



On the Mark

Callum claims games record



Callum playing under-9s in 2010

Callum McPhee on the charge for the Bombers

Callum McPhee has chalked up one of the most significant milestones at the Manly Bombers' club this season, taking over the record for the most games played at the club.

Callum has played a remarkable tally of 157 games for the Bombers (as of June 30). It is a record that has been kept in the family; Callum's brother Campbell has 156 games to his credit on the honour board in the club.

Callum will join a select group when he receives a 150 game ball trophy at the club's end of year presentation, by which time he will likely have surpassed the 160 game mark at the end of his junior career.

The record is the latest in a long line of honours for our club's most capped player. He is a Life Member, has been a Club Champion, is a several times Best and Fairest winner, and represented Manly at many rep carnivals (including being named in the inaugural U15 rep team of the year).

Callum's long list of games has also included a grand final. His under-13 team cruelly went down by just one point. But for those who know Callum, it won't be results or games played for which he will be recalled around the club.

"His hallmark has been his commitment and loyalty to the club and teammates – he has always been a positive communicator to his team mates and played the game with the right spirit," his Dad Angus, who was also his coach for many seasons, said.

Come out swinging at Bombers' golf day

A great day of golf, prizes, fun and footy talk is in store for all who attend the inaugural Manly Bombers' Golf Day.

The event will be held at Long Reef Golf Club on Friday July 20, commencing with a 7.30am shotgun start (Ambrose).

Not only will there be fun on the fairways, but the club has lined up three-time AFL premiership player Steve Johnson (better known as Stevie J) as guest lunch time speaker. The former Cats and Giants star is a three-time All-Australian and was the 2007 Norm Smith medallist, so is sure to have a few footy tales to tell.

An MC and magician will also be in attendance. There will be more than \$2500 worth of prizes to be won, plus there will be raffles and auctions. The event is a major fundraiser for the Manly Bombers' club.

Tickets are \$600 for a group of four, including golf, lunch and entertainment. If you can't pull a foursome together, then purchase an individual ticket for \$150 and the club will match you up with some great people for a fantastic day.

Tickets are available through the Bombers' Store on the club website: manlybombers.com.au. To book a cart call the golf course pro shop on 9971 8113.

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From the President

Dear Manly Bomber families

I'd firstly like to comment around the cancellation of some of our games in recent weeks. It has been very disappointing for some of our teams to miss games and indeed training over the past two weeks. Frank Gray and Mike Pawley Ovals seem to have difficulty draining and hence the Council has decided to close the Ovals the past two weekends. I am meeting with Council on Wednesday and hope to be able to come to some agreement around the process going forward

And apologies to the Under 9 Hornets parents and players. I received a call from Leichhardt when you were already on your way over the bridge that the ground had been closed by Council. So bad enough that your game was off let alone wasting time travelling to Leichhardt.

Our DA submission for a scoreboard has been withdrawn and we are now asking Council to approve a new spot in the forward pocket to the left of the Clubhouse (as you look out from inside). Once approved then we will re-submit our DA.

On the field our aim is for the kids to enjoy themselves as much as possible and to develop their friendships and their talent. Following up my last report – the good news is that all our teams have now registered wins in the 2018 season. We also have a number of teams that look like they will be playing finals in August and hopefully the first week in September.

I have applied for the Club to host games on both the Semi Final and Preliminary Final weekends. We may not get allocated both Sundays but hopefully we will get at least one. I will also apply to host either the Under 9 or Under 10 gala days. The format of those is yet to be communicated to the Clubs.

Good luck for the rest of the season.

Kind Regards,

Tony Flynn

President
Manly Bombers JAF C

Bombers take starring role in Academy competition

The strength of the Manly Bombers club is reflected in the achievements of its under-16 Swans Academy players. The Bombers had the greatest representation of any club in the recent Academy series.

The following article, written by Jenny McAsey, appeared on the Sydney Swans website under the headline "Manly juniors lead the pack" and has been reproduced with permission of the Sydney Swans:

The Manly Bombers Football Club is achieving great results from its junior program, with six players taking the field for the U16 QBE Sydney Swans Academy in the recent Series against the GWS Academy.

The Academy Series features the best junior AFL footballers in the state, and Manly was represented by more players than any other NSW club. The six Manly boys – Taine Wright, Cooper Wilson, Tom Trevaskis, Mark Dignam, Aiden Adams and Daniel Cooper - are all members of the Swans Academy's Top End program for talented players aged 16 to 19.

Academy General Manager, Chris Smith, said Manly was developing a strong pathway for junior players.

"There's a great environment and a great spirit at Manly and it's reaping results. It's a credit to them to have six boys in the Academy's U16 program, more than any other club in our zone," Smith said.

Following the Academy Series, four of the six Manly boys were selected in the combined NSW-ACT team to play in the National AFL U16 championships, which began last Monday on the Queens Birthday holiday.

Wright, Dignam, Trevaskis and Wilson played in the NSW-ACT RAMS team that took on the Northern Territory at Blacktown, winning by 62 points.

NSW-ACT featured 15 Swans Academy players, and eight from the GWS Academy. Wilson was named as one of the best players against the NT, and U16 State coach, Lloyd Perris, was impressed.

"I told Cooper we wanted him to play at half-back. He said he'd never played there before and asked what we wanted from him, which shows a maturity you don't often see in 16-year-olds," Perris said.

"Against the Northern Territory he gave us great run off half-back, and the way he communicated with his teammates and directed them was also exceptional."

Taine Wright, who has played with Wilson since they were in the U12s at Manly, said it was great to have so many players from their club in the Swans Academy and the NSW-ACT U16 team.

Wright has worked hard to make his first State side, putting in hours of extra fitness and skills sessions to give himself the best chance.

In 2017 Wright wasn't in the top team in the Academy's U15 squad, and now a year later he's playing for NSW-ACT.

"I've improved a lot in the past year," Wright said.

"I was disappointed to miss out on the best Academy team last year but in a way it was good. I realised I had to work harder to move into the top part of the squad and I started my pre-season early, and did running and drills."

The original article can be found on the Sydney Swans website: <http://www.sydneyswans.com.au/news/2018-06-14/manly-juniors-lead-the-pack->



Manly's Cooper Wilson in action for the Academy under-16 side.

Bombers spread goodwill in the NT

Two Manly Bombers players – and their dads – have been spreading the club's goodwill through Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory.

Under-13 player Whiley Toll and under-14 Milo May flew with their dads to Arnhem Land over the Queen's Birthday long weekend for a father son fishing and football adventure.

They took with them 30 junior Manly Bombers jumpers and shorts to hand out to some of the young footballers in the community of Maningrida. Whiley and Milo absolutely loved it, and even got to see the local prelim final between the Hawks and Lions. AFL NT style did not disappoint.

It was great experience all round, and there were plenty of smiling faces among the boys that received Manly Bombers' gear.



Whiley (left) and Milo (right) with one of the many friends they made in Arnhem Land.

New stock now in store!

The club has taken delivery of a fresh batch of hoodies. All sizes are available at \$35 each. They provide a great way to stay warm while looking cool.

Also back due to popular demand are the Bombers trucker's caps at \$15 each. Or opt for the new Manly Bombers golf cap for just \$15. Perfect for the upcoming Bombers' golf day.

If you haven't purchased your golf day ticket yet, these are also available from the Bombers' Store. Tickets are available for individuals or groups of four. Visit <https://www.manlybombers.com.au/shop>.

Tickets for the Bombers' Trivia Night are also available in the online store, for individuals or tables of 10.



Take your pick - trucker caps (left) or the new Golf caps.

Around the grounds

There has been plenty to like about the on-field performances of the Bombers' sides over the past month.

All our teams have now registered wins in 2018. We also have a number of teams that look likely to be playing finals in August and hopefully the first week in September.

Here's a brief rundown on the progress for each age group:

Under 9

Having passed the mid-point of the season, the under-9s have made a successful transition from Auskick to the junior footy club and the boys are thriving on the wide open fields. The skill level has gone through the roof since the beginning of the season with every player building in confidence. We had an influx of new players and families to the club this season and these players have fitted into the culture of the Bombers with ease. The Spitfires, Mustangs, Phantoms and Hornets have all enjoyed the added dimension of introducing a bit more contact into their games with the modified bear hug tackle rule. Getting the tackle bags out at training has certainly been a hit with the lads.

The coaches have all commented on the incredible spirit of each of the teams. The camaraderie is there from the first bounce to belting out the team song "See the bombers fly up!"

Under 10

The four under-10 Bombers teams - Phantoms, Spitfires, Hornets and Mustangs - are getting a real kick out of the 2018 season. No official scores are kept, but all of the kids are having a real crack and despite a few cold Sunday mornings recently, they're all still having a ball with their mates as they continue to learn this great game of ours. With only a few games left, players and coaches alike are looking to take the enthusiasm right to the finish line.

Under 10 YG

The club's first under-10 girls' footy squad has been enjoying each week of its inaugural season.

"This week we've had our best training session yet and displayed some fabulous kicking, marking and teamwork," coach Chris Eager said.



Post-match handshakes for the under-10 girls

Following training a team pizza night was held at the Harbord Bowling Club, which was an absolute hit. The side has now played seven games and, with only three matches left on the calendar, will be sad to see the season come to an end.

Under 11

The Manly Bombers' under-11 Division One side is sitting atop the table after 11 rounds, with a 9-2 win/loss record. Several players who have played mostly in the Division Three sides have also been given an opportunity to experience the Division One competition.

The two Division Three sides sit in seventh and ninth position in their 10-team competition and are looking to finish the season strongly, enjoying playing alongside their mates.

Under 12

The under-12 Division One side is involved in an incredibly tight competition. In both rounds 7 and 9 it lost matches by less than a goal, but in round 8 scored an eight-point win over the higher-placed St Ives. Following a big win in round 10 and a round 11 "wash out" Manly sits in sixth spot. Given the closeness of the competition, a finals berth is certainly not beyond this team.

Manly's Division Two side sits in eighth spot, but the highlight of its last month was a big win over the higher placed Lane Cove Cats in round 9.

The Division Three side sits in sixth place after some terribly close early season losses. That was turned around with a nail-biting win of their own in round 7 and a couple of bigger wins since. The boys will need at least a couple more wins give themselves a shot at finals football, but with their confidence growing are certainly not out of the hunt.



Under 12 YG

The under-12 Youth Girls are continuing to enjoy their football - and it shows in their results. The girls went through the first eight rounds of the season undefeated, before an away loss to Mosman.

With their last two games deemed wash-outs, Manly finds itself in second spot on the ladder. In round 12 the girls will face the top-placed Willoughby side, which shapes as a tough test that they will likely relish.

Under 13

The under-13s Division One side has continued its winning ways over the last month. With 10 wins from 11 matches this season it sits in a share of top spot on the ladder. A one-goal victory over fellow ladder leader Willoughby in round 10 really demonstrated the resilience of the side.

The Division Two side has also been performing strongly and consistently. With an 8-3 record it sits in second spot on the ladder. Division Three also sits in second, with a 6-4 ledger for the season.



Tackle-busting Max Pengelly in action for the under-14 Division 1 side. Photo by Craig Parr.



Bailey Clues marks for the under-14 Division 1 side. Photo by Craig Parr.

Under 14

The under-14 Division One side has enjoyed a positive month of footy, the highlight of which was a great team effort to overcome the second-placed Northern Lights side in round 10. That match was arguably the best all-round team effort the boys have produced. It was followed up with an away victory over Maroubra in round 11 that has lifted Manly into fourth place on the ladder, with five wins from 11 matches. The Bombers won't have an easy run home, but if they can continue to develop both individually and as a team in the way they have been, they will give themselves a shot at the finals.

The Division Three side, with many players new to AFL, scored a breakthrough victory in round 7. In what has otherwise been a tough season, the boys gelled brilliantly at home against Forest to record a 52-point victory. Although the club song was unfamiliar to some, it was sung with enough passion to shake the foundations of the Weldon clubhouse.

Under 15

Obviously the highlight of the month of June for the under-15 boys was the very successful footy trip to Melbourne over the Queen's Birthday long weekend (see separate article in this newsletter).

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Around the grounds (continued)

"On the field it has been a tough month for the boys, with a large number of injuries and some bad luck leaving the side winless for the month. We have been well supported throughout by our under-14 brothers who have supplemented the playing to group to ensure we have had a competitive team each game," coach Dean Schopen said.

The good news is the boys started July with a strong 'come from behind' win over Forest Lions on in round 11 to consolidate fourth place on the ladder. The side will see the return of many of its injured players after the July school holidays, which will really help it make a strong challenge towards the finals.

The team has also welcomed two more players to the group - Josh Seward and AJ Carre - over the period, which shows that the club and the sport continues to attract youth boys in the older age groups.



Under 15 YG

The Bombers under-15 Youth Girls have had two very close matches in the last fortnight. The team managed a five point win over Easts in Round 10 and narrowly lost to Maroubra in a tight Round 11 contest.

The match against Maroubra was the first this season the girls have played on Weldon Oval. The girls loved that they could play full field and they played their hearts out. Unfortunately Maroubra got the better of the contest with their exceptional run and carry style game, but outstanding Manly fullback Liv Cameron had the game of her life - preventing many goals with her great marking in the goal square and fantastic game smarts.

Manly sits in third spot on the ladder but has a tough draw after the holiday break. The girls will face the other teams in the top four in the remainder of their round games but are strongly pushing for finals.

Under 17

Manly's under-17 Division One side is currently sitting first on the ladder, a game-and-a-half clear of second spot.

Head coach James Brain believes the boys still have lots of improvement left in them.

"They are a strong team on and off the field, with their bond clear during games as they play for each other, always putting the team first with selfless acts like tackling and spoils," he said.

"Having lost our most recent match against Northern Lights, it showed we still need to work on our skill execution and decision making across the team, to be able to knock off the best teams."

The Division Three side had a tough start to the year, but with persistence and hard work the desired results have started to come; the side winning three of their last four matches to remain in the hunt for finals.

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"This displays the never say die attitude of the boys in the squad, where they could easily have put the cue in the rack, but instead came to training with a desire to get better as players and a team," he said.

Brain said lots of those boys were pushing their case for selection in the Division One team.

Under-18 YG

The 2018 season is proving a tough one for Manly's under-18 Youth Girls.

Wins have been hard to come by in the past month, with results including a two-point loss to Queensland in round 8.

The Bombers girls are in seventh spot on the ladder, but will no doubt continue to display their trademark tenacity and persistence as they look to finish the season on a positive note.

Bombers Trivia night IS BACK

Save the date! The annual Bombers' Trivia Night is to be held on Saturday July 28.

A night of fun that will include trivia, magic, auction items and raffle prizes, the event is also a major fundraiser for the club.

The event will run from 7pm at Harbord Bowling Club.

Book a table of 10 from your child's team or age group and have your table captain select a "fancy dress theme". You can also decorate your table in that theme, with prizes awarded for best dressed.

If you can't manage a table of 10, smaller groups are welcome and will be allocated to a table.

The cost is \$50 per person, which includes dinner and arrival drink. Tickets are available via the website shop: <https://www.manlybombers.com.au/shop>.

Whether you can attend or not, you can support the event by donating goods or services for auction on the evening.

Donations can be left in the marked box near the top of the stairs in the clubhouse on Friday nights or Sundays leading up to the Trivia Night. For enquiries please contact Ian Henderson at ianhendo@gmail.com.

Whirlwind Melbourne tour an ‘opportunity of a lifetime’ for Bombers under-15s

The Manly Bombers Under-15 boys took the opportunity during the bye round over the Queen’s Birthday long weekend to enjoy a footy trip to Melbourne. In a 36-hour period the boys played, watched and experienced AFL, in what was an opportunity of a lifetime.

An early rise on Saturday morning saw 16 players and 13 parents assemble at Sydney airport for a 7am flight. By 10.30am the boys were in their footy gear, warming up on the “front turf” at Wesley College, under the expert instruction of Brent Thiele, Head of Football at Wesley College and the Victorian State U17 Coach.

A 45 minute training session with the Wesley boys introduced our players to a number of new training drills that were all about contested possession and team shape around the ground.

Some clear differences in the way the Wesley boys train were that they don’t spend a lot of time on core skills (all of them kick the footy during breaks at school, and they do three training sessions a week), and they generally don’t use cones for any of the drills because they know where to position themselves.

The training session was followed up with a 60 minute friendly game; Wesley v Manly (our team loaned three of Wesley’s best players) with coaches on the field for practical tuition during the game. The Manly boys played with great spirit, and were certainly not disgraced. The ball moved quickly from end to end, and it was a true indoctrination Melbourne style.

On Saturday evening the boys were hosted by the Sydney Swans, with tickets to the Sydney v St Kilda game at Etihad Stadium, and after match access to the Sydney Swans rooms.

There was a footy signed by Buddy Franklin and Gary Rohan awarded to the player who sold the most tickets in our fundraiser raffle,



which was won by Tom O’Leary. Many thanks to Matt Cameron (father of Hugh – Manly U17 Div 1 player, Olivia – Manly U15 Girls player, and Lachy – Manly U15 Boys player) for facilitating this for us.

Following the big win by the Swans, spirits were high in the rooms. Many of the players engaged the boys, with lots of banter, laughs, and photos. Our boys even participated in the post-game show with Richo, Darce and Lingy live on Channel Seven!

A late Saturday night rapidly turned into a busy Sunday morning as the group visited the MCG for tours of the stadium, and the National Sports Museum. This was an amazing experience for everyone to delve deeply into all parts of one of the most famous sporting venues in the world.

The final destination was the North Melbourne Football Club at Arden Street, where we were



hosted by Director of Coaching, Darren Crocker. Darren gave the boys a wonderful insight into the inner workings of an AFL club; the indoor/outdoor training facilities, gym, recovery and medical facilities, the team dining room and kitchen, and the team briefing rooms.

The highlight was Darren’s discussion with the boys about the “Shinboner” culture and spirit, and what it was like being a player at North Melbourne. This was a very special opportunity, only experienced by a few, so we were very lucky.



Sponsor spotlight

Ingenia

The strength of the Manly Bombers club is continuing to build, thanks in large part to a large – and growing – family of sponsors.

The latest to come on board with the Bombers is Ingenia Communities, a leading Australian property group that owns, operates and develops a growing portfolio of lifestyle communities across key urban and coastal markets.

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The Ingenia Garden Villages Portfolio consists of 31 affordability based rental communities with more than 1600 units across Australia.

"Ingenia is proud to support the Manly Bombers Juniors AFL Club and we're very excited to deliver more opportunity to the club, the kids and the Manly-Warringah community through this partnership," the company said.

For further details call Ingenia on 1800 445 464 or visit <http://www.ingeniacommunities.com.au/>.



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The Manly Bombers club loves nothing more than seeing our players in action.

So if you take great a photo, make sure you also share it on social media with the hashtag **#manlybombers** or **#manlybombersafl**

Be sure you have the approval of anyone pictured before you post your photos.

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We look forward to seeing your pictures of an action packed season.



School holiday footy clinics at Weldon

If your young Bombers player just can't spend enough time with a football in hand, then why not make the most of the school holiday clinics being held at Weldon this month.

Two different organisations will be providing the opportunity for young footy fanatics to learn more about the great game of AFL. Footy Camps Australia and club sponsor Code 5 will each be offering clinics, as outlined below:

Footy Camps Australia

Footy Camps provides an engaging and challenging environment for children to improve their skills, make new friends and ultimately have fun! The program is designed for children from four to 12 years, and for boys and girls of all abilities. Groups are split according to age, skill level and also being grouped with friends.

Programs run for two days. Morning and afternoon tea are provided, with players to bring their own lunch. Camps run from 9am-3pm. Throughout the day children do a range of skills, drills and match play, along with a match to finish both days.

All staff have a background in playing AFL and are also passionate about coaching children.

Footy Camps Australia is extremely excited to come to Manly (July 9 and 10) and looking to build a strong relationship with the club, schools, community organisations and local members. For all further information and to register please visit the following link: <https://communitycamps.com.au/sports/football-camps/>

Code 5

Bombers' club sponsor Code 5 will be hosting School Holiday AFL Camps at Weldon Oval during both weeks of the school holidays.

The Northern Beaches AFL Camp will run a program which will incorporate team building exercises and fun, interactive games. These will focus on core skills such as:

- Kicking
- Handballing
- Marking
- Speed
- Agility
- Jumping
- Fitness

The holiday camps will be held on July 12, 13, 19 and 20. You can choose the number of days you prefer on booking page. Camps run from 9am-3pm each day.

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