

Match report 18 June 2023

It was a blustery day at the home of the Magpies, their oval is fittingly situated at the top of the hill, like a nest overlooking the hills and new houses.

But nests get windy, and the wind certainly threw up some challenges.

In the first quarter the Eagles were quick to find their goal line but great defence by the Magpies meant that they could only manage a behind.

But the team came back quick with 2 goals, number 29 Luke McCarry booting two between the posts.

The Magpies came back with 2 goals lining the scores up at 13 to 12 before the Eagles booted the ball down wind and down field, I have never seen a ball get carried from one end of the field to the other in 4 bounces. Each time it went up the wind pushed it further. The Eagles scored a goal with 50 seconds on the clock.

First quarter score was Eagles 19 to Magpies 12.

In the second quarter the Magpies managed a very quick goal taking advantage of the wind the change of direction, each time the Eagles tried to get the ball up to their the wind had other ideas. Number 11 Tyler kicked the ball so hard his boot came off flying through the air none of the players knew what to catch!

The Magpies snuck through a bouncer for a goal, the Eagles came back with a behind, the Magpies sent one up into the trade winds for another goal, followed by some great passing action in front of the goal some minutes later to score another goal.

The Magpies kept the pressure on, there was a great run by number 18 Josh Tierney who managed to run and bounce the ball three times to create some distance from the Magpies goal line, he really showed some skill!

But in the end the Magpies had that quarter and at **half time it was Magpies 49 to the Eagles 20**

In the third the wind died down but the enthusiasm of the Magpies didn't, the Magpies managed a goal very early on signalling their intentions.

Another attempt by the Magpies was well defended and that resulted in a behind for them, the Eagles managed a goal which was responded to quickly by the Magpies with another goal.

At the end of the third the score was **Magpies 62 Eagles 26**

In the last quarter the team and the spectators were reaching for their ice cream tubs with eyes painted on them. The Magpies swooped in again and again.

The Eagles pushed for a goal and the Magpies spread their wings, pointed their beaks and went in for the kill. It went;

Magpies behind

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Magpies goal

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Magpies behind (it hit the post)

And a final Eagles goal meant the result wasn't as sour as it could have been, but in the end it wasn't the result they had hoped for.

Magpies 81 Eagles 33

Trent Roll