

## Beverley Football Club 17/4/2010 Pre Season Budget notes

Hello and welcome to the first match for the Beverley Football Club for the 2010 season. I hope everyone had an illustrious festive season and is looking forward to the better part of the year where the weekends are dominated by the yellow oval ball. The off season has seen many cavalry changes for the Redbacks committee and playing group. With current President Tim Kilpatrick resigning from his post, Steve Minchin now takes the reins for his first term as President. We would like to thank Steve for accepting the President's position, and in-turn, we are extremely grateful for the valuable contribution from out-going President Tim Kilpatrick, and committee members Deane Aynsley, Daniel Bailey and Graeme McDonald. These outgoing committee members are replaced by Mark Bowden, Stuart Murray and Tim Seed, and we look forward to their contribution.

Dean McDonald has happily been reappointed league coach for the 2010 season. With an influx of new players more than making up for the departure of some of last year's players, the club is looking in good stead for this year. The boys have been very busy during the off season, having played two scratch matches against Brookton and Kenwick, and recently bonded in an off-season training camp at Greenhead. We wish them all the best for the year.

We are pleased to announce Damian Murray as Reserves coach for this year. Damian brings with him an abundance of experience, and with the help of Assistant coach, Jeremy Barrett-Lennard, I am sure the boys will learn a lot about the game of football and be super competitive each week. The numbers at training have been outstanding, and competition for both reserves and league positions are fierce. So please make sure you attend training each week if you want a game. Nobody's position in the team is guaranteed, and the club is hoping to see both teams improve on last year's performance and still be playing come September.

The off-season has also seen much romance and if you missed the article in the West Australian, then just by visiting the football club, you can understand why Beverley has one of the highest fertility rates in Western Australia. It is good to see the wives are so keen to pump out more junior Redbacks, and although I would mention every-ones names who either tied the knot, or assisted the football club for the 2027 season, I fear I will run out of room. Congratulations to all couples who were engaged, married, or increased their brood by one (or 2) in the off-season, and all the best for the future.

On a sadder note, the football club would like to wish our ever-reliant property man Keith Carr a speedy recovery after a fall sent him out of action. But don't stress, Keith will be present at every home game but will be sadly missed at trainings where each week he ensures each and every football is returned to the locker. However, Keith can now solely concentrate on enjoying watching the football and spurring the boys on with his ever famous cry of "all count, all count".

Next Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, the football club is holding their annual fish night. It is a chance for Bob Kempton and his gang to show off their off-season angling skills and also welcome all new and existing players to the club for the upcoming season. It is a compulsory event for all players so organize a baby-sitter, bring your wives/partners along for the ride, and tell them to bring some friends for all of the single lads at the club. Just mention new recruit James Turner and his finely tuned body and I'm sure the ladies will arrive in the hoards. "You can't find this body in Greenhead".

#### Wood Duck

The off-season is also a time for the boys to nominate and demonstrate their skills for the very prestigious award of the wood duck. Although there have been many mishaps and misdemeanours over the silly season, there can only be one winner each week. This week's winner was recently announced as the number one sponsor of Fisher and Paykel. Having been tired of waiting for the rain to be able to wash their clothes, Emma convinced Matty D to make the investment in a new washing machine. They travelled to Perth and found the perfect state-of-the-art, robotic arms and all, machine. Happy with the purchase, Matty loaded his (well maybe Emma's) new toy onto his Ute, and made the trip back to Beverley. Despite suggestions from Emma to tie the machine up, Matty pushed on through, dancing dangerously with each corner. It wasn't until half way through the trip when Schumacher met his match on a category 8 corner and through the rear view mirror witnessed the departure of the suicidal washing machine. Yes, the machine took a dive into the scrub and left Matty one machine short, and slightly embarrassed. Trevor Marmalade would say he gave a new meaning to the word tumble dry. Needless to say, Matty has been up to his neck in washing duties for the past fortnight.

On that note, congratulations to Emma's dad, our ever-blue trainer Bruce Mann on celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday last weekend. He's 60 and looking fitter than ever!

Finally boys, make sure you thank the volunteers of the club for their time. In particular the trainers and water-girls who do a fantastic job each week to ensure we are primed for each match. Also, an early reminder that membership subs can now be paid so get them out of the way. Good luck today against the Magpies and let's emulate the Dockers perfect start to the 2010 season.

Go the Redbacks!!