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From the Stands

8th July, 2009

This is being written on a very sad, misty eyed Wednesday morning, following a night of great event. Now some people do get sentimental over such things especially if the midnight oil is burned into the small hours, (*Don't stop till you get enough..*). Some just stumbled from the cot to watch with slumped shoulders, a nation in mourning. Yes our little chap, our little hero on two wheels, Cadel has slipped way back in the field after being poorly served by his selfish team mates in the Tour de France. Hang in there little buddy. If and when you get a chance the ol' bike pump in the spokes is as good a way as any to advance up the field.

Saturday's games followed a well worn path – A's had a solid win and B's lost on the bell. This makes number 5 guys!!! It may be time to draw a line in the sand. No more talking up B Grade till there's a lot more wins. So just bare facts – Players player was Jayden Cross and well supported by Fletch, Byron, Muzza and Tinks. Tries to Margs and Justin Barber. Score? 14-19.

Hamilton A Grade, while sitting one off the bottom of the table, gave the Reds a good tussle in the first half. The Reds started strongly and had a try on the board in the opening minutes through Luke Kermode. Not bad for a bloke who hasn't played for 3 weeks and he bagged another in the second half. Ill-discipline (8 out of 10 penalties) in the first half cost the Reds going out to a big lead. The difference in the final score line 36 – 12 could have/should have been a lot more. We are getting used to the Reds style of play but the work load of the forwards and their commitment at the scrum and break down is always terrific to watch. This is then capped off with a touch of back line brilliance. At any hint of trouble, there's Tricky who has drifted back to take their kick and return it with interest.

As all forwards know and are happy to tell you at every opportunity, they do the work and the backs get the kudos. Same same on Saturday as the Ref bestowed his points on Tyrrell and Kermode but the players gave all their points to the forwards. Players player was Charles George and other points went to Kyle and Ekka. Dane and Schef tackled all day. It is worth spending a few moments on our scrum (and yes B Grade belted Hamilton in the scrum on Saturday), as lots of Reds fans do ask.

The A Grade tight 5 is as good as it gets and we have been lucky in replacing Mitch Brown with Mick Nelson at hooker. Ekka and Steve at loose and tight head respectively, then Starks and Kyle at 4 & 5. Once upon time they were just second row with the lock wearing the No 8 but now they're locks with the No 8 just that or part of the scrum back row along with the guys known as either flankers, breakaways, loosey's or boring old No 6 and 7. But of course No 8 forms part of the inside backs when it suits someone to say so joining the half back and five eight, who of course wears No 10. Clear? The loosey's job is to be the first at the breakdown and basically annoy the hell of everyone, think Schalk Berger (whether or not he's using someone's eye socket as a hand grip) Ritchie McCraw (cheat) and George Smith (hero). Charles George (champ) annoys everyone. Even the Ref got so annoyed on Saturday he gave Charles a 10min spell on the sideline. Also check out Charles sporting matching forehead scars and again a team mate. Steve, we're the good guys in Red.

Around the Grounds saw the Williams sister grunt and belt the crap out of the ball at Wimbledon with Serena getting to wear the 'Are you looking at my titles' shirt; the Lions belted the crap out of the Boks – they can be beaten; the Fed Ex and Rodders went at it, and at it, and at it; Lote scored an own goal and last but not least, Wacko Jacko finally got sent off.

Home game this weekend and as the season is getting to the pointy end (only 2 home games after this one), the lads need all supporters there in force.

Iain Riggs
President

The Social Committee met this week and after reviewing all the functions on offer over the next few months has decided to again postpone the Foundation ball and kick off the 2010 season with it!

So please support the other fantastic events coming up and we will have a fantastic season start with the ball.

HOME GAMES THIS WEEKEND 11 July 09

Hunter Valley Gardens Oval Broke Rd Pokolbin

Juniors

Under 7 9.00am

Seniors

B Grade 1.45pm
A Grade 3 pm

BBQ & Bar from 1pm

Post match presentations from 5pm on Harrigan's Deck
& then Stay on for dinner.

PRO REDS 2009 DRAW

Jul 11	Round 12	HOME v Dragons
Jul 18	Round 13	AWAY v Wanderers
Jul 25	Round 14	AWAY v Maitland
Aug 1	Round 15	AWAY v MC
Aug 8	Round 16	HOME v Griffins
Aug 15	Round 17	AWAY v Muswellbrook
Aug 22	Round 18	HOME v Southern Lakes



The Pokolbin Rugby Club

in association with

The Hunter Valley Harlequins

presents

The Lovedale Golden Oldies 2009 Junior Coaching Clinic with Mark Ella

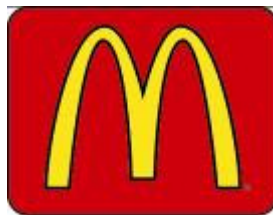
Date: 10am Sunday 19th July 2009
Location: Tatler Wines Rugby Fields
Lovedale Road, Lovedale

Details: Clinic includes coaching from the Hunter Junior Development Officers and tips from our special guest coaches.

Fun and games provided by Pokolbin Rugby Club Junior Rugby. BBQ , every Child receives a T Shirt, food voucher and much more!

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DATE: 18 -19 JULY 2009

Saturday 18th —

- 2:30pm - Hunter Women's rugby match
- 5:30pm - Bledisloe Cup match screening
- - Tapas Dinner @ Tatlers \$50pp

Sunday 19th —

- 10am - Junior Rugby Clinic
(sponsored by McDonalds Cessnock)
featuring coaching by NSWRU, Mark Ella
and other noted Australian rugby legends
- 11am - **Golden Oldie Games**

Venue—Tatler Wines
477 Lovedale Road
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The Pokolbin Rugby Club Luncheon Friday July 24th, 2009

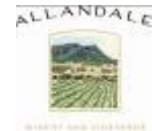
The Sebel Kirkton Park
\$95pp 3 Course meal, wine & beer

with special guest speakers ex wallabies

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