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Round Eight 2010

Premier Division

Wollongong Lions 5-8-38
Western Suburbs 19-12-126

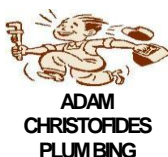
An extremely disappointing performance led to a very heavy loss at the hands of Wests on Saturday night. After identifying the importance of aggressive attack on the ball and on the man, we were made to look silly by the bigger, stronger bodies of the Wests side. By quarter time we were down by 40 points and the game as a contest was all but over. We showed greater intensity in the second quarter, and with renewed enthusiasm we started getting in first for the ball which in turn led to more umpiring decisions go our way (still not many), and better field position and scoring opportunities. The second half was more of the same as we attempted to slow Wests' run and create scoring opportunities, but were simply outclassed and overwhelmed by our opponents. Pleasingly we continued to play the game in good spirits despite some questionable antics by the opposition and some more than questionable umpiring decisions (think Baz's report). On a disappointing night, Josh Lewis' blanket job on Matty Withers was a real highlight. Josh continually won the one-on-one contests, and created plenty of run going forward. Beau Black showed the sort of

aggression that is needed by all in the Senior side, whilst Jeremy Daniher got plenty of in-and-under ball. Justin Ayre and Sam Jenner played well in their returns to the Senior side, whilst Dan McClure kicked 3 of our 5 goals (charity). On a sour note, Luke Favetta sustained a serious shoulder injury which looks like keeping him sidelined for a few months; good luck with the recovery Fav. This week we take on East Coast under lights in a replay of our last game of last year. With a determined effort and the return of a few players, I'm sure we can pull off another upset.

First Division

Wollongong Lions 6-9-45
Western Suburbs 10-11-71

It was always going to be tough for the First Div boys after a number of late withdrawals in both grades left Sam Lewis frantically trying to put together a full 22 before the bounce. On a positive note it was great to see the Bressinator getting a run in Lions' colours for the first time this season. In an ugly and dour contest, it was Wests who wanted the win more and in the end probably deserved to take the points. Our inability to capitalise on our scoring opportunities early in the match cost us dearly at the final bell. With uni holidays approaching, the First Div boys will be robbed of some players, so this cannot be used as an excuse. Luke Rutter



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played excellently at centre half forward and showed fantastic hands in trying conditions. Chris Cook revelled in the chance to play some midfield minutes, whilst Pat Ireland continued to impress in his first season of AFL in years. Ryan Wells played his best game of the year, whilst Chad Mansur, like Pat, continues to improve with every week. Our thoughts go out to Dewey Jefferis who also sustained a serious leg injury during the match. Hopefully this week will see a reverse in fortunes for the boys as they take on the always challenging East Coast boys.

Under 18s with Ross Picken!!!!

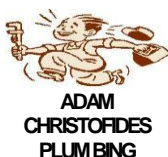
Wollongong Lions	8-7-55
Western Suburbs	11-11-77

Once again the 18s end up playing at night with the game commencing at 7.15pm on a wet miserable night at Henson Park in front of a capacity crowd of about 30. The young lions began brightly kicking the first goal. However Wests got into their stride kicking 3.2 for the quarter to the lions 2.2. The second quarter was much the same with the game very even with Wests kicking 3.3 to our 3.1 to take a slim 8 point lead into the long break.

The game was played in very slippery conditions and it required bodies to be put on the line and delivery to be pin point. The third quarter saw an intensified effort from the young lions which won them the quarter 2.2 to 1.3 giving Wests a

slim 3 point lead going into the final quarter. Unfortunately the young magpies were hungrier for the win than the lions and came away with a 22 point victory kicking 4.3 to our 1.2. The difference between the two teams was that Wests picked up the ball and stayed on their feet whereas the Lions fumbled the ball and ended up on the deck in the scrimmages. In saying that, there were some fine efforts with young Mitchell Bates best on ground. Kade Drury once again showed that size does not matter putting his body on the line irrespective of the size of his opponent. Tom Walsh and Brendan Hogan fought doggedly on the ball. Half back flanker, Gil Patterson had a fine game both defending and running the ball out of defence being rewarded with a fine goal. His partner in crime, Rufus Picken was effective in stemming the goal flow of the opposition and also gave us domination in the ruck in the third quarter. Mark Mura and Kade Drury kicked two goals each with singles to Nathan Kenny, Jack Rodda, Gilbert Patterson and Jacob Brookfield.

Coach's award of dinner for two at the T.C. went to Jacob Brookfield.



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Lions News and Reviews

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

5th June: under lights at NDP against ECE. There is old school footy jumper night so dust off the old itchy woolly jumpers and get em on!! Bring your friends and relatives and let's have another win against East Coast under lights!! Also, the night will be doubling as a junior's gala night so please spread the word if you are involved with a junior Auskick club. More details get in contact with me (0438106644).

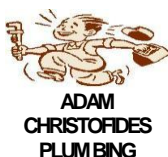
\$1000 Draw: Will be held on Saturday 3rd July at North Dalton Park after the Cambelltown/UTS Games. This is the largest event on the Social Calendar and a great fundraiser for the club. Details will be sent out shortly, so please make sure you drag along a few friends and family, they won't be disappointed!

Junior Gala Night

This Saturday night will see local Auskick and Under 9's sides take to NDP at half-time. Giving these youngsters the chance to play under lights will provide them with a great thrill, whilst also strengthening the ties between the Lions and other local clubs. I will be looking for volunteers from the Under 18s and First Div to help coordinate the events on the night. We will need umpires, people to set up goals, and someone to help split the kids into teams. Please volunteer some time (less than 30 mins) on the night to help make this a success. Thanks!

Beau Black: SAFL Rising Star Round 8

The beast himself, Beau Black, is this week's SAFL Rising Star (about time). Beau is a great example to the rest of the club on what hard work and a ferocious attitude can lead to. After being in our best on more occasions than not for us this season, it is great to see Beau's great form be rewarded with this nomination. Well done mate!!



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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!!

Note: All fines are now due!!! Any outstanding fines not paid by next Thursday's court will be doubled by Kenny. Pay up!!

Lions T-Shirts

If you ordered a Lions training shirt from Kenny, your \$20 is now required!! You will not receive your shirt until you've paid. If you do not pay soon, your shirt will be sold to someone else who can pay!!

Footy Trip

Thanks to those who have committed to the trip and paid your deposits. We still have about 6 spots left and we need \$50-\$100 deposits asap to book flights. Destination is firming to Byron Bay unless we can get a good airfare to Cairns in the coming weeks.

Representative Squads

Congratulations to Jeremy Daniher, Michael Toussis, Mitchell Hogan and Sam Dowling who have been selected in the Under 23 SAFL squad.

Also, congratulations to Trent Bartlett for making the senior squad and immediately turning them down.

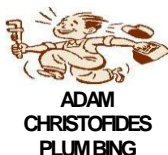
Other News

1. Exciting developments in Lion land this week:
 - a. Josh Lewis, SAFL Team of the Week
 - b. Beau Black, SAFL Rising Star
 - c. Dave Goodley, Round 8 DOTW

Until next time, Go Lions!
Jimmy Weavers



...says Barron.



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