

Dribble

8th December 2012



Spirit Magic's Weekly News and Match Reviews

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First Club Goals...

Congratulations to...

- Mathew Kelly – Boys Under 12/4 – 3rd December, 2012

Match Reports...

Boys U10/2 v Heathmont Hornets 1
Lost 23 - 17

Coach: Shannon Evans
Team Manager: Carolyn Fisher

A warm 29C greeted us at 9am Saturday morning and another very physical game didn't do much to cool anybody down. The Magic team are used to playing a 'clean' game but are unfortunately coming up against teams whose spirit of fair play is not quite as great as their own.

The Hornets may have won but they certainly didn't do much for their own reputation when one of their players threw the ball away after scoring- a blatant attempt to run the clock down which was not penalized- and even after winning the game most of them refused to shake hands. Personally it's not the type of behaviour I want to see on the court-particularly from an under 10's team.

Despite all this the Magic boys played a great team game-probably their best for a while-and the score doesn't indicate the closeness of the game or the efforts put in.

Hang in their boys, try to remember to have fun and keep playing your own game.



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Match Reports...

Boys U10/3 v Waverley 2 Won 29 -10

Coach: Greg Skien
Team Manager: Andrew Gibson

We were at Vermont Primary for the first time this season against Waverley 2. Both teams looked well matched and it was a tight opening to the game before Dylan shot our first basket for the match. Waverley soon had the ball down their end and replied with a goal, before Dylan and Damo scored, shortly followed by Joseph who steadied and scored from long range. Our opponents kept coming however and the score tightened to 8 – 6. After a couple of weeks of having it their own way the boys were being challenged. At the first time out they were reminded by the coach to stick to their players and not to ball chase. Soon after the boys started to get control of the ball and after starting with Adam a number of passes led to Damo shooting accurately and he followed with his 3rd of the half to have us up 12 – 6 at the half time break.

Josh was as courageous as ever and put his body on the line to make a great intercept and set Sam up for a nice layup. Adam continued to rebound strongly and he was able to set Cayden up for a great goal. Another strong rebound by Sam saw him set up Josh for a well deserved goal. Some excellent team play released Will who was able to charge down the court and make a great layup and the margin was out to 20 – 9 which was stretched again with goals to Dylan and Cayden. A highlight of the match was the way the boys were challenged early but came away in the end through great team play with their passing exceptional. The final highlight came with 20 seconds to go when Waverley had 2 shots from the foul line and Cayden signalled for permission to have a shot for 3 should the ball come to him, which didn't seem likely. But as fate would have it the ball ended up over the top and in Cayden's hands and with 7 seconds to go he nailed a 3 pointer to send the team into frenzy on the buzzer to cap off a great 29 – 10 win by the boys.

Boys U12/6 v Donvale Dunkers Lost 16 - 12

Coach: Rohan Patterson
Team Manager: Nicola Baker

It was a hot Saturday and both teams were slow to start, in fact by 1/2 time there was only 5 baskets all up for the game. Magic gave away a lot of free shots in both halves and although we were much better matched in height and general size for the first time since grading started the team still found it hard to get pass defence. However, this was definitely the best game they have played this season and they really came back in the last few minutes of the game but unfortunately our fouls had reached 9 so the Donkers took full advantage of the free throws and won 16 -12.

We are playing boys who seem to be much bigger and older than our boys so a grow spurt is required these holidays, so that we can match them! However they are improving every week and should be proud.
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