

# BRONNEWS ISSUE 7



Back to Brothers Day

18<sup>th</sup> July 2009

On for young and old!

## NEWSFLASH!

Badge Draw at every home game for players that have paid subs.

## Committee Update

### ➤ **Back to Brothers Day 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Family Day (which was scheduled for this weekend) has been postponed and instead we are having a BACK TO BROTHERS DAY. This will incorporate the young and old and there will be kids entertainment, face painting and lucky dip. For the bigger kids there is drama and excitement of the rugby and the delectable delights of the BBQ.

So players and supporters new and old bring your family and friends down to the ground for a day out together and get back to what it means to be a Brother.

### ➤ **Planning for 2010**

Planning for the 2010 season is already taking place. A brains trust has been put together to discuss business plans, fund raising to facilitate a competitive & spirited club next year

### ➤ **The Badge Draw**

All players who have paid their subs will be issued 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 pot is currently up to \$120!!

Please see Matt McIntyre if you have paid your subs and have not received your keyring.

### ➤ **Look Smart**

We have been in contact with Tsunami Sport and they have come up with the below designs for hoodies, fleece and wet weather training tops. These are for sale at the below prices. We need to get an order of at least 15 before we can order these. The sizes are the same as your kit you have been issued. If you would like to purchase one or all of the below please email Dave or Matt with what you would like as well as the size.

Top one is the hoodie - \$45

Middle is the Fleece - \$45

Bottom is the wet weather training top. This has a hat in the collar - \$60



➤ **Up Coming Games**

27<sup>th</sup> June V Uni @ Home

4<sup>th</sup> July V Petersham Away

11<sup>th</sup> July V Balmain @ Home

➤ **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**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

V Hills

We've reached 'The Hump'. Yes gents, it's now half-time in Season '09.

Last week we faced-off Hills at home, and came away with a 17-0 win. Woo hoo!

Thanks to (from the front) Willy, Welshy, Coops, Rock, Davo, Kieren "are you deaf...I'm 100% not playing footy this year", Hans, Buzz, Clarkie, Gav, Pat, Jerry, Greg, Scotty, Enda, Brett and Tommy B.

And special thanks to Hansy who brought down another esky-load of his magic elixir...wonderful!

Bring on the finals!

V Blacktown

Last week saw the start of round two...and an impressive return of 'The Lull'.

Old folk and children are still talking about the last time we faced off against Blacktown at the Bob-Dome...

Fifteen of Brothers finest and fiercest old farts, after the briefest of pre-season-training arm-

flaps, and all solemnly committed to a successful and fiercely campaigned Season '09, stared daggers down the opposition ready to unleash. The whistle went, the ball was struck. It sailed a good thirty feet up in the air, and a generous 62 cm over the half way line....back to the centre for a scrum.... So how do you top that? Well, you make sure that no more than half the team is there five minutes before kick-off (with no more than half of those being even close to dressed)... send thirteen on the paddock when the ref blows his whistle to get started (all flapping and arguing with each other while simultaneously recounting anecdotes from their glorious rugby careers)... and then (and this is the clincher ladies) only realise that we're a prop down when the first scrum is packed a few minutes into play...magic stuff.

Enough warbling...

Our last big travel for the year saw us beat Blacktown 33-7...earn another much-needed bonus point... walk away (puffing) with no serious injuries... and have a hoot. So... over to the actuarial department. We're now 2nd on the ladder BUT Hunters Hill have a game-in-hand due to their match against Epping being called off last weekend due to rain. So the bean-counters are confident that we're comfortably perched at 3rd for the time being.

Next week's at home against UWS.

See you all there.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

V Hills - Hills 22 Brothers 0

A game that saw no score for much of the first half and on a number of occasions we held good field position without transferring this into points. As the game wore on we began to tire and our defence became lax allowing Hills to score a number of tries. I feel that a lack of overall fitness is also effecting our speed to the breakdown and as we are unable to control the ball we forced to spend long periods defending. There were some good performances though with new boy Brad Kelman receiving 3 points for a strong game at hooker which included a great covering tackle that saved a try. Also Tommy Burns and Enda had strong games in the backs.

I would like to thank these guys plus the other 4th graders who have offered to back up or play higher grades to help out. We may not be winning games yet but the club spirit demonstrated by these guys gives me confidence in the Club's future. We really need all hands on deck at training on order that we can work on the fitness aspect and our overall teamwork.

V Blacktown - Blacktown 22 Brothers 5

Our best effort of the season to date 5 all at half time I thought we had an excellent chance to record our first win. The first half was highlighted by a strong performance by our forwards in particular our front row of Stewie Manion Leon and the young guy Aido who continually out scrummaged a much larger pack. Paddo was a stand out at 8 with many strong charges at opposition. The second half saw us tire as we spent long periods without the ball. The defensive effort by most was good with Niall Eddie Watts and Ben Newbury outstanding' Halfback Eddie also had a fine all round performance providing excellent service and received the 3 points. Paddo and Leon were also awarded points. The lesson which we need to take from this game is to state the obvious you can't win without the ball and we need to work hard at the breakdown and with ball retention. Thanks to those first graders who helped out and to the fourth graders who backed up.

## 2nd Grade

V Blacktown 0-81

The side that took the field included a number of guys backing up from Thirds and we had a couple of big runners against us. We only seemed to get fired up at the end when we decided that we disliked the ref more than he disliked us. Best for us on the day were Niall O'Riordan and Gerry Shannon in the backs and Andrew Carroll, Beau Keller and Mark Patterson in the forwards. Our tackling let us down (again) and we still are intent on kicking away the small amount of ball that we did have. Once again it is apparent that we are not fit enough, but it was good to see the attitude when I asked people to backup-no grumbles. John Nichols summed it up after the game when he said we need to get angry before the game, and not just when we got cranky at the ref.

## 1st Grade - OC Corner

The visit of Hills to Roseville was meant to be the start of first grades revival, unfortunately while never giving up the boys turned in the worst performance of the year. The weather has not been kind to us over the last few weeks with no oval to train on but I am happy to say that the boys keeping fronting up to training and they now know there way around Castle Cove, well every step hill anyway.

The trip to Blacktown saw us play some fairly unimpressive rugby in the first half only to turn it around in the second and for the first time this year stick to a game plan. Apart from the Hunters Hill game this was our best performance so far. Notable Mention for John Nichols making his first start in an impressive cameo in the last 10 mins of first grade, I know the boys are looking forward to playing some more footy with him. John Evans was back to his best and took out the coaches points.

This weekend we entertain UWS and if nothing else we will be fitter and stronger following the weeks of running up and down the hills of Castle Cove. As a club we have the aim of dragging ourselves of the bottom of the club champo table and first grade know that they play a major role in this. Nothing of note to report on the social side of this but I'm sure this weekend we will make up for the lack of news worthy items, stay tuned.

OC

### **Player Points V Hills**

<b>4th Grade</b>		<b>3rd Grade</b>		<b>2nd Grade</b>		<b>1st Grade</b>	
David Bullard	1	D. Thew	1	Ned Brown	1	Simon Kearney	1
Hans Krenmayr	2	Eddy Watt	2	Sunny Martin	2	Billy Madgwick	2
Willie Toupi	3	D. Thew B.Kelman	3	Joe Vuli	3	George Teleahiva	3

### **Player Points V Blacktown**

<b>4th Grade</b>		<b>3rd Grade</b>		<b>2nd Grade</b>		<b>1st Grade</b>	
David Cooper	1	Loen Filihia	1	John Nichols	1	Scott James	1
Hans Krenmayr	2	S.Mangion	2	Gerard Shannon	2	Simon Kearney	2
Dan Ridley	3	Eddy Watt	3	Niall O'Riordan	3	Jon Evans	3

## Social Update

- July 18<sup>th</sup> Back to Brothers Day

Bring your family and friends down for a fun day out at the club.

There will be children's entertainment and riveting rugby for the grown ups.

- Poker Night TBC
- Ladies Day TBC August

# PLAYER PROFILE



Player Profile

Full Name: Scott James

Specs: (height, Weight) 178 ish cm's, between 98 and 101 kg's, depending on how much I've had to eat and drink over the weekend.

DOB: 24 Mar 197....

Position: Front Row (yes, all of them)

Most respected opponent: The Eye

Most famous player played against: none really

Best game you ever played: Circle of Death...it's a long story

Any strange pre game rituals: I call it protein loading, but really it's just eating as many sausage and steak sandwiches as I can

Quick Fire Questions:

Holden or Ford? Holden of course

Blonde or Brunette: why choose?

Cheese or chocolate: Cheese with a nice Semellion

Boardies or Speedos: white Y fronts

Star Trek or Star Wars: Star Wars

Would you eat a horse? before or after the game?

Last book you read? front rowers don't (or can't) read

If you could have one super power for a day what would it be (invisibility, immortality x-ray vision, super strength, Flying) I've already got the super strength under control, and everyone knows Tanks can't fly, but I can see times when x-ray vision would come in handy.

3 famous dead or alive people you would invite to a dinner. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sir Ed Hillary, Sir Winston Churchill, and Nelson Mandela as a backup should Arnie be too busy