

A captain's lot: drinking, singing, and a bit of rugby too



Name: Nathan Landrey
Age: 26 going on 12
Nickname: Trough (for relieving myself against the bar on a pub crawl)
Preferred Position: Flanker
Team: Drummoyne First Grade
Junior Club: Canterbury/Southern Districts

This month the Village Voice's own rugby gentleman Joshua Lloyd caught up with Drummoyne Rugby Club's "King of Sledging" and Club Captain Nathan Landrey on what he loves about the game, the area, and his beloved Dirty

How long have you been playing rugby? 14 years.

Good thing about playing raa-raa? The mateship that develops over a season which last for years after you've hung up the boots. And the end of season rugby tours.

Best thing about Dirty Reds? We're sponsored by PJ Gallagher's, my local pub.

What is involved in the role of Club Captain? After each match both clubs give speeches and announce the best & fairest points for each grade.

I'm also forced to neck a few drinks to the tune of drinking songs. I'm not entirely sure why I was chosen (I do know most of the players' names)

but I have definitely enjoyed the role over the last two years.

Favourite ground to play at? Drummoyne Oval because not only is it Sydney's most picturesque ground, I also live about two minutes away.

What sporting goals do you have? Short term to win the 1st Grade premiership for the third year running and the Club Championship for the first time since 2004 (both very achievable). Long term to make the Suburban Rugby XV (question mark on achievability).

Who was your idol growing up? Tim Horan. This player epitomises courage and determination, coming back from knee reconstructions to be the player of the World Cup in 1999.

How do you prepare for a game? I can't eat before a game otherwise I get sick on the pitch.

What's the best/worst thing about your teammates?

They win the games and are some of the most skilful players I've come across. The worst thing - they won't pass me the ball because they think I will get run down before the line.

Your career highlight so far?

Winning the 1st Grade Grand Final two years in a row and being the first side to do so in 20 odd years. Misplacing the actual Kentwell Cup both years.

How would you describe your style of play? Hard, physical and on the ball.

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