



Trophy Presentation & End of Year Celebration



PREMIERS 2009!

Friday 28th August 2009

The Ringwood Spiders football club competes in the Football Integration Development Association (FIDA), which is run under the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA). FIDA was implemented to provide an Australian Rules football program for people with mild to medium intellectual disabilities and has been successfully run since the early 1990s.

Ringwood Spiders Football Club's Vision:

'To provide and promote active participation in community sport and social activities for people with a disability',

Ringwood Spiders Football Club Mission Statement:

'To provide people with a disability an opportunity to interact, participate and build social skills and leadership within the community'



Since 1992 the Ringwood Spiders (formally Ringwood Blues) have provided football opportunities for people with a disability within the City of Maroondah and surrounding areas. Our club has a strong position and history associated with the outer eastern suburbs of

Melbourne and continues to provide football and recreation participation opportunities for people with a disability within our local community.

The club has forged a long term relationship with the Maroondah City Council and other key local Recreation and Disability organisations and thank them for their support.

In addition to the FIDA football program, this year the club has implemented a Cheerleader Squad and Junior Development squad, both of which will continue to grow and increase the participation of people with a disability in community grass roots sport and recreation programs. If you would like to know more, or perhaps become involved with the Spiders, contact one of the committee members who'd only be too pleased to help.

Welcome Spiders Supporters

The Ringwood Spiders Football Club committee would like to welcome you to our 2009 Presentation Night. We hope you have an enjoyable evening as you join us in celebrating a wonderful year - and the first Grand Final appearance in 15 years!

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who has supported the team during 2009. From parents, supporters, sponsors, Councillors, local Members of Parliament and the Eastern Football League umpires association, you have all played a hand in the overall success of this season. In particular, the support and community spirit you have shown at home games and the atmosphere it has created has been fantastic.

2009 saw the Spiders continue to build on the foundations laid last year, both on and off the field, in building a sustainable future for our players and the broader Maroondah Community.

Some of the highlights included:

- off-season summer recreation program, including our Motivation dinner,
- introduction of our wonderful cheerleader squad program,
- introduction of the Lakeside Cafe Junior Development squad,
- fantastic support of the EFL Umpires Association,
- a number of new players onto the Spider's list,
- the continuation of the Player Sponsorship Program, and
- increased exposure via a number of media outlets including Maroondah Leader, Maroondah Journal and for our MCG game, The Age and Football Record.

It is a very exciting time at the Ringwood Spiders and we are encouraging everyone to stay involved and get behind the Spiders in 2010. You'll soon be able to do this on our new website: www.ringwoodspiders.com which will have all sorts of information about the Ringwood Spiders past and present. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Ringwood Spiders Committee

From the Coach

The 2009 FIDA Season has provided many wins for the Ringwood Spiders and not all of them on the ground, although we have had our most successful year on-field for a long time.

We have continued the work commenced last year to secure some long term sustainability. This required much work, but the results speak for themselves both on and off the field.

Some of the highlights included:

- 2009 preseason training involved fitness and conditioning for the season ahead.
- Participation in the MCG exhibition game.
- Promotion of the club to local schools and organisations that resulted in nine new players becoming involved in the team.
- Representation in the Victoria v South Australia State game – well done to Josh Rawkins.
- Jaren Hare awarded winner of the FIDA Ringwood Spiders Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) for 2009 – well done to Jaren.
- Winning the 2009 Division 2B Grand Final – our first premiership since 1994!
- Increased partnership with local community organisations.
- A steady increase in volunteer support for the club, on game day and behind the scenes.



Spiders players learn about 'Looking after our Mates'

The foundations have been laid and we are now in a strong position to move the club forward. As with last year, we intend to hold several social functions over the off-season to give the players, Cheerleaders and Juniors a chance to stay in touch; more on this soon.

While we consider our role as being more than just a football club, and continually instill values and demand pride and respect from our players, unfortunately this is

not always easy for a competition the size of FIDA to achieve. This was highlighted recently when at one of our home games, a team new to FIDA had some problems which effected the playing of the game.

Due to the nature of this competition, sometimes it is difficult to control emotions and a couple of players stepped over the line which caused the game to be ended prematurely and forfeited to us. This was despite the best efforts of the club they represented.

Many players within FIDA have to overcome personal demons everyday, and we (the Spiders) are not excluded. It is something that is easy to overlook, and to see the players get out on the field and put in their all, overcoming hurdles that we can not imagine, is something they should all be congratulated for, and tonight is our opportunity to do just that!

The change in fortune this year can be attributed to our new players; Christian, Roy, Heath, Daynah, Jordan, Raymond, Ben, Chris and Lachlan fitting in and contributing so well, along with the continued development of our existing players. Tom Baldwin is one such example whose confidence is building each game and is becoming a key forward.

I would also like to thank Dani Phillips who has been great support to myself and the players at training and every game as our runner. Dani has now turned 14 and can't wait to get out there and play with the rest of the team next year.

The Spiders won an unprecedented five games straight in the later half of the season and ended on top of the ladder with a very healthy percentage of 301! This is particularly pleasing to see and makes for an exciting future.

Finally, I would like to thank Ian (Barney) Barnes, Dianne and Billy for their fantastic support and assistance around the club rooms. Nothing is ever a trouble and we all appreciate your support.

Awards & Achievements

EFL Umpires Award

We have been extremely fortunate this year to have received the support of the Eastern Football League Umpires Association, who have provided the umpires at each of our home games. The level of professionalism provided is rarely seen at this level of competition and has helped the players appreciate and learn respect for the umpires. After each game, the two umpires presented an award to the player judged best on ground. Recipients this year have been William Jones, Christian Ampt and Roy McCarthy who each received the match-day football.



EFL match-day umpires and 'Best-on-ground winner' Christian Ampt

When receiving his award at our Sponsors day function, Christian shared with everyone what it meant to be part of the Spiders. It is not easy for anyone to speak in front of a large crowd, and Christian's honesty was not lost on anyone: it was a particularly touching moment.



Victorian FIDA Representative Josh Rawkins and Clinton Fullgrave

FIDA State Team Representation

Each year, the Football Integration Development Association (FIDA) and their South Australian counterparts host a game that provides an opportunity for some of our best players to play at the highest level. This year the match was played at Woodville, a suburb of Adelaide. Spiders player Josh Rawkins was honoured to join the best from FIDA and represent the Big V.

Unfortunately the results didn't go our way with South Australia winning by a couple of goals. But the program is about more than winning and the experience is something Josh will treasure for ever - along with his Victorian footy jumper!

FIDA MVP

The Football Integration Development Association (FIDA) presents an award to the player from each team judged most valuable player. This year, Jaren Hare is the recipient for the Ringwood Spiders. The award was presented to Jaren by FIDA's John Candusso at the conclusion of the Spiders Grand Final game at Mazenod.

Our congratulations to Jaren for the wonderful year he has had. Jaren always puts in 100% and his attitude towards playing and training is first rate. He always plays to the best of his ability which has resulted in him kicking a number of goals this season across the half-forward line.



Jaren Hare receives his FIDA MVP award from John Candusso after the Grand Final

Spiders Play the MCG

The Spiders had a fantastic experience early in the year when we played an exhibition match on the MCG during half time of a Collingwood – Geelong game.

The rooms before the game were electric as the boys prepared to play in front of nearly 60,000 people. And the crowd wasn't disappointed, as both the Spiders and Mazenod Panthers showed them what FIDA footy is all about. The crowd ooded, aahed and cheered the boys on as they tackled, ran and displayed great endeavour.

A special moment was the crowd high-fiving the guys as they ran around the boundary back to the change rooms: It was fantastic.

The event was part of an AFL initiative to promote inclusion for people of all-abilities in sport, and together with the Panthers, the Spiders exceeded everything the AFL set out to achieve.



The Spiders after their encounter on the MCG await Geelong to re-enter the arena

2009 Season Results

This year, the FIDA season fixture was revised after Round 6 to remove some of the inequity in the competition. Since then, while we have had closely fought encounters, we have won all five games and finished the Home and Away season on top of the ladder in our division.

Round	Match Details
1	Kananook Bulls 7. 9. 51 def Ringwood Spiders 6. 4. 40
2	Lara 21. 8. 134 def Ringwood Spiders 2.4.16
3	Gippsland 5. 5. 35 def by Ringwood Spiders 8. 11. 59
4	Moonee Valley 9. 15. 89 def Ringwood Spiders 1. 1. 7
5	Ringwood Spiders 10. 4. 64 def Mazenod Panthers 6. 6. 42
6	North Footscray 10. 9. 69 def Ringwood Spiders 9. 12. 66
7	Ringwood Spiders 16. 6. 104 def Parkside 3. 2. 20
8	Bulleen-Templestowe 4. 7. 31 def by Ringwood Spiders 6. 10. 46
9	Ringwood Spiders def North Footscray (forfeited)
10	Ringwood Spiders 9. 11. 65 def Gippsland 4. 4. 28
11	Mazenod Panthers 4. 3. 27 def by Ringwood Spiders 15. 13. 103
GF	Ringwood Spiders 8. 15. 63 def Mazenod Panthers 4. 8. 32

Cheerleaders Squad

Just because an individual may not have the skill or ability to play for the Spiders, doesn't mean there's not a place for them. New for 2009, our Cheerleader squad got people involved in the social side of the club.

The Cheerleaders became an integral part of game day, cheering and supporting the players during a game, and then sharing in the experience of belonging to a very special group. They certainly added to something special at home games in both atmosphere and colour!

All participants of the cheerleader squad are included in all of the Spiders social and recreation activities. We would also like to acknowledge the support of, and thank the Essendon Football club Cheer Squad for donating the flags, floggers and making the Grand Final run-through.



Our fantastic cheerleaders led by Captain Adam James

Lakeside Cafe Junior Development Squad



Junior Development Squad members Ben and Thomas

Also new for 2009, our Junior Development Squad fills a void for children aged between 11 and 14-16. This group generally would have participated in an Auskick program, but might not want, or be able to participate in main-stream programs thereafter.

The Ringwood Spiders has identified this void and together with the Lakeside Cafe in Ringwood are proud to be offering this unique program to this age group.

The Lakeside Cafe Junior Development Squad's aim is skill development, confidence building, participation, social skill development and fun! Each member is also part of the Spiders and as such is included in all social and recreation activities.

Special Thank You to Our Sponsors

The Ringwood Spiders Football Club 2009 sponsorship programs have enabled us to build a foundation from which to develop the club and introduce new programs. We would like to thank all sponsors for their continued support, as without it we could not continue.

Of course, the job has only just begun and as the year closes, 2010 is now on the horizon. We will once again be asking for your support. If you have a favourite player, why not get in early with a player sponsorship for 2010, or talk to one of the committee members about other opportunities that will arise for the new season.

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