



DROP INS 2013

Edition 1

Hi and welcome to the fifth edition of Emus Dropins for 2013. The column will continue to give you an insight into the goings on of Orange's oldest rugby club, the mighty Orange Emus. However the mysterious Tugger has changed and if you thought you knew who it was you now have no idea. Despite what other Tuggers have said in the past, this Tugger regrets nothing.

This week sees a recap of the week that included the Presidents lunch, the Bulldogs game that was played in Bathurst, and also the happenings thereafter.

Colts

The colts notched up there first win of the year in spectacular fashion downing the dogs who spent most of the match having more mark than bite. Hard hitting back Luke "Trottie" Trot notched a try under his belt which would eventually be the deciding factor in the game. The flower pot men Josh and Brett decided that they had enough of bulldogs players looking for good luck rubbing there bellies and spent the last ten minutes of the game looking for a tussle which no one took notice of. The colts showed what they were made of and even put forward a bench this week with the likes of new blood mini me Logan, and also a player affectionately known as speedstripes for his classy hairstyle. The colts shall not be known for their outstanding rendition of the club song. Coach Harry Fardell was stoked with the win as it confirmed what we knew all the long, that they would be a force this year. New coach Mick was also stoked but he can not remember the game.

3rd Grade

Third grade came out of the gates this week and started their point scoring early and that's where they stopped. Several new faces made their debut for third grade and several others returned to the club to show they are not over the hill yet. Former first grade player Paul Mullins returned without any of his previous strapping accessories but rather with a neat beard which was grown in appreciation of Carpy who also returned. Things looked dire when Captain George Last took a knee and left the field but he returned to help his team mates secure a 5 all draw. Can't wait to hear his speech to the thirsties this week when they host the bulldogs.



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2nd Grade

The seconds continued their dominating run this year with a convincing win over another top three team. Surprising to everyone the redneck rumpers, or Elliot Brice and Jack Hart as they more commonly known, received very little heckling despite having two of the worst haircuts to have been revealed in past years. New Captain Sam "Butch" Mclean was so convincing in his leadership that he got a call up to the top grade this week and also maintains his 1 from 1 record. Pies went to Captain Butch, Drew "Balesy" Bale, and Elliot "Joe Dirt" Brice. Several of the boys left the field saying how much fun they had had in the game and were looking forward to crushing skulls in front of a good emus crowd.



1st Grade

The First XV showed that hard work and determination is its own reward when they toppled the Bulldogs firsts at Bulldogs home ground. The match saw the return of Paul "Poo rake" Ringland into the top grade as well as half back Chris Bailey. The boys stuck by their structure and although it resulted in a

tight win the boys never looked uncomfortable or under pressure. Discipline was key as several bulldogs players were put in the bin. One such card should have been congratulated as the "Rake" was lifted and poll axed into the ground. The leader of the barber shop trio, Ben Parkes, played well and was 'smart' enough to hide his pubic comb hairstyle with a headgear. Several of the lads saw a return to form including kiwi sensation Carter Hirini and new look five eighth TJ Cunynghame. Coach Andrew Logan was happy with the win but was quick to point out that there were some improvements needed and that the same style of game may not work twice.

Presidents lunch

This past Friday showed President Toby Tancred hosting the presidents lunch with his invited guests and key note speakers. From some accounts it was a great day, but from most accounts there was a copious amount of alcohol consumed resulting in no account being held by many patrons.

On The Tiles

The president promised that a win against Bathurst would result in a card being splashed across the bar which as it so happened held true. The players returned to the Canobolas hotel where the colts tried to show their talents to the senior players and the new colts coach lead the way by revealing his worth on a table and on the bar. One colt in particular earned the ace of the week jersey at training for shouting people taxis all night, righting himself off, relieving himself in one post office lane, being caught at that time by the

police and charged, before passing out, where the police thing called him an ambulance, resulting in a very expensive night. They are still our colts after all.



Iron Chef

The boys are constantly in awe of the meals that are provided each week with the iron chef. Previous weeks have seen rosco and better half of Harry, Soph Beer, showing their creativity in the kitchen blasting out some stunners. This week sees the partnership of wog boy Mark Grivas and Sophie who are hinting at a Mexican style feast with a twist, which he also revealed may be a faint. The only way to tell is to turn up after training n Thursday with money to pay the chef which is unbeatable at the low price of \$5.

Social Media

The Emus website is continuing to run and if you have forgotten the web address get down to emus and check out the massive sponsor sign. It features these drop ins, result updates, physio tips of the week, upcoming events, and the constantly updated player profiles. Also

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don't forget to "like" Emus Rugby Club on Facebook to get instant updates.



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Upcoming Fixtures

22nd June – Emus hosting Bathurst Bulldogs in a revenge match.

29th June – Emus hosting CSU in a bottom of the table clash.

6th July – Emus travel to Parkes

Future Dropins

Hopefully next week this Tugger will be able to report in all grades winning and more classic Emus news. But until that time get down to Endeavour oval this week to cheer on all grades and if there is anything that should be added that I do not know about send it to emusdropins@yahoo.com.au

Yours in rugby

Tugger