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Round One 2010

Premier Division

Wollongong Lions 11-6-72
North Shore Bombers 20-16-136

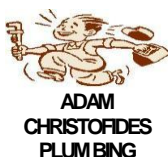
After a long pre-season it was great to get back out on the paddock, and whilst the result wasn't exactly what we were hoping for, there were enough positive signs to suggest we will have a much-improved year. The first half was an even affair, as we controlled large passages of play. Unfortunately, we fell down a little across half-forward, but that will develop as the year goes on. Our attack on the ball and on the opposition players was fantastic, led particularly well by Jeremy Daniher, Luke Favetta, and Michael Toussis. We kicked the first goal of the third term to close the gap to 14 points, and actually played better footy than North Shore for the quarter. A couple of cheap goals late gave the Bombers a 35 point three-quarter-time lead. The frenetic pace of the game took its toll in the last quarter, with a number of boys succumbing to cramp. North Shore played the better footy, and got a number of dubious decisions go their way, and the margin ballooned to 64 points at the final siren. This margin is not reflective on the tight nature of the contest for the majority of the day, but also highlights how important it will be this year to play four full quarters of quality footy if

we are going to win more games this year. Having said that, there were plenty of positives from the game that I'm sure coach Trevor Burnett will be very excited about. Dave Goodley never stopped trying (or talking) at half-back and was our best player. Paul Balding was instrumental to our running game off half-back, in particular one passage of play where he went 'coast-to-coast'. 17-year-old Beau Black was fantastic in his senior debut, whilst Jeremy McInnes played his best game for the Lions, kicking three goals down forward. The Adult Warehouse's Erin Franklin returned to senior footy and provided an excellent contest in the centre and around the ground in the ruck. This is a great reflection of the hard work put in by Bopper over the pre-season. Finally, congratulations to Jeremy Daniher, Beau Black, Luke Rutter and Taylor Bell who played their first games of senior footy with the Lions and all acquitted themselves very well. Saturday night sees us taking on Penno under lights at NDP. A four quarter effort will be needed to knock them off, but I think with an improved effort we could cause the upset.

First Division

Wollongong Lions 3-5-23
North Shore Bombers 17-17-119

Unfortunately, the First Div boys hit a red hot Bombers outfit in the first round and were unable



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to match their skills or running ability. Congratulations and welcome to all the new boys who pulled on the Lions colours for the first time; hopefully the results pick up over the next few weeks! Dan O’Keeffe will be knocking on the door for a seniors berth after starring in the midfield, rivalling Sam Mitchell as the clearance king. Tim ‘Tom Ribb’ Robb scored all three goals and waddled around the ground nicely. Andy Barned acquitted himself well in his first game, whilst Justin Ayre provided some of the highlights of the day with a couple of well executed jersey slams which sent his Bombers opponents flying in the opposite direction. Our thoughts go out to Pete Lloyd who was carried off with cramp; get better soon buddy! Ryan Woodward and Josh Tier tried hard all day down back under a mountain of pressure, but the effort will need to be improved vastly to knock off the perennially competitive Penno team!

Lions News and Reviews

Cup of Tea and a Bikkie...

Welcome to this year’s interview section of the newsletter which will aim to delve into the private lives of your Lions heroes.

Name: David Keith Goodley

Nicknames: Parrot, Spatchcock, Spoodgly, Dave.

Interests: Staying in and watching Iron Chef, the Japanese version is way better than the American one!!!

Favourite Meal: braised toadfish on a bed of rocket, with carrots julienne, and a raspberry jus.

Where do you see yourself in 20 years?: Doomed to a life of solitude, watching lifestyle food and cooking meals for my mates and their partners.

Best Footy Moment: Restricting 42-year-old Brian Kershaw to 2 goals in a Seniors match in 2008

Worst Footy Moment: Every time I have let my sense of fashion get the better of me and allow myself to wear a headband on the field.

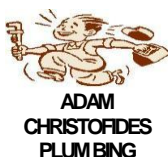
Your Perfect Evening: cooking dinner, curling up on the couch to watch a Hugh Grant movie, with a glass of low-alcohol wine.

Favourite Movie: The Notebook

Favourite Book: The Notebook

Favourite TV Show: The Martha Stewart Show

Favourite Facebook Fan Page: ‘I would rather hang out with my parents on a Saturday night than go out and have fun with my mates’



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Thanks for your time David.
Ladies Night!!!!!!!

Ladies Night will take place this Saturday night during our home game against Pennant Hills. \$10 bottomless glasses of wine will be on offer for the girls between 5pm and 10pm (please note that Barb will be strictly enforcing our RSA requirements). There will be raffles, games and a bbq running on the night too. Please get your wives, girlfriends, mistresses, sisters, mothers etc down to NDP for this event as we really need the money! Also, it will help to create a great atmosphere, and help the boys get up for a first-up win for season 2010. See Jimmy, Trobb, or Doug for details at training this week.

Social Events

Anzac Day: we will have the Anzac Day footy on the television at NDP in the club rooms. May get in a sneaky game of two-up also, whilst bar prices will be cheap. Good way to support the club and save some cash!!

\$1000 Draw: will be occurring in July this year. More details to follow, but if you have any suggestions on how this could be improved please see Adam Patterson and Dave Goodley (social co-ordinators)

5th June: under lights at NDP against ECE. Working on a theme night at NDP, again please

come forward with any suggestions to the social committee boys

Kangaroo Court and BBQ: Thursday Nights

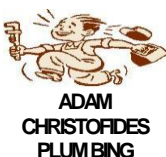
The court is back bigger and better!! Keep those stories coming boys and remember your gold coin donations for the barbie. There will also be the world famous meat raffle provided by Bush's Meats running. Please continue to support this great initiative, and keep those stories PG rated!!

Other News

Other exciting developments in Lion land this week:

1. The Lions very own house band, The Wesley Snipers, will be playing their final ever gig at the Oxford Tavern this Saturday night. These musical geniuses take the stage at 12pm so what better way to kick on after Ladies Night!?? (Please come, we'll be your best friends)
2. Dave Goodley: Sydney AFL Team of the Week for Round 1 (whaaaatttt???)
3. Dave Goodley: Round 1 D*ck of the Week (DOTW)

Until next time, Go Lions!
Jimmy Weavers



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