



Collingwood Industrial Magpies

President's Report

Pies Cold

Master Mick, as usual, gets the big picture out there in a few words, at least that much of it he wants to be publicly consumed. Dodgy whistle denying a decisive goal, good to keep Geelong guessing and for confidence. Crusty players coming off a bye. What he didn't say was that he got a good look at a new game plan from a new Geelong coach. One that fits the personality profile of its creator perfectly and will be there in September. Yet it wasn't devastating. With Ablett gone and a maturing list Scott's response to the press is to look for more structure and patience on the defensive lines, more control of the ball, less helter skelter attack, less handball, more kicking to contested situations, fighting it out on the Members wing and less risk in the corridor. It has similarity to what St Kilda has been playing for some time. St Kilda Grand Final 1 2010 comes to mind, St Kilda in Grand Final 2009 and the recent St Kilda v Carlton game. The big difference is the tempo of this game plan and the Thompson/ Ablett time. It predicts tight low scoring tussles against good opposition, once again via Ross Lyon's St Kilda game plan. In short, less risk and more control of game time. The Collingwood press at its most devastating takes complete control of a game for long periods and imposes escalating inferred pressure on the opposition in possession. People become allergic to the ball. Suffocate first then decapitate was the rhythm of the Magpies 2010 game. Scott wants his players to fight it out and take care to work the ball free. When they do they will go forward in an old fashioned kick to a marking contest.

So how did the Pies cope? Not very well at first, coming off the bye against top class opposition in the first quarter it showed. No tackles, no bounce off the back line no serious impact in the contests. Then the effort clicked in and a period of momentum which then faltered but never looked like succumbing, in



the game until the siren, and, but for a hasty whistle, winning. No psychological scars and a very handy familiarisation. Collingwood has more to come back Jolly, Johnson, Maxwell, probably lost more with Toovey than the Cats did with Ling and could handle the important role Scarlett played better. Questionable whether Brad Dick was the best substitute. Varcoe is the only pace merchant to worry



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about and you need a defensively minded player to keep him out of it, Buckley did enough to demonstrate that he is handy across half back but turned it over at a crucial moment. The body strength and grunt of Beams, McCaffer or McCarthy might be more useful against the Cats approach, particularly at night with the ball wet and ground conditions slow. Nathan Brown would be handy, alas, and Maxwell too when fit and in form. Which leads your correspondent to speculate that playing Toovey as a defensive forward following Scarlett up the ground as a tag could be worth a look. Toovey's athletic ability and long kicking could be used to win the ball off Scarlett get on his bike and pump it back to Dawes and Cloke, with the fullback somewhere up on the wing, that would

upset the apple cart! Toovey will be back on deck next time and with the Hawks having structural problems the Cats might be the team to beat.

Leon was good again and seems to have improved if anything in his new position, a little cameo in the midfield next time against Geelong maybe? The ball spends a lot of time on the ground in this type of game and clearances are hard to get. He could pose a match up problem if released tactically. A long way to go yet for Cam Wood.





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African Games - Invitation for an Indigenous Exhibition Match

As a result of an invitation from the organisers of the African Games which will be held in Maputo in September 2011 for an indigenous team to play an exhibition game of Australian Football a local organisation, Australian Football International, is attempting to put together a tour by group of young aboriginal players, over the age of 18. The tour would include travel in several African countries. The CiM Board has resolved to explore the possibility of sponsoring a player to be a part of the tour. Should the tour go ahead as currently proposed the Board has decided in principle to meet the estimated costs of a sponsors contribution as proposed. We are currently seeking to consult further with the organisers and considering the process for selection.



Yuendumu out of CAFL



No doubt many of you recall the events affecting the Yuendumu community this year. Due to the recent and ongoing unrest in Yuendumu the Yuendumu Magpies have regretfully withdrawn its A Grade and Under 17 teams from the Central Australian Football League (CAFL) 2011 Season.

The club will be focusing attention toward uniting the team and community and intend to return to the CAFL for the 2012 season.

Corporate Box

Remember, anyone renewing their membership by 31 May will go into a draw for two seats in a Corporate Box kindly donated to CiM for the Melbourne v Collingwood game on the Queen's Birthday Weekend. There are other great prizes as well including a 1990 vintage of an iconic Australian Wine and excellent books donated by our sponsors.

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