



South West Tigers

Junior Australian Football Club

2023 Year Book



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Executive Committee Report

The year in review.

2023 was a great year, but where to start...

After what can only be described as a year like no other, where we supported the region get through wet weather, this year was always going to be different. This year was less frantic on a hosting front, however, we still had much to do and much to be proud of.

We continued to rebuild the club and had 2 very good teams taking to the field each week. In addition to our 9's and 10's we also saw great growth through our Auskick program, with some of these little champions progressing into the 9's throughout the season.

So, let's start with the 9's. What a little team. Aaron and Aimee got started on the coaching front with Kathryn steering the ship as Team Manager. We had a number of kids at either 7- or 8-years-old, however, that didn't stop their level of effort and commitment. The team saw new players either from the local community or even other clubs. One thing was clear, although sometimes outmatched in skill, the effort was always there. We also gained an additional 'coach' in Christian, whose son Chadwick, graduated from the Auskick program. Christian is a rusted on footy-head, and it is great to have him as a part of the club.

The kids did have a few challenges throughout the year with a few teams, but their resilience grew each and every week and they should be very proud of themselves. Some of these champions will be in 9's again next year whilst some will progress to 10's, either way I can't wait to see them back in 2024.

On the 10's. This team was coming into year 2, maintaining a few from the previous year and adding a few 'guns' to the side. It was clear from the start that this team can be something special. Coach Joseph, the ever professional, had them doing skills and drills well above their age, but it showed on the field, whilst Team Manager Kate, did her best to manage which colour jersey they would wear each week. The team formed a great bond and as they move into 11's next year, the first season of competition footy, we are very confident that by adding a few more kids that this team will be at the pointy end come August. Well done to the boys on a wonderful year and can't wait to hear the song being belted out next season.

As for the older kids, they moved over to South West Sydney or SWS. This new Alliance saw a partnership between Tigers, Ingleburn, Bankstown, Liverpool and Macarthur formed to provide a great pathway for footy in the South West. We had many kids across teams with 3 sides making Grand Finals, with 14s and 15s having a win on the biggest day of the season. 14's YG fell short on the day, but did the club proud. We look forward to creating a great pathway from Junior to Youth footy

over the coming years and seeing our Tigers run with the best across Sydney. But you must always remember, once a Tiger, always a Tiger.

The culmination of the season, was that once again we were asked to host Grand Finals. 9 games, 2 fields, flames, pyrotechnics and awesome atmosphere meant that once again, South West Tigers host the best Grand Finals in Sydney. On the day we saw 2 SWS flags and a flag for Bankstown 11's, which had 3 Tigers in the side, from the 10's, supporting our footy neighbours. Well done and congrats to Hendrix, Henry and Lincoln. Let's make sure we get the win again next year, but this time as Tigers.

So again, what a year. Small in numbers, but proud on the field and always a family. That's what makes us special, we are a family, we are the Tigers family. We welcome everyone and always remember once a Tiger, always a Tiger.

Brett

South West Tigers Executive Committee

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Under 9's 2023

Coach: Aaron Brown

Asst Coach: Aimee Walker and Christian Wright

Manager: Kathryn Brown

Coach's Report for 2023 Season ...

What a year, taking on the role of coach for the under 9's this year was a new thing for me. I found myself a little overwhelmed but quickly settled into the role with the support of Assistant coach's Aimee and Christian. The team was a mix of returning players and newcomers with vastly different levels of skill and development. It was a pleasure to see the kids come together to have some fun and learn some skills and apply that to the game. I have been very proud watching the team each game day playing and supporting each other through some tough games. They always gave their all and never gave up, which is all we could ever ask for.

A big thank you to our team manager Kathryn for keeping the team organised and prepared, washing the guernseys and making sure everyone knew what they were doing.

And a massive thank you to all our parents and carers for your encouragement, support and help with the team both at training and on game day. It was wonderful to have the help of parents getting the kids warmed up or running drills to help our kids. It's been great to see our kids grow and develop skills and grow and develop some amazing friendships. We hope to see you all back again next season.

Aaron Brown
Coach

Now lets meet the Under 9's players...

Tiffany Andrews

Club Debut – 2023

Career Games – 7

Tiffany was new to the game this year and put in a great effort with every game played. With an injury early in the season, it took a while for Tiffany to regain her confidence, but once that came back, she showed what a great player she is. It was great to see her get in and help her teammates and even kick a goal. We hope Tiffany's confidence continues to grow, we know she is capable of great things.

Jake Benham

Club Debut – 2023

Career Games – 27

Jake made his mark in the mid field getting the ball out to the forwards. Jake excelled at reading the game play and proved to be a great ruckman. A valuable team member, Jake always followed directions and was liked and admired by his teammates. Jake shows great strength and resilience in tough situations which the team found invaluable. We look forward to watching Jake continue to play amazing footy for many years to come.

Jack Borg

Club Debut – 2023

Career Games – SWT – 21

Jack was a versatile player that was willing to play any position he was needed in. He always showed great speed and courage with the ball, always striving to get that goal no matter what it took. Never afraid to get into the mix Jack always supported and encouraged his teammates to try their best. Jack proved to be a valuable team member and his passion and commitment is to be commended. We look forward to seeing Jack continue to grow and shine on the field

Liam Brown

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 15**

Liam was always encouraging his team mates and played a number of positions. He favoured being in the mids or forward line as he liked to be with the action. Liam was never one to miss the team song and always made sure everyone knew what they needed to do. Given this is Liam's first year it has been encouraging to see his skills develop throughout the season. We are Looking forward to Liam running out on the field for many years to come.

Anthony Caruana

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 3**

Anthony joined the team towards the end of the season and was happy to play wherever the team needed him on the field. Anthony had a solid skill set and understanding of the game. Anthony didn't hesitate to get into the action whenever the opportunity came his way. We look forward to seeing Anthony in action next season.

Mason Cottier

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 14**

Mason was always keen to go, whether it be training or a game. Mason started the year off a little unsure of where he wanted to play but soon excelled in the back and mids defending and moving the ball to our forwards. Mason showed speed and determination on the field, never giving up and quickly became a team mate that could be counted on to get the job done. It's been a pleasure to watch Mason grow, improve and excel on the field, we look forward to watching that continue next season.

Mohamed Kanj

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 9**

Mohamed was always keen to hit the field and always tried his best. Mohammed tried his hand at pretty much every position but he found his feet playing in our backs. Always good at defence and never afraid to get into the action, it's been great watching Mohammed grow in confidence throughout the season.

Michael Mahmoud

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 4**

Micheal joined the team late in the season after registering for Auskick and then deciding to give the game a go. In his short time Michael became a great member of our team, built some good friendships and showed some definite skill. Michael enjoyed playing in our midfield and even with little game experience, he has shown some great skills and speed. We look forward to seeing Michael grow and develop into a confident player in the coming seasons.

Everett Scott

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 12**

Everett was a newcomer to AFL and loved to kick the ball. Always keen and eager for a run and a kick. Everett was able to play in most positions, but the team found him most useful in our back line where his defence was always spot on. We could always count on Everett being there to get in and try to stop our opposition and get the ball back up the field. A valued member of the team, we look forward to seeing where Everett's skill can take him.

Ethan Stewart

**Club Debut – 2022
Career Games – 38**

Ethan is one of our returning players, finally playing his true age this year. Ethan was a great leader for our team with his skill and experience allowing him to read the game play and always be where he needed to be. Ethan was always happy to play in whatever position he was needed and always did an amazing job. Ethan always shows a hunger for the ball and hunted it down to get it into our forward line. His speed and determination were always on display and Ethan never gave up, always giving his all. It's been a pleasure watching Ethan this year, we hope to see him back showing off his skills next season.

Chadwell Wright

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 9**

Chadwell is another of the team that played up from Auskick. He was very enthusiastic to get out on the field and play, Chadwell started off a little bit hesitant but quickly found that grit and determination needed. Chadwells nerves were quick to disappear allowing him to get in on the action and help move the ball forward. Chadwell was a versatile player but found his place in either our front line or back

line. We look forward to seeing Chadwells skills grow and develop further next season.

Natalia Zummer

**Club Debut – 2022
Career Games – 26**

Natalia is another returning player, playing her true age for the first time this season. Natalia started the season off slow and steady, always reliable but nervous to get into the action. It's been a pleasure seeing Natalia grow in confidence and develop her skills. As the season progressed, Natalia beat her nerves and allowed herself to play some amazing football, getting into the ruck, running the ball forward and kicking goals. It's been wonderful to see Natalia work so hard, we hope to see her apply this determination next season.

Under 10's 2023

Coach: Joseph Caruana

Manager: Kate Webster

Coach's Report for 2023 Season ...

What a year season 2023 was. It all started way back in March with the core under 9's returning, joined by some fresh faces. This was great for me, because I was able to remember everyone's name much faster than last season.

The first few training sessions were focused on basic hand passing and kicking to establish the core foundations of footy, although, I'm sure to the parent's it looked like your children were literally running around in circles.

Thank you for your initial patience, because by the end of game 1, with the footy foundations sorted, it became clear the under 10s had the makings of a great team.

As the season progressed, with the boys showing constant on field personal bests, the training sessions became more ambitious. I will admit, on some occasions I got carried away with complex drills that clearly have no place on a kids footy field. The team running challenge comes to mind, which in hindsight was destined to fail after I was unable to explain it to my wife the day before training, let alone to 9 and 10 year olds.

Putting the odd training sessions to one side, the boys showed a desire to learn week in and week out, which translated to some magical on field performances. It was impossible to avoid getting caught up in Tigers fever, which I will claim as the basis for my often over enthusiastic game day encouragement. A belated apology to anyone who suffered due to my boisterous on field coaching style.

Turning back to the true stars of 2023, the under 10s South West Tigers. Boys, you did yourselves, your families and your teammates proud! You Constantly strived towards your personal best and had fun along the way.

Finally, a big, big thank you to all the unsung heroes that spent countless hours behind the scenes to ensure the boys could take the field each week. Kate, our amazing team manager (among other roles), the broader committee, canteen helpers, umpires, and the parents. You all made 2023 the year of the Tiger.

Joseph Caruana
Coach

Now lets meet the Under 10's players...

Eduardo Cardeno

**Club Debut – 2022
Career Games – 24**

Eduardo picked up from where he left off last year and progressively raised his game even further during the 2023 season. Mid-field and centre half forward was where Eduardo played his best footy, trusting his instincts and kicking ability. Season highlights include tricky set shot goals and crucial mid field tackles.

Thomas Caruana

**Club Debut – 2022
Career Games – 34**

Thomas has an undeniable passion which shows on the footy field, especially in defence where he proves saving a goal is worth as much a scoring one. Season highlights include desperate goal line defence, crucial momentum changing marks and clearing kicks.

Hendrix Dodd

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 19**

Hendrix is a gifted athlete that diligently goes about his business on the footy field. You name it, Hendrix did it week in and week out. Tackling, crumbing, centre field kicking and hand passes. Season highlights include game changing intercept possessions, ball and all tackles and spectacular goals.

Maximus E

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 12**

Maximus started timid, unsure if footy was right for hi. However, after 3 games and with the encouragement of his teammates, Maximus showed he belonged on the footy field, becoming an invaluable tiger's member. The forwards was where Maximus played his best footy. His eagerness for the ball and ability to get in front of the defence made him the perfect full forward kicking option. Season highlights include scoring several goals and follow up celebrations.

Ethan Finch

**Club Debut – 2022
Career Games – 27**

Ethan plays his best footy when he has a smile on his face. The ultimate team player and up for any challenge. This year Ethan's defence improved, and complemented his ball running skills, further cementing him as a versatile player that excels in any position. Season highlights include dominating the mid-field and crucial hand passes at key moments.

Oliver Logan

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 13**

Oliver's first season at the Tigers started steady as he got used to playing AFL, and was a little timid and shy at first. Fast forward a few games and Oliver became a natural, showing massive improvement in his kicking, marking and tackling. Season highlights include scoring a few goals and crucial defensive tackles.

Henry McDonough

**Club Debut – 2023
Career Games – 20**

Henry's first season of AFL started strong and continued to build. Originally known for his unmatched speed, Henry was open to feedback and worked hard on his ball handling, passing and game awareness to become a dominant ball carrier that was hard to stop. Season highlights include countless goal assists and tearing up the mid-field leaving others, including the crows, to wonder, "how fast is this kid".

Gordon Stracey

**Club Debut – 2022
Career Games – 21**

Gordon showed courage and determination after returning from injury, which kept him sidelined for half of the season. Despite the setback, Gordon quickly go back to playing great footy and lifted the team energy with his infectious enthusiasm. Season highlights include making crucial tackles, taking game changing marks and scoring a few goals.

Geraldo Toohey

**Club Debut – 2022
Career Games – 16**

Geraldo took a few games to get going in 2023 but found his confidence to finish the season with a few personal bests on field achievements. Centre half forward was where Geraldo really shined. Always in the right position to receive a mid-field clearance and support the other forwards to move the ball towards goals. Season highlights include multiple contested possessions and crucial goal assists.

Lincoln Webster

**Club Debut – 2021
Career Games – 51**

Lincoln is a true Tiger at heart and in 2023 became the official team song organiser. Dynamic in the centres and a force to be reckoned with in the forward line. Key strengths are his game awareness and kicking proficiency. Season highlights include game changing centre field team passing combinations, snapshot goals and on field celebrations.

2023 Permitted Players

JUNIORS

Jack Northcott

Nasser Kanj

Amon Choyce

Eamon Seal

Ethan Brown

Mitchell Smith

Isaac Webster

Zachary Stabb

Dekoda Zummer

Steven Quach

Ashton Main

Victoria Johnson

Andreas Kalofonos

Ryan Stendell

Nicholas Nardis

Bailey Stewart

Liam Stabb

Peter Stavros

Alana Brogan

Isaac Kanj

Bruno Porta

SENIORS

Samantha Sutton

2023 Player Milestones

Congratulations to these players who have reached the following milestone games during the 2023 season.

50 Games

Lincoln Webster

Victoria Johnson

Bailey Stewart

Liam Stabb

Zachary Stabb

Ashton Main

2023 Junior Development, Representative & Academy AFL

We would like to congratulate these players who were chosen to play Development, Representative and Academy AFL during the 2022 Season.

2023 GIANTS ACADEMY

Isaac Webster

Nicholas Nardis

2023 AFL SYDNEY JUNIORS UMPIRES

Dekoda Zummer

Tigers Theme Song

Oh we're from Tiger land

A fighting fury

We're from Tiger land

In any weather you'll see us with a grin

Risking head and shin

If we're behind then never mind

We'll fight and fight and win

For we're from Tiger land

We never weaken 'til the final siren's gone

Like the Tiger of old

We're strong and we're bold

For we're from Tiger

YELLOW & BLACK

We're from Tiger land

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