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IMB WOLLONGONG LIONS: Round 13

Premier Division Seniors

Wollongong Lions	13-10-88
North Shore Bombers	15-17-107

The weekend's loss to North Shore goes down as one of our more disappointing performances for the season so far. With good form on the board and a great opportunity to move up the ladder, we came into the game confident of taking away the four points. Perhaps in a sense this led to our demise, as North Shore came out and attacked the ball relentlessly, pressured us into making simple skill errors, and took the most of their numerous goal-scoring opportunities to kick 8 goals for the first quarter and establish a 35 point quarter time lead. Thankfully our efforts improved over the next two quarters, as we stemmed the flow and managed to kick a few goals ourselves. Unfortunately, the deficit at three quarter time was still 38 points. The final quarter saw us take the game on as we played on at all costs and relentlessly pushed forward against the tiring North Shore bodies. In an epic 40-minute final quarter we managed to kick 7 goals and at one point cut the margin to within two kicks. In the end, the scoreboard probably

flattered us as North Shore completely outplayed us in the first half, and despite our excellent comeback in the final quarter, we never really stood a chance to take the victory away from the Bombers. Aidan Riley played the best game of his short senior career; his hard run off halfback was a real catalyst for our change in fortunes. Adam McConnochie racked up countless touches off halfback, whilst Dave Goodley played his best game of the season thus far. Clint Wells went forward in the last quarter and kicked 4 goals, whilst Kenny Ewen-Chappell ran tirelessly in the midfield for most of the day. We cannot afford to turn up to games thinking that we are going to win; this week's clash with St George presents a chance to redeem ourselves.

First Division

Wollongong Lions	10-5-65
North Shore Bombers	8-16-64

Well done to the First Division boys who held on to record a nail-biting one-point victory on the weekend. In a see-sawing first half, it was North Shore who perhaps had the best of the play, as they established a 5 point lead by the half way point of the match. A three goal to zero 3rd quarter saw us take a 7-point lead into the final change. With 10 minutes to go, the lead had ballooned out to 25 points, and the victory looked almost assured. However, North Shore came home with a wet sail kicking their fourth goal in 7 minutes to cut the margin to one point



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will commence at 6:30pm. More details will follow in upcoming weeks, but please keep the date free to help support our final fundraiser of the year.

will as always be a great weekend, so do yourself a favour and get involved!!

Until next time, Go Lions!
Jimmy Weavers

Thursday Night Training

The Thursday night sausage sizzles and meat raffles have been a welcome addition to the club this season and have been a great success. This is just a quick reminder that these can only continue with the support of the playing group. Please bring a couple of dollars each Thursday to cover the costs of the snags and the drinks. Cheers!

North Shore Bus Trip Review

The bus trip to the North Shore game, which was moved to Bruce Purser Reserve was another great success. Thanks to Doug Sweeney for putting the day together. Special mention goes to B.O.B (Best on Bus) Ryan Woodward who certainly put in the requisite hard yards to win this award. The First Division boys have a bus organised for the upcoming Manly away trip.

Footy Trip

Please confirm with Doug Sweeney if you intend on attending this year's trip. Our destination has been narrowed down to Melbourne or Hobart (at this stage). Please feel free to give any suggestions for the trip to Doug or myself. This



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