

Here is another of what will no doubt be an awesome edition of the drop ins for 2013. There is no point in stating who the Tugger is this week as no one knows who Tugger is any other week. It is the mystery of mysteries so lets get straight into the week that was where Emus travelled to Parkes to take on the well positioned boars.

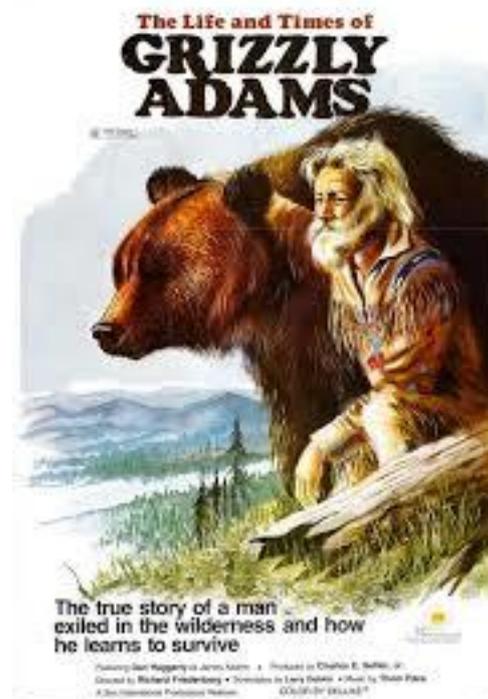
Colts

The colts travelled up to Parkes with everyone else this past week and put in an excellent effort. Unfortunately they were without several star players including Tom Green, Lachie Harris, Adam Perri, and Blocker all in First grade for the week but also without star players Jack Thorley, Haegy and Bill and Ben D'Aquino. Nevertheless they played on and did so hard. Will Colless stepped up guiding his team from the back as did Seb Backhouse. Trottie faught on even after looking like he had redone his knee, and new player Logan (I believe) wanted to show everyone that he does in fact bleed red and he has a future in exterior design by spreading his blood all over the side line.

Another stand out was Sam Chamberlain and it was easy to see as he quite happily told you about his exploits as flanker, number 8, prop, and outside centre. This Tugger believes that this loss will inspire the boys to turn up and smash the Dubbo Roos as we play them at home and field the most fired up team they can possibly muster.

3rd Grade

Thirds took on the bye this weekend and didn't come away with the points. This will no doubt make a host of the thirsty players angry and keen to play Dubbo Roos. Word this past weekend was that George Last took the boys to a stylist to make sure the boys including Matt Kennedy, Paul Mullins, Mark Kingham and Jesus were taking sure of themselves and their respective beards before having a bonding session surrounding a well known book. Thirds haven't played Dubbo Roos this year and after this match I am sure that the roos wished they hadn't played them at all.



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2nd Grade

Second grade returned to the winner's circle this week with an unconvincing win over the bottom of the table Parkes Boars outfit. The second grade team started strong and held a handy lead at halftime leaving the hosts scoreless. The second half changed dramatically with Parkes the only team to score and chasing the Emus lead to trail by only two points at the end of the game. Several missed conversions by the Boars team sealed their fate leaving the second grade team with four points for the round. Second Grade coach Mitch Dansey could be heard saying nothing after the game as he had bailed at half time leaving super coach Clive in charge of the boys, taking a young Nigel Staniforth under his wing in the process.



Stand out players were the half back Gus Lambell who broke the line on a series of occasions, front men Akers and Gus who destroyed the experienced Parkes scrum, and also Ben Ruddy who played awesome and showed his own experience to the young second grade team.

Several members of the team were disappointed by the result as Parkes were on

the bottom of the table, but there was reassurance in the fact that they were able to hold them out for an entire half with little to no ball. First time five eighth Elliot Brice was more concerned about making sure every knew of his Rocky moment. After being taken out via spear tackle behind the play our Elliot Brice was not going to let an injustice escape without punishment leaping up in pursuit and making himself a name throughout the central west.



1st Grade

With Emus first grade still in the chase for a finals spot and the competition being so tight this past weeks match against Parkes was always going to be tough. This was the case early on as the Boars took an early lead. With several key players returning for the Parkes team it was only going to make it harder but Emus fought hard. Upon returning from the halftime break things seemed to be looking up as the emus got on a roll adding a try from both Ben Parkes and Adam Perri. Things would not continue though as Paul Ringland was yellow carded for a professional foul and the Parkes back line continued to cause havoc. The field was also playing mindgames as on several occasions emus players could

not see the sideline and ran straight over it. The forward pack played well including new player Ollie Rickards, against possibly the strongest pack in the central west. The young backline also played well as did young colt on debut at fullback Lachie Harris. Several good signs were evident and surely the emus will roll on into the next match against Dubbo Roos which they have already beaten away.



Ace of the week follow up

The Tugger last week opened a can of worms in regard to the Ace of the Week being subject to scrutiny and it has exploded this week. The ace of the week for Parkes game is none other than debut first grade player and colt heart throb Lachie Harris. This is the young mans second run with the jersey this year. The colts have decided to keep the coveted jersey away from the other players with last weeks recipient Sam Chamberlain being conveniently absent at Tuesdays training. When current colts coach was approached about this issue

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he smugishly replied “I can’t comment on the issue on the Ace of the week, but I can tell you about the cross.” The plot thickens as the Ace of the Week goes the golden mile. Stay tuned for further updates.

Emus ball

Would like to take the opportunity to mention the Emus ball. All details are on the website but tickets are running out fast so if you plan on attending get your table set up and contact Harry Fardell ASAP.

Social Media

Please continue to check out the Emus website as it is constantly updated and features these drop ins, result updates, physio tips of the week, upcoming events, and the player profiles. Don’t forget to “like” Emus on Facebook to get instant updates.



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Upcoming Fixtures

13th July – Emus host Dubbo Roos

Future Dropins

All Tugged out now but if there is anything that should be added that I do not know please send it to emusdropins@yahoo.com.au

Yours in rugby

Tugger