

Here is the fourth edition of the Emus Drop Ins for 2014 where we catch up on the week that was which includes the senior games played at Narromine.

### Chicks

The chicks played a double header on the weekend against Dubbo and Cowra. They went down in the first game 7 points to 12 but managed to secure a draw in the second game against Cowra. A range of players obtained best and fairest points over the day showing the quality of players that they possess this year. Head coach Amanda Ferguson says that the girls are improving all the time and that is definitely reflected in the scorelines.

### Colts

Colts continue to shake things up in their competition. They were the first senior grade to play against Narromine and they set the pace for the rest of the day. The return of Luke 'Trottie' Trot was a boost to the lads who were the most eager to team to take the field on the day, but this was more due to the bus ride that they would take afterwards rather than the inclusion of particular players.

The back were the standout players on the day with young star Woody leading from the back. Halfback Seb Backhouse ensured that everyone could see how good his passes were by banning his fly half counter part Kopyy to be within 20 metres of him whenever he wanted to receive the ball.

The colts lead early and got out to a comfortable lead in the first half before letting

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the home team back in the game in the second half. Whilst Captain Jack Marchington was firmly on first grade hooker Tom Gooligong's player cam his forward team mates were off in their own world.

Chambo was warned by the ref to get over his foot fetish as time and time again he was penalised for holding on to people's feet. His Chambo protégé was also penalised for taking a chilled out approach at the lineout by standing wherever he wanted, in the line out or as a second half back, or admiringly close to the opposition line.

One thing is for sure though, these boys have beaten Narromine which is listed as being one of the hardest games on the Calender regardless of the quality of opposition and these boys do not look like stopping.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

The second grade day started poorly. Head coach Mitch Dansey had given the choice to his players. "You owe me 6 X 150 metre sprints," he said, "if you keep the opposition to zero then you don't have to do them. But if

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they score you have to do 12." The boys, being extreme risk takers took on the offer and extremely confident they forgot to defend the line in the first five minutes and Narromine scored. This would be the only points that the Gorillas would get but it was enough to greatly annoy the second grade players who lifted from that point on.

Buster jumped into halfback as Chris Bailey was in first grade and Clarky continued his absence, but he filled the roll quite nicely.

The game was hard fought with several strong runs on both teams and heavy tackles keeping it tight throughout. Narromine contested heavily at the ruck, with one player getting excited about the upcoming soccer world cup and gave his best Zinedine Zidane impersonation, headbutting rucks all day long.



The game continued to get more weird with the Udy's on the hunt for the elusive head gear grabber assisted by Akers who lost his in the first second of the game. Eventually Mark's investigation lead him close to the

Narromine line at the bottom of a maul where he scored one of the Emus four tries.

Winger pair Jeremy Wallace and Dave Duncan tried to get their hands on the ball for some points but found that it just didn't want them to touch it with a record number of backward fumbles amusing the onlookers throughout the game. At this point it hadn't started raining yet.

The game turned on its head when all of a sudden a length of the field effort from the kick off where the ball went through the entire back line, ended up in the hands of front rower Drew Bale who went over in the corner for the bonus points as everyone went wild. Seconds will prepare hard this next fortnight trying to get rid of the first five minutes curse and put first points on the board against city.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

First grade have been pushing for a good end to the first round and a win at Narromine would bring a whole lot of confidence into the local derby against Orange City.

This match was tight right from the get go and it stayed that way for the majority of the match. In the end the seven point differential to win 25-17 was enough for the visitors to walk away with the win.

No sooner had this game started then the weather threatened to become violent. The calls went out for Tom Green to calm down, with players still playing on his messiah like looks, but he was too angry at the fact he wasn't the top try scorer for the club and seconds later he let loose.

### The pg 13 adventures of Jack Hart

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Once it started it didn't stop. The rain would pummel the field for a solid couple of minutes before easing and then doing it all again. The forwards led from this point on with Tom Gooligong throwing well despite the storm and Flanker Andrew Cosgrove ran hard to the point where he was coping everything the opposition could muster. Even prop Nas found himself on the receiving end of a good shot. Big Nasty isn't one to stay down and gave it back in bucket loads. The backs still ran hard and were rewarded with several tries. The whole team played well and even scrambled when they had to, with back rower Rob "Birdy" Thorburn breaking the line several times before chasing down Gorillas on the occasional instance when they followed suit.

It was a game that is good to win full stop and will give coach Andrew Logan some things to look at before heading into the next round against Orange City.



As we all know our own beloved Jack Hart is a worldly man. One day he was thinking what else he could possibly do to make his admirers happier. Then, while pushing back a schooner and eating the latest meal at Iron Chef, it hit him. Earth hour, that little hour once or twice a year where people turn off their lights and save power so the world can be a better place. Jack thought longer about this and decided something else. People are busy, he thought, so why don't I go and turn their lights off for them. He started with his own house but felt that it wasn't enough. His adventures took him to the middle of town where all the brightest lights could be found.

He ventured into one local establishment. He didn't want to bother them with his humanitarian idea so he calmly looked for the light switch. The lights went out all around him and people from their chairs screaming his name. Feeling that his job was done for the night he walked away from that place, returned home and went to sleep. The end. To find out if this tale is true, ask.



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### 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.

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

7<sup>th</sup> June – General bye for senior players. State Championships are being held at Emus between Saturday and Monday.

14<sup>th</sup> June – Local Derby vs Orange City at Emus

### 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*