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**Presidents Desk**

Season number 135, is at the half way mark and results are promising.

We lead the club championship table, 1<sup>st</sup> grade undefeated through Round 9, all grades are contesting at the top of their respective competitions and Colts have put a few wins under their belts.

The John Mulford Testimonial lunch on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> was a bit of a success. We not only acknowledged his 60 years membership of the club but also his wider contributions to Rugby Union in NSW and Australia. The challenge now is to respond to the demand to do it again and in conjunction with the Junior Club we have started planning for a similar function in March 2009.

The "Friend of Drummoyne Rugby Foundation" announced at that lunch is happening, it's just taking longer than expected. As announced at the lunch, this will not only include a trust fund for longer term support of the game, but also an arrangement with the Sports Foundation of Australia so that your contributions to the club can be tax deductible.

If you have not already contributed for this season, I hope you still find your way to do so. As you know from almost all previous letters, every season brings its challenges in terms of funding and it is still getting harder year on year. Even with over \$50,000 in sponsorship money we have difficulty in covering costs and without your help we certainly would not survive as we are today.

Vice Presidents and Veterans Day, or "Back to Drummoyne Day" as some of you prefer it to be called is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of June when we again host Mosman. As usual the Vintage Reds will have a run between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

I look forward to seeing you then and as often as you can make it to support us over the rest of the season, home or away as we continue our challenge to make this yet another winning season in every way possible.

Thanks for your support, past, present and future.

Yours in Rugby,

Colin

## **Match Report:**

### **Drummoyne vs. Beecroft at Drummoyne Oval, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2008**

The top of the table clash between reigning Kentwell Cup premiers Drummoyne and the recently promoted Beecroft at Drummoyne Oval proved to be an epic struggle for both teams. Beecroft scored an early try in the corner and it took almost twenty minutes for Drummoyne to hit back with a try to flanker Tim Cruickshank and take a tight 10-5 lead at half time. Basic mistakes almost cost Drummoyne the game as they dominated possession and set pieces in the second half. A final surge in the last minute of the game ended in a penalty to Drummoyne, which scrum half Ben Leaupepe calmly slotted to win the game 13-11.

Drummoyne Seconds used the wind to their advantage in the first half, scoring an early thirty metre try to lock David Mew after a stolen line out. The home side pressed the opposition's try line throughout the first half, but a string of mistakes stopped them from capitalizing on their possession until a rolling maul allowed flanker Dusty Elsom to score. The half time score of 15-3 was not changed in the second half, with both sides' defense canceling out each other's attack.

A penalty kick late in the game by scrum half Adam Dillon secured a hard fought 14-13 win for Drummoyne Thirds. Fourth Grade won 16-15 to take the top spot on the Judd Cup table and Fifth grade won 10-7 to complete a clean sweep of all grades. Colts lost another tight game 12-10.

Drummoyne travel to the Campbelltown Showgrounds next Saturday to take on the Harlequins.

## **Social News**

### **Next Event – Veterans Day (Vs. Mosman)**

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

**Venue:** Drummoyne Oval and onwards

The biggest day on the Drummoyne rugby calendar as well as the fact we are playing the limp wristed Mosman boys. With raffles, the annual veterans game (a chance to revisit the Halcyon days) and loads more it's a great day all round.

So after your game, stick around, drink, eat and get vocal boys.

## After The Game

After another great weekend of results, I can only see one reason...the drinking seasons after training at the Sports Club and after the game at PJ's!!! Last week the guys from Nirvana even made a special appearance, so don't miss out!

## End Of Season Trip – Byron Bay Sevens

As you all know we now have some 15 confirmed for the end of season trip to Byron with only some 10 spots available. We now have sponsors in place, top of the line jerseys coming and accommodation about to be confirmed. Bring on the beer, nudity, girls, surf and a little bit of rugby (yes in that order). To book your place speak to Nathan Landrey, Benn Sykes, Tristan Pidd or Mathew Pride.

## The Rumour Mill has it....

A sad one this week guys..... A couple of Drummoyne's coaches may need putting out to Stud. **Rumour 1:** A certain coach of Drummoyne's most successful team, missing a clear posted "Slippery Floor" sign, instead falling over it causing quite the scene! **Rumour 2:** Coach of Drummoyne's most improved team has gone to great lengths to ensure he remembers his role in the side, stitching it on his hat, however getting the year sadly incorrect.

## General News.....

### 1.Ex Dirty Red International

Drummoyne now has another international player. Gavin Maloney, former Drummoyne colt, coached by Tom Herlihy and Ross Edwards, has been capped by the Swiss national side. Gavin now lives in Switzerland with his Swiss wife Christine. Tom believes the Swiss side are in the 3A European competition. Rugby union started in Switzerland in 1972.

### 2.Masters Games

The city of Sydney is gearing up for another exciting sports spectacular in October 2009 – the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games. Among the many Sports is Rugby Union, which Drummoyne may participate in. more news later

### 3. Golden Oldies 2010

The world's biggest rugby Festival will return for the second time to Sydney in 2010. Up to 6,000 participants from 18 countries are expected for the 18th Air New Zealand Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival in Sydney from 26 September to 3 October 2010.

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