



# RAMS REVIEW

YOUR SEMI-REGULAR LOOK AT THE RAMS SENIOR RUGBY



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## April 20, 2013: Rams at home against Hornsby

A wet and sodden track on Saturday that slowed our ability to throw the pill around. Despite the scorelines, our team play is coming together nicely and we are making good progress. It was a tough day against some big boppas but we are showing some real courage in close contact. Remember this week's training will only be on Tuesday night (due to ANZAC Day) with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade having a Captain's Run on Friday night.

Next weekend, we take on St George at Somerville again. St George only have three grades this year, so 1s, 2s and 3s will play St George. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will get the bonus point win on the ladder but play a Halligan's Cup game against Colleagues Convicts at 11:30am. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be playing against Chatswood at 10:30am. Colts have the bye and any Colts wanting a run will need to let Prodigy or JC know, as soon as possible.

### Match Facts:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade lost to Mosman 3-20

*Players Player: Dave Hall*

Colts defeated Hornsby 52-0

*Players Player: Cameron Dagger & Chris Agostino*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade lost to Hornsby 0-10

*Players Player: Grant Muriti*

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade lost to Hornsby 3-38

*Players Player: Dennis Boyle*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade defeated Hornsby 29-7

*Players Player: Owen Vavasour, Tom Johnson, Chris Espitalier-Noel & Nathan Harvey*

1<sup>st</sup> Grade lost to Hornsby 23-53

*Players Player: Michael Byrnes*

### ANZAC DAY AT THE ROYAL

Head down to The Royal for TWO UP from Middy.

Grab a beer, have a laugh with the lads and enjoy \$2 sausage sizzles.



### Police Legacy joins the Epping Rams family as Charity Partner

The Epping Rams are proud to announce that their number 1 charity this year will be NSW Police Legacy...NSW Police Legacy supports the families of deceased Police Officers across NSW. The Legacy emblem will appear on the sleeve of all jerseys this season to help raise the profile of a very worthwhile organisation. We are looking forward to supporting this organisation and putting back to our local community. More

information can be found at [www.policelagacynsw.org.au](http://www.policelagacynsw.org.au) or on their [Facebook](#) page.

### Sponsor's Spotlight

This week, we profile our long-term sponsor and the business of our first grade coach, [Silverwater Smash Repairs](#).

Stuart McDonald, the king of smash repairs, and his business have been sponsoring the Rams for over 15 years. This year, however, he has given the club a huge boost by sponsoring rugby, as well as donating a car for us to raffle off.

Located at 180 Silverwater Rd, Silverwater, SSR are easily accessible and easy to find. Whether it be for a major accident or to fix some detailing work, head on down to get Stuey and the boys to have a look at it for you. Contact the shop on (02) 9748 4100 or talk to Stuey at training. Remember you can always get you car towed straight there – Stuey and the boys do a lot of work for most of the major insurance companies.



## UPDATE ON WHITEY

As most of you are aware now, Matthew 'Whitey' Greig has had a bit of a tough time of late since breaking his leg against Blacktown. This is Whitey's first season with the Rams and he has been gearing up for a big year since we were at Woods Street. This is a bit blow for both Whitey and the Club. Below is a bit of a timeline for Whitey:

- Admitted to emergency at Westmead on Saturday. Advised his injury was a '36 hour' injury meaning it's best to be operated on within 36 hours. X-rays revealed top of his tibia was split in a 'Y' shape.
- Unfortunately as a broken leg is not considered life threatening, his surgery was pushed back twice until Wednesday midday.
- Surgery was a success for tibia, 15cm metal plate with 7 screws.
- During surgery it was discovered his meniscus is snapped & completely destroyed (will require more surgery).
- Post surgery, experienced agonising pain and fever for 36 hours.
- Friday: diagnosed with acute compartment syndrome after he lost movement and feeling in his toes. Received emergency surgery to relieve pressure built up in his leg from the swelling.
- Today (Monday): surgery again to clean the wound from the ACS surgery.

### Going forward:

- More surgery on Wednesday to clean the wound from his ACS surgery.
- Will require a skin graft to cover the wound left from ACS surgery before being discharged from Hospital. If all goes well from here, he will be discharged early next week and back supporting the Rams from the sideline.

Please spare a thought for Whitey as he tries to work his way back to full health.

As a club, we support each other on and off the field. We are taking up a collection for Whitey. Please contribute at training and on game day.

## **Milestone Moment:**

Congratulations to **Liam Gooley** who passed 100 Club games when he ran out for Second Grade against Hornsby on Saturday. Gooley originally was coming down to ease into the season and have a run in the lower grades before a couple of late withdrawals saw a need filled in Second Grade. Congratulations, mate and sorry we didn't do it on Saturday.



**Hot Play:** Our Colts team decided to play entertainers in the wet conditions, racking up 52 points. In what looks to be a two horse race for leading try scorer, **Harry Byrnes** and **Jacob Briggs** scored a double each. Brigger's second try was up there with the best seen at Somerville Oval with a scorching 80 metre jinking run.

**Not So Hot Play:** The bad side of rugby returned to Somerville on Saturday during the second grade fixture with not one, but two complaints from Epping forwards about being eye gouged by an opposition player.

**Boat Race Teams:** On last week's episode of [Subbies TV](#) they discussed the post-match function and suggested clubs look out to find the best boat race team. At the moment, the leading club is Mosman (who took down Balmain) in a time of 23.1 seconds. I reckon we can better that...If you have the ability to neck a beer quickly, have a quick chat to Prodigy and get him to put you into the boat race team.

**ERIC Moment:** For those new to the Club, the ERIC jersey is handed out on Thursday night at training. It is given to the player who has done something

downright ridiculous or embarrassing. It is also not limited to Saturday on field, if it happens during the week and you hear about it, let us know during club announcement at training or drop me an email at [nathan.harvey19@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.harvey19@gmail.com)

## **What's Coming Up?**



Our first big event of the year, a tour of Telstra Stadium to watch the big boys rumble. If you read anything into the papers, the duel between Israel Folau & Jesse Mogg may decide who plays fullback for the Wallabies against the Lions.

WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 2013

WHERE: Meet at the Royal Hotel at 6:15pm to catch the bus in.

You can view the Facebook invite [here](#) for more details.

**Last One:** Our club has always had a proud history of having our playing stocks boosted by Defence Force Servicemen (and Women). In the lead-up to ANZAC Day, I just want to say thanks to all those who serve to defend our country and allow us to feel safe about the lifestyles that we choose to live. Cheers lads, enjoy your ANZAC Day!

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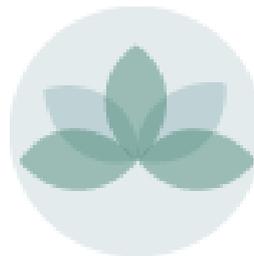
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