

Drop Ins

On the field

Emus faced a tough day at Victoria Park last Saturday, losing all four grades to a strong Dubbo 'Roos club. Colts went down 32-7, while thirds went down 29-7. Second grade relinquished a 15-5 lead to lose 17-15, while first grade showed they can mix it with the best, gaining a bonus point in their 20-16 loss.

Off the field

It seems Emus' should play all their games under lights, the boys' best work is clearly done after dark.

Two buses made the trip to Dubbo, and armed with hot coffee and newspapers, as second grade coach Mitch Handsey instructed, the boys were subdued on the trip up, concentrating on rugby. The tone was set for both trips back however, when resident dance teacher Jack Hart labelled the second vehicle 'The Bang Bus' and a certain colt was found having a 'rest' next to the first bus....before it left Dubbo.

On the trip itself, Nas Havelelalelalaetlalaetala was the life of the party on the first and second grade bus. Nas led the boys in songs, chants of his homeland and general debauchery until the fun juice got too much and he burned out...as the bus pulled into Geurie. In true Front Rower's Club fashion, the returning Tom Goolagong took over the captaincy. We're all looking forward to the birth Gooly.

The colts/third grade bus trip began midway through second grade in the grandstand. The younger boys treated themselves to green ginger wine, for a period, until big Moses stepped in to unselfishly relieve the colts of their duty.

Joe the singing Tongan crooned all the way back, and Seb Backhouse covered more ground up and down the aisle than in two games during the day.

Despite the weather being nothing short of atrocious in Dubbo last Saturday, there was an oddly high number of players who skipped training this week with "injury". Don't forget about the injury clinic every Monday night at Orange Physiotherapy, with resident healers Harry Fardell and Tim Lowe, from 4.30pm. They'll even cure those nasty sniffles Benny Bright complained about all night Tuesday.

Another reminder to sort out your tables of eight for the Golden Oldies Emus Trivia Night. It's on Friday, May 23. Contact Clive or Muzz to sort out your table.

Emus play Forbes this weekend at Chook Park.