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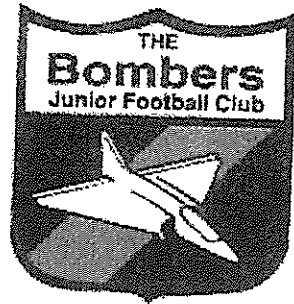
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INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by VINCE MIRAUDO

I would like to thank the Bombers JFC 2003 committee, coaches and volunteers for their hard work and dedication throughout the past year. Without their diligence and commitment there would be no junior football club for our children. Season 2003 was a successful year with overall numbers up on the previous season and Auskick numbers reaching a record high. Furthermore, all our youth grades (13s – 17s) made the finals and Bombers were named the Champion Club in the Youth division for 2003. Congratulations must also go to Cameron Watkins from our 17s grade who took out the District Fairest and Best Award.

I would also like to take this opportunity to make special mention of our outgoing President Peter Tweedy. His contribution and ongoing commitment to this club cannot be undervalued. I personally have known Peter on and off over the past 20 years initially through our involvement with the Dianella JFC and then reunited via the amalgamation of Dianella and Coolbinia junior clubs to form the Bombers. In that time he has served in many capacities including official timekeeper, committee member, treasurer, registrar and finally President for which he served with distinction over the past three years. A tireless worker for the club and community, he has spent thousands of hours over many years attending to a wide range of club duties, often with minimal assistance. I have always found him to be one of the true gentlemen of Junior Football and it has been a privilege to know him. On behalf of the club, I wish him good health and a satisfying and rewarding semi retirement.

It is a great honour to be taking over the reins as President. I bring to the role nearly 20 years of involvement and experience with junior football clubs having served with Dianella, St Marks/CBC, Carine and the Bombers in a coaching, managing, coordinating capacity as well as committee member. It was with great pride that I was made a Bombers life member in 2002.

As part of sweeping changes to the structure of WA football, our 2004 competition is to be run by the newly formed East Perth District Development Council, making us a member of the "Royals Junior Football League".

The Bombers JFC celebrates its 15th year in 2004 and many activities and functions are planned. I welcome all parents and players back for what promises to be an exciting season.

Vince Mirauda
PRESIDENT

10s COACH'S REPORT

The 10s team comprised of:

Jack Beer, Jordan Begley, Jason Dick, Billy Duncan, Adrian Glendinning, Travis Hartzler, Jarryd Higgins, Joshua Horton-French, James Johnson, Phillip Lee, Jerome Markovic, Tyler McCamish, Trevor Nievelstein, Lachlan O'Reilly, Joshua Wheeler and Joshua Wright.

Throughout the year the boys continued to improve their football skills each week. We had six new players who fitted in very nicely and even the three team members who had never played before contributed to what I believe was a very good side in this competition. One outstanding game that we played this year was against top side Mt Lawley when we were down by 4 goals at half time. The other coach was giving me a hard time so I think that I had the last laugh when our boys came out after half time and played like champions showing the skill and team work that made me proud to be coach when our boys got up and won by 7 goals it was truly a fantastic effort. Thanks boys.

I would like to thank these boys and their families for their participation and support throughout the year.

I wish each of these boys every success in their sporting futures. Good luck, boys.

I have been coaching for the past five years, both in football and T- Ball, and can honestly say that I have really enjoyed a challenge that I never thought I would do. But, thankfully, I made the effort and reaped the rewards of seeing the boys develop over the years and I have had the opportunity of building friendships with a lot of parents who gave up their time and energy to assist in the development of these fine young boys. People like our manager

and assistant coach Dave O'Reilly and his wife Kendal who have been outstanding in their support for the club, and others who have helped along the way by goal umpiring, washing jumpers, not to mention the oranges, canteen duty and barbecue.

I really wanted to highlight the rewards that I have received over the years through coaching and the association with the club by the way of personal enjoyment and the friendships that I have made along the way. Unfortunately, I need to pass on this opportunity to someone else who is able to afford some time with these boys because of my work commitments I will be unavailable next season. So please put your hand up and get some enjoyment out of helping these boys participate in this great game and the character building they get through team sport.

Hope to see you all back at the club next year.

Cheers and best wishes,

Jonathon "The Coach" Wheeler.

Thank You, Jonathon

We are very sorry that Jonathon is unable to continue coaching with The Bombers. During his time with the club he has done a terrific job, first with Auskick, then with the current side in 9s and 10s. His calm manner and rapport with the players are lessons to be learned by all who want to become coaches.

Thank you and good luck for the future Jonathon, Mieko and Joshua.

The Committee

The Bombers Junior Football Club

11s COACH'S REPORT

Coaching junior football was something that I was lucky to experience for the first time in 2003. During pre-season it looked like we were scratching for numbers, but a couple of late starters boosted our list to 18 for the first bounce. Some new players were welcomed to the club, namely Jamie Doddmead, Julian Kii, Alex Rajcevic and Josh Georgieff (returning). We also gained Scott Stewart who had previously been playing with an older age group. Coaching focussed on three main areas: - 1) Skill development of each player, including use of opposite hand/foot; 2) Team skills; and 3) Sportsmanship and sense of fair play. Happily, I believe we have performed strongly in all these areas. Most importantly, the team has generally been very competitive and the boys have enjoyed their footy.

Players rarely spent a full game in one position, with frequent moves between offensive, defensive, and midfield roles. Our backline held firm against some strong opposition, with Scott Stewart at full back using strength and fisting the ball huge distances, the tenacious Michael Corica superb at ground level, and Daniel McSweeney taking numerous saving marks. At halfback we saw a number of excellent performances from the always cool Mark Schaafsma, the determined running David Quain who loves to "break the lines", and the high-leaping Julian Kii on the flanks, supporting the sure hands and keen judgement of Simon Douglas at centre halfback. The midfield provided a lot of drive, with the determined Brendan Ford getting plenty of possessions often against bigger opponents, and elusive players

Sam Begg and Alec Sara giving run and setting up forward thrusts. At half forward, specialist goal kicker Joey Mirauda ran riot and had a stellar year, first year player Jamie Doddmead got more of the ball with each game, and the agile Jack Boronovskis created opportunities for his team-mates. Strong work by Paddy Keeffe at centre half forward provided problems for the opposition. The forward line contested, crumbed, and kicked truly, with Josh Georgieff and Alex Rajcevic always dangerous in the pockets, and the improving Nelson Lyall providing a marking target in the square.

Throughout the year the boys supported each other, trained enthusiastically, and showed excellent on field behaviour. Handball skills improved, and we saw the occasional use of the opposite foot! Overall, as a reasonably small team, overhead marking has been a weakness, but is balanced by our ability at ground level and intelligent play-on brand of football. Next year we will aim to play more consistent footy, continue to improve our skills, and be highly competitive against all opponents.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents for their support and help through the year. Particular thanks go to Chris Sara (Manager and Assistant Coach) for a magnificent job, Stuart Sara for helping out as runner, and Kevin McSweeney who frequently helped out at training. Let's all continue to support this great little team, and aim for another year of good footy in 2004.

Graham Begg

12's COACH'S REPORT

This year's team comprised of:

Martin Astbury, Dean Cokis, Ryan Corbett, Gene de la Hunty, Max Fairclough, Luke Field, Josh Gerrans, Michael Hall, Lachy Henderson, Travis Hitchcock, Mark Janssen, Michael Jashari, Brendan Klemm, Michael Manus, Mitchell Misich, Scott Moody, Vince Oliveri, Jake Rizzi, Adam Rompotis, Alex Santineer, Todd Smith, Aaron Taverniti and Mitchell Turner.

The under 12's had a terrific year with plenty of on-field success and all players improving their skills. This year the two under 11 sides from 2002 amalgamated into one team and did this very successfully, the boys quickly getting into the combined team spirit. There were plenty of numbers, with up to seven players on the bench and the players rotated and shared game time in the right way.

Lots of players played their 50th game this year, and all celebrated the occasion with plenty of enthusiasm. We played two little league games and represented the club with distinction, having success in both games.

Next year is a big year for the group, going up from Auskick to open rules. The boys have a great foundation for success at the next level. Lets hope they stay together, keep enjoying the game and keep singing the Bombers song with gusto!

Thanks to Matt de la Hunty for managing the team again, Peter Klemm for running duties and all the other parents who helped out in various ways.

Rod Astbury
Coach

13s COACH'S REPORT

Due to lack of numbers our season began slowly, but gradually the team took shape when we gained 4 12s players. Without these players we would not have been able to field a side. In addition we had 2 players sidelined with broken bones during the season.

There were many fine games played by the team and many good players. Some who have been rewarded with trophies.

Thank you to Vic Georgieff (Manager) and Kevin Hall (runner) who have been a great assistance to me this year. Thank you also to the few parents who offered their assistance during the season and to the parents and players from the 12s who added much needed support.

Unfortunately there was not enough support in general from parents, which was disappointing.

Three major factors prevented the team from going further than the Elimination Final – lack of attendance at training, discipline and numbers, although player skills improved throughout the year. Ultimately discipline and attendance at training rather than skill level governed our destiny.

Congratulations to David Hall (Captain) and Michael Georgieff (Vice Captain), who were elected by their peers.

Trophy Winners

David Hall Best and Fairest

Jeremy Green Runner Up

Michael Georgieff Most Consistent

Kim Le Best Utility

William Hunter Coaches Trophy

I would like to wish the team all the best for 2004. With some more recruiting, the team has the potential to go a long way.

Errol Couch (Coach)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The Bombers playing strength for the 2003 season was as follows:

Auskick	47
9s	20
10s	16
11s	19
12s	23
13s	19
14s	26
17s	26
TOTAL	196

The total of 196 active registered players represents an increase of over 7% on our 2002 strength.

This year we experienced a drop in numbers for the 12s which resulted in us fielding only one team as opposed to the two 11s sides we had last year. However we were able to substantially retain our strengths in the 14s and 17s, which is pleasing in view of the general decline in senior team numbers throughout the competition.

The 13s started the year with just sufficient numbers, but losses and injuries during the season resulted in some of the 12s being called upon to bring the team up to strength.

New registrations for the year totalled 65 over all grades, an increase of 4 over last year. Once again, numbers in Auskick have increased, giving the club a sound base for future years.

PETER TWEEDY
REGISTRAR

PLAYERS MILESTONES

150 GAMES

Leigh Catania

100 GAMES

Joseph Curtis
James Raeside
Cameron Watkins
Damon Mule

50 GAMES

Dean Broers
Dean Cokis
Ryan Corbett
Max Fairclough
Travis Hitchcock
Reece Hoskinson
Brendan Klemm
Nelson Lyall
Michael Manus
Daniel McSweeney
Joseph Mirauda
James Moody
Vince Oliveri
Tim Pollock
Jake Rizzi
Alec Sara
Joshua Smith
Todd Smith
Scott Stewart
Liam Sullivan
Aaron Taverniti
Mitchell Turner

Congratulations to all players listed, with a special mention of Leigh Catania's 150 games. Leigh could make almost 170 games before he "retires"!

14s COACH'S REPORT

2003 was an exciting year for the Mighty Bombers 14's Football Team.

With a squad of 26 players competition for places was always keen and attendance at training was, even on the rainy nights, much better than average.

The team had several memorable victories including a comprehensive home win against Mt Lawley and a win against a previously unbeaten Marist. Although we were ultimately defeated in the Preliminary Final, to get that far was a credit to the playing group.

Special mention must be made of the 8 players who were selected in a combined side representing East Perth in an inter-district carnival at the end of the year.

- Alex Schaafsma
- Josh Mott
- Perry Marvelli
- Peter Pullella
- Robert Prast
- Reuben Skinner
- Scott Horsburgh
- Zac Edgar

Thanks to the parents who provided assistance in various ways, and to the football club for providing me with the opportunity to coach this fine group of young men.

Special thanks to the very reliable manager Paul Waldock, the sleek and graceful runner Leo Schaafsma and the tireless boundary umpire Blake Tilly.

I look forward to seeing you all again next year for another enjoyable season.

Chris Prast

Milestones for 2004

Reaching a milestone (50, 100, 150 games) is an important achievement for any player. Any of these milestones represent years of hard work and dedication to this great game. Bursting through the black and red banner on your milestone game is a great tradition, one which the Bombers will always uphold. Thanks to the meticulous efforts Peter Tweedy over the years, we are able to deliver a list of players likely to reach milestones during season 2004. They are:

Dean Beissel (39)
Jonathon Christos (48)
Justin Clements (98)
Simon Dey (90)
Brody Fulton (43)
Phillip Greaney (97)
Andrew Hodgens (40)
James Nancarrow (142)
Liam Ryan (46)
Mathew Seal (148)
Benn Watson (47)
Scott Busacca (40)
Matt Chesney (89)
Peter Crocker (39)
Stefan Del Pizzo (40)
James Doyle (90)
Scott Horsburgh (87)
James Ryan (45)
Alex Schaafsma (98)
Cameron Tilley (93)
Michael Georgieff (84)
David Hall (84)
William Hunter (39)
Stuart Sara (48)
Martin Astbury (90)
Lachlan Henderson (42)
Michael Jashari (90)
Patrick Keefe (46)

When you add this list to the milestones that were achieved in 2003, you can see the wealth of playing experience the club has built up over the last few years.

17s COACH'S REPORT

The year began with an encouraging roll up to training. Our 1st match was against the Nth Cobras at Des Penman Res. We got off to a slow start and at ¼ time we were 22 points down. A couple changes saw us getting home by 11 points, a great effort.

We played Morley 3 times this year. The 1st time we had a disappointing loss. In the 2nd game we scraped home by the bare minimum in a hard-running, gutsy effort. The 3rd was a fantastic win for us with Cameron, Leigh, Robbie and Damon all putting in solid efforts in a 10 goal win. The improvement over the 3 games showed that hard work does pay off.

In winning 3 of our last 4 games, we made the finals. The Elimination Final was played against Nth Cobras. There were encouraging signs in the first 15 minutes but we ended up 2 goals down at ¼ time. Unfortunately we dropped away midway through the 3rd quarter and never recovered. We could not counter 3 or 4 quality key position players from the Cobras and that was the difference in the end.

The season in general was up and down to say the least. We had more than our fair share of injuries and, with players unavailable, it made for a tough year.

The development of talent at the club is very promising, with vast improvement over the year from Cameron Watkins, Damon Mule, Robert Carpenteri and Paul Sisson. I see no reason why most of the players couldn't be playing at a much higher level in the not-too-distant future. This comes with a positive attitude, hard work, concentration, the will to reach your goal and never give up.

On behalf of the players I would like to thank all the parents who helped out during the year.

Special thanks to Jim Raeside for being my runner this year and to Tony Catania for his

organization of the team from week to week.

I would like to thank John Decelis, Glenn Bewick and Andy Lovell from East Perth Football Club for their help in many ways during the season. Thanks also to the Bombers Junior Football Club for giving me the chance to coach and pass on my knowledge to help these players in future years.

Peter Chivers (Coach)

Fairest and Best

Leigh Catania

Leigh has had a very good year and shone on many occasions. His work ethic, skill and persistence should see him play at a very high level in the not too distant future.

Runner Up

Cameron Watkins

Cam has had a very consistent year with many top performances. With hard work and application Cameron should also be playing at a high level in the near future.

Most Versatile

Paul Sisson

Listening to those in the know, Paul has improved in leaps and bounds. His application and hard work, combined with his ability to listen, suggest a very promising future.

Most Improved

Robert Carpenteri

Robert is a talented footballer with very good skills and if he is prepared to do the hard work in a couple of areas he will reap the rewards in the next couple of years.

Best Utility

James Raeside

James played in many positions this year and never gave up on any occasion. His work ethic is second to none and I hope he goes on to the next step in coming years.

DISTRICT AWARDS

District Fairest and Best

ONCE AGAIN OUR CLUB PERFORMED ADMIRABLY

U/13's **Jeremiah Green** polled well with 17 votes being placed 4th and **David Hall** pulled 9 votes.

U/14's **P Pullella, Z Edgar & P Marvelli** attracted a few umpires votes.

U/17's **Fairest and Best - Sensational Victory** on 16 votes:

CAMERON WATKINS

Also **Leigh Catania** polled well on 8 votes.

EAST PERTH FOOTBALL CLUB

JEREMY SILCOCK

AWARD

The winner of this award is chosen from the Senior Grade in each Club. We are pleased to announce that the player selected by The Bombers is:

PAUL SISSON

The criteria for qualifying for this award are:

- Courage and determination
- A good citizen and clubman
- A player who is held in high regard by his team mates
- An unselfish player who plays for his team and not just as an Individual

EAST PERTH DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

This year the following Bombers players were selected for the East Perth 15s Development Squad:

LEIGH CATANIA and CAMERON WATKINS

Congratulations to these boys and good luck for the future.