

RAIDER NEWS



WELCOME to our Round 14 game against Uraidla. This is another chance to be tested by one of the pace setters of the HFL. Clearly Uraidla have been the best TEAM I have seen this year and there is plenty there for us to learn from.

The Sponsors' Day held at the last home match was a fantastic day. It was great to see so many people enjoy the day and I would like to compliment everyone on their behaviour during the day. Plenty of loud barracking with plenty of heart and nothing said out of line. Well done.

Some of you may have noticed a new jumper being worn by our captain, Ben Eckermann, another way of thanking our Platinum Sponsor Fleurieu Cranes.

Over the last few weeks our depth has been tested with injury and also a call up to one of our young A Grade players. Conor Healy receiving a call from North Adelaide with the view to him playing next year. He went to training and trained the house down and was selected last week in the North Adelaide reserves team. Great work Conor.

Also we have seen both Shaun McDonald and Jonty Schulz come up from the Senior Colts and play A grade football and show they have the metal. While results have still been down on where we would like this year we have only played these two in the A Grade on ability. Numbers in the senior teams have remained positive even with the impact of injuries.

On the social side of things the recently held Ladies Night was an outstanding success. Well done to everyone that played a part in this event. I can assure all you budding participants that Nick Berry will be on a strict program next year. The result should be more football and less chance at holding onto the title. Rumour has it that he will be on the beer, pizza, pasta full forward diet.

The next event will be the **Quiz Night** to be held on the **7th of August**. Get a table together and come along.

On the HFL front the relegation issue still remains unresolved. The meeting held by the HFL on the 19th of July was unable to take a vote due to a procedural issue. Our club stance still remains that Central Division should remain a maximum 10 team 18 round competition. A further meeting has now been called by the HFL for the 2nd of August.

Once again good luck to all our teams today. Enjoy!

The Pres.

Supercoach Challenge

It's all very close at the top with 'hotdogs in a pot' 'Hercules' and the very unlikely coached 'FUBAR' all sitting equal top. Anyone in the top eight to have a chance to get the grand prize. 'Buckn Fewdy' has been shown the door since the unlikely incident behind the railway carriage falling to 6th spot on the ladder. The other culprit in this case having to high tail it overseas although rumour has it that he may have been let back into the country during the week.

The auditors were called in by the competition organiser with a number of manager's still owing money. Seems that the 'Melonheads' have been targeted losing at least 200 points each week for the last 5 matches. Paying might be the only way to get a win for this team. The interest over the next few weeks will be in seeing if 'L Macs Magic' left their run too late. The only team to have any chance of upsetting the eight.

Good luck to the teams that make the finals. My bet is on the auditors to create some last minute havoc.

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Function Calendar Dates

- 7 Aug (Rd 16) - Quiz Night No 2
- 21 Aug (Rd 18) - Last Game

Bold = New since last newsletter

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Ladies Night (Saturday 17 July)

What a night! A fabulous time was had by all. We wish to thank Lainie Anderson for comparing the show, to Nicole & Kate for organising the show together with their helpers Lia and Bianca. Congratulations to Nick Berry for taking out the title of Mr Bridgewater 2010 and to the other yummy contestants for participating and the waiters for doing a great job. We also wish to thank the following organisations for their donations and vouchers (please make sure you visit these businesses and utilise their services in your daily life):

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The Rise & Reign of Mr Bridgewater

Last Saturday night (Ladies Night) a new hero was crowned, a man from humble beginnings (some say a late bloomer) but "WOW" did the ladies at the Bridgewater Raiders Football Club go crazy when local legend Nick "Chuck" Berry was crowned 2010 Mr. Bridgewater.

How did this chiselled Adonis come to being crowned Mr. Bridgewater 2010? To fully understand the journey Nick has endured to this point we must go back in time to Nicks childhood.



It is fair to say Nick was a geek, a nerd, the kid that had sand kicked in his face. He was always the tallest in his class at 6'2", the skinniest with kid absolutely no coordination at all. This was Nick in Grade 5.

Through Nick's teenage years things did not get much better for Nick. Getting taller and always dateless, Nick was sitting alone in the library arranging his pens in his pocket protector when he had a moment of Euphoria - a vision so clear and detailed in his mind that his destiny was suddenly clear.

From this moment (aged 16) Nick spent every spare moment preparing his body, mind and soul to embark on a successful Australian Football career. Nicks strategy was to make sure his body was in the best possible condition before considering taking the field. So, hitting the gym and working out for 27 gruelling sessions per week, Nick transformed his geeky framed body into the chiselled hard unit he is today and, at age 39, embarked on the footy career that we have all followed closely. (*Nick, not too many players are drafted to the AFL at aged 39, some may be cynical and say you left your run too late*)

It has to be noted that Nick's total dedication to his vision and passion took 23 years of gruelling training before he was satisfied his body was ready to take the rigors of Aussie Rules Football.

In his 6th season and at age 44, mild manner Nick had managed to play 50+ games (with a Best & Fairest trophy thrown in a couple of years earlier). But the universe had more in store for Nick. And it happened last Saturday night at the 2010 Ladies Night in the running of the Mr Bridgewater competition.

Nick, together with his fellow Mr Bridgewater contenders, strutted their stuff throughout the evening, going through all the normal disciplines of the contest (ie Talent show, Swim wear, Formal wear, etc). Competition was tough and the scores were tight.

How did this 44 year old (regardless of how chiselled his body is) think he could beat the likes of Beverlander (Jack version), Lancaster, Summerall, Healy and Smith (Pete version). All these young and fit athletes who had been in training for months, shaved cleanly (with the rumour two of them were not sporting a single hair on their entire bodies) and all sporting an enormous amount of spray tan dripping down every sinew of their rippling bodies.

Then, the final event awaited the gladiators - the Theme Performance. It was at this moment that our man Chuck had another moment of Euphoria, another clear vision not dissimilar to the one 28 years prior. So, dressed in the school uniform he had kept from when he was 16 (naturally it was a lot tighter than it was 28 years ago which only showed off is cut torso even more), and in a moment of dancing brilliance, managed to seal his fate, the fate of Nick "Chuck" Berry to be crowned Mr. Bridgewater 2010.

