

# Lions Roar



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## Saturday Night Match

First Home Night Game, thanks to all those parents who assisted with any of the tasks through the day and night with running our first home game for 2008. We had help with ground setup, cleaning up, canteen, goal umpiring, etc, etc. Your help makes the day run smoother and you're supporting your kids in the sport that they love. Special thanks goes to the Webb family (Mark, Alison, Robert, Ian) who helped out all day, assisting with canteen, ground setup, and ground management for the U11 game. Many thanks.

Training BBQ

Thanks to Suzanne, Rebecca, and Kylee for all their assistance with the training night BBQ. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## Auskick 12 May 2008

A big roar was heard on Saturday night for the Lions vs Tigers Auskick game. This was a very entertaining game with all Lions showing a lot of heart and displaying their increasingly accurate AFL skills. Max R, Flynn and Jesse scored goals and were busy throughout. Flynn also took some great marks, along with Campbell, Jonah and Sebastian. Max F., Will, Dom, Dan and Lewis are improving all the time with some good kicks and hand passes. Luke and Emily did very well in their second Auskick match, adapting to their varying positions. It was great to see everybody improving their skills, but mostly having fun and developing the ability to work together as a team. Many thanks to all parents who helped out on the night. We will need more helpers for next week's match.

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## Under 9s - Lions 3.3.21 defeated Tigers 2.5.17

The under 9s celebrated their first match of the year under lights with a hard fought victory.

After a slow start on the scoreboard, the Lions had a blistering third quarter, kicking three quick goals - one to Jonah Wall and two to Max Lawson who starred playing his first game of the year. In the last quarter, the Lions held off a quick finishing Tigers to take the honours. As well as our goal kickers, Zack Maciejowski in his first game of the year impressed, Tom Cranney was hard at the ball, Joshua Hinton fought hard for the contested ball, diving into the packs. Jed Grimshaw was named best on the ground for his best performance of the year, and Liam Wilson took the Coaches choice award for a gutsy game. Most pleasing was our tackling which was much improved on last week, as well as how hard we fought to win the contested ball. Areas for future improvement include looking for a free man when we kick the ball, and running hard to get back into defence when we turn the ball over.

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## Under 10's Lions 2.5.17 vs Tigers 3.1.19

Another game another against the tigers, the upside is the team is improving each week. There is no doubting any player's passion of commitment. It was even better to have two players, Aiden and Josh, who both tried really hard for their first game of footy, not knowing the rules or some of the skills, but we can work on that, great effort. This was a genuine cliffhanger, the Lions actually lead for most of the game and had better use of the ball. It was hard to pick any one player, and I had to for the coaches award, which went to Harry Smith, who plays well above his weight and is turning into a bonafied goal sneak as well with another goal this week. It is really satisfying to the boys develop their different skills and Harry is developing into a tenacious player with ever growing confidence. Two other players who went close were Patrick and Sam, I wont get sick of writing this, but both players will throw themselves into any situation, ruck, tackle, contested possession and are usually coming out on top, head over the ball and attacking, well done and Sam got himself another goal and a vital on the siren of the .3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Aaron is the improver so far this season, he always marks well, but his work in defence was terrific, ran everything down and his clearing kicks saved the day on many occasions. Brendon was also everywhere and again provider for goals to be scored his work in the centre and crumbing is sensational, another who never stops going and attacks the ball. Gyan put in his usual high calibre effort, is definitely an "Adam Goodes" type of player, leads from the front and has the skills and head on his shoulders beyond his years. A great effort all round and getting closer to a win.

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## Under 11's: Northern Tigers 6.18 (54) def Wollongong Lions 4.7 (31)

A spectacularly floodlit North Dalton Park – the home of football – on a perfect May night was the ideal venue for the much anticipated U/10 grand final rematch. Six months bigger and stronger, the boys put on a ding dong contest. The damp night time conditions made handling difficult and the Tigers ran out deserved winners after outscoring the Lions in three out of four quarters. I was pleased with the effort of all the boys against a very capable Tigers outfit. Player of the Week is **Jack Thompson-Gardner** who went at the ball at full speed all night and never took a backward step. Coach's Choice is **Jake Robinson** who improved as the game went on and really got involved in the second half and grabbed some important possessions. **Owen** and **Ashwyn** worked hard all night and gathered numerous possessions. Overall our enthusiasm and attack on the ball were good, but if we're going to knock off good teams we need to improve our team work, support play and work rate off the ball. I'll explain what that means at training this week. We'll do that as we put a disjointed start to the season behind us and get some games and training sessions under our belts. We take on bogey team Kiama Power at NDP this Saturday morning. See you all there at 9.30am.

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## Wollongong Lions U13's Lions 2.4.16 Vs Tigers 12.18.90

The Lions were soundly beaten in this game, but were impressive with their attitude of never say die. In particular Christos didn't give up anything till the final siren. A number of the under 11's again played up to help us out, thanks to Owen, Christian, Jake and the two Sam's. Chris again worked hard all night bringing the ball out of the back and scoring a great goal. Rob contested well and despite close attention from the defence continued to cause problems for the tigers. Ben played his usual bustling game working the ball out of the middle and making some strong tackles.

This game highlighted a number of skills we need to work on such as gathering of possessions and passing, especially when under pressure. On Saturday we play the Power at North Dalton Park with a full strength side and hopefully a better result. Thanks to the organisers who worked hard all day to make this night game possible

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## This weeks matches at Nth Dalton park

Auskick – Lions V Kiama Power - 10.00  
U9's Lions v Kiama Power - 9.00  
U10's Lions v Shellharbour Swans – 9.00  
U11's Lions v Kiama Power 10.00  
U13's Lions v Kiama Power 12.55

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

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