

Lions Roar

Newsletter of the Wollongong Lions Juniors
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Pigeons Rep Honours

Further from the representative games, congratulations to Josh Harris who has been selected in the U/13 Pigeons (southern Sydney) rep squad, following the rep carnival on the June long weekend. Josh plays his heart out every week for the 13's and has been a big part of their success this year. His selection for the Pigeons is just reward for a fantastic season and strong performance at the carnival. Well done Josh.

Canteen News

It was a wild and windy day at North Dalton Park, thank goodness we weren't there. Keira Oval was protected from the wind by our beautiful escarpment. The canteen did very well thanks to all the people who helped out. Special thanks to Gardener-Thompsons' - Connor and Dorinda who helped serving in the canteen and Mike you're a legend on the barbie. Again, a big thank you to Mark, Alison, Ian, and Robbie Webb who always turn up with a smile and get into helping out every week. Mark and Robbie did a great job on the BBQ. Also, thanks to Mick and Sean Cranney who did the breaky shift of bacon and egg rolls on the barbie. Great job guys, our first run at b& e's never tasted so good.

Special thanks to Meg Wilson who helped out in the canteen all day, and also to Sam who helped out whilst nursing an injured finger. Getting all the canteen gear, supplies, and footy gear to the oval was quite a logistical exercise, so thanks to Mike Christie and Grant Wilson for helping out there. And finally, thanks to me who is now sitting down having a much deserved beer.

Jennifer

PS: I would also like to thank Gordana Franjic who donated a nice bottle of wine for our first game day raffle. We raised \$117 from this raffle and would like to run some others. If you are able to help out, any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for help at Keira Oval

Special thanks to the Wilson's who moved the whole canteen including the BBQ to Keira and then ran it the whole day. Thanks also to Steve Maciejowski, Mike Thompson and Grant Wilson for their help in measuring and marking the fields on Saturday. Thanks to all the parents who helped out breaking down and setting up fields at Keira Oval.

Lions Shirts

By now you've probably seen the very swish Lions Juniors polo shirts being worn by coach's, managers and other discerning parents. If you'd like to fly the Lions colours on game days and order a shirt see Mike at training or on game day. Shirts are ordered in lots of 10 and we have a few pending orders, so let Mike know asap and we can get another order in. Shirts are \$22 each.

Girls AFL

The local AFL is proposing kicking off a girls comp based at Keira Oval on Sunday's. They want to run a small comp for the latter part of 2008 for girls 13 and up, hopefully leading to a more structured comp in 2009. Rules would be modified, possibly along the lines of Rec Footy (ie non-contact). A meeting to gauge interest is to be held at the Master Builders Club on June 11 at 7pm. If you are an interested player or parent you are welcome to attend, or email me with an expression of interest in taking part. My email is lucilleandmike@fishinternet.com.au

Under 9's - Lions 4.5.29 d Highland Hawks 1.2 8

The under 9s put on a display of tough, hard tackling football to dominate the Highland Hawks who had beaten us earlier in the season. This really was a team effort, with 12 players keeping pressure on the opposition for the whole four quarters. Our toughest tacklers were in full effect - Max, Flynn and Nick whose performance won him best on ground.

The Wilson brothers featured with Liam taking a good mark, and Ben winning Coaches Choice award, laying a couple of tackles and having a good kick. Tom and Josh roamed the ground, winning the ball in the centre and using it well, with Josh finishing with 3 goals and Tom with one. Jonah, Coby, Jed, Zac and Eric all put in a determined four quarter effort to make sure this game was in the bag.

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Under 10's - Lions 3.4.22 vs Tigers 7.5.47

The Lions had another rematch against the Tigers team, this game the boys started off slow but played really well in the 2nd half, all the damage done in the first half. Patrick again showed his stamina and speed to break downs and saved a lot of potential attacking movements and is getting the ball away under pressure well. Gyan had another really good game across all positions and went close to the player of the match again which he does each week. Brendon also had a fine game running everything down and never giving up. Goals, this week Sam Tyson got a smart goal after doing a lot of work to get the ball. Aaron goaled from long range and got another and played his best game of the season which earned him player of the game with his effort for 4 quarters. The tackling was a highlight of the game with all the boys showing great tenacity and technique. Sam Patmore in particular made sure he was muddy after the game, with great tackling, Aiden and Brendon played well through the centres when in the centres and also pleasing was to see the likes of Josh and Jules playing on their opposing players and getting more of an idea of the game. Even though the score was against then the boys tried hard and held their own through the game well done. And thanks to the boys who played a quarter each with the Tigers, good sportsmanship.

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Under 11's: Wollongong Lions 14.13 (97) def Highland Hawks 3.4 (22)

An under strength Wollongong Lions took on the Highland Hawks at the picturesque Keira Oval on Sunday. The windy conditions made kicking tricky and the mighty Lions looked a little rusty after a week off and no training for two weeks but were 3 goals to the good in short time thanks to the individual brilliance of slammin' **Sammy Hyndes**. The Lions were up four goals to none after the first quarter and banged on four more in both the second and third quarters to put the game well and truly to bed. Player of the Week is **Jack Thompson-Gardner** who was in everything, battling really well at ground level, taking some good marks and displaying sure handling in the difficult windy conditions. Jack set up some good run on play with intelligent handball and generally picked good options when disposing of the ball. Coach's Choice award this week went to **Izaak Wasley**. Izaak rucked well, marked strongly and overall used his height to play a good big mans game, especially when in the forward line. Top games also from **Owen** who tackled himself to a standstill, **Ash Sormus** and **Jake Franjic**. We need to work on our team play, backing up and talk as we head into the business end of the season. Next game is against Albion Park Crows who are mostly new to the game, so it's a good opportunity to start working on these areas .

All the best to Aidan Kampers who has broken his wrist and Sam Wilson who broke a finger at last week's U/12 rep carnival. We all looking forward to having you both back on the park as soon as possible.

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U13's Wollongong Lions 4.15.39 def Hawks 3.3.21

Another good win to the 13's, game report in next weeks newsletter, technical problems.

Steve Maciejowski - 0423 361 675

This weeks matches

Auskick – Lions v Albion Park Crows, Croome Road, Albion Park 10.00

U9's - Lions v Albion Park Crows, Croome Road, Albion Park 9.00

U 10's Lions v Shellharbour Swans – Jock Brown Oval, Warilla 9.00

U11's - Lions v Albion Park Crows, Croome Road, Albion Park 10.00

U13's - Lions v Albion Park Crows, Croome Road, Albion Park 12.55

All players to be at the ground a minimum of 30 minutes before game time.

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