

# Women's 2017 Player of the Year - Courtney Muir



The 2017 Sea FM 101.3 Women's Player of the Year award was won by Courtney Muir, playing for Terrigal United Football Club.

Courtney, who is now 20 years of age, and born on the Central Coast, first started her football career in 2006 at the age of eight with the Gosford City Dragons Football Club U9D team. Courtney played with the Dragons {always playing a year above her age group} until U12's, during which season she won the Under 12 Player of the Year award.

At the age of 12 Courtney was selected for the Central Coast Lightning U14's Representative Team, and played with them for the 2010 season before being signed for the Sydney Representative U16 team Northern Tigers, at the age of 13.

The following season Courtney returned to the Central Coast Mariners U16 Academy team. It was during this season whilst playing for the Academy, {where she was one of a three persons Leadership Group} that a very promising football career was tragically halted. A torn Anterior Cruciate Ligament put Courtney out of the game for almost two years after surgery which involved using part of her Dad's hamstring.

Prior to the injury Courtney had also represented N.S.W. at the age of 12, 13, and 14 in the Futsal Vikings National Championship's.

In 2017, four years after her injury Courtney returned to football with Terrigal United Football Club, playing once again in her favourite Centre Midfield role, for the Women's First Grade team.

When asked what the highlights of her season were Courtney replied, "there were many; firstly, I was excited about playing football again, and thankful for the support and welcome given to me by my team mates, and the Terrigal Utd club".

As a bonus, she managed to score seven goals this season, and had no problems with her knee.

Courtney, who is currently studying for an Honours Psychology Degree at Macquarie University, also said "the ultimate highlight of course was winning the Women's 2017 Sea FM Player of the Year Award".

Courtney dedicated the award, and paid tribute, to her parents, for the support they have given to her throughout her playing career, and whilst recovering from her injury. She also wanted to thank one of her early mentor's in football, Mr. Les Place from Gosford City Dragons F.C. who recognized her potential as a footballer, and showed her the right direction to take towards Representative football.

It takes a lot of courage to come back into a physical sport after a serious injury, and hopefully Courtney can now continue her football career with new found confidence, after a wonderful first season back.



