

## **2012 - A TOUGH YEAR TO BE A MALLEE BULL**

The 2012 season was a mixed one for the University Rugby Club with the first-grade team making the semis but the lower grades struggling, particularly in the latter part of the year. The major contributing factor to our problems was injuries, especially in the front row position which saw the club reduced to having only three props available to play in three grades for the last few rounds of the competition.

It was also a very tough time off the field this year with the news that Shaun and Piki had the shattering experience of losing their newborn daughter Peata Piki Ora Hamahona-McCreedy. Words cannot express the feelings generated by this sad event but what it did do was give everyone an opportunity to see firsthand again what special people these two are as they handled their sorrow with great dignity and love.

It also allowed everyone to experience the great Maori culture and witness how much love and support there is for anyone who needs help. Friends and family came together to celebrate Peata's short time with us and be there to help everyone get through it. It was sad but also uplifting to be welcomed as a part of the ceremony and this has made a significant impact on many peoples' reaction to losing someone close to you.

### **Off Field Support**

The Board of the club was similar to 2011 and these worthy individuals put a great deal of time and effort into keeping the club functioning and moving forward.

President Glenn 'Sproggy' McGuinness decided to take a much-needed break at the end of the 2012 season while Ken Wright also stepped down from his role and both guys left a big hole to fill after being involved for over 30 years.

Shaun Dutailis worked tirelessly as Operations chairperson with the canteen turning over a significant profit due to his efforts. Mark Elson (Team Performance), Mark Placek (Treasurer), Andrew Stuckey (Vice-President and Club Captain), Alan Hardcastle (Communications) all contributed to a successful season off the field despite the club facing financial difficulties due to non-payments from a couple of last year's sponsors.

John Pemberton as the club administrator was as diligent as ever in ensuring all the administrative details were completed to his usual high standards as well as compiling the club newsletter – 'The Mongrel'. Pembo also was the Match Day Coordinator and with his band of helpers in Ken Wright and the team Managers – Mark Elson (Firsts), Glenn Critcher (Seconds) and Brice Zarpellon (Thirds) did a magnificent job in making match day run smoothly.

A newcomer to the board arrived on the scene in July in Dr Bob Wheway. Bob had never graced the rugby field but was an avid supporter of all things at University and was very excited to help out. He was also organised a sponsorship from the Engineering Faculty.

Justin Placek coordinated the formulation of the club Strategic Plan 2012-2016. Mark Placek, Jason Zafiriadis and Andrew Stuckey combined their skills into formulating the plan which will provide a strong pathway for future club growth.

The junior component of the club continued to go from strength to strength and the junior committee, chaired by Canio Fierravanti, needs to be commended for their efforts in getting so many young players involved in playing rugby. The ties between the senior and junior sections of the

club are very evident but there is a push to amalgamate the two bodies which is something that will help both bodies.

### **Sponsors**

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### **THE COMPETITION SETUP**

The new season saw the demise of the Bundanoon club who pulled out of third grade and the withdrawal of Engadine from the First-Grade competition due to the fact that they were short of experienced players, although they still took part in the two lower grades. This resulted in a nine team First Grade comp comprising Avondale, Tech Waratahs, University, Shamrocks, Shoalhaven, Vikings, Camden, Kiama and Bowral. There was also a bye when the clubs played Engadine in Seconds and Thirds.

Second Grade featured the nine first grade clubs plus Engadine while Third Grade also had ten clubs involved which included Vincentia and Wollondilly as single team clubs. These two clubs were able to be accommodated as Bowral and Shoalhaven were not capable of fielding third grade teams due to a lack of playing numbers. This created problems for visiting clubs as Wollondilly played their home games at Wilton and Vincentia played at Vincentia. This required clubs to make a mad dash from these venues to get players and staff to Bowral from Wilton and Nowra from Vincentia in time to play second grade which was not an easy task and created a lot of angst among the clubs.

There was also an attempt to start a Colts competition but it was hard work as only three clubs - Shoalhaven, Engadine and Tech Waratahs - were able to field teams. The games were played on a Friday night for a few weeks and we hosted the games as our lights were excellent and we were in a central position for all the clubs.

The semi-finals would feature the top five clubs in all the grades but only our top grade made an appearance in the end of season games and we managed to finish the Club Championships in sixth place although a long way behind the winners in Avondale.

### Club Championship

Club	Firsts	Seconds	Thirds	Total
Avondale	375	264	134	773
Tech Waratahs	310	183	108	601
Shamrocks	240	204	64	508
Camden	140	177	116	433
Vikings	190	132	92	414
University	255	84	66	405
Shoalhaven	235	159	0	395
Kiama	120	69	44	233
Vincentia	0	18	140	140
Wollondilly	0	0	98	98
Bowral	10	63	0	73
Engadine	0	18	48	66

#### First Grade

First grade completed the regular season in third spot but unfortunately bowed out of the finals race with losses to Tech Waratahs and Shoalhaven. Shaun McCreedy again was outstanding in his role as club coach and he was ably supported by Sean Murray-Smith on the fitness side of things and by Mark Elson as his manager. This team did a magnificent job in getting the guys onto the field each week and left no stone unturned in our quest for success.

The Preseason camp was again held at Narrabeen Fitness Centre and the organisation of Mark Elson and Shaun ensured that the guys came into the season well prepared and motivated for the task of winning the comp.

We were fortunate to have many players front up from last season. Included in this bunch were Leon and Ash Mason, Donny Nepia, Andrew Stuckey, Tom Darmody, Charlie Freeman, Matt Lee and Pat Perillo.

The players to step up from the lower grades and have an impact were Ash Waters, Ryan Shoard, who was a mainstay in the second row, while Charlie Curry was the Mr. Fixit in the backline as he covered a myriad of positions and always did a great job. Travis Hardaker came into the squad after recovering from a broken thumb and played a key role in the semifinals.

We also welcomed back Jack Nash and Jeremy Futeran to the front row and they made invaluable contributions to the team's performance. Their partner in crime was Owen Smith, a Canadian student who only played half a season but was a great contributor in the front row. They were also joined later in the season by former players Paul Tuala, Steve Elson, Mark Placek and Andrew Lindsay who made belated starts to the campaign but were very welcome additions.

The guys who were having their first season and played mostly in the top grade with the Mallee Bulls were Jade Gardiner, Rhys Bridges, who arrived on the scene late in the year, Alex Sims, Brad Ashe, Mitch Bell and Alex Van Dartel. Jade was a very experienced campaigner who was a friend of Tuala while the others were first year students with a solid rugby background and took to the challenge of first grade with great zeal.

## First Grade 2012



<b>Back Row:</b>	Paul Kipp (coach)	Mark Elson (manager)	Mark Placek	Steve Elson
Mitch Bell	Christo Crous (coach)			
<b>Middle Row:</b>	Tom Honeysett	Alisha (physio)	Ash Mason	Donny Nepia
Travis Hardaker	Jack Nash	Charlie Freeman (c)	Ryan Shoard	Pat Perillo
Alex Van Dartel	Shaun McCreedy (coach)	Leon Mason		
<b>Front Row:</b>	Matthias Wann	Jade Gardiner	Dave Lincoln	Paul Tuala
Andrew Lindsay	Alex Sims	Rhys Bridges	Charlie Curry	

## First Grade Points Table

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	For	Against	-/+	Points	Bonus	Total
1	Avondale	16	15	0	1	739	268	471	60	15	75
2	Tech Waratahs	16	12	0	4	658	275	383	48	14	62
3	University	16	10	0	6	589	387	202	40	11	51
4	Shamrocks	16	9	1	6	425	315	110	38	10	48
5	Shoalhaven	16	9	0	7	477	348	129	36	11	47
6	Vikings	16	7	0	9	482	451	31	28	10	38
7	Camden	16	5	1	10	394	408	-14	22	6	28
8	Kiama	16	4	0	12	396	600	-204	16	8	24
9	Bowral	16	0	0	16	82	1190	-1108	0	2	2

### Lower Grades

It really was impossible to separate the third and second grade squads this season because many of the games needed all hands-on deck to put teams on the paddock. It was indeed the first season for many years that numbers were so poor. Why do you ask and the answer is that we had injuries but also numbers were down generally and the club needed to look at ways to get things back on track.

The coaches in Paul Kipp, Cristo Crous and Lee Tanks all gave service beyond the call of duty with the latter two playing games just to ensure teams had 15 players. It didn't help with Kippy not being available for long periods due to rep rugby and so Cristo was called on to fill in the gap.

The club was fortunate to again have the expertise of Glenn Critcher and Brice Zarpellon as managers and they were tireless in their efforts in making sure that match days were run in a very professional manner.

## Second & Third Grade Squad 2012



<b>Back Row:</b>	Christo Crous (coach)	Matthias Wann	Rob Mardus	Sean Murray-Smith
Mohamad Mishal	Harley Purnell	Marcela Halbert	Jason Clay	Mark Freeman
Lee Tanks (coach)	James Tarlinton	Howard Zhang	Brenton Ritchie	James Howe
Matt O'Sullivan				
<b>Middle Row:</b>	Oliver Farrugia	Tristan Ferris	Brice Zarpellon (manager)	
Kevin Robey	Clement Brunnell	Michael Mamatta	Dave Shepperd	Lloyd Quantick
Scott Thornton	Campbell Young	Tim Godman	Geoff Devitt	Llew Scott
<b>Front Row:</b>	Brad Milner	Dave Lincoln	Cooper Dunn	Lennon Petkovic

It is interesting that when numbers are scarce some people look for excuses not to turn up but other guys constantly put their mates and the club first and play two games each week, sometimes carrying injuries and not really having a real chance of winning. These guys are the backbone of the club and deserve a vote of thanks for their efforts.

In this regard we were served well by blokes such as Brad Ashe, Matt Aberline, Mitchell Brookes, Jason Borthwick, Jason Clay, Charlie Curry, Brunel Clermont, Geoff Devitt, Cooper Dunn, Oli Farrugia, Tom Fenualelei, Tristan Ferris, Mark Freeman, Tim Goodman, Travis Hardaker, Tom Honeysett, Nick Jones, Dave Lincoln, Jinbin Liang, Chad Mansur, Robbie Mardus, Brad Milner, Brayden Moran, Sean Murray-Smith, James Naughton, Matt O'Sullivan, Lennon Petkovic, Harley Purnell, Lloyd Quantick, Breton Ritchie, Llew Scott, Dave Shepherd, Tom Seymour, Beaver Tarlinton, Scott Thornton, Matthias Wann, Ryan 'Dougie' Williams, Campbell Young and Howard Zhang.

We were fortunate to also have the vast experience of Adam Wright, Shaun Dutailis, Killer Grennell, Peter Nikolovski and Marce Hulbert who were around when they were not injured or travelling overseas. Others also came out of the woodwork when things were really tough for a game or two and their contributions on the field certainly were appreciated.

The other bloke who worked hard to get players on the field was our Physio, Conrad, who was kept on his toes at games and training.

## Second Grade Points Table

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	For	Against	-/+	Points	Bonus	Total
1	Avondale	18	18	0	0	773	135	638	72	16	88
2	Shamrocks	18	14	0	4	563	209	354	56	12	68
3	Tech Waratahs	18	12	0	6	536	240	296	48	13	61
4	Camden	18	12	0	6	464	267	197	48	11	59
5	Shoalhaven	18	10	0	8	423	210	204	40	13	53
6	Vikings	18	9	1	8	387	353	34	38	6	44
7	University	18	5	2	11	255	621	-366	24	4	28
8	Kiama	18	4	0	14	238	491	-253	16	7	23
9	Bowral	18	3	0	15	192	735	-543	12	5	17
10	Engadine Lions	18	1	1	16	162	723	-561	6	0	6

## Third Grade Points Table

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	For	Against	-/+	Points	Bonus	Total
1	Vincentia	18	15	0	3	496	207	289	60	10	70
2	Avondale	18	12	1	5	414	313	101	50	17	67
3	Camden	18	11	0	7	456	326	130	44	14	58
4	Tech Waratahs	18	10	1	7	391	262	129	42	12	54
5	Wollondilly	18	11	0	7	301	276	25	44	9	53
6	Vikings	18	9	0	9	289	280	9	36	10	46
7	University	18	6	1	11	303	451	-148	26	7	33
8	Shamrocks	18	6	0	12	273	386	-113	24	8	32
9	Engadine	18	4	0	14	235	431	-196	16	8	24
10	Kiama	18	4	1	13	167	393	-226	18	4	22

### Individual Player Milestones

#### Rep Players:

##### Illawarra

Seniors– Ash Mason, Tom Darmody, Leon Mason & Donny Nepia.

Colts – Matt Lee & Jason Clay

##### Country

Seniors– Donny Nepia

#### Number of Games:

200 Games – Mark Placek

150 Games – Andrew Stuckey

100 Games – Tristan Ferris, Lee Tanks & Rowan Fahey

50 Games – Shane Lutze, Jack Nash, Tom Seymour, Ryan Shroad

#### Years of Service:

40 Years' Service Award – Tom Wren

8 Years' service Awards – Steve Elson, Andrew Stuckey

### The Season in Review.

#### Rd 1 - Shamrocks at Ocean Park

The first match of the season is always an interesting affair as you are never quite sure of what will unfold. Coming into the gates at Ocean Park I was unsure of the quality of the opposition but an even greater mystery was the composition of our own teams as the dreaded holidays were upon us.

#### Thirds

I looked around and saw a large number of gentlemen dressed in red, white and blue and so at least we had a team. As I drew closer, I saw some familiar (some would say older) players in Shaun

Dutailis, Shep, Matt O'Sullivan, Adam Wright and Beaver Tarlinton but the most obvious thing was the number of new faces.

Coach Tanks and manager, Brice, did a great job getting a side on the field and so we kicked the season off in style.

It must be said that neither side had developed a great deal of teamwork during the off season but everyone gave of their all and the game was a very entertaining one.

We surprised the opposition, and ourselves, early on by actually scoring a try to Tom Moloney who stretched out from a tackle for what seemed like meters to place the ball over the line. Adam Wright duly converted and followed up with a penalty for a 10 - 5 lead.

More points were to follow as Matty chased down a kick and sprinted over for a great try which again was converted. The boys were well on top and the forwards were holding the much bigger opposition pack.

Unfortunately, they started to wear us down in tight and scored a try just before the break and then followed it up with another one very early in the second half to see us behind 22-17.

It became a battle to see who would score next but time was running out when one of their players strolled through some tired defense to score under the post which was converted as the final whistle blew for the final score of 29-17. It must be said that this was not a true indication of the game and we deserved at least a bonus point.

Congratulations to all the newcomers who played well, especially Campbell Young, and to the old timers in Shep, who was man of the match plus Shaun and Wrighty who played their hearts out. It was also great to see our two best trainers in Howard and Jin Bin get a run near the end.

Rd 1 14/4/12	Ocean Park	University 14	Shamrocks 17
<b>Tries:</b>	Tom Maloney	Matt O'Sullivan	
<b>Goals:</b>	Adam Wright (2)		
<b>Players Player:</b>	Dave Shepherd		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Shaun Dutailis	Adam Wright	Campbell Young

### **Seconds**

Seconds were behind the eight ball from the beginning as we had five forwards back up from Thirds as well as a winger. This resulted in a disjointed game plan but we stuck to the task right to the end. Indeed, we showed patches of good rugby and lead early through a Geoff Devitt penalty. Mattias Wann was damaging in attack and we should have scored a try in the corner which was disallowed. Unfortunately, size and experience then told and we let them in for some tries but their kicker had a shocker and so we kept the score reasonably close.

It must be said that the officials did find it hard to keep the game in control and both sides had a player in the bin and a Shamrock player was rather lucky to stay on the field but what else is new. In the forwards captain Mark Freeman and Dave Lincoln were inspirational and Dave was rewarded for his efforts when he notched a five pointer near the end of the game which Geoff converted. Nick Jones also played well in his debut for the Mallee Bulls and although beaten 22-10 it was not the result of lack of effort on the boys' part.

Rd 1 14/4/12	Ocean Park	University 10	Shamrocks 27
<b>Tries:</b>	Dave Lincoln		
<b>Goals:</b>	Geoff Devitt		<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Mark Freeman		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Matthias Wann	Mark Freeman	Dave Lincoln

### **Firsts**

First Grade took the field with a number of players making their first appearance for the club in the highest grade. Players who were new to the club in Andy Brown, Owen Smith, Andrew Lynch, Jason Clay and Casey Hewitt all acquitted themselves well as did Ryan Shoard and Ash Walters who progressed from last year's second grade side.

Amid this sea of new bodies, it was a pleasure to see Niko, Jeremy Futeran and Jack Nash once again displaying their skills in first grade. They were joined by Captain Darmody, Donny Nepia, Matt Lee, Robbie Mardus, Pat Perillo, Charlie Freeman and Charlie Curry.

While it must be said that we were missing a lot of experienced players from 2011 for a variety of reasons the team began the match with enthusiasm and control and for the first 20 minutes we seemed to be gaining the upper hand. Donny missed a couple of penalty shots and then a mistake at the back saw the Rocks notch a converted try. This was then followed by another try when we fell off tackles and a penalty and all of a sudden, we were behind 17-0.

It would have been quite easy for our guys to drift off but after the break we came out full of endeavor and we took control once again. Unfortunately, the pressure we built wasn't converted to points as we missed two more penalties but with time running out Ash Walters crossed for a converted try. From virtually the kickoff we were again under the posts this time with Tom Darmody getting the rewards for a tireless performance. Donny quickly dropped kicked the conversion but time had run out and we came away 14-17 losers but sure that we are going to be competitive against all opponents.

<b>Rd 1 14/4/12</b>	<b>Ocean Park</b>	<b>University 14</b>	<b>Shamrocks 17</b>
<b>Tries:</b>	Tom Darmody	Ash Walters	
<b>Goals:</b>	Donny Nepia		<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Ash Walters		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Andy Brown	Ash Walters	Owen Smith

### **Rd 2 - Engadine at Uni Oval**

The week leading into this game saw the boys looking for alternative training arrangements as rain came bucketing down but the Weather God looked kindly on us on Saturday as the sun shone brightly on Uni Oval.

#### **Thirds**

Engadine looked to be quite organised and ready to go before the third-grade fixture with what seemed a large squad of 25 or so eager players. As it turned out this wasn't the case as their numbers were a bit down as the players assembled were indeed expected to play in both games. On the Uni front our numbers were also quite good as everyone was back on deck after the Easter break. Coach Tanks and Manager Brice gathered the troops and all looked set for some good rugby. We started the game with gusto and dominated for long periods but couldn't get the points needed to get on top. Our pressure was rewarded with a Geoff Devitt penalty but again we couldn't finish things off. Our forwards were toiling away lead by Dougie Williams while Geoff was showing the way in the backs ably supported by the older members of the squad in Matty O and Shaun while Nick Russell was also impressive.

A penalty to Engadine was followed not long afterwards by their one and only try but their tails were up and they were not going to give up their advantage easily. As the game moved on, we were again applying pressure but couldn't get the ball over the line, although Adam Wright was convinced that he had done so but was denied by the ref. It must be said that we had our chances but finishing off was not our strong suite and some great opportunities went begging.

In the end time ran out and we marched off convinced that the better team had not won the game.



Rd 2 – 21/04/12	University Oval	University 3	Engadine 8
<b>Tries:</b>	n/a		
<b>Goals:</b>	n/a		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Geoff Devitt
<b>Players Player:</b>	Ryan Williams		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Geoff Devitt	Ryan Williams	Nick Russell

### Seconds

After a short intermission to let Engadine get refreshed and reorganised the Seconds match got under way. We were pleased to see Coach Kipp back on deck after a well-deserved break and he was quite impressed with the strength of his squad. After not seeing blokes play any rugby prior to the season starting we used these early games virtually as trials and so a number of changes were used. We were always in control, especially in the second half and as a result we were able to play some enterprising football. It must be said that Engadine never gave up and the score was kept close but our fitness and combinations worked in our favor.

Up front our set piece was much improved with Travis Hardaker dominating the scrum and showing superior footwork and balance to carry the ball forward. Since we were getting some good quality possession the backs looked impressive with Matthias Wann running and defending stoutly. Rob Mardus and new boy Jade Gardiner were our two try scorers and were rewarded because of their strong running and good support play.

Nikko was dominate at the breakdown and showed all the leadership skills of an old warrior while when Stuckey was replaced at half time by young Simsy, who probably wasn't born when Stucks started playing rugby, it really was the changing of the guard.

Jason Clay displayed his versatility by moving into the pivot position and doing a great job directing play and also kicking a couple of conversions and penalty goals.

All in all a good job done but a lot of work still to be done if we want to get into the semis.

Rd 2 – 21/04/12	University Oval	University 20	Engadine 8
<b>Tries:</b>	Rob Mardus	Jade Gardiner	
<b>Goals:</b>	Jason Clay (2)		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Jason Clay (2)
<b>Players Player:</b>	Rob Mardus		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Travis Hardaker	Matthias Wann	Rob Mardus

The TC was once again well attended and is proving quite popular with good (cheap) beer and food plus a pleasant atmosphere where kids are welcome. Quite a change from the days at the Harp!

It must be said that we might need to look at what we provide players in regards to club apparel as our shirts seem to be a waste of money as more and more players are following the fashion guru in Andy Brown in going shirtless later in the evening. I don't know whether the Wollongong night scene is ready for this trend.

### Rd 3 - Techtahs at Saunders Field

The Battle of the Bridges is always an interesting affair as it highlights too vastly different approaches to how the great game of rugby is played. On one hand we have the Good Guys (us) wanting to throw the ball around matched against the dour forward dominated, keep the ball at all times style of the Other Guys (them).

### Thirds

The third-grade warm-up reminded me of a gridiron game as both clubs had at least 30 players warming up. Common sense prevailed and the coaches agreed that we would try to give all players a run.

The game started in typical fashion as we struggled to get our hands on the ball for long periods and Tech lacked imagination in what to do with the ball besides set up countless mauls which we defended manfully close to our line.

Weight of possession finally told and Tech got across for a couple of tries before we got into the game when we scored a try near half time. From that point the fortunes were reversed with the Good Guys getting more and more ball as our fitness came to the fore.

Two excellent tries to Killer Grennell and a conversion by Geoff Devitt saw us seven points behind with time just about out. On to the scene bursts James Naughton who barged over in the corner to the delight of the Uni crowd. Up steps Adam "Cool Hand Luke" Wright who is not a recognised kicker. Adam approached the ball with confidence and as it sailed over the black dot there were scenes of jubilation as we had secured the 19 all draw and 2 valuable competition points.

It was great to see Killer and Ryan Cush back in Uni colors and their experience was vital in keeping us in the game. Other mature players in Shaun Dutailis and Wrighty also performed well especially when under pressure. All in all, a great start to the day.

Rd 3 – 28/04/12	Saunders Oval		University 19	Tech Waratahs 19
<b>Tries:</b>	Killian Grennell (2)	James Naughton		
<b>Goals:</b>	Geoff Devitt	Adam Wright	<b>Pen Goals:</b>	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Killian Grennell			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Shaun Dutailis	Adam Wright	Killian Grennell	

### **Seconds**

Seconds were under the guidance of Coach Cristo as Kippy was on rep duty and it must be said he did a great job with guys who are really starting to look the goods. Both teams were very evenly matched and the game resembled a chess match with points impossible to come by in the first 35 minutes. It must be said that our set play in the forwards was impressive and we had the better part of the play.

In the second stanza our persistence paid off with Robbie Mardus continuing his great form by notching a try which Jason Clay converted. The match then continued to be a cutthroat affair and while we were on top, we couldn't relax as the pressure was still on, especially after they kicked a penalty.

However, everyone was able to relax just a little when Jason coolly kicked a penalty towards the end of the game to see us emerge victorious 10-3. Much of the credit for the win needs to go to the forward pack who controlled possession for long periods with Ryan Williams, who was backing up from thirds, very prominent. Alex Sims stamped his skills on the game as did another new boy in centre Nick Jones, while Captain Wann was also prominent. In the end a good result.

Rd 3 – 28/04/12	Saunders Oval		University 10	Tech Waratahs 3
<b>Tries:</b>	Rob Mardus			
<b>Goals:</b>	Jason Clay		<b>Pen Goals:</b>	Jason Clay
<b>Players Player:</b>	Rob Mardus			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Nick Jones	Ryan Williams	Alex Sims	

### **Firsts**

The First grade started with a bang with a penalty to Tech from the kickoff as Tom Darmody and Charlie Freeman discussed with Bartlett why he decided not to play with his mates this year. This set the scene for the afternoon with lots of quite humorous remarks coming from the Uni supporters. It must be said that we handled the situation in a mature way, as did James, but it makes me wonder what the reaction would've been if the shoe was on the other foot.

Tech were a huge team all over the park and are probably the most experienced pack in the comp with many players being together for close to a decade. This weight and experience were a telling factor and we struggled to get any good ball. After a lot of defending they were awarded a penalty try and Wally Walters found himself in the bin.

We then managed to get into the game but we failed to capitalise on some good breaks with careless errors, one of which resulted in them crossing for another try. Unfortunately, we lost second rower Andrew Lynch with a serious knee injury and he was a very disappointed lad in the dressing sheds.

After the break, The Tech centre strolled through some tackles and we found ourselves behind 22 nil. To the boys' credit we then applied pressure close to their line when prop replacement Travis Hardaker smashed his way over for a well-deserved try. Not long after we broke through again and Donny sprinted away for a try and we were in the game 15-22.

Just when we were thinking of the third grade ending Tech came up with the clincher as from a scrum the ball came out the opposite side for their breakaway to score a very dubious try. The game ended with us losing 15-29 but not disgraced. We were outplayed in the set pieces but not through lack of effort with 'Canada' Smith and the front row battling the entire game and Stuckey keeping the ball flowing to our backline when he was under duress.

Rd 3 – 28/04/12	Saunders Oval	University 15	Tech Waratahs 29
<b>Tries:</b>	Donny Nepia	Travis Hardaker	
<b>Goals:</b>	Donny Nepia		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Donny Nepia
<b>Players Player:</b>	Tom Darmody		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Owen Smith	Andrew Stuckey	Andy Lynch

Off the field things are going great guns. Friday night saw the u/19 comp come to UNI and Pembo, Shaun and Brice did a great job in manning the canteen and setting up the field.

Saturday night was great at the TC with a few quiet drinks for the lads before they headed off into the night spots of the Gong. Sunday was the dreaded phone delivery day and despite the rain the boys did a mammoth job in getting the books out to the people.

#### **Rd 4 - Vikings at University Oval**

As I walked into the ground the sun was shining brightly and there was a surprisingly large crowd gathered for the start of Third grade fixture, which suggested that it would be a great day for rugby. Vikings always provide stiff opposition in all grades and there is a grudging respect for last year's premiers so we knew we were in for a real challenge.

##### **Thirds**

Third grade were playing some good rugby as the team developed under the tutelage of Coach Tanks but as Vikings were undefeated coming into the game, we knew we would have to lift our standard of play to get the points.

From the opening whistle we were on top and maintained possession for long periods. All of this pressure finally resulted in a fine try to Scott Thornton to give us a five-point lead. It needs to be said that Vikings never gave up and the game was quite close.

After the break we again were on top and once again some good buildup lead to Matty O'Sullivan scampering across for a "meat Pie" which was converted by Geoff Devitt.

This is when things became interesting because Vikings started to get some football and their backs were running quite well which resulted in a try. Geoff then kicked a penalty but Vikings wouldn't go away and with time running out they got across for a converted try to get within three points.

Coach Tanks looked a worried man as pressure was mounted on our line but he did have a huge smile on his face as the final whistle blew just when it looked as though Vikings were going to get away with a win.

Some of the highlights of the match were the performance of Brooksy in the loose and also some great one on one defense by the rampaging Shep.

Rd 4 – 05/05/12	University Oval	University 15	Vikings 12
<b>Tries:</b>	Scott Thornton	Matt O’Sullivan	
<b>Goals:</b>	Geoff Devitt		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Geoff Devitt
<b>Players Player:</b>	Scott Thornton	Mitch Brookes	
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Mitch Brookes	Matt O’Sullivan	Dave Shepherd

### Seconds

The second-grade match started in much the same way as thirds with Uni applying all the pressure and looking the goods but unable to convert this into points. Much of this dominance can be attributed to the excellent work of our pack led up front by Travis Hardaker and Dougie Williams, who were tireless. They were backed up by Will Norrie who did a great job securing a lot of ball at the breakdown. Due to all of this effort I don't think that Vikings were in our half for any length of time but their tackling was quite solid.

Unfortunately, there was a serious injury just on half time to one of the Vikings players and this held up the game but on resumption our dominance continued with Nick Jones showing the way in the backs, both in attack and defense. Finally, all of this pressure resulted in a fine try to Chad Mansur who sprinted across the line out wide.

This seemed to spark the Vikings into action and they came back strongly and managed to tie up the scores with a try of their own. It was now Coach Kipp's turn to feel the screws turning as the Blues mounted continued assaults on our line. Our defense withstood this test of our mettle and we held on. However, we did invite them into the game at times with some poor decision making which gave them the ball when we might have been better taking some safer options. In the end the final score of five all was a good one but really, we should have put more points on the board early in the game and not have Kippy chewing his fingernails at the finish.

Rd 4 – 05/05/12	University Oval	University 5	Vikings 5
<b>Tries:</b>	Chad Mansur		
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Ryan Williams		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Will Norrie	Travis Hardaker	Nick Jones

### Firsts

If the first two games were close affairs with points difficult to come by First grade was the complete opposite. The game started with a flurry with the Uni backs running amok and scoring try after try and totally blowing the Blues off the Park.

I couldn't keep up with the scores but I think we lead by 25 points or so after a quarter of the game. To their credit Vikings then got back into the picture when they kept the ball in tight and were rewarded with points of their own.

It then became a bit of tit for tat as our backs again cut loose but Vikings also were able to score some more tries as they managed to get the ball and keep it for long periods. The game also was becoming a little fiery at this stage and a Vikings winger found himself earning the ire of the ref when he called "Honest Kenny" Wright, our linesman, a cheat. No one in the crowd knew what was going on but apparently, he received a red card for his words of advice to Kenny and faces the judiciary this week. A word of warning to all our players!

The match continued to ebb and flow and more niggles came to the surface when the Vikings prop resented some attention and retaliated by punching for which he was given a rest in the sin bin. He

was joined there by Matt Lee who seemed a tad bemused by this as he didn't even know he had run into the fight.

In the end attacking running rugby was the winner as can be seen by the score line of 61-38. Our backs were outstanding and some of the tries had to be seen to be believed. Our centre combination of Jade Gardiner and Ash Mason were devastating with Ash scoring four tries and Jade getting one for himself. Others to cross the white line were Donny Nepia and Matt Lee, when not in the bin, who both scored a double while Donny added to his total with four conversions and two penalties. Just to round off his day Ash also kicked a conversion.

It needs to be said that our forwards also played their part in the win as their ability to get us the ball was a major factor in our dominant display. Captain Darmody lead by example and was well supported by debutant Alex Van Dartel and Charlie Freeman. We can't leave out the efforts of 'Stucks' who was given the referee's points for his play but he assures me it was more to do with the fact that he kept reminding the ref about what a great job he was doing rather than any extraordinary skills of his own.

Rd 4 – 05/05/12	University Oval		University 61	Vikings 38
<b>Tries:</b>	Ash Mason (4)	Matt Lee (2)	Donny Nepia (2)	Jade Gardiner
<b>Goals:</b>	Donny Nepia (4)	Ash Mason (1)	<b>Pen Goals:</b>	Donny Nepia (2)
<b>Players Player:</b>	Jade Gardiner			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Ash Mason	Jade Gardiner	Alex Van Dartel Charlie freeman Andrew Stuckey	

### Rd 5 - Kiama at Kiama Showground.

The sign of a good club is consistency and so it was important for us to follow up last week's excellent effort against the Blues with another solid performance when we ventured down the coast to take on the Cows at Kiama.

#### **Thirds**

The third-grade boys were gelling into a well-oiled machine and when we observed the Kiama outfit warming up it looked as though they were made up of a few recruits from Dad's Army. However, looks can be deceiving and the boys actually found themselves behind after the first few minutes. To their credit our lads didn't panic and slowly worked themselves into the lead with some good attacking rugby lead by Shaun Dutailis, who ended up notching a hat trick of tries, while Brooksy and Shep were fantastic in the forwards battle and ended up scoring a try each. Matty O'Sullivan completed the scoring with two conversions and was unlucky not to add to his total as he did kick quite well.

The second half provided a few highlights and certainly spiced things up for the day. My personal standout was Jin Bin's magnificent chase of a Kiama player who was away under the posts until Jin somehow managed to drag him down and save the day. He then followed this up with some excellent work at the breakdown and solid running. It must be said that Jin and Howard are developing into more than fair rugby players.

The spice was provided by Kiama's club coach who managed to infuriate the ref so much that he soon went for the red card after a prolonged attack on his refereeing ability. This tirade continued after the game and really did no one any good.

It was also great to welcome back Steve Elson from his overseas jaunt and he did his best to settle the opposition down and used his head when in difficult circumstances.

In the end it was a comfortable 29-12 victory for the Thirsty Thirds as they march forward into the semis. I know this is a long way away but things are looking good.

Rd 5 – 12/05/12	Kiama Showground		University 29	Kiama 12
<b>Tries:</b>	Shaun Dutailis (3)	Dave Shepherd	Mitch Brooks	
<b>Goals:</b>	Matt O’Sullivan (2)		<b>Pen Goals:</b>	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Shaun Dutailis			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Dave Shepherd	Shaun Dutailis	Jinbin Liang	

### Seconds

Seconds were a little disjointed in the backs as a few guys were called up into first grade but the players who were selected certainly held their own end up competently.

The game was a close-run affair with no team able to get on top as the play see sawed from one end to the other. Kiama were the first to strike with a try and a penalty but towards the end of the first half we were applying pressure and really should have been rewarded with points but missed out. The second half started much the same way and a penalty to Jason Clay got us on the board and a draw looked a real possibility. Adam Wright and Geoff Devitt were leading the backs well and Nick Jones was inspiring with strong runs and devastating defense but we couldn't get across the line. With time running out Kiama scored a try under the posts and our hopes were sunk 3-17 but the effort was certainly there.

The injury toll from the game was high with Dougie Williams suffering a break in his ankle while his front row mate, Travis Hardaker, broke his thumb. It will be a couple of hard weeks with these guys out for a while.

Rd 5 – 12/05/12	Kiama Showground		University 3	Kiama 17
<b>Tries:</b>				
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b> Jason Clay	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Adam Wright			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Adam Wright	Nick Jones	Will Norrie Geoff Devitt	

### Firsts

The First-grade fixture started where we finished last week with the backs running the ball from all over the park and really dominating their opponents. In a short period of time we had scored tries to the little general, Leon Mason, Ash Mason, debutant winger Chad Mansur and Pat Perillo. Donny added a conversion so with a bonus point already achieved and 22-3-point score line at halftime things looked good.

However, Rugby is a funny game and after a poor start by us from the opening kickoff we struggled to get back into the game. We were certainly missing the leadership of Tom Darmody who suffered a foot injury in the first half that ended his season, but Charlie Freeman was doing a great job in leading from the front. An easy try to the Cows soon followed and the Kiama guys had their tails up and came at us aggressively. Another Kiama try followed and Donny decided to take the points on offer from a penalty to get us out to a 25 -15 lead. To their credit Kiama took advantage of us having Leon in the bin and scored a converted try to see us in front by only three points.

This sparked our backs into action and as the ref looked at his watch to blow fulltime Ash, who was in great touch, streaked away for his second try under the posts and we emerged winners 32-22. As they say in the classics a win is a win but we need to be more ruthless when we have teams under the pump and finish them off.

It was good to see some new talent being recognised with Simsy and Chad Mansur getting coach's points in their first game in the top grade while Charlie Curry and Ryan Shoard also contributed greatly to the win.

Rd 5 – 12/05/12	Kiama Showground		University 32	Kiama 22
<b>Tries:</b>	Ash Mason (2)	Chad Mansur	Leon Mason	Pat Perillo
<b>Goals:</b>	Donny Nepia (2)		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Donny Nepia	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Alex Sims			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Charlie Freeman	Ash Mason	Ryan Shoard Alex Sims Charlie Curry	

### Rd 6 - Avondale at University Oval.

We had a big squad for 3rds - high 20's! But alas this was also the squad for 2nds as well. The injury toll at Uni Rugby was horrendous for so early in the year, Physio Conrad was treating the walking wounded at Tuesdays training and had never seen so many bad injuries in all the footy clubs he has been associated with. It was a bit grim numbers wise. Things also got worse with a serious broken leg suffered by Bobby Young in the third-grade game.

#### Thirds

Up against our favourite club to bag (something about buying premierships - even their 3rds get well paid) the Avondale Poachers - the coaches knew the day would be tough. So out trotted our best available side for the 3rds. The Poachers had some big bodies especially in the backs and a huge no. 13 proved hard to tackle. Defense was not the key to this game. They scored - we scored - they scored - then it was our turn. It was 4 tries each by half time with Alex Simms outstanding. Jason Clay and 'Fiji' Tom were also heavily involved in the game and by full time - we had notched 6 tries to their 5 tries - with successful goal kicks not a feature of play as Jason Clay only managed a single conversion. Our try scorers were Ben Kuner and Jason Clay, who both scored doubles, Llew Scott and Mitch Brookes. We had beaten the Poachers 32 - 29 with the last two tries of the match. The world was a happy place.

Rd 6 – 19/05/12	University Oval		University 32	Avondale 29
<b>Tries:</b>	Ben Kuner (2)	Jason Clay (2)	Llew Scott	Mitch Brookes
<b>Goals:</b>	Jason Clay		<b>Pen Goals:</b>	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Alex Sims			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Alex Sims	Tom Fenualelei	Jason Clay	

#### Seconds

The Poachers 2nds were flying high - recording 5 points (4 for a win with a bonus for 4 tries) in every round so far. The thirds walked back on to the field as the 2nds. Enough said as the 5-87 score line shows a flogging - but Jason Clay did score the last try as the brave Mallee Bulls, lead once again by 'Fiji Tom' and Nick Jones, never gave up.

Rd 6 – 19/05/12	University Oval		University 5	Avondale 87
<b>Tries:</b>	Jason Clay			
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b>	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Tom Fenualelei			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Tom Fenualelei	Jason Clay	Nick Jones	

#### Firsts

The first half of the main game was a cracker. The Poachers backs (mainly made up of ex Mallee Bulls lured south by the almighty dollar) were good and we almost scored a couple of tries but couldn't finish things off. Donny kept us in the game with four penalty goals but this was our only

success for the game. It was close at half time and the second stanza held great promise. Leon Mason, Chad Mansur and Charlie Freeman never gave up while man of the match for us, 'Stucks', was always putting his body on the line.

In the end the half did not fulfil that promise and we did not play well as was shown by the 46 points that we conceded. Not a happy end to the day.

Rd 6 – 19/05/12	University Oval	University 12	Avondale 46
<b>Tries:</b>			
<b>Goals:</b>		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Donny Nepia (4)	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Andrew Stuckey		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Leon Mason	Charlie Freeman	Chad Mansur

### Rd 7 – Bowral/Wollondilly - Eridge Park and Hannaford Oval

A trip to the Southern Highlands in Autumn can be quite an experience and such was the case when we journeyed to Wilton and Bowral to take on the highland clubs. It must be said that the weather conditions weren't as bad as some we have experienced over the years but it was indeed no place for the faint hearted.

#### Thirds

Our odyssey began with a trip to Wilton and due to the fact that we knew numbers would be short in second grade a few guys were ready to do the right thing and play two matches. That being said Coach Brice, who was standing in for Tanksy, had a good squad at his disposal.

Wollondilly were a mix of young backs and thug forwards so it was always going to be a close match. The fact that the referee found it quite difficult to stay up with play and make a decision at the same time also contributed to the closeness of the two teams.

The Waratahs got first points on the board after a flurry of punches went unnoticed by the officials but we struck back to even the scores with a try to Scot Thornton which was set up by man of the Match Killer Grennell. Unfortunately, the Wollondilly boys got over right on halftime, even though we had a player injured and the physio on the field directly behind play.

Not to be out done we again hit the front when Stave Elson ran the length of the field (1 meter) to crash over for a try that was again converted by Geoff Devitt, who had a very solid game. We then had to endure a lot of pressure as the game went from end to end and just when it looked as though victory was ours a horrible bounce saw the Wollondilly side play some attractive rugby to notch a try and the match. Beaten but far from disgraced was the wash-up from the match.

Rd 7 – 26/05/12	Hannaford Oval	University 14	Wollondilly 19
<b>Tries:</b>		Steve Elson	Scott Thornton
<b>Goals:</b>		Geoff Devitt (2)	<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Killian Grennell		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Killian Grennell	Geoff Devitt	Steve Elson

#### Seconds

It was then a mad dash down the Hume Highway to Bowral where a small number of fresh bodies were waiting anxiously for reinforcements to arrive. Bowral had no front row so uncontested scrums were called and they had to play with fourteen players. That being said they did have some more than handy players in their team including a former rep star who was Illawarra player of the year not so long ago.



The Blacks were on top early and held a good halftime lead but we came storming home in the second period of play. An early try to Brad Ashe was followed by a Dave Lincoln effort from short range which were both converted by Jason Clay and the match was there to take with the score being 14-17. Simsy and Brad Norrie were always in the action as was Shep who enjoyed not having to push in the scrums and was everywhere on the field. Unfortunately, The Blacks got across the line again and even though we did score a try to Will Norrie on fulltime the score of 19-24 was a huge disappointment to the boys.

Rd 7 – 26/05/12	Eridge Park	University 19	Bowral 24
<b>Tries:</b>	Dave Lincoln	Brad Ashe	Will Norrie
<b>Goals:</b>	Jason Clay (2)	<b>Pen Goals:</b>	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Alex Sims		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Will Norrie	Alex Sims	Dave Shepherd

### **Firsts**

Firsts took the field and were always going to dominate the match. Bowral tried hard but were outclassed, especially in the backs where Jade on his return was in dynamic form. Jack Nash also showed touches of class in tight and we ran out comprehensive victors 74 -12. Try scorers were Pat Perillo with a hat trick, Ash Mason a double and seven conversions to go with them while Alex Van Dartel, Ash Walters and Jade also scored a try each as did Captain Freeman.

Rd 7 – 26/05/12	Eridge Park	University 74	Bowral 12
<b>Tries:</b>	Pat Perillo (3) Ash Walters	Ash Mason (2) Andrew Stuckey	Matt Lee (2) Jade Gardiner Alex Van Dartel Alex Sims
<b>Goals:</b>	Ash Mason (7)	Alex Sims (1)	<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Ash Walters		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Jack Nash	Alex Van Dartel	Ash Walters

### **Rd 8 - Vincentia/Shoalhaven at Vincentia and Shoalhaven Rugby park.**

Another road trip, this time to the sunny South Coast, saw the lads take on Vincentia in Thirds while the other teams challenged Shoalhaven. There was added prestige to the first-grade match as we were striving to win the Foster Emery trophy for the first time.

### **Thirds**

The Third-grade side took the field at Vincentia and there were good numbers on hand with a few reserves available including some new faces. Vincentia are a one team club who have been prominent in Second grade over the years but have been forced to play in thirds this season and as a result they have been strong performers, especially at home.

We started the game in a positive fashion and there were some excellent passages of play where we looked as though we were capable of scoring points. Our French Connection in Clement Brunnell was everywhere and he was backed up by the new forward Killer Grennell. However, it is difficult to maintain pressure when confronted by quality teams and eventually Vincentia were able to score some, what must be said, excellent tries to go into the half time break leading 21 nil.

The second half was a different story as we crumbled under their relentless pressure and they thrived on our mistakes and poor tackling. The fact that we had to lose our front row so that they could play seconds also meant that Coach Cristo donned the boots for a cameo appearance but even he couldn't stem the tide of points.

The only positive point of the second half was that we never stopped competing and indeed were rewarded by scoring the last try of the game when Shaun Dutailis crashed over out wide. Shane

Lutze completed the scoring with his conversion but the final score of 7-68 showed the difference between the teams.

Rd 8 – 02/06/12	Vincentia	University 7	Vincentia 68
<b>Tries:</b>	Shaun Dutailis		
<b>Goals:</b>	Shane Lutz	<b>Pen Goals:</b>	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Clemont Brunnell		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Clemont Brunnell	Killian Grennell	Shaun Dutailis

### Seconds

After a rushed trip up the highway we then took on Shoalhaven. The weather had turned ugly and raincoats and umbrellas were required.

We welcomed back Coach Kipp and we were looking a little better for numbers this week although the Front rowers, Shep and Brad, were again doubling up and as two blokes were late in arriving we also rushed two other third graders into the starting side.

We began the game well and there was nothing in it and indeed we were well on top in the set play with Shep showing the way. New Chum Rhys Bridges was outstanding at full back and he showed glimpses of real class while the loose forwards Tom and Broosy were getting to the break down effectively. But unfortunately, a couple of lapses saw us concede two tries and the game looked as though it was getting away from us. We needed to build some confidence and it was achieved when we crossed for a converted try just before the break but again, we eased off and they scored again to lead 7-15.

We started the second half positively and gradually worked our way back into the game and a try to Chad Mansur, converted by the ever-reliable Geoff Devitt got us within a point. With time running out we made a good break which saw Tom Honeysett streak away to get across the line to give us the lead for the first time 19-15.

Unfortunately, a Shoalhaven player had been injured in the play leading up to the try and as a result the game couldn't be re-started and so the good guys came away with the much-needed points.

Rd 8 – 02/06/12	Shoalhaven Rugby Park	University 19	Shoalhaven 15
<b>Tries:</b>	Tom Honeysett (2)	Chad Mansur	
<b>Goals:</b>	Geoff Devitt (2)	<b>Pen Goals:</b>	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Tom Honeysett		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Rhys Bridges	Mitch Brookes Tom Honeysett	Dave Shepherd

### Firsts

First grade welcomed back Paul Tuala to the fold after a long stint playing overseas and in Sydney and he made his presence felt early with some great tackles and strong running. He was joined in first grade by Steve Elson who was to have a big part in the game leading the scrum very effectively. These guys' presence made up for the loss of Donny, on rep duty, and Leon Mason who was out injured.

We were very competitive early but couldn't maintain the ball for long periods as the weather conditions meant the ball was quite slippery. Indeed, one dropped ball saw the Shoals outside back sprint away for a lucky seven pointer.

We didn't panic and an Ash Mason penalty saw us back in the game but another poor kick saw them again cross the line and we went to the halftime break down 3-14.

The second half started in controversy as a linesman was berated by the ref for having the temerity to suggest that he was in a bad position to rule on a forward pass that resulted in another converted try to the opposition. The fact that the majority of the crowd agreed that there wasn't

one forward pass in the movement there had been indeed two forward passes didn't go over well with the man in the middle.

The match then changed with our scrum started to get on top and we were camped near their line for long periods. Our patience was rewarded with a try to Jade Gardiner, who was outstanding all game, and we were well on top.

Another extended period of pressure saw Jade cross for another try converted by Ash but then we couldn't finish things off. It was disappointing to lose the match and the Foster Emery trophy again but we look forward to seeing the Shoals on our home turf.

The match was soured by a neck injury to Pauly which resulted in him being in hospital and then having to miss a lot of rugby.

Rd 8 – 02/06/12	Shoalhaven Rugby Park	University 15	Shoalhaven 21
<b>Tries:</b>	Jade Gardiner (2)		
<b>Goals:</b>	Ash Mason		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Ash Mason
<b>Players Player:</b>	Steve Elson		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Charlie Freeman	Jade Gardiner	Steve Elson Alex Van Dartel Andrew Stuckey

### Rd 10 – Shamrocks - Uni Oval

In rugby, as in life things, don't always pan out as you think they might. This was certainly the case on Saturday as I fully expected the weather to be windy and wet and for us to really struggle with numbers. So, when the weather was fine and sunny and we didn't have huge numbers of players having to back up in the lower grades' things were indeed much better than I had anticipated.

#### Thirds

The Thirsty Thirds started proceedings with a reasonable number of guys on deck including some new and some not so new players making their first appearance for the season. It was good to see Mark Placek and Marce Hulbert displaying their wares so to speak and they were joined by Andrew Lindsay in this last group.

It was to be a close entertaining affair with both sides throwing the ball around and producing some good rugby. Our guys tried hard and it was only a couple of poor defensive efforts that let the Rocks get on the board with their number 10 and his mate in the 12 jumper getting across the line when really they should have been stopped in their tracks,

On the positive side our attack was always willing and two good tries were the result. Man of the Match, Frenchy, aka Clemont Brunnell, was rewarded with one of these while Andrew Lindsay also showed he has lost none of his speed with a great sprint to the line. Others to shine in the game were young fullback Ollie Farrugia who made some great runs from full back and the old stager Marce who has been in a good paddock of late but still has got what it takes.

In the end a close game with the boys losing 15-26 and just missing a bonus point which they really deserved to get.

Rd 10 - 23/06/12	University Oval	University 15	Shamrocks 26
<b>Tries:</b>	Clemont Brunnell	Andrew Lindsay	
<b>Goals:</b>	Geoff Devitt (1)		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Geoff Devitt (1)
<b>Players Player:</b>	Clemont Brunnell		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Clemont Brunnell	Marce Hulbert	Oli Farrugia

#### Seconds

Seconds trotted out and things were a bit of a shambles as Cristo was on the field and Kippy was away and so we even started the game with sixteen players. After this was sorted Shamrocks scored

but we then countered with a try to Shaun Dutailis. But then the rot set in. Our defense was terrible with some of their forwards able to run through a number of tackles that at best could be described as feeble. Sorry but I can't think of another way of putting this exhibition.

On the positive side we didn't chuck in the towel and when we had the ball, we maintained pressure and even scored late in the game as Braydon Moran charged across the line. Mark Freeman was magnificent in rallying the troops and was supported by Dave Lincoln and Charlie Curry but in the end the score line of 12 -62 reflected the difference in standard between the two teams.

Rd 10 - 23/06/12	University Oval	University 15	Shamrocks 26
<b>Tries:</b>	Shaun Dutailis	Braydon Moran	
<b>Goals:</b>	Jason Clay		<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Mark Freeman		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Mark Freeman	Dave Lincoln	Dave Gardiner

### **Firsts**

First grade was expected to be a tight game as Shamrocks were in the top three and going well. This didn't eventuate as we totally dominated the game for much of the eighty minutes.

The scrum was under pressure early but once Jack Nash, Steve Elson and Owen' Canada' Smith sorted out their tactics we got back into the contest and more than held our own. The loose forwards were also dynamic with Tom Seymour and Charlie Freeman prominent. In the backs we were ruthless when we had the ball and scored some impressive tries to put the Rocks out of the game.

Leon Mason was inspiring in the backs with some great runs and dynamic defense and he set the standard for the others to follow. Ash Mason scored another double of tries and also kicked three conversions while other tries were notched by Leon, Jade Gardiner, Matt Lee and Andrew Lindsay. Donny also contributed a conversion a to give us the final score of 38-17. A great win.

Rd 10 - 23/06/12	University Oval	University 38	Shamrocks 17
<b>Tries:</b>	Ash Mason (2)	Leon Mason	Jade Gardiner Andrew Lindsay
<b>Goals:</b>	Ash Mason (3)	Donny Nepia (1)	<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Leon Mason		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Leon Mason	Tom Seymour	Charlie Freeman Steve Elson

### **Rd 9 - Engadine at Engadine**

At times players get the opportunity to do something out of the ordinary that will make a great story when they meet up with their mates at the reunions. One such opportunity arose last week when 24 brave souls took on Engadine in third and second grade. It needs to be pointed out that Engadine were in a similar position but have been doing this all season and so were better prepared mentally for it than us.

### **Thirds**

When we first set up camp at the Lions home venue there had been talk of forfeiting but pride took over and blokes were more than willing to double up on the day. The Third-grade team consisted of any player that turned up and the starting side was chopped and changed by the coaches as players walked through the gate.

In the end a good mixture of youth and experience took to the park and a good game of rugby was provided by the two teams. We started on fire when we ran uphill and two excellent tries, one by Mitch Bell and another by 'Fiji' Tom Fenualelei, were scored and with Geoff Devitt's conversion we lead 12 nil.

The Lions kept up the pressure and with time running out both teams were locked at 12 all. Our forwards were matching them in all facets of the game with Mark Freeman and Tommy showing the way and our backs defending stoutly.

Just when it looked as though a draw was on the cards up stepped young Geoff Devitt who coolly knocked over a great field goal to secure the boys a well-earned victory. It has been a long time since we have kicked a field goal in any grade and even longer since we kicked one to win a game. Exciting stuff!

Rd 9 - 30/06/12	Engadine	University 15	Engadine 12
<b>Tries:</b>	Mitch Bell	Tom Fenelelui	
<b>Goals:</b>	Geoff Devitt		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Geoff Devitt
<b>Players Player:</b>	Charlie Curry		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Mark Freeman	Charlie Curry	Brad Ashe Tristan Ferris

### Seconds

After a brief opportunity to rearrange the players into the second-grade side we again trotted out to take on the Lions team that had about 10 fresh players in their lineup. Again, it was all hands-on deck with Cristo taking a very active role in getting our forwards playing as a unit. Charlie Curry and Mark Freeman were also prominent as were James Naughton and Tristan Ferris, playing in the unfamiliar role of centre.

Running downhill was a huge advantage and we were applying pressure to their line but couldn't finish things off until on the stroke of halftime Sean Murray-Smith scooted over for a great try, which was converted by Charlie Curry as the whistle went for the break. The ref was struggling with telling the time and so we ended the half five minutes early, which probably suited us as some players were showing signs of tiredness near the end.

The second stanza saw changes being made as fatigue set in and we were forced to defend our line for long periods of time. We had limited opportunities to seal the game but again just didn't finish off moves.

After a time of sustained pressure, The Lions grubber kicked into the in-goal area and scored a try that was disputed by those close to the action but it was awarded and converted.

This set up a titanic struggle as both teams worked hard for a win. With time running out we earned a penalty but when we kicked the ball out the ref blew full time and the match ended in a draw. This is a bit like kissing your sister as no one was really excited by the result but to come away with a win and a draw was more than we envisaged at the beginning of the day.

Well done to all the players and coaching staff who made the effort and produced something that will be a part of memories for years to come.

Rd 9 - 30/06/12	Engadine	University 7	Engadine 7
<b>Tries:</b>	Sean Murray-Smith		
<b>Goals:</b>	Charlie Curry		<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Geoff Devitt		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Geoff Devitt	Mark Freeman	Tom Fenelelui

### Rd 12 Techtahs at University Oval.

It is fair to say that it was a tough day at the office for all members of the club last Saturday.

Numbers were down in all grades and there was a distinct lack of helpers available to get in and do

all the tasks that are needed to keep the Match Day Controller happy. As funny as it sounds the situation is not the worst I have witnessed and by a long way.

To the rugby side of things, it was good to see a cast of about 25 guys turn out to play in the lower grades. It did take a bit of ringing around to get players but in the end, we got on the field and met our commitments, something to be proud of as many clubs don't do this.

### **Thirds**

The third-grade game was played with great enterprise by both sides and it is obvious that Tech had really developed their depth in the lower grades.

The Red and Blacks started on fire with their backs running amok and scoring some good early tries. To add to our woes their fullback was on fire with the boot and kicked goals from everywhere. We were a tad unlucky as well as we failed to convert pressure into points and let them off the hook and they made us pay for mistakes.

To our credit we never packed it in and did score three tries of our own to match their three tries but the kicking was the difference in the 19 - 27 loss.

The players to stand out were Fiji Tom who crossed for two tires, Mitch Bell who was tireless in defense and attack, Naughto, who was rewarded with a try, and the dashing Ollie Farrugia who made some great runs from fullback.

Rd 12 – 07/07/12	University Oval	University 19	Tech Waratahs 27
<b>Tries:</b>	Tom Fenualelei (2)	James Naughton	
<b>Goals:</b>	Geoff Devitt		<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Oli Farrugia		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Tom Fenelelui	Oli Farrugia	Mitch Bell

### **Seconds**

The second-grade team was lucky to have some fresh faces on deck with Big Will donning boots for his first run of the year and others coming back from the break to help out. However, as hard as we tried, we were completely outplayed and out enthused by Tech who we made look like supermen at times. The hard-running loose forwards terrorised our defense and we suffered as a result. Tries were there for the taking and as fatigue set in our tackling efforts became quite poor and somewhat embarrassing.

However, in attack in the second half we had a purple patch and with some possession we made inroads in their line and eventually scored a deserved try to Shaun Dutailis.

Mitch Bell and Naughto continued on with their wholehearted efforts and were supported by Fiji Tom and Dave Lincoln while Olly was again Players Player as he also made some penetrating runs from the back.

In the end it was a relief to hear the final whistle to end our misery and troop off dejected losers by the tune of 78-5. It can only get better.

Rd 12 – 07/07/12	University Oval	University 5	Tech Waratahs 78
<b>Tries:</b>	Shaun Dutailis		
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Oli Farrugia		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Mitch Bell	Shaun Dutailis	Dave Lincoln James Naughton

### **Firsts**

Firsts were missing some guys and knew they were going to be in for a battle especially up front and were desperate to start well. However, this wasn't the case as the Tech forwards really put it to us

and gave their backs great ball. This resulted in them skipping away to a good lead in the first half. Their goal kicker also made us suffer as he coolly potted goals from all over the park.

We did get back in the game towards the break but then eased off at the beginning of the second half and were punished. We tackled and tackled and tried hard in the set pieces but were always under pressure. Blokes like Leon, Charlie Freeman and Andrew Lindsay really stood out on the day but the efforts of Fiji Tom and Big Will can't be dismissed as they backed up and played their hearts out.

In the final wash-up we scored some excellent tries to Andrew Lindsay, Charlie Freeman and Ash Mason while Donny kicked two conversions and a penalty but we weren't good enough on the day as shown by the 22-47 score line.

Rd 12 – 07/07/12	University Oval		University 22	Tech Waratahs 47
<b>Tries:</b>	Andrew Lindsay	Charlie Freeman	Leon Mason	
<b>Goals:</b>	Donny Nepia (2)		<b>Pen Goals:</b>	Donny Nepia (1)
<b>Players Player:</b>	Leon Mason			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Andrew Lindsay	Charlie Freeman	Leon Mason	

### Rd 13 - Vikings at Vikings Oval

On Thursday serious consideration was given to at least forfeiting 3rds and possibly 2nds against our friends in blue - we were that short of players as most of the students were still away on holidays. Credit to 3rds coach Lee Tanks and others as a drastic call around calmed the nerves and we thought we may be Ok for Saturday.

#### **Thirds**

So it was with great delight that I fronted at Vikings at 11 am to see 27 Mallee Bulls ready to go for the 3rds. Amongst them were old bulls Dean Rossit, Placek M, Marce Halbert, Ben Nickel, Rowan Fahey, Gareth Hirst and Jason Bernie who had all answered the call for help along with the usual holidays faithful.

Just before we ran out Firsts manager Elson arrived with the news that First grade only had 13 players and two of the Thirds were needed for Firsts - a tap of the shoulder for Mitch Bell (a veteran of only three Thirds matches) and Cooper Dunn (10 total rugby matches).

Well for the Third grade - roll back the years for the old bulls as they started on fire with Deano Rossit and Shaun Dutailis prominent. A converted try each to Deano and Killer Grennell saw the lads taking a 14-nil lead. The Blues fought back aided by a glut of possession which resulted in a couple of tries but the Mallee Bulls finished on top and a second try to Rossit and a penalty to Mat O'Sullivan, who had a strong match, saw the 3rds win comfortably 22-14.

A win! Certainly, there were no thoughts of that on Thursday.

Rd 13 – 14/07/12	Vikings Oval		University 22	Vikings 14
<b>Tries:</b>	Dean Rossit (2)	Killian Grennell		
<b>Goals:</b>	Geoff Devitt		<b>Pen Goals:</b>	Matt O'Sullivan
<b>Players Player:</b>	Dean Rossit			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Dean Rossit	Shaun Dutailis	Matt O'Sullivan	

#### **Seconds**

Two of the usual 2nds players had arrived during the 3rds match so Cooper Dunn got a reprieve and he and Jason Clay were the fresh players in the 2nds as the brave lads backed up for their second match of the day. Cooper, 'Beaver' Tarlinton, Shaun Dutailis, Ryan Williams, Coach Cristo Crous and Matt Aberline tried hard all day but, in the end,, we were too tired to hold the Vikings forwards and the score line was a big one, 10-67. But again, we didn't give up and we scored two late tries to Matty 'O' and Chris Conn which were a just reward for their efforts.

Rd 13 – 14/07/12	Vikings Oval	University 10	Vikings 67
<b>Tries:</b>	Chris Conn	Matt O'Sullivan	
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Cooper Dunn		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	James Tarlinton	Ryan Williams	Christo Crous Shaun Dutailis Matt Aberline

### Firsts

Come the 1sts - things looked grim with a very makeshift forward pack to take on the Vikings big forwards. 'Tough as Teak' Stuckey pulled a hamstring in the first few minutes so Cooper Dunn was on for his debut and third match for the day.

What followed could be our best win in the past 10 years! Yes, a big statement but to put 50 points on Vikings with the inexperienced Mallee Bulls forwards in particular was a joy to behold.

The forwards led by Jack Nash and Andrew Lindsay were uncompromising. The Blues tried to play the game in the forwards where they had a huge weight advantage but we tackled, tackled and tackled some more to grind them down and finished over the top at the end of the match. The pack was unheralded but Futeran, Canada, Nash, Van Dartel, Bell, Ashe, Elson and Lindsay did themselves and Uni Rugby proud.

The backs were brilliant with the experienced Leon Mason, who scored a hat trick of tries, Ash Mason and Donny Nepia leading the way and colts Alex Van Dartel and Alex Sims following suit we were excellent all across the park. The finishing was wonderful as the wingers in Matt Lee and Cooper notched tries as did Donny and Simsy. All up seven tries by our backs against the hapless Vikings backline. Lindsay was the only forward to cross the line while Donny booted five conversions. We scored 26 points in the 1st half and another 24 in the 2nd half. The score was only made slightly respectable by the Vikings scoring the last 2 tries. In the end a very comprehensive win!!!

Roll back the years - it certainly brought back memories when the centre pairing at the end of the match was Placek M and Grennell K. Indeed, a vintage pairing.

Rd 13 – 14/07/12	Vikings Oval	University 50	Vikings 29
<b>Tries:</b>	Leon Mason (3) Donny Nepia	Andrew Lindsay Cooper Dunn	Alex Sims Matt Lee
<b>Goals:</b>	Donny Nepia (5)		<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Alex Sims		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Leon Mason	Alex Sims	Jack Nash Alex Van Dartel

### Rd 15 - Avondale at Gerry Cappetta Oval.

If you look at the scoreboard you would be permitted to think that it was a disappointing day for the Mallee Bulls and you would be right if you only looked at points. I don't like losing but I also realise that sport is not just about winning. I couldn't be prouder of everyone who took the field against Avondale because of the courage and character displayed by all. It is a standing joke at Illawarra meetings that some players develop 'Avondale Flu' because they don't want to take on these very aggressive and well-paid opponents. This was certainly **not** the case for our guys who put their bodies on the line, especially in Second grade where once again we had blokes doubling up. We were beaten but far from disgraced.

### Thirds

Third grade were in with a slim chance of getting into the semis and were determined to take it to Avondale. The Wombats were again a big, experienced side with some outstanding backs who were



at times unstoppable. Our forwards battled manfully and were good in the set play with Shep and Christo showing the way with Scott Thornton and Mitch Bell outstanding.

In the backs old timer Marce Halbert was always threatening and he and Charlie Curry provided some exciting moments for the crowd. Charlie got us on the board with a neat try and a conversion but we were under the pump especially when their fullback got his hands on the ball.

The highlight of the encounter came in the second half as Sean Murray-Smith scooted down the sideline and managed to stay in the field to score a sensational try. We were disappointed to lose but we certainly stayed in the game with lots of hard work.

Rd 15 – 28/07/14	Gerry Cappetta Oval	University 12	Avondale 36
<b>Tries:</b>	Charlie Curry	Sean Murray-Smith	
<b>Goals:</b>	Charlie Curry		<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Scott Thornton		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Scott Thornton	Charlie Curry	Mitch Bell Marce Halbert

### Seconds

There was talk of forfeiting Seconds as numbers were short but we did scrounge together a side and took the field knowing that we were taking on the undefeated leaders who had notched up big scores against all opposition.

The Avondale guys are big, aggressive and arrogant and definitely thought they were in for a cake walk. This is when character clicked in and our guys were superb, especially in the first half where we scored a great try to Tim Goodman, converted by Charlie Curry. The score at the break was 7-19 and we were entitled to be pleased with our performance.

The second half saw Avondale get away from us but once gain fatigue was a big factor in guys missing tackles and it also meant that players were more susceptible to injury. It was sad to see Dave Lincoln being helped off with a knee injury after a big effort on his part.

All players gave their all but Tristan Ferris, Charlie Curry, Scott Thornton, Cristo and Shep were tireless after doubling up and certainly showed that they were not going to step back from the challenge. In the end 7-52 showed the difference in class but if we didn't dig in like we did it would have been a massacre.

Rd 15 – 28/07/14	Gerry Cappetta Oval	University 7	Avondale 52
<b>Tries:</b>	Tim Godman		
<b>Goals:</b>	Charlie Curry		<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Charlie Curry		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Tristan Ferris	Scott Thornton	Dave Shepherd Christo Crous

### Firsts

First grade started the game slowly and suffered as a result as the Avondale scrum got on top and we soon found ourselves down by three tries. It was then that we got our hands on the ball and played some rugby of our own. Donny kept us in with a chance with two penalties and it must be said that we didn't take our chances to get across the try line and we were punished.

The second half started the same as the first and we under pressure but again we got into the game as we ran the ball at every opportunity. We came close on a couple of occasions but couldn't crack their defense until Ash Mason finished off some good play to score a well-deserved five pointer.

In a game where everyone put their body on the line some players really stood out and I must say I've rarely seen a player show more courage than Captain Freeman who must have been a very sore

man on Sunday. Our young guns in Simsy and Alex Van Dartel also passed this big test and Ash, Leon and Donny never stopped trying while Stucks battled injury to stay on the field.

In his last game for the club before he headed back home Owen Smith again showed his determination and skills. Well Done Canada!

11-34 was a fair indication of the difference on the day but we came away with our heads held high.

Rd 15 – 28/07/14	Gerry Cappetta Oval		University 11	Avondale 34
<b>Tries:</b>	Ash Mason			
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b> Donny Nepia (2)	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Alex Sims			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Alex Sims	Alex Van Dartel	Ash Mason	

### Rd 9 - Camden at University Oval

The round nine clash against Camden was originally washed out and was played on the wet weather weekend. Camden were struggling in First grade but continued to be a force in the lower grades as they were in the top four in both grades so it was going to be test of our willingness to do the tough work if we were going to have a good day.

#### Thirds

The third-grade match began with a flurry of points being scored by the Rams and it appeared that it was going to be a long afternoon for our guys. However, the boys started to get some possession and gradually worked their way into the game.

It was a real team effort with lots of personnel putting in pleasing performances. Scott Thornton and Mark Freeman were a constant threat while in the backs Geoff Devitt, Charlie Curry and Tristan Ferris were outstanding.

The longer the game went the better we played and with tries to Dave Lincoln, Scott Thornton and a double to Cooper Dunn we found ourselves in front 24-21 with not much time remaining. This is when the rugby god deserted us and after a scrum near our line, they charged across for the match winner.

It was a disappointing end to a great effort but we did get two bonus points as a reward for a courageous effort.

Rd 9 – 04/08/12	University Oval		University 24	Camden 28
<b>Tries:</b>	Cooper Dunn (2)	Dave Lincoln	Scott Thornton	
<b>Goals:</b>	Charlie Curry (2)		<b>Pen Goals:</b>	
<b>Players Player:</b>	Mark Freeman	Scott Thornton		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Geoff Devitt	Scott Thornton	Mark Freeman Tristan Ferris	

#### Seconds

Seconds trotted out with a makeshift team once again but we did have more fresh players available this week and as a result we started the game fairly positively. The players who continually back up are to be commended for the commitment. One bloke who stands out is Dave Lincoln. Last week we all thought Dave's season was finished after a serious knee injury. Not only did he recover miraculously, but he also played two games again. By the end he was cramping badly but still played on to not let anyone down. A real gutsy effort!

As far as the game went, we did score a try to Chad Mansur and we certainly kept trying but fatigue set in and we were well beaten 5-45. Aside from Dave others who had to play two games and stood out were Shep and Tristan Ferris while Robbie Mardus played well with limited opportunities.

Rd 9 – 04/08/12	University Oval	University 5	Camden 45
<b>Tries:</b>	Chad Mansur		
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Dave Lincoln		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Dane Lincoln	Rob Mardus	Dave Shepherd Tristan Ferris

### Firsts

Camden always keep pressure on no matter who they are playing so it came as no surprise that they got away to an early 7-0 lead in the main game. We made breaks but couldn't finish them off but eventually our class came to the fore and we went to the break leading 21-7.

The second half looked as if it was going to be exciting with the Rams getting close. It was then that Matty Lee showed determination by chasing down a Camden back who had taken an intercept and looked likely to score under the posts. Not only did Matty catch the guy near the line we also secured position, kicked down field, got some luck and finished up scoring ourselves. It was a real match turner and from that point we were never looked back and walked off winning 55-21. Some great tries were posted by Mitch Bell, Alex Van Dartel, Charlie Freeman, Alex Sims, Leon Mason, Jade Gardiner and Ash Mason, who also kicked four conversions and two penalties. Donny also kicked well with three conversions.

Our forwards were starting to develop into a formidable try scoring machine with Mitch and Alex stepping through the defense as if they were backs but the old timer in Steve Elson and the ever improving Ryan Shoard kept their minds on the tough job in the tight.

The game was no cake walk with a number of injuries to Donny, Leon and Ash but we were now back in the five and pushing for the semis.

Rd 9 – 04/08/12	University Oval	University 55	Camden 21
<b>Tries:</b>	Mitch Bell Leon Mason	Alex Van Dartel Jade Gardiner	Charlie Freeman Ash Mason Alex Sims
<b>Goals:</b>	Ash Mason (4)	Donny Nepia (3)	<b>Pen Goals:</b> Ash Mason (2)
<b>Players Player:</b>	Mitch Bell		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Mitch Bell	Steve Elson	Jade Gardiner

### Rd 16 – Bowral/Wollondilly at University Oval

It was a tough time off the field this week with the news that Shaun and Piki had the shattering experience of losing their newborn daughter Peata Piki Ora Hamahona-McCreedy.

On field it was obvious that the games against Bowral weren't going to be close contests as about twenty blokes got off their minibus to play two grades.

To their credit they never stopped trying and their spirit couldn't be questioned but, in the end, it was a bad day for the Blacks as they were run off their feet in First grade after they were well beaten in seconds.

The worrying thing about this situation is that they have been going through this all season. Not something to be encouraged.

### Thirds

The third-grade fixture got proceedings started with the boys knowing they had to win to stay in the race for a semi spot. Wollondilly are a young side with some good players especially in the backs and a solid pack.

Things started poorly but then we did get on the board with two tries, one each to Sean Murray-Smith and Mark Freeman and a penalty to Geoff Devitt.

Marce Halbert was always a threat in the backs and Tristan Ferris never gave an inch. Dave Lincoln, Scott Thornton, Mark Freeman, before being replaced, all performed admirably but in the end 13-29 was a fair indication of the difference between the two sides.

Rd 16 – 11/08/12	University Oval	University 13	Wollondilly 29
<b>Tries:</b>	Mark Freeman	Sean Murray-Smith	
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b> Geoff Devitt
<b>Players Player:</b>	Mark Freeman	Scott Thornton	Tristan Ferris
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Dave Lincoln	Marce Hulbert	Mark freeman

### Seconds

A win at last for the battlers in second grade and it was a well-deserved win for the guys who have done it tough over the last few weeks. The 42-35 score line indicates that attacking rugby was the order of the day

Bowral virtually played their first-grade side so it was a good effort to come out on top and really only a couple of late tries to the Blacks made the score respectable. All the guys performed well with Michael Mamata, Clement Brunnell and Chad Mansur being standouts while Robbie Mardus displayed his great skills.

The try scorers were Clement, Michael, Chad, Robbie. Dave Gardiner and Tristan Ferris. All of the tries were converted by Jason Clay who finished with a 100% record. A great result!

Rd 16 – 11/08/12	University Oval	University 142	Bowral 35
<b>Tries:</b>	Clemont Brunnell Dave Gardiner	Michael Mamata Tristan Ferris	Chad Mansur Rob Mardus
<b>Goals:</b>	Jason Clay (6)		<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Rob Mardus		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Michael Mamatta	Clement Brunnell	Chad Mansur

### Firsts

First grade was never a real contest as was indicated by the fact that we won 89-5. There was no real joy in winning the game but the points did help our for and against. It was also great to see a lot of guys get a chance to experience first grade for the first time.

Tries were bagged by Matt Lee (3), Rhys Bridges (2), Andrew Lindsay (2), Alex Sims (2), Paul Tuala, Charlie Freeman, Leon Mason, Pat Perillo, Charlie Curry and Rob Mardus. Sims kicked four conversions and Leon knocked over another three.

A win is a win.

Rd 16 – 11/08/12	University Oval	University 84	Bowral 5
<b>Tries:</b>	Matt Lee (3) Paul Tuala Pat Perillo	Andrew Lindsay (2) Charlie Freeman Charlie Curry	Alex Sims (2) Rob Mardus Rhys Bridges Leon Mason
<b>Goals:</b>	Alex Sims (4)	Leon Mason (3)	<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Charlie Freeman		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Charlie Freeman	Rhys Bridges	Andrew Lindsay Alex Sims

## Rd 17 - Shoalhaven at University Oval

It was déjà vu when we came to the matches against Vincentia and Shoalhaven. As usual we were down on numbers in the lower grades and the opposition teams were well and truly in the hunt for semifinal spots. It must be said that we far from favorites in any of the games.

### Thirds

Vincentia had lost only one game all year and that was a forfeit early in the year. They are a very well-rounded team that would probably do very well in the second-grade competition. We had enough guys available but no front row to start the match. Luckily, Jeremy Futeran put the boots on and so we did play contested scrums.

The game was fairly close without us ever really threatening the opposition's try line. The Van Gogh's managed to score four tries mainly through their Number 10, who was big, fast and quite elusive. He also had some good players around him and they made us pay for any mistakes we made.

Mattias Wan showed out in the backs while Mark Freeman and Clement Brunnell were also always close to the action. There was a big scare when Lennon was injured and was carted off to hospital with a suspected neck injury. We all breathed a sigh of relief when the message came back that he was OK but it did put a dampener on the game.

Rd 17 – 18/08/12	University Oval	University 0	Vincentia 28
<b>Tries:</b>			
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Matthias Wann		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Matthias Wann	Mark Freeman	Clement Brunnell

### Seconds

In seconds we trotted out the same guys who have continually put themselves out for the good of the club. We couldn't put a front row on the field and we struggled against a top five team but Mark Freeman was again at the forefront and played an inspired role. He was supported by James Naughton who got the crowd on their feet when he got across the line for our only points in the match. Llew Scott was very solid in defense in the centres and although the final score of 5-38 was a fair indication of the difference in the teams, we were certainly far from disgraced.

Rd 17 – 18/08/12	University Oval	University 5	Shoal haven 39
<b>Tries:</b>			
Scott Thornton			
<b>Goals:</b>			<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Mark Freeman		
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>
	Mark Freeman	Jim Naughton	Llew Scott

### Firsts

First grade welcomed back Coach McCreedy and were very focused heading into the game that would probably determine who would end up in third place if other results went our way.

We were pretty much back at full strength and it was great to see Mark Placek run out in first grade for his 201st match for the club. He did tell me that he relaxed for the game by enjoying a round of golf in the morning but was notably hobbling by the end of the game.

Shoalhaven were on equal points with us and started the game in a positive manner and got to a lead early on in the game.

We eventually settled into our patterns and with three excellent tries went into the halftime break with a good lead, 18-12, and with our top three finish in sight.

After the boot throwing contest was completed by the ladies in the crowd celebrating Ladies Day, we proceeded to put Shoalies to the sword. Three more converted tries saw us with a big lead but

the pressure was on not allowing the opposition any bonus points. They did get a third try but our tackling was sound and we trooped off winners by the tune of 42-17.

Our tries were scored by Jade Gardiner (2), Alex Van Dartel, Andrew Lindsay, Alex Sims and Donny Nepia. Leon Mason had an easy day with the boot as all of the tries were scored close to the posts so he converted all six of them.

Players who stood out in the clash were the two Alex's, Leech Mason and Travis Hardaker but the star was Paulie Tuala, who was celebrating the birth earlier in the week of his son, Rocky. A big loss was Steve Elson who broke a finger and was therefore out for the season.

Mission successful and at the end of the match we were in the top three.

Rd 17 – 18/08/12	University Oval		University 42	Shoalhaven 17
<b>Tries:</b>	Jade Gardiner (2) Donny Nepia	Alex Van Dartel	Andrew Lindsay	Alex Sims
<b>Goals:</b>	Leon Mason (6)			<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Alex Sims			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Paul Tuala	Leon Mason	Travis Hardaker	

### Rd 18 - Camden at Camden Rugby Park.

A bus trip to finish the season is always something to look forward to, especially to Camden and the boys were keen to have a good time on and off the field.

Thirds and seconds were once again made up of the same players and we were forced to play non-contested scrums in both grades. This also meant that we were only able to play with 14 players in each game on a very warm Camden day. However, we were not to be deterred.

It was a case of all hands to the pump and we signed a number of new guys to help us out. One guy who we had picked up was a young English guy, Tony Whittle, who as it turned out was a very good player and played two excellent games until cramps set in.

The highlight or lowlight of the day was provided by a Camden spectator who had obviously enjoyed a few too many beers, even before 1 o'clock, and proceeded to call all the players cowards because we played uncontested scrums. The fact that we had to play with only 14 players in each grade counted for nothing in his eyes. It seems he had been a legendary prop in his days, even though most of his games were in thirds, if my memory serves me correctly. It is not often that we see Kippy fire up but he certainly let fly at 'the fool' at the halftime break in second grade, much to the pleasure of all the boys.

#### **Thirds**

The third-grade game was an evenly contested affair despite the fact that Camden were one of the top sides and seemed to have a few guys from higher grades playing for them. We certainly stuck at the task and even though we were well beaten 21-45 we played some good rugby. This resulted in three tries to Tristan Ferris, Mattias Wann and the one that brought the crowd to its feet scored by the best clubman ever in Jin Bin Liang. What a grand moment! Geoff Devitt was able to knock over 3 conversions to complete the scoring and at the end of the game we trooped off to get organised for the next challenge beaten but not disgraced.

Rd 18 – 25/08/12	Camden Rugby Park		University 21	Camden 45
<b>Tries:</b>	Tristan Ferris	Mark Freeman	Jin Bin Liang	
<b>Goals:</b>	Geoff Devitt (3)			<b>Pen Goals:</b>
<b>Players Player:</b>	Tony Whittle			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>	<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
	Jin Bin Liang	Howard Zhang	Jim Naughton	

### **Seconds**

Once again Camden's seconds were entrenched in the top five and so were confident of a big score and an easy win. We were not going to lie down even though it would have been easy to do so. As the game unfolded 'the fool on the sideline' was nearly suffering a coronary as we were more than matching the opposition. The backs were superbly led by Charlie Curry who was damaging in defense and attack and also kicked three conversions. Other backs to stand out included Ollie Farrugia who cut a swathe through the defense from fullback and scored a great try, as did Chad Mansur. In the forward battle, our guys, even though outnumbered and out muscled, never gave an inch as was shown by the tries scored by Brad Ashe and Nik Will. The other players to stand out were Dave Lincoln, as usual, and our English Import in Tony who gave his all in very trying conditions. In the final wash-up we couldn't pull off the miracle victory so richly deserved and lost by 26-31 and so finished the season with two bonus points and the respect of all in the crowd, except for 'the fool'.

Rd	18 – 25/08/12	Camden Rugby Park		University 26	Camden 31
<b>Tries:</b>		Brad Ashe	Chad Mansur	Oli Farrugia	Nick Will
<b>Goals:</b>		Charlie Curry (3)		<b>Pen Goals:</b>	
<b>Players Player:</b>		Charlie Curry			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>		<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
		Charlie Curry	Tony Whittle	Dave Lincoln	

### **Firsts**

The Firsts match was a danger game for us as we were assured of a top five finish but could slip out of the top three if things went against us. Camden were also out to avenge the first-round loss in front of their home crowd and also had some new players on deck as the rugby league season had finished. In a game that never reached any great heights our pack showed the way with Jack Nash leading from up front and he was ably assisted by Lindsay, Freeman and Mitch Bell. Our backs were given excellent service by Simsy and we managed three tries to Andrew Lindsay, Captain Freeman and Ash Mason, who also kicked two conversions and a penalty. We defended well and contained the opposition to a single try and a penalty for the score line of 22-8. There was, however, plenty of feeling in the match as was displayed when young Alex Van Dartel ended up with a bad cut and a stint in the sin bin after a 'discussion' with a fiery Camden back. Their crowd once again showed a lack of class with some unsavory comments, mostly by people who had never graced the field themselves or had done so many seasons ago. It seems fools do gather together. The match ended and the fun began as we enjoyed Camden's hospitality and then made our way back to the Tennis Club. And so ended another season of Uni Rugby with only First grade making it into the finals.

Rd	18 – 25/08/12	Camden Rugby Park		University 22	Camden 8
<b>Tries:</b>		Charlie Freeman	Andrew Lindsay	Ash Mason	
<b>Goals:</b>		Ash Mason (2)		<b>Pen Goals:</b> Ash Mason	
<b>Players Player:</b>		Charlie Freeman			
<b>B &amp; F Points:</b>		<b>(3 points)</b>	<b>(2 points)</b>	<b>(1 point)</b>	
		Charlie Freeman	Andrew Lindsay	Mitch Bell	

## SEMI FINAL – Tech Waratahs at Avondale.

(1) Travis Hardaker	(2) Jeremy Futeran	(3) Jack Nash
(4) Andrew Lindsay		(5) Mitch Bell
(6) Alex Van Dartel	(8) Paul Tuala	(7) Charlie Freeman
(9) Alex Sims		(10) Leon Mason
(12) Jade Gardiner		(13) Ash Mason
(11) Pat Perillo	(15) Donny Nepia	(14) Matt Lee
(16) Charlie Curry	(17) Andrew Stuckey	(18) Rob Mardus
(19) Ryan Shoard		(20) Mark Freeman
(21) Mark Placek	(22) Rhys Bridges	(23) Dave Lincoln

Our first hurdle in the finals was to be Techatahs, who we had struggled to beat during the season. They were a big physical team with heaps of experience and a very structured style of play. Our task was made even harder by the loss of Steve Elson which meant that we had a bare number of front rowers to take the field and no replacements. We tried unsuccessfully to get Hori Leef cleared to play but our pleas fell on deaf ears.

The team that took the field was Jack Nash, Jeremy Futeran, Travis Hardaker, Andrew Lindsay, Alex Van Dartel, Charlie Freeman, Ryan Shoard, Paul Tuala, Alex Sims, Leech Mason, Donny Nepia, Jade Gardiner, Matt Lee, Pat Perillo

We started the game confidently and it was a real arm wrestle for the first 20 minutes as the game ebbed and flowed. We were slightly on top but unfortunately blew some excellent scoring opportunities by poor handling under pressure and as a result we let the other team off the hook. They on the other hand were able to capitalise on any mistakes we made and scored some tries while we managed a couple of penalties to Ash Mason. As a result we found ourselves trailing at halftime and never really recovered.

The second half was much the same story as we battled hard to get into scoring situations but failed to finish things off. We even had the indignity of going uncontested scrums late in the game as Jack Nash was forced from the field. The effort was there and we did cross the line for a good try to Ash Mason late in proceedings but we came off the field well beaten and really disappointed as we were much better than the score suggested.

01/09/12	Gerry Cappetta Oval	University 16	Tech Waratahs 33
<b>Tries:</b>	Ash Mason		
<b>Goals:</b>	Ash Mason	<b>Pen Goals:</b>	Ash Mason (3)



## FINAL - Shoalhaven at Camden

(1) <b>Travis Hardaker</b>	(2) <b>Jeremy Futeran</b>	(3) <b>Jack Nash</b>
(4) <b>Andrew Lindsay</b>		(5) <b>Ryan Shoard</b>
(6) <b>Alex Van Dartel</b>	(8) <b>Paul Tuala</b>	(7) <b>Charlie Freeman</b>
(9) <b>Alex Sims</b>		(10) <b>Leon Mason</b>
(12) <b>Jade Gardiner</b>		(13) <b>Ash Mason</b>
(11) <b>Pat Perillo</b>	(15) <b>Donny Nepia</b>	(14) <b>Rhys Bridges</b>
(16) <b>Charlie Curry</b>	(17) <b>Andrew Stuckey</b>	(18) <b>Rob Mardus</b>
(19) <b>Mitch Bell</b>		(20) <b>Mark Freeman</b>
(21) <b>Brad Ashe</b>	(22) <b>Chad Mansur</b>	(23) <b>Michael Mammata</b>

Playing at Camden in the semis had become a bit of a tradition over the last three seasons and it must be said not a happy one for the boys. However, we were very confident that we had Shoalhaven's measure after defeating them convincingly just a few weeks before.

The team was slightly depleted by the absence of Matty Lee with an injured ankle, but we put our best team on the field and were well prepared for the contest.

From the opening whistle, it was apparent that many points were going to be the order of the day as both teams threw the ball about with gusto. The Shoalies guys were far more committed than when we played them recently and were not going to lie down for us.

The game was evenly poised when Donny Nepia took an intercept and streaked over for a try but unfortunately damaged his hamstring in doing so. This was followed by a dubious call from the linesman that gave Shoals a lineout throw-in 5m from our line which resulted in them scoring.

From that point the match was in the balance. The Shoalhaven guys took advantage of some lax defense and we found ourselves trailing 12-17 at the half time break.

We came out determined to get back on top and proceeded to dominate the game scoring a try and then hitting the lead 25-17 mid way through the forty minutes with a try to Captain Freeman and things were going according to plan. Shoalhaven were in disarray and we were well on top. It was about this time that things went astray. It is interesting to note that we had very few sin bins during the season but in a flash, we found ourselves reduced to 13 players. Rhys Bridges earned the ire of the ref by being reported for the use of an elbow when in possession of the ball and not long after Ash Mason was in the bin for a high tackle. Ten minutes is a long time and we struggled to defend our line and unfortunately a couple of missed tackles saw Shoals once again in front 31-25.

Try as hard as we could we built pressure when we were back at full strength and even had a one-man advantage when the Shoalies fullback was binned but we couldn't score the elusive try.

The ref called proceedings to a halt and once again what promised so much failed to eventuate. It was a cruel finish to a good season. Avondale went on to beat Tech convincingly in the Grand Final and we can only wonder if we would have been able to do better. One will never know!

Final – 09/09/12	Camden Rugby Park		University 25	Shoalhaven 31
<b>Tries:</b>	Charlie Freeman	Jade Gardiner	Rhys Bridges	Donny Nepia
<b>Goals:</b>	Ash Mason		<b>Pen Goals:</b>	Ash Mason

2012 was a tough year for the club with poor numbers in the lower grades causing concern but again we were there or there abouts in the Top Grade but we continue to fall short of our Goal of winning another Premiership. Maybe next Year?

## Senior Awards 2012

Men's Awards:		Donated by:	Winner:
<b>President's Award</b>	Jack Huxley Shield	Glenn McGuinness	Shaun McCreedy
<b>Award for Leadership</b>	Sam Davey Shield	Paul Webb Canio Fierravanti	Donny Nepia
<b>Trainer of the Year</b>		Paul Dunai	Geoff Devitt
<b>Coaches Award</b>		Wayne Dobson	Leon Mason
<b>Third Grade Best and Fairest</b>	Nick Theodore Shield	Peter Keeble	Geoff Devitt Shaun Dutailis
<b>Second Grade Best and Fairest</b>		Noel Yates	Mark Freeman
<b>First Grade Best and Fairest</b>		Dave Rae	Charlie Freeman
<b>Third Grade 'Players Player'</b>			Scott Thornton
<b>Second Grade 'Players Player'</b>			Dave Lincoln
<b>First Grade 'Players Player'</b>			Charlie Freeman
<b>Players 'Player of the Year'</b>	Phillip "Doris" McInerney Shield	Dave Bateman Tom Wren Rob Pedersen	Mark Freeman Charlie Curry
<b>Rookie of the Year</b>		Duarte Do Rego	Alex Van Dartel
<b>Player with the Most Potential</b>	Dave Reading Shield	Dave Bateman Tom Wren Rob Pedersen	Alex Sims
<b>Leading Try Scorer</b>			Ash Mason
<b>Leading Points Scorer</b>		Dave Bateman Tom Wren Rob Pedersen	Ash Mason
<b>Club Person of the Year</b>		Keith Hales	Christo Crous
<b>'Iron Man' Award Played in all rounds.</b>			Pat Perillo

## Games Played 2012

Player	1sts	2nds	3rds	Total	Player	1sts	2nds	3rds	Total
Matthew ABERLINE		4	7	11	Thomas HONEYSETT	8	6		14
William AISRKE	1	1		2	Sam HORNBY		5	2	7
Bradley ASHE	4	12	3	19	James HOWE		3	3	6
Mitch BELL	4	3	5	12	Tatsuya ITO			3	3
Jason BERNIE		1	1	2	Nick JONES		7	1	8
James BORTHWICK		3	5	8	Ben KUNER		1	3	4
Rhys BRIDGES	2	1		3	Matthew LEE	13			13
Mitchell BROOKES		5	7	12	Hori LEEF	1			1
Andrew BROWN	1	1		2	Jinbin LIANG		4	16	20
Liam CAVANAGH		4	2	6	David LINCOLN		13	7	20
Jason CLAY	4	12	5	21	Andrew LINDSAY	9	1	1	11
Brunel CLERMONT		7	13	20	Shane LUTZE		2	3	5
Luke COBURN			1	1	Andrew LYNCH	2			2
Chris CONN		1	1	2	Michael MAMATTA		2	2	4
Phil COSBY		1	1	2	Chad MANSUR	3	9	3	15
Thomas COWLEY		2	5	7	Robert MARDUS	4	8	3	15
Christo CROUS		7	6	13	Ashley MASON	13			13
Charlie CURRY	11	5	4	20	Leon MASON	14			14
Tom CURRY			1	1	Shaun MCCREEDY			1	1
Ryan CUSH		1	1	2	Zac MCKENNA		3	5	8
Tom DARMODY	4			4	Nick MEAD		1	1	2
Luke DEACON		1	1	2	Brad MILNER		12	12	24
Geoff DEVITT	1	8	14	23	Mouhamad MISHAAL			7	7
Tristan DU TOIT		1	2	3	Tom MOLONEY		3	1	4
Cooper DUNN	1	11	9	21	Lincoln MOON		1		1
Shaun DUTAILLIS		6	13	19	Brayden MORAN		4	7	11
James EKE			1	1	Sean MURRAY-SMITH		6	13	19
Steven ELSON	10	2	3	15	Jack NASH	15			15
Rowan FAHEY		1		1	James NAUGHTON		10	14	24
Richard FARRELL			1	1	Donovan NEPIA	13			13
Oliver FARRUGIA		8	10	18	Ben NICKELL		1	1	2
Tom FENUALELEI	1	5	4	10	Peter NIKOLOVSKI	6	1		7
Tristan FERRIS		7	7	14	Will NORRIE	3	9	2	14
Charlie FREEMAN	15			15	Matthew O'SULLIVAN		3	13	16
Mark FREEMAN	1	7	5	13	Patrick PERILLO	16			16
Jeremy FUTERAN	12	3	3	18	Lennon PETKOVIC		3	16	19
Jade GARDINER	9	1		10	Mark PLACEK	4	2	5	11
David GARDNER		4	1	5	Harley PURNELL		2	6	8
Tim GODMAN		9	17	26	Lloyd QUANTICK		4	8	12
Kilian GRENNELL	1		5	6	Tane RANGIAWAHA			1	1
Marcella HALBERT			5	5	Breton RITCHEIE		7	11	18
Travis HARDAKER	6	5		11	Kevin ROBEY		2	2	4
Casey HEWITT	2	3	1	6	Micah ROBINSON			3	3
Gareth HIRST			1	1	Dean ROSSIT			2	2
Ryan HOLCROFT		2	1	3	Nick RUSSELL			1	1

Player	1sts	2nds	3rds	Total	Player	1sts	2nds	3rds	Total
Llew SCOTT		4	13	17	Scott THORNTON		4	12	16
Micky SEWELL		1	1	2	Paul TUALA	3			3
Tom SEYMOUR	1	4	4	9	Alex VAN DARTEL	13	2	1	16
David SHEPHERD		9	12	21	Ashley WALTERS	9	2		11
Ryan SHOARD	13			13	Matthias WANN		5	4	9
Alex SIMS	11	6	3	20	Tony WHITTLE		1	1	2
Owen SMITH	12			12	Nik WILL		1		1
John SOMERS		1	3	4	Ryan WILLIAMS		7	4	11
Andrew STUCKEY	11	1		12	Adam WRIGHT		2	6	8
Lee TANKS		4	8	12	Campbell YOUNG		4	10	14
James TARLINTON		5	11	16	Robert YOUNG		1	3	4
Todd THOLOLICH	1			1	Howard ZHANG		4	16	20

### Points Scored 2012

Player	Total	Tries	G	PG	B&F	Player	Total	Tries	G	PG	B&F
<i>First Grade</i>											
Ashley MASON	123	15	18	4	8	Tom DARMODY	5	1	0	0	1
Donovan NEPIA	110	5	23	13	0	Cooper DUNN	5	1	0	0	0
Leon MASON	53	7	9	0	12	Travis HARDAKER	5	1	0	0	1
Matthew LEE	45	9	0	0	0	Chad MANSUR	5	1	0	0	2
Jade GARDINER	40	8	0	0	5	Robert MARDUS	5	1	0	0	0
Andrew LINDSAY	40	8	0	0	6	Ryan SHOARD	5	1	0	0	1
Alex SIMS	38	6	4	0	8	Owen SMITH	5	1	0	0	4
Patrick PERILLO	25	5	0	0	0	Andrew STUCKEY	5	1	0	0	5
Charlie FREEMAN	20	4	0	0	17	Paul TUALA	5	1	0	0	3
Alex VAN DARTEL	20	4	0	0	13	Bradley ASHE	0	0	0	0	2
Rhys BRIDGES	10	2	0	0	0	Andrew BROWN	0	0	0	0	3
Ashley WALTERS	10	2	0	0	3	Steven ELSON	0	0	0	0	4
Mitch BELL	5	1	0	0	1	Andrew LYNCH	0	0	0	0	1
Charlie CURRY	5	1	0	0	0	Jack NASH	0	0	0	0	4
Tom DARMODY	5	1	0	0	1	Tom SEYMOUR	0	0	0	0	2
Charlie CURRY	5	1	0	0	0						

### Points Scored 2012

Player	Total	Tries	G	PG	B&F	Player	Total	Tries	G	PG	B&F
<i>Second Grade</i>											
Jason CLAY	37	1	13	2	0	Matt O'SULLIVAN	5	1	0	0	0
Chad MANSUR	25	5	0	0	1	Scott THORNTON	5	1	0	0	2
Robert MARDUS	15	3	0	0	5	Nik WILL	5	1	0	0	0
Tristan FERRIS	12	2	1	0	8	Matthew ABERLINE	0	0	0	0	1
Bradley ASHE	10	2	0	0	0	Mitch BELL	0	0	0	0	3
Charlie CURRY	10	0	5	0	6	Rhys BRIDGES	0	0	0	0	3
Shaun DUTAILLIS	10	2	0	0	3	Mitchell BROOKES	0	0	0	0	2
Thomas HONEYSETT	10	2	0	0	2	Christo CROUS	0	0	0	0	1
David LINCOLN	10	2	0	0	8	Tom FENUALELEI	0	0	0	0	3
Lincoln MOON	10	2	0	0	0	Mark FREEMAN	0	0	0	0	12
Geoff DEVITT	9	0	0	3	1	Travis HARDAKER	0	0	0	0	5
Brunel CLERMONT	5	1	0	0	2	Nick JONES	0	0	0	0	8
Chris CONN	5	1	0	0	0	James NAUGHTON	0	0	0	0	5
Oliver FARRUGIA	5	1	0	0	0	Llew SCOTT	0	0	0	0	1
Jade GARDINER	5	1	0	0	0	David SHEPHERD	0	0	0	0	4
David GARDNER	5	1	0	0	0	Alex SIMS	0	0	0	0	3
Tim GODMAN	5	1	0	0	0	James TARLINTON	0	0	0	0	3
Michael MAMATTA	5	1	0	0	3	Matthias WANN	0	0	0	0	5
Brayden MORAN	5	1	0	0	0	Ryan WILLIAMS	0	0	0	0	4
Sean MURRAY-SMITH	5	1	0	0	0	Adam WRIGHT	0	0	0	0	3
Will NORRIE	5	1	0	0	6						

### Points Scored 2012

Player	Total	Tries	G	PG	B&F	Player	Total	Tries	G	PG	B&F
<i>Third Grade</i>											
Geoff DEVITT	40	0	11	5 1 FG	0	Brunel CLERMONT	5	1	0	0	7
Charlie CURRY	27	3	6	0	1	Steven ELSON	5	1	0	0	1
Shaun DUTAILLIS	20	4	0	0	11	Tristan FERRIS	5	1	0	0	1
Matthew O'SULLIVAN	14	2	2	0	3	Jinbin LIANG	5	1	0	0	3
Tom FENUALELEI	15	3	0	0	6	David LINCOLN	5	1	0	0	3
Killian GRENNELL	15	3	0	0	6	Andrew LINDSAY	5	1	0	0	0
Dean ROSSIT	15	3	0	0	3	Tom MOLONEY	5	1	0	0	0
Scott THORNTON	15	3	0	0	5	David SHEPHERD	5	1	0	0	5
Jason CLAY	12	2	1	0	1	Shane LUTZE	2	0	1	0	0
Mitchell BROOKES	10	2	0	0	3	Oliver FARRUGIA	0	0	0	0	3
Cooper DUNN	10	2	0	0	0	Marcella HALBERT	0	0	0	0	6
Mark FREEMAN	10	2	0	0	6	Tatsuya ITO	0	0	0	0	1
Ben KUNER	10	2	0	0	0	Nick RUSSELL	0	0	0	0	1
Sean MURRAY-SMITH	10	2	0	0	0	Alex SIMS	0	0	0	0	3
James NAUGHTON	10	2	0	0	0	Matthias WANN	0	0	0	0	3
Llew SCOTT	10	2	0	0	0	Ryan WILLIAMS	0	0	0	0	2
Adam WRIGHT	9	0	3	0	4	Campbell YOUNG	0	0	0	0	1
Mitch BELL	5	1	0	0	2	Howard ZHANG	0	0	0	0	3

