



Players Urgently Needed.

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Badge Draw at every home
game for players that have
paid subs. Currently at \$100

Committee Update

➤ **Passing on**

It is with great regret that the club has to inform its members of the passing of Stevie Millar. Brother of trainer Nev, Steve had been a manager and coach of teams at the club from the late seventies to the late eighties. He had recently been undergoing treatment for inoperable cancer and passed away last Friday the 5th of June.

➤ **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. The badge draw will take place during the speeches and the winning player needs to be present to collect the money. The first badge draw will take place against Hills this weekend.

➤ **Up Coming Games**

Hills - Home this weekend
Blacktown – Away 20/06/09
UWSH – Home 27/06/09

➤ **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 – last 3 games

4th Grade

Brothers vs Epping

Like that poignant scene from Cocoon where the back-gate to the nursing home is mysteriously left unlocked unleashing a flood-load of geriatrics, we're happy to report that Veterans Day 2009 was one of the most well represented in living memory.

Facing the boys from Epping were around 30 of Brother's finest...and didn't we deliver...woo hoo!

38 - 0 ...we're now back up to 3rd on the championship ladder....our for-and-against has been enhanced somewhat (it was pretty grim to be honest)...and most importantly everyone seemed to have an enjoyable day out.

So...and excuse us if we miss anyone...thanks to, from the back this week, **Tommy B , Brett , Phil , Pat , The Riddler (c), Watto , Scotty , Slutty , Paso , Gav , Clarkie , Buzz , Rock , Davo , Kieren , Coops , Pickle , Steely , Jaquesy** and **Welshy** ...plus a couple of South African blokes who Roy brought down and who we heartily welcome into the fold.

Bring on the finals!

Brothers vs Hunters Hill

A wonderful result after a rousing selection of our finest old-farts faced the competition-leaders Hunters Hill...and came away with a **5 - 5** draw...well done to all.

Although we've slipped a few spots on the ladder after last weeks 'Lull' against Merrylands (and didn't they buy that performance hook line and sinker!)...a few factors to consider...

1. Hunters Hill beat Merrylands.
2. We drew with Hunters Hill.
3. While drawing with Hunters Hill we played at about 70% (this figure was reached by calculating the mean-team-average between our backs who played at around 90% and forwards who settled into a rhythmic puffing of around 50%)

So gentlemen...we reckon there's a comp to be won in 09!

Brothers vs Merrylands

Well didn't we get flogged! A lot to a little. Can't remember the score...it's been erased from my memory.

...Or was it all part of 'The Lull' as some have suggested...a cunning ploy to lure Merrylands into a false sense of security for Round 2...sadly no.

What about a mixed message to our friends at Boronia Park to rest easy...nope.

Or was it the loss we needed to have...maybe.

We shan't go on about this result, but it is worth mentioning that, all being said, I'd put my money on us being able to beat Merrylands if we played how we all know we can.

Lift your grey heads...rub in the voltaren...and let's get back to winning.

Dave, Roy and Dave

3rd Grade

Epping 45 Brothers 5

Score did not reflect the game. We started strongly with the score locked at nil all for sometime we held good field position at various times but were unable to convert this into points. Our set pieces were strong however coming into half time our defence start to fall off and Epping were able to run in a few tries. A good individual try to Joe Vulli got us on the score board Joe was a stand out in both attack and defence and received the three points.

Second half was disappointing and showed up our lack of teamwork. I feel that now as a club we are on top of our player shortage problems it will give us the opportunity to concentrate on our deficiencies in technique and fitness at training. I would urge all players to attend as preference for selection will be given to those that do.

A big welcome to our new players:-

Daniel Campbell, Leon Filihia, John Nichols, Eddie Watt

John is the son of Marty Nichols who is a life member of the club so it is good to see the association continue. John's ability was very evident throughout the game and then he backed up for a full game in twos well done John.

Others to impress:- Mark Patterson, Tristan Howes, Eddie Watt.

Hunters Hill 17 Brothers 0

The game, which showed a vast improvement on our part, was brought to a premature halt by an ugly looking injury to a Hunters player. Before that, though, we put together some good plays. Simon Goodman had a good game, and we also saw the first appearance for the Club of Joe Vuli and Stephen Ward (who unfortunately injured a shoulder), and the reappearance of Simon Ricketts and Issac Menton. Points went to Simon, Joe Peluso (in his last game) and Simon Ricketts.

Merrylands

Thirds 7-35 and Seconds 0-70

The trip to Holroyd was always going to be a tough one with injuries that saw us short up front . **The scores certainly indicate a hard day at the office** but the effort from the guys who played 3s and then basically turned around to play 2s was nothing short of sensational. Against opposition who were extremely strong in the backs, we showed plenty of guts. It was good to see Hoges, a mate of Jonnie Gavan, turn up for "a game", (and he got two) and he directed us around the park so well. The other backs were impressive until fatigue set in towards the end of the Seconds game. Others to impress on the day were Gerry Shannon, Matty Outram and Niall O'Riordan.

2nd Grade

Epping

Brothers 0 Epping 26

This was a game where if we had been able to maintain control (and play to a match plan) a win was always

possible. The tries in the second half were because we continued to turn the ball over when we did not need to. John Nicholls was outstanding in his second game for us on the day. Also, a guest appearance from Sean

Casey was much appreciated. Gerry Shannon was strong in defence and got best player on the day. This was the first game for the 2s where we had fresh players and indeed some on the sideline. What it did show, however, was the need to train together. Hopefully, the improvements will continue as (we hope) the numbers continue to improve. We continue to need more front rowers, with the departure of Big Joe and the injuries to Matt and Andrew Johnson. So if you know any young men without a neck, get them down to training.

In Summary, the last few weeks has seen the appearance at our Club of a number of new players and we need this to continue if we are to begin winning games. I hope Veterans Day has shown those of you who are new to us that we are a Club with a proud (and successful) history and we want to turn things around, which will require some positive thinking and hard work. Bring on the next game

Hunters Hill

Brothers 0 Hunters Hill 52

The game was marred by the injury to Matty McGrath. As much as we love our Rugby, everything else took a backseat to (eventually) finding out that things could have been a lot worse. Matt has been cleared of any major, major damage, but still has a few issues that need to be closely watched. It was great to see him back at the game against Epping, be it as a spectator. The committee is looking to use Matt as one of our chief recruiters and we want to get him involved in the Club in an ongoing role. What the game did do was demonstrate that defence is an integral part of rugby and unless you make the first up tackles, it is going to be a very long afternoon (and season). Also, it demonstrated the need to play to the conditions and to play to our strengths and not to give the ball to a backline that was happy to run all day. Matt Campbell got the points, followed by Matt McGrath and Arron Neate

1st Grade

OC Corner

After defeating top of the table Hunters Hill at home in what was a great second half come back from the boys we have slipped back in to our old ways, the same old story of being competitive for 50% of the game and heading home with a boot load of what ifs.

Even taking in to account the disruptions due to weather and change of ovals etc, the numbers at training have been down and since the hunters hill game so has the attitude.

This weekend we face hills with a bottom of the table clash which should be a battle of who wants it most. If there was ever a game to turn our season around it is this week, I am expecting a traditional CBOB spirit in first grade this week with a never say die attitude from 1 to 15. MEN IT IS TIME TO TURN UP AND PLAY.

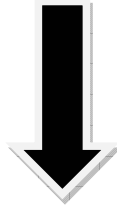
First Grade This Week

- 15: Tom Broomfield
- 14: Justin Cook
- 13: Paul Gibbs
- 12: Keith Kitchen
- 11: Simon Ricketts
- 10: John Gavan
- 9: Simon Kearney ©
- 8: John Gibbs
- 7: G
- 6: Billy Madgwick
- 5: John Gibbs
- 4: Alex Metcalfe
- 3: Scott James (vc)
- 2: Andrew Simpson
- 1: John Evans

Social Update

- June Event - Family Day 27th June 2009 – More details to come soon...

PLAYER PROFILE



Player Profile

Full Name: Hugh Barton John Eriksson

Specs : 176cm 68 kgs

DOB: 2/9/83

Position: Half back

Most respected opponent: The half back who plays for Petersham 2nd grade

Most famous player played against: Phil Waugh (at high school, I was in year 7 he was in year 12 training game..)

Best game you ever played: Last game of the season 2008

Any strange pre game rituals: I wear the same undies each week (unwashed...)

Quick Fire Questions :

Holden or ford? Holden

Blonde or Brunette: Blonde

Cheese or chocolate: Cheese

Boardies or Speedos: Boardies

Star Trek or Star Wars: Neither

Would you eat a horse? Yes

Last book you read? Tin Tin in Tibet

**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. John Candy, Mr T, John
Howard (in that order)**