



## Collingwood Industrial Magpies

### A special message from Yuendumu on the eve of the visit for the Essendon game – plus more match reviews from Alice Springs and Melbourne

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We are very pleased to have received a special message from the Yuendumu community thanking CiM for its efforts developing the relationship between Collingwood and Yuendumu. The message appears further below after a match report from Alice Springs on Yuendumu's recent victory over Rovers by Matt Day, a sports journalist with the Central Australia Aboriginal Media Association. Check out Matt's Gallery on the website!!

The message concludes with some great insights from CiM member, Rod Wigg on the North game.



Matty Day in the grandstand at Yuendumu Oval

#### Yuendumu pulverise Rovers in Round of the AFLCA

Round 15 of the AFL Central Australia saw Yuendumu Magpies FC continue their assault on the finals with a pulverizing win over Rovers FC.

At first glance one could have the impression that this was a vulnerable and undermanned side.

- Key forward Sebastian Watson stayed home this week nursing a shoulder injury.
- Running players like Chris Walker, Sebastian Wilson and Elton Collins were also non starters.

These absences were easily covered by the depth of young talent in the Yuendumu community. New inclusions included Terry Long, Shannon Ellis, Benjamin Dixon and Matty Nelson. The mix of new young talent with experience and some bigger bodies like Vaughn Hampton and Herman Sampson proved to be a successful recipe.

The Magpies had a game plan though, move the ball quickly through the corridor on the big and wide Traegar Park Oval. This tactic was well supported by the disciplined side and why wouldn't it be when you have the caliber of player like Simon Fisher controlling the Centre Half Back position then kicking to Liam Jurrah at Centre Half Forward, if the ball did happen to spill to the floor it was quickly mopped up by Nicholas Watson, Nathaniel Sims and Alistair Long. If Liam was ever out of goal scoring position the reliable option of Sherman Spencer proved to be valuable.



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Liam Jurrah kicked three goals in the first quarter goals missing a couple in the blustering wind. To Rovers credit they kept up to the Magpies somewhat in the first quarter and provided a spirited attack at the ball through out the game. But as the game progressed so did the Magpie scoring onslaught. At the half time break Liam had kicked 6 goals, he was in unstoppable form. In third quarter Liam took a rest claiming a niggling ankle he was always going to return in the fourth was my prediction from the side line. Liam's absence from the field let "the Shermanitor" have his share of the feast, he kicked four goals in the third Quarter. The last quarter became trivial as Rovers had run out of legs long ago with no strategy left to counter Yuendumu's attack, it just became a question of how many goals can the Magpies kick.

The end result was Magpies 24.13.157 to Rovers 3.6.24 this result secures fourth position and leaves them one game in front of Hermannsburg and one game behind Lytente Apurte (Santa Teresa) who they will play in round 15.

Yuendumu are the inform side, third position is the likely finishing place, but finals football is something they know well.



**Please take the time to read the thank you from the Community which appears below.**



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# Yuendumu Magpies Football Club

To Industrial Magpies,

This is a short note to say thank you for your relationship with Yuendumu Football Club.

### **HISTORY & SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEAM**

The Yuendumu Football Club has a long and proud history and is of enormous significance to the community of Yuendumu. It is important to note that this does not just involve the young men in the team but all of their families and supporters. Most recently Yuendumu has won the Country Cup premierships in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007. Football is crucially important because it promotes positive, healthy activity for young men, provides them with purpose and activity and enables them to represent their community with strength and pride. Members of the football club are not permitted to play if they have been engaging in activities such as substance abuse and as such the football team forms a powerful force in shaping positive role modelling and leadership within the community. Moreover football represents a new cultural activity where young Yuendumu men can express themselves as Warlpiri Warriors on behalf of all Warlpiri people.

### **INDUSTRIAL MAGPIES**

The people of Yuendumu barrack for Collingwood. Collingwood is part of our life, of our living. Through the Industrial Magpies we have a relationship with Collingwood, we feel connected, like family. Family is the most important element in our life. It has meant a lot to us to have some of our members fly up and be with us at Grand Finals and Sports Weekends to present trophies and talk with us. It makes us feel proud of our football and our culture.

The relationship with the Industrial Magpies helps us to grow our young men strong. Football makes them happy, proud and strong. Projects such as the fuel money allow us to travel back and forth from Alice Springs. Without this money for our bus we are dependent on private cars, which makes our travel fragmented and messy and we lose track of people by not travelling as a group. Community elders and club officials are concerned that many young people (under 17s in particular) will become 'stuck' in Alice Springs and as such miss important positive activities such as school and work. Additionally many of these young men will be more likely to find themselves in 'trouble', with issues such as substance abuse and the Justice system if they are unable to return to Yuendumu.

Project such as the annual visit to Melbourne of some of our players are crucial for helping us 'grow up' young men. Many of these young men have never been to a big city or seen an AFL match. It is also a reward for those who have been making positive strides in the team and community as young men and not just as footballers. The whole team is aware of this. They know they are chosen because we are proud and happy with them. That they are ambassadors for our community and can represent us as young leaders. This helps them to realise that they are strong young men that have something to offer and be proud of. When they return to Yuendumu they are more aware of the outside world and are encouraged to keep working hard to be positive and healthy young leaders.

Thank you again from our whole community for your support. We look forward to a continuing relationship.

Yuendumu Football Club Committee.



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Is this man the key to the Pies chances?

The message from Rod...

I am forced to respond to this magnificently detailed synopsis;

Young Wood jumped three times this week and probably the same last week for marks in defence and completely misjudged them as they flew over his out stretched arms. If he as he should have taken these towering marks the likes of Drew Petrie would have had to be held accountable and change his game to suit.

He could not have done as he please and put on a around the ground ruck display not seen since Simon Madden.

It does not matter what we showed last year, in the first week of the finals we will most likely play a side that has beaten us this year that is if we make the finals. 9 and 7 win loss ratio is the sign of a good ordinary side. We are short a game breaking gut busting win at all costs midfielder, we do have a group of kids that may develop into this person but we don't have that player this year.

If we had on Friday night a Lenny Hayes, a Simon Black, a Boomer Harvey, a Adam Goodes, a Adam Cooney, a Luke Hodge or Gary Ablett we would have won the game, we would be 12 - 4 or 13 - 3 for the year.

No doubt we are the best at playing to a team plan, but short of that one gun midfielder we can't sustain the intensity week in week out, Telstra Dome is made for one on one tackle footy, our game. We just could not sustain the energy from the previous two matches.

Our time will come, 'Teflon' needs a bigger engine, Daisy too needs to find a gear, Clokey needs to learn to impose his presence on the contest when being beaten, the ball must come to ground. I love the bloke as a footballer, yet I am yet to see him leap into a pack and crash it to the ground. Brownny is quick for his size and a booming kick, but very rarely does he back him self and run forward.



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I have seen enough to know though that that will be the future of the football club, we will see this from these boys, and they are just boys by the way.

I believe in the club recruiting philosophies but; if there was a gun, gut busting 30 year old midfielder to come onto the market soon, I would be very tempted.

**FLOREAT PICA**