

# Dribble

13<sup>th</sup> October 2012



Spirit Magic's Weekly News and Match Reviews

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## Magic News.....

Hi Magic families and welcome to the first edition of Dribble for the summer season! For those new to the club, Dribble is our weekly newsletter featuring match reports and first goal acknowledgements as well as news updates throughout the season.

### Grading;

We hope all the kids had a great first game and enjoyed their first run of the season, particularly those who pulled on their basketball shoes for the first time. The first 5 games of the season are grading games and will be fixtured on a week by week basis, to allow for teams to be regraded where necessary. Some changes will be made after round 3 by the association, followed by club submissions for remaining changes after round 5/6. Fixtures for the remainder of the season should be out by early December before the main Christmas break. The last round before Christmas will be on 15th December and games will resume again on 2nd February, 2013.

### Uniforms;

Please note that uniform orders for the season are now closed and no further orders will be placed. Thank you Nerida for a sterling job in getting the bulk of uniforms out before the first game and handling many late orders with minimal disruption. Hopefully you can now take a well-earned break!

### Help needed!

If you're new to the club, please be aware that our club is run purely by volunteer parents and we are always after more help, whether it be through coaching or by taking on a small committee role helping with administration tasks. If you have a bit of basketball experience as a parent, please have a think about coaching a young team in the future and if you're interested, let someone on the committee know so we can add you to our list for any updates on upcoming coaching courses. If basketball isn't your 'thing', we could still use your help in various other capacities!

Many thanks and we hope you enjoy the first edition of Dribble!



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## Lost Property....

**Found** – Joe Egan has a Hoodie that was left at **Court 5 Nunawading** last year. If you think it may be yours, please contact Joe.

## First Club Goals...

### Congratulations to...

- Sam Benson – Mixed Under 8/2 – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2012
- Kyan Brasher – Mixed Under 8/2 – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2012
- Jacob Leumont – Mixed Under 8/4 – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2012
- Nicholas Sorace – Mixed Under 8/4 – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2012
- Zac Warton – Boys Under 10/6 – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2012
- Lachlan Gawel – Boys Under 12/2 – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2012
- Conner Van Der Wal – Boys Under 16/5 – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2012

## Match Reports...

**Mixed Under 8/2 Vs Nunawading Kangas 3**  
Lost 9 - 18

**Coach: Jarrod Long**  
**Team Manager: Sandro Beltrami**

The summer season has brought 5 changes to our team from the winter season. The boys were playing a more experienced side and I was very, very pleased in the way that we played the game right to the end, the result did not matter as we will get to know each other's game every week that we play. I am really looking forward to the next few weeks and getting to know our team as I am sure that we will be more than competitive.

On behalf of Sandro and myself we warmly welcome our new players Lucas, Sam, Lachlan, Kyan, Rhys and their parents to the season and we look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks. Special mention to Kyan and Sam who scored their first goals for the club, other goal scorers were CJ and Cooper.

**Mixed Under 8/4 Vs Huntingtower Heat**  
Won 10 - 4

**Coach: Nick Bradford**  
**Team Manager: Vanessa Bradford**

We had a great first game, with the boys recording a 10-4 win to start the season over Huntingtower Heat.

We had two first time scorers in both Jacob Leumont (4 points) and Nicholas Sorace (2 points) which was great to see.

Rhys Jones also put in a great scoreboard effort with 4 points.

The rest of the boys all enjoyed a great first game to the season and gave us a taste of things to come with everyone contributing.

Well done boys!



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# Match Reports...

## Girls Under 10/1 Vs Waverley Wildcats

Lost 9 - 10

**Coach:** Leon McKenna

**Team Manager:**

This week the girls ventured out to Nunawading for their season opener against the Waverley Wildcats. After an evenly fought first few minutes, Waverley drew 1st blood, scoring from a rebound – before a strong move to the bucket by Gilli earned her 2 free throws – one of which she duly dropped to get us on the scoreboard. What followed was a 10 minute period where the Wildcats speed & height began to get the better of us – skipping out to an 8 to 1 lead. It took a Saskia Hupertz lead recovery, in which she scored 2 great goals late in the first half, to prevent a blowout – keeping us in touch 8 to 5 at half time.

Into the second half and another Waverley goal stretched their lead to 5 – but the Magic would not be subdued. With Bella & Jesse delivering pinpoint inbound passes & Maya doing same in general play – scoring opportunities began to present themselves. Saskia took advantage of one such opportunity to score her 3rd goal of the game, whilst Camryn only just missed another. First gamer Stevie showed great confidence to go on a few great dribbling runs, before a strong layup through heavy traffic by Caitie put the Magic within one point with just minutes remaining. In the frantic final few minutes both sides had their chances, but in the end neither could trouble the scorers as Waverley held on to win by a point in a thriller.

Great 1st up effort girls & Go Magic!

## Boys Under 10/2 Vs Spirit Magic 1

Lost 36 - 18

**Coach:** Shannon Evans

**Team Manager:** Carolyn Fisher

Welcome back Noah, Harry, Josh, Angus, Brayden, Caleb, Campbell and Jesse (still MIA in the States) for the summer season! The boys were dealt their first surprise for the season with the discovery that they had leapt from C grade into A grade-quite a big jump!

A tough match welcomed them to the start of the season against a physically taller and more advanced team. The first half was closely battled with the boys only down by 2 points at half time.

Spirit Magic 1 found their rhythm in the second half and pulled away with Magic 2 just not able to catch up-even the half time lollies couldn't help!

A solid start to the season boys and after blowing out the cobwebs this week we know you'll come out harder next week.



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## Match Reports...

### Boys Under 10/3 Vs Nunawading Kangas 3 Won 55 - 11

**Coach: Greg Skien**  
**Team Manager: Andrew Gibson**

We were at Forest Hill for the 9am tip off against the Nunawading Kangas 3rd side. Josh got us off to a flying start with a goal with the first minute of the game. A minute later Cayden shot truly and when Dylan goaled a minute later it was quickly out to a 6 – 0 lead and signs were looking ominous before our opponents managed to score 1 from the foul line. As a result of some great defence, rebounding and set up work by Will and Adam we were able to score the next 7 goals of the match, with Joseph, Sammy and Damo shooting some great goals. The boys had a commanding 23 – 3 lead at half time.

The second half became a real goal fest with both teams playing attacking basketball and there were a number of highlights. Despite the scoreboard Josh was going in as hard as nails and a nice deflection by Will from an opposition throw saw the ball go in the ring. Joseph scored a great goal from long range, Adam shot 2 great baskets from the foul line and Sam, Cayden and Dylan all shot their 4th goals of the match. But the 2nd half belonged to Damo. He had quickly added 5 goals to his 4 goal halftime tally so the question was whether he was going to get to 10 goals. A great pass by Will saw Damo on his own charging towards the goal and his layup was perfect. Damo finished off the game with a personal best of 11 goals. Our opponents who had a number of players playing their first game kept trying and scored 4 goals in the second half, however we ran out comfortable winners 55 – 11.

### Boys Under 10/4 Vs Heathmont Hornets Draw 10 - 10

**Coach: Grant Randall**  
**Team Manager: Steve Thompson**

Our first grading match went extremely well coming up against a team who played in C2 last season. Jack Jones was on fire early with some great passing and defensive work. Liam was running hard and very busy around the court. Nathan was intercepting everywhere and creating opportunities for his teammates.

Schafe was scoring at will and tried hard the whole game at both ends of the court.

Lincoln played a great game with some polished passes to set up a couple of goals. Brodie tried hard and was eventually rewarded with a nice goal from in close!

Ben was quick in both attack and defence but just couldn't get the ball in the hoop and Spencer rebounded well and played some good attacking basketball.

In the end we had too many fouls but the boys did well to hold on for a well-earned draw! Well Done and go Magic 4!!

### Boys Under 10/5 Vs Waverley 3 Won 13 - 6

**Coach: Chris Leslie**  
**Team Manager: Vanessa Bradford**

It was a terrific first game for the boys, recording a 13-6 win over Waverley 3 to start the season. Scorers for the game were Noah Taylor (7 points), Ashton Woodman (4 points) and Jackson Long (2 points). The effort of the boys was outstanding with everyone contributing to the win, and they should all be proud of their team spirit, especially given this was the first time many of them had played together. Well done boys!

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### Boys Under 10/6 Vs Waverley Raiders 3 Won 16 - 4

**Coach: Howie Sykes**  
**Team Manager: Pete Warton**

What a great first game! We were all getting to know each other and learn all our names when the boys took to the court like fish to water. In no time at all, Blake was showing our boys the way with some strong dribbles and getting the ball into space. Damien also showed his pace, outrunning our opponents to get the ball up our end and before long we were on the board. From then on, our boys started to find their feet and allocated themselves roles based on height & speed. Lucas and Zac used their height to outreach the Raiders & got the ball out to our little speedsters, Jordan, Blake and Damien.

By half time it was becoming apparent that I under estimated these boys in grading as we moved up another gear in the 2nd half. In pulling the boys back to the half court in defence, our little Magicians continued to stamp their authority over the game putting plenty of pressure on the Raiders and forcing lots of turnovers. We continued to dominate the scoring with a great 1-2 fast break from Zac to Blake that looked like something from the big league!

Congratulations to Zac Warton on his first goal for the club and to the rest of the team for some great team basketball played in high spirits. Certainly there are a number of areas for improvement but for a bunch of boys coming up from U8's & 2 newbies, there was some great early signs that our boys may be able to handle a grade or 2 higher before the main season gets underway. Well done boys!

### Boys Under 12/2 Vs Eastern Bulls 2 Won 39 - 4

**Coach: Paul Hayes**  
**Team Manager: Peter Munro**

The summer season of 2012/2013 saw a new mix of boys from previous campaigns, Lachlan Munro, Ben Linkin and Liam Chapman join their mates from seasons past, Cameron Hayes, Ryan Smith, Declan Woods and Pat Fasan to form a formidable running machine and with the inclusions of Jordan Habib and Lachlan Gawel to the team, who both added much valued height and rebounding strength, made the first game for the season a well-rounded, team orientated win against Eastern Bulls 2.

The mantra for the boys doesn't change - run hard, jump high, play as a team, have fun and attack the ball - every player adhered to these basic principles from the tip off and the speed and movement of the ball down the court help to set up a great win with every player scoring at least one goal and being involved in several goal assists each. Lachlan Gawel, playing his first game of competitive basketball, almost scored the first goal for the game but the shot just rolled out. It didn't take long before Lachlan Gawel did get on the score board for his first goal in Magic colors - well done Lachlan. Jordan Habib fitted into the group beautifully and teamed well with his new team mates and scored some points of his own as well as being involved in several goal assists, great game Jordan and welcome to the team. Lachlan Munro, Ben Linkin and Liam Chapman scored several goals each along with Ryan Smith and Pat Fasan who were also multiple goal scorers.

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Cameron Hayes rebounded well and scored a nice basket, while Declan Woods scorched up and down the court, stripping the opposition at will and feeding the ball off to his team mates for several goal assists and when Declan had run everyone off their feet, he just kept going and scored a beautiful lay-up to cap of a great game.

Well done boys, keep the hard running and team work going and you will have a fast paced, fun filled season - until next week - Go Magic U12/2

### **Boys Under 12/4 Vs Vermont Vultures 2 Lost 30 - 32**

**Coach: Laurence Meehan  
Team Manager: Mel Newton**

While most of the boys in our team new each other beforehand, some hadn't played since last Summer so this week has really been focused on getting to know each other and finding our feet as a team. Until the last 2 minutes the game plan was focused on rotating the boys through so they started to learn how to mix together. Although we were well behind early, scores were level into the last minute and basket to our opponents in the last 10 seconds ended up the difference. However, overall it was a very promising start and a good benchmark to start the season off. I look forward to seeing some positive steps forward over coming weeks.

Thanks also to Mel for taking on the role as Team Manager and I'm sure all the parents will make life as easy as possible for you. Go Magic.

### **Boys Under 12/6 Vs Eastern Bulls 4 Won 48 -13**

**Coach: Rohan Patterson  
Team Manager: Nicola Baker**

A great start to the U12 season for the boys with a very convincing win. Welcome to Zac who has joined the boys and played as though he had been with the team for years! The break has seemed to do the boys some good as they remembered what the coach had told them at training and put it well into practice during the game. Some great ball steals from Xavier and Liam helped turn the game over quickly and Lachie and Kyle were good in defence, using their height to every advantage. Zac is a fast runner and dribbled well up the court, passing off to both Luke and Mitch who were well positioned to get the baskets in. Callum fought well for the ball winning it most times and shooting. We did do the usual as well which was have about 10 shots sometimes at the basket before it went in, but this week the other team had more of that problem than us!

A great win 36 - 13 just need to keep it up boys, well done.

### **Boys Under 12/7 Vs Heathmont Hornets Lost 25 - 7**

**Coach: Robert Hieber  
Team Manager: Craig Gist**

Well, it was definitely a step up from U/10's on Saturday! We played the Heathmont Hornets and unfortunately went down 25 v 7. Never mind, if last season was anything to go by, it will take a few games for us to readjust into the new team configuration and then we will be roaring along. Heathmont had quite a few talls, as well as a couple of in and under players.

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Notwithstanding, we had the ball plenty of times and the boys ran with it confidently. The new boys Caleb, Sam and Harrison all played great games too, so well done.

Goal scorers for the day were:

Caleb 4 points (first goals for the team, well done!)

Harrison 2 points (again, first goal for the team - great effort!)

Tristan 1 point (plenty more of those in you!!)

### Girls Under 14/1 Vs Waverley Raiders

**Won 37 – 4**

**Coach: Diane Greenwood**

**Team Manager: Trixie Kennedy**

The girls U14 1 team had a great win 37-4 over the Waverley raiders. Our newly appointed team manager is Trixie Kennedy (in America at the moment) so husband Gerard stepped in for the day. Tash Kennedy shot a personal best 10 points and the girls were all excited to have their first win after what was a very long season in A grade last season, we are all happy to be in B grade and competitive again.

### Girls Under 14/2 Vs Waverley 3

**Won 13 - 10**

**Coach: Shannon Evans**

**Team Manager: Michelle Swift**

Before the game I told the girls that being a new team and because a few of the girls had only met each other for the first time at training last Wednesday, I didn't want them to worry about the scoreboard too much and that the main thing I wanted to see from them was effort and teamwork. It didn't take me long to realize that they didn't listen to first part of the conversation and were definitely there to win!

The first half came with some great defence from Caitlin and Alicia playing up forward causing their opposition to struggle to get the ball over half way and although Waverley managed to slip through a few times, Pheobe, Tayla and Chloe were quick to answer with some nice work up our end which ended up giving us a small lead by half time.

With Alicia's confidence on the court growing more and more each game, she may have got a little too enthusiastic and managed to get herself fouled out early in the second half and with only one on the bench it was up to the rest of the girls to keep it going and although the intensity dropped off a little with Alicia out of the game, they managed to stay in front.

With only a couple of minutes to go, it was still anyone's game until Chloe decided to shut the gate and push her way through the pack for a layup that would rival the pro's, grabbed a foul on her way through and shot true from the foul line for a 3 point play, helping the girls to a 3 point win (I'm trying not to be biased, but it did look pretty good!!!).

A special mention needs to go to Shayne in her first game. Although you understandably looked a little lost out there at times, I'm confident that as your skills develop and confidence grows, you'll be real force to be reckoned with!

Well done girls. A great start to season!

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## **Boys Under 14/6 Vs Kangas 5 Lost 12 - 41**

**Coach: Laurence Meehan  
Team Manager: Chris Dale**

After a good training session on Tuesday to get to know each other, the game was another step forward with the score board not really telling the story, probably saying more about our opponents than us.

We played some good basketball but we also made some mistakes for which the Kangas punished us. That's OK in week 1 as we just get back into the swing of things but we will need to eliminate the errors as we go forward. I'm sure we can and that a positive season awaits us.

Thanks to Chris Dale for volunteering for the Team Manager's guernsey.  
Go Magic.

## **Boys Under 16/3 Vs Waverley 3 Lost 18 - 47**

**Coach: Kieran Armstrong  
Team Manager: Daniel Gawel**

'As the sun set over the adjacent Ringwood golf course, the lights lit up in the Colosseum were we were about to do battle in! Our Magic 3 under 16 boys had a strong start to the season on Saturday evening, yet unfortunately we couldn't sneak a win against the ruthless Waverly 3's. However, some genuinely promising signs were shown by our Gladiators none the less.

We introduced three new players to our squad; Hayden, Jacob and Daniel who all made significant contributions in their first game. Both Daniel and Hayden managed a couple of goals apiece, and Jacob showed some real dedication and enthusiasm when pushing back hard in defense.

We anticipate that it will take a couple of weeks for the team to find a cohesive approach, but once we do; boy, will we be a force to reckoned with! The world's greatest coach (Kieran Armstrong) coupled with the sound managerial skills of Daniel Gawel have big plans for this group of young men and with the right attitude and some 'Flubber' on the boy's shoes; it's doubtful that anything will stand in our way!

## **Boys Under 16/5 Vs Vermont Vultures Won 28 - 9**

**Coach: Chris Ayton  
Team Manager: TBA**

What a good start to the season, it was great to see how quickly the boys clicked as a team. It meant that we had a good win, keeping the Vultures scoreless for quite a while.

It was good to see Connor and Adam fitting in straight away and being involved in our first win of the season. (Connor scoring his first points for Spirit Magic)

Hopefully it's a sign of good things to come.





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