into a forward role where he can best utilise his strong marking ability and long kick. His speed off the mark is a real asset and I could see by the finals that it was all starting to flow a lot better for him. Next season I'm looking forward to Oscar leading the effort in forward defensive pressure and capitalising on turnovers in the forward 50

#### **ALEX WATSON**

This season saw Alex play with a real hunger to win the ball and to impose himself on the opposition. His defensive work in the forward 50 is strong and often resulted in a spilt ball and score for the team. He shows good touch and decision making when hand balling out of the contest.

Next season I'm looking forward to Alex crashing some packs up forward and strong contests in the air

#### LACHLAN MCKENNA

Lachie started the season with a real burst of energy and was having a real impact up front with his attack on the ball. He consistently hit the scoreboard and was pivotal in setting up team mates in scoring positions. Unfortunately his season was cut short with an injury to his arm.

Next season I'm looking forward to Lachie setting the standard in forward defensive pressure and kicking plenty of majors

## **ELLIOT MICHAELS**

Elliot is a player who has shown over past seasons that he can be a real dominant force down back. He uses his height and athletic ability to cut down opposition attacks. One of the biggest kicks in the age group he was sorely missed due to injury this season. We look forward to seeing him next year.

Next season I'm looking forward to Elliot roosting some big torpedos out of the defensive 50.

Last but not least

### **MORGAN HIDE**

We were really lucky when Morgan turned up to that first training run in February and offered to help out with the boys. It is obvious he loves his footy and goes about it with a real passion. His insights into training drills and what the boy can do differently are greatly appreciated. However it's his ability to use his initiative and get things moving without any prompting which is really impressive. Thanks Morgan.

Next season I'm looking forward to Morgan throwing more know how at the boys and challenging us all with what he is learning from senior footy.

# **UNDER 14-2**

## Coach: Mark Frearson / Assistant Coach: Cam Druery

### Manager: Jo Frearson



This year the U14s returned for another season in what would be a very different competition. Predictably, some teams / clubs in the South region struggled to field teams in our age group this year and two clubs folded. Leaving Penshurst who nominated to play Div 1, Cronulla and our Bombers playing in Div 2 and Heathcote playing in Div 3.

As a result of the changing landscape we lost one good player to the Penshurst Div 1 team, but were lucky enough to have some very good players transfer in - Harry, Josh, Caleb and Jonah. If anything early on we were at risk of having too many. We had to turn a Swans Academy player seeking transfer away as we were at Academy limit and we started the season with a 22 player squad.

We prepared for what became one Div 2 competition played across the whole Sydney metropolitan area. This meant some new opponents and more travel, but we were looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Then something called COVID19 arrived and wreaked havoc. For a while it looked like we would be lucky to play this year at all. In the end we were allocated a 9 round plus two finals season and we were thankful to get at least a short season of footy this year.

COVID combined with unexpected injuries and retirements saw our squad drop from 22 to 17. In a competition that required us to field a minimum of 15 players to avoid a forfeit, and to preferably field 16 players, all of sudden we were struggling to field a team most weeks. On top of that Lincoln Oval's watering system failed and flooded the ground, which even after being fixed left it vulnerable to wet weather for weeks afterwards. Murphy's law kicked in and we got a run of wet weather that saw us playing home games at other venues and ultimately getting washed out of two other home matches - games we expected to win and we lost valuable match practice in a short season. Footy became a week to week proposition for a whole bunch of reasons and nothing was easy.

But the boys took another step forward in their development, turned up each week committed to the task of getting better not just as individuals but as a team, and it was evident they were coming together as a group. They showed greater maturity at training and in matches (most of the time, but not all the time admittedly) and were starting to play not only for themselves, but for each other. Although our numbers had dropped, our talent level was high, we had good balance and I could never fault their effort levels.

We also got great support from a small group of U13s throughout the season – Zac, Cave and Jamie. Roman and on one occasion Ryder from the U12s even came off our bench at times to get us enough players to get through games. The support of these younger players throughout the season was significant and much appreciated.

The competition itself boiled down to a race between three, the two top graded sides Cronulla and Pennant Hills, and our Bombers. We finished undefeated minor premiers, but ended up playing Cronulla in week one of the finals. A typically tight battle that had us on edge right to the end, but we produced a big effort to scrape through to the Grand Final with an on-siren match winning goal from Zac!

Then we lined up in the Grand Final against Pennant Hills. Pennant Hills had recruited hard to build a strong graded team. They had multiple players playing on permit from other clubs and were as tough an opposition as we could have expected to get in Div 2. In another tight hard fought encounter, we didn't play our best tactical game, but our trade mark work ethic and never say die attitude saw us prevail in a low scoring match 44 – 34. Elated, relieved and thoroughly deserving our Bombers are Premiers having earned a memory that should last a lifetime!

I've rolled out the old saying, "A champion team beats a team of champions" before and it is a fitting point to consider given the nature of the Grand Final challenge we faced. It was a great team effort that got us to the Grand Final and it was our strength as a team that got us over the line on Grand Final day.

Thanks for the year, we loved having you on board, hope you are up for the challenge again next year and are looking forward to seeing you back again in 2021! When we'll hopefully get something like a normal full season of footy in!

Footy teams don't function smoothly without the help and support of involved families and yet again we had a great group of parents involved with the team. A special thankyou to;

- My wife Jo, who was our Team Manager and yet again did an excellent job organising the team and looking after match day formalities (assisted well by Jenny W when Jo couldn't make the match).

- The assistance of Jacob and Kai in the coaching group at training and matches was important, valuable and much appreciated. Thanks boys.

- Mike Pickett, who is the club Football Manager, also helped out at team level and has been an ever present support for many years now.

- The parents in general, who helped with game day duties, boundary umpiring, goal umpiring, running water, canteen duties etc.

### ETHAN ALBRIGHTON

Ethan is one of the long term members of our Bombers age group having been with us since Auskick. Ethan is a determined and committed member of the squad who has continued to apply himself and keeps getting better as a result. Last year I said "Continuing to work on his agility, endurance and overhead / contested marking will get him to more contests, enable him to apply more defensive pressure and make him more consistently effective on the full size fields." Well Ethan turned up this year and continued his usual determined approach, but he'd grown a little taller and his agility, endurance and overhead marking had all improved noticeably and continued to improve throughout the season. He still mostly played forward where he was comfortable and it suited our team structure, but he now had a greater capacity to play higher forward roles spending a lot more time off half forward where he made a solid contribution in matches. Ethan competed well in contested situations in the air or on the ground, took some good overhead marks, applied good defensive / tackling pressure when the opposition were in possession and kicked some good goals. His improved ability to produce repeat efforts in a short space of time was noticeable and important. Ethan also improved his handball game, including his capacity to present as a handball receive option running past a contest - which was evident in the Grand Final when he ran past an important contest on the wing to receive a handball from Ryan in what was an pivotal contest and also when he presented in front of goal to receive a handball from Hunter and kick an important goal late in the match. A really good effort this year, made a solid contribution to our success and can continue to improve. Ethan's improvement comes from continuing to work on his speed, agility and endurance capacity, his contested marking and by developing a capacity to kick on his non-preferred foot occasionally. A very good vear!

### JONAH ARRAJ

Jonah was new to the Bombers this year. A transfer in from Wests via a connection with existing players. Jonah is a tall solid young man, with good speed and agility for his size, a solid overhead / contested mark, a good long kick and is fierce at the physical contest. He had only played limited footy the year before and although his skills and game sense were good you could see he had the potential to go to another level with some training and match practice. Jonah started out well, he seemed to fit into the group well, trained well early and looked good in our early practice match. Then COVID struck and once the season eventually restarted we lost him for 4-5 weeks due to a long school camp. Jonah managed to play the two games required to qualify for finals and looked good doing it. He played key position roles forward and in defence, and also rotated through the midfield as a big bodied midfielder where he provided a good physical presence. His inclusion added important structural flexibility as he was able to rotate with other mobile key position players like Hunter and Josh. Jonah kicked some good goals, produced some important defensive plays and his value to the team was most evident in the match against Kellyville which was our best team performance of the year. Jonah produced a good effort in our Grand Final, was a valuable and important addition to our squad and a big part of our success this year. Jonah has the

potential to develop into an elite key position player and we'd love to see him back next year ready to work hard and realise his potential. Jonah goes to the next level primarily through a commitment to increased training and match practice that will sharpen his skills and game sense / decision making and lift his consistency. This combined with some endurance and agility work could see him become a scary proposition for opposition teams very quickly. A very good year from a player with significant upside!

## SAM BAUER

It was Sam's second year at the Bombers, he looked more settled in the group this year and we were very happy to have him on board again. Sam is an accomplished player having played in high level representative teams and is a Swans Academy player. Sam was regularly among our best players, he played well in the Grand Final and again finished high up in the Best and Fairest voting. Sam is a versatile player who was important for us playing through the midfield, but also capable of playing valuable roles in attack or defence. Due to injuries to other midfielders Sam carried a heavier midfield load than I'd planned for, but did so effectively in his typically determined fashion and overcame an early season injury to be fit and influential when finals arrived. Sam has very good skills and is a very capable ball carrier with a great capacity to beat opponents with his evasive skills, but sometimes a strength can become a weakness if over used - because it becomes too predictable to the opposition and can result in you overlooking better more immediate options. Sam's development in this area was pleasing, his balance between taking the player on and using more immediate disposal options improved noticeably, he improved his ability to look for lateral options and made even better use of his talent as a result. He also improved his capacity to moderate his frustrations in matches (with the opposition & umpires) and focus his energies on things he can control – but there is still room for improvement in this area. Sam's efforts defensively shouldn't be overlooked either, he chased hard, tackled hard and relentlessly pressured opposition possessions / disposals. Sam was determined and committed to every contest in every match, had an obvious burning desire to win and had an impact at important times in matches. Sam was an important and influential member of the team and a big part of our success this year. Sam can step up again by continuing to work on incorporating variety into his game, looking to improve his short handballing game in congestion and continuing to work on controlling his emotions in matches. A very good season!

## **OWEN BURGHER**

It was Owen's second year at the Bombers and we were very happy to have him on board. Owen is a very talented, athletic and versatile AFL player with an elite ability to read the play / flight of the ball and get to the ball first. He has well developed defensive instincts which combined with a willingness to back his judgement and attack the football makes him a really effective defender capable of nullifying attacking raids and starting rebounding attacking plays. His ability to win the ball in defence and run and use the ball constructively off half back before immediately getting back to defend was invaluable. Owen was rotated through the midfield and forward on occasion where he was effective, but in tight matches he spent most of his time frustrating the opposition in defence. With a full squad available Owen would have spent more time in the middle, but once our squad shrunk and injuries affected our structural flexibility his importance in defence increased and that's where he spent most of his time. He was brave and very important for us in the Grand Final when he overcame a dislocated finger to return to the ground and help get us over the line in a tight hard fought match. A courageous act of commitment to the team that many players of this age would not have the mental toughness to push through. Owen is very coachable and disciplined when given accountable roles and this was a big part of the reason he had such a good year. Owen was part of a small group of defenders who we regularly relied on to

provide a confident and reliable defensive unit that frustrated the opposition and was an important part of the structure that made us a successful team this year. Individually Owen was a very big part of our success this year and we missed him when he was absent from the occasional match. He finished high up in our Best and Fairest voting as a result. Owen improved the consistency and penetration of his kicking this year and should continue to focus on it in preparation for next season. He'll take his game to another level by continuing to improve his confidence in physical / contested situations, improving the use of his body in those contests, improving his contested marking and aiming to impose himself on the opposition with an increased number of effective tackles. A very good year!

## JACK DRUERY

One of our Swans Academy players, Jack was looking good in the pre-season, played well in a tough and tight match against Pennant Hills in the wet, but then suffered stress fractures in his feet which ultimately ruled him out of the entire season. To his credit he continued to support his teammates attending every match of the season, despite what would have been a very frustrating season for a highly competitive player who was forced to watch from the side-lines. Hang in there Jack, we'll get you fit and back into the action again next season.

## CALEB ELS

It was Caleb's first year at the Bombers, having previously played his junior AFL at Ramsgate. Caleb's arrival was kind of a surprise, his name just appeared in the team list one day and I had no idea who he was (at this age not too many players arrive out of the blue). He was keen though, he'd registered and promptly loaded up on Bombers gear before I'd even been in contact and was raring to go. On his arrival I observed Caleb to be a tall young man of medium build, not fast but not slow, with reasonable skills and a willingness to compete and improve. Best suited to the ruck and key position roles he was the type of player we needed so I was keen to see how he would go. He was a good trainer, eager to learn and I think he benefited from being in a strong team (he learned from the players as well as the coaches). He improved noticeably even just through the preseason, seemed to cope with the COVID interruptions early in the season, continued to develop and proved to be a handy player for us by the time the season progressed. Caleb had sound ball handling skills, could mark above his head but preferred the ball on his chest early in the season, developed a sound kick and kicked some good set shot goals as the season progressed. Caleb rotated between the ruck and full forward with Harrison for most of the season, but by the tail end of the season had built his endurance and was spending more time in the ruck than forward. Caleb gave us a good contest in the ruck, worked hard when the ball hit the ground, presented around the ground and mostly held good position a kick behind the play in line with coaching instructions. Caleb made a very solid contribution this year and was a big part of the team's success. Caleb gets better by continuing to work on skills generally, overhead / contested marking, in tight handballing and speed / agility to go with the endurance work he was already doing. A very good season!

## MATTYHEW FITZGERALD

Matty (aka Fitzy) has been with us for a few years and now has a few years at Swans Academy under his belt as well. He started in AFL a bit later than many (missed the Auskick development stage) but quickly picked up the game, as evidenced by his Swans Academy selection. Matty has continued to benefit from the additional skills training at Swans Academy and his willingness to work hard on his game has seen him develop into and effective and important member of our squad. Matty is a smaller player, is agile, works hard at ground level, runs hard to present options in space and link up with teammates, and is always mentally in the game. Always thinking and playing to his strengths he regularly

crumbs the packs, often appearing at the back of a pack near goal to mark the ball that carries the contest or swoop on the loose ball and kick a goal. He also improved his confidence in the physical contest this year, especially late in the season when he showed an admirable inclination to throw himself into 50/50 contests against larger players. Matty mainly played forward or on the wing this year where he made a valuable contribution to the team's success. When on the wing he was important in assisting transition from defence to attack before working forward to try and sniff out a goal scoring opportunity, and when playing forward he was an ever-present goal scoring threat on the lead or in broken play. Matty also improved his overhead marking and the consistency of his skill execution this year. Always giving his best, Matty was prepared to run hard all match, provided some spark at around level and added something different to a good team mix (players of different types). Matty's willingness to run hard to contribute was obvious in one particular match. I sent him into defence to play as an extra / loose defender to counter some structural changes the opposition had employed. Then when I witnessed him taking a mark deep in attack I found myself asking other coaches / our runners why Matty was still playing forward. Closer observation revealed Matty was starting in defence, then if we won the ball from the centre bounce sprinting the length of the field to present in the forward line, before sprinting back to defence if we kicked a goal or turned the ball over. Not guite the role I was thinking of but he made it work so we let him run with it! Matty is sometimes a little hard on himself when assessing his own performance, he was a big part of our success this year and should be proud of his efforts this season. Matty will continue to develop with a continued focus on his overhead marking, his contested game / tackling pressure and his first time clean hands ground ball collection (particularly in contested situations). A very good season!

## **RYAN FREARSON**

Ryan has played at the Bombers since he was 5 years old, he is a Swans Academy player and has been one of our best players for years now. He was however coming off an injury interrupted / physically restricted year last year and aiming to build back to his best form this year. Ryan rotated through the midfield and forward line mainly, with occasional stints in defence. He started the year promisingly, his very good kicking skills and smart use of the ball proving valuable. He ran hard to present options when we were in possession and worked hard defensively when we didn't have the footy. Ryan always played a disciplined game in line with team ball movement plans and coaching instructions – he regularly presented as an option through the middle, laterally as a switch option and in the hot spot near goal even if he wasn't always rewarded with the footy. His commitment to the team goals and willingness to sacrifice his personal game to achieve it was never in doubt. Ryan's handball game stepped up this year, his ability to distribute the ball by hand in tight, including using the ball effectively by hand when running away from goal to players moving in the opposite direction, was important and not a skill many players of this age have mastered. Late in the season Ryan suffered an Achilles injury and bone bruising to his heel. Given our tight numbers he rushed back a little early and suffered a calf strain in his next match. That restricted him for the remainder of the year. He managed to play out the last few matches / finals with a significantly restricted running capacity, in a typically team orientated fashion. He still managed to make a solid contribution with some important possessions and his skill execution and decision making was valuable in the finals when he featured in some important plays that defused counter attacking opportunities for the opposition or led directly to goals for us. Ryan's contribution was a significant part of the team's success this year. Improving his overhead contested marking and becoming more physically imposing as he matures physically and catches up in the growth stakes will take him to the next level. A very good year - building back toward elite status!

### **BLAKE KENDRICK**

Blake is in his second year back to AFL after playing Auskick as a young boy, but then missing many seasons when ALF match days moved from Saturday to Sunday. Blake is a tall athletic player with good pace, has good skills by hand and foot and has settled in to the playing group nicely. He is usually focussed and coachable, loves his footy and is clearly motivated to improve which has accelerated his development. He continued to build his game sense and decision making this year, as well as improving his confidence in contested situations which enabled him to play more defensively accountable roles. His combination of height and speed meant he was able to play in key tall roles or mobile small/medium roles in varied positions as the opposition or team structure required. This proved important as his versatility added important flexibility to our key tall structure and enabled positional rotations for rest and tactical reasons. Blake was often used as a tall defender, but also spent significant periods in the midfield (including in accountable defensive roles) and occasionally went forward. His defensive efforts in particular were often key to us repelling our opponents attacking raids and rebounding out of defence – he was particularly good in this respect during our 1 point win over Pennant Hills early in the season. As a result, in important tight games / the finals he spent a fair amount of time in defence, rotating out to other roles (usually the midfield but occasionally forward) as required. He became one of the group of players I relied on to provide the tight reliable defensive unit that was such a big part of the reason we were successful this season. As expected Blake improved again this year with more time back in the game, although he would have benefited further from a full season of footy (wouldn't we all!). He proved to be a very important member of the team and made a big contribution this year. Blake will improve again with more time to master effective use of his body in contested situations, the art of timing in physical contests and the right balance / timing between watching the ball and watching your opponent. Building a capacity to kick on his non-preferred foot would also improve his disposal effectiveness (make his movement less predictable to the opposition). All improvements he's very capable of. A very good year from a player who will continue to improve.

## HARRISON LEECH

Harrison has been with the Bombers for many years now - I still remember him turning up as a really nervous little Auskicker. I've spent years encouraging Harrison in the hope he'd stick at it long enough to build his skills and confidence to the point where he believed he was capable of being a good player who contributed solidly in matches. I'm happy to say he's done that. Harrison took a noticeable step up in the second half of last season when he proved capable of providing a good contest in the ruck and around the ground in key position roles. The unpredictable and interrupted nature of the COVID19 preseason slowed his momentum a little early on. I was pleased however to see Harrison had retained his willingness to compete, get involved and keep learning. This saw him warm back up and continue to develop and contribute solidly in matches. The arrival of Caleb (another Ruck option) saw Harrison sharing ruck time early and spending more time playing as a key forward. Late in the season Harrison spent more time forward (with occasional stints in the ruck), where he worked hard to provide a contest in the air and improved his leading patterns with more time and consistency in the position. In particular, he learned to lead at the ball carrier more effectively (rather than wait for the ball to be kicked to his location) which saw him take more marks and trouble opposition defenders more often. Harrison's development has been pleasing to watch, he made a solid contribution to the team's success this year and should be proud of his efforts. A continued focus on skill execution and decision making under match pressure (eg. getting back off the mark when taking a mark or getting a free kick to take the opponent on the mark out of play), improving his capacity to take contested marks, and working on his agility and endurance would see him take a large

step up and be more consistently influential in matches. He can take that step up if he keeps at it, maintains his confidence and puts in the work. A good year!

## HARRY LINDBOM

Harry is a Swans Academy player in his first year at the Bombers. He played most of his junior footy at Bangor and came across to the Bombers when Bangor didn't get enough players for a team this year. I had seen a fair bit of him over previous seasons, whether it be when playing against Bangor, at Swans Academy training or when I had coached him in the South Rep Team, so I had a fair idea what sort of player he was before he arrived. Harry sits in the small-medium size range physically, is athletic with reasonable speed, good agility and very good endurance. He has good all-round skills, good game sense - reads the play well and is a good decision maker with the ball in hand. He presented as a versatile player capable of taking on small-medium roles in most sections of the field. Harry is a polite, respectful and attentive young man who was a committed trainer and very coachable. I felt Harry would benefit from the opportunity to play in a strong balanced team where he could focus on his role as an individual within the team and get good competitive support from his teammates in matches. Early on Harry spent time on the wing, in defence, forward and occasionally rotated through the midfield. Harry settled into the team well, proved quite versatile and his confidence grew noticeably as he got a few games under his belt in a new team. His confidence in contested situations lifted and his ability to attack the ball at pace and use the ball well by foot on the run was valuable. He also demonstrated good positional discipline, a capacity play accountable defensive roles and assist organising defensively behind the ball. His combination of defensive and attacking ability saw me prefer to play him in defence in the second half of the season with the occasional rotation through midfield. He proved to be a very effective small-medium defender and became one of a small group of important defenders who provided the stability and confidence we needed behind the ball. He was an important and valued member of the team, a big part of our success and we were very happy to have him on board. Harry improves by continuing to build on his ability to attack the footy at pace, lifting his physicality and tackling intensity as he matures physically, and working on overhead/contested marking. A very good year!

## HUNTER PICKETT

is a Swans Academy player having been with us since he first started playing in the latter stages of Auskick. He has been one of the best mobile key position players in the competition for years now, but has played in a team that previously lacked height and size which saw him play in the ruck more than I'd have liked. Hunter started this year bigger and stronger (helped no doubt by a strong training ethic through the off season). There is no questioning Hunters commitment to the physical contest, his ability and willingness to run hard and his elite overhead marking skills. Hunter has always been a good kick, but this year he took his kicking to another level – adding significant distance to his range and more consistency to his accuracy. The addition of Josh, Jonah and Caleb to the squad (additional Key Position / Ruck options) gave me more flexibility and as a result Hunter spent most of his time forward this year, with stints rolling through the midfield as a big bodied midfielder and occasionally holding up a tall defensive role. He proved more than capable in any position, but was particularly damaging when forward where his overhead marking and long range goal kicking gave the opposition nightmares. Hunter has always been a very direct player – see ball get ball - with a tendency to then look to move the ball very directly toward goal. This year at team level I have been emphasising the need for players to look to use the ball via less direct routes, taking 45 degree and lateral options by foot more often (rather than the more obvious path directly at goal), and also to be more aware of the option to handball to a teammate running in support rather than taking on the tackler every time. Pleasingly, particularly in the second half of the season, it was noticeable that Hunter was taking this on

board and making an effort use the ball with more variety. Hunter's high finish in the club Best and Fairest and the fact he was the equal winner of the competition wide umpires Best and Fairest Award demonstrates his consistently high performances this year. Hunter's contribution was a very significant part of the team's success this year. Hunter's improvement comes from continuing to develop the focus on opening his vision and taking good 45 degree / lateral options when they present, but also lowering his eyes to pick out good short options. He'll also benefit from a focus on positional game sense – when playing forward knowing when to push up the field to be the get out kick for our defenders and when playing in defence knowing when to position defensively and when to position to intercept the footy. Hunter clearly had an excellent year!

# **JASPER POOLE**

Jasper was a new addition to the team and completely new to AFL. Jasper was playing Rugby League as his primary sport and was technically an U13, but came down wanting to give AFL a go and play up with school mates he has in the team. Needing to learn new skills, in a very different game while playing up an age group was always going to be a challenge - but he was keen and involved from the outset with a desire to learn and contribute. Jasper actively participated in preseason training despite some uncertainty early on as to whether we'd be able to squeeze him into a large squad of true age players. Luckily in the end we were able to fit him in and he fitted into the group well. Jasper is a medium sized player who was prepared to compete hard in physical contests and involved himself actively at training despite his lack of AFL experience. Then in the preseason Jasper managed to break his arm (non-footy related injury) and was ruled out of contact sports for a substantial period of time. Through this period he still attended matches to support the team and his commitment to the squad was evident. Jasper returned from injury to play forward for us against Willoughby in round 5, where he worked hard and provided a good contest. He took a good mark and converted with a good goal early in that match. Jasper managed to play two more games for us in the run home and qualified for finals. He played mostly forward where he continued to provide a contest, applied good tackling pressure and worked hard on learning a new game. While the task ahead of him would have been daunting to many, it never seemed to trouble Jasper. He tackled every task as best he could with 100% effort and provided a solid contribution in the games he managed to play, including our very tight first final against Cronulla. His involvement was then halted by another injury (this time a broken thumb) and he missed our Grand Final as a result, but typical of his commitment, he was there in support. Jasper's improvement comes simply through experience, with a continued focus on building skill execution and decision making at training and under match pressure over time. A good effort!

# **DYLAN SHIPLEY**

Another player in his second year with the Bombers, Dylan was among our better players last year and stepped up again this year to have a very good season and be a very important player for us. Dylan has settled into the group nicely, has committed to the player group and is a much-loved member of the team as a result. Dylan likes to enjoy himself but was serious and committed when he needed to be. Dylan spent most of his time playing through our midfield, with stints in defence and occasionally forward. Dylan's courage and commitment to the cause could never be questioned, he attacked every contest with 110% effort and intensity, and hunts the ball with tenacity. Dylan has developed good skills, improved his kicking accuracy this year and improved his endurance / ability to produce repeat high intensity efforts (a fair effort when you consider how much intensity he devotes to each contest). While he's always been prepared to put his body on the line and was a real workhorse for us this year, he was also clever in how he used his body in physical contests - which enabled him to take more contested marks. Dylan also improved his goal sense and

was able to hit the score board when playing forward or when working forward from the midfield. Dylan was one of the midfielders asked to carry a heavy midfield load late in the season when injuries and limited team numbers reduced the rotation options. He was however able to lift and was regularly influential at important stages in matches. Dylan also worked on adding variety to his game through increased use of handballing in tight and more varied ball movement patterns. Dylan's efforts this year were a very big part of our successful season and this is also reflected in his high finish in the Best and Fairest voting. Dylan's improvement comes from continuing to work on his endurance, skill execution / overhead marking and decision making (especially in tight / at stoppages – when to bust the tackle and when to handball off?). Like a few other players Dylan will benefit if we get a full fit squad on the field next year and have the depth to rotate him out of the midfield a little more and give him the occasional rest on the bench. A very good year!

# WILL SINGLINE

Will is a Swans Academy player in his second year at the Bombers after transferring in from Hong Kong the year before! Will is lightly built, but has grown considerably to be guite tall. He moves well, has good hands, is a good kick and reads the play well. Will had a reasonable year for us last year, but lost his confidence in the physical contests which reduced his involvement and effectiveness. The key message to him coming out of last season was to maintain a belief in his ability and to work on regaining his confidence in physical contests. To his credit Will spent time in the off season training specifically to address this and it paid dividends. Will showed good signs early in the season that he was building back towards his best form – competing well in 50/50 contests, reading the ball well in the air and taking some important contested marks for us. These positive signs fed his confidence and hopefully his belief that his parents and coaches were on the right track. Early in the season Will mainly played forward or on the wing where he was a solid contributor. Then in round 5 against Willoughby in a tight match, with an important defender away, I moved Will into defence in the second half to strengthen our marking power in the back half and free up a small attacking player to go forward. Will played well in defence, taking some important intercept marks and competing well at ground level. Will came out of the match asking to play more in defence – a sure sign his confidence was back. Then not too long after injury strife struck – Will took on the Rugby League players at lunch time, came off second best and suffered a dislocated shoulder in the process. All of a sudden we were down another valuable player and early medical advice indicated he was likely done for the season, but when we extended our season by a few weeks by winning through to the Grand Final, Will managed to recover enough to return to play. Pleasingly he returned playing with good confidence and was again a solid contributor in our Grand Final match playing an important role as a tall winger. Will's return to form was pleasing to see and he should be proud of making a big contribution to our success this year. Will continues his development by reinforcing his confidence, working on his handball game and continuing to improve ball movement decision making (being more conservative in the defence and more aggressive in attack). A very good year!

# **OLIVER WAECHTER**

A Swans Academy player, Ollie has played with us at the Bombers since the U10s and has been a valued member of the team for years now. He has good skills, good pace and agility, has developed sound decision making, reads the play well, provides a solid physical contest and has developed very good accountable defensive instincts. Ollie has proven to be an ever-reliable defender, capable of matching up well on medium to small players and concentrating on the defensive task for the whole match. He demonstrated a capacity to man up as a priority, but also present as an option when we were in possession and working the ball out of defence. As a result Ollie again played mainly in defence for us, with the occasional run through the midfield and occasional stint forward when match circumstances permitted. In particular in tight matches and especially when finals came around, Ollie was one of the first defenders picked because of his good defensive traits and how well he worked with other regular defenders. The performance of our defenders this year was important, their ability to repel the opposition and start counter attacking plays was a key foundation of our success. Ollie played a valuable role within the defensive group I regularly relied on and he performed well in our Grand Final. Ollie was a pleasure to coach and he is a valued member of the team. Ollie's improvement comes from continuing to build on his solid work in physical contests (continuing to work on clever use of the body) and working on his overhead marking, in particular contested marking. If Ollie can improve his contested marking, particularly against similar sized players, he'll take his overall game up another level. A very good year from a reliable and continually improving player!

# JOSH WALTERS

It was Josh's first year at the Bombers, but far from his first year of AFL. He came across from Bangor when they didn't get enough players for a team this year. I had seen a fair bit of him over recent years and had coached him in the South Rep Team a number of times so I had a fair idea what I was getting. Josh is a tall athletic young man with very good speed and agility for his size. He also plays basketball in rep level teams. Josh is a solid overhead mark, has good skills by hand and foot, has good game sense / in match decision making, is calm under pressure and can run and carry the footy. Josh had played a lot in defence and had well developed defensive instincts with great man-on-man discipline. On top of his raw ability Josh is respectful, attentive and very coachable. Josh presented as a mobile tall key position player with the capacity to rotate through the midfield that would improve our structure and flexibility. You should by now be getting an idea I was very happy to have him on board! Josh settled into the group well and delivered on his potential. He played mainly in key position defensive roles where his ability to defend in the air and also at ground level, then if given any space to attack and use the ball well out of defence, was very valuable. I rate Josh as one of the best mobile key defenders in our competition, as a result he started most games in defence and in tight games spent most of his time defence. However he was also rotated through the midfield at times and occasionally sent into the forward line. He did well when playing through the midfield and was capable up forward, but forward play takes some time to learn (especially when you've primarily played in defence and are instinctively defensive) and he would benefit from further opportunities to play different roles. The reality of this season though was that we played 7 matches of a possible 9, plus 2 finals and opportunities to play out of position were limited in such a short season. A strong defensive unit that works well together is a necessity when building a successful team and its importance should not be underestimated. Josh was a big part of our defensive unit, the foundation upon which we were able to build a premiership team, he played well in the Grand Final and should be proud of his efforts and achievements this year. Josh's improvement comes from continued skills work (focussing on the consistency of his overhead / contested marking and goal kicking technique) and honing his spatial awareness (he's occasionally a little too relaxed when running with the ball under tackling pressure). Josh reached his milestone 100 games of footy this year. A very good year!

# LUCAS WILBERS

Lucas was in his second year back at the Bombers this season, and has played AFL since Auskick. Lucas is a quiet well-mannered young man who was a regular at training and a valued member of the squad. Lucas is quite a good kick, has reasonable ball handling skills and good game sense and has developed a willingness to compete well in contested situations. Lucas is a more capable player than he gives himself credit for. Throughout the year we encouraged him to believe he was capable of making a solid contribution, to think positively and be less concerned about making a mistake. I was pleased to see him increase his involvement and influence in matches this year. Lucas never shirked a contest and was more inclined to get involved during important times in matches. He presented as a lateral option at important stages in some matches (eg. Our first game v Cronulla), facilitating some tempo footy on our behalf when we needed to wind down the clock, and bobbed up in the hot spot when forward to take a few marks for us at important times in matches (including in the Grand Final when he provided a good goal assist by doing just that). He also regularly created a contest / neutralised loose ball contests that would otherwise have been rebound attacking opportunities for the opposition. Lucas played mainly forward and on the wing where he made a solid contribution to our success this year. Lucas was a valued member of the team and should be proud of his efforts this year. His improvement comes from continuing to build his confidence and involvement, working on his overhead/contested marking and in particular his ground ball collects in contested situations (looking to reduce the amount of times he slaps / taps the ball ahead instead of taking possession of it). A good year!

# **UNDER 14YG**

Coach: Derek Singline

Manager: Lisa Bacon



2020 was another first for our girls teams with the bombers fielding our first U14YG team. It was a big step for our U12YG players from 2019, as they were one year older but due to come up against girls 2 years older. What was an even bigger step was the 5 girls who played up in the U14YG but could have enjoyed another year in the U12YG. Those Year 8 girls must have looked like giants to Jordan, Gabi, Nikita, Sienna & Amelie.

Our first game of the new season was against a good opposition from East Sydney, the second game turned into breakfast at McDonalds as we were washed out on arrival at Newtown, and our third game was against a much older team at Glebe who were very strong. Game 4 was our bravest game of the year, as the storms set in late on Sunday afternoon at Maroubra we hit the field against a very high quality team and torrential rain. The weather was just terrible so we packed up at end Q3, but it wasn't before we unfortunately lost Gabi to a season ending hand injury...

By mid season some really positives things were happening in the team. Firstly the girls were committed to training & had started to develop well. We had also started to recruit well & numbers were improving each week. We could really see a big improvement in the way the team were starting to play together, and when we introduced the tackle bag at training something really big happened! They got tough !!

Our first win against Western Suburbs at Ramsgate was awesome! We ran hard, took on the play, and the tackles were ferocious. A well deserved reward for a big effort !!

The next 3 games were against teams stacked with much older girls, but we were very impressed with our team effort and how all our girls were doing what we learnt at training. Good passages of team play started, our tackling shut down key players on the opposition and resulted in us being awarded the ball more often, and we started to get the ball forward. We started to win quarters against these bigger teams. We were improving fast !

Our last game of the season was against Newtown Saints. We finished on a HUGE HIGH with everyone playing hard, tough, and skills were on show. The girls were controlling the play, we were shutting the opposition down, and we were winning on the scoreboard. Our new team members were finding the ball too, and everyone was really enjoying the game.

A great win and reward for our team :) U14YG Bombers will be a force to be reckoned with in '21.

# **UNDER 15**

Coach: Daniel Fluckiger / Assistant Coaches: Kevin Isaac, Andrew Briggs, Michael Lynch

# Manager: Samantha Isaac



Strong start into a challenging season

As usual, pre-season training got under way early. Most of the 2019 players came back and we welcomed two new members, Pat and Kai. The fitness drills helped the boys get back into shape and the coaching team was pleased that the footy skills were still pretty good, despite the break - it was a pleasure to have the group back in training.

The disruptions started even before the regular season got under way. We organised a weekend away with the boys and families to the Kangaroo Valley. The aim was to hold training sessions, spend some time together as a group, clean up a local farm which was devastated during the bush fires and to top it off play a game against the local footy team. Everything was meticulously planned by Sam, our Manager even 'spreadsheeted' rosters for food preparation, etc. - in short it would have been a great weekend away but alas public health goes first and we had to cancel this get-together.

With the unknown if we would even have a first game we continued with pre-season training. The players were very resilient and just enjoyed their time training together. Turned up twice a week and didn't want to leave the grounds but continued kicking the ball around and having fun.

With very short notice the first game was in front of us. We started with the same lineup as we finished last season and the players were all switched on from the first bounce. The two new players integrated well into the team. A solid win was the result of a strong team play and good structure.

A washed out second round, our next game was a carbon copy of the first. Again the players trained hard during the week and were performing very well as a team on Sunday. There was never a doubt that we would win that game.

Then the season came to a sudden stop. Nobody knew if there would even be a third game for our team. Again the boys turned up diligently to every training and put in all their efforts.

At the restart of the season however we weren't as switched on as for the first two games. Despite good efforts of most of the team we could not execute the game plan and team work as previously.

After another loss the coaching team knew that there was time to change a few things in training. Kevin had a chat with the coach of the U17 team and organised that on Tuesday's we could have a combined game towards the end of the training session. Thanks to Andrew we had the luxury of sharing the oval only with U17 for that evening.

The opportunity to play with the U17 team gave our boys the confidence to play with a more experienced team at a higher level. What was apparent though was the way they communicated as a team during the game drill and during breaks.

We knew that our U15 boys had good skills and good fitness. So we took the decision to focus more on the team spirit and positive communication within our team. Calling on the leaders to adopt some of the U17 strategies.

We could start hearing and seeing the change... 'That was nice play, guys', 'Great handball, mate', 'Come-on, make sure you stick to your man' - 'Hi-five, boys' - were comments we started to hear more often. What was awkward in the beginning, became second nature and it was visible on the field during training and game.

The season finished with a close game against the strongest team of the comp, a solid win against Canada Bay and a loss against our rivals the Moore Park Tigers.

We all know it was a challenging season. The boys however handled all of them very well and grew together to become a cohesive team and a great bunch of mates.

Again, as coaches, manager and medic, it was a privilege to work with you boys. Planning for the pre-season is already on its way, get ready for 2021.

# **RILEY MICHELS #21 (CAPTAIN)**

The team was unified in their selection of this year's captain. And Riley stepped up to the challenge again, showing that he is a role model on and off the field. From the motivational speeches at the beginning of every game to the fierce tackles during the match he gave his everything. There is no doubt, Riley is a crucial member of this team.

# SETH ISAAC-O'KEEFE #17 (CO-CAPTAIN)

Despite being in this role for the first time he assisted Riley well with captain responsibilities and motivating the team to give everything during training and the game. He continued his strong game in the back line making sure that the opposing team is not given too many opportunities for scoring.

## AIDEN O'SHEA #2

After a couple of injury prone seasons it was great to have Aiden back in the team for training sessions and games. With his speed and agility he outwitted many of his opponents. Having a good mark and straight kick allowed him to score a few majors as well.

## **BAILEY ROBINSON-ARMSTRONG #12**

When he gets all his skills together he is deadly for all his opponents. Agility, strong marks and straight kicks are all skills of a good player. Looking forward to seeing more of that next year.

## **BLAKE NICHOLLS #11**

In addition to all the challenges the team had to face, Blake had his ongoing foot injury to deal with. Not an easy season for him. When he was able to play at his full potential however his great marks and straight kicks were a real asset to the team.

We all hope that you can deal with these injuries over the break and have an uninterrupted season next year.

### DECLAN KAVANAGH #30

During every training session we saw a big smile on Declan's face. He was visibly very happy to be with the team. This transpired in his efforts in training and during the games. If we needed a quick replacement due to an injury on the field, Declan put his hand up - every time, regardless of the position. He listened to the coaches input and applied it immediately to his game.

### **DECLAN MINEHAN #29**

He has continued to improve his strong performance from season to season. His tough tackles and good marks are an important asset of the team. Mainly played on the wing creating good space for moving the ball up the field.

### EVAN BRIGGS #4

He has come along in leaps and bounds this year, with cementing a great kicking game over the years Evan has also added another string to his bow "his speed" with him being located on the wing for the majority of the year, his speed and skills has been a great asset to the team.

### **GARRETT HOTCHKISS #22**

Only his second year playing AFL he is relentless. During the game he for some reason is always teamed up against the biggest player. This however doesn't phase Garrett at all. It seems that the bigger the opponent, the better he is playing. However there was one brave tackle too many and he fractured his wrist which meant an early exit from the season. The team player he is though, Garrett came to the remaining games and supported his mates from the sideline.

### JAMES LYNCH #1

Continuing from his strong performance of the last two years he again played a crucial part of the 'centre' team. Relentless scrambling for that Sherrin and blocking the opponents to get the ball. A solid performance during every game.

### KAI TAWFIQ #23

After a few years break from AFL, we welcomed Kai back to the team. A bit rusty in preseason he very quickly adapted to the AFL techniques of handling the ball. Impressive marks (no doubt the Basketball helped), made him a go to man in the forward line. Injuries however prevented him to play a full season. Looking forward for some more game time next year.

### **KYE MCSWEENEY #7**

For many years Kye has secured his position in the half back position. His impressive overhead marks and clearance kicks are a great asset for the team. Kye further improved his tackling and takes great pride to make sure he has a clean record against his opponents.

### LACHLAN KOROI #6

After a difficult last season with plenty of injuries, it was all green light this season. No injuries meant the team had the centre sorted. Lachlan was crucial in making sure that we won most of the centre clearances. He organised the players in the midfield and adapted to the opposition very quickly ensuring the footy is travelling in the right direction.

### LIAM MERNAGH #27

Our Centre Half Back, who has a drive to move the ball forward. His overhead marks, contested marks and high disposal numbers are impressive. A fierce competitor around the footy supporting his team mates all over the oval.

### LUKAS MANNS #3 - 100 Games

He had a very clearly defined job this year - mark and kick goals. Lucas was the go to player when it comes to marking the ball in the forward 50. His excellent kicking skills rarely let him down. During the second half of the season Lucas worked on his contested marking and competitiveness which further improved his game. Congratulations for the 100 games milestone.

### NOAH HILL #9

If there would be a trophy of who creates the most space around himself, there would be only one winner. Noah has a great vision when it comes to leading into space and getting the ball to the right player further up the oval. During training and the games he is always determined to give his 100%, taking advice on board and executing for the team.

## OSCAR SCOTT #14

He is often the free man in the forward to back pocket. His agility leaves many of the opposition players stunned which gives him space to dispose of the footy accurately to his team mates. Oscar is confident in marking the ball in a contested situation, which makes him a go to person for transitioning the ball towards goal.

### PATRICK O'DONNELL #20

For a number of years he was toying with the idea to switch code to AFL, this year was the year for him to make the move. And what a good decision this was. Pat impressed the team and coaches during his first game. Relentlessly chasing the ball and winning the footy from the opposition. As the season progressed he went from strength to strength, improving his technique and playing in various positions from the back to the centre and forward line. To top it all off he was able to score as well. Welcome Pat, looking forward to what next year brings.

### SAM MORGAN #15

He continued his solid performance of our ruck man from the previous years. Sam also took on more of the tackling and marking this year, which helped the team greatly in moving the ball forward. He continues to relentlessly chase the opposition players and his fierce tackles meant he often won the ball.

### THEO FLUCKIGER #8 - 100 Games

Once the centre clearance was won, Theo normally got the ball. With his superior height and marking ability contested possessions was his strength. Once he had the footy, accurately delivering it to the forward leads or if there were none, kicking the major score himself was the usual outcome. With the 100 games milestone achieved this year, Theo is one of our most experienced players and has most of the time at least two opposition players fighting against him.

### **XAVIER FABIAN-CARTER #13**

If there was one description for Xavier it would be 'the quiet achiever'. He either plays full back or full forward. In both positions he never stops running and looking for the best position. He single-handedly managed to prevent many goals and on the other end of the oval scored a few majors on his own.

# UNDER 17

Coach: Rhys Vance Manager: John & Lucrecia McKelleher



2020, what a year! From nearly not getting off the ground to playing an abbreviated season, I am sure I am not alone in my thanks that go out to the people that worked hard off the field so that we could have a kick this year, so first THANK YOU! Now on to the playing group, a few changes from the previous year but this group again stood up and took on any challenge thrown at them! I am incredibly proud of this group and how far they have come in the short time I have been privileged to coach them. Week in and week out you blew me away with the maturity you approached everything, every challenge I threw at you, was met with enthusiasm, it was truly a pleasure to coach you men and your attitudes made it very easy to turn up on the cold wet days (Ramsgate game!!) and nights to run around for a couple of hours. Not the result we wanted in the end but I could not be prouder with how we went about the year and it clearly meant a lot to you men with your reactions at the final siren. As always behind every coach there is a manager who actually does all the hard work! Again thank you very much to John and Lucrecia McKelleher! There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and I want you to know that I truly appreciate the time and effort you both put in each week! Lastly thank you to all the parents who put their hands up to help run messages, water, help out in the canteen, Ground Manager, and a very special shout out to our ever faithful Goal Umpire Mike Kavanagh, I think you have done every game I have coached for the last three years, thank you!

Rhys

## SAMUEL BRAINE

One of our new recruits, Sam didn't miss a beat. Never once did he take a backward step and adapted to any position I threw him in. His defensive pressure across the ground and ability to take the game on with pace was very impressive and helped cement his spot as our swingman, half back or half forward, nothing fazed him. Hopefully Sam moves into senior football and continues to develop his game around what is a fantastic base.

# JACK BRAMLEY

Skipper! Again a great year! Your voice at the contest and defensive pressure as our inside mid was crucial for our year. Always a calm voice at the breaks, and ready to go again and again when it was your turn, this attitude and mentality was infectious and often lifted the group in critical moments throughout the year. Hopefully next year we can get you a mouthguard that can stay in ©. A move into senior football will be seamless and hopefully Jack continues to play and enjoy his footy.

## JAMIE CAETANO

League Best and Fairest just about sums it up. Always a positive influence on the men around, be it at training or on game day, through both words and actions. Your dare coming off your player to take an intercept mark or to stream through a pack and come out the other side with the ball in hand and many opposition left wondering what just happened was a pleasure to watch. Maybe one day I will put you up forward but for now we will have to settle on a couple of minutes in the midfield © Senior football is the next step and you are ready to take it with both hands, enjoy.

## HARVEY CROSSAN

First year back after a couple off for Harvey and he slotted right in. His ability to both track the ball and his player made him valuable on the half back, but he also had the ability to run off and get the ball made him a magnet on the half forward. As a coach it was very handy to know that I could throw him forward or back and he will get the job done. It was fantastic to watch Harvey grow his skill set and understanding of the game throughout the year with his outstanding approach to training and games, I hope that he continues this into senior footy and contuse his development.

## **BLAKE COLLIER**

Blake took the lead role in the ruck this year and even though he might not have always enjoyed it, he made it his own! His confidence to attack the ball at pace and take the game on made him a handful in the middle for opposition ruck and then on the occasions he was down forward his work rate was impressive and did not go unnoticed! He continued to develop as the year went on and became a little more accepting of his role in the ruck which was occasionally rewarded with a stint up forward ©. Next year should see Blake assert his dominance in the ruck and will be an asset to the Bombers as he mounts his final campaign for the mighty red sash.

# **RYAN CORDWELL**

Ryan (Lenny) joined us late this year but you would not have known, slotted back in like he hadn't missed a session in three years. His ability to read the play and the confidence to take the game on continued throughout the year and locked him in on the wing all year. There wasn't many tackles you missed this year and your link up play from the back half of the field was exceptional. Hopefully it doesn't take you too much encouragement to continue to play Lenny, as you will be a handy player in any team.

## PETER DE LEEUW

A key part of our defensive line, Peter would always half, if not, win the contest against his opponent, which was often taller than he is. A Coaches dream to have down back. Something that really impressed me this year was his development of an attacking side to his game, taking the game on and moving the ball from defence to offence in the blink of an eye! Moving on to senior football will be seamless for you Pete, and I hope to see you running around annoying forwards for a long time to come.

## **RHYS DUFFIELD**

Rhys, always the first to practice his shots from 50 at training, and impose himself on defenders on game day. He cemented his spot on the half forward early with impressive defensive pressure and an ability to find the goals more often than not. Rhys continued to impress throughout the year by implementing the movement patterns that we had work on at training consistently and eagerness to play two way footy as an offensive player. I hope Rhys continues his footy into senior footy and continues to work on his long bomb.

## RYAN GAVIN

Gavo's Forward Line. Not just for the goals you kicked but also the work you did off the ball, often taking two defenders which opened up space for the rest of the forwards to take advantage. A big left foot to match your voice around the ground and at training, always directing traffic and willingness to give it to someone in a better position saw your game go to another level this year. It was always fun watching other coaches continuously send messages to the defenders with ideas to stop you, not many of them worked. I hope you move into senior footy and continue to tear games apart in the future Ryan.

## **RONAN GRIFFITHS**

Ronan, best way to describe Ronan, swingman, I could put hi, anywhere and he would run out and give it his all! Even if he had never played that roll, Ronan would just simply ask 'soo what do I do?', and then run out there and do it. Got a little more settled in the backline as the year went on with his ability to track his player and halve the contest, tackle anything that tried to run through him, and counter punch with quick running and link up play. I look forward to Ronan continuing his development as a player in the years to come.

### ETHAN HUGHES WOOLNOUGH

The best defence is a good offence. I feel like Etan embodies this, taking the game on from the half back line through intercept marking or running off his player to be a part of the handball chain to get the attack started. He and the other backline boys seemed to be in sync, as they all knew when it was their turn to take off or hold back, and I think Ethan's voice and leadership was a big part of this. Another year of 17's footy ahead and I couldn't be more excited to see him pick other teams offence apart for fun.

# **COREY IVANOVSKI**

Corey continued his impressive development, rarely beaten as our Rock of Gibraltar down back, and happy to take the game on, even from the goal line meant that he annoyed a lot of forwards who were on the receiving end of his palm. It was this attacking style of defence that influenced all around him and encouraged others to play attackingly, which helped us rebound from defence to attack so quickly and often. Hopefully he continues to play into senior footy and we get to see him take his game to another level as he continues to develop.

### **BEN KAVANAGH**

Mister 1%! If you wanted anyone to have your back on the field it would be Ben, always willing to lay a tackle, put a block on, no matter the size/weight differential. Ben continued to develop his inside mid style of play, and crucially, gained to confidence with his skill to take the game on and make sure it was someone with a red sash that got the ball. Unfortunately COVID stop any chance of arts and crafts mate but you truly were a coach's dream and your willingness to do the 'ugly' stuff never went unnoticed. I think senior footy will be an easy step for you to make and I look forward to watching you continue to gain confidence in your own ability and tear oppositions apart!

## **JACK MARTIN**

Jack joined us this year and fitted straight in. His maturity and application to training stood out from the start and it continued to impress throughout the year. He was mister dependable in the middle, with a fantastic ability to balance the inside/outside component of the game. Jacks ability to read the play and be involved in both defence and attack on the through the middle was a pleasure to watch. He never shied away from the contest, evident with a couple of stitches to prove it! I look forward to hopefully seeing Jack continue his development over the next few years.

### LIAM MCKELLEHER

Liam continued to impress with movement patterns within the forward line that caused chaos for defenders, a thumping kick and good set of hands. His understanding of where and when to move has improved dramatically over the last few seasons and I am sure that once he discovers his voice (I know its loud and in there!!) he will make most defenders nervous. Hopefully Liam continues into senior footy and continues on this trend of development as it has been a pleasure watching from the sidelines.

### **RICHARD NOLAN**

Our wing or outside mid, never taking a backward step and more often than not lacing out one of our forwards. Richards ability to be two steps ahead of the play and move the ball with ease back through the corridor when others might not take the kick on, was impressive and enjoyable to watch from the sidelines. I hope that Richard continues into senior footy and continues to develop his game that is already very impressive.

## WILL NORRIS

Late to the season start but slotted right back in. Will continued to develop his all round game throughout the year, an attacking mid that doesn't mind a goal or two (especially the celebrating part) but really honed his defensive pressure this year, often preventing opposition clearances with heavy hitting tackles. Will was often able to break open a game with his follow up work to get a handball receive and take the game on through the middle and use his pace to get the ball to our forwards on the rebound very quickly. Senior footy will be a seamless transition and I hope Will takes the next step and continues to be a pest in the middle for opposition.

## SHAY O'HARA

Well, Shay is the ultimate small forward, leading to space when it's his turn, always at the feet of the tall forward for the crumbs and applying defensive pressure at all stages of the game. I could not have asked for more as a coach, the ball never came out easy if you were around it and often that lead to a turnover and a shot on goal for us, you would never have guessed that this was your second year. That defensive pressure can often go overlooked but I think it is one of the most important things to nail as a small forward! I know that there is a forward pocket with your name on it in any senior team and it will be an easy transition to make for you.

### DARCY O'SULLIVAN

What a great year from the new recruit, rolling through a few positions throughout the year. A stint in the ruck was cut short thanks to a shoulder injury but his resilience and perseverance to continue to learn and develop had Darcy holding down a spot in the backline. With his fearless attack on the ball, bone-crunching tackles and shepherds, Darcy is an asset to have on any team and I look forward to hopefully developing his game further next year in senior footy.

### **JACOB REICHEL**

Jacob continued to impress this year with his confidence in his own ability really starting to shine! He played a vital role on the half forward and helping out in the ruck throughout the year. Jacob's attack on the ball and ability to win or halve the contest was a standout this year, and he was always a focal point up forward and often played like a small forward, picking the ball up off the ground and delivering a wide handpass or moving the ball forward. The way Jacob approaches training and games, I am sure that he will slide right into any senior team and be a valuable asset to any team he plays with.

### **BENJAMIN SHIPMAN**

Benjamin joined us this year and immediately made an impact. His ability to read the play enabled him to shut down his opponent with hard hitting tackles and win the ball underneath and get a handball or kick out in our favour. Always willing to attack the ball and take the game on, it was a pleasure to watch his game play develop as the year went on and I look forward to seeing this continue next year.

## **COOPER TAUNTON**

Another member of our attacking backline, Cooper was always willing to put his hand up to help the team out. His ability to read the play and transition the ball from defence to offense within a blink of an eye made Cooper a valuable member of the backline and handy as our defensive wing. His strong tackling pressure left many opposition looking over their shoulder. Hard to believe it is only his second year of footy, Cooper's leadership on and off the field was evident throughout the year, often taking ownership of training and a calming voice at the breaks. All of these attributes will see a transition to senior footy be very easy for Cooper and hopefully he takes that next step.

## **JACKSON TURNER**

Jackson's leadership and maturity as a player shone this year. As one of our attacking midfield he nailed the balance of inside/outside play, using his speed to break through packs, silky skills to hit a target inside 50 and tackling pressure to lock it in when we needed it. Jackson continued to develop his craft in the midfield throughout the year, often one of the bigger voices at training and helping others with understanding what we were trying to achieve. I am sure that a step into senior footy will be easy for Jackson and I hope to see him running around next year.

# GAMES PLAYED

Name	Surname	Games to End 2019	Club Games 2020	Games Played Up 2020	Rep Games 2020	Gala Day 2020	Total games for 2020	Games to end of 2020
James	Afifiy	0	9				9	9
Owen	Albani	54	10				10	64
Ethan	Albrighton	78	9	1			10	88
Henry	Alcock	0	9				9	9
Chelsea	Allen	5	8				8	13
Tara	Allen	7	8				8	15
Blake	Anastas	0	4				4	4
Logan	Andrews	28	7				7	35
Jonah	Arraj	0	4				4	4
Bailey	Armstrong	53						
Miles	Barkwith	13	8				8	21
Alexander	Batty	28	8				8	36
Samuel	Bauer	14	9	1			10	24
Saxon	Bayley	28	11				11	39
Nathan	Beaumont	16	9				9	25
Eden	Bennie	0	6				6	6
Keziah	Biddle	31	8				8	39
Brennan	Borst	0	8				8	8
Frankie	Bradley	0	5				5	5
Samuel	Braine	0	10				10	10
Hamish	Bramley	39	7				7	46
Jack	Bramley	83	10				10	93
Liam	Breaden	36	7				7	43
Elisabeth	Brealey	33	8				8	41
Jairus	Brealey	61	11				11	72
Aaron	Briggs	45	11				11	56
Evan	Briggs	61	8				8	69
Dylan	Bristow	15	10				10	25
Owen	Burgher	15	7				7	22
Jamie	Caetano	40	10				10	50
Gemma	Carr	0	6				6	6
Liam	Carr	0	3				3	3
William	Carr	0	9				9	9
Charlie	Carrick	24	6				6	30
Oscar	Carrick	39	10				10	49
Ruby	Carrick	0	6				6	6
Amelia	Cochrane	4	7				7	11
Liam	Cocks	0	6				6	6
Myah	Cole	52	10				10	62
Ethan	Coley	2	5				5	7
Blake	Collier	29	10				10	39
Daniel	Collyer	30	8				8	38
Ryan	Cordwell	66	6				6	72
Nicholas	Cornish	0	8				8	8
Harvey	Crossan	0	10				10	10
Sienna	Cummings	13	10				10	23

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Joshua	Dalton	10					10	10
Joshua	Davies	0	8				8	8
William	Davies	27	8				8	35
Jordan	Davis	15	10				10	25
Peter	De Leeuw	138	10				10	148
Henry	Dillon	0	8				8	8
Samara	Don	8	8				8	8
Aiden	Donovan	0	8				8	8
Jack	Druery	91	1				1	92
Rhys	Duffield	0	10				10	10
Elijah	Dundas	24	12				12	36
Jayden	Dundas	35	8	1			9	44
Aila	Edmonds	0	4				4	4
Ryan	Ellis	0	9				9	9
Caleb	Els	0	7				7	7
Xavier	Fabian-Carter	72	8				8	80
Grace	Ferron	13	6	3			9	22
Hannah	Ferron	18	8				8	26
Matthew	Fitzgerald	66	9				9	75
Patrick	Flanagan	10	7				7	17
Edison	Fleming	13	7				7	20
Theo	Fluckiger	97	8				8	105
Lucas	Flynn	29	10				10	39
Thomas	Fraser	0	3				3	3
Jasper	Frearson	0	8				8	8
Ryan	Frearson	102	9				9	111
Senan	Frearson	18	8	3			11	29
Aston	Fuller	0	4				4	4
Jack	Furlong	8	8	1			9	17
Ryan	Gavin	30	10				10	40
Logan	Georges	29	7				7	36
Joshua	Gibson	0	8				8	8
Samuel	Gibson	0	8				8	8
Cobi	Glover	12	5				5	17
Michael	Grant	41	11				11	52
Mitchell	Green	71	13				13	84
Ronan	Griffiths	15	10				10	25
Joel	Grigor	0	6				6	6
Tyler	Grigor	17	11				11	28
Cooper	Guinane	0	8				8	8
Angus	Hamilton	14	11	2			13	27
Joshua	Harrington	13	7				7	20
Dylan	Harvey	46	9				9	55
Eoghan	Harvey	0	8				8	8
Levi David	Herman	0	10				10	10
Samuel	Hewitt	13	7				7	20
Thomas	Hewlett	0	7				7	7
Oscar	Hide	10	7				7	17

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Alby	Hill	0	5				5	5
Adam	Hill	0	8				8	8
Noah	Hill	68	8				8	76
Jack	Homer	12	7				7	19
Garrett	Hotchkiss	11	3				3	14
Ethan	Hughes Woolnough	27	10				10	37
Seth	lsaac-O'Keefe	101	7				7	108
Corey	Ivanovski	88	10				10	98
Holly	Jackson	2	8				8	10
Harry	Jamieson	0	8				8	8
Peter	Katsiris	10	7	1			8	18
Ben	Kavanagh	90	10				10	100
Declan	Kavanagh	82	8				8	90
Blake	Kendrick	17	9				9	26
Lachlan	Kennedy	26	9				9	35
Matthew	Kneebone	0	9				9	9
Lachlan	Koroi	64	8				8	72
Zak	Larsen	0	13				13	13
Kai	Laws	0	8				8	8
Patrick	Layton	11	6				6	17
Harrison	Lee	0	8				8	8
Harrison	Leech	64	8				8	72
lsaac	Leonard	49	11	1			12	61
Asleigh	L'Estrange	0	8				8	8
Grace	Levis	0	4				4	4
Rory	Lewis	12	8				8	20
Joshua	Liddicoat	0	8				8	8
Molly	Liddicoat	12	8				8	20
Harry	Lindbom	0	9				9	9
Billy	Little	0	8				8	8
Kris	Lorkin	13	7	1			8	21
James	Lynch	82	8				8	90
Shiloh	Macfarlane – Anning	7	8				8	15
Lukas	Manns	97	7				7	104
Charlie	Marks-Bradford	50	7				7	57
Isaac	Marsh	13	7				7	20
Jack	Martin	0	10				10	10
Eve	McGinty	24	12				12	36
Liam	Mckelleher	27	10				10	37
Lachlan	McKenna	0	4				4	4
Cave	McKnight	45	9	5			14	59
James	McLeod	41	7				7	48
William	McLeod	14	7				7	21
Куе	McSweeney	74	8				8	82
Cameron	Mernagh	65	10				10	75
Liam	Mernagh	88	8				8	96

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Elliot	Michels	61	1				1	62
Riley	Michels	29	8				8	37
Rohan	Michels	17	11	2			13	30
Alexander	Micieli	36	11				11	47
Xavier	Millen	7	8				8	15
Declan	Minehan	92	7				7	99
Aidan	Mohapp	16	7				7	23
Lachlan	Mohapp	45	11				11	56
Hugh	Monckton	13	4				4	17
Samuel	Morgan	67	8				8	75
Hayden	Mortimer	0	9				9	9
Jake	Mott	10	7				7	17
Joseph	Murray	70	10				10	80
Callum	Newman	11	7				7	18
Blake	Nicholls	60	4				4	64
Richard	Nolan	16	10				10	26
Will	Norris	43	6				6	49
Shay	O'Hara	15	10				10	25
Finn	O'Keefe	12	7				7	19
Jack	Oliver	30	11				11	41
Sam	Oliver	17	7				7	24
Spencer	O'Mahony	0	8				8	8
Aidan	O'Shea	67	6				6	73
Darcy	O'Sullivan	0	10				10	10
Charles	Owens	29	9				9	38
Joel	Pack	0	6				6	
	Padroth	60	9				9	6 69
Darcy		0	0				9	9
Lucas	Pardey	8	8				8	
Ruby Grace	Pakarinen	17	8				8	16
	Parsons	17	5				5	25 15
Harry	Parsons	37	9				9	
Jed	Payne							46
Jett	Pearce	44	8				8	52
Rhys	Phillips	90	9	0				46
Hunter	Pickett			2			11	101
Roman	Pickett	39	11	5			16	55
Ryder	Pickett	36	11	I			12	48
Louis	Pilati	28	8	7			8	36
Zac	Pokorny	71	8	7			15	86
Jasper	Poole	0	3				3	3
Cameron	Price	26	7				7	33
Blake	Rapson	0	3				3	3
Jacob	Reichel	71	10				10	81
Noah	Richardson	48	9	-			9	57
Mason	Rivers	18	7	1			8	26
Zachary	Roberts	13	8				8	21
Bailey	Robinson- Armstrong	53	7				7	60

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Zara	Roper	11	7	3			10	21
Harry	Rowland	0	6				6	6
Owen	Rowland	32	8				8	40
James	Rudzis	62	12	4			16	78
Xavier	Rugless	10	7				7	17
Amelie	Sanchez	0	10				10	10
Isaac	Schippers	40	9				9	49
Oscar	Scott	25	7				7	32
Aidan	Shanahan	13	7				20	20
Dylan	Shipley	16	9				9	25
Benjamin	Shipman	0	10				10	10
Jackson	Shipway	10	8				8	18
Harrison	Shirlaw	11	7				7	18
Grace	Singline	11	8				8	19
William	Singline	14	6				6	20
Zachariah	Sleishman	51	11	2			13	64
Tyler	Smith	18	8	2			10	28
Nanicha	Srimuang	0	6				6	6
Callum	Stansell	68	10				10	78
Alexander	Stephensen	23	8				8	31
Callie	Stevens	6	7	1			8	14
Laila	Stevens	0	8				8	8
Blake	Sullivan	39	1				1	40
Estelle	Swindon	0	1				1	1
Cooper	Taunton	29	10				10	39
Kai	Tawfiq	0	3				3	3
Paige	Taylor	14	6				6	20
Dean	Teixeira Araujo	29	8				8	37
Henry	Thoms	34	8				8	42
Konstantin	Todorovski	0	8				8	8
Billy	Tremellen	13	7				7	20
Mannix	Tuazon	10	7				7	17
Jackson	Turner	45	10				10	55
Georgie	Vine	0	6				6	6
Ту	Vlahos	0	5				5	5
Gabriela	Waechter	39	8				8	47
Oliver	Waechter	54	8				8	62
James	Wallace	0	8				8	8
Spencer	Wallis	30	11				11	41
Luke	Walsh	12	7				7	19
Joshua	Walters	0	9	1			10	10
Alexander	Watson	54	12				12	66
Jacinta	Watson	0	7				7	7
Nicholas	Watson	29	8				8	37
Zane	Watson	26	8				8	34
Jacob	Way	53	9				9	62
Finn	Wheelock	15	7				7	22
Hamish	Wigley	12	7				7	19

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Lucas	Wilbers	22	9				9	31
Carlin	Wong	57	9				9	66
Nikita	Yeremeyev	26	10					36

