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# IMB WOLLONGONG LIONS: Round 6

## Premier Division Seniors

**Wollongong Lions**                    **8-7-55**  
**North Shore**                            **12-14-86**

Unfortunately the senior boys let another golden opportunity to chalk up a win for the season slip through our fingers on the weekend. In somewhat difficult playing conditions, we kicked into a stiff breeze in the first quarter but handled the conditions well to kick a goal and trail by only 9 points at quarter time. The second quarter saw a number of golden scoring chances go begging, and at half time we trailed by 6 points. Pleasingly we played a good first half with fluent movement across the park, and plenty of run from behind helping us to get on top (albeit not on the scoreboard). A gallant third-quarter effort saw us in fact outscore North Shore into the wind by a point, and at three quarter time trailing by 5 points with the wind, the squad was very hopeful of a first up win. However, it wasn't to be again; a combination of nerves, skill errors, and injuries conspired to send us into some old habits as we lost our way as we looked for a way to finish the game off. Young gun Mitch Thomson again was best on ground with a classy

and determined performance. Kenny 'Chad Kroeger' Ewen-Chappell and Michael Dombroski got back into good form, whilst Ryan Price and Lewis Wilson had their best games in Lions colours. Clint Wells again dominated his opponent, and Daniel McClure kicked 3 goals in difficult goal-scoring conditions. However, a loss is a loss, and we desperately need to convert one of these chances. Saturday night under lights against an undermanned St George outfit is the perfect chance to get one on the board!

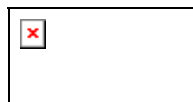
## First Division

**Wollongong Lions**                    **12-9-81**  
**North Shore**                            **5-9-39**

Congratulations to the First Division boys who got their season off and running with a gutsy and skilful performance on the weekend. It was great to see the guys continue the good form, which had UTS worried in the previous round for consecutive weeks. After an even first quarter, the boys managed to kick 5 goals to 1 in the second to open up the game. Again, the boys were able to negate the effects of the wind in the third quarter, managing to outscore the North Shore boys by 2 points for the quarter. Up by 25 points at the last break, the boys stepped on the gas to run away with a 42-point victory, and most importantly, some reward at last for what has been a very impressive month of footy by the fellas. Youngsters Mitch Daley and Shane Morgan continued their great form with some



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very polished performances; their ferocity at the ball was pleasing in particular. It is great to see two former Under 18s players really stepping up and putting pressure on the boys in the senior side. Skipper Sweeney had a great game down back, and in particular took a number of impressive pack marks. Wooma's hard work on the track this year has seen him achieve improved fitness and strength levels, which is translating into some excellent performances. Congratulations are also in line for his first win as skipper. Matty Morgan and Jade Collyer also played nicely, whilst Big Bad Bustling Jacob Hart kicked 3 goals. Congratulations again to the boys, and hopefully we will see them chalk up back-to-back wins on the weekend.

### Under 18s

**Wollongong Lions 7.4 46**  
**North Shore Bombers 9.13 67**

The young Bombers have not tasted defeat in a season and a half of football, so our boys knew it would require their best to knock them over. The first half was an arm wrestle for superiority with both teams very physical at the ball. The strong winds made it difficult to hit targets and score goals, but our boys seem to handle it a little better than the Bombers and at the long break lead 5.4 34 to 4.6 30. Nick Davidson showed why coach Siely utilises him as an on baller with a strong physical display in both attack and defence. Taylor Bell on the half back flank also

showed great physical presence with some strong tackling. The third quarter was where the Bombers showed their experience and strength, locking us into our defensive fifty for long periods. Our boys could probably be thankful the Bombers couldn't handle the wind with their goal kicking as they kicked 2.7 to our nil. The young Lions went into the final quarter 15 points down, but kicked the first goal bringing to them within 8 of their rivals. Unfortunately, they could not get on top of the opposition who kicked 3 goals to our 2 for the quarter to win by 21 points. Aiden Riley came back to 18s recovering from a hip flexor injury and played strongly. Jack Mahony also returned from his stint with the seniors and as usual was busy around the field and strong in his tackling. Diminutive Saamir Mohamad was asked to play in the back six and had a very strong game. There's not much to Sammy but it's all heart. Whilst a victory did not come our way, the game did display the strengths we have and also areas for improvement. I'm sure coach Siely will be addressing the latter. Best on ground, Aiden Riley, Saamir Mohammad & Jack Mahoney.

Ross Picken

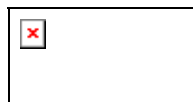
### Lions News and Reviews

### Lions Ball

Initial planning for the Lions Ball is underway with the 20<sup>th</sup> of June being earmarked for this



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occasion. The Ball is a great chance to get suited up and look nice, whilst it also presents a great opportunity to showcase the club to sponsors and non-football members. Once again, Christian Van Reede (Milky) will be running the show with the aid of the social committee boys. If anyone has any ideas for the night please feel free to approach any of us and let em' fly! Please keep the night free and help make this social event a success this year.

### Footy Trip

Only 5 months to go!!! The Lions end-of-year footy trip is always a top weekend and a great way to finish off the season. This year's destination is Cairns in what marks Michael Love's 10<sup>th</sup> straight trip. Doug Sweeney is looking for expressions of interest to help out with the initial planning for the weekend. Remember that the fines that are being paid by one and all at Kangaroo Court will help fund some of the frivolities, so don't pay for someone else's red bears!!

### Thursday Night Shenanigans

Kenny has organised a meat-tray donation from the Figtree Butchery to be raffled off on Thursday nights after training. The club is also looking to make Thursday night snag sizzles a more permanent fixture. Bring your shrapnel along each Thursday night to help support these great initiatives.

### Match-Day Activities

Make sure you know which leadership group you have been put in to help out on match days. A number of roles need to be filled out for Under 18s, First Division, and Seniors. This Saturday provides a perfect opportunity to make a day of it. Come down early, cheer on the youngsters and the First Div boys, and then hang around into the night for the Seniors and post-game fun!!

### Happy Birthday Trevor

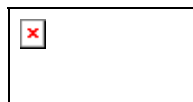
Our birthday wishes from the entire club are extended to senior coach and all-round nice guy Trevor Burnett. Trevor has hit the big 4-0, which I'm told is the new 28. I know there is nothing more as a club we can do for Trev then chalk up 3 victories on Saturday night. Hopefully we can persuade him to venture out to BlueNote or some other reputable establishment later in the night!!

**GO LIONS!!!**

### Jimmy Weavers



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