

Lions Roar



Newsletter of the Wollongong Lions Juniors
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Wollongong Lions Seniors

The Wollongong Lions senior side is in the Sydney Premier League, the top league in Sydney, they play their home games at our ground, North Dalton Park. It would be great for the kids, of all grades to get down and see them play, watch the skills they have, the intensity of their games and to give all the kids the chance to see how they can play if they train well and play hard.

Their next home game is **Saturday May 3**, under 18's start around 2.00pm, main game at 6.10 pm. So try to get along to support your local team in the Sydney Premier League. Entry is free and food and beverages are available from the canteen.

Illawarra Storm – Representative teams

Training for the Illawarra Storm regional rep sides is now under way at the Uni of Wollongong on Monday nights at 6.15pm. Anyone from 11 years up who would like to try out for the Storm are welcome to come along. Training is on the fields between the rec centre and the hockey field.

The Storm U/12 squad is playing a mini carnival in Nowra this Sunday, May 4. Any 11 or 12 year olds who are interesting in playing for the Storm are invited to come down. We play 2 games. First game is at 10.30pm. Be at West St Oval Nowra (corner of West St and Plunkett St Nowra - take Princes Hwy through Nowra and turn right into Plunkett St, just after Nowra Fair) by 9.30am.

Under 9s Lions 4.2 26 - Hawks 7.4 46

We were happy to have an early season fixture in Bowral this year, with the sun making a welcome appearance at the usually freezing Loseby Park ground. A slightly depleted under 9s team fought hard all day with the help of a few ring ins. Tom Cranney was all determination, fighting hard for the ball, setting off on a couple of runs around the wing and kicking a good goal. Jed Grimshaw's hard work paid off with a goal and Joshua Hinton, nursing an injury, still showed some great skills. Connor Thompson took two great marks in the first quarter, further evidence he is developing into a valuable player. Liam Wilson worked hard to get into the game, winning the hard ball a couple of times, Jonah Wall kicked a couple of long bombs and Ben Wilson kept trying all day.

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Under 11's - Lions 17.20 (122) def Southern Highlands Hawks 7.7 (49)

Week 2 of season 2008 found the mighty Lions at an overcast Loseby Park in Bowral. The Lions were a little lethargic early and didn't see much of the ball for the first few minutes of the match. Then some good ball movement off the half back line saw the ball in the hands of **Sam "Superboot" Hyndes** who casually slotted the first goal of the game on the run from 30m. Sam worked his magic again a few minutes later slamming through an almost identical effort. Good work in the forward line from **Sean Cranney** resulted in a couple more goals and the Lions went into the first break with a lead that was never threatened.

Good contributions from all the Lions players saw the lead widen at every break and in the end we recorded a convincing win. **Player of the Week** was **Sam Wilson**. Sam bagged 6 goals, marked well and contested strongly ground level but most importantly showed great positional awareness in attack and defence to be in the right place at the right time. **Coach's Choice** went to **Jake Franjic** for his never say die attitude. Jake tackles hard, fights for every ball at ground level and really battled hard against a good full back last week when playing up forward. Top games also from **Aiden, Christian and Owen**, who each got a ton of possession and **Sean** who took the mark of the day only to knock himself out in the process. **Ash Sormus** was a livewire again and picked up 4 goals a couple of them rippers from a tight angle. Despite the big win there are a few things to work on. We're dropping a lot of easy marks and need to make sure we take out chances against the better teams. And needless to say we'll be doing some goal kicking practice this week after kicking 20 behinds.

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Under 13's Lions 10.6.66 Vs Hawks 11.4.70

The Lions were slow to hit their straps, but improved throughout the game. This made for an exciting game with the lead constantly changing. The result was in the balance until the final siren, when the Hawks eventually ran out deserved winners by 4 points. Defence was impressive against a well drilled side, the tackling of Daniel, Ben and, as usual, Lewis was impressive. Chris made a large contribution through the whole match, but really stood out in the last quarter. The midfield worked tirelessly. The standout here was Josh Harris who again worked hard all game.

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Please contact any of our staff below if you have any enquiries and we look forward to supporting and promoting AFL in the Illawarra.

PS: I played footy for many years and I know how hard it is to get funds into local clubs hence this is one small way that we can help. I look forward to supporting AFL in the region, Mirko.

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This weeks games

Auskick – Lions vs Swans – Jock Brown Oval, Warilla – 10.10 am
Under 9's - Lions vs Swans – Jock Brown Oval, Warilla – 9.00 am
Under 10's – Lions vs Tigers - Hollymount Oval, Woonona – 9.00 am
Under 11's - Lions vs Swans – Jock Brown Oval, Warilla – 10.10 am
Under 13's - Lions vs Swans – Jock Brown Oval, Warilla – 11.30 am

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