

# The Viking's Horn

Limited challenge edition 3/6/2017



## Point of view from the Bjorn Raider...

Birdwood was a disappointment, but it's hard to think of that ground with anything but fond memories after last year's Grand Final. However, it just goes to show how many teams have worked hard to improve over the off season. No game can be taken for granted. So this week I've got one eye on the Courier Cup as we have dropped to third on percentage and must beat Meadows to get a shot at the little pot.

Afterwards of course we see the legends taking on the Raidettes in a true first for the club. With the excitement this game has generated I feel we should provide even more opportunities for everyone to come out for a social kick. The club is organising some spectacular events this year and my mouth is already watering when I think of the Viking's Feast tonight. This is definitely the night to hang around especially as the 40+ legends will have added a few new stories to their plentiful arsenal of footy highlights. Manos may even force a few to reenlist for the B-Grade. You never know...

## Quickie from The Pres

Today we reach the half way mark of the season and I would like to thank everyone involved in the club for their enormous efforts to get the club into a strong position at this point in time. We have had many challenges both on and off the field, and no doubt we will face some more in the second half of the season. But for me the club is all about Pride and Respect; two things we have now built up over several years but must continue to work hard to maintain.

We have planned for today to be an enjoyable day with strong performances expected from all teams and then of course the Challenge Match between the Vikings 40+ and Raidettes. I am so proud of what Armin, Denny, Jess, Bomber, Rian and the whole women's squad have been able to achieve so far. Rest assured that we are still working hard off the field so that the women's team can enter the female competition in 2018. Good luck to them tonight!

## Rian's Ramble

Since 5pm last Saturday after the Birdwood game, as a group we couldn't wait for today to come around. The week at training has been about getting back to how we want to be known. I feel really confident that we will react to last week's result and Meadows I expect will provide a tough opposition, most importantly for us is that our energy level and tackle pressure returns to what it was in the first six games of this season. We should look forward to the response.

I want to wish Vice Captain Jack Bevelander all the best as he continues to recover from his arm injury, whilst it has been great to have him still involved in the game on game days in the coaches box, trust me it's not where he wants to be.

Next weekend a few of our players will be involved in the Inter-League Game played here at Callington Oval; Tommy Schwartz, Max Wakefield, Nick Jansen, Adam Houlahan, Michael Lancaster and Ben O Donnell; Congratulations to all and do the club proud.

After today's game marks the half-way point of season and so far 29 players have represented the club at A Grade Level, 7 making their debut, which has been pleasing as it ensures the club has a strong future. We will continue to provide opportunities for any player that is worthy of an "A Grade" jumper. The second half of the season will provide many challenges but our sole focus now is the challenge today, against Meadows.

Thanks for your continued support

### **News from the Raidettes**

The Raidettes are getting record numbers out to training and have been looking forward to the big match against the Vikings for some weeks now. Captains Denny Steer and Jessica King are confident that the team is ready for the challenge and the players certainly enjoyed getting their jumpers last Wednesday. Thanks to Squizzy for sorting these out, but there will be no favours once the ball is bounced tonight! Michael "Bomber" Lancaster shared his A-Grade expertise in a special session a couple of weeks ago and the Vikings may be in for a few surprises now. If you are still wondering whether to come out for a session please do. Even if you just go to one training, you can be a part of this historic year. Come on you Raidettes!

### **Social Stuff**

This week we have the after match presentations at Callington where the Challenge Match will be followed by a Viking Feast – please stay around after the A grade, have some fun, and support our Club.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> we have the 'Dress Up Party – Famous Duos/Groups' at the BSSC. This should be a great night with live music and prizes for best dressed.

**Live music from 7pm by Ben Vidic**

He's the Lead vocalist / guitarist from one of Adelaide's leading cover bands "The 'b' sharps"!! His sets include acoustic covers of the latest hits along with some of the best sing along classics! So fun for all ages!

Tickets are \$25 at the door. A huge thanks to Lia, Bianca and Gemma for organising the night. Please get along and support the night.

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