

# Goulburn Rugby Union Football Club



## Yearbook & Annual Report 2010





## 2010: The Year in Review

All good things come to an end, so the saying goes. In 2010, the Dirty Reds' run of premierships, three in a row from 2007-2009, came to an end and 2010 also saw Matt O'Rourke hang up his coaching clipboard, but it was far from doom and gloom for the club.

The season began with the Fermented Reds taking on Mark Ella's "Gentleman of Sydney" at the Sydney Football Stadium. Not only was that a rare honour, the boys came away with a win. Later in the year, the Fermenteds also took part in the World Golden Oldies Festival in Sydney.

In 2010, the Dirty Reds and the rest of the ACTRU first division were absorbed back into ACT rugby with the Monaro sides joining the third and fourth grade sides from ACT in an expanded competition.

Justin Benn took on the job of coaching in what was always going to be a tough season but the new level of competition gave the players a new challenge and the potential for new opportunities.

In 2010 the club, in conjunction with the Goulburn Domestic Violence Committee, held it's first "Say No to Violence against Women" gala day. One of the highlights of the day was a match between the Fermented Reds and an invitational golden oldies side in which long time assistant manager Geoffrey Shepherd played his first game AND scored a try on debut. There has never been a more popular try at Poidevin Oval—it truly was the try of the year.

Another highlight of that day was the first grade match in which the side wore specially designed white jumpers that were auctioned that night and raised \$6,000 towards the cause. It's hoped that this will now go on to be an annual event.

Throughout the year, the clubhouse edged even closer to completion providing a great place to entertain players, visitors, supporters and guests as well as a shelter spot from which to watch the rugby.

While there were to be no premierships in 2010, it was another great year for the club. Even though we had started to get used to premierships, the truth is that historically, we had only had them sporadically. The strength of the club had always been love of the game and the strength of the Goulburn Rugby family and those aspects were as strong as ever in 2010.

**Chris Gordon**

## **GRU Life Members**

John Bell  
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Liz McLoughlin

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Sam Tabner

### **Coach (1st Grade)**

Justin Benn

### **Coach (2nd Grade)**

Dave Ellison

### **Managers**

Gary Stephens

### **Assistant Manager**

Geoff Shepherd

### **Strapper**

Anthony White

### **Grounds Marshall**

Bob Whittaker



# Season Match Results 2010

## FIRST GRADE

Round 1	1/5/2010	Away	Goulburn	62	def	East Canberra	7
Round 2	8/5/2010	Away	Goulburn	38	def	Hall	12
Round 3	15/5/2010	Home	Goulburn	22	lost to	Tuggeranong	39
Round 4	22/5/2010	Away	Goulburn	25	lost to	Uni-Norths	26
Round 6	5/6/2010	Home	Goulburn	34	def	Queanbeyan	12
Round 7	26/6/2010	Away	Goulburn	26	def	Royals	7
Round 8	3/7/2010	Home	Goulburn	28	def	Gungahlin	27
Round 9	10/7/2010	Home	Goulburn	19	def	Hall	10
Round 10	17/7/2010	Home	Goulburn	15	def	Cooma	10
Round 11	24/7/2010	Away	Goulburn	14	lost to	Tuggeranong	50
Round 12	31/7/2010	Home	Goulburn	20	def	Uni-Norths	5
Round 13	7/8/2010	Home	Goulburn	43	def	ADFA	14
Round 14	14/8/2010	Away	Goulburn	18	def	Wests	0
Min SF	28/8/2010	Away	Goulburn	18	lost to	Hall	21
				FOR	395	AGAINST	240

## SECOND GRADE

Round 1	1/5/2010	Away	Goulburn	7	lost to	East Canberra	38
Round 2	8/5/2010	Away	Goulburn	0	lost to	Hall	29
Round 3	15/5/2010	Home	Goulburn	19	lost to	Tuggeranong	83
Round 4	22/5/2010	Away	Goulburn	19	lost to	Uni-Norths	29
Round 6	5/6/2010	Home	Goulburn	19	lost to	Royals-Molonglo	26
Round 7	26/6/2010	Away	Goulburn	12	lost to	Royals	33
Round 8	3/7/2010	Home	Goulburn	17	def	Gungahlin	14
Round 9	10/7/2010	Home	Goulburn	22	def	Hall	18
Round 10	17/7/2010	Home	Goulburn	37	def	Cooma	28
Round 11	24/7/2010	Away	Goulburn	0	lost to	Tuggeranong	76
Round 12	31/7/2010	Home	Goulburn	24	def	Uni-Norths	15
Round 13	7/8/2010	Home	Goulburn	31	lost to	ADFA	34
Round 14	14/8/2010	Away	Goulburn	7	lost to	Wests	33
				FOR	307	AGAINST	382

# Best and Fairest Points 2010

	1/05/10	8/05/10	15/05/10	22/05/10	5/06/10	26/06/10	3/07/10	10/07/10	17/07/10	24/07/10	31/07/10	7/08/10	14/08/10	
First Grade														
Opponent	E. Can	Hall	Tuggers	UniNths	Qbn	Royals	Gung'lin	Hall	Cooma	Tuggers	Uni-Nths	ADFA	Wests	
Result	62-7	38-12	22-39	25-26	34-12	26-7	28-27	19-10	15-10	14-50	20-5	43-14	31-0	
Round	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TOTAL
WHITE, Toby		2				3	3	3	3			1	3	18
GREAVES, Aidan		1			1		2	2	1			3		10
HOOK, David				3					2				2	7
McCARTHY, Rob					3					3			1	7
CHANDLER, Jordan			2	2								2		6
HOGAN, Josh			3		2	1								6
KILBY, Chris						2	1	1			2			6
WEBBER, Mikael	3										3			6
FLOOD, Curtis										2		1		3
NEWBY, Boyd	2									1				3
SHEPHERD, Chris		3												3
LACHLAN, Adam			1	1										2
BENN, Justin	1													1
KILBY, Mark											1			1

	1/05/10	8/05/10	15/05/10	22/05/10	5/06/10	26/06/10	3/07/10	10/07/10	17/07/10	24/07/10	31/07/10	7/08/10	14/08/10	
Second Grade														
Opponent	E. Can	Hall	Tuggers	UniNths	Roy-Mol	Royals	Gung'lin	Hall	Cooma	Tuggers	Uni-Nths	ADFA	Wests	
Result	7-38	0-29	19-83	19-29	19-26	12-33	17-14	22-18	37-28	0-76	24-15	31-34	7-33	
Round	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TOTAL
WEIR, Zach	3				2	3				2				10
McLENNAN, Mark	1		2			2			2					7
COTTERILL, Jono				1			3					2		6
KILBY, Mark							2	2	1				1	6
MOORE, Benny	2									3				5
COCHRANE, Brett				3	1									4
COSGROVE, Robbie		3										1		4
HIGGINS, Wes			1		3									4
TOWNS, Daniel								3			1			4
WILCOX, Jordan								1	3					4
CALDWELL, Jeff		2								1				3
FLOOD, Curtis			3											3
HEWETT, Nathan											3			3
KREMER, Jason												3		3
PEARSON, Ben "Yogi"		1											2	3
SHAW, Luke													3	3
DOUGALL, EVAN											2			2
HOGAN, Mitch				2										2
BAILEY, Elijah							1							1
LAURIE, Michael						1								1

## **Fermented Reds v Gentlemen of Sydney Saturday, May 1 2010 (SFS)**

### **Fermented Reds go to Ella and Back** By CHRIS GORDON

It was a match for the ages – old ages mostly – when the Goulburn Fermented Reds defeated the Gentleman of Sydney at the Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday.

Finishing with three tries to one, the Reds covered themselves in glory (along with yards of strapper's tape and litres of liniment) against a side that included rugby greats Mark Ella, Steve Talbot, Richard Tombs and Anthony Abrahams among others.

The Goulburn invitation to play was organised by Simon Poidevin, who hadn't played for Goulburn since his starring role in the 1977 grand final win against Bowral. As if it wasn't surreal enough running down the tunnel onto the SFS with Ella's team and the crowd cheering the Fermented Reds on, someone yelled out "Queenslander", mixing up both the state they were from and the sport they were playing. None of the Reds seemed to mind, though, as they ran out with their eyes as big as saucers, like seven year olds at Christmas.

Poidevin, who captained the side and led them on to the field, had signalled his intent to tackle Ella at some stage and even donned the unaccustomed fly half jumper to mark his former Randwick, Waratahs and Wallabies team mate.

The Goulburn side resembled a classic hits radio station, - the greats of the 70s, 80s, 90s and today. And the big hits kept on coming – but sadly Poidevin never got to lay one on Ella. Nonetheless, despite years of retirement, they both clearly still had talent to spare.

Even though the Fermented Reds struggle to remember their own names or what they've done five minutes ago, they somehow managed to remember their combinations from their playing years. Goulburn took a fluid approach to the game (in keeping with what they'd ingested in large quantities before it) and rotated reserves regularly. Forwards Owen Taylor, David Neal, Glen Piazza, Ian Gulson, Sam White, Billy Cooper, Andrew McKenzie, Sam Tabner, Evan Dougall, Dave Anable, Matt O'Rourke and both Ben Pearsons controlled the rucks and mauls, giving Goulburn's backs plenty of clean ball. Jake Bourne made the best of one opportunity, taking a well timed pass from the ageless Joey Fitzgibbon after he broke



through on the right flank before passing to Bourne for the try.

Age had not wearied quite a few of the players and Poidevin, in his first visit to the bench, even commented that "some of those boys are serious out there." Matt Klem, in his first game back since a broken ankle forced his retirement two years ago, was the first injury when he had a facial cut seen to, but quickly made his way back on to the field. Later in the game Shaun McKavanagh came off with one of those injuries that backs tend to get but aside from that, both sides remained injury free.

The Gentlemen of Sydney, a cunning lot, made clever use of boxing legend Johnny Lewis and former Wallaby Richard Tombs. Tombs was wearing red shorts due to a neck injury, and Lewis wearing gold due to ...well... his age, meaning they couldn't be tackled but they could set up plays and give their team mates a breather. Actually, both sides appreciated that, so well done fellas.

At half time, inspiring coach and rugby legend Evan Fraser spoke to the Goulburn side and told them to just enjoy themselves, and that's what they did. Goulburn's backs, including Bob Whittaker, Steve Shepherd, Campbell Boileau, Garry Stephens, Dean Thompson, Beau Croker, Kevin Kara and Darryl Atkins, stretched out well and had a few chances in the second half but it was the selfish Jake Bourne who scored next

with his second try.

Mark White had two false starts out wide; one ending when he was tackled by Daily Telegraph journalist and occasional rugby critic Paul Kent, and the second chance snuffed out when a side-stepping White side-stepped into team-mate Billy Cooper. White was luckier on his third attempt though, receiving a neat pass from Ben "Booboo" Pearson from a great centre-field break, and then passing back infield to the waiting arms of Joe Fitzgibbon who scored under the black dot.

The Gentlemen of Sydney finally got on the board for a five pointer just after the final hooter, but it was still a sensational win for Goulburn, establishing a 100 per cent success record at the SFS and against Mark Ella captained sides.

Goulburn finished with 15 points, ironically the same number of times their bus had to pull over on the way home, and Ben "Yogi" Pearson was awarded player of the match by Goulburn rugby stalwart Gordon Cabot. A match followed this one, between the Waratahs and the Auckland Blues, but try as it might, it never reached the same heights.

The Fermented Reds wish to thank all those concerned for allowing us this rare opportunity and look forward to catching up with other members of their aged brethren at the Golden Oldies World Cup in October.





Our favourite ranga ring-in



The opposition skipper... they say he'd played a bit



Some Klems...



Celebrity opponents included Paul Kent, Longy Tran and Johnny Lewis

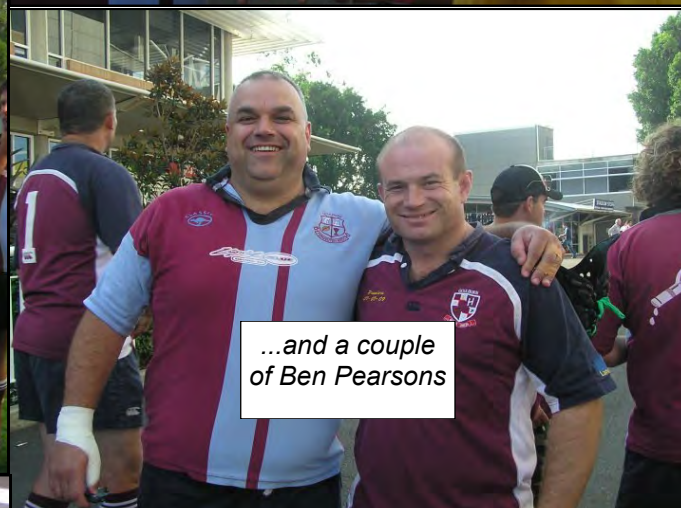
## The day the Fermented Reds took over the SFS



Some Whites...



Poido revs up the troops



...and a couple of Ben Pearsons



And against all odds, a game of rugby eventually broke out



Kafe and Kearnsy came down to check out the talent



Round 1  
Saturday, May 1 2010

## Reds rout Beasts

By CHRIS GRIFFIN

The Goulburn Worker's Club Dirty Reds' season could not have got off to a more promising start than their 62 -7 walloping of East Canberra on Saturday at Griffith Oval in Canberra.

With two away games to dispose of before the opening home game of the season at Poidevin Oval in two weeks time, the Reds showed one of the new teams in the newly expanded competition that they are as hungry as ever for another Premiership title after completing three in a row last season.

While a number of the established and seasoned Reds players from the last three seasons led by example on the weekend, it was the performances of some of the local juniors now filtering through the ranks that had both the Coach and the Reds faithful on the sidelines excited about the Reds' prospects this year.

The Reds pack consistently out muscled and outscrapped their larger opponent forward pack who chose uncontested scrums from the outset, but it was the backline that lit up and caused havoc all day. They looked dangerous every time the ball was spun wide and considering it was the first hit out of the season, ball handling was exceptional.

Ever improving Aiden Greaves and seasoned performer Jeff Caldwell continually hitting Mik Webber on the chest with the ball, and it was a case of whether it would be Webber himself or his new centre partner Chris Shepherd busting the line or dishing off to the speedy back trio of Tivey, Ben Hogan or Adam Lachlan to get to the try line.

Lachlan in particular showed that he will prove a major headache for opposing backlines this season with his elusive running and exceptional speed.

In a pack that totally dominated their opposition, Captain/Coach Justin Benn and evergreen prop Dave Anable led by example with Benn scoring a hat trick of tries and Big Jack getting across the line once again. One of the younger forward brigade Rob McCarthy also run 50m to outpace the East backs and post his first 5 pointer of the season.

In the backs, Mik Webber continued on his strong pre season form with two tries, whilst Ben Hogan, Adam Lachlan and Chris Shepherd all showed early season form with a 5 pointer each.

While Webber would admit to having an ordinary day with the boot, he still managed to knock over six conversions taking his personal tally for the game to 22 points.

A number of players were unavailable in both grades this week due to work commitments and special mention must go out to those players who backed up from seconds and ended up playing almost two full games, particularly Jeff Caldwell and Chris Shepherd and Benny Moore.

Coach Justin Benn got the squad together after the game and praised their first up effort, but also stated that one of the areas the players will have to work on as the season goes on is their intensity and not getting dragged down by opposing teams scrappy play or niggling as was prevalent on Saturday against Easts.

All in all though he said it was a good early season indicator as to where the Reds are at present with Easts club expected to finish mid pack at the end of the season.

Best and Fairest Points went to Mik Webber (3), Boyd Newby (2) and Justin Benn (1) while Newby was also voted Players' Player.

**Goulburn 62** (Justin Benn 3, Mik Webber 2, Dave Anable, Chris Shepherd, Ben Hogan, Adam Lachlan tries; Mik Webber 6 conversions) **beat East Canberra 7.**

## DIRTY TWOS

The Dirty Twos season kicked off in slightly less spectacular fashion with a 38 - 7 loss to a very strong Easts reserve outfit who boasted a swag of reserve players on the bench.

Quite a few Goulburn players were unavailable causing last minute headaches for the coaching staff with the side only finalised minutes before running on.

Despite the limited preparation the Reds put in a solid first up performance that was not highlighted by the final score.

Benny Moore and promising youngster Zach Weir worked tirelessly at the sides of the pack while the experienced Robbie Cosgrove, Ben Pearson and born again Dough the Slug Webster held the young pack together against a much larger opposition.

While the young backline showed glimpses of promise it was hands that let the side down a little on the weekend, something coach Dave Ellison is sure will concentrate on in the coming weeks once he gets the support of players getting onto the training paddock.

In the backs it was once again the ageless Jeff Caldwell that shone, giving plenty of quick ball from the base of the scrum and ruck, whilst out wide Chris Shepherd and Mark McClennan showed great speed and proved elusive.

The Reds only try went to Mark McLennan in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute after intercepting a loose ball in the Easts backline and running 60 metres to put the ball under the posts. The conversion by Luke Shaw was successful.

Debutante Zach Weir picked up both the Players' Player award and three best and fairest points, with Ben Moore (2) and Mark McLennan (1) also figuring in best and fairest points.

**Easts 38 bt Goulburn 7** (Mark McLennan try; Luke Shaw conversion).



## Round 2

**Saturday, May 8 2010**

### **Reds run rampant**

**By CHRIS GRIFFIN**

#### **First Grade**

Following on from their superb first up win away against East Canberra last week, the Goulburn Workers Club Dirty Reds kept their away record intact with a 38-12 win against front-runners Hall at Hall.

The Dirty Reds put on 26 second half points and scored six tries to two in a dominant display that earned them their second bonus point of the season for scoring four or more tries.

The sleepy village of Hall was the scene of Goulburn's worst performance in the last three years and the Bushrangers have traditionally been big, strong and aggressive.

In 70 minutes on Saturday they proved that little has changed in that respect, however they weren't bargaining on a new look young Goulburn outfit that is hitting its straps early in the season.

The game started scrappily with both sides finding themselves pinned in their own quarters on numerous occasions.

Goulburn's attack was a little slow out of the blocks, but their, at times, brutal defence kept Hall back pedalling and coughing up the ball.

Ten minutes before half time, a loose ball from Hall provided an opportunity that was pounced on by winger Ben Hogan who toed the ball 40m from the halfway line, picked it up on the fly and scored in the corner with Mik Webber's attempt at conversion unsuccessful

From the kick off, Hall put Goulburn under pressure on their

line.

Webber sniffed out an intercept and was on his way to run 70m to the try line and was unlucky to be pulled back by the referee for a Hall penalty on the opposite side of the field.

Hall again pressured the Goulburn line and broke through minutes later with a try under the posts that Webber successfully converted.

From the kick off and with only minutes till the half time whistle it was Goulburn's turn to pressure the line with big Dave Anable carrying a number of defenders a whisker from the line.

Scrum half Aiden Greaves was quick to clear to his backs with Webber finding Benny Moore out wide who barged over for another try which Webber converted for a 12-7 half-time lead.

Both sides blew several attacking opportunities in the opening 15 minutes of the second half with poor handling, but Goulburn's forwards were starting to get on a roll with the tight five making good ground and the loose forwards pouncing on any loose ball.

The backs capitalised on this and started to break Halls defensive line more regularly and with the young backline sending out a warning to the other teams in the competition.

Goulburn ran riot over the Bushrangers in the last 20 minutes with "Mr Rugby" Webber fittingly adding the final points in the final minute of play through a brilliant chip and chase he regathered and raced away to score under the posts for his own conversion.

Coach Justin Benn said it was as a massive effort to come to Hall and come away with such a strong win so early in the season. While he cautioned the players to not get carried away yet, he said that he was excited about the

combinations that were coming together both in the forwards and the backs, particularly the younger players that have stepped up.

**Best and fairest points went to** Chris Shepherd (3), Toby White (2) and Aiden Greaves (1) with White also earning Players' Player..

**Goulburn 38** (Benny Moore, David Hooke, Mikael Webber, Chris Shepherd, Ben Hogan and Adam Lachlan tries; 4 conversions) bt Hall 12.

#### **Dirty Twos**

The Dirty Twos did not fair so well going down to a strong Hall outfit to the tune of 29 – 0.

Goulburn once again were only able to finalise positions in the squad minutes before taking the field which made it hard to form combinations on the field.

The side has a good mix of older experienced players with Ben "Yogi" Pearson and Robbie Cosgrove leading from the front in the forwards while Jeff Caldwell directs the traffic behind the pack.

Coach Dave Ellison is blooding a number of fresh new youngsters this year including Curtis Flood, Mark McLennan and Zach Weir who are growing in confidence each week and are showing plenty of promise with several having a taste of first grade experience already.

If the side can get numbers to training at least once a week, and train together as a team, with the players currently available to the squad it will only be a matter of time till the results start coming on the field.

**Best and Fairest Points went to** Robbie Cosgrove (3), Jeff Caldwell (2) and Ben Pearson (3) with Zach Weir voted Players Player.

## Round 3

**Saturday, 15 May 2008**

### **Vikings raid Reds** **By CHRIS GRIFFIN**

After starting the season in the best possible fashion posting over 100 points in the first two rounds, the Goulburn Workers Dirty Reds came crashing back to earth on Saturday at the hands of Tuggerenong, who put on a powerhouse and clinical display of rugby.

Whilst Goulburn took the Vikings head on in the forwards and consistently got over their opposition, it was the well oiled and experienced Vikings backline that wreaked havoc for most of the match.

It was the Vikings backline that put posted first points of the game after only 5 minutes play after splitting the Goulburn defensive line on their quarter and sprinting 70 metres through several sets of hands to the fullback who scored out near the corner post giving them a 5 nil lead.

Apart from another elusive 40m run and chip and chase from fullback Adam Lauchlan that almost resulted in a try to the Reds, Goulburn spent most of the first 20 minutes in their own half keeping out repeated Vikings raids.

Through a great clearing kick from Mik Webber and an equally good chase by Andrew Tivey, Goulburn pinned Tuggerenong down in their quarter and after repeated scrum and ruck infringements in the first half, Goulburn received a penalty outside the quarter which Webber shaved the posts but failed to convert.

Goulburn kept the pressure on the Vikings pinning them in their own quarter for a number of phases until the ball went out along the backline from the scrum to Webber who sucked in two defender before offloading to winger Ben Hogan who raced away to score in the corner.

A superb conversion from Webber from the sideline saw Goulburn hit the lead 7-5. Despite leading the game at this stage Goulburn were dropping off quite a few first tackles and letting the Vikings machine get on a roll.

This roll resulted in a try to the Vikings forwards wide out which was unconverted taking the score to 10-7 in their favour.

Tuggerenong once again peppered the Goulburn line from the kick off but a drop goal attempt by the Vikings let Goulburn off the hook before the break easing the pressure and allowing Webber to clear 60m to the other end of the field for one

last attacking raid before the break. The ball however was knocked on 5m out from the line and the siren went for half time.

At the break, Coach Justin Benn wanted his troops to concentrate on making those first tackles, getting more aggressive at the breakdown right across the park and continue with the forward pods running closely off 5/8 Ben Todkill.

Goulburn couldn't have managed a worse start to the second half, failing to get on the loose ball which was scooped up by the Vikings centre who raced away and offloaded for a try under the posts. The conversion made it 24-7.

In the 15<sup>th</sup> minute Justin Benn decided to inject himself with great effect firing up his forward pack with some damaging runs.

But against the run of play, the Vikings again capitalized on a loose ball and a backline move resulted in an unconverted try in the corner, 29-7.

Goulburn kicked off, and some individual brilliance by Rob McCarthy who raced through and took the kick off on the fly, snatching the ball from the Vikings grasp and running 30 metres through a number of defenders to score in the corner.

Webber failed to convert from the sideline, 29-12 and Goulburn had a sniff.

But after quite a bit of time spent defending their line from the kick off, Goulburn once again saw the might of the Tuggers backline who ran in yet another 5 pointer out wide that was unconverted, 34-12.

From the kick off Goulburn received a penalty on the quarter line and quickly spun the ball wide out through the backs to hit a flying Lachlan who scored in the corner, 34-17.

Toby White was forced to leave the field at this point with a nasty face cut. Goulburn were fired up and once again got themselves to within 5 metres of the line.

From a scrum penalty, Webber through a dummy that fooled even the referee and barged over out wide but couldn't manage the conversion.

Tuggerenong once again attacked Goulburn from the kick off and it was only a try saving tackle by fullback Lachlan that stopped the line being crossed again.

Against the run of play again, Tuggerenong scooped up a loose ball and ran 50m to score out wide with the conversion hitting the posts on the siren leaving the final score at 39-22.

It was a much improved second half display by Goulburn but not enough to peg

back the deficit.

Goulburn was well served in the forwards by some hard running from Jordan Chandler, Rob McCarthy and Justin Benn in the second half whilst Josh Hogan scrapped well all day for the ball.

In the backs, Aiden Greaves was good around the scrum base, Webber was as always strong defensively and in breaking the line and Adam Lachlan looked slick whenever handling the ball again.

#### **Best and Fairest Points went to:**

Josh Hogan – 3, Jordan Chandler – 2, Mikael Webber – 1 with Rob McCarthy picking up Players Player.

### **Dirty Two's**

The Dirty Twos were left shell shocked by a far more experienced Vikings second grade side boasting a backline and a number of individuals that would line up as regular First Graders in any other club.

The inside centre was particularly devastating leaving a trail of Reds littered whenever he touched the ball and it was evident they had been playing together for some time.

To the young Reds' credit they never let up till the final whistle with their whole 19 points added in the final 20 minutes.

The Reds showed in the final 20 minutes that they are more than capable of putting it to the top sides in the competition but its going to take a few more games yet for this mix of new and experienced players to gel and compete against the likes of Tuggerenong for the full 70 minutes.

The forwards matched it with their Vikings counterparts all day with Robbie Cosgrove, Wes Higgins and young Zac Weir posting strong games yet again.

The backs had an enormous task against their destructive opponents and one positive to come out of the game is that its probably going to be the toughest backline they will face all year.

To their credit they took everything dished up to them and never took a backward step.

Curtis Flood looks to have cemented his position at halfback with an excellent first up display, whilst Jeff Caldwell put in his usual 110% and club newcomer Craig Larkin at centre made some excellent runs and bone crunching tackles.

#### **Best and Fairest Points went to:**

Curtis Flood – 3, Mark McClennan -2, Les Higgins – 1 with Curtis Flood named Players Player.



**Round 4  
Saturday, 23 May 2010**

**Students give Goulburn  
a timely lesson**

**By CHRIS GRIFFIN**

Despite an improved performance on last weeks effort at home, the Goulburn Workers Dirty Reds went down by the narrowest of margins on Saturday to Canberra side Uni Norths 26-25.

Captain Boyd Newby said during the week that Goulburn needed to switch on right from the opening whistle if they are going to get over the top of some of these strong Canberra sides and it looked like the message had been heeded by the Goulburn squad early on when inside the first ten minutes,

Mik Webber put a nicely weighted kicked through to the Uni quarter for a flying Adam Lauchlan to swoop on and sprint to the line for the opening five pointer which was converted by Webber for a 7-0 scoreline.

Goulburn took the kick off and it was Webber again who put Goulburn on the attack with a monster kick to the Uni quarter. The forwards were quick to rally and after some attacking runs headed by Justin Benn, Uni were penalized in front of the posts for a gift penalty conversion to Webber to take the score to 10-0.

Uni kicked off and applied some pressure forcing Goulburn to cough up the ball. Uni capitalized with a great kick into the Reds half, and a minor lapse in the Reds defense resulted in a soft Uni try against the run of play taking the score to 13-5.

Uni seemed at this point to be starting to spark and within minutes of the kickoff were pressuring the Reds line once again.

The Uni prop got over the line but Reds fly half Ben Todkill raked the ball out to save the try. From the resulting scrum, the Uni side went through their backs to score out wide and convert to now trail only 13-12.

The Reds were starved of possession at this stage with problems in the line outs and handling errors when they did get the ball in attack and Uni seemed to sense this. Uni turned a couple of attacking raids by Goulburn around and pushed deep into Goulburn territory.

They peppered the Goulburn defensive line which eventually succumbed and Uni took the lead for the first time in the match to 19-13 with the conversion.

From the kick off, Goulburn seemed to fire up again and through some great bone

crunching tackles from Hook and strong kick chasing from Tivey, they found themselves in a strong position to get over the line.

Uni were penalized for an infringement in the breakdown and Webber narrowly missed the penalty conversion.

Goulburn continued to attack the Uni line after winning a line out on the quarter with only minutes to go till half time and it looked like Goulburn might cross again but a handling error once again killed valuable time and the half time whistle blew with the Reds trailing 13-19.

At the break, Coach Benn and Captain Newby urged the players to up their aggression and work on getting the line outs right to enable more ball to get out to their speedy backline.

The half time rap on the Reds seemed to work with Goulburn firing up and after some good work by the forward pack, Webber broke the line and got the ball to Todkill who was pulled down before the line. From a resulting scrum,

Webber crossed the line but missed the conversion to get the Reds within a point of Uni, 18-19.

The game became a little scrappy at this point with both sides failing to capitalize on opportunities with the ball.

It took a brilliant individual run by Webber next to bust the Uni line 5m out from his own line and run 50m before passing to Todkill who drew the fullback and passed back inside to Webber to run another 30m to score under the posts and convert taking the Reds into the lead once again, 25-19.

Uni applied the pressure straight from the kick off and snatched back the lead in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute with a try beside the posts and a conversion which took the score to 26-25.

The Reds forwards fired up once again and got on a roll from inside their own half to get play into the Uni half but handling mistakes at vital attacking stages proved costly.

Another 5 minutes might have seen Goulburn cross the line of a tiring Uni side but that wasn't to be, and the Reds are now feeling the pressure of two straight losses, a feeling that hasn't been experienced amongst the team for some time.

In the forwards, defensively Dave Hooke and Rob McCarthy were standouts with some rattling tackles, whilst Chris Kilby and Josh Hogan scrapped well all day.

Webber was a standout in the backs, but was consistently aided and supported by

Ben Todkill and the flying fullback Adam Lauchlan.

**Best and Fairest Points:** Dave Hooke – 3, Jordan Chandler – 2, Adam Lauchlan – 1, Mik Webber - Players Player

**Dirty Twos**

The Dirty Twos put up a much improved showing from last week with a number of new faces sparking the side to within 10 points of their much more experienced opposition, 29-19.

After 20 minutes though and the scoreline sitting at 19-0, it looked like Uni were going to be too big and strong for the Reds. But it was through one of the new faces in the backline, Brenton Cochrane and a brilliant individual run from inside his own half before offloading to fullback Mark McClennan to score, that Goulburn got on the board prior to the break with the conversion reducing the half time Uni lead to 19-7.

It was only 10 minutes into the second half when Cochrane struck again, making a tackle and stealing the ball to sprint 60m and score under the posts for Shaw to convert, and Goulburn now only trailed by 5, 19-14.

The Reds could smell a possible first win of the season and they were showing it in general play. Some great defensive work from Wes Higgins and big hits from Jono Cotterill, set the backs up for Mark McClennan to show his attacking ability proving elusive in broken play and outstripping the Uni defense to score out wide and level the scores at 19 each.

Goulburn were penalized heavily in the final 10 minutes of the game at times leaving those on the sideline scratching their heads and it was one of these penalties that put Goulburn on the back foot and allowed the Uni 5/8 to catch the defensive line napping and run 40m to score beside the posts and shatter the Dirty Twos hopes of a season first win.

One can only imagine how some of these losses could have been turned around if Coach Dave Ellison had a side that trained consistently together with the playing personnel he had to work with on the weekend.

The team has a combination of youth, experience and individual brilliance but a lack of cohesion through not training together is costing the side dearly and causing major headaches for coach Dave Ellison and Captain Robbie Cosgrove.

**Best and Fairest Points:** Brenton Cochrane – 3, Mitch Hogan – 2, Jono Cotterill – 1, Brenton Cochrane – Players Player

Round 6  
Saturday, 5 June 2010

## **Reds return To form**

**By CHRIS GORDON**

After a recent two game slump, the Goulburn Workers Dirty Reds bounced back into top form at Poidevin Oval on Saturday with an emphatic 34-12 win against the Queanbeyan Whites.

Goulburn hadn't played Queanbeyan since the mid 80s and wasn't sure what to expect, but didn't have to wait long to find out.

Just three minutes into the game, fullback Adam Lachlan chose to soccer kick a loose ball towards touch in his own quarter which Queanbeyan pounced on for an opportunist try. Lachlan went on to make up for the mistake with a try of his own, but it was clear the Whites would capitalise on any errors.

It took Goulburn 10 minutes to secure a foothold in Queanbeyan's half but once there, it took just two more before try-hog Mik Webber ran 30 metres for a brilliant solo try.

Webber made good the conversion and Goulburn led by 7-5. Ten minutes later, winger Andrew Tivey crossed on the right wing after an initial break up the left flank and Goulburn's lead increased to seven points.

The ruck and maul remained well contested by both sides but as Goulburn

started to gain the ascendancy, the Whites became frustrated and were marched by the referee several times for dissent.

Webber's goal kicking on the day was well short of its normal standard but his kicking in general play was spot on, providing plenty of yardage and great attacking opportunities. One such opportunity came 13 minutes before half time when lock Rob McCarthy added another try for Goulburn giving them a 17-5 score at the break.

Club newcomer Brenton Cochrane increased Goulburn's lead within minutes of the restart with a runaway intercept try from 45 metres out, pushing the margin to 17 points.

Queanbeyan continued to show a never say die attitude and replied with their own try shortly after and this time it was Goulburn's turn to fall foul of the ref for dissent when David Hook was given a ten minute break.

In what was for the most part a fairly even contest, playing a man down could have been costly but first grade captain Boyd Newby stepped up in that period and, in his 100th game for the club, snatched another five pointer for the Reds. Minutes later, Cochrane came close to adding another with a chip and chase up the right wing, but he appeared to be held back without the ball. Again, the Reds argued the decision and were marched ten as a result.

The final 20 minutes of the game remained evenly contested, albeit a little scrappy, and Queanbeyan showed no loss in intensity despite their 15 point

deficit.

Goulburn appeared to ease back a gear in the final stages but refocused at the end. In the final minutes of the match, Adam Lachlan latched onto a bit of rugby redemption and, making up for his earlier brain snap, scored a try that Webber converted for the final score of 34-12.

Having scored six tries, the Reds also earned a bonus point that should keep them safely in the tightly bunched ACTRU first division top four.

Best and fairest points went to Rob McCarthy (3), Josh Hogan (2) and Aidan Greaves (1) with Toby White picking up the Players Player award.

**In reserve grade**, Goulburn put in their best effort of the year in a 26-19 loss to Royals Molonglo (story by Chris Griffin to follow).

The Reds now have a two week break before taking on Royals at Phillip on 6th June, but top quality rugby will be in Goulburn right across the long weekend.

The Brumbies Provincial Championships are being hosted in Goulburn next weekend, with matches on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

A representative side will be chosen from the tournament which will play the combined Australian Police side the following weekend in Campbelltown. Players from Goulburn, Crookwell and Taralga will be on show in the Monaro side and all rugby fans, and sport fans, are invited to see some top notch country rugby at its best.



*Brenton Cochrane, a new signing in 2010, sets off for one of several great runs against Queanbeyan.*





*Rob McCarthy barges through the middle against the Eagles with Dave Able in support.*

Round 8  
Saturday, 3 July 2010

## **Reds topple Eagles In both grades** By CHRIS GRIFFIN

The Goulburn Workers Club Dirty Reds scored two nail-biting victories on Saturday, with both the first and second division games having a combined difference of just four points.

The first grade match was a top of the table clash and it didn't disappoint the healthy crowd at Poidevin Oval. The match ended in a thrilling one point win for the home side who weathered everything the competition leaders had to throw at them.

However, it was the Dirty Twos first win of the season which stole the attention from the first grade side as the seconds finally gelled for a 17-14 victory.

It was only a matter of time as the Dirty Twos have come closer to their first points over the last few weeks.

The game went down to the wire with Gungahlin coming back at Goulburn

in the final minutes scoring under the posts and converting to trail by only three points.

But to their credit, the locals hung on for the final whistle, much to the delight of the local crowd and by player reaction alone it was more like scenes from a grand final victory.

Mention must be made of the players' player Jono Cotterill who started at inside centre and decimated the Gungahlin outside backs every time he got the ball and even left quite a few of the forwards sore and sorry.

Along with the tireless Goulburn forward pack he kept the side moving in the right direction all day and the ever reliable Jeff Caldwell at halfback was the effective crucial link to the backs.

The firsts showed a similar amount of courage to knock off the competition front runners, and serve notice to the rest of the competition.

In an entertaining game Gungahlin played an exciting brand of rugby with plenty of speed and skill in the backs, but Goulburn matched the visitors in every department.

There may still be a little tweaking

needed in the Reds general play, but certainly their attitude and their hunger for another premiership has intensified as they head into the second half of the season.

With Gungahlin hitting the lead 27-25 with a try out wide four minutes from time, many would have thought that the match was going to slip from Goulburn's grasp.

However, the players lifted and got themselves into a healthy position deep into the Eagles half for Mik Webber to put through a penalty goal and grab the lead.

After a strong game in both attack and defence in the centres, it was fitting that Webber secured the victory with only a minute to go. Like their second grade counterparts, the Reds dug in and held on until the final whistle.

Goulburn Dirty Reds 28 (Dave Hook, Josh Hogan, Adam Lachlan tries; Mikael Webber 2 goals, 3 penalty goals) def Gungahlin Eagles 27.

Round 9  
Saturday, 10 July 2010

## **Reds round up Bushrangers**

By CHRIS GRIFFIN

The Goulburn Workers Club Dirty Reds completed another clean sweep in both grades on the weekend against the Hall Bushrangers, consolidating First Grade's position at the top of the ladder, and moving second grade up off the bottom of the ladder in their mid season charge towards the semis.

Last week I reported that both sides look to have turned the corner and started the second half of the season in the best fashion, and the two wins against the strong Hall Club on the weekend have reinforced that.

Whilst the First Grade win was a good one against Hall, it didn't quite match up to last weeks display where the Goulburn side dominated all over the paddock, but this had a lot to do with the niggling spoiling tactics of the Bushrangers.

A lot of the first half was played in Goulburn's half with a bruising battle of the forwards.

When Goulburn did venture into the Bushrangers half on the first occasion, it resulted in a try to rookie winger Curtis Flood who continues to improve and gain confidence with every game.

Hall continued to pin Goulburn inside their own half and it was a credit to the Reds defence, particularly in the forwards, that Hall were restricted to only one try in the first half with the sides going to the break at 5-5.

Whatever was said at half time appeared to spark the Reds who appeared a little flat in the first half and the side came out firing. Again some brutal defence in the forwards headed by Dave Hook, Rob McCarthy and Captain Boyd Newby was really rattling the Hall attack.

The Goulburn backs had a little more room to move in the second half and led by Mik Webber, consistently broke the Hall defensive line and put on two tries in the second half.



*Andrew Tivey ,  
showing  
consistent  
strong form in  
First Grade.*

It was fitting that winger Andrew Tivey scored the winning try after a 60 metre sprint down the sideline.

Tiv is a consistent performer who often misses out on the accolades but puts in 110% week in week out. Last week, against Gungahlin not a lot of people might have noticed but Gungahlin were hard pressed to convert any try they scored.

While most players take advantage of the kick time to suck in some oxygen, Tiv is at the ready to sprint out at the kicker as he moves in for the conversion.

He put that much pressure on the kicker last week and again this week that very few went through the posts and in my opinion has a huge influence on the final scoreline. Congrats Tiv the little things don't always go unnoticed.

In the forwards, all worked tirelessly as they do each game, but defensively, Dave Hook and Toby White consistently halted the march of the Hall forwards, whilst in attack Boyd Newby, Rob McCarthy and Jordan Chandler made good metres.

In the backs, Mik Webber and Adam Lachlan were outstanding in attack when given the opportunity, particularly in the second half, whilst Aiden Greaves was always there at the break down to get good quick ball out, consistently putting the ball out in front of five eighth Ben Todkill and allowing the backs to hit the ball on the run.

Best and Fairest Points went to: Toby White 3, Aidan Greaves 2, Boyd Newby 1. Boyd Newby – Players Player

### **Two for Twos**

The Dirty Twos started slowly but certainly came home with the nitro.

They trailed 15-0 in the first half against a strong Hall reserves side but slugged away at the opposition and eventually wore them down in the second half.

The Twos finally took the game with only minutes to spare with a runaway try from the half way line to Daniel Towns who posted his second try of the half after coming on as a replacement.

Mark Kilby and Luke Shaw also got over the line for the Reds whilst Mark Kilby also slotted a conversion to run out victors 22-18.

Several new young forwards in Jordan Wilcox and Corey Withers were blooded with great success having outstanding games alongside consistent experienced campaigners Ben 'Yogi' Pearson, Justin Benn and Wes Higgins who led by example.

The whole backline rates a mention particularly Jono Cotterill once again who left bodies in his wake every time he touched the ball at inside centre and must certainly be pressing for a starting spot in First Grade.

Mark Kilby was also a stand out at link and directed his backs well, as well as scoring a good individual try himself. Congrats boys two on the trot!!

Best and Fairest points went to: Daniel Towns 3, Mark Kilby 2. Jordan Wilcox 1 Jono Cotterill – Players Player.



Round 10  
Saturday, 17 June 2010

## **Hard slog at home** By CHRIS GORDON

After trailing for most of the game, the Goulburn Workers Club Dirty Reds ground out a gritty 15-10 win against the Cooma Red Devils at Simon Poidevin Field on Saturday.

Goulburn had proven giant killers in recent weeks against top-running sides, but even though the Devils were seventh on the ladder, their defensive record was about the same as Goulburn and indicated it was going to require a special effort to cross their line.

That proved to be the case as Cooma's goal-line defence in particular remained almost impenetrable.

Early field position by the Reds amounted to nothing on the scoreboard and it was the Devils that put first points on the board half way through the first session, after sustained phase play in Goulburn's quarter provided them with a converted try.

Building on that lead, the Devils were offered a penalty shot minutes later and kicked clear to be ten points ahead.

As dogged as the Devil's defence was, however, it wasn't always legitimate.

The referee was forced to issue a string of warnings to Cooma for repeated infringements in the ruck and maul and, shortly into the second half, eventually tired of the warnings giving a Cooma player a ten minute break on the bench.

Goulburn's first try came while the Devils were a man down when Ben Hogan crossed the line, and the momentum began shifting towards the Dirty Reds.

A second try followed when the Devils were back to their full quota with Rob McCarthy crossing to equal the score.

Goulburn point-scoring machine Mikael Webber, who was one point shy of 100 this season going into the match, had a wayward day with the boot. He was unable to add to his tally which made for a nervous finish to the match.

With just 15 minutes remaining, another Cooma player was sin-binned and in the time he was off the paddock, Jack Anable gave the Reds their third try and the lead for the first time in the match, which Goulburn held on to for a hard fought win.

Despite their lowly place on the ladder, Cooma gave Goulburn one of their toughest game's this year in a match that was in the balance until the end. Next weekend the Reds take on the

competition leading Tuggeranong Vikings in Canberra before returning for a home match the following week.

Best and fairest points went to Toby White (3), David Hook (2) and Aiden Greaves (1) with Hook also picking up Players Player.

## **Dirty Twos on a hat-trick**

Despite a patchy performance, the mid-season resurgence continued for the Dirty Twos with a 37-28 win against Cooma on Saturday.

After losing their first five matches in a row, the Two's picked up their third win on the trot.

Goulburn got off to a flyer with tries to Cotterill and Shaw, and a Shaw conversion providing a 12-0 lead.

The poor defence that cruelled the Dirty Twos in earlier matches crept back into their game, though, and was responsible for both of Cooma's first half tries.

Poor security at the breakdown, and failure to secure the loose ball in goal allowed Cooma uncontested passage to the line.

A strong Goulburn drive corrected the problem just before the break, however, when replacement hooker Gerard Murphy secured a pushover try for Goulburn to provide a 17-12 lead at half-time.

From there the score see-sawed.

Cooma took the lead with a converted try, then Goulburn skipper Robbie Cosgrove replied with another pushover try that was converted by Mark Kilby.

More poor defence gave Cooma a try following a 50 metre run up the sideline, but then Jordan Wilcox pushed Goulburn back into the lead with another try.

The quality of the Goulburn performance was inconsistent, but they saved a brilliant try for the end.

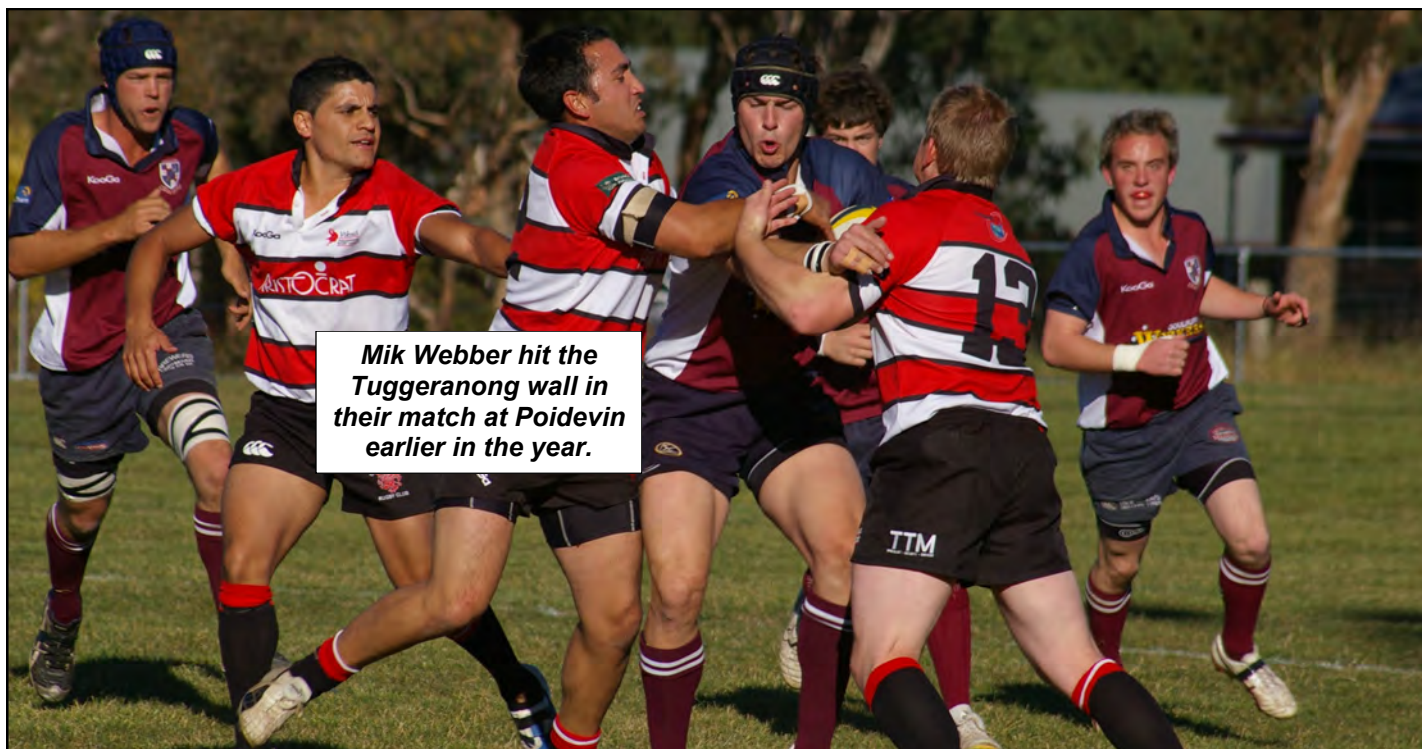
Putting the ball through the hands from just outside the 22, Mark McLennan took the final pass for the try which gave Goulburn's a six point lead with four minutes remaining.

That margin would have given Cooma a bonus point, but a Kilby penalty goal from near half-way at the final whistle that gave Goulburn the win and lifted them from the bottom spot on the ladder.

Best and fairest players were Jordan Wilcox (3), Mark McLennan (2) and Mark Kilby (1) with Wilcox also chosen as Players Player.



**Boyd Newby shows a clean pair of heels against Cooma.**



**Mik Webber hit the Tuggeranong wall in their match at Poidevin earlier in the year.**

**Round 11**  
**Saturday, 11 July 2009**

## **Reds flogged in both grades**

**By CHRIS GORDON**

The Goulburn Workers Club Dirty Reds came crashing back to earth against competition leaders Tuggeranong on Saturday when they were handed a 50-14 lesson in rugby.

The top of the table clash looked like an absolute mismatch, with Goulburn struggling to contain the powerful Vikings unit on their home patch.

The match followed Goulburn's worst ever losing margin in the reserve grade curtain-raiser and looked for a while to be a repeat of it

Tuggeranong had run in 19 points after only 15 minutes and were on target for a cricket score but a try to Curtis Flood after strong lead-up work by Rob McCarthy brought Goulburn back into the game.

Improved defence and greater support by the Reds from this point restricted Tuggeranong to just one more try in the first half for a 26-7 lead.

Goulburn didn't seem out of the match at the break, but when the Vikings added two more tries in the first four

minutes of the second half, and another ten minutes after that, the Reds were in a pretty big hole.

To their credit, they decided to dig.

The second half was almost a carbon copy of the first with Tuggeranong dominating the first twenty minutes before Goulburn stemmed the flow of points and scored a try.

Reserve Mark McLennan scored Goulburn's second-half try with Mik Webber converting both tries on the day. In doing so, Webber passed the 100 point milestone for this.

This marked the second time that Tuggeranong has beaten Goulburn this year. On the strength of their performance on Saturday, it's hard to imagine anyone beating them but they've been beaten twice, so it is possible.

Goulburn's efforts were not helped by the fact that two of the players – Jeff Caldwell and Rob McCarthy – had already played in reserve grade before playing full games in firsts.

The loss should still see Goulburn in the top five but with a lot of work to do if they want to stay there.

Best and fairest points went to Rob McCarthy (3), Curtis Flood (2) and Boyd Newby (1) with Josh Hogan Players Player.

## **DIRTY TWOS**

A rag tag reserve grade side, missing numerous players and supplemented by some golden oldies, was handed Goulburn Rugby's worst ever thumping when it was beaten by 76 to nil. If there was a positive in the match it was that we were all there to witness a piece of history.

Goulburn's previous equal-worst losing margin was 64 points and that was against the same side earlier this year.

Scoring at better than a point a minute, Tuggeranong exploited gaps, soft defence and frequent overlaps to keep Goulburn running backwards all game.

At 31-0 at half time it seemed things couldn't get any worse. But they did.

The Vikings ran in five tries in the first half and seven more in the second for their 76 point haul and looked to do it easily.

Despite some very poor defence, the type that has haunted the Twos all year, it's hard to criticise the players that actually showed up on the day, though, given the large number that didn't.

Best and fairest points went to Ben Moore (3), Zac Weir (2) and Jeff Caldwell (1) with Moore also earning Players Player.



## Round 12

Saturday, 30 July 2010

### Red redemption against Uni Owls

By CHRIS GORDON

After suffering two big losses against Tuggeranong Vikings last weekend, the Goulburn Workers Club Dirty Reds bounced back with convincing wins in both grades against Uni-Norths on Saturday.

In first grade, Goulburn beat the Owls by 20-5 in a disciplined and focused performance.

After last weekend's loss against the Tuggeranong juggernaut, the Reds needed to fix any underlying weaknesses in their game, and appeared to do just that.

The Reds were tight as a drum at the breakdown, stopping all traffic from stealing possession, and were almost flawless in defence.

The one exception came in the seventh minute when Uni-Norths scored a try.

Goulburn's inside centre Mik Webber had already slotted a penalty goal at that stage and the Owls held a two point lead, but it was lost minutes later when Webber added another penalty goal.

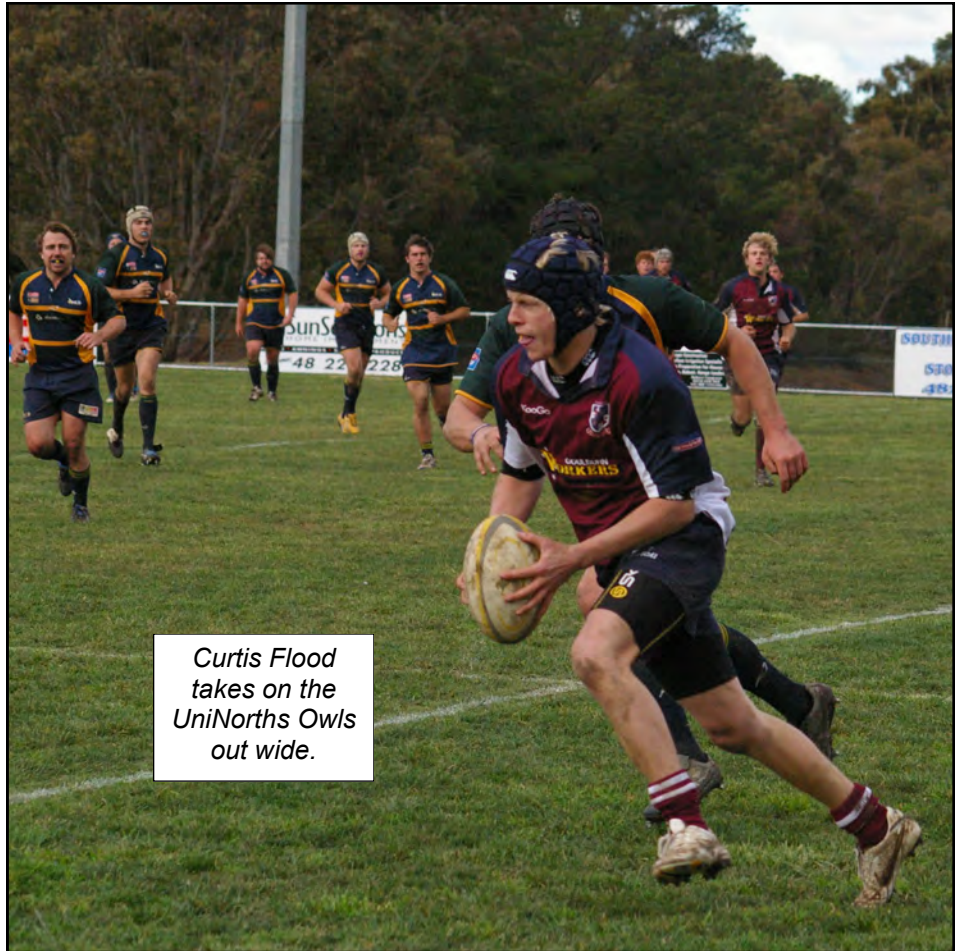
Webber, who notched his 100<sup>th</sup> point for the season last weekend, has not been troubling the scorers as much in recent weeks but was back in form to score all of Goulburn's 20 points against the Owls.

He scored converted tries in the 28<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> minutes for the half-time lead of 20-5, and that remained the score at full time.

Uni-Norths came into the match a few spots lower on the ladder, but held their own in the second half with a gutsy fight back.

But even if Goulburn had eased the foot off the pedal a little in attack, their defence remained steadfast.

The performance leaned a little towards the dour end of the spectrum, played in muddy and windy



*Curtis Flood  
takes on the  
UniNorths Owls  
out wide.*

conditions, but it was the sort of committed football the Reds need to start assembling in their run to the semis.

Best and fairest points went to Mik Webber (3), Chris Kilby (2) and Mark Kilby (1) with scrum half Aiden Greaves voted players player.

The win should keep the Reds in fourth position, with Wests breathing down their necks, but with only three rounds remaining, and Goulburn having a bye in the last of those, wins will be crucial in both remaining matches to ensure a spot in the semis.

### DIRTY TWOS

The Dirty Twos also found some rugby redemption following their 76-nil shellacking by Tuggeranong last weekend with a handy 24-15 win against Uni-Norths.

The match, which included arguably the best half of football they've put together all year, created a slim chance for the Twos to make the semis.

Goulburn was without several key

players, including experienced scrum half Jeff Caldwell, and another veteran, Evan Dougall, in his 100<sup>th</sup> game for the club, deputised for him.

Despite the lack of some player depth, the first half effort by the Twos showed greater commitment and fewer errors and missed tackles than in any game they've played this year.

They barraged the Owls' defensive line with a series of hit ups by David Hook, Jono Cotterill, Ben "Yogi" Pearson and Justin Benn, and each made good yards and drew numerous defenders.

Scores were level at 10 all at half time, with tries to Daniel Towns and Nathan Hewett, who was chased for 40 metres by apparently the slowest players in the Canberra competition.

Towns scored a second try in the second half, and Mark McLennan added another, both of which were converted by Luke Shaw for the final score of 24-15.

Best and fairest points went to Nathan Hewett (3), Evan Dougall (2) and Daniel Towns (1) with Towns also



*Two teams of old blokes on their way to a game of rugby*



Round 13  
Saturday, 7 August 2010

## **Reds turn white For a win**

By CHRIS GORDON

THE Goulburn Dirty Reds first grade side capped off a fantastic day of Rugby at Poidevin Oval on Saturday with an emphatic 43-14 win over a super fit ADFA outfit.

Earlier in the day the Dirty Twos went down 34-31 while a special fundraising match was played between the Fermented Reds and a celebrity side to raise money to combat domestic violence.

By the half time break of the feature match the Reds, who sported a special white strip for the charity day, had run in five tries through Toby White, Aidan Greaves, Mik Webber, Dave Hook and Jordan Chandler to lead 31-14 and put the game out of reach.

After the break came more of the same with tries to Andrew Tivey and a second for Webber who also booted four goals to take his personal points tally to 18.

Greaves at halfback was instrumental and consistently provided good clean ball to his backline. His defensive work rate close to the rucks was also outstanding.

Jordan Chandler's work rate at hooker was a stand out in a dynamic young pack that continues to dominate much bigger and more experienced opponents.

**The Dirty Twos** were unlucky not to come away with the points in their encounter as the score see-sawed throughout the match after Goulburn scored in the first five minutes through Zac Weir.

ADFA led into the halftime break 17-14, but the Reds came out firing after the break and shot out to a 26-17 lead midway through the stanza. The lead was short lived though and a 10-minute lapse of concentration by the Reds saw ADFA run in two quick tries with a conversion to take the lead 34-26.

To their credit, the Reds regrouped and came back at ADFA in the final 10 minutes, running in a try out wide to make the final score 34-31. The Two's have put in some gutsy performances in the second half of the season and with some of the youngsters in the side all looks well

for the club next year.

As part of the Say No to Violence against Women Gala Day, a great day of rugby was capped off by a Golden Oldies game between the Fermented Reds and a celebrity side going by the name of the Say No Allstars.

The side featured local identities including council general manager Chris Berry, local radio announcer Rick Shipp, local rugby league stalwart Steve Freebody, record breaking former first grade Reds coach Matt O'Rourke and ex-Wallaby John Langford.

The side's coach mayor Carol James and manager Pru Goward were both present in support of the day and the game was played in fantastic spirit.

The highlight of the game for most would have been the runaway debut try scored by number one supporter and waterboy Geoff Shepherd, who showed a clean pair of heels to race 30 metres and score beside the posts.

The club thanked all who came to the game and to the Workers Club on Saturday night to support the charity day. It is hoped that the fixture will become an annual event supported by the Dirty Reds Club.





Jordan Chandler makes a break for the "Dirty Whites"



Members of the Goulburn Domestic Violence Committee raised funds on the gate throughout the day along with helping out in many other ways.



When two OLD tribes go to war...



...and the jumper also doubles as a fashion accessory.



Auctioneer David Neal got the ball rolling with the jumper auctions



The boat race appeared to use two long boats



Round 14  
Saturday, 14 August 2010

## **Reds safely through to semis**

**By CHRIS GORDON**

The Goulburn Workers Club Dirty Reds have secured a spot in the ACTRU first division semi-finals after a 31-0, five try haul against Wests at Aranda on Saturday.

Over the last few weeks, the Reds have focused on improving their discipline and adherence to the game plan and the lopsided score against sixth placed was built on the back of that. Goulburn's forwards were dominant in set play and at the breakdown, with Toby White in sensational form.

The Reds kept the scoreboard ticking over steadily with a try every ten minutes. Matt Bird was first on the board followed by Rob McCarthy and Toby White, with Mik Webber converting the second two tries.

As a result, Wests were forced into a scrappy, spoiling sort of game at the breakdown, trying to stem the flow of points. Numerous infringements by Wests were met with warnings by the referee as the vocal Goulburn crowd unsuccessfully called for players to be carded.

Midway through the first half, frustration from both sides – from Goulburn due to the ongoing infringements, from Wests due to the ongoing scoring – boiled over into a few punches but it didn't last long and didn't escalate beyond that point.

Coach Justin Benn was mostly satisfied at half time, but warned the Reds to keep focus and not be sucked into a scrappy game, and to concentrate on counter rucking.

Goulburn added two more tries in the second half, one each to Jeff Caldwell and Rob McCarthy – his second for the day – but the Reds' opportunities were limited by Wests dogged determination to shut them down.

When a card finally did come from the referee's pocket for ongoing infringements by Wests, it was used as yet another warning and no-one

was given time off.

Despite that stern warning, ongoing niggles crept into the match as it became a bit willing and the match was pulled up a few minutes early with Goulburn comfortable winners.

Best and fairest points went to Toby White (3), David Hook (2) and Rob McCarthy (1) with McCarthy also picked as Players' Player.

The five competition points from the match, and the four they will get from next week's bye moved Goulburn to 56 points and a guarantee of at least third spot on the ladder.

Tuggeranong and Gungahlin were on 55 and 50 points respectively before this weekend and Goulburn could possibly finish in second spot if Gungahlin were to lose one of their last two matches, or as high as first spot if the seemingly invincible Tuggeranong side lost both of its last two.

### **DIRTY TWOS**

It would be great to be able to say the Dirty Twos finished the year on a high, but that wasn't the case.

This was not the best game they'd played this year, and not just because

they were on the losing end of a 33-7 scoreline.

Ability wise there didn't seem to be a great gap between the two sides but Goulburn made Wests job easier by handing over possession frequently.

The Twos were starved of the ball and rarely had possession for more than two successive phases while Wests looked confident running with ball in hand.

Seasoned prop Ben "Yogi" Pearson scored Goulburn's only try right on the finish with Luke Shaw converting it for the Two's final match of the year.

For Dirty Twos coach Dave Ellison the most gratifying aspects would have been that the entire side kept trying until the finish, with top efforts from Ben "Booboo" Pearson, Justin Benn, Nathan Hewett and Eli Bailey', and that many players had continued to improve throughout the season.

That and the unearthing of new talent could bode well for next season.

Players Player award and three best and fairest points went to Luke Shaw for one of his best ever games for the club, with Ben "Yogi" Pearson (2) and Mark Kilby (1) earning the other points.

*Wests were no  
match for the  
Reds on the day*





Minor Semi-final  
Saturday, 21 August 2010

## Dirty Reds deposed By CHRIS GORDON

Despite leading for most of the match, reigning premiers the Goulburn Workers Dirty Reds bowed out of the 2010 rugby season with a disappointing 21-18 loss to Hall Bushrangers.

Goulburn's performance was in stark contrast to their last two matches in which the Reds had played virtually mistake free games, getting all of the little things right and dominating all facets of play.

Against Hall, none of the bits came together.

Passes didn't stick, scrums didn't hold and lineouts and breakdowns were frequently stolen by the Bushrangers. It wasn't a match where the effort was lacking, but it was poorly applied.

Starved of the ball and field position, Hall's score could have been much higher except for Goulburn's solid defence which held even as other facets slipped away.

The Bushrangers had a swag of opportunities with the ball but were only able to cross the line twice, once in each half.

Goulburn was first on the scoreboard through a Mik Webber penalty goal but Hall responded with their first try shortly after.

The Reds regained the lead fifteen minutes in, with another Webber penalty goal, and Goulburn was up by 6-5.

Ten minutes short of half time Webber missed another penalty goal but more than made up for it a minute later with a try from a brilliant stepping run that left three Hall defenders tripping over each other.

Webber converted but the Reds were soon on the back foot with Hall pressuring their line again.

Despite sustained pressure, the Bushrangers were unable to cross for a try and, when offered a penalty, took the option of a shot at goal to trail

13-8 at half-time.

The Reds confidence was high coming back from the break and there was a feeling they had got the lethargy from a week off out of their systems.

There were some good early indications. On the occasions they put phases together, the Goulburn pack made good yards through the middle of Hall, but on almost every occasion the ball was turned over.

Hall was first to score in the second half with a converted try fifteen minutes in that gave them a 15-13 lead.

Another Webber try five minutes later put Goulburn back ahead by three but a Hall penalty goal levelled the score.

A draw would have put Goulburn through to the preliminary final as the higher placed team on the ladder, but patience and a tactically astute game from Hall denied them that chance.

The Bushrangers showed a healthy respect for Goulburn's defence throughout the match. Appreciating the difficulty of getting through or

around Goulburn's defence, they chose to go over.

Whenever offered penalty goal points, Hall wisely accepted and they peppered the goal posts with field goal attempts scattered throughout both halves.

The first three of those attempts missed, but the fourth and most crucial – three minutes from full time – was successful, giving Hall the lead, the win and a spot in the final.

Having won the last three premierships, the Reds were disappointed to not have a chance to defend the title this year, but Hall had the better game plan and the better game on the day and were deserved winners.

Mik Webber once again scored all of Goulburn's points (two tries, one conversion, two penalty goals).

Another of the club's teams, the Tablelands Reds Under 16s, also made it through to the playoff end of the season, The Under 16s met Royals in the final but were unfortunately beaten by 21-7



*While there wasn't a lot of silverware to show for 2010, it was still a great year for the club, as Geoffro was telling Stepho..*

## Goulburn Rugby Union - Season Stats by Grade (2010)

Player Name	Matches	Points	Average	Tries	Conv	Pen Goals	Drop Goals	B/F
<b>1st Grade</b>								
ANABLE, Dave	11	10	0.91	2	0	0	0	0
BAILEY, Elijah	4	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
BENN, Justin	8	15	1.88	3	0	0	0	1
BIRD, Matt	6	5	0.83	1	0	0	0	0
CALDWELL, Jeff	5	5	1.00	1	0	0	0	0
CHANDLER, Jordan	12	5	0.42	1	0	0	0	6
COCHRANE, Brenton	2	15	7.50	3	0	0	0	0
CORCORAN, Ashley	2	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
FLOOD, Curtis	10	10	1.00	2	0	0	0	3
GREAVES, Aiden	14	5	0.36	1	0	0	0	10
HIGGINS, Wes	4	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
HOGAN, Ben	12	20	1.67	4	0	0	0	0
HOGAN, Josh	13	5	0.38	1	0	0	0	6
HOGAN, Mitch	1	5	5.00	1	0	0	0	0
HOOK, David	11	15	1.36	3	0	0	0	7
KILBY, Chris	14	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	5
KILBY, Mark	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	1
LACHLAN, Adam	14	35	2.50	7	0	0	0	1
LARKIN, Craig	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
McCARTHY, Rob	14	30	2.14	6	0	0	0	7
McLENNAN, Mark	2	5	2.50	1	0	0	0	0
MOORE, Benny	3	5	1.67	1	0	0	0	0
NEWBY, Boyd	14	5	0.36	1	0	0	0	4
PEARSON, Ben	3	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
PEARSON, Ben "Yogi"	7	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
SHAW, Luke	2	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
SHEPHERD, Chris	5	10	2.00	2	0	0	0	3
TIVEY, Andrew	14	15	1.07	3	0	0	0	0
TODKILL, Ben	9	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
TOWNS, Daniel	2	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
WEBBER, Mikael	14	165	11.79	14	34	9	0	7
WEIR, Zach	2	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
WHITE, Toby	13	10	0.77	2	0	0	0	18



## Goulburn Rugby Union - Season Stats by Grade (2010)

Player Name	Matches	Points	Average	Tries	Conv	Pen Goals	Drop Goals	B/F
<b>2nd Grade</b>								
ALAIA, Zeb	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
ATKINSON, Darryl	2	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
BAILEY, Elijah	9	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	1
BENN, Justin	8	5	0.63	1	0	0	0	0
BIRD, Matt	3	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
CALDWELL, Jeff	9	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	3
CHANDLER, Jordan	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
CLARKE, Josh	8	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
COCHRANE, Brenton	3	20	6.67	4	0	0	0	4
CORCORAN, Ashley	6	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
COSGROVE, Robbie	11	5	0.45	1	0	0	0	4
COTTERILL, Jonathon	7	15	2.14	3	0	0	0	6
DONALDSON, Wayne	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
DOUGALL, Evan	4	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	2
DOUGALL, Murray	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
ELLISON, Dave	4	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
FLOOD, Curtis	6	10	1.67	2	0	0	0	3
GRADOS, Artie	2	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
GRIFFIN, Chris	4	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
HEITEL, Richie	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
HEWETT, Nathan	11	5	0.45	1	0	0	0	3
HIGGINS, Wes	12	5	0.42	1	0	0	0	4
HOGAN, Josh	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
HOGAN, Mitch	2	5	2.50	1	0	0	0	2
HOOK, David	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
KILBY, Chris	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
KILBY, Mark	6	14	2.33	1	3	1	0	6
KREMER, Jason	2	10	5.00	2	0	0	0	3
LARKIN, Craig	7	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
LAURIE, Michael	4	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	1
LEE, Tim	2	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
McCARTHY, Rob	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
McLENNAN, Mark	12	27	2.25	5	1	0	0	7
MOORE, Benny	3	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	5
MURPHY, Gerrard	12	5	0.42	1	0	0	0	0
NICHOLS, John	3	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
PEARSON, Ben	6	5	0.83	1	0	0	0	0
PEARSON, Ben "Yogi"	13	10	0.77	2	0	0	0	3
RUSSELL, Chris	2	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
SHAW, Luke	13	43	3.31	3	14	0	0	3
SHEPHERD, Chris	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0

## Goulburn Rugby Union - Season Stats by Grade (2010)

Player Name	Matches	Points	Average	Tries	Conv	Pen Goals	Drop Goals	B/F
TABNER, Sam	2	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
THOMPSON, Dean	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
TIVEY, Andrew	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
TODKILL, Ben	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
TOWNS, Daniel	6	25	4.17	5	0	0	0	4
TUCKER, Adam	7	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
WAIBEL, Dale	12	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
WAKEFIELD, Josh	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
WEBSTER, Doug	3	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
WEIR, Zach	13	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	10
WILCOX, Jordan	5	5	1.00	1	0	0	0	4
WITHERS, Corey	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0



*Getting the clubhouse and grounds in order... and it was lovely weather for ducks.*



# 2010 Goulburn Rugby Team Photos



## FIRST GRADE:

**BACK:** Gary Stephens (Manager), Chris Kilby, Toby White, Mik Webber, Matt Bird, Boyd Newby, David Hook, Josh Hogan, Rob McCarthy, Justin Benn (Coach), Pete Oliver (Assistant Manager).

**FRONT:** Anthony White (Strapper), Jeff Caldwell, Curtis Flood, Aidan Greaves, Andrew Tivey, Adam Lachlan, Geoff Shepherd (Assistant Manager/Waterboy), Ben Hogan.



## RESERVE GRADE:

**BACK:** Justin Benn, Dave Ellison (Coach), Ben "Yogi" Pearson, Adam Tucker, Craig Larking, Jason Kremer, Zach Weir, Jonothan Cotterill, Nathan Hewett, Robbie Cosgrove, Ashley Corcoran, Anthony White (Strapper).

**FRONT:** Gerard Murphy, Dean Thompson, Dale Weibel, Wes Higgins, Luke Shaw, Wayne Donaldson, Mark McLennan.

# Presentations and Awards 2010

## **Tryscorers of the Year**

*1<sup>st</sup> Grade:* Mikael Webber (14)  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:* Daniel Towns & Mark McLennan (5)  
*Club:* Mikael Webber (14)

## **Pointscorers of the Year**

*1<sup>st</sup> Grade:* Mikael Webber (165)  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:* Luke Shaw (43)  
*Club:* Mikael Webber (165)

## **Most Improved Players**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:* Mark McLennan  
*1<sup>st</sup> Grade:* Aiden Greaves

## **Best & Fairest Player s**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:* Zach Weir  
*1<sup>st</sup> Grade:* Toby White

## **Players Players**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:* Zach Weir  
*1<sup>st</sup> Grade:* Josh Hogan

## **Kevin "Bubby" Fitzsimmons Encouragement Award**

Matt Bird

## **Bruce Bailey Most Outstanding Achievement Award**

Mikael Webber

## **Mark Longhurst Most Outstanding Prospect Award**

Adam Lachlan

## **John Osmond Most Dedicated Player Award**

Luke Shaw

## **Matt Klem Club Person of the Year**

Chris Gordon

## **Simon Poidevin Best Forwards Award**

Toby White

## **Best Back Award**

Mikael Webber

## **Try of the Year**

Geoffrey Shepherd

## **Village Idiot**

David Hook

## **Animal of the Year**

Eli Bailey

## **El Meato Butcher of the Year Award (Butchered try)**

Adam Lachlan

## **Yabbie of the Year**

Chris Shepherd

## **Dummy Spit of the Year**

Nathan Hewett & Mikael Webber





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