DAISHSAT WHARFDALE
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Today's Report Representative Footy Projects Past Players/Ladies Day

AFLW FIRST THREE GAMES

As we turn the home and away season into the second round in this newsletter we recap some of the events so far. We thank fast approaching we are hosting the Preliminary Final (Footy) and Grand Final (Netball) and some exciting times await. While we flatteat, what a great facility the Daishsat Wharfdale Sports Pavilion is, we look forward to the 2020 Grand Final Netball on Saturday, July 26th against Norman. Well done to Jets, Sandy and the whole football admin team and good luck on your special opening day!

Finally, we have some special guests in this edition to thank and acknowledge the support our Club this year. Please contact us if anyone is interested in becoming a new sponsor as we have some options available.

TODDY SO FAR IN 2020

As we approach Round 13 and past the halfway point we are sitting 2nd on the ladder.

Our first 2 rounds of the season didn't go the way as we would have hoped, we lost against Jets and Sandy games. Having the opportunity to play both teams twice through intact, allowed us to have better clarity on the 2 teams we lost to.

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Round 12 v Jervois at home was in front of a big crowd, especially due to a social Ladies Day and Fast Players Day game, and it was a game we had spoken about and wanted to win. We had lost to Jervois in the first game by 1 point. We had lost our ruck man Ben Ashby and so the game was on it became a real one sided game. We wasn't able the use our clears of the contested ball which resulted in a disappointing loss. Credit to Jervois the way they kicked the ball. We had our ruck man back for round 13 against Sandy and we had a real one sided game where we had given our team to get back to winning the ball on the inside this week and bring our pressure game to Kanmantoo.

This season about 11 players and 30 players have played league football.

The Reserves have been the pacesetters and set a high standard for the senior team. The Reserves have had some great depth and numbers have been needed resulting in being up to 2 games. The most pleasing part is the brand of footy they have played and the way they have kept themselves and the confidence of the young players in their push to play senior footy.

On behalf of the playing group, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our Coach, our Committee, our Sponsors, our Ladies Day ladies, our families, our members, supporters and our families for their continued support.

We are fully aware there is still a lot of hard work and learning to take place in our game to Stepterstone, and we can't wait to have you all along on the journey.

REPRESENTATIVE FOOTY

We have had many players step up and play the game at higher levels of experience. We congratulate them all and wish them well going forward.

Will Crane—Eastern Zone in SA Country Football Championships

Will Crane and Jackson Tyson—RMFL Under 18 Association Team

Tristan Zadow and Zack Taylor—RMFL Under 16 Association Team.

Oakley Lanyon, Aiden Pearce and Zavier O'Hara - RMFL Under 16 Association Team.

Cover Others — 2020 SANFL Under 15 Interstate Championship (representing West Adelaide)

Imps lads representing Murraylands at SAFANA football. Aaron Bates, Zac Bryant, Lachlan Gates, Nicholas Gates.

500 Senior RMFL Games – Ash Temby

PROJECTS

Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who have assisted us with completion of many projects this year. We appreciate your help as this work would not have been completed without your assistance

- Nets behind goalposts and scoreboard completed
- Black PVC panel and signage of fences with more access to oval
- Coaches Boxes – painted and laying of imitation grass in front of boxes
- Ladies Day – painted and laying of imitation grass in front of boxes
- New Solar Panels – Thanks to our sponsor Solar Wholesalers for their support. Both purchases will assist with reducing our current electricity bills.
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PROJECTS IN PROGRESS/TO BE COMPLETED

Canteen Upgrade Project – thanks Shane Snell for setting up the fundraiser for this project, see below for further details.

New Airconditioning in Clubrooms – existing aircondtioning will need to be replaced at some stage after the Club has finished paying off the current one.

General Maintenance around Clubrooms

Internal general maintenance has been completed around Clubrooms over the next few weeks. Thanks to the supporters who will be assisting with these jobs. Also, we have a Work Bee on July 26th which clean up around the Oval and re-cycle the bottles and cans after the game.

Website – Currently updating/creating new website for Imperial Football Club. Thanks to Emily Cockburn and Holly Schiller for working on this project.

SCOREBOARD UPGRADE

To keep in line with the safety and modernisation theme our club is applying for SA Government Grant funding to upgrade our scoreboard. Our current scoreboard is conventional double mechanical operated by and LED Sign which can be operated remotely from the timekeeper's box on the opposite side of the oval.

The existing conventional mechanical operation each match. This is a volunteer-based task and can be challenging to fulfill. The design of the area in which the scoreboard is located is not ideal for safety. The area is a narrow walkway with with current building standards. We have completed a risk assessment to control and the opening to the upper platform very tight. The real issue is if the volunteer has a medical issue or a fall while operating the scoreboard the ambulance would have to take the personnel could be injured on the way down. Ambulance personnel in this situation was life threatening. On top of this a rescue firm within the confined space would be required to assist the ambulance personnel. Our club has had a near miss with the use of the scoreboard by a volunteer in the restrictive confined area on a LED panels, which would be a low risk consequence. The scoring will be controlled by the timekeeper in the timekeeper's box.

Many members will follow us on Facebook and Instagram which be aware of our intent. Our intent is to build a new structure with basic LED score and time panels. Since the current structure is in the middle of the oval, we need to be sure that we have a safe structure that can withstand wind loads in Langhorne Creek. We have chosen a centre wide 2 metres high, and we also can utilise the existing structure. This would be affixed to the back of the existing structure and would be a lot safer than the current structure. However, We are in the process of getting a quote for this, but ideas are a starter you can assist. At this point in time we have 31 member pledges of $250.00, and 10 of $500.00 and 1 of $1,000.00. We have approached Daishsat Wharfdale Sports Club and we have to meet the Board to discuss the proposal. Our current quote is approximately a cost on $42 000.17.

In our intention to give the old scoreboard a square up, paint job, replace the shutters with roller shutters and also include a roller shutter over the LED screen to provide some protection when not in use.

Current scoreboard **Proposed with LED Screen**

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LADIES DAY and FAST PLAYERS DAY

Thanks to all the ladies for their assistance on Ladies Day and Fast Players Members Group Day.

Many thanks to Kris Dalley for organising the Ladies Day. Kris had organised the day with the Ladies - catering, raffle, entertainment. Ladies Day was going for a few years now and each year is successful and this year was no different. Thanks Kris, Bec, Bec Pitch Twist and the ladies for putting up with the loud band of ladies who attend the day. Ladies Day raised $1,000 and half of this went to the raffle is donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation. This year was our first for the Tongerr Fast Players Members Group Day and it was a great. Thanks to all the ladies who participated and congratulations to Caitlin Michell for winning the inaugural tongerr cup.

PAST PLAYERS CONTACT LIST – Thanks to Leigh Hiscock for his time and effort to establish the Past Players Contact List. Leigh has made Tongerr's progress and he has started to organise over the last couple of years. As at July 5th we have 150 Past Players on the contact list and 127/200. A great day and we had fun at. We are still updating our contact list for any Past Players who are not on the list. Congratulations to Leigh Hiscock on 387/500 games and Ryan Rance on 350/400/371 if you have any details of any Past Players please let Leigh know. **Next Past Players Day is 16th August – home game against Wyndham. This day will also be our "50 Year Celebration of Johnstone Park".**

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all our many volunteers who are prepared to assist by giving their valuable time fundraising, completion of projects and supporting our players every week in preparation against their teams. Please reach out to any of our committee members if you are able to assist (projects/maintenance, canteen, BBQ shifts, trainers or any other jobs on Saturday).

Coming Events

CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS AT JOHNSTONE PARK

On **1st August 2020** against Wyndham, we will be celebrating 50 years at Johnstone Park. We would like to invite all members to join us at Facebook Group and email to members over the next few weeks.

Volunteer Focus — Julie Wright

Julie has been snapping away merrily capturing memories for our Club this year. She puts in a lot of effort and she club photographer.
Her matchday photos are all uploaded onto her Facebook page. They are fun, and we are very regularly, feel free to visit the page and have a comment or a like!

Image by Bill Bailey!

Matthew Gates – Junior Football

I am the Junior Coordinator at the football club this year, taking over from Judd Smith who has been in the role for the last 5 years. Here is a little bit about myself and what is happening in the junior ranks this year.

Under 15s by Ben Freebairn

Shaun Clayson returned as coach of the U15s. He is assisted by Travis Lenert and Ben Freebairn. Training commenced on Tuesday nights in June. We had a good start to the season but have started to lose some good football together in the last few games, resulting in defeating the 2nd little Jervois. The team currently sit 4th on the ladder. If they continue their current form and with a bit of luck they can push for 3rd on the ladder.

Under 13s

Scott Rowland is coaching the team again this season after taking the lads to a Grand Final last year. Unfortunately, they lost to the Jervois seniors. Matt O'Hara is the current 2nd team manager/coach. Only a small 13s team but a good season so far currently sitting 5th, 5th on the ladder. They have been very competitive in most games. With a few wins they should spend the second half of the season in the top 4.

Under 9s, Under 11s

First time coach at the club, Russell Arrowsmith, is the coach of the u11s. Russell's team has mixed ability and has started their season well.

Judd Smith returns to coach the u9s. Judd has a few new faces in the team coming up from Auskick.

Both teams are full of enthusiasm for each game, even though they are kicking the footy in the wrong direction sometimes. Thanks to Russell and Ty for their assistance.

Auskick

Mason Merrith was our Auskick coordinator for 2020. We had 38 Auskickers registered and we had a good participation rate. Unfortunately, we didn't get to finish the last day of June in a change from previous years, where we usually finish around September in the last weekend of June. Hopefully this allows for a smoother transition into the Junior Football season and a drive. Hopefully these kids continue their footy journey with the Imps football club.

With only 6 games remaining, all our junior sides have had good seasons to date. If they all continue their good form, they should contest their spots in the top 5 for a finals berth. From there with a lot of luck, they will hopefully push deep into the finals.

FOOMS JUNIOR COACHING CLINIC

On Wednesday the 8th July the Foums Junior coaches held a junior coaching clinic at Johnstone Park with approximately 300 junior players participated. At the conclusion Crows players Darcy Fogarty, Mitch Hinge and Nick Murphy signed autographs and photo opportunities.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Imperial Football Club to move to Johnstone Park on 8/2/1965 5th September 1965 - dressing shed foundation poured
Mid October 1965 - reported a healthy cover of green on the marching grits and oval
16th July 1966 – first game played at Johnstone Park.

This year will be 55 years from the start of Johnstone Park (Foundation Year) – watch this space as we will be providing more information to celebrate this milestone. Unfortunately, we will not be able to celebrate with our Wyndham Bulldogs game. Now the big night – auction of guernsey and merchandise to be available.

Thanks once again to all our volunteers to help make our Club so successful. If you can spare any time to assist around the Club, please speak to one of the Committee Members, Coach or Team Managers as we require many hours of volunteers each week for all our teams to play on Saturdays.

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