

Dribble

20th October 2012



Spirit Magic's Weekly News and Match Reviews

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First Club Goals...

Congratulations to...

- Ben Brouwer – Boys Under 10/5 – 20th October, 2012
- Shayne Murphy – Girls Under 14/2 – 20th October, 2012

Match Reports...

Mixed Under 8/4 Vs Spirit Magic 3

Lost 8 - 1

Coach: Nick Bradford

Team Manager: Vanessa Bradford

Unfortunately, Spirit Magic 4 had a loss this week against our number 3 team with a final score of 8-1. Despite the loss, the team put in a great effort both as a team and as individuals.

Ben played a fantastic game showing great defense, some great coast to coast efforts and good use of the left hand and managed our only points of the game from the foul line. Jacob also played a great game and showed his commitment by attempting to push an opposition player out of the way with his head late in the second half. :) Nick put in a really great effort as well and forced several turnovers and Rhys had several attempts at the hoop but just wasn't able to trouble the scorers. Liam and Lachlan both had several attempts down the court but weren't able to convert and Daniel put in a great turnover effort late in the second half.

In the end the score didn't do justice to the fight the team put up but we just didn't have an answer for the twin tall timber of the other team giving them multiple scoring options inside the zone.

Better luck next week guys.



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Match Reports...

Girls Under 10/1 Vs Wattle Park Saints

Draw 7 - 7

Coach: Leon McKenna

Team Manager: Craig Jones

This week the Magic got off to a slow start, conceding the 1st two goals to the Saints – a significant margin in the context of a low scoring affair. But Jesse soon set about clawing the Magic back into the contest scoring a great goal from outside the key. Wattle Park scored again before a sensational 5 minutes by Tahlia, in which she almost dribbled the full length of the court for a layup & followed it up with a great free throw, put the Magic within 2 points at half time.

The second half was tight, but with Caities tough defense & Saskias strong rebounding, the Magic were beginning to gain the ascendancy. Camryn, Bella & Stevie were also making strong contributions, with some 1st rate team passing, but the Magic were dominating everywhere but on the scoreboard ! Maya, playing her last game before an overseas holiday, was dribbling strongly & passing with precision – but her best work was still to come.

2 points down with 15 seconds to go, the Magic seemed destined for their second narrow loss in as many weeks, before Maya took a strong offensive rebound and had the presence of mind to find Gilli on her own. Gilli coolly slotted the medium range shot with seconds to go to level the scores & send the Magic crowd into hysterics. Another great team effort Girls in another tight tough contest !

Bon Voyage Maya & Go Magic !

Boys Under 10/1 Vs Waverley 1

Lost 13 - 48

Coach: Cath Stone

Team Manager: Lyn La Canna

The boys learned the hard lesson this week of going up against a team that was simply a better side on the day. While the game started out in a fairly neck and neck, it turned sour for us early on when the other side showed that they weren't prepared to miss an opportunity. Our guys fought hard, but unfortunately found themselves behind the play and under pressure. The Waverley side ran themselves as a cohesive unit and dominated us. Spirit worked hard to gain ground, but couldn't get a break, regardless of how hard they tried and as a result missed a number of key goal opportunities. As always, we had good players who fought hard, but were really just out performed on the day. Bad luck guys, but don't worry, if/when we come up against Waverley again, we will be much better prepared and ready for a fight!

Magic 13 to Waverley 48

Thanks to Jarrod for being team manager and writing my report this week whilst I was watching another game in Oakleigh.



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Match Reports...

Boys Under 10/3 Vs Ashwood Wolves Lost 26 - 45

Coach: Greg Skien
Team Manager: Andrew Gibson

We were at Nunawading for our first game ever against the Ashwood Wolves who had a clear height advantage over our boys. They used this height to their advantage early on quickly shooting out to a 7 – 0 lead. Through quick ball movement our boys then got their game going. Some great rebounding and aggressive play by Josh saw the ball with Cayden, who passed to Will in space and he charged down the court for a nice lay up to put us on the board. It was then goal for goal for 5 minutes with Damo and Dylan finding the basket and we trailed 6 – 13, midway through the first half. A great goal by Joseph and 2 strong drives by Damo resulting in goals saw us down 12 – 19 at halftime.

The second half was played at hectic speed with both teams playing attacking basketball and the ball whizzing around the court. Our boys were playing some great team basketball and a great bit of play seeing all the boys touch the ball resulted in a goal to Cayden. Damo shot 2 from 2 from the foul line, followed by another great run by Will who shot accurately. When Dylan shot truly the boys had bridged the margin but our charge was short lived. The Wolves were able to put a few goals together to take control again. Joseph and Josh continued to apply great defence and Cayden, Dylan and Will all shot their 2nd goals for the half but despite a great team game we fell short losing 26 – 45.

Boys Under 10/4 Vs Donvale Dunkers 2 Won 24 - 5

Coach: Grant Randall
Team Manager: Steve Thompson

After a close one last week, we came up against a team playing their first under 10 season. Apparently, they dominated in Under 8's but were in for a rude awakening coming up against the mighty under 10/4's!!!!

The boys started well and if half the shots had dropped in, the game would have been over in the first 5 minutes. This was not the case though and It wasn't until Spencer pulled down a great rebound, did a quick blind turn and, with his eyes firmly closed put in a "blinder"! Lincoln continued on from last week and set up 2 more goals for Brodie and Spencer again.

Nathan was a bit quiet last week, however this week he found some confidence in his pocket and popped in 3 great goals! Ben also chipped in for 2 great goals and took one of the rebounds of this century!!

Jack started off brilliantly with some awesome passing and defence as well as setting up a goal for Ben. Brodie had another great game turning defence into offence and scoring some great goals. he is a real gun!!

Zac had another awesome game, providing alot of run and steals galore. Liam tried hard in attack and defence and played a great tagging role on their best player...well done Liam!!

A great win in the end with the final score being 24 to 5.....Go Magic 10/4!!



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Match Reports...

Boys Under 10/5 Vs Vermont Vultures 3 Won 16 - 15

Coach: Chris Leslie
Team Manager: Vanessa Bradford

Congratulations to the boys on their 16 to 15 win over Vermont Vultures 3 on Saturday. It truly was a team effort, with 7 out of 8 players scoring points during the game and everyone getting in amongst the action (special mention to Ben Brouwer scoring his first points for the club during the game). It was a hard-fought match with lots of on-the-ball pressure from both teams, and we went into the half time break with a handy lead, however Vermont stepped it up a level in the second half and really made us fight for the ball. It went right down to the wire in the end but we were able to hold on to the one point margin and claim the win.

Well done boys!

Boys Under 12/2 Vs Waverley 2 Lost 22 - 24

Coach: Paul Hayes
Team Manager: Peter Munro

This weeks game was a tight contest from the first tip off with team work and speed v height! The boys from SM took the game right up to Waverley and out ran, out hassled and out played Waverley for the better part of the match with some great passing and vision down the court giving our boys the edge at half time. Waverley were never out of the contest and with 10 minutes to go, Waverley switched to a zone defense that our boys found hard to penetrate and with Waverley's superior height they out rebounded us and made the most of their opportunities to hit the lead in the last 90 seconds of the game. It was a great contest, played in great spirit by both teams with Waverley getting the points this time – bring on the re-match!!

Well done boys, keep the hard running and team work going and hopefully next week we can get the points - until next week - Go Magic U12/2.

Boys Under 12/6 Vs Nunawading Kangas 6 Lost 13 - 28

Coach: Rohan Patterson
Team Manager: Nicola Baker

Bit of a wake up call this week after last weeks big win, the boys more than met their match, physically and game wise. The Kangas took an early lead and it stayed that way throughout the game and as usual it was the shooting that let us down. With good team work the ball made its way well down the court but getting it to drop was another matter. Rebounds were another problem, we just were not quick enough this week to get them out. However in the last 4 minutes of the game the boys found a new lease on life and the ball started dropping and we caught up enough to make it a fairly decent score. All of this will go towards experience of what to expect in the U12 game and the boys will learn from it.

Final score 13 -28

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Match Reports....

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

Coach: Robert Hieber
Team Manager: Craig Gist

Well, what a game it was against the Waverley Wildcats! We managed a resounding 42 - 9 victory, we were HOT! The low score was not a reflection entirely upon the Waverley Wildcats and their competitiveness, they certainly gave it a go. Magic was on fire, with plenty of passes and lay ups, as well as plenty of rebounds and assists.

It was a game that saw all of our boys score at least a goal, what a terrific effort. It was testament to what sharing of the ball results in while in offence. The extra height of Samuel, and pace of Caleb, has well and truly given the remnant Magic team from last season a boost. Zac took the court for his first game and was very handy in both offence and defence. Harrison also had a great game and his all round fitness and ball skills are just what the team needs. Together, the boys will continue to be a competitive team and I am looking forward to some great challenges as the season, and the weather, heats up.

Okay, scores for the game were:

Dylan Hieber	2 points (first goal of season)
Ryan Green	2 points (first goal of season)
Harrison Low	2 points
Connor Smith	6 points (first goals of season)
Zac Abrams	6 points (first goals of season)
Caleb Knight	6 points
Samuel Timmer	8 points (first goals of season)
Tristan Gist	10 points (first goals of season)

Girls U12/2 Vs Heathmont Hornets 3 Lost: 6 - 15

Coach: Andrew Wade
Team Manager: Anthea Mitchell

Our second grading game went very well, with the girls starting to get to know each other and against another team that won so strongly last week. After the first half, where the girls were down 0 to 12, they came out strongly in the second half holding the Hornets to a small score of only 3 for the term and putting 6 on the board for themselves.

Thanks Ella, Olivia and Sophie for putting those points on the scoreboard. Well done to Sarah, Laura, Kathleen and Rose for all contributing. Our sympathy goes out to Tamika who injured her hand at training last week and is out for possibly the next 6 matches, just goes to show that even when Dad's the coach you still pull out all the stops. Excellent effort to show up even when you can't play and support your teammates, this sort of sportsmanship is what it's all about. Makes me very proud to be a Spirit Magic mum and help by doing my small part as team manager.

Go Spirit Magic 2!!



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