

GPS RUGBY

The Golden Gallopers

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Game 1 2012

Game Report

Game 1 – Friday February 17 v Redcliffe

Score – 5 – 0 to GG's ? (Hally had so many intercepts I lost track?)

Surely the Gallopers have never had such a start to our season as we have in 2012. We had a fantastic turnout of old (as in existing rather than old as in age, although...) and new players, and we played in a manner that was spirited, with a lot of laughs along the way. Even Rob Morgan was back on the paddock scoring tries, his body held together by electrical tape and wood glue.

Redcliffe are always a tough match-up. They seem to have been playing together since they were in the Waikato Cats under 7's and all are fairly fit and tough. Their backs play a cohesive style of running rugby and their forwards don't mind a niggle, and tackle with little regard for their personal well being. They also play the breakdown in good old fashioned Richie McCaw style whereby the rules are written down somewhere but they are mostly irrelevant.

Whilst we scored a number of good tries, it was our smothering defence that did the trick. Up front the forwards tackled in teams of three and the backs ran down every break. JJ's effort on our line a perfect example of the never-say-die (particularly if beer is involved) attitude shown on the night.

The Golden Gallopers are a club focused on having fun and meeting people under the guise of a bit of rugby. So it is always terrific to see new players in the club. Welcome Lads and well done to all that played a part in attracting like

minded people to the Gallopers in 2012. I will have missed someone surely but welcome to the two Brads, Paul, Brock, Patrick, Kelly and Dave. You all played with great heart and the right level of intensity to suit Veterans Rugby. We look forward to you all continuing with the Gallopers through 2012 and beyond.

So breathe a sigh of relief Gallopers, you made it through the first game without injury (although I have heard Patrick spent most of Saturday with numerous body parts in ice). Our returning players should all be commended on maintaining such as rigid off season fitness regime (particularly the lithe looking Shagga who reminded this scribe of an older, slower, bearded, darker haired, slightly shorter Phil Waugh) and appropriate dietary commitments. Never have I seen Hardon shoot down the sideline like that...so to speak.

The 3,2,1 (GG's of the match)

New players should know that at the end of every game we award points for players of the game, in a 3-2-1 style allocation. This basically involves winning a can of beer that you have to drink, immediately. Aim not to leave before presentations on the night. Last games winners were;

3 – Brad Ackerman – first game for the GG's and the big fella scores a try. Tackled hard, good skills.

2 – Kelly – first game for the GG's and the fast fella scores a try. Kelly reminded me as he took off through a gap of an older, fatter version of Adam Ashley-Cooper

1 – Mike 'Princess' Hall – Two tries, what can you say, or was it three? The game was tight in the first third until Princess pounced on a loose

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pass for the first of two intercepts. Didn't get tackled all night. Played golf afterwards.

Fundraising

We will be holding meat raffles at the Hotel LA before and after Reds Games. It is expected that everyone makes themselves available for these at least once in the year. These generate money for our away game bus trips and are a great little earner. Talk to Matt Ganter when you are available.

Joke of the Week

A very pretty young speech therapist was getting nowhere with her "Stammerers Action Group". She had tried every technique in the book without the slightest success. No-one was improving.

Finally, thoroughly exasperated, she said "If any of you can tell me, without stuttering, the name of the town where you were born I will have wild and passionate sex with you until your muscles ache and your eyes water. So, who wants to go first?"

The Englishman piped up. "B-b-b-b-b-b-irmingham."

"That's no use, Trevor," said the speech therapist. "Who's next?"

The Scotsman raised his hand and blurted out "P-p-p-p-p-p-p-aisley".

"That's no better. There'll be no sex for you, I'm afraid, Hamish."

"How about you, Paddy?"

The Irishman took a deep breath and eventually blurted out "London."

"Brilliant, Paddy!" said the speech therapist and immediately set about living up to her promise.

After 15 minutes of exceptionally steamy sex, the couple paused for breath and Paddy said

"-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-erry".

Next Games

Next game is Friday March 2nd against the Mudcabs, back at the Creek again (home game until Yoku road is done with cricket).

Photo of the Week



This photo is of the Aspen Gentlemen's rugby field smack bang in the middle of Aspen itself. No baseball diamond, no NFL field, brilliant!

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