



www.wlions.com.au

MAJOR SPONSOR

IMB WOLLONGONG LIONS: Round 2

Premier Division: Seniors

Wollongong Lions 10-10-70

Sydney University 15-16-106

The seniors went down to Sydney Uni by 6 goals under lights on Saturday night. Like the previous game against Western Suburbs there were plenty of positives to take out of the game, however failing to take the four points again is very disappointing. We started brightly kicking four goals into the breeze in the first quarter to trail by 12 points at the first change. Unfortunately, we did not take full advantage of the breeze in the second, but still managed to play some good footy in patches and went into the major break trailing by 16 points. The third term, as in previous seasons, proved to be our Achilles heel, as the Students kicked 7 goals to 1 to lead comfortably at the final changes. Once again, some great spirit was shown by the boys in the final quarter, as we outscored our opponents comfortably and restricted the final margin to 36 points. Whilst it was disappointing to lose a game which was winnable, there were

numerous positives to emerge from the game. Our back six worked well together throughout the night managing to subdue for the most part the Student's more dangerous forwards. With more game-time together, I'm sure the boys will also begin to develop more attacking flair to add to their defensive efforts. Clint Wells showed some of his best form to restrict the dangerous Alex Lee to 2 goals. Tom Heath battled manfully both forward and in the ruck, whilst Duane 'Dewey' Jefferis had by far his best first grade game in Lions colours across half forward, chipping in for 2 goals, and providing an excellent leading target and displaying crisp kicking skills on both side. Youngsters Aidan Riley and Paul Balding looked at home at senior level, whilst Lions newcomer Erin 'Bopper' Franklin tried hard all night in the ruck. Having said that, we again failed to put 4 quarters of competitive footy together, and it is apparent that opposition teams will continue to make us pay for lapses in effort and concentration. This weekend we take on competition powerhouse UNSW/ES at Village Green. This provides an excellent challenge for the boys, and I'm sure that we can respond with a solid 4 quarter effort.



ASSOCIATE SPONSORS



www.wlions.com.au

MAJOR SPONSOR

First Division

Wollongong Lions 5-8-38

Sydney University 12-15-87

The boys in the magoos came up against perennial title contenders Sydney Uni in the late afternoon sun at NDP. The boys played some wonderfully competitive footy early in the game as they toiled into a howling gale in the first quarter. Whilst unable to put any scoreboard pressure on the Students, the boys restricted them well, allowing them to score just 2-5-17 with the breeze. Disappointingly, the boys could not take advantage of the breeze in the second, as the Students bobbed up to kick 4 goals into the wind compared to our 1. The second half was a tight and torrid affair, with our boys playing out the game admirably; the final margin was 49 points. The highlight of the night was the return of a number of old faces to the field in Lions colours. Scotty Dennis played his first game of the season, kicking two goals, whilst the Pattersons (Banjo and Vinnie) returned and looked right at home. Scotty Hancock played his first game of the year (taking over Shermies number) and gave a typically determined effort. Defenders Josh Lewis, Nick Mitchell, and Skipper Sweeney played well, and without their efforts the score could have been more one-sided. Finally, it was great to see the form of Aussie Gus Porter in the ruck, who continues to adapt and improve his game each week. The

boys also take on UNSW/ES next week which promises to be another stern test for the boys.

Under 18s

The Lion cubs had the week off to play with their tamagotchis and yo-yos (or whatever youngsters do these days for fun), but come up against UNSW this week at Village Green. Hopefully the boys can replicate their Round 1 effort and maintain top spot on the ladder!

Reminders: The Fun Part!!

Touch Carnival

Boys, get in touch with Steve, Col, Doug or other committee members, to volunteer to help out at the touch carnival being held over the Anzac Day weekend. The senior groups has been designated the 26th (Sunday) at both South and North Dalton Park. The day has been divided into time slots, so you are only expected to help out for 2-3 hours. Duties include bbq, canteen, general maintenance and cleaning, and any other tasks that may arise on the day. Please come forward to help out; many hands make light work (as I've said before!), plus it will save the committee members having to chase you up individually and guilt-trip you into helping. The response to date has been underwhelming with only approx 6 players volunteering so far (excluding Dave/Dougie who are also on the committee).



ASSOCIATE SPONSORS



www.wlions.com.au

MAJOR SPONSOR

\$1000 Draw

Flyers for the \$1000 draw being held in the clubrooms on the 9th May have been placed all over the change-rooms, in the clubrooms plus one attached with this newsletter. More details for the night will be available this Thursday night after training. A ticket costs \$25 and gives you a chance to win the main prize of \$1000 or some other minor prizes. Drinks will be available (cheaply!) throughout the night, and no doubt the famous Bernie O'Neill port will be brought out by the Loveshack to 'welcome' the new boys to the club! As always the Lions horse races will run, as will the putting challenge, coin toss, and other activities. Please see Wooma, Boony, or Jimmy for tickets in the upcoming weeks at training or on game days, and please let us know if you are happy or prepared to volunteer to help out on the barbie or behind the bar on the night itself.

Helping around the club

It was great to see club legend Nathan Wood pull on the short shorts and run water for the senior boys on Saturday night all night. Thanks also to Jack Mahoney, J-Lew, Ray Dubber, and any others I've neglected to mention who helped out on the night. Also to Daniel Gleeson who played the role of runner for the magoos, and to Daniel McClure who continued his extended pre-season as a boundary umpire for the 2s. Special mention goes to Ryan Woodward for manning the

scoreboard for both games in less than pleasant conditions. Without these efforts the club would cease to operate effectively, so I implore all players of whatever age to get involved and help out on game-days. There are a million tasks (at least) that need to be completed each week, and the more help that can come from the playing group, the less work there will be for not only the committee members, but also for the players who put in time and effort every week. This is particularly applicable this week, as all three grades are playing, whilst a number of committee members will be absent and helping the touch carnival, so please volunteer this week. This week's game-day leader will be nominated at training during the week. Also, by getting involved, you help create a better club culture and a better footy community at the Lions!

Membership Fees

Membership fees are now overdue!!! Fees are as follows for the 2009 season:

Seniors (non-student): \$200

Seniors (student): \$150

We still have only 65% of fees paid. Compare this to 95% of junior fees paid and it is clear that this is not good enough. If you are not paid up (or at least part paid up) yet, please do so this week to save Col and Steve having to chase you up!



ASSOCIATE SPONSORS



www.wlions.com.au

MAJOR SPONSOR

Fines: Kangaroo Court

Just a reminder that Kenny is now enforcing club-wide fines for a variety of offences, be they footy related or otherwise!! Red Lions training singlets are compulsory for Thursday nights (for those who did not already now). The court kicked off during the week, with Chris Hally-Burton given the dubious honour of donning the pink gear for post-match celebrations. This is a great initiative which will help to create the aforementioned club culture, whilst it provides a great opportunity to dob in your mates for the stupid things they do! Those who were present at the Harp on Saturday night to see Hally bust out 'All the Small Things' during Karaoke hour in the pink v-neck will attest to this!!! These fines will help fund our post-season activities such as Silly Sunday and the footy trip, so get involved!!

Lions on Facebook

The Lions now have a facebook page! If you are a member of facebook, join the group to stay updated with news, results, and general club info. Boony has created a page for the \$1000 draw also. This is an easy and convenient way to stay involved in the club's activities. Thanks to Wooma and Boony for maintaining this page.

Superseded Club Polos

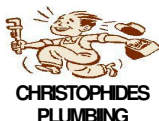
Our stocks of the superseded club polo shirts have been sent to a group in South Africa that

are generating interest in Aussie Rules over there. Our contact in the group is former U/18s player Justin Miller, and his father Wayne. The Millers have been sourcing equipment and other related gear to help out this group.

'A Chat and a Harbour View with Trobb'

Due to the fact Tim decided to just take a month of uni to chill out in Canada, the first edition has been pushed back a few weeks. My people have been in contact with his people and I can confirm that the first instalment will be included in next week's newsletter. Knowing the man like I do, it promises to be completely underwhelming, lacking in humour or depth, and void of any journalistic credibility or worth. Watch this space!!

Jimmy Weavers, for the love of the game.



ASSOCIATE SPONSORS