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**THE RED WORD**

**DRUMMOYNE**  
District Rugby Football Club



22 July 2009

### **Words from the President!**

A few weeks ago I attended the farewell for Scotty and Ali and witnessed the remarkable camaraderie that is your club. In contrast, we have all witnessed the mid-season slump in form which 1's emphatically turned around last Saturday. There was also a visible lift in intensity in all other grades, even 4's in their 2<sup>nd</sup> half overcame the impact of too many changes in their line up on the day.

What's the connection? Both are evidence of who and what we are and can be as a club.

The challenge that we have over the next few weeks is to sustain that spirit and get back up the club table into the top end where we belong, but be clear we don't get there if we don't earn our way. If we put in like we put in last week we will and that requires all the old stuff like commitment to yourself, your mates, your coaches and the club.

There are 5 rounds left, 3 away and 2 at home, plus 1's catch up against Forest. We are a Division 1 Club and we want to say there. We all know that we have been short on depth this season and that next year will be an even bigger challenge. Recruitment will be helped enormously by showing a strong run in and finishing with a respectable top 4 placing in the comp. Initiatives are underway to attract new and some old blood, but the credibility of a respectable placing always carries weight its value cannot be underestimated.

You can be assured that Knox (and the rest) will hold a conflicting view and will not make it easy, but then it never is although we/you have always risen to this kind of challenge. So let make that commitment. Lock in for the remaining Thursday's and come out the winners that you know you can be.

This Saturday is our postponed Ladies Day when we will not only make it their day but will be collecting for the McGrath Foundation. There will a gold coin collection for your pink socks (which cannot be worn for the team photographs by the way!) and collection points at the two canteen counters

for other contributions.

Also on Saturday, Canada Bay Council will be conducting their public viewing of the proposed upgrade to Drummoyne Oval and Taplin Park. They will be set up in a marquee on the passive part of Taplin in the morning at least from 10am till noon. Take a look if you can. The plan is to spend about \$5m on a new stand, changing sheds and additional storage that will serve both the main oval and Taplin plus a number of other upgrades. The terms of the government grant require that the work be completed by the end of June next year. Although the design addresses the needs of all users of the oval, with cricket to the fore, it will give us a facility second to none in Subbies, which is another reason to keep our focus on the future! We play competitive rugby, we have fun off the field and we have a top class facility in the offing as our home ground so all we need are numbers (of the right calibre) and a continued commitment to who and what we are to take full advantage!

See you Saturday,

Colin

### **Club Captain's Corner**

After two very average rounds for the men in red, we finally found some form on the weekend, recording victories in 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, narrow bonus point losses in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades, and fighting losses for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Colts who gave their opponents too much of a head start.

We are hovering mid table in the Club Championship and really need to pick up the effort at training to ensure we come over the top of sides in the last quarter of matches. Currently across all grades our lack of fitness and loss of structure are allowing other teams to snipe late victories.

Ultimately this comes down to attitude and commitment – there are five more rounds during which we can finish with a whimper or a bang! If you put in at training, throw your all in on the pitch and back up on game day, I guarantee you will finish the season on a high.

Socially, don't forget that this weekend is Ladies Day – please spread the word about what promises to be a great day for the Club (further details below).

Finally, this Saturday is also Team Photo day. So put the gel in your hair, have a shave and forget for a few minutes that you are tough ruggie buggers.

See you on the pitch,

Nathan

## **Match Report**

### Drummoyne vs Woollahra Colleagues, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Drummoyne travelled to Woollahra oval no. 2 to take on Colleagues, hoping to break a two week losing streak. The power of the Drummoyne scrum was shown immediately as the pack proceeded to pushover from two five metre scrums, where NSW Suburban Representative number eight Trent Tapps scored a try each time. A third try from a pushover attempt was scored by Captain Nathan Landrey in the corner. Tries to NSW Suburban Representative winger Josh Maleko and centre Tani Isaia took Drummoyne to a 31-5 half time lead.

Drummoyne continued to pile on the points in the second half, as Maleko scored another try, lock John Natandra scored from a pick and drive, while NSW Suburban Representative centre Chris Sione crossed for two of his own tries, before setting up NSW Suburban Representative captain Scott Monaghan for the final try. The 62-5 final scoreline showed that Drummoyne are starting to return to the form that produced premiership victories in the last three consecutive Kentwell Cup competitions.

Drummoyne Second grade came back from 12-0 down at half time through tries to flanker Gareth Kelly and prop James Lealesi to level the scores at 12-12, but a late try to Colleagues gave them a 17-12 victory.

Drummoyne Thirds lost a tight game 12-10, Fourths lost 40-10, Fifths won 37-14 and Colts lost 33-10.

Drummoyne hosts Knox Old Boys at Drummoyne Oval this Saturday in a Kentwell Cup top of the table clash.

## **Rumour Mill**

Rumour has it a certain second grade half back was unable to play last Saturday due to a Todd McKenny style incident. Unconscious, pants down and with drugs everywhere he was still smart enough to let the coaching staff know he couldn't make it in. God only knows if he'll be able to play this week, he still can't sit down.

## **Social**

We are quickly approaching the business end of the season with as many as 4 grades still in title contention! As far as social goes, we have some exciting announcements. The annual Red Ball has a venue, The Menzies Hotel Sydney and will be held after the last home game of the season, 29<sup>th</sup> August starting at 7pm.....stay tuned for more information.

## **Next Event**

### **Ladies Day**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July Vs. Knox

Well I shouldn't need to say too much here! Bring down your wives, girlfriends (best to keep them apart though), sisters, mothers, daughters and help us celebrate the women behind the men. We'll have auction items galore, free massages, champagne, cheese and strawberries.

We'll also have every player on the day wearing Pink socks to help raise money for Breast Cancer. So don't forget your gold coin to pay for them!

**DUTY TEAM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!!**

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