

Presidents Report....#4

There is no doubt that one of the most pleasing things about belonging to a Football Club or any Club for that matter is when things come together, you get a great feeling of achievement.

This feeling should be felt by everyone involved in getting this Club up and running on a Saturday.

I am sure to leave someone out but this is how I saw our Saturday home game effort.

I suppose Saturday really starts on a Friday when Peter Hamilton and Tony Austin mark out the ground (no small job). By the time I arrive on Saturday morning Peter has been down to open up the rooms and make sure all is right.

Ken Cattanach has organized the gate, checked the bar and arranged the stock. The girls have fired up the canteen, organized the food, put on the urn and have started serving the Under 18 parents.

Leigh Hutton is cutting up the onions and getting everything ready for the barbecue.

The Under 18's are underway thanks to Rebecca, the Team Manager, organising the time keeper, scoreboard and interchange steward.

Ken is now busy stocking the bar, topping up the till with change and overseeing the "Can Bar".

The girls are now flat out in the canteen and Leigh is starting to fire up the barbecue. These people are flat out all morning and all afternoon. They go about their work without complaining or fuss.

What appears to most to be a smoothly run service is being driven by these people that work tirelessly during the day to make it all happen. I think Leigh's day starts about 9.30 and finishes about 3.30. The girls in the canteen don't finish till about 6.30 at night.

In between all this Neil Landry is serving behind the bar, Ken is busy accounting for all the money, Debbie and Peter are arranging afternoon tea and helping with the bar, Harey and The Postie are Team Managing and Time Keeping, Noel Fergus working with the past players, Alan and John are working on the gate, Kenty helping Leigh with the barbecue and Harey logging the scores in after the game.

Then when the players come off the ground, the bar fires up. Ken, Peter, Debbie, Rob & Neil are at it again.

The canteen arranges food for the players. By the time they clean up it's about 6.30.

It's an amazing operation when you take into account our training staff who works tirelessly on the ground.

Apart from our trainers all the work is done by voluntary labour. The best thing about our Club is that you get the feeling that everyone appreciates the work being done.

AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES A GOOD CLUB. HARD WORKING PEOPLE THAT GIVE UP THEIR TIME TO MAKE IT ALL COME TOGETHER.

Talking about a good Club, how good was Saturday night? The players group, Diddles, Corey, Darren, Damien, Jay and Pendles along with the President Plugger, achieved a magnificent result.

It was highly entertaining and very profitable. They tell me that all this was only achievable with the help of Julie Littlechild and Robyn Thorpe. When you add in Peter & Debbie, Ken & Kerry, Neil & Rob, the master Dave Thomas and Leanne Russo it was one of the best events seen at this Club for a long time - Can't wait to see the calendar.

Mark Thorpe President Mt Eliza Football Club.

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"<u>MATCH REPORTS</u>"

<u>Seniors</u>

Rd.7 v Hastings

Hastings 12.4.76

Lost to Mt.Eliza 16.15.111 – C.McIntyre 5, C.Hamilton 3, J.Davies 3, T.Strickland 2, J.Anstey 1, R.Heasley 1, A.Littlechild 1

The game started off pretty slowly with the first goal coming after 10 minutes when Rohan Heasley handballed over to Corey Hamilton who goaled from close in. This was followed by another, when Heasley received from Cam McIntyre from the bottom of the pack and slotted another.

Hastings kicked their only goal half way through the quarter. McIntyre was set up by a great kick across the body by Hamilton to kick his first. We held a 4.5 to 1.0 quarter time lead, but lost the Skipper to a calf injury and he would take no further part in the game. Darren Booth dominated the quarter with 10 possessions and 5 marks and Goodale and Thorpe collected 8 each. Heasley, McIntyre and Adam Littlechild were providing great contests up forward and the backs were solid.

Hastings kicked the first goal of the 2nd quarter after 3 minutes before we answered with 3 in 5 minutes – Booth passed one to an unmarked Strickland who goaled from 40, Davies received a free kick and goaled and Stricko kicked another off the ground in the square, after great attack on the ball and pick up by McIntyre.

Hastings kicked another as the quarter approached the half way mark, then a Matt Neratzoglou shot for goal fell short and Josh Davies goaled off the line. Damo Russo dished one out to Littlechild who kicked off one step from 40 out to extend the margin to over 6 goals. Hastings ran down the middle of the ground to kick another, a great low down pass from Russo to Hamilton resulted in another, before Hastings kicked the final goal of the quarter at the 32 minute mark. Russo picked up 9 touches and Booth, M.Neratzoglou and Goodale each had 7. At half time we held a 10.5 to 5.2 lead. The 3rd quarter was ordinary to say the least, as Hastings kicked the first 4 goals, one from a free and another from a mistake deep in defence. The margin was now back to 14 points. We managed to kick the last couple of the quarter with McIntyre marking and goaling from 35 out, after a Heasley kick forward and Davies marked and kicked truly after the siren. We only had 54 possessions for the quarter (After having 94 and 82 in the first couple) with Russo picking up 6 of these.

Although we held a 26 point lead, Hastings kicked the first of the last quarter after another mistake deep in defence. A quick snap forward from Jack Anstey saw McIntyre mark and kick his 4th and Hamilton kicked a great running goal from the boundary to put them away finally!

Hastings kicked a goal after a dubious mark was awarded, before a great Heasley tackle saw him rewarded with a free and he kicked a long 50 metre goal. They kicked another goal from a free kick before McIntyre booted his 5th after receiving a pass from Davies.

Darren Booth picked up 30 touches and 9 marks, Goodale had 21 and McIntyre with 5.3 and 9 marks, Hamilton 3.0 and Davies 3.1 were impressive. Jay Neratzoglou and Damien Russo were also important players throughout. With a man down for pretty much the whole game, the final margin of 35 points was a handy one, but we did have twice as many scoring shots than the opposition.

A full four quarter effort is required more regularly - Rd.8 saw this eventuate!

Rd.8 v Chelsea

Mt.Eliza 18.18.126 – M.Dunne 5, J.Davies 4, A.Littlechild 2, D.Russo 2, C.Hamilton 2, L.House 1, S.Wettenhall 1, J.Anstey 1

Defeated Chelsea 8.9.57

Chelsea kicked the first from a free kick after 3 minutes before we kicked the next 3 goals. Handballs from Chris King to Adam Littlechild, saw Josh Davies snap one on his left, Matty Dunne snapped another from close in and we then saw 'Big House' mark in the square and slot one through.

Chelsea replied with a goal on the run from 30 out to bring the margin back to just 8 points in a fairly evenly contested first quarter. Housey was great in the ruck and was involved in two of our goals, the intensity on the ball was high, but the disposal going forward wasn't all that great.

'Chook' Goodale picked up 12 possies and Thorpe (8) and King (7) were working hard through the back line. The 2nd term started with Housey and Littlechild combining for the first couple - Firstly a pass and then a long kick forward by House saw Diddles kick one from 30 out and then take a strong mark between the goal and point posts to kick another.

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"<u>MATCH REPORTS</u>" cont'd

A Chelsea error from a full back kick in saw Josh Davies mark and goal from the pocket.

Another Chelsea kick in error saw Damien Russo kick a long one from 50 out. The wheels were quickly falling off the Chelsea bus as the margin had blown out to over 5 goals half way through the term.

Chelsea hit back somewhat with the next 3 goals, 2 of these from our mistakes. A quick kick forward by Sam Wettenhall saw Dunne mark and goal on the line and a great tackle from Littlechild saw Dunne kick his 3rd on the siren. The work rate was terrific in this quarter, the tackling pressure was good and there was good run through the middle. Housey (9 possies) and Matty Neratzoglou were winning their ruck contests well, Healsey collected 9 touches and Goodale had 17 to half time.

With a 27 point lead going in to the 3rd term, we started well when Jack Anstey snapped one from the goal square, then Corey Hamilton ran in and goaled. Hamilton fed one off to Dunne who kicked his 4th from close in before a great tackle by McIntyre on the boundary resulted in Hamilton snapping another. Josh Davies then kicked a brilliant left foot goal from the boundary to see the margin over 9 goals.

Chelsea kicked their only goal from a free kick near the siren.

Great tackling (21), harassing and chasing set up this hefty lead. Heasley gathered 7 possies for the quarter and Anstey with 4 tackles was tremendous.

JG expressed that he wanted the intensity and discipline to continue in the final quarter.

Inside the 1st minute Heasley, Anstey and Booth gained the clearance and Dunne marked and kicked his 5th. Davies then booted another in the pocket, before former Mt.Eliza player Chris Edgar finally made a mark on the game kicking his only goal. (Not a great return to Madsen Reserve it would be fair to say!)

Anstey handballed to Damien Russo who kicked his 2nd for the game deep into time on.

The final margin was 69 points in an outstanding team performance. Great intensity was displayed all day, we dominated the clearances through House, Goodale, Anstey and Russo and the backline of King, Austerberry, Neratzoglou and Thorpe really stood up.

Leading possession getters were Goodale, Booth and Heasley with 22 apiece, whilst Dunne collected 19, 9 marks and kicked 5 goals 4. Josh Davies was elusive all day with his 4 goals straight.

Talking to a former Chelsea Coach following the game, apparently they had 4 'Star' players out of their lineup.... They looked pretty much at full strength as far as our coaching staff was concerned!!

Reserves

Rd.7 v Hastings

Hastings 7.7.49

Lost to Mt.Eliza 8.20.68 – L.Walker 2, M.Austin 2, T.Johnston 1, N.Brodie 1, A.Carratello 1, M.Hoffmann 1 Round 7 saw the reserves win 2 games in a row for the first time in 2008 with a 19 point win over Hastings in cold and blustery conditions.

Our attack on the footy early on was excellent and our pressure was great. We trailed at quarter time but had played the much better footy and this continued throughout the game.

Although the scoreboard did not reflect our dominance I thought we played our best team orientated footy of the season and only struggled with conversion and from 28 shots at goal we finished with 8 goals 20 behinds.

Leigh Walker put together his first 4 quarter performance of the season and kicked 2 himself and had a hand in a couple more with his attack on the footy being first class and his ball handling very good in the sometimes slippery conditions.

Heath Barclay was our most consistent player for the afternoon and racked up touches while Liam Johnston, Matt Hoffmann and Damien Kent played their best games for the season.

Best Players: Heath Barclay, Leigh Walker, Liam Johnston, Damien Kent



"MATCH REPORTS" cont'd

Rd.8 v Chelsea

Mt.Eliza 15.18108 – B.Landry 3, M.Sabbatucci 3, L.Walker 2, D.Kent 2, D.Thomas 1, M.O'Shea 1, M.Austin 1, N.Brodie 1, R.Cranwell 1

Defeated Chelsea 2.3.15

Round 8 saw the 2's have their third win in succession as we outplayed a struggling Chelsea to run out winners by close to 100 points.

We had 9 shots to 1 in the first term as our midfielders controlled the game. We had another 9 scoring shots in the 2nd term and led by 10 goals at half time. Our midfielders were dominating the game and had constant targets up forward in Nathan Brodie and Ben Landry who were marking everything that came their way.

We now sit at 5 wins and 3 losses as we enter the most important 4 weeks of the season thus far against sides around or above us.

We have played some really good team focused running footy over the last few weeks and have the confidence and talent to mix it with any side in the competition this year so our test will be to see if we have the mental application required

Best Players: Ben Landry, Damien Kent, Nathan Brodie, Mark O'Shea, Tim Johnston

Under 18's

Rd.7 v Hastings

Mt.Eliza 19.18.132 – D.Barton 3, G.Wood 3, J.Grant 3, L.Marshall 2, J.Egan 2, D.Emmons 2, K.Emmons 1, S.Burnell 1, H.Whitty 1, B.McMurray 1

Defeated Hastings 2.1.13

Best: David Barton, Bryce Hayes, Ricky Plummer, Harry Whitty, Tim Sherrard

At last we manage to get 2 full squads on the ground and what happens? We have 2 wins! Bugger me.

The Colts beat the top team and demonstrated that places in the "A" team cannot be taken for granted. I can tell you quite clearly that competition for spots in the team will be what makes us strong as we try to win enough games to get us in the finals.

A win against Hastings on their ground may look easy on paper, but they had come to play and opened the game having a real crack. By quarter time we had established a 6 or 7 goal lead that we built on thereafter, going on to a pretty impressive win.

Our game is improving week by week, and we'll need it to if we want to play finals. Woody, Westy and Hazza all showed flashes of brilliance and Juzzy and Tim Sherrard continued on from last week. But the best thing was the evenness across the board. Everyone was rotated and/or shuffled around the ground, and everyone stood up. A home game this week will provide everyone with the opportunity to show Dave that they want to be part of a pretty exciting team.

Rd.8 v Chelsea

Mt.Eliza 10.13.73 – D.Emmons 3, M.Drummond 2, S.Barnes 2, M.Perry 1, T.Sherrard 1, J.Anwyl 1 Defeated Chelsea 5.10.40

Best: Marc Westcott, Dylan Emmons, Bryce Hayes, Jye Luby, Tim Clarke

The boys got off to a flyer with Westy brilliantly tapping the ball to a running Bryce Hayes who then delivered to Timmy Sherrard who converted a major.

The game continued in the same fashion for the majority of the match.

The boys played their best three quarters for the season, with a small hiccup in the third.

The dominance was lead by Westy who did not lose a tap for the day - This made it very easy for the rest of the team to step up.

In the end the scoreboard didn't reflect the actual performance so maybe some goal shooting practice is needed! To some it up - A great win.

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"<u>MATCH REPORTS</u>" cont'd

<u>Colts</u>

Rd. 8 v Langwarrin

Mt.Eliza 10.6.66 – T.Simpson 3, M.Drummond 1, J.Franks 1, T.Marshall 1, M.Perry 1, J.Toebelman 1, S.Barnes 1, D.Bellsmith 1

Defeated Langwarrin 7.8.50

The first quarter saw the boys start the game well, with our talls, Mitch and Sammy, rucking the ball beautifully to our smaller players Jacko and Titch. From the first bounce of the ball, we had the endeavour to force the ball deep into our forward line for a score.

With pressure from MD and Matt Perry to keep the ball down there, our scoring shots started to flow, and when the ball did eventuate from the forward line to the back line, Lubes, Simmo and Tolliday were able to clear the ball from the back line. We had one simple rule, play straight down the line and kick long to the goal square, and the entire team followed that rule.

The second quarter was a huge step backwards for the boys, with a lack of discipline following the game rules set out prior the match. With Langy starting to put the pressure back on our boys, we very quickly found out how a game can turn and the emphasis was put back on our own players. Once again, we needed to rely on Mitch Drummond, Sam Barnes and Josh Webster to do the hard work in keeping us within reach of Langy at half time.

When the siren sounded, we were 1 goal down, but it could have been a lot more.

The third quarter brought us back to what we had set out to do prior the game.

Players were now taking responsibility for their opponents, with the backline and midfield forcing the ball up through the centre line directly at goal. Collins, Bland, Lucas and Taylor Mc started to influence the way the ball was delivered to our forward line with Sadler, Franks and Dillon giving us every opportunity in scoring.

Young Jackson Curwood was putting his body on the line, making way for our smalls to sneak the ball away from the packs and kicking it long into our forward line. Greg Osborne was making opportunities for our forward line with his strong body work and fierce tackling.

At the end of the third quarter, we were ahead on points.

The fourth quarter started with the Mounties putting pressure back on the Langy boys, right from the start.

Bambury was winning every ball from the centre line and Marshall running tirelessly along the wing winning every competition. Mitch and Sammy were everywhere, winning the ball in the air and on the ground and no-one was as strong as Lubes deep in our back line. Even with three players off injured, we were still able to kick ahead and keep Langy goalless in the final quarter.

When the final siren sounded, we saw a win to the Mounties by a little more than 2 goals.

This win was a great team effort and this should give the boys a lot of confidence in the up and coming games.

Best players: Drummond, Toebelman, Luby, Collins, Webster, Barnes, Bambury and Sadler.

Special thanks and also best on field performance goes to Titch and Simmo from the U16's.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Pld</u>	Win	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Bye</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Narre Warren	9	8	0	0	1	850	302	281.46	36
Frankston YCW	9	8	0	0	1	657	262	250.76	36
Berwick	9	6	2	0	1	639	459	139.22	28
Mornington	9	4	3	0	2	539	408	132.11	24
Carrum Patterson Lakes	9	4	3	0	1	578	501	115.37	24
St Johns OC	9	3	4	0	1	489	452	108.19	20
Seaford	9	1	6	0	1	328	580	56.55	12
Edithvale-Aspendale	9	1	6	0	1	351	629	55.80	12
Mount Eliza	9	1	2	0	2	114	258	44.19	12
Cranbourne	9	2	6	0	1	279	670	41.64	12
Langwarrin	9	1	7	0	1	443	746	59.38	8

Colts Ladder - To Rd.9

"<u>REDLEGS NEWS</u>"

MEPA Calendar Launch



"Ladies and Gentlemen ... what a fantastic night had by all!"

Thank you all who attended the Hunter "Men for all Seasons" Calendar Launch 2008. The support shown by players, family, friends, supporters and especially the sponsors was first class.

At the risk of forgetting numerous parties we would like to make a special mention to Julie Littlechild, Robyn Thorpe, Crazy Leon, the MEPA Committee, Ken Cattanach along with his trusty bar staff, Leanne Russo Catering as well as all players and helpers on the day of the shoot.

All events ran smoothly despite the over excitement of the crowd - Highlight's included:

- Posty's bare chest that he's been hiding for too many years;
- Matty Davis once again went missing for the player parade;
- Crazy Leon getting his pole out; and
- The amount of spew discovered around Emil Madsen Reserve!

Calendars are able to be purchased via order form (see the MEPA Committee), at the Club and stores in the Mt Eliza Village including Majestic Cellars.

Let's all gear up for an exciting evening at Beaumaris Pavilion for the "**MEFC Soiree By The Bay**" on Saturday 19th July, 2008.

\$10,000 DRAW

Just a reminder that the \$10,000 Draw that is to take place on Friday 27th June. See Brendan Rooney or Mark Thorpe for further details.

HOPPY A HERO!!

Congratulations to 2005 Premiership Coach and Melbourne FC 113 game player Paul Hopgood on being selected as one of the Melbourne FC 150 Heroes.

FULL LADDERS FOR SENIORS, RESERVES & U/18'S ARE PINNED

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"THROUGH THE ARCHIVES"



THE RECENT HISTORY BETWEEN MT.ELIZA AND

Pines – 0 Mt.Eliza – 6

YCW-3 Mt.Eliza-4

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY....

16 Years Ago:

1992 – Rd.9 v Pines (A) Mt.Eliza 11.15.81 lost to Pines 16.14.110 *Goalkickers*: Jim Marconi 3, Steve Fanning 3, Jamie Sayers 2, Richard Grimmond 1, Ray Wilson 1, Simon Fanning 1 <u>Best:</u> Nigel Webb, Richard Grimmond, Steve Fanning, David Leech, Ray Wilson.

1992 – Rd.10 v Chelsea (A) Mt.Eliza 12.10.82 lost to Chelsea 17.12.119 <u>Goalkickers</u>: Jamie Sayers 6, Wayne Bowes 3, Richard Grimmond 1, Steve Fanning 1, Nigel Webb 1 <u>Best:</u> Adam Woinarski, Craig Chiswell, Richard Grimmond, David Leech, Paul Vosti, Jamie Sayers.

> <u>Season Stats:</u> Won 6, Lost 12 <u>**B & F**</u>: Nigel Webb

5 Years Ago:

2003 – Rd.7 v Hastings (A) Mt.Eliza 21.12.138 defeated Hastings 9.8.62 *Goalkickers*: Mark Glenn 4, James Clayton 3, Scott Oram 3, Jaye Kurts 2, Chris Sullivan 1, Darren Booth 1, Andrew Topakis 1, Ryan Barnett 1, Luke Curry 1, Michael O'Neil 1, Ashley Reade 1, Craig Donaldson 1, Michael Lambert 1 *Best*: Jaye Kurts, Scott Oram, Marcus Leslie, Michael O'Neil,

<u>Best</u>: Jaye Kurts, Scott Oram, Marcus Leslie, Michael O'Neil, Adam Alderton, Luke Curry.

2003 – Rd.10 v Rye Mt.Eliza 17.13.113 defeated Rye 16.9.105 <u>Goalkickers</u>: Andrew Topakis 8, Ashley Reade 3, Scott Oram 2, Nick Graf 1, Michael Lambert 1, Luke Curry 1, Jaye Kurts 1 <u>Best</u>: Andrew Topakis, Adam Alderton, Courtney Shergold, Jaye Kurts, Luke Curry.

> <u>Season Stats</u>: Won 9, Lost 9 <u>B& F</u>: Jaye Kurts

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<u>1998</u> ALL 3 TEAMS PLAY OFF IN GRAND FINALS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY.

THE FOLLOWING CLUB NOTES CAME FROM THE "FOOTBALL RECORD" FROM RD.9, 1998.

A close game in the Under 18's made it a heart stopping start to the day against Crib, but we snuck in by one point, which is a win and that's what counts. Brennan Hutton kicked the final goal to take us over the line, well done, but today is the biggest test of the year against top side Sorrento. We have no doubts that if you apply yourselves you'll win and go to top, where you belong. Two great wins by the 2nds and 1sts, with

thumping victories. The two's are playing great footy at the moment, showing the 2^{nd} side on the ladder a football lesson. If the team stays focused they will be hard to beat over the remainder of the season – Keep up the hard work.

The firsts wiped Crib which was shown by Crib's frustration and attention to the man and not the ball. Sorry but I was always taught the aim of the game was the footy. It was a great win after Crib beat Pearcedale the previous week. Well done guys. Sorrento today, who have always troubled us

down here so don't let us be complacent and falter today.

These games are as crucial as playing the top sides, it's still 4 points in the end. Let's have 3 sides on top by the end of play today. SOCIAL: Get in quick for the Ball tickets – June 20^{th} – See Morri or Roons. Also get your tickets for the 30^{th} Anniversary celebrations and also the picking of our Legends side from the past 30 years.

For the record, the Seniors took on Pearcedale and avenged their 1996 loss, the Reserves went down to Frankston, after losing the Semi v Pearcedale only to have the result reversed (After they played an ineligible player) and the Under 18's defeated Sorrento to claim back-to-back titles.



"PLAYER PROFILES"

In the 3rd edition for 2008, we take a look at the Player Profiles of Ricky Plummer and Matt Neratzoglou.

Name:	Ricky Plumm	er
Nickname:	McLovin	
Age:	17	
Year Commenced at	Club:	2000
Favourite Position:		Middle
Best Teammate Playe	d With:	Sabba and J.Jones
Best Opponent:		Trent Cotchin
Biggest Influence on (Career:	Sabba
Career Highlights:		Watching Sabba play and looking up to him as a footballer
Worst Moment:		2006 U/16 Grand Final loss
Best Piece of Advice F	Received:	"Dominate the play just like I do" – Sabba
Most Admired Sports	person:	Michael Sabbatucci
Favourite Band:		Bliss n Eso
Favourite Movie/ TV	Show:	Supernatural

Name:	Matt Neratzoglou	
Nickname: Age:	Moo 20	
Year Commenced at (ub: 2006	
Favourite Position:	Full Forward / Centre Half Forward	
Best Teammate Playe	With: Chris King / Brother	
Best Opponent:	-	
Biggest Influence on C	areer: Father	
Career Highlights:	Vic Metro selection and making squad of 35	
Worst Moment:	Injuring ankle 3 times in 2007	
Best Piece of Advice R	ceived: -	
Most Admired Sports	erson: Tony Lockett	
Favourite Band / Arti	: The Eagles	
Favourite Movie / TV	Show: Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	

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