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# IMB WOLLONGONG LIONS: Round 10

## Premier Division Seniors

**Wollongong Lions**                    **5-8-38**  
**UNSW/ES**                                    **10-10-70**

Unfortunately we were again unable to put together 4 quality quarters of footy together as we let a golden opportunity to cause a major upset slip against UNSW on the weekend. In extremely trying conditions we started aggressively and managed to score 1.2 in the first quarter and kept the Bulldogs scoreless. We were unable to kick a goal in the second term as the opposition kicked three, and we went into the major change trailing by 12 points. Our third quarter has at some stages during the year been our weak quarter, but we came out firing after half-time. Our midfield worked tirelessly in and around the countless stoppages and managed to match it with our highly rated opponents. The backline thwarted numerous Bulldogs' forward forays and we managed to put together some great end-to-end passages of play. With less than five minutes to go in the term we managed to get in front by 6 points; but two late Bulldogs goals saw us trail by 8 points at the final change. It is fair to say the last quarter was extremely

disappointing as we again reverted to bad habits and let UNSW get the run of play. The bigger bodies of their midfield got on top in the extremely physical conditions and unfortunately we could not match their run or ferocity at the ball. It is important that we recognise the importance of playing 4 full quarters of footy, and that if we can do this, we will upset a number of teams on the way home. Luke Favetta had his best game of the year, playing a run-with role in the midfield, whilst managing to rack up a ton of possessions and kick two goals. The backline of Clint Wells, Dave Goodley, Josh Lewis and the ever dependable Adam McConnochie were very good. Whilst Mitch Hogan and Alex MacKenzie provided excellent run off half-back. Michael Toussis maintained his recent run of good form, which will hopefully continue in the coming rounds. This week's contest against Balmain presents us with a wonderful opportunity to get ourselves off the bottom of the ladder, but it will only happen if we play consistent footy for the entirety of the match.

## First Division

**Wollongong Lions**                    **6-3-39**  
**UNSW/ES**                                    **10-2-62**

The First Division boys copped the worst of the conditions on the weekend as they encountered relentless rain and cold conditions. The game started controversially with Troy 'Latrell'



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Bartlett being awarded a 'dubious at best' 50 metre penalty and converting from a tight angle. From there, the game turned into a slog with both teams desperately doing anything to move the ball forward. By half time the boys were trailing by 5 points; thanks to some determined defence by Ryan Woodward, Doug Sweeney, and Peter Veerhuis. A tight third quarter saw UNSW extend their lead to 9 points at the final change, and in the same vein as in the seniors game, their more experienced and determined bodies saw them manage to run away with a 23 point victory. The First Div boys have shown that they are more than capable of matching it with the best sides in the comp, but like the seniors, consistency over 4 quarters is required to convert some of these chances in the upcoming rounds. Ryan Woodward continued his upward trajectory as he attacked the ball ferociously off half-back, and continually stopped opposition thrusts forward. Scott Hancock and Jade Collyer were desperate in and around the packs, whilst Kale Temple showed plenty of positive signs in the ruck. In good news for the club, Troy Bartlett and Harry Bown got through their first hit-outs for the season unscathed, whilst managing to both pot 2 goals each. The boys travel solo to UTS on Saturday (stupid draw), and should be quietly confident of causing a boil over!!

### Under 18s with Ross Picken

<b>Wollongong</b>	<b>8.11 59</b>
<b>ES/UNSW</b>	<b>7.11 53</b>

This was the clash of fifth versus sixth and a game the young lions had to win to stay in touch with the top four. The young dogs are a very quick team and showed this in the early stages of the match jumping out to a two goal lead before our boys found their feet and replied in kind to be one point down at quarter time. The second quarter was the same as the first with the young dogs kicking two and our boys replying in the latter part of the quarter. At the long break the dogs lead 4.7.31 to 4.2.26. The third quarter was the first we had won and the man who set us in motion was Trent Hurst at half forward flanker on the back of solid defence from the back six. The young lions managed to kick two goals to one and at three quarter time the scores were all locked up at 39 apiece. The third quarter was where we lost our ever reliable centre half back Luke Rutter to a dislocated knee. Speedy recovery Luke, hope to see you back soon! To win this game the last quarter would require commitment and courage. The back six of Brendon Potter, Rufus Picken, Taylor Bell, Blake Schneider, Brendan Hogan and others epitomised what coach Siely was after and gave us the dominance to win the quarter 2.8 to 2.2 and come away with a six point victory. Young Brendan Hogan was marking their "go to" man and did a terrific job considering his ongoing



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groin problem. Well done BJ!! Jack Mahoney once again gave us drive forward ably assisted by Nathan Kenny and Ryan Wells. Up front Trent Hurst nailed three goals and Josh Mason two, with Stephen Tibben causing the dogs defence headaches. Best on ground: Trent Hurst, Nathan Kenny, Taylor Bell, Ryan Wells and Stephen Tibben.

This round saw the top six playing each other and even though we won, St George knocked off Norths and Penno beat the Eagles which still leaves us in fifth spot on percentages. We are presently 7 and 3 with sixth spot 3 and 7. This should see us in the final series, hopefully not just making up the numbers. We have Balmain next week who are sitting 3 and 7, followed by Wests who are languishing on the bottom. We then get to the business part of the season which will gauge where we are at.

### Lions News and Reviews

#### Lions Ball 2009

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Ball on Saturday night and helped make it a (financial) success this year. It was great to see everyone 'shazzed' up and a number of wives/girlfriends/life partners etc turning up on the night. Particular thanks must go to:

- Doug Sweeney for helping put the night together. As always Doug was keenly involved in this function, and continues

to shorten as favourite for this year's Volunteer of the Year

- Graeme Batty who provided the raffle prizes, including a Swannies jumper. Thankyou Batsticks!!
- To Chad who provided the wine out of the Kangaroo Court monies
- Christian Van Reede for helping organise the night
- DJ Dave Gardner for providing us with all the Nickleback we could have ever asked for
- Harry Bown for manning the door
- And to the consummate professional that is Michael Love on another wonderful MC-ing performance!!

It is unfortunate that the night was tarnished by the David Copperfield get-up donned by David Goodley. This is not the first time Dave has committed this sort of crime at a Lions function; think woollen vest at last year's ball. Hopefully these recidivist tendencies will be resolved by next year's function!!!

#### Footy Trip

Expressions of interest for this year's trip are now due!! With flights to Cairns being so expensive at this time of year, the Gold Coast is shortening as the likely venue for this year's trip. More details to come in following



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weeks, but do Doug a favour and give him a general idea of how many he will be catering for over the next week or so by nominating yourself for the trip. Red Bears!!!!

### Bus Trips

Doug has managed to organise a mini-bus for the First Division boys for their away trip to Manly in the upcoming weeks, and also a large bus for the Seniors and First Div boys for the North Shore game in a few weeks time. It'll cost \$15 a head, and that should probably include a few beers on the way home. This trip is always exciting; hopefully this year will see us get there without the bus breaking down. More details to come in the next week.

### Uni Holidays and the TC

The numbers getting back to the TC each week after games has been steadily declining over the past few weeks. This sponsorship is extremely important to the club and to ensure we can maintain our relationship with the TC next year we need everyone to get back to the club after games (even for a quick coke). With uni holidays commencing today, it is vitally important that those remaining players help to boost the numbers each week.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes go to Kenny and Macca this week. It was great to see Trevor Burnett bringing them both cakes to training on Thursday night, well done coach!!

### Sydney AFL Representative Squad

Well done to Kenny Ewen-Chappell and Adam McConnochie on being selected in the 40 man SAFL rep squad. The boys will now battle it out over the next month to be included in the SAFL team to take on the Canberra AFL side in late July. Commiserations to Dave Goodley who had thought he was a lock to be selected. Better luck next year champ!!

Until next time, Go Lions!  
Jimmy Weavers



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