



Convicts Player Reports (12th April 2008)

Convicts I vs Waverly

Our boys took the field again on the weekend, this time again against the lads from Waverly. Welcoming back some key players the convicts are starting to pick up steam on the road to the Bingham cup. Greg 'Jumbo' Holmes shrugged off a nagging foot injury to take his vital place in the team.

"He's pretty crucial for us, we need him in the scrums and we don't have many big guys so it's good to have him there" said captain Charlie Winn of our very own man mountain.

And true to reputation Jumbo provided the ballast for the Convicts pack to run roughshot over the Waverly boys. Combining with great lineout work from Kevin Perry the Convicts dominated early possession and ran in the first try. The flying twink, Luke carpenter, who's slight frame carried two Waverly boys with him showed determination befitting our Convicts.

"I just said give me that ball and get out of my way" recalled Lukey

The day only got gloomier for the guys from Waverly as the Convicts kept the pressure up. A 60m break orchestrated by Convicts 'glamour couple' saw James create space for the flying Charles Gregory who raced away to score. Charles was another welcome return to the Convicts side and deserving man of the match. With another try before the half time break the Convicts issued replacements giving every team member a shot at the glory.

The second half was more of the same for our boys with the replacement players filling the bill. Kevin Perry took over the lineout for the first time ever and maintained a 100% success rate

"I'm still figuring out what plays to call but it went well I think" Said Kevin humble as always.

With further tries to Gus Donald and James Saunders, not to be outdone by his boyfriend, the Convicts completed the rout 33-5. Able to sing the team song for the first time this year (sung only after victory) the Convicts treated their fans to a great win

"It's great to see people come down to see us, the support is great" Said Convicts 1 team manager Craig

But the day was not over for some of the boys. With the finale show for this year of 'Rugger Bugger' there was a photo shoot in the changerooms. Getting naked and soapy, the lads got it all off putting the 'fun' in fundraising in preparation for the biggest show yet.

"I can't tell, my lips are sealed, just you wait" teased event organiser Gus obviously proud of the show.

Convicts II vs Mosman

After last weeks narrow loss, the Convicts were keen to start their first half, against the old enemy Mosman, on fire and this time not let up. Coach Breezy barked the orders to "keep the structure and crunch them on the fringes" and the boys were away.

The first half saw the Convicts start strong and, after sustained pressure, a great run from big Aron saw him scored out wide and the Convicts were on the board 5-0. Mosman fought back hard and for a period of 10 minutes before half time they were camped on the Convicts' try line. With steely defence the boys put their bodies on the line and held them out to go to the break with their 5-0 lead in tack.

The second half saw some great running rugby from the Convicts but Mosman's last line of defence was holding. Then big Stu the Stripper took the ball from the blindside and broke through their line, crunching players along the way, only to drop the ball with the try line wide open.

Mosman hit back to score their first try and the game was locked up at 5-5. The Convicts were determined not to let another one slip away and threw everything at Mosman. The pressure told and another good break from big Aron saw him score his second. Convicts II's win 10-5.