

# Sport

## Our Ashleigh now No.1, but still humble

### COMMENT

SPRINGFIELD'S Ashleigh Barty may have reached No. 1 in world tennis following her overnight victory, but she remains as humble as ever.

Instead of me, it is her team.

Instead of acknowledging her place in history alongside Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Barty says Goolagong Cawley is still the pinnacle.

This likeable young

women from humble beginnings is a wonderful example to the youth of the day and a sport besieged by two-male Australian super brats.

When likened to former Australian world No.1 Evonne Goolagong Cawley,

the West Brisbane Tennis Centre junior distanced herself.

"I think I am nowhere near her status. To be even mentioned in the same sentence is incredible," the Woodcrest State College past student said.

"Evonne is an amazing human being who has set the tone for so many Australians and indigenous Australians around our country and so many people around the world. She is just an amazing person."

- Andrew Dawson



Ashleigh Barty.

## Horn's anti-bully effort

### Boxing champ supporting school kids

#### BOXING

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FORMER world boxing champion Jeff Horn is the national ambassador of an anti-bullying program directed at primary school aged children.

Horn, who grew up in Pallara, was bullied as a schoolboy before rising to defeat boxing great Manny Pacquiao in one of the great sporting moments in Australian history.

Horn and his trainer Glenn Rushton (program mentor) have teamed with marshall arts expert Frank Mechler who founded the not-for-profit organisation, Amayda (Australian Marshall Arts Youth Development Alliance).

Mechler, who lives in the south west, and his team had already visited more than 15 schools to help both the victims of bullies and young bullies themselves.

"It is an anti-bullying and empowerment program," Mechler said.

"We train the kids on how to apply positive skills that deal with a bullying situation."



Jeff Horn with children doing the program including the Parker sisters, Kane Rose and Lauren McKenzie.

Centenary SHS years 12 student Kane Rose said the program helped him. "I used to get bullied all of the time and I thought the program might help and it has."

Other locals involved in the program were Lauren

McKenzie from Pallara and the Parker sisters from Grand Ave State School, Swaye and Abbi.

McKenzie said the program benefitted her.

"You get courage and confidence," she said.

"And it also encourages

other students to come into the program."

Horn said: "These kids will get so much more confidence out of the program. Everyone has an inner strength inside them. They just have to bring it out."

He said the productivity

of bullied children would also improve.

Horn said he wished such a program had existed when he was being bullied as a schoolchild.

"A program like this would have built my confidence a lot faster."

## Forest Lake are league winners

### RUGBY LEAGUE

FOREST Lake SHS year 9s have won the Brisbane Broncos Old Boys Trophy rematch Forest against Marsden SHS.

Last year as year 7s, the rugby league side made the grand final of the Broncos Cup but fell just short, 16-14, ironically against Marsden. But last week they won 24-10 after trailing 10-nil.

"Since that day in 2018, our students have been waiting for the opportunity to have another crack at the top team in SEQ," said Forest Lake SHS Head of Department - HPE and Sport, Cameron Webb.

"There were some outstanding performances."

"Karnye Thompson's three tries, Obede Niyomyishu was our safe as houses fullback, to name a few, however the best on ground went to Jacob Tinsley.

"His sheer work rate leading the line in defence and numerous tough carries with the ball made him a stand out."

Forest Lake rallied from 10-nil down.

"Forest Lake started the second half much the same as the first, giving up possession through errors and penalties," Webb said.

"This allowed Marsden to again get on the front foot and continually attack our line."

- Andrew Dawson

### BRIEFLY

#### Sherwood shines

The Sherwood Magpies JACF community rallied to raise money for charity. Pies for Pies raised \$382.50 and Silly Socks (worn by players and coaches) raised \$650.000, meaning \$1032.50 was generated for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

#### Car show

The Queensland Hot Rod & Street Machine Spectacular returns to the Ekka, June 29-30.

#### Lions FC

A brace each for Jheison Macuace and Chris Hatfield helped Lions beat Brisbane City 4-2 in the NPL.

## St Aidan's rowers ready to roll

### ROWING

ST Aidan's Anglican Girls' School has its First VIII side selected and ready to represent when Brisbane Rowing Schoolgirls' Association competition starts over the school holiday period.

New head coach Ashley Dighton said the team had been busy training and were building combinations.

He said he had been impressed with the manner in which the crew was applying itself.

"Rowing is quite an exceptional sport in the way it operates at the intersection of singular discipline and teamwork, of physical prowess and elegance," he Dighton said.

"The St Aidan's rowers in 2019 have been examples of this, building strength and momentum through the program in an impressive display of commitment."

"Our first eight girls have been leaders in this movement and it's been a delight to work with them."

The St Aidan's rowing VIII team is: Lucy Edgecombe, Aeshlein Ralston, Annie Hulme, Courtney Dwyer, Rosie Ringelstein, Amy Thompson, Rebecca King, Keelah Bennett, Jude Jaramazovic.

- Andrew Dawson



St Aidan's Anglican Girls School's First VIII.

## Magpies still in contention

### AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

WESTERN Magpies coach Brydan Morgan believes his team is still close enough, if good enough, to push for a QAFL semi-final berth.

The Magpies will resume after last weekend's bye with a clash against Broadbeach on the Gold Coast.

Magpies have a 3-6 win-loss record this year and sit in seventh position, but have been encouraged by a last start victory over Surfers Paradise by 20 points.

Morgan said with a full strength squad now assembled, there was scope to push for fifth position.