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Edition 6

Hi and welcome to the sixth 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. Once again, the mysterious Tugger has changed, much like the fortune of the boys on the field recently.

This week sees a recap of the week that saw the boys take on the Bulldogs for the second weekend in a row (fantastic draw!) and also the happenings thereafter.

Colts

The colts disappointed their fan this weekend, and after dusting Bulldogs last weekend, were unable to take home the chocolates at Chook Park. It is difficult to lose a NSW country player the day before a big game, but to also lose your play maker 10 minutes into the game was a hurdle which was just too much for the men in green.

The game was played in much drier conditions than last week, which seems to back the notion that much like former Melbourne Cup runner up Vinnie Roe, they thrive in the slop. The boys will be praying for rain throughout the week before they take on the students at home. Conveniently the students are on holidays, which will hopefully limit their numbers to 11. 3 points went to Sam Chamberlain, 2 points went to Chambos lineout partner in crime Gus Dunn, and 1 point and players player went to Jack Thorley.

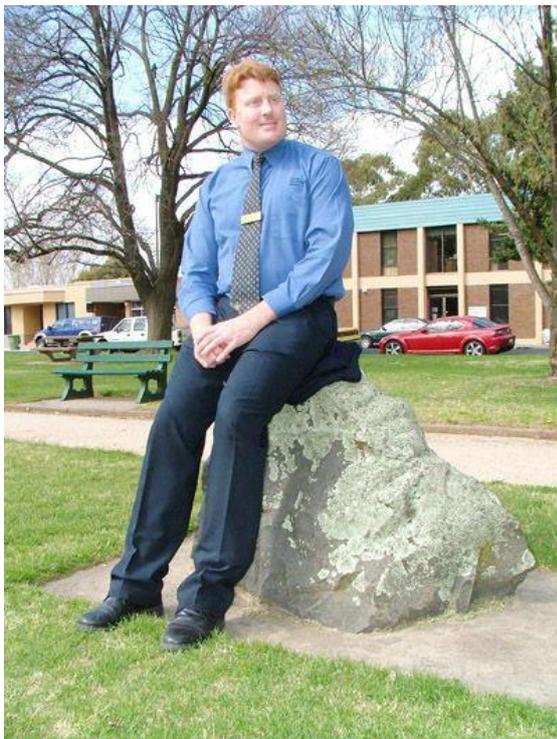


3rd Grade

In a game where the forwards ran riot, Lasty and Melon scored meat pies. Furthermore Pugs carved up through the centre and ran 30 metres only to be pulled down inches from the line with 14 players in support screaming for him to pass it. Nick (the talented one in the family, brother of Chris) Bailey & Sam Mcrae were strong in the lineouts, setting a fantastic platform for under 15's coach Dave Duncan, who after 15 years in exile scored on debut playing at fly half and celebrated till 2am.



In a victory more popular than when Kelly Clarkson took out the first American Idol, Geoffrey Potts took out Players Player wearing the number 1 jersey, 3 points went to Dangerous Dave Duncan, 2 points went to Melon , and 1 point went to Nick Bailey.



2nd Grade

Seconds went down in an extremely close affair, where the boys had a chance to share the points with the last kick of the game. Unfortunately the kick was sprayed wide, which begs the question, why coach Dansey handed the kicking tee to a player who hasn't kicked a ball from the ground in anger since his under 7's soccer days with Ex Services Panthers. The boys played with tremendous spirit and showed that all the work on Maple

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Avenue is paying off by finishing as clearly the stronger team. 3 points and players player went to the rampaging centre Elliot "Cookie Nipple" Bryce, 2 points went to Gussy Lambel, and 1 point went to Captain Keith Howarth.



1st Grade

Much like in real life, the most effective way to subdue a bulldog is with the use of the boot. Using this knowledge, young Adam Perri decided to take some time out of his day job as front man for Thirsty Merc to kick Emus to glory over the grubs from Bathurst for the second weekend in a row. In a brilliant all round display, the Emus looked to have let the game slip, when they fell behind by 3 points early into the second half. However, inspired by the fantastic fist work that the young inside centre produced in front of an adoring can van faithful crowd, the boys lifted to notch up win number 3 for the year.

The game also saw a more remarkable feat than beating Dogs 2 weeks in a row. Carter (Araldite) Hirini... passed the ball!!! (quick, clean up your spilt drink before the liquid soaks into the carpet). In front of his parents who travelled all the way from Palmerston for the weekend, the young fullback had a great game, and helped send his parents' home a



couple of happy little kiwis. Little known fact, up until he was 18 years old, Carter Hirini was a halfback!!!! It feels as silly saying that, as saying Pam Anderson is 100% natural. 3 points went to Adam Perri, 2 points to Carter Hirini, and 1 points went to the ever versatile Simon "Badger" Badgery.



Green and White Ball

The green and white ball has been pushed back by 2 weeks to coincide with the Narromine home game on the 29th of July. Tickets this year will sell out, as the function will be held in a more intimate venue than last year (Emus Club house). Therefore get a table together ASAFP, dust off the leather soles and bow ties, and prepare to dance the night away with the help of our major sponsor, Angulong wines. Tickets are on sale right now for \$80 from the clubhouse, or can be reserved by direct depositing into the Emus bank account. More details are on the Emus website.

On The Tiles

In a coup bigger than when channel 7 decided to pass on the rights to airing "The Simpsons" back in the early 90's, channel 10 has come to the party once again by getting rugby union back on free to air television. What's more,

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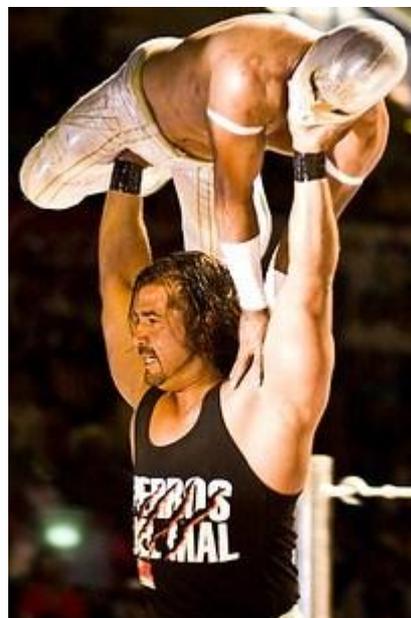
Gordon Bray finally got his dream job back (not just commentating, but lolly gagging over how great Matt Burke once was). It also meant that Emus could host a night of intellectual debate on what the Wallabies are doing wrong, and how to kick a penalty from 40 metres out on a dodgy surface. Highlights of the night included Brains bringing out his inner Col Hodges in attempting to call a fictitious horse race, and Australia (made up of Macca, Rainesy and Harty) taking out the first of the 3 part series versus the pasty red heads from the homeland (aka Sam "Chambo" Chamberlain, Geoffrey "Garry Field" Potts, and Tim "Napoleon Dynamite" Allison. Round 1 consisted of the traditional Australian sport of goanna pulling. Round 2 will have a British theme, and no doubt suit the visitors so they at least have a chance of making this contest interesting. Tom Waterhouse has the boys from Oz shorter than Black Caviar, and the Brits longer than Scott Bouffler.



Iron Chef



It seems that star first grade hooker Mark Grivas has more cultural influences than soccer commentator Les Murray, and as such showed off his Mexican heritage with a banquet of burritos and Nachos that pro wrestler Hector Garza would be proud of. With the help of his beautiful girlfriend Sophie, the boys left the clubhouse with hands on bellies, wondering whether they would ever have to eat again. Presentation scores rivaled Matt and Kims room reveal for this week (for all you Block heads out there), with Grivas adorning traditional dress complete with piñata. What's on the menu for next week? The only way to tell is to turn up after training on 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 don't forget to "like" Emus Rugby Club on Facebook to get instant updates.



www.orangeemus.com

Upcoming Fixtures

29th June – Emus hosting CSU in a bottom of the table clash. After the match, the Lions test again will be broadcast from the Emus clubhouse with Big Clive pouring beers.

6th July – Emus travel to Parkes



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Future Dropins

Next week Tugger is expecting to report on 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