

# VIKINGS RFC

STIRRER JUNE - 2010

## **Fish's Corner**

Since the last stirrer the club has accumulated 8 wins, 1 draw and a loss. Not a bad months work if I do say so myself!

Now officially half way through the season and things are really looking good. 3rds continue to be steady without setting the world on fire. 2nds have had close games against quality opposition while putting the lower teams away comfortably. While 1<sup>st</sup> grade have blown away their opposition with ruthlessness.

Not much else to say really, but bring on the second half of this year!

Cheers

Fish

## **Latest results...**

Vikings vs Shamrocks

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Win 7 - 5

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Win 17 - 15

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Win 41 - 7

Vikings vs Uni

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Loss 20 - 5

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Draw 20 - 20

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Win 43 - 9

Vikings vs Wollondilly

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Win 38 - 10

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Win 85 - 0

Vikings vs Tech

All Grades Postponed Until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Vikings vs Bowral/Bundanoon

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Win 27 - 10

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Win 21 - 19

## **Would you rather be a Number 8 or a Wing???**

### **Number 8 (I read through this and see why I was made to play this position)**

Rounding out the forward pack, this man has no need for a name; rather one refers to him only by number. Sharing many of the versatile and athletic traits of the flankers, he is clearly the most valuable man on the rugby pitch. He may be seen running over opposing forwards, rucking for the otherwise helpless backs, or making booming hits in the open field. He has the speed to run around the defense, but would rather run over them if presented with the option. Although he is not as groomed as those in the back line, the number eight is one of the most handsome players on the squad.

### **Wing**

These speed demons hang around the outskirts of the action so as to keep their uniforms clean. Wings have great fashion sense and can be counted upon to recite tips and trends from the latest issues of GQ. On occasion, they have a chance to break for long runs and excite the crowd, although more often than not they are tackled quickly or drop the ball. Their weak statures also mean they tend to be injured quite easily. Wings look more like soccer players than rugby players, and always have over-inflated egos. On the occasion the forwards provide them with an easy opportunity to score, the wings take all the credit and congratulate themselves by staunchly avoided any contact for the remainder of the game.

## **Club website**

The new club website is operational! The website is [www.wollongongvikings.com.au](http://www.wollongongvikings.com.au) and hosts a range of information. Hopefully the mere fact that you are reading this indicates that you have located the website. Have a look around. There is still plenty of work to be done, but I am sure you will agree that the website is looking good and will be a fantastic asset when fully completed!

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### Latest news...

**Last Stirrer I wrote about Bowral Rugby Club withdrawing from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade competition for 2010. Now I write about Wollondilly Rugby Club making the call to withdraw from the IDRU 1<sup>st</sup> grade competition.** After averaging 63 points against them this season, things came to a head when they ran out against Vikings. Sadly with only 23 players available for both their grades, it was always going to be ugly. All points accrued this year will now be withdrawn. Let's hope they will be back in the top grade in the near future.

**Our new club kit hit the ground running when we took the old rivals Shamrocks on at Vikings.** And what a day it was – Sponsors Day, Longhorns Day, New Kit. There was a lot of talk about this day and it didn't disappoint. 3rds snuck home with a try 5 minutes from the bell to come home with a gutsy 7-5 victory. 2nds then got a penalty on full time that Brenton Dean calmly slotted over to snatch a 17 – 15 victory, before 1<sup>st</sup> grade ran out and showed a previously unbeaten Shamrocks team that they will have their work cut out for them even getting close to us in future games. By half time the score was 24-0 with the final score being 41-7.

**A further note to this fantastic day was that it was the first time in 4 years that the club had won all 3 grades on the same day.** This goes to show just how special the day was for all involved. On speaking to Phil Green he said that it might have been 4 years since the last time, but we would have to go back at least 20 years to find a date that we actually did it against Shamrocks!! What a fantastic achievement.

**The win in all 3 grades saw us jump Shamrocks in the race for the Club Championship.** We have since dropped back behind them, but still sit comfortably in 2<sup>nd</sup> on the table. With a bit more consistency from our lower grades in the second round, and our first grade continuing their run of wins, the Club Championship is well in reach. Certainly something to aspire to!!

**There remain only about 10 players who are yet to pay their fees in full for season 2010.** All of these players have paid some of their fees, so get the rest of your money in or face the possibility of sitting on the sideline!

### **The Dexter Porter Blood Cup is on again!**

This fantastic initiative runs from June until the end of August. Vikings are the only Club to have won this, lets continue to promote our Club within the community and make all of our sponsors proud to be associated with Vikings by winning again. Go to the Blood Bank, cnr Loftus and Darling St Wollongong to donate. Bookings can be made by calling 42271210. Donations only take about 20 minutes, including all the paperwork. It does not hurt, just ask Fridge! Send in your friends, family and workmates too, and tell them put down Vikings when they donate. WE WANT A MINIMUM OF 100 DONATIONS, so get there and make your contribution. Each donation can save 3 lives - what a worthwhile service to be involved in!

**Our other Community service event, The Cancer Councils `Call To Arms` fundraiser will be showcased at our home game with Camden on July 10,** to help raise awareness for men's cancer. Vikings will be wearing yellow socks on the day to show our support. Money raised from the socks, raffles and donations will be given to the Cancer Council. For more info paste the link below which will take you to the fundraising section of the club website: <http://my.artezpacific.com/personalPage.aspx?registrationID=208579>

**Don't forget the `Swear Jar` on the hill at all of our games. The jar sees a gold coin donation from anyone with a potty mouth – spectator or player!** The fine doubles if you object. This will help to lead to a more positive approach from all spectators, by encouraging supportive comments for Vikings teams, rather than abuse for the opposition and referees. This will be reflected later in the year in the on-field penalty counts.

### **Speaks for itself...**



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### Vikings Juniors 2010

Vikings Juniors have headed into the 2010 with 6 teams representing the club. This year we have U8's, U10's, U13's, U14's, U16's and U 18's. With the first few rounds completed, the Juniors are looking good with the following results:

U8's are still yet to register the first victory. Actually they are yet to register their first points! But you can guarantee that when they do it will be something special – keep it up boys!!!

U10's currently are 2 wins and 2 losses into the season and playing some good football. They are scoring plenty of points, but letting a few too many points in. Toughen up their defense and more wins are just around the corner!

U13's are again scoring points but also letting a few in. They currently sit in 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder but need to develop some consistency in their defense if they are going to continue to knock over their more fancied opposition like Shamrocks.

U14's is a very uneven competition. With scores against opposition of 102 and 104 in 2 consecutive weeks, the 14s then lost 36 – 26 to Kiama. Sounds like the "Black and Blue" rivalry has started at a very young age. Hopefully the boys can get one back on Kiama next time they play them! They currently sit in 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder.

U16's have had a slow start to the season but seem to be building. Despite the fact that they are yet to register a win, the 16s have shown huge improvement in previous weeks. After getting touched up in the first few games, the last few have resulted in narrow losses, and with a bit more hard work and commitment a victory will come. The 16s currently sit in 5<sup>th</sup> place on the ladder.

U18's made a promising start to 2010 under coaches Mitch Wakeford and Adam Tucker. However, with a couple losses on the trot they will be looking at getting back in the winners circle in weeks to come. The Under 18s comp

is very close and with a few consecutive wins, 18s could be right back on top. They currently sit in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the ladder.

Vikings Juniors are still searching for more players, so if you know anyone who might be interested, ask them to contact Merrick Mildenhall on 0412 522442.

### Players, coaches and managers wanted

We are constantly on the lookout for players, supporters, coaches and managers for 2010, so if you know of anyone who might be interested... Even now we have entered our season we are still looking. Remember "Many hands make light work!"

Coaches, managers and players for our juniors for 2010 (see contact details for Merrick Mildenhall above).

### Can't blame him...



"Mr. Schwartz, the tests show you are not impotent. Your penis is just scared to death!"



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### 2010 Season Draw

vs Kiama @ Kiama  
Round 13 – 26<sup>th</sup> June  
vs Engadine @ Vikings  
Round 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
vs Avondale @ Avondale  
Round 15 – 10<sup>th</sup> July  
vs Camden @ Vikings  
Round 16 – 17<sup>th</sup> July  
vs Shoals @ Shoals  
Round 17 – 24<sup>th</sup> July  
vs Vincentia @ Vikings  
Round 18 – 31<sup>st</sup> July  
vs Shamrocks @ Shamrocks  
Round 19 – 7<sup>th</sup> August  
vs Uni @ Vikings  
Round 20 – 14<sup>th</sup> August  
vs Wollondilly @ Wollondilly  
Round 11 – SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August  
vs Tech @ Vikings  
Round 21 – 21<sup>st</sup> August  
vs Tech @ Tech  
Round 22 – 28<sup>th</sup> August  
vs Bowral / Bund @ Vikings

Catch you on the hill...

Fish