

With the home and away season over, **the Under 12 Reserves** competed in the Qualifying Final against North Ballarat at Maddingley Park on Saturday. On a perfect day for football the Under 12 Reserves played a fantastic game against a very strong opposition. They applied great pressure for three quarters, but dropped off in the last quarter to be defeated by North Ballarat 3.4.22 to Darley 0.3 3. The coaches award went to Matthew Horan and Jake Romeo received the medal for the best on the ground. Congratulations to Rick Thacker who was named Under 12 Reserves Coach of the Year, and Kye Dennison who won the Goal Kicking Award at the Ballarat Football League Robert Allen Medal Awards Dinner on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.

**The Under 12 Seniors** came up against East Ballarat in the Elimination Final on Sunday at Maddingley Park. East Ballarat got off to a good start in the first quarter, but once the nerves settled, Darley got their running game going and took the game right up to East Ballarat. Darley kicked three unanswered goals in the last quarter, but were unable to bridge the gap and were defeated by East Ballarat 7.5 47 to Darley 6.2 38. Goalkickers were Matthew Young with 2 and singles to Drew Locke, Matthew Del Casale, Jaden Leslie and Jarrod Johns. Award winners were Khyle Forde, Taylor Elms, Kallin Trotman, Jaden Leslie, Matthew Young, Kane Dickson and Liam Douglas received the medal for best on ground.

**The Under 14 Seniors** also took on East Ballarat in the Elimination Final at Darley Park on Sunday. After a slow start, which may have been contributed to nerves as it was the first finals game many of the boys had played in, they controlled the game for the next three quarters, outscoring the opposition. Unfortunately, they were unable to peg back the lead and were defeated by East Ballarat 4.11 35 to Darley 3.9 27. Goalkickers were Harley Riddell, Jake Ancrum and Leigh Spiteri. Award winners were Tom Thacker, Bryce Ferry, Matthew Inglis, Liam Cahill and the medal for best afield went to Jake Ancrum.

Congratulations to Harley Inglis from the Under 16.5 Seniors who was selected to play with the Senior Team on Saturday against Melton South and played very well.

Don't forget Presentation Night this Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 at 6.30pm at the Clubrooms. Next week is the second week of the finals and **the Under 12 Reserves** will be playing against Ballarat in the First Semi Final on Sunday at Darley Park, so get along and support them if you can. Go Devils..

