



The Last Hurrah

Well what a season it's been... from Lloyd's first medieval torture preseason training session to Christian's boot to the sideline for the premier grade flag, the feeling around the club has been sensational, and there's no reason we can't carry that over to next year. A big thankyou to all the Ruckus contributors this year, especially the regulars—**Steve and Gareth** in premiers, **Marty** in 2s, **Owen** in colts, **Youngy** in 3rds, **Damo** from 4ths and **Todd** in 5ths. This season we farewell **Damo O'Donnell**, 502– game legend and surgical glue that has held 4ths together over the past 10 years, and **Mitch Hardy**, who is stepping down from colts duties to concentrate on working with the junior squads. Both men will be unrecognisable without the clipboards on Saturdays, but we know they'll both be down, red marker pen replaced with a frosty, cheering the gentlemen of university on. Finally a big thankyou to our sponsors— we couldn't do this without you! I encourage everyone to take note of the sponsors listed on the Ruckus pages and give them your support.

To Grant Heymans at ACTON Real Estate Cottesloe and Dalkeith, Jayden 'Warnie' Wallis at Compententia, Ray Gianoli at Prime Laundry, Peter Naude at GMS, Brooksy at Chris Brook Builder, Damian (Diesel) Niesler at ARC West, Peter 'Kambo' Kambouris at Kambo's, Phil Thicke at New Standard Energy, Chris 'Hippo' Taylor at Apricus, Barry 'Princess' Cahill at Infinity Resources, Merv Travers at Star Physio, Nigel and Hilary White at Elmstock teas, Juniper Estate for providing our wine and Liquor Barons Dalkeith for assorted beverages please accept the clubs sincerest thanks for your crucial role in another flag winning season!

Inaugural RUGBYWA U23 TEN-A-SIDE Competition

The inaugural RugbyWA 10's Tournament that will be conducted over 3 Friday evenings on 5th September, 12th September and 19th September. Each team will play twice during that evening with 10 minute halves per game. The Grand Final is then likely to be a warm up match before the Perth Spirit game on Sunday 28th September at HBF Arena but this is still to be confirmed. Tens is one of the most enjoyable versions of the game and unlike Sevens requires skills in all the aspects but is quick and high intensity. Rugby WA are intending to make this a carnival atmosphere different to a usual Saturday afternoon so would encourage your participation in this side. Anybody interested and born during or after 1991 is encouraged to attend.

Matt Shields and **Marty Lynn** will be coaching this side. **Training will be on Tuesday and Thursdays at 6.30pm at McGillivray Oval starting this week.** Training will be fun and designed to work on some skills that will aid us in the games. Even if you are over 23 and are missing rugby (or your other half wants you out of the house) come down and throw the ball around.

Lets carry on the success at the club this year and take out this title as well!





Premier Grade Review

As the dust settles on a successful campaign, it is an opportune time to look back and reflect on the 2014 season.

Premiers again- 2nd time in 4 years.

However, while the outcome reads fairly straight forward, the journey was a little bumpy, particularly in the early part of the season. In fact, we lost 2 of our opening 3 games and found ourselves languishing in the lower half of the table. Despite this, we had been a little unfortunate in the two home losses against Palmyra and Nedlands and there were signs that we would be alright. A great first half in early April against Associates was testimony to this. After an accomplished win at Perth on ANZAC weekend, we put together some good performances to get to the cusp of the 4. In particular, a powerful display against Kalamunda and Wanneroo set us up for a strong second round. We did have our customary 'no show' slip against Wests @ Bennet Park in late May, but this was a turning point as we were to lift the intensity in the month ahead. Winning at Palmyra is never easy and a victory here to start the second round was to be savoured. A narrow defeat against Soaks was to make things difficult for us, but no doubt the turning point came the following week in the wild and windy wet against Nedlands at the Foreshore in mid-June. We were mentally strong that day and played with an intensity and physicality that was to carry us through to success two months later. Further victories against Perth and a drubbing of Cottesloe meant the Kalamunda match away would be a defining one in the context of the season. We again turned in an outstanding attacking display to all but secure a place in the 'four'. The Wanneroo game along with the '5 point bye' put us into 2nd prior to Round 18 where we imploded against Wests and let a 25-7 lead slip. However, we were in the finals. We knew if we played to the best of our ability, we would be successful.

Fate ensured we would meet Wests again the following week. Without the free flowing rugby of the previous Saturday, we ground out a last gasp 18-16 win, though on reflection, we did make things hard for ourselves. The Grand Final against Cottesloe again saw us dominate in a physical encounter which saw us victorious 16-13. We had our chances to put this away earlier, but failed to capitalize on some chances that presented. In true Uni style, coaches and spectators alike were made to endure an agonizing final ten minutes. In any event the deed was done and the sun shone; all was well with the world. UWA are the Champions again!

There are a lot of people to thank for their efforts on and off the field.

- A big thanks you to Adam, Rachel and Ely for keeping the players fit and on the field.
- To Wazza for his efforts.
- To Boyd, Chris Brook and the committee, thanks for your support.
- To Lloyd and Kieran for their work in the pre- season.
- To fellow coaches Gareth Williams, Marty Lynn and Sean Ashton , thank you for a great season.
- Another 'big hand' to our manager Selwyn 'Maish' Dolgoy; he has been outstanding.
- To Marshy and his ground staff, thanks for the best playing surface in the competition; your efforts are much appreciated.
- Finally, a big thank you to the players and the leadership group. In particular, a big rap for all those who sat bench for the season or missed out on a start in the finals campaign.
- Well done, mission accomplished for season 2014. Roll on 2015...



Steve McFarland, August 2014.



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Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	Eft	Opp Eft	F	A	%	BP 4t	BP <7p	BP	Pts
Nedlands	16	13	2	1	2	0	0	593	280	211.79%	11	2	13	77
Wests Scarborough	16	11	5	0	2	0	0	487	312	156.09%	7	1	8	62
UWA	16	10	6	0	2	0	0	571	383	149.09%	8	2	10	60
Cottesloe	16	10	6	0	2	0	0	546	329	165.96%	8	1	9	59
Associates	16	9	7	0	2	0	0	566	332	170.48%	8	3	11	57
Kalamunda	16	8	8	0	2	0	0	447	423	105.67%	5	1	6	48
Palmyra	16	7	9	0	2	0	0	437	306	142.81%	4	4	8	46
Perth Bayswater	16	3	12	1	2	0	0	348	419	83.05%	2	4	6	30
Wanneroo	16	0	16	0	2	0	0	188	949	19.81%	0	1	1	11



Chris Brook
BUILDER





Awards night results

BEST FIRST YEAR PLAYER:

Francois van Wyk

HIGHEST POINTS SCORER:

Levon Kvas Rothwell

Uni Man award Championship C

Ben Cairns/Barry Cahill

FAIREST & BEST: Championship C

Ben McAlpine/Conor Fitzgerald

Roger Hill Memorial SUPPORTERS AWARD:

Oscar Backhouse

Uni Man award - Championship B

Cam Duff

FAIREST & BEST - Championship B

Jayden Wallis

TOM DWYER AWARD

Shelley Hughes

Uni Man award Championship A

Danny McGing

FAIREST & BEST Championship A

Tristan Bettridge

MOST IMPROVED AWARD:

Jason Vassiley

Watson trophy Uni Man UNDER 19

Alistair Cockman

Best back/Jack Della Madelena,

Best Forward, Liam Husband

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FAIREST & BEST UNDER 19

Joe Kinder

Uni Man award - RESERVE GRADE

Ed Brook

FAIREST & BEST RESERVE GRADE:

Zac De Graaf & Jack Connelly

CLUB PERSON AWARD:

Todd Back, Barry Cahill, Ben Cairns, Nigel White

Uni Man award - PREMIER GRADE

Cian O'Connor,

FAIREST & BEST - PREMIER GRADE:

Tim Carslaw

And... the TURD:

Robert Charles Young

A special thanks to outgoing turd Mark Westcott, for one of the longest, most offensive speeches in recent memory- turd!



L-R from top left: The best MCs since Paddy Hannigan got nervous, necked a bottle of red, and 'got loose'; the Mighties celebrate Tristan's win with Mel W particularly appreciative; Oscar stoked to win the Roger Hill memorial supporters award; Steve attempts to start the hokey pokey- that's what its all about! Gareth and Chris not so keen; and finally, turds- what else is there to say...



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The outgoing Prez Sez ...

I wish to inform all associated with the UWARFC that I will be stepping down as president after a hectic but exciting and rewarding seven year stint. In 2008, University Rugby Club (as it was then named) had teams in Premier, Reserve, Fourth & U19 grades and a membership of approximately 80 players.

In the past five years:

UWARFC has welcomed players from twenty-four countries with players from four of these countries having represented their nation in a Rugby World Cup series.

UWARFC has had up to nine teams and for three seasons our club membership has been the biggest in WA with over 300 senior registered players.

Every UWARFC grade has tasted finals matches and after a long absence, the core of any club ...

... the Premier grade, has been finalists in three of the past four seasons.

UWARFC will claim being the reason for the inclusion of Ray Barkwill, (2011 UWA Premier grade's front row) in the Canadian World Cup squad for the past three seasons.

UWARFC won twelve grade championships, buoyed by the Fourth/Champ B grade and Colts run of successes.

UWARFC Premier grade won the Premier Grade championship in 2011 for the first time since 1972 a 39 year hiatus) and again this year, 2014.

UWARFC won senior Club Champs, (+ 3rd & 2nd in following years) and the combined senior and junior Club Champs for the most points accumulated by all teams in a club.

UWARFC won the university's campus Champion Club two years in succession (after last winning in 1958).

UWARFC premier grade teams have included Wallabies; David Pocock, Nick Cummins, Nathan Charles while Force players who ran on for UWA teams include: Chris Alcock, James Stannard, Sam Wykes.

UWARFC has gained key players from Christchurch Grammar, Guildford Grammar, Hale School, Scotch College and Trinity College who all play in the PSA.

UWARFC 17 year old recruit, Luke Burton, made his debut for the 2013 Australian U20s and 2014 Western Force.

UWARFC 16 year old recruit, Harrison 'Rusty' Scoble, from Wanneroo SHS, played alongside Luke Burton for the Australian U20s in the 2014 Junior World Cup in New Zealand.

UWARFC 2014 squad members, Luke Burton, Richard Hardwick, Harrison Scoble, Corey Thomas and Francois van Wyk are in the Perth Spirit squad as part of the inaugural National Club Championship.

UWARFC continues to build a platform of strong coaches and support staff led by dual premiership Premier Grade coaches, Steve McFarland and Gareth Williams.

UWARFC is the only club to host the Grand Final weekend (thanks largely to the natural viewing component of our western embankment as well as the hardworking efforts and fantastic support from club volunteers.)

During seven years I have attended over 700 rugby matches involving UWA teams and close to 490 hours at training sessions (including pre-season).

I wish to thank all members of the club, especially the different committees, for their support over the past seven years and it has been great to see the huge positive shift in attitude from club members in making UWARFC a success. It will need to further strengthen this focus so that we don't drift back to the mentality of expecting the same handful of people to keep on doing all the work behind the scenes. The '5 year boast list' above is a result of the hard work and camaraderie that has evolved in recent seasons from all areas of the club. But, as the club strives to remain a formidable success, senior members of the club remind us not to lose sight of our valued reputation as a friendly social group. For this to happen I strongly endorse that Chris Brook is the person to lead UWARFC into the next stage. His passion, his desire for continued 'uni' success and his innovative ideas provide a wonderful platform for the future of UWA rugby. As with all successful leaders he needs the continued support of every facet of a great 'uni' club.

Yours in rugby

Boyd Herewini



Incoming President's Report

Well what a great end to a fantastic 2014 season for the Club.

First Grade premierships don't just fall of trees around here so it was a great effort for all Club members involved and again thank you and congratulations.

Having had 6 senior men's teams contesting this past season it was fantastic to have four teams make semi finals and 2 teams go on to win premierships.

It's now commonplace for our club to be asked to host the Rugby WA grand final weekend, to all the volunteers, supporters and sponsors thank you for a great event.

I am very happy and excited to take on the role of Club president and would sincerely thank Boyd for his careful and wise stewardship of this position for the past 7 years.

The DNA in the club at the moment is very constructive and positive and we now have a great benchmark to allow us to expect further success into the future both on and off the pitch.

With an Under23's competition kicking off over the coming weeks, I invite everyone to get behind the boys and support them, we will publish playing times on Facebook, twitter and on the website.

I'm happy to talk to anyone with regards to matters involving the club and I can be contacted on my mobile 0418 920 667 or by email at cbrook@bigpond.net.au

The committee will be actively working over the off-season to ensure we are prepared and ready for season 2015.

Yours in UWA Rugby

Chris Brook President 2015



And the final word goes to...

Just in from Thailand

'Shot Bros. I'm with you in spirits and champagne! G'



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