

DROP INS 2014

Edition 2

Welcome to another edition of the Emus Drop Ins for 2014. Since the last time these have been put up we have seen the re-emergence of the drop in column in the paper. Now there are a few people having a crack at being Tugger and this can only be a good thing as we move into weekly editions.

Colts

Colts have been training hard on Tuesday and Thursday nights over the last few weeks and it was great to see their efforts rewarded with a win over Forbes. It was unfortunately mired by an injury midway into the second half. Before this occurred however, the boys in green were making full account of themselves. The game saw the return of first grade players Lachie Harris and Chambo (from the bench). The boys were putting pressure on their opponents from the get go and although still lower on the ladder with a couple of wins in the next few weeks they could rise up into a strong position in the top five. Special mention goes to the young fullback 'Woody' who time after time took on a full defensive line and won despite his size before backing up and doing something similar in second grade. Well done.

2nd Grade

The reserve grade boys returned to the home field confident with a better performance after this weeks efforts in training. The men ran out and gained the first points through a penalty goal, thus ensuring that they received the first points for the game.

Ben Ruddy returned to Captaincy after Dave Faul had an injury scare that would put him

out for a couple of weeks. This left half back Matt Clarke with the honours of kicking after knocking back suggestions from other known kickers such as Findlay, Bale and Tom Gooligong.

The second grade scored quickly in the early parts of the first half before spending most of the rest of the game maintaining a strong and healthy defence. They ensured that they were up off the line and in the opposition's faces to force errors frequently.



The game also saw the return of former first grade skipper Ben Parkes after coming back from America. Parkesy came on in the second half and quickly returned to form by giving away four quick penalties for infringing around the ruck. He didn't have to worry about it as Chris Bailey continued to charge loudly into the Forbes to stop any chance of the Platypi fighting back.

The game was sealed after the forwards pushed over near the line several times before finally pushing over for a try in the dying seconds to secure the bonus point win.

The only disappointment was when Chris Bailey mistakingly took Malibu for actual rum. Tsk tsk tsk.

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1st Grade

The Emus first grade team has demolished yet another team this season. After losing in a close effort last week they came back to the home ground wanting to build the fortress. The first half of the match was a tug-o-war with both teams finishing on almost even points.

The second half was where all the action was. Carter Hirini kept his cool on his wing after being on the receiving end of several questionable tackles by the opposition. He didn't have to worry though as his good friend Arlo was there to back him up. Arlo came to Carter's aid, pushed him out of the way, picked up the opposition player by the scruff of the jersey, shook him senseless, and then got tired and subbed himself.

The forwards who were lead by Keith Howarth out muscled their opposition, where the backs that were lead by Nigel Staniforth simply ran through the Platypi in the wet conditions and completely outclassed them.

Keith Howarth and Nigel Staniforth were fighting for top try scorer honour on the day as they both ran rampant. In the end however it was Nigel who emerged victorious after scoring four tries to Keith's three.



Carter tried to kip up with the pair but found the ball greasy after his team mates slick efforts and failed to score under the posts on two occasions without any pressure from anybody else on the field.



The boys showed that they will surely be a force to be reckoned with this season.

Ace of the week follow up

Last week we didn't have an official ace of the week. Big 'Nass'ty was nominated for his dominate performance on his debut bus trip with the Emus whilst a colt also got nominated for his far weaker effort. Last week however, it went to Joey as he hadn't had a chance to wear the coveted jersey.

The jersey this year depicts an elephant rather than the monkey jersey from last year and this week it went to Big Nass(ty) who scored a long range try from only 5 cm away from the line. Well done big fella, I wonder if the Jersey actually fitted.

The messiah is among us

This year has been a break out year for young Emus player Tom Green. He has been heavily featured in the CWD and has even had his own little box describing just how awesome



he is. He tore apart the Parkes defence two weeks ago and the man who has been dubbed the black haired honey badger knows that to be a true player he needs to get out there amongst the people and share his message. That is exactly what he did last week making himself known and letting those who worship him get a closer look and taste of what he is all about. He has been likened to one mentioned frequently in the bible and rose up shortly after Easter. We feel safe in the knowledge that his with us. Keep it up



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 photos. In the coming weeks there will hopefully be a revamp of the player profiles so that new players are up there so people know who the players are.

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The Emus facebook site passed its 500th like this past week. It obviously isn't as massive as Tom Cruise or Oprah but it is still a good effort from those involved.

Don't forget to "like" Emus on Facebook to get instant updates of all the latest news and topics. Currently the site is chasing up proper look a likes for club characters (not just necessarily players).

Please tell your friends also so we can build the green spirit in 2014.



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Upcoming Fixtures

17th May – Emus travel to Cowra.

23rd May – Golden Oldies Trivia Night

24th May – Emus host Mudgee.

25th May – Kangaroo court for senior players

Future Dropins

All Tugged out now but if there is anything that should be added for a future Tugger please send it to orangeemus@[yahoo.com.au](mailto:orangeemus@yahoo.com.au)

Please continue to follow the media as drop ins are now in the Central Western Daily.

Yours in rugby

Tugger