



Convicts Player Report (5 April 2008)

Convicts 1 vs Easts

The Sydney Convicts launched their Bingham cup bid on the weekend with games against Easts and Macabi. With trials done and teams picked all convicts have battled their way thus far and now it has all begun in earnest.

“In some ways this is really the beginning of Bingham for us” said convicts club president Andrew ‘Fuzz’ Purchas.

Convicts 1 were the first out of the blocks with an early start at the home ground of Easts, a stones throw across the golf course from the Convicts home ‘Blue Giant park.’ With a sense of destiny the Convicts launched out of the blocks authoritatively marching the highly rated Easts boys all the way up the field.

“The start was awesome, our forwards were well on top” said Convicts coach Bronnie, very proud of her boys passionate play.

So pressuring the line and commanding play, disaster hit the Convicts in the worst possible way. One of the convicts star players, inside centre affectionately named “thunder” emerged from a ruck screaming in pain. Being one of the Convicts true hard men this rang alarm bells to everyone on the field. Rushing to his aid the nearest Convicts found Thunder with a badly broken leg screaming in pain. The call of “Ambulance” rang out across the field immediately, such was the severity of the injury. Sullen shocked faces all over the field slowly absorbed the situation.

With an ambulance and a second support crew arriving the game was all but over. Despite a token 10 minutes of play to finish the day the start of season 08’ will be remembered as not only a massive blow to the Bingham cup campaign but a tragedy for the team.

“It’s a big blow for Bingham but we’ll figure that out, I just feel so bad for him” said Convicts team captain Charlie of his good mate Thunder.

With best wishes passed on from the gentlemen of Easts, the shattered boys of the Convicts 1 team took what positives they could from the disaster and looked to Convicts 2.

Convicts 2 vs Maccabi

Colleagues No.2 Oval Saturday 05.04.08

Convicts were out to avenge their loss to Maccabi in the trial match and came out strong. Convicts had most of the ball in the first half, and made several line breaks with big Aron carving them up in the centres, but the last passes weren’t sticking and the tries went begging. Maccabi had us under pressure on our own line and a charge down resulted in an opportunistic try for the visitors. 5-0. Just before half time a midfield bomb saw the ball bounce loose and Maccabi were again there to scoop up the scraps for another try. 12-0.

Convicts came out on fire in the second half and against had most of the field position. Good ball out to the backs and a grubber kick to the in-goal saw James win the sprint to the ball and Convicts had scored. 5-0. Soon after another attacking raid saw big Aron again bust through and this time they couldn’t stop him. Try under the posts. 12-12.

With both sides pushing for the win the battle raged. Convicts sensed their chance and pushed hard for a scrum win against the feed, but the ball popped out sideways and the Maccabi breakaway scooped it up to sprint the 20 meters to score under the posts. Final score 19-12 Maccabi’s way. A tough first game played in great spirits.