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The Official Newsletter of the
Coomera Magpies Australian Football Club

All the information you need to know about our Juniors, Seniors, Womens and Masters,
from results to upcoming games and events, and everything in between.

Coomera Magpies Match Reports

SENIORS

Round 12

Coomera Magpies vs Alexandra Hills Bombers

Coomera Sports Park, Coomera

Saturday 24th June 2017

Final Score

Coomera Magpies: 2.1, 6.3, 8.5, **12.6.78**

Alexandra Hills Bombers: 2.3, 4.5, 9.6, **10.12.72**

Goal Kickers

H. Correa 5, B. Riesenweber 2, J. Williams, D. King, N. Hogg, B. Ackerley, T. Vandenham

Best Players

T. Vandenham, N. Harrison, J. Cooper, Z. Baker, D. Robson-Petch, H. Correa

From The Coach

"With 8 out due to injury and 2 players unavailable, this game was probably our most important game to date. After having 5 straight losses it was important for us to get back on the winners list and keep ourselves in the hunt for a finals berth.

Once again we were cursed by injury as Max Triffett suffered a hamstring injury within the first 10mins. In a tight 1st half of poor skill execution and decision making (from both sides), we went into the sheds with a 10-point lead.

A lengthy delay at the start of the 3rd quarter saw Rossi Ryswyk red carded for the remainder of the game, and with our rotations already stretched we again face another challenge. Alex Hills kicked 5-1 to our 2-2 in the 3rd to take good momentum and enthusiasm heading into the last.

With a few stern words and a reality check at the huddle in what was a frustrating game, the boys responded well. We managed to kick 4-1 in the last to the opposition's 1-6 and with Hayden Correa kicking the sealer to see us take the chocolates by a goal was an exciting finish.

In a very even affair with the opposition in statistics, it was great to finally see us find a way to win especially after a disappointing 5 point loss the week before." Jason Chants

RESERVES

Round 12

Coomera Magpies vs Alexandra Hills Bombers

Coomera Sports Park, Coomera

Saturday 24th June 2017

Final Score

Coomera Magpies: 3.2, 6.4, 7.5, **9.6.60**

Alexandra Hills Bombers: 0.1, 0.5, 2.7, **2.10.22**

Goal Kickers

M. Correa 4, D. Giarrusso 3, J. McNeil, B. Harvey

Best Players

M. Correa, D. Giarrusso, S. Mitting, M. Harris, N. Kelly, C. Rumbles

From The Coach

"It was a great, much needed win for the boys. For the first time this season, we keep a side goalless for the first half, which was a great team effort. To keep them to only 2 goals for the whole game was fantastic.

Some old faces in Sean Mitting and Bowen Harvey came back to help out the side. It was a great team effort, with Shaun O'Neil in the ruck and Nick Kelly in the backline playing well. The back 6 were fantastic all day once again." Jay Powers



WOMENS

Round 8

Coomera Magpies vs Gympie Cats

Coomera Sports Park, Coomera

Saturday 24th June 2017

Final Score

Coomera Magpies: 1.2, 5.4, 7.9, **8.12.60**

Gympie Cats: 0.0, 0.2, 0.2, **0.3.3**

Goal Kickers

C. Dell 2, C. Fletcher 2, R. Holman, N. West, E. Bell, J. Buldurs

Best Players

N. West, C. Fletcher, T. Kelly, A. Appleby, E. Bell, J. Buldurs

From The Coach

"The Gympie ladies turned up on the bus and managed to have 14. As we didn't want them to forfeit, 3 of our wonderful team put their hands up and played for them.

Our ladies turned it on and we dominated from the first bounce. Apart from a couple of very poor kicks at goal, we played great. It was the largest score we have kicked so far and that should send a message to the competition that we are here to play finals. Great effort all over the ground." Phil Littlejohn

MASTERS

Round 5

Southern Gold Coast Lions vs Coomera Magpies

Bill Godfrey Oval, Burleigh Heads

Sunday 25th June 2017

Final Score

Southern GC Lions: 4.3, 8.5, 13.9, **13.11.89**

Coomera Magpies: 2.2, 2.5, 2.6, **4.7.31**

From The Coach

"This week saw us Masters travel south to Burleigh to take on the mighty Southern Gold Coast Lions at the non-friendly football time of 9am. We managed to put a team together with the help of a few handy ring-ins, such as Mark Correa from Reserves and couple from the Lions. We did have a lot of boys not playing, due to

coaching commitments that morning with our fantastic junior teams.

The game was played on a fast concrete like track, which was a big difference from the Coomera Swamp of 2 weeks before. The Lions started off strong; they had loads of run, where a few of our boys actually had the runs due to a few too many drinks and kebabs the night before.

So because of these issues, we did take a good quarter to get into the game, but once the dew dried on the grass we started playing something that resembled footy. Our backline in hindsight played perfect zone defence! We were meant to play man on man but they were too quick and left us in their wake - So Zone it was! Our forward line made the most of the opportunities in the first half but we did kick a lot of points, particularly in the 2nd Half of the game.

We did see our first 12-point goal attempt of the season with Hoff missing a drop kick goal from a set shot 40 out. There is still conjecture on if he meant to kick the drop kick or did he just drop it on the way in and manage to get his foot to it before it rolled away harmlessly. Either way, the crowd went crazy.

Our midfield played really well, with us winning more than our fair share of ball from the ball ups. The Lions were a little slow to pick up on our tendency to hit it to the same spot over and over and over. This allowed our rovers to have first use of the ball and then set up our preferred style of play of short controlled ball. There were mutterings in the crowd after the game that this style of controlled possession perfectly mimicked Hawthorns style during their Golden Days.

The last quarter saw us really take the game on. We outscored and outplayed the Lions in this last quarter, which was really pleasing. It is obvious that the beers and kebab from the night before is a form of slow release energy and enables the 4th quarter resurgence. Now that secret is out of the bag we may see many teams try to emulate this pre-game ritual of the Coomera Masters!

Hopefully, when we play these guys again, we will have some of the speed that missed out on playing this game out on the park. All in all, it was a fantastic game to play in." Ken Lee

JUNIORS

Under 9's

"How good's beating Broadbeach! Yewwww!"

A MASSIVE well done to every kid that pulled on a magpie jumper for the Under 9's today. As a coach and parent I could not of been any prouder of our teams and the way they played football out there over the 3 games, which we all won!

3 games of football, with some kids playing in all 3 games, for 3 comfortable victories over high quality opponents is nothing short of amazing, and I could not think of a better send off for Brendo and his family as they head back to the heartland of footy in Victoria. We will miss you guys and please know there's always a spot for Brendo if you ever come back to the sunshine guys.

The first 2 games were a delight to watch. Sticking to what we know we're good at worked perfectly for our guys, as our pressure & tackling created an abundance of forward entries. This resulted in us piling on a heap of goals early and we simply did not stop! Our man on man defence was faultless and we were clearly the better and far more disciplined team across the first 2 games.

The awards and best players across the first 2 games could of gone to anyone and everyone. But the little legends who scooped them up were Taj Bennett, Mase, Brodie, Brendo, Connor Meikle, Lion Hearted JT, Jayden Ross, Benny Peake & Juddy.

We started off a bit sluggish in the 3rd game, and some of the kids were starting to slow a bit from having played in the previous games. After a few of the kids were asked to be more accountable, and make sure we made it 3 wins for the day, they stepped it up another gear and we were able to run over the top of Pac Power, to the point they started getting frustrated. Our kids responded brilliantly as usual and let their football do the talking.

Awards and best players went to Harry, Kyle, Connor, Brodie & Corey.

Special mention to Lincoln, for fronting up to play 2 games of footy after being up all night with food poisoning. A great contributor and teammate to all of the other kids. Well done Lincoln.

One thing that blows me away with these kids is how they respond when they, for want of a better term "cop a spray". Whenever they are asked to lift, or do more, or try harder they do it. For them at this age to have the ability, attitude and mental toughness to cop it on the chin, go out and bust their guts to prove me wrong shows what a coachable bunch of kids they are. Tip of the cap to you parents.

As a coach it's an absolute dream to have a team of coachable kids who never quit and respond to every request that's made of them. I love nothing more than challenging one of them to step up in the next quarter and prove me wrong & every time without fail they deliver. They might not know it yet, but these kids/this group have a lot of potential and I really am excited to see what they can do if they stick together and continue to grow in years to come.

EXTREMELY PROUD COACHES & PARENTS!

Have a great break guys, stay safe and see you in a couple of weeks." Mick Bradley



Under 11's

Coomera Magpies 10.7.67

Southport Sharks Black 10.6.66

"Our boys came up against the undefeated Southport side, who's closest game was 8 goals. As a coaching group we needed to ensure our boys had a belief that they could win.

We started well in the first quarter with great pressure and effort, our midfield was on top giving us first use. Southport came back hard at us in the second term, finding some holes in our defence and getting away to a lead. We were well and truly in the game, just some simple errors in some vital parts of the ground were costing us.

The boys still had belief at half time, but unfortunately let the opposition dominate the first half of the third quarter. To our credit the boys knuckled down and turned things around with a couple of late goals, and went into the last quarter with good momentum. We were down by 26 points, and the message was that they could still win the game. All that was needed was the first goal of the last quarter. From that point on the boys believed that they could win and kicked all of the goals in the last quarter to win by a point.

What a game it was! This game taught them that consistent effort, belief and teamwork will keep you in most games, no matter what the opposition. The whole group played great games, all doing what was required when asked.

A special mention to Reilly who dominated the game. They are all a great bunch of kids to coach, and will be a strong side if they stay together throughout the next few years. Everyone is slowly learning their positions, which certainly helps create structure on the ground. Well done boys, very proud coaching group today." Rob Templeton



Under 12's Division 1

Coomera Magpies 4.7.31

Surfers Paradise Demons 4.1.25

"A good effort across the board saw us pick up a much needed win. The battle for 4th spot in our competition is going to go right down to the wire.

For most of the game the ball spent long periods in our forward 50 but we just couldn't capitalise as often as we would have liked. It's just a structure issue that can be fixed up by our midfielders and backs, giving the forwards some respect and a little more room to move so they can do their job.

Coaches top five for the day were Jarrick, Kaden, Jailen, Tom, Max. A big thankyou to Riley Johnson from the under 11's for filling in on such short notice. Congratulations to Harry Ison, 50 games, and also Bodhi and Kaden Lawes for reaching their 100 game milestones." Jason Caswell



Under 12's Division 2

Pacific Pines Power 13.2.80

Coomera Magpies 3.2.20

"We travelled over to the power and we knew it would be a tough game. They have 3 or 4 very good players in there side. Our first half wasn't great, but in the second half we were able to stop their scoring and managed a few ourselves.

Overall another strong effort from our lads. I am a big believer that div 2 footy is about developing kids and teaching them that footy is fun. The scoreboard is irrelevant. As always I'm very proud off our boys." Phil Littlejohn

Under 14's Division 1

Coomera Magpies 0.1.1

Coolangatta Tweed Blues 10.1.61

"Another tough week for the boys playing last years U13 premiers. We started the game well and held our own for the first 10 minutes, until Tweed piled on 6 goals at the end of the first quarter. The 2nd term was much better; our back line stood up really well against a team that was clearly a lot bigger and stronger than us. We held them to only 2 goals for the quarter.

After the long break, and with 2 injuries, we were always going to struggle to maintain our efforts from the 1st half. We were under the pump and the game quickly went their way.

I think it is important for us to acknowledge just how extremely impressed we have been with the boys who are continually asked to match up on teams that are so much older and bigger than us. The resilience and determination is amazing and you continue to give us your maximum effort." Nick Adams

Under 14's Division 2

Carrara Saints Black 8.4.52

Coomera Magpies 8.6.54

"We travelled to Carrara this week to take on the Saints, who are sitting 2nd on the ladder so we knew it was going to be a tough game for us. However, this doesn't bother us anymore because we have the same battles each and every week. Our game plan this week was the same as each week, but to take the game on, back yourself and run through the corridor whenever possible.

This was the best game I have seen from these boys this year! When I asked them to take the game on, my lord did they!! Trusting their skills to hit the target, using the corridor, tackling hard, first to the footy, everything we have been asking for, they did it and did it well. The game was close through each quarter, as we went goal for goal with the saints and the game went down to the last minute. We were all on edge as the saints pushed in the final seconds, but we held on to win by 2 points. The coaching staff could not be more proud of this team! Well done; you deserved this one!" Damien Kovarik

Under 16's Division 1

Coomera Magpies 3.7.25

Burleigh Bombers 14.1.85

"We played a very talented Burleigh side and once again we improved with impressive patches of play. Our boys were in the game for longer periods of time, which was very impressive.

Once again we have improved this week and there has been comments by footy people outside Coomera saying how much we have improved from last year. These boys are really starting to understand the processes of Footy. Well done lads.

On a sour note Ben Simper had his jaw broken in an off the ball incident. Ben has been an outstanding player this year and will be missed. We all wish him a speedy recovery." Craig Eckersley

Under 16's Division 2

Broadbeach Cats 13.3.81

Coomera Magpies 3.3.21

"Played horribly for 3 quarters. Didn't listen, didn't do what was asked, didn't mark up, didn't run, didn't hold our lines, got caught ball watching, got drawn towards the ball all the time, leaving players free for Broadbeach. I will take the rap for that, as I mustn't of made the point clear enough that in football those things are kind of essential. We lost to these guys by 25 points last time we played them; this time it was 104 points. We didn't score until the 4th quarter.

Now onto the good points. We played really well in the 4th quarter. New guy Jake Walton never played before, laid 5 fantastic tackles, but once he had the ball he didn't know what to do with it (not his fault). Henry Brent played a blinder at fullback and ruck. Lochie Allen also played well." Troy Turner

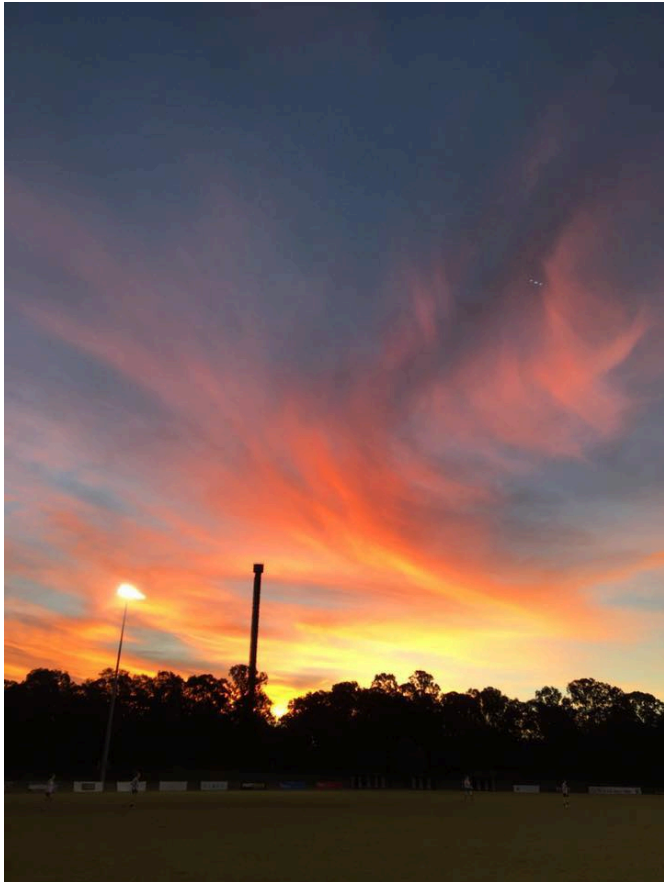
Under 17's Girls

Coomera Magpies 0.0.0

Broadbeach Cats 7.18.60

"The girls played a late Tuesday night game, backing up from a Sunday game, this was to be the 2nd of 3 games in 6 days!

The girls are improving with every game that they play. The defence is working harder every game, and other coaches are commenting on the improvement the girls have been made in short time." Nakia Williamson



Coomera Magpies 2.1.13

Coolangatta Tweed Blues 7.16.58

"3rd game in 6 days! Well to say I'm proud is understatement; the girls just keep stepping up, and to play so many games in such a short time just shows dedication and improvement. The girls are having bursts of just spectacular footy, which is exciting to watch them grow.

Dedication and training will only improve the girls. The tackles were outstanding yet again, and it was great to get a couple of goals on the board also. To see Shona kick her first goal in AFL and the smile on her face is what makes a coach proud." Nakia Williamson



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