

BRO NEWS ISSUE 5



Players Urgently Needed.

Please contact Matt McIntyre on 0404351577

NEWSFLASH!

Subs go towards your insurance against injury and are mandatory for all

Committee Update

➤ **Players Needed!!!!!!!!!!!!**

2nd and 3rd grade are experiencing a challenge in having 2 complete teams and have had a bad run with injury and illness. As a result there are players that are playing 2 games and doing in tough in the trenches for the Brothers club. Do your part for the club and recruit your mates to come and play. Seduce them with the tails of the social exploits and the fantastic sausage sandwiches as well as having a run with players who play for the love of the game and have no agenda but to have a Saturday with the boys.

Please contact Matt McIntyre at m.mcintyre@cmcmarkets.com or call on 0404351577

- Ian Mears (Moose) has been appointed as the coach of 3rd grade. We welcome Ian onto the coaching staff and wish him luck for the season.

➤ **The Badge Draw**

All players who have paid their subs will be issues with a numbered key ring and a badge draw will take place at the end of every home game.

Whenever we have a home game a membership number will be drawn. If the winner is present they take the money. If not, it jackpots until the next home game. Currently the kitty is at \$80 for the next home game

➤ **Up Coming Games**

Merrylands Away 09.05.09 – Holroyd Sports Ground, Peel Street, Holroyd. 2142

Hunters Hill Home 16.05.09

Epping Home 23.05.09 – Veterans Day – See details below

➤ **HOUSE DUTIES**

House Duties have started well. We have changed the duties slightly and added a few. Each house has the responsibility to set up and clean up only 3 away and 3 home games this year. If your house is on duty please ask your captain if there is anything you can do to help out. We all need and want to have a club that runs smoothly and this cannot be done by a small group of players and committee members.

➤ Coaches

Please ensure you are in contact with your coach about training and availability for games:

First Grade – Tom Burns - 0404468040

Second Grade – John Andrews – 0434047827

Third Grade – Ian Mears - 0419479773

Fourth Grade – Dave Taylor - 0411172505, Roy Anderson - 0414 706 195,
David Bullard - 0414262638

Match Reports

4th Grade

The significance of this being the 4th Report...and yes, why don't we jump straight into it and enjoy the moment... is that we're 4 from 4!

A **12 – 5** win against Balmain...we're 2nd on the ladder...undefeated...and no significant injuries to report (all still thinking of you TL).Another woo-hoo for the geriatrics in blue and gold!

Proving how truly spiritually and psychically connected we are...like those freaky sets-of-twins on late-night television shows who can tell what each other is thinking from opposite sides of the world...we mentally connected Saturday morning to decide that '**The Lull**' this week would involve the majority of us arriving for the game between 11.54am and 11.59am (yes Dizzy...you won...well done...)

And hooray for a couple of new faces this week...lured to return into the fold in which they so heartily belong...

Willy, fresh from international filming assignments pulled on the dazzling blue boots and made some demolishing runs into what was a fairly tidy Balmain outfit. Great to have you back Willy, and hope to see you again after your next red carpet project. A couple of other youngsters joined us for the first time in '09 this past week... Davo and Welshy. The Feisty 4ths media unit was tipped-off that they'd be attending this week and set up cameras on the far side of the ground to catch the undercover arrival of the terrible two-some. Welcome back gentlemen...it's awesome to have you as part of the twilight squad.

Also thanks to Jaquesy, Pickle, Enda, Hans, Clarkie, Gav, Dizz, Slutty, Riddler, Jerry, Brett, Pat and Tommy B (c) for pulling on the boots this week.

Once again this week Krenmayr Bierhaus Inc. supplied a selection of their award winning tipples. Those who witnessed Gav's 'moment of spiritual enlightenment' after tasting Han's Ginger Zinger were left in awe...it was almost like divine intervention. Another huge thanks to the management and marketing team at our favourite boutique brewery.

But it's not all beer and skittles gentlemen, and once again we're forced to report on the dark side of our sport-like undertaking. A certain young man from North Ryde...who plays prop...and was named in the squad for this past week at his own insistence...was a no show. We heard through members of the North Ryde Mafioso that after failing to get his hair right he had a sudden decline (tantrum), locked himself in the laundry, and wouldn't come out until mid-to-late afternoon. How do we handle this kind of behaviour? Well may you ask... Pulling out the morning of the game from now on carries a stiff penalty. Those found guilty must now supply beers for their team-mates at their next appearance. And because Pete Wells works for Liquorland, we've unanimously decided to make this ruling retrospective. Can't be fairer than that.

Next week we're looking for some fresh faced forwards due to a few of the squad being away...Coops is still on assignment gathering brewing ingredients from Krenmayr Bierhaus Inc. in the foothills of the Swiss Alps, Davo and Pickle are putting fires out, and Clarkie and Gav have unavoidable family commitments. So we're down a few and looking for numbers up front.

Welshy will be captaining the side next week, so if you're keen to stick your head up his backside at #4 or #5, or indeed fancy yourself a stealthy but flight-footed play-making #8...please get in touch.

Lastly, a few items from the news-team...

With Fashion Week over for another year crowds are eagerly anticipating the return of Buzz.

We're pleased to report that brain scans have come back negative for Morgan Tirinuni (Geno). Squad members were worried about his out-of-character behaviour whereby he's been regularly showing up at training (*Once again...training is neither encouraged nor frowned upon*) but not actually playing. We hope to see him on the paddock next week.

Reports in that a fresh faced and much-loved young CBOB is now blaming his need to single-handedly cure swine flu as his latest in a long line of excuses for not pulling on the boots. We shall never give up!

This week's at Merrylands ...try and pop up for a run...or at least a look...and lock your car... And once again if you know any young fellas looking for a run, the higher grades could certainly do with the numbers. That's all for now.

Balmain		Petersham	
3 Points	Dan Ridley	3 Points	Sean Brannan
2 Points	Clark Smith	2 Points	Clark Smith
1 Points	G. Opie	1 Points	Michael Wren

2nds and 3rds

The last two games for our 2s and 3s have been challenging to say the least. The results on paper were ugly, (2s 5-65 v Petersham and 0-78 v Balmain and 3s 5-50 and 0-72) but the effort was great. The positives to come out of the games for the Club were the first games for the club by Nico Le Roux, Matt McGrath, Matt Outram, Lee Bamford and the return of Ned Brown. It is great to see Lee finally on the paddock against Balmain and the engine room is one position where we need all hands on deck. Our defence has left a little to be desired, but I understand that some of you have been backing up. Aaron Neate's try against Petersham was inspirational, but we obviously need a lot more. Thanks to the guys who have backed up. We are trying to overcome the lack of numbers and you are the ones who know of blokes out there who may not be playing and need a little inspiration to come along for a game.

It is great to have Ian ("Moose") Meers assisting with coaching, and for those of you who do not know him, he has played well over 300 games for our Club, so he brings a wealth of experience with him.

Brendan Ward showed a fair bit of claret against Balmain, but 4 stitches seem to have done the job. Ned Brown seems to be the most serious injury from last week, so hopefully he will be back on the paddock soon.

For those of you who are pizza lovers, I can personally recommend Guiseppe ("Joe") Peluso's pizzas from Mi Casa at Darling Harbour. Joe is from Pisa and learnt the skill there. He has also been living and playing rugby in Russia before gracing the Rugby fields of Australia with Brothers.

We have plenty to work on, guys, so turn up to training so that we can be more competitive and enjoy our matches. Hugh Eriksson is trying to get up 100 games in a couple of seasons, so we need to get our mates along to slow him down. Hugh's great Club spirit should be an inspiration to all of us, being happy to start at midday, if required, and go all afternoon.

Balmain	3rd Grade	Petersham	3rd Grade
3 Points	Ned Brown	3 Points	P. Chong-Nee
2 Points	Simon Goodman	2 Points	Andrew Neate
1 Points	Aaron Neate	1 Points	Mark Patterson

Balmain	2nd Grade	Petersham	2nd Grade
3 Points	Matthew Campbell	3 Points	Lee Bamford
2 Points	Nick Le Loux	2 Points	Hugh Eriksson
1 Points	Hugh Eriksson	1 Points	Willie Topoi

1st Grade

OC CORNER

Petersham

The Game against Petersham was the one that got away. The boys just did not click on the day, players were playing with injury and the flu. What the team lacked in application they certainly made up for in determination and we were all thoroughly disappointed after the game. The main positive from the day was our defence in our own 22. For any of the old timers out there (namely Barry Williams) you would have been proud of how the boys stood up and kept knocking back the Men from Petersham. Let's not forget that this team played in the Grand final last year. Special mention for Noodles in my report with his after match comment that the flu had affected his vision apparently trying to explain why he thought the only Irish Santa to play 5/8 for brothers was 12 ft tall. A few important after match details have come to light, firstly Tom Brom (Dr Spock) turned up at the pub after visiting a plastic surgeon im happy to say his nose job went well and he is very happy with the outcome. Tom has guaranteed me that he won't be tackling people with his ears from now on. There was mass confusion and a few stern words when the sponsors TAB shut early and we had to go to the opposition down the road to fill our pockets with winnings, (big mistake) numerous players refused service, coach cranky at it again and the dwarf showed she has an aggressive side which I might say I have taken note of. A side note to all this is that I heard a vicious rumour that the crankiest coach in 3rd division nearly missed his coaching course again due to a sudden illness and that one of the Bananas needs to start remembering what he tells his better half after having a few.

Balmain

A trip to Balmain saw a game of two halves. The first half saw the Boys in blue play probably their best rugby of the campaign; again the defence was a standout with the boys scrambling well for each other. Noodles having recovered from his vision problems of the week before was back to his best which meant Johnny Gavan did not need his step ladder to catch the ball, some smart play saw the boys go over early and take the lead. Lack of concentration let us down from the restart and

Balmain where back in the game. The highlight of the second half came when noodles put the Capt through a great hole, Puss in boots then proceeded to beat three defenders on a powerful run and with only the full back to beat and noodles hard on his inside he chip kicked it to the opposition 15. Now I have to put this in to context for you, on his way into the ground our fearless leader's first question was how many tries did I score in 4th grade and how many goals did a get, a seemingly innocuous question until Popeye (that's our Irish fullback) asked me why his captain kept a pencil and a list of points scored in his sock during the game. At half time Coach cranky made the fatal mistake of telling the boys of how proud he was of how they where playing and the game was for the taking, last time I do that. The first 10 mins of the second half no points where scored, the last 10 mines of the match no points where scored but somehow we managed to loose 34-7. Man of the match went to Points McIntyre with a terrific display, Noodles back in the coaches good books picked up some points and Johnny Evans collected some as well for some great aggressive work at the breakdown. After the last few weeks of post match shenanigans i'm happy to report nothing of note happened post match. Now special mentions, firstly every one involved with first grade would like to thank 2nd and 3rd graders for their efforts over the last few weeks, we know it has been tough with the lack of numbers but we do truly appreciate being able to play first grade without backing up, so once again thank you. Secondly it has come to light that the one and only Bean Bags has a bar tab at the Porterhouse Hotel and he has told me to let everyone know if you are in the vicinity pop in and have a schooner or three on him, cheers bean bags.

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Balmain		Petersham	
3 Points	George Teleahiva	3 Points	Matt McIntyre
2 Points	Keith Kitchen	2 Points	Jon Evans
1 Points	Jonny Gavan	1 Points	Simon Kearney
1 Points	Matt McIntyre		

Social Update

➤ **May Event – Veterans Day 23rd May 2009**

At 12pm sharp, 4th grade start the afternoon of festivities off against Epping. This year a number of those who would have otherwise been enjoying the proceedings from the sideline have decided to 'don' the boots for just one more season in the "Feisty 4's". Currently 4's have won 4 from 4 games. There are some new faces at the club this year so get along to Roseville Chase Oval from 12 noon to support all the grades. Following the speeches at the conclusion of 1st grade, everyone is invited to come along to the Orchard Tavern for dinner and a few drinks.

➤ **May Event – Watch this Space**

Super 14 Final Night 30th May 2009 at the Orchard.

➤ **June Event - Watch This Space**

Family Day 27th June 2009

- Expressions of interest for the 2009 Social Committee should be emailed to Emily McIntyre at emilygompertz@hotmail.com

PLAYER PROFILE



Player Profile



Full Name: Simon Kearney (AKA Noodles)

Specs: (height, Weight) 5'11", 89kgs

DOB: 02.01.81

Position: Scrum Half

Most respected opponent: Everyone!

Most famous player played against: Simon Mason / Ben Johnson

Best game you ever played: Too Many

Any strange pre game rituals: No

Quick Fire Questions:

Holden or ford? Not Bothered (Audi)

Blonde or Brunette: Not Bothered

Cheese or chocolate: Chocolate

Boardies or Speedos: Boardies

Star Trek or Star Wars: Star Wars

Would you eat a horse? No

Last book you read? Nelson Mandella, Long Walk to Freedom

If you could have one super power for a day what would it be (invisibility, immortality x-ray vision, super strength, Flying) Flying

3 famous dead or alive people you would invite to a dinner.

Angelina Jolie, Nelson Mandella and Shane Warne