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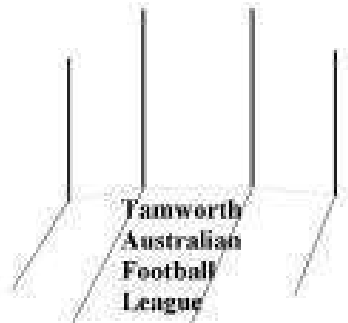


Gerry Griffiths
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Southern Cross Ten

Country Energy Tamworth AFL President's Comment



First week of the finals

Now we arrive at the pointy end of the season. This week's double-header at Tamworth's No.1 Oval promises to provide us with some great football.

The final round of the home and away season that was held last week was typical of the whole year with two games being decided by less than a goal. At Gunnedah, the Nomads looked to have the game in the bag with 5 minutes to go, but the Dogs dug deep to find that extra ounce of effort, scoring the winning goal with only seconds to spare. At Tamworth the hometown derby was also a close affair with the Roos just getting over the line in what was another exciting match. In the other match the Cats struggled valiantly against the much stronger Inverell Saints.

This week sees the Swans taking on the Gunnedah Bulldogs in the first match of the day. This is the elimination final and both sides have much to play for. In the second game of the day, between the Roos and the Inverell Saints, the winner secures for themselves a ticket straight to home Grand Final day. Again the match will be keenly contested.

Before finishing it would be remiss of me not to recognise the work done by Josh McKenzie and Darrell Benfield in organising the Presentation Night last Saturday. This was a very successful night and those who missed it should be kicking themselves.

Congratulations to the three winners of the tied Best and Fairest award, Tony Gillies Medal: Damian Wendt (Tamworth Swans), Sam Naismith (Gunnedah Bulldogs) and Peter Heath (Inverell Saints). Congratulations also to:

- the Southern Cross Ten Rising Star - Jarred Reid (New England Nomads)
- the Gerry Griffiths Medal, goal-kicking award - Mick Viney (Inverell Saints)
- the Sporting Pulse Award - Adam Wright (New England Nomads)
- the Golden Whistle, best Umpire - Jeff Cristani.

Enjoy the weekend's football down at the TamDome.

Adrian Walsh,
President, CET AFL

Ladder

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Rank	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
1	Tamworth Kangaroos	15	11	4	-	1702	1130	44	150.62
2	Inverell Saints	15	10	5	-	1693	1046	40	161.85
3	Tamworth Swans	15	10	5	-	1785	1164	40	153.35
4	Gunnedah Bulldogs	15	9	6	-	1497	1211	36	123.62
5	New England Nomads	15	5	10	-	1279	1218	20	105.01
6	Muswellbrook Cats	15	0	15	-	465	2652	0	17.53

This Week's Games

Minor Semi Final



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Major Semi Final



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Tamworth Swans



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The match of the year in last week's local derby did not disappoint, with the Swans going down by just three points. Whilst reservations are held about a few aspects of that match, none are held in relation to the effort of the team on the day in what was a strong performance by the Swans and a disciplined game from both teams. Last Saturday set us on an uphill detour to the Country Energy Cup, but with key players returning we are confident of rolling on over the next three weeks to the Club's fourth flag.

A shout must go out in congratulations to Damien Wendt, who picked up his second Gillies medal on the weekend, and Veronica Griffiths who was named Volunteer of the Year. Wendt joins fellow Swan Lachlan Rowling as two of just three dual winners of the League's highest honour. Skipper Damo and Mrs V have been tireless supporters of the Swans in their own ways over many seasons and are most deserving of recognition. Gavin Knee and Dean Hoy finished equal runners-up in the goalkicking race, so snaps for them too.

Attention turns this weekend to the Gunnedah Bulldogs, who have been enigmatic this season but will be anything but easy-beats when they hit the turf at Number One Oval with their hard running footy. That match starts at 12.30pm, followed at 3pm by another blockbuster between the Kangaroos and the Inverell Saints. With a menu like that, there will be no better place to be this Saturday afternoon than the northern banks of the Peel feasting on some fantastic footy.

Yours in keeping it real,

Josh McKenzie
Tamworth Swans AFC



Gunnedah Bulldogs

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Tamworth Kangaroos



As asked the Roo Boys stepped up last Saturday and took the minor premier-ship for 2009.

The boys had a few drinks on the night but reality started to kick in early in the night to the fact that the hard work starts on Tuesday night at training. Coach Bishop has the unusual problem to deal with this week that the Roos have not had any season ending injuries. So the real headache is who do we leave out of the finals? Only the coach has the answer to this question.

The saints will be a different side on Saturday compared to the one that beat the cats last week. I noticed a few of their guns not on the field. One can assume that they were being rested for this week. The Roos still have a couple to come in this week and we will be at full strength with those two in the ranks. It will be the normal game between these two sides tough, hard and unforgiving football. A game where fitness and good coaching will be the deciding factors in who wins. Dare I say it but the Roos have a date with No.1 Oval on the 12th of Sept that they intend to keep...Roo Boys by 12.....

Craig Abbott
President
Tamworth Kangaroos





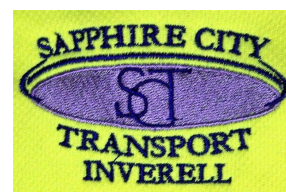
Harvey Norman

After what can best be described as a rollercoaster year, the Saints have earned for themselves a third consecutive Major Semi Final berth. And for the second year in a row, it will be against the Tamworth Kangaroos. The circumstances this year, however, will be very different. The Roos are the form side of the competition, having not lost at all during the last round of matches, whilst the Saints have managed to win 5 of their last 6 but did lose to the Roos in Tamworth in that time.

For the Saints, this weekend looms as the biggest test for this side this year. We seem to just be hovering under the radar, written off by many critics within the Country Energy TAFL, however with some consistent performances in the past few weeks and a growing self belief within the playing group, a good battle seems certain. Co coaches Peter Heath and Dick Gleeson have done a fantastic job since taking over midway through the season in developing this young side. New recruits Beau Ryan, Ben Lee and Keiran Te Velde have become integral parts of the line up, whilst veterans Mick Viney, Shaun Mansbridge and Gary Hadland keep on giving their best every week.

This match promises to be a great showdown between the top 2 teams of the TAFL, especially if past finals matches are anything to go by. All the best to both teams and a reminder to all fans to get out to watch what should be 2 cracking games of Aussie Rules in Tamworth this Saturday.

Nick Baird
Committee Member
Inverell Saints



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"We're Great Together"

2009 PRESENTATION NIGHT

For the first time in Country Energy Tamworth AFL history the Tony Gillies Medal ended in a triple dead. Congratulations to Damien Wendt of the Swans, Sam Naismith of the Bulldogs and Peter Heath of the Saints.

Damien is the Captain of the Swans and a club stalwart. Damien is also a past winner of the Tony Gillies Medal. He shared the award with Nomad Stephen Fisher in 2000. At that time he was playing with the Prime Magpies. The Magpies withdrew from the CETAFL in 2001.

Sam is in his second year at the Bulldogs. After only playing 1 game last year, he has played every game this year. At only 17 Sam has a bright future with the Bulldogs and they will do everything they can to keep his development going. It is not beyond a doubt to think Sam may win again in his own right.

Peter came to the Saints this year from the Glenmore Club in the AFL Capricornia in Queensland. Peter is well respected at the Saints, so much so they made him Co-Coach when the opportunity arrived. At 25 and with a lot of football in front of him the Saints will be doing everything they can to keep Peter in the district for years to come.

The Gerry Griffiths Medal for 2009 was won by the Saints Mick Viney. Mick need 7 goals in the last game to win this years medal. He wanted to make sure won though and kicked 14 goals setting a new Saints Club Record. Well done Mick.

The Southern Cross Ten Rising Star award was won by the nomads Jared Reid. Jared is only 18 and in his first year with the Nomads has played every game. Congratulations Jared.

The Sporting Pulse award this year was won by the Nomads Adam Wright. 25 year old Adam came from the Royal Park Football Club in the Maryborough Castlemaine District League. Well Done Adam.

The 2009 AFL NSW/ACT Volunteer of the Year award this year went to Mrs. Veronica Griffiths. Mrs. Griffiths has been a great servant of the Swans and the CETAFL. Married to former president and life member Gerry Griffiths she never had a chance not to be involved. The Swans are lucky and proud to have her at their club. Congratulations Mrs. Griffiths.

Inverell Saints

<u>Votes</u>	<u>Name</u>
10	Peter Heath
9	Joe Kimmince
7	Michael Corley
5	Jono Elphick
3	Stewart Walker
3	Mick Viney
3	Gary Hadland
3	Darren Pithers
2	Dan Corcoran
2	Dick Gleeson
2	Shaun Mansbridge
2	Beau Ryan
1	Tom Williams
1	Fraser Hughes
1	Jason Gobbert
1	Jack Lawton
1	Matthew Barnett

Muswellbrook Cats

<u>Votes</u>	<u>Name</u>
3	Stuart McAdam
3	Quinton Foxcroft
3	Adam Warner
1	Kenneth Garland
1	David Howard
1	Grant O'Leary
1	Mark McLaughlin

Gunnedah Bulldogs

<u>Votes</u>	<u>Name</u>
10	Sam Naismith
6	Scott Hardy
6	Josh Hack
6	Paul Brown
5	Josh Edwards
5	Shane Higgins
3	Chris Hayden
2	Farran Lamb
2	Andrew George

Tamworth Kangaroos

<u>Votes</u>	<u>Name</u>
9	Tim Cotter
8	Michael Filosi
7	Dan Overeem
7	Patrick Walton
5	Ben Coombes
5	Luke Robinson
4	Paul tapper
3	Daniel Ray
3	Cameron Douglas
3	Andrew Hawkins
1	Daniel Johnson
1	Ian Leys
1	Mitch Penberthy

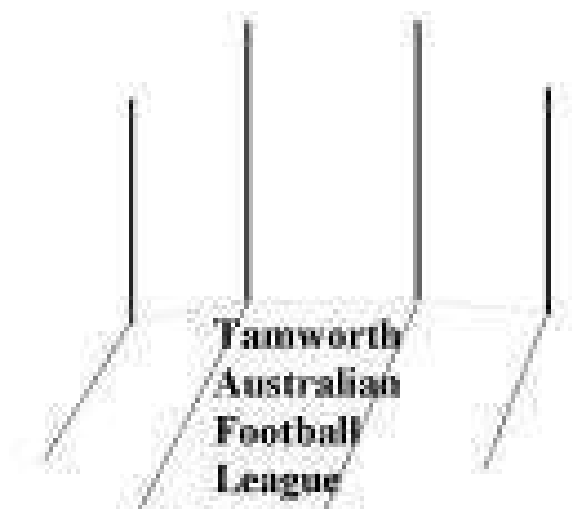
Tamworth Swans

<u>Votes</u>	<u>Name</u>
10	Damien Wendt
9	Lachlan Rowling
6	Gavin Knee
5	Josef Atkinson
4	Jason Darcy
3	John Robinson
3	Dean Finlay
3	Andrew Donohue
2	Josh McKenzie
2	Richard Green

New England Nomads

<u>Votes</u>	<u>Name</u>
9	Matt Maxwell
5	Adrian Walsh
4	Omphile Temoso
4	Hamish Pearce
4	Adam Wright
3	Jared Reid
2	Soloman Hanks
2	Clinton Ballagh
2	Jay Wright
2	Nick Shultz
2	Sam Trotman
1	Johnathon Frost

Umpires



COMMENT NOT SUPPLIED

Umpires List

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Name
Graham Brown
Gerry Griffiths
Lindsay Brash
Robin Dobos
Mark Storey
Jeffery Cristani
Mark Stocker

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Swans Team List

Umpire - Graham Brown

Number	Name
1	Dean Hoy
2	Gavin Knee
3	Joey Atkinson
4	Travis Brown
5	Jason Darcy
6	Josh McKenzie
7	Leif Smith
8	Dean Finlay
9	Andrew Donohue
10	Glenn Squires
11	Damien Wendt (C)
12	Nick Green
14	Even Griffiths

Number	Name
15	Dane Miller
17	Simon Freer
19	Tristan Jones
20	Andy James
22	Daniel Butcher
23	Lachlan Rowling
24	Sam Shelton
25	Carl Shave
26	Janson Doughty
27	Mitch Forrester
28	Andrew Stevenson
35	Mitch Firth
39	Richard Green

Bulldogs Team List

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Umpire - Robin Dobos

Number	Name
1	Andrew George
2	Stuart McVittie
3	Richard Avendano
4	Luke Kelly
5	Chris Hayden
6	Michael Stevenson
7	Paul Brown
8	David Vidovic
9	Josh Edwards
10	Arlo Pryor
11	Scott Hardy
12	Adam Rees
13	Peter Chapman
14	Matt Baker
15	Aaron Donnelly

Number	Name
16	Adam Waugh
17	Josh Hack
18	Pat Lebreux
19	Ben Middlebrook
20	Garry Briggs
21	Daniel Hunt
22	Duncan Hill
23	Paul Christie
24	Mark Ewington
25	Brendon Lemon
26	Matt Nazzari
27	Sam Naismith
29	John Woolaston (C)
30	Troy Garling

Kangaroos Team List

Umpire - Lindsay Brash

Number	Name
1	Cameron Douglas
2	Daniel Overeem
3	Mitchell Douglas
4	Col Daye
5	Marshall Douglas
6	Patrick Walton
8	Lynden Cini
9	Ian Leys
12	Daniel Ray
13	Luke Robinson
14	Lachlan Morrison
15	Ryan Painter
17	Ben Kennedy
20	Daniel Johnson
21	Chris Spencer
22	Richard Wales
23	Brad Snowden

Number	Name
26	Ben Coombes
28	Michael Filosi
29	Ian Clements
30	Andrew Hawkins
31	Tim Cotter (C)
32	Mitchell Penberthy
34	Stephen Laub
35	David Richards
36	Neil McLean
37	Paul Tapper
38	Vincent Woodgate
41	Ben Reyne
42	Jim Guilfoyle
43	Tony Bishop
44	Stuart Hawke
45	Duane Shawcross
48	Drew Murden
50	Mark Barrow

Saints Team List

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Umpire - Mark Stocker

Number	Name
1	Jack Lawton
2	Tom Williams
3	Peter Heath
4	Pete Dunlop
5	Mick Corcoran
6	Darren Pithers
7	Fraser Hughes
8	Ben Mutimer
9	Bruce Wall
10	Shaun Mansbridge
12	Beau Ryan
13	Adam Rooney
14	Mick Corely
15	Dick Gleeson
16	Keiran Te Velde
17	Joe Kimmince

Number	Name
20	Matt Harrison (C)
21	Jonathon Elphick
23	Chris Whitton
24	Dan Corcoran
26	Ben Lee
27	James Williams
28	Alex Dasey
32	Sam Kimmince
33	Jason Gobbert
34	Gary Hadland
35	Justin Pay
36	Corey Borthwick
37	Chris Pay
39	Nick Baird
40	Mick Viney

PLAYERS

CODE OF CONDUCT

Play by the rules – the rules of your Club and the laws of the game.

Attend training sessions and matches at times advised by the Club. If unable, for a valid reason to do so, players will inform the club as soon, as is practical.

Act respectfully toward the officials and players of their own opposing Clubs.

Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match and club officials.

Treat all players with respect, as you would want them to treat you.

Act respectfully towards match officials at all times. Abusive language is unacceptable.

Avoid individual or collective behaviour, which may reasonably be held by spectators to be offensive.

Avoid all acts likely to incite spectators to violence or disorder.

Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or the Tamworth AFL.

Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the Tamworth AFL.

Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.

Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

CODE OF CONDUCT

Remember that you are for there for the participants to enjoy the game.

Encourage participation, but don't force it.

Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.

Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters are there to support not downgrade.

Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires, administrators and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.

Never publicly criticise umpires, rather raise personal concerns with club officials in private.

Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.

Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.

Abusive language is unacceptable.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Set a good example and display utmost honesty and integrity in all dealings.

Teach fair play and good sportsmanship.

Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and character.

Be reasonable in demands, setting goals and expectations at an attainable level.

Maintain a current knowledge of the rules of the game.

Teach and interpret the laws of the game to the players.

Never ridicule players.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.

Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skill.

Ensure that all players understand the importance of regular attendance at training and positive attitude at training and that team selection throughout the season, including the finals, may be influenced by their training attendance and attitude.

Ensure that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention and that doctor's orders are strictly adhered to.

Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare on my players.

Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play.

Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.

Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the Tamworth AFL.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.

Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or to the Tamworth AFL.

ADMINISTRATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to Australian Football.

Create pathways for people to participate and develop through the sport not just as players but also as coaches, umpires and administrators.

Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability of the participants.

Establish that qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique provide adequate supervision.

Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.

Assist all participants in Australian Football to know and understand the rules.

Set a conduct example for others to follow.

Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.

Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or to the Tamworth AFL.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.

Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, medical staff and players, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.

OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.

Be honest in your assessment of situations.

Be consistent and courteous in calling all infractions.

Condemn deliberate fouls as being unsporting and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.

The health and safety of the players must be the most important reason to be weighed in during the decision making process.

Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.

Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.

Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and/or interpretation of the rules as laid down by the AFL.

Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Last Round's Results

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Round 15

Kangaroos 2-2-14 8-7-55 12-10-82 15-12-102

Swans 4-5-29 6-7-43 10-9-69 15-9-99

Kangaroos:

Goal Kickers: P. Walton 4, D. Overeem 3, A. Cruickshank 2, C. Douglas 2, T. Cotter, M. Barrow, A. Hawkins, L. Morrison

Best Players: T. Cotter, D. Overeem, B. Reyne, A. Hawkins, I. Leys, M. Douglas

Swans:

Goal Kickers: G. Knee 4, S. Freer 3, J. Darcy 3, J. Doughty 2, D. Hoy, J. Robinson, J. Atkinson

Best Players: A. Donohue, L. Rowling, G. Knee, S. Freer, J. McKenzie, D. Finlay

Bulldogs 4-6-30 5-9-39 7-12-54 10-17-77

Nomads 3-3-21 5-12-42 7-13-55 10-16-76

Bulldogs:

Goal Kickers: S. Higgins 4, S. Naismith 2, A. Donnelly, S. Hardy, F. Lamb, M. Nazzari

Best Players: J. Woolaston, A. Waugh, S. Higgins, P. Chapman, P. Christie, J. Hack

Nomads:

Goal Kickers: C. Dobos 5, S. Trotman 2, A. Walsh 2, T. Walsh

Best Players: A. Wright, M. Maxwell, H. Pearce, J. Reid, J. Frost, C. Dobos

Saints 10-4-64 14-5-89 18-13-121 25-19-169

Cats 1-2-8 4-3-27 6-5-35 8-5-53

Saints:

Goal Kickers: M. Viney 14, B. Ryan 4, J. Kimmince 2, N. Baird, M. Heath, P. Dunlop, D. Corcoran, J. Pay

Best Players: B. Ryan, D. Corcoran, M. Viney, B. Lee, S. Mansbridge, J. Kimmince

Cats:

Goal Kickers: S. McAdam 4, A. Warner, A. Griffiths, G. Ellis, J. Bower

Best Players: A. Warner, D. Howard, J. Bower, S. McAdam, S. Mullane, A. Griffiths

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COUNTRY ENERGY TAFL LEADING GOAL KICKERS

NAME	GOALS	CLUB
Mick Viney	59	Saints
Gavin Knee	51	Swans
Dean Hoy	51	Swans
Dan Overeem	41	Kangaroos
Weston Whitby	33	Nomads
Farran Lamb	33	Bulldogs
Shane Higgins	33	Bulldogs
Pat Walton	33	Kangaroos
Tim Cotter	31	Kangaroos
Stuart McAdam	31	Cats