



# Leopards Junior Australian Football Club Inc.

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**End of Season Newsletter**



## U14's Grand Final Report

Leopards 5.13.43 lost to Yeronga 7.8.50

Football is an exciting game and there was certainly no shortage of emotion on Grand Final Day. The end result was definitely not the one Leopard's fans wanted to see nor expected to see. However, that is the nature of sport. It is a competition right through to the last game and the final siren. Anything can happen and on Sunday the unexpected did indeed occur. Essentially, the boys been undefeated all season. To lose the most important game of all was a bitter disappointment to everyone concerned, in particular to the boys who played their hearts out. However, as Fred clearly stated after the game's conclusion, the lads have every reason to hold their head's high. They had a fabulous season and produced some remarkable results. As a team they thrilled the spectators on a weekly basis and there were some outstanding individual performances that will stay with us for a long time. Bravo on a great season but commiseration's on Sunday's loss.

The Grand Final was a very close game all the way to the end, as is reflected by the low scores. Yeronga claimed the match in the dying minutes of the last quarter, but the game could have gone either way. The difference at the siren was only 7 points, and our boys should be proud that they put up one hell of a fight in a valiant attempt to bring the cup home to Calamvale. However, the day was not ours and victory was elusive. An apt description of the event was forwarded by Coach Bob. He wisely stated, "You have to loose a Grand Final to really want to win a Grand Final". I'm certain that there is a lot of fight still left in our lads and they will by fired-up for next season. I want to reiterate that it was a great team effort that got the boys to the Grand Final and there is plenty of reasons for them to be very proud. We all

wish them the best of luck with their football careers. With more hard work there could well be more Grand Final's in the future.

After the game, the team rode the bus



back to our presentation at the Algester Sports Club. Upon arrival at the club the boys attacked Coach Bob with cans of shaving cream. They then proceeded to spray each other and any one else within their reach. This was plenty of fun and lifted spirits immensely. By the time our presentation commenced at 4pm, the boys were laughing and enjoying their last day as a team together. It was great to see after such an emotional day.

We hope that the players, managers and supporters had a great football season and enjoyed being part of the U14 Leopards team. We look forward the next year's season.

### Major Raffle Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> – Fisher & Paykel S/Steel Bar Fridge**

Winner – Ticket 1010 – The Bridge Family.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Omni Portable CD Player**

Winner – Ticket 1564 – Peter D – C/- Conga

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Moulinex Easy Power Blender**

Winner – Ticket 0822 – Mrs B Vass

Congratulations to the winners of this years raffle and thank to all those who supported this fund raising effort.



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## Coaching

If you are interested in coaching next season please contact Brendan Selby on 0411513792 or complete and submit a Coaches Application form.

My estimate of required Coaches:

U8 – 8 Teams

U9 – 2 Teams

U10 – 1 Team

U11 – 2 Teams

U12 – 1 Team

U14 – 1 Team

U16 – 1 Team

## 150 Game Player

Joel Meddings aged 13 years played his 150th game of Australian Football in the Grand Final for the Under 14 Leopards Junior AF Club against Yeronga at Sandgate Oval on Sunday 19th September, 2004. Disappointedly, the Leopards lost the Grand Final by 7 points after a wonderful season when they went through it with only one loss. Joel was one of the main reasons for the team's success finishing equal third in the Brisbane Juniors voting for best and fairest in the competition.



Joel attends school at Caterbury College at Waterford and is in grade 9. He began playing Australian football with Yeronga Junior Football Club in the under 8 competition and played for them for three years. However, when the Leopards moved to the Calamvale Community College ground four years ago, he decided that his future was with the Leopards. He has played for the Leopards since the beginning, spending two years in the under 12 and two years in the under 14 age group. He also played seven games in the under 16 competition this season.

He plays at centre half-forward forward and prefers this position as he is tall and mobile, and this allows him to be a focal point for his team with his strong marking and great

mobility around the goal area. His father Fred has been a great inspiration and mentor for him as he coached him for three years at Yeronga. Joel was also selected in the Western Taipans Under 14 team that played in a football carnival in Toowoomba in July. Joel played in all three games, and stated that he has become a better footballer because of this experience. He stated that he is now can better anticipate where the ball is going so that he can be in the right position, and has become more confident in his marking.

He is a great supporter of his Under 14 coach Bob Trapnell, whom he states has very good interpersonal skills with his players and he always gets the best out of his players because he treats them with caring and respect. Joel also plays basketball and tennis at school, and loves playing computer games for relaxation.

## Auskick

The Brisbane West / Western Taipans AFC Annual Presentation night was held on Sunday August 15 at The Chifleys on Lennon' s in the Queen St Mall. Volunteer and coaches awards were presented on the night.

Bob Trapnell from the Calamvale Leopards Junior Australian Football Club was voted the Auskick Coordinator of the Year at this presentation evening. Auskick is an education program that is run by the AFL and involves teaching the basic skills to young children from 5 years upwards for an eight-week program of one hour duration.

Bob Trapnell has been the Auskick coordinator at the Leopards Australian Football Club for the last three years. During this time the numbers of children undertaking the program have increased steadily and in 2004 the Club had over 100 registrations, and this was mainly due to Bob's positive approach to this volunteer role he undertakes each year.

Bob has made an outstanding contribution to the Club. He is always well prepared and has his ground markings set out well in advance. He is always positive and plans lots of fun activities for the children. He has a genuine love of children and treats them with great warmth and respect. He makes learning

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fun and always involves all the children and their parents in his skill activities. He is always enthusiastic and this results in the children having a really good time.



Many of the young children who have participated in the Auskick program have gone on to join the Leopards and this has strengthened the Club. In 2004 the Leopards had eight Under 8 teams, which is one of the largest number of teams from any Club in the AFL Brisbane Juniors. Much of this growth was due to Bob's enthusiasm for his sport of Australian Football.

Bob is also coach of the Under 14 team that finished on top of the ladder in the Brisbane Junior's competition competing the U14's Grand Final recently.

Bob Trapnell has been a great ambassador for Australian Football. He is always encouraging and positive toward his players and is a great role model, both as a coach and as an Auskick Coordinator.

For these reasons Bob also received this year's "Club Person of the Year" award at our recent trophy day.

#### **Management Committee in 2004/2005**

We ask you to consider being a member of the Management Committee of the Club for 2004/2005. The AGM will be held on November 6th and if you are interested in becoming more involved in the Club please come along volunteer some time towards the club.

#### **Stay In Touch**

The easiest way to stay in touch with us is via email. If you have a valid email address and you have not been receiving these Newsletters but email, the address we have is not valid. Please advise us of your current valid email address by sending an email to registrar@leopards.com.au. We can then keep you informed of progress leading into the 2005 season.

#### **Footy Fathers For Fitness.**

At the trophy day Darryl Plumridge announced as the organizer of this years very successful Footy Father Competition, that the money raised by the Competition would be used to sponsor an Under 8 team next year.

He thanked all those who participated including the large spectator gallery that attended each game.

#### **2005 Membership**

The Leopards Australian Rules Football Club improves every year because of its players and the members (parents) who support them.

In 2004 we saw the massive growth of the club numbers (about 30%) which brought with it many ups and downs. As the numbers grow, so do the problems of administration including team nominations and player placement.

Would you like to play with the same team or players as this year? Would you like a specific coach? Well these things are all possible but we need to plan ahead.

Please give us a chance to plan next season by lodging your Membership Application and Re-Registration forms NOW. I have attached a Club Application Form and Re- Registration Forms are available on request.

Fees for the 2005 season have not been finalised but are likely to include everything that was included this year, plus a social membership to the Algester Sports Club. You will be notified as soon as the details are available.



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## Trophy Day

The disappointment of those who could not be at Sandgate to support our U14's in the club's first Grand Final appearance was obvious but constant feedback from those who were there made it a little better.

The committee would like to thank everyone for an excellent turnout to this years trophy presentation day.

The day started at 10am with the Under 8 presentations and finished with the Under 16's presentations and medal count at about 6:30pm..

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A summary of all the awards are below:

- U8 Awards
  - ✓ Blues
  - ✓ Bombers
  - ✓ Cats
  - ✓ Hawks
  - ✓ Pies
  - ✓ Roos
  - ✓ Tigers
  - ✓ Saints
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert – Bryce Nason
- U9 Awards
  - ✓ Leopards - Black
  - ✓ Leopards - White
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Joshua Sansiveri
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Rhys Kelly
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Beau Gillam-Findlay
- U10 Awards
  - ✓ Leopards - Blue
  - ✓ Leopards - Red
  - ✓ Leopards - Gold
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - James Brown
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - TJ McKenzie
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Hayden Williams
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Damien Ryan
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Joshua Pryor
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Jesse Lee
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Matthew Korkou
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Michael Korkou
- U11 Awards
  - ✓ Leopards
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Joshua Berry
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Patrick O' Connor
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Dean Kelly

- U12 Awards
  - ✓ Wynnum-Leopards
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Benjamin Sheppard
- U14 Awards
  - ✓ Leopards
  - ✓ 50 Game Cert - Carek Gray
  - ✓ 100 Game Cert – Jake Baker
  - ✓ 150 Game Cert – Joel Meddings
  - ✓ Best and Fairest: Joel Meddings
  - ✓ Best and Fairest R/up: Scott Bridge
  - ✓ Most Consistent – Mitchell Lyons
  - ✓ Coaches award – Jake Baker
  - ✓ Player of the Finals (MVP) - Joel Meddings
- U16 Awards
  - ✓ Sth Redback – Leopards
  - ✓ Best & Fairest – Ben Krays
  - ✓ Best & Fairest R/up – Daniel Bennett
  - ✓ Most Improved – Josh Kiely
  - ✓ Most Consistant – Wayne Ollington
  - ✓ Sansiveri Medal (Coaches award) – Troy Lacey
  - ✓ Player of the Finals (MVP) – Scott Bridge
- Club Awards
  - ✓ Club Umpires Awards
  - ✓ Leading Goal Kicker – Joel Meddings
  - ✓ Goal Of the Year – Daniel Selby
  - ✓ Mark of the Year – Domonic Beer
  - ✓ Club Champion – Scott Bridge
  - ✓ Club Person of the Year – Bob Trapnell
  - ✓ Presidents award – Daniel Selby
- Western Taipan Awards
  - ✓ Auskick Coordinator of the Year - Bob Trapnell - Leopards JFC
- AFL Brisbane Juniors Awards
  - ✓ (Div 4 South) Best & Fairest Scott Bridge.
  - ✓ (Div 4 South) Best & Fairest R/Up Joel Meddings

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Those players who received Game Awards that were not laminated can return them to the club and we will have them done.

Congratulations to all those who received awards this year.

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