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Round Two 2010

Premier Division

Wollongong Lions 4-6-30
Pennant Hills 4-9-33

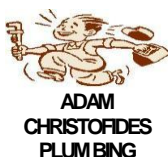
The Seniors suffered a heart breaking loss at NDP on Saturday night after pushing perennial finalists Pennant Hills for the entire night. In a night where the margin never got beyond more than 10 points, it was a sole final-quarter goal to Penno in the last quarter that sank us. Nevertheless, we must take heart out of a performance which saw us control possession for most of the night. Our attack on the ball was feverish all night as we had the Penno players looking over their shoulder for most of the game. Disappointingly, we again failed to put a side away when we had worked so hard to put them on the ropes. Luckily in footy there's always 'next week', and with spirited performances like on Saturday night I am certain our first win for the year will come sooner rather later. Jeremy 'Jizz' Daniher was our best on and showed the way in and under the packs. Sam Dowling and Luke Favetta gave lion-hearted performances in the midfield, whilst Erin Franklin highlighted that he can be an elite ruckmen in Sydney by competing, and in my opinion, beating his more fancied opponents. Jeremy McInnes again shone up forward as did Ryan Price. Troy Bartlett and

Mitchell Hogan nullified their opponents down back and provided a great springboard for our attacking thrusts. Congratulations to Andy 'Dags' Barned who played his first Lions senior game. This week we travel to Campbelltown in a must-win game. Go Lions!!

First Division

Wollongong Lions 11-4-70
Pennant Hills 10-12-72

Well another game we deserved to win but lost in the final minutes. Congratulations to the entire First Division who came within a whisker of causing a massive upset on the weekend, for a fantastic and spirited team performance. Again, our inability to close off a game hurt us, especially against quality teams like Pennant Hills. Hopefully the boys will learn from their mistakes and close the next one out! Brad Ainwsorth wound the clock back and kicked 5. Bonkers Woodward won the BOG mug and proceeded to get fantastic value out of it!! Chris Cook continued on his upward trajectory, whilst Justin Ayre, Jade Collyer, and Matty Morgan played well for the entirety of the contest. The boys travel to UTS solo this week (bloody divisions) and will need to be at their best to cause a big upset! Well done to Chad Mansur, Dylan Koop, and Sam Bowler for playing their first games in Lions' colours.



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Under 18s with Ross Picken!!!!

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| Wollongong | 18. 6 | 114 |
| Pennant Hills | 11. 5 | 71 |

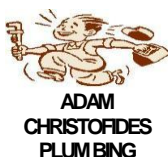
The young lions took the field for their inaugural 2010 game boasting 3 18s, 6 17s with the rest 15 & 16 year olds. Captain Blake Schneider must have felt like the old man of the team. The boys began well kicking the first two goals before Pennant Hills could get into stride. Penno came back in the middle of the quarter kicking three goals, but the young lions rallied and ended the quarter 5.1 to Pennos 3.2. Young Jacob Brookfield at this stage had already kicked three. The second quarter started with the young demons kicking two quick goals to lead by a point and it was thought that maybe the young lions had done their dash. How wrong we were, the boys hit back kicking 6.1 for the quarter to the young demons 3.2. By this stage young Brookfield had six. The boys went to the long break with a handy 28 point lead.

The third quarter was a dour struggle with Pennant Hills trying to bridge the gap. The young lions stood firm allowing Penno a lone behind to our 3.2 for the quarter. Brookfield at this stage had seven. Pennant Hills finally won a quarter kicking 5.0 to our 4.2 and the boys walked away 43 point winners. Yes, Brookfield finished with ten.

The performance of such a young squad was truly commendable with all showing

determination and commitment and an understanding expected of a side that had played together for a long time, not just one game. The return of Nathan Kenny was the key to our domination of the game, with his running and hardness at the ball keeping the young lions rolling forward. He was rewarded for his efforts with three goals. Joel Sutherland & Josh Roebuck were also strong on the half forward line kicking two goals each. Jacob Brookfield's effort at full forward came only be called truly magnificent. Vice captain Brendan Hogan worked hard all day as an on baller, capably assisted by Ben Hyndes. Josh Haddan was strong in the ruck. The overall performance of the boys surprised a lot of the senior players, with one eminent committee man comparing their performance to that of Geelong against Hawthorn. The final word came from coach Mark Siely, "I didn't expect that! Well done boys, but remember one game does not get you to the finals!

Best on Ground: Jacob Brookfield, Nathan Kenny, Brendan Hogan, Josh Haddan, Ben Kolster & Kade Drury.



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Lions News and Reviews

Cup of Tea and a Bikkie with Jimmy...

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

This week's interviewee is Andrew Barned.

Editor's Note: Unfortunately due to unexpected complications in the shower, Barney was unable to make our scheduled interview. Cup of Tea and A Bikkie with Jimmy will return bigger and better next week!

Ladies Night!!!!!!

Ladies Night turned out to be a roaring success for the club so thank you to all the girls who came along to make the night such a good one!

Special Thanks to:

- Tim Robb for sourcing the goon
- All the ladies in the canteen: Barb Bartlett, Silvana Patterson, Susy McConnochie, Judith Ferguson, plus special guests Steve and Judy Goodley
- Ian and Judith for cleaning up
- Ian Ferguson for retrieving the lost American girl out of the toilets at 12:30pm
- Barb B for donating the raffle prize, and to Fritz for beautifully wrapping it

- Matt Morgan and friends for helping spruik the raffle to a never before seen profit
- Everyone else who helped out along the night!!

The club expects the profits to be nearly double of any first home game ever held at NDP: Well done everyone!!

Linemarking

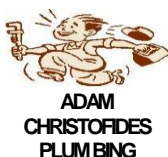
Thanks to Kevin Pritchard (Warnie) who came down to survey and mark the ground, and to Daniel McClure who did the actual line-marking. Thanks fellas!

Game Day Roster

Dave Goodley has rostered all players into game-day groups to assist the hard-working committee and other helpers so that everything gets done on match day. Please help out where possible boys to lighten the load on some of our over-worked committee people. Remember, many hands make light work!

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!!



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\$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

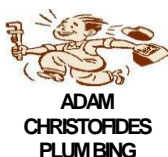
Kangaroo Court and BBQ: Thursday Nights

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

1. Other exciting developments in Lion land this week:
 - a. Barron Hanson selected for Swans Reserves this weekend
 - b. Jack Mahony playing for GWS in Melbourne
 - c. 16 year old Nathan Kenny to make his senior debut for the Lions on Saturday

**Until next time, Go Lions!
Jimmy Weavers**



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