

INSIDE THIS EDITION... **That Was The Season That Was** 2009 Reviewed round by round PLUS!

> SKR First XVIII



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A victorious St.Kilda Road First XVIII after the Scotch College rematch

Wesley College St.Kilda Road First XVIII

Lions

aka Wesley 4ths Purple

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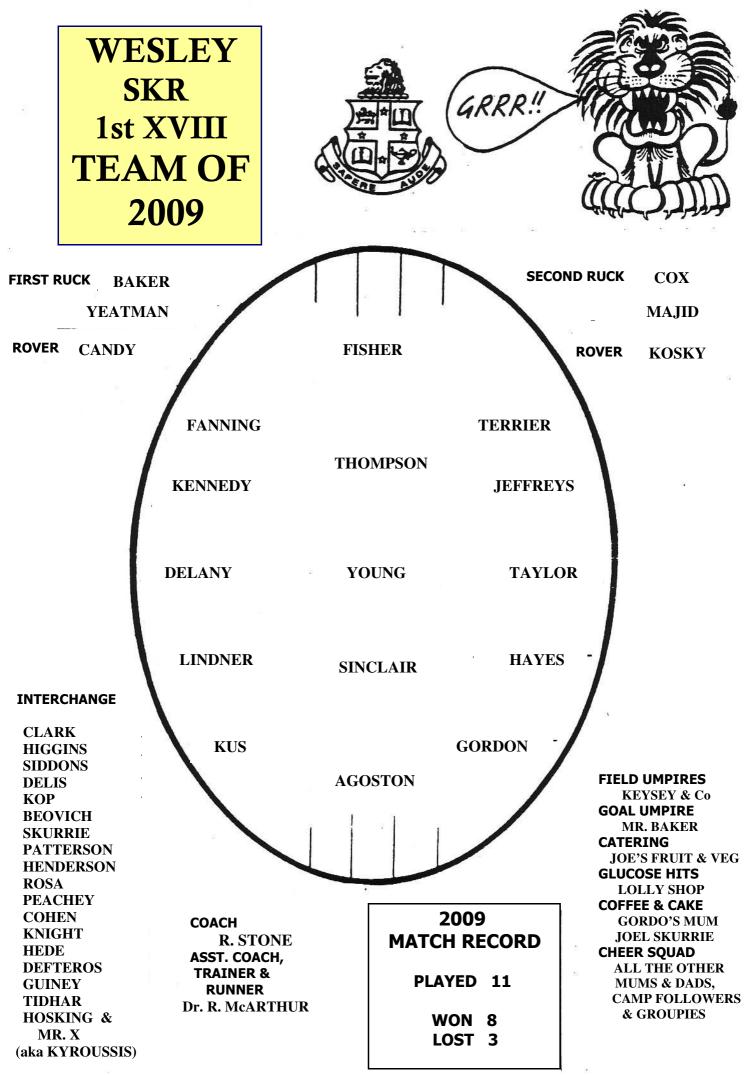
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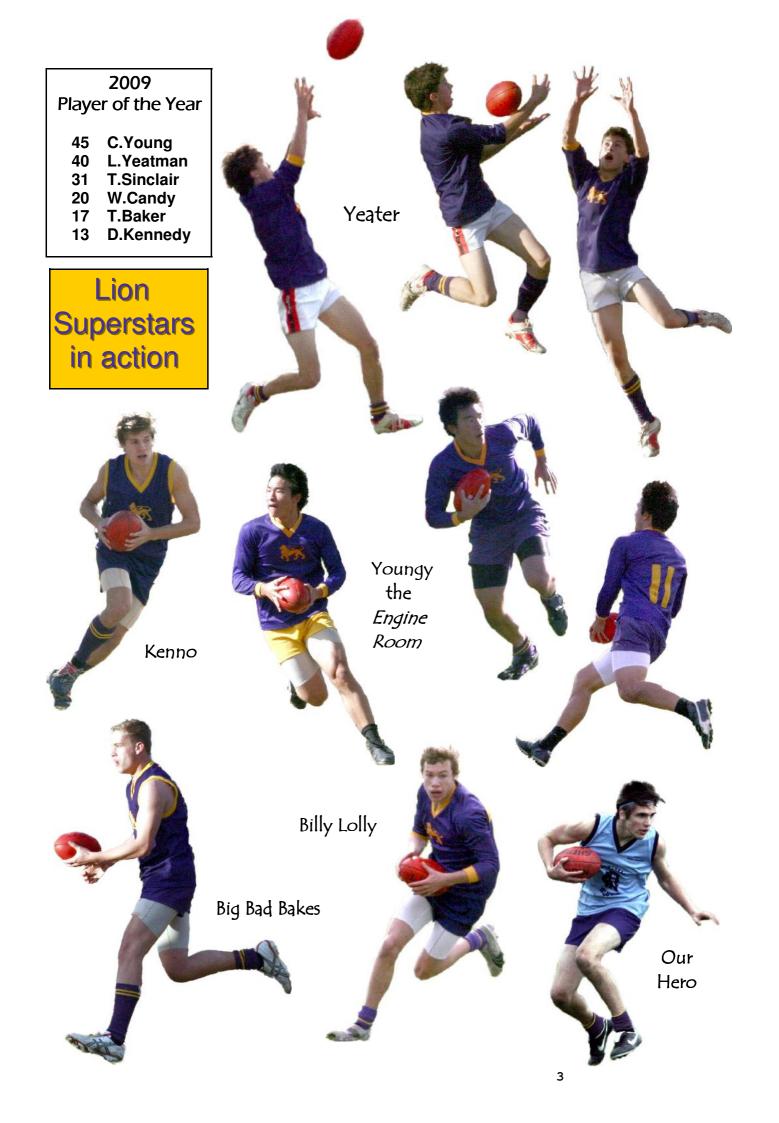
I can't move my leg

They love

me at kiddie'

parties!





2009 Vote Count A night of high drama!





Lion stars display the full gamut of emotions! Chris Young stole the medal from the popular Lewis Yeatman with the final vote of the night

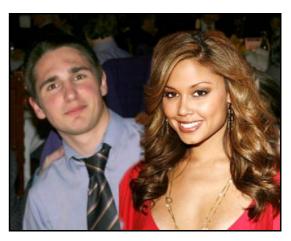
ST.KILDA ROAD FIRST XVIII 2009

Following a couple of warm up rounds, the frustrations and disappointments of 2008 were quickly forgotten as an enthusiastic group of SKR boys coalesced into a formidable footballing unit. The well balanced combination of experienced campaigners and talented new comers soon began to hum like a well-oiled machine. Highlights of the season included a thrilling three point victory over Caulfield, a dominating performance in the return match against Wesley Gold, and a fighting win at Haileybury to end the season. Iain Gordon's goal on the Front Turf that clinched the match against the Seconds is already deeply etched in the Wesley collective conscience.

With the dynamic Chris Young in the pivot, the untiring Tom Baker in the ruck and the irrepressible Billy Candy on the ball, opposition midfielders had their hands full all season. The Lions' defence was in the safe hands of powerhouse Andy Thompson, ironmen Ben Fisher and Josh Cox, the ever reliable Charlie Terrier, the unstoppable Dan Kennedy, the hard working Sam Jeffreys and the hyperactive Nick Fanning. The agility and run of Lewis Yeatman, the finely tuned skills of Marcel Delany and Eliot Majid and the determination of Seb Lindner, Miles Taylor and Lee Kosky guaranteed that the ball would make frequent appearances in Tom Sinclair's zone of influence. Dazza Agoston's elasticity, James Delis' strongman tactics, the opportunistic crumbing of Mike Kus and Iain Gordon's persistent pack prowling provided alternative avenues to goal when the Sinclair radar was out of sync. Will Hayes was impressive until injured whilst Jackson Clark and Jono Higgins were late starters but valuable contributors. Memorable cameos were provided during the season by Joel "Café Latte" Skurrie, Nick Peachey, Manny Cohen, Ollie Rosa, Oscar Knight, James Patterson, Alex Siddons, Laurens Kop, Charlie Beovich, Nick Defteros, Nick Hede, Paddy Guiney, Ron Tidah and Mr.X (alias Matt Kyroussis).

The fact that some forty players turned out in the purple and gold at some stage of the season is an indication of the value of campus based teams at this level of competition. Thanks to all the players for their participation and for the positive spirit in which they approached the game. Thanks also to my co-coach, Rob Macarthur for his tireless running of messages and refreshments and to the parents who assisted in various ways on Saturday mornings. A good time was had by all!

Richard Stone (Coach)



The Skipper and his surprise dinner guest



Round 1 MAY 2 2009

MATCH DETAILS

WESLEY SCOTCH 3. 8. 26 11. 15. 81

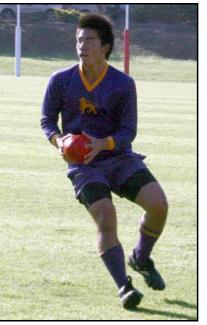
- **GOALS:** Sinclair, Kus, Young **BEST:** Young, Baker, Thompson, Yeatman, Sinclair, Fisher, Candy, Terrier etc etc
- INJURIES: Thompson (shoulder), Lindner (hammy), Taylor (corky), Kennedy (suspected swine flu)

GOAL OF THE DAY: Kus MARK OF THE DAY: Hayes RUNS OF THE DAY: Young SMOTHER OF THE DAY: Jeffries SEEN & NOTED:

- * 18 Lions at the ground before the coin toss
- * An early goal to skipper Tom Sinclair
- * Kussy leading the way with a strong tackle and a quick thinking crumber's goal
- * Bakes making his presence felt in the ruck
- * Slippery conditions causing fumbly fingers
- * Pressure from Thommo, Kenno & Jeffa restricting the Scotchies' conversion rate
- * Debutante Chris Young raising eyebrows with a strong mark and a long goal.
- * Will Hayes attacking the ball with gusto
- * Seb Lindner working overtime in the engine room
- * Our disappointing scoreless second term
- * Ben Fisher proving himself a natural "hard at it" defender
- * Yeater displaying the class that has earned him a First's training guernsey
- * Miles and Marzy reading the game well but praying for the dew to dry up
- *Youngy burning the dew off the turf with his explosive sprints
- * Gordo's quick hands in a tight situation
- * New recruit Charlie B getting accustomed
- * Callum H-M bolstering the half back line
- * The "Charlie Terrier as a gun forward" experiment put on hold
- * Good to see Billy Lolly back in action with eyes for the footy
- * Our failure to convert in 2nd half (8 pts)
- * Dazza— the man for all sporting seasons
- * Laurens K being shuffled around the field like a pawn on a chessboard
- * Lions continuing to work hard despite the poor return on the scoreboard



Marcel Delany demonstrates far superior judgement than his Scotch opponent



Chris Young displays poise & balance



Laurens Kop applies defensive pressure



Ben Fisher attempts a drop punt



Callum Henderson chips one short



Lions join forces to effect a ruthless gang tackle on a lone Scotchy



The tireless Tom Baker contests a bounce



Tom Sinclair lines up the big sticks



Darian Agoston prepares to thread a handball while Iain Gordon lurks



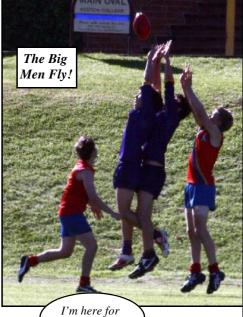
Another great tackle by a pride of hungry Lions



Star recruit Chris Young gives a Scotchy the slip



Will Hayes breaks clear as Dan Kennedy does the muscle work



You Billy!

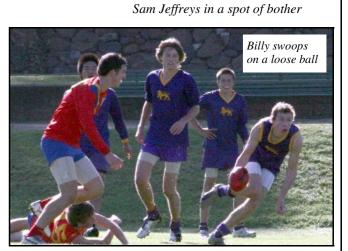


Marcel takes a rare mark



Yeater is all elegance





Round 2 **MAY 9** 2009

MATCH DETAILS

WESLEY 2.6.18 CAULFIELD 10.10.70

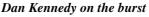
GOALS: Henderson, Sinclair

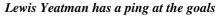
BEST: Young, Yeatman, Sinclair, Kosky, Candy, Baker, Peachey, Kennedy, Kus etc **INJURIES:** Sinclair (nose), Kosky (back) Young (overworked calves) **GOALS OF THE DAY:** The ones we didn't get! MARK OF THE DAY: Sinclair (courage!)

TACKLE OF THE DAY: Sinclair SMOTHER OF THE DAY: Young 360 OF THE DAY: Koskv **OZ FASHION WEEK AWARD:** Kosky **SEEN & NOTED:**

- * Constant drizzle preventing Lions from displaying their finely tuned skills
- * Open forward line created by absentees
- * Billy Lolly setting the pace early
- * Youngy covering more territory than a greedy property developer
- * Nick Peachey's clever centring kicks
- * Callum H-M notching our first major
- * Yeata defying the slippery conditions with his scintillating skills
- * Charlie Tezza impressing the Manchester United talent scout with his dribbling
- * Ben Fisher pulling out some original defensive manoeuvres
- * Lee Kosky overcoming the pain barrier to pick up a swag of possessions
- * Strong defensive work from Bakes
- * Coxy adding muscle to the team but displaying precision palming skill
- * Kussy being busy in and around the packs
- * Gordo setting up opportunities with quick hands and centring kicks
- * Lions suffer another goal kicking drought
- * Nick Fanning attacking the ball with gusto
- * Kenno working hard to run the ball out of the danger zone
- * Laurens keeping the ball moving forward
- * Charlie Beowulf spoiling opposition opportunities with desperate punching
- * The Candyman, Yeata & Sinc relishing the improved conditions as the skies cleared
- * Another tireless effort from Big Bakes
- * Youngy's legs screaming "Enough!!"









Chris Young delivers



The unstoppable Tom Baker







Lee Kosky feeds forward Laurens Kop



Brave Billy Candy takes them all on!





Callum H-M hugs the ball Dat

Dan Kennedy works his way through some heavy traffic



Tom Sinclair grabs a one hander



Nick Peachey and Lee Kosky anxiously await the ball's next move



Nick Fanning attempts to rein in a recalcitrant footy



Nick Peachey assesses the downfield situation



New recruit, Josh Cox, makes his presence felt





Lewis Yeatman heads goalward. Gordo in support



Dr. Macarthur does some work on cramping Chris



Laurens Kop steadies before kicking forward



Lee Kosky makes a bold fashion statement

Round 3 MAY 16 2009

MATCH DETAILS

WESLEY10. 14. 68HAILEYBURY4. 4. 28

- **GOALS:** Sinclair 3, Delis 2, Yeatman, Kus, Peachey, Kosky, Delany
- **BEST:** Yeatman, Candy, Young, Baker, Sinclair Kosky, Kennedy, Cox, Kus, Hayes, Delany, Terrier, Peachey, Jeffries, Lindner, Taylor, Beovich, Dallas, Fanning, Gordon, McArthur
- INJURIES: Delany (knee), Taylor (tummy) Kosky (back)

GOAL OF THE DAY: Kosky TACKLE OF THE DAY: Kus RUNS OF THE DAY: Candy & Yeatman SMOTHER OF THE DAY: Beovich CENTRING KICK OF THE DAY: Peachey SEEN & NOTED:

- * The long journey to the country campus proving a challenge to several Lion stars
- * Committed Yr 12s sacrificing valuable study time to pull on the purple guernsey
- * Lions handling the windy conditions well
- * Bakes holding off 3 opponents!
- * Nick Fanning feeding Kussy to set up our first goal
- * Coxy defending with strength & vigour
- * Billy Lolly's devestating display of dashing dashes and deceptive deviating
- * Miles and Marcel quick to pick up the rhythm and tempo of the game
- * Tom Sinclair's goal radar malfunctioning
- * Youngy's strong marking & powerful forward thrusts
- * The ump's pressing luncheon engagement
- * Seb Lindner's valuable giving & receiving
- * Sam Jeffries' effective offensive defence
- * Gordo lurking with intent
- * Nick Peachey's clever manoeuvring
- * Yeata's exciting cross country excursions
- * Will Hayes busy turning defence to attack
- * Kussy's persistent hassling and tackling
- * Kenno's no looking back charges out of the danger zone
- * Lee wearing out his back but recovering to dob a miracle goal from the boundary
- * The 2 Charlies' patient, persistent efforts to thwart their Haileyburian opponents
- * Jim Delis proving a useful scoring option
- * Marzy & Sinc hammering the final nails into the Haileybury coffin



Tom Sinclair at full stretch

"It's all good!" Billy & Sinc share a joke



Miles Taylor provides the shepherd as Billy Candy breaks free



An appreciative group of Lions admire a stylish Lewis Yeatman clearance



Lion centreman Chris Young desperately attempts to intercept a kick



Reliable defender Charlie Terrier stands firm



Tom Sinclair attempts to break free of a Haileybury tackle





Dan Kennedy defies the opposition to clear the ball. Mike Kus, Tom Baker, Chris Young & Iain Gordon offer support.





Marcel Delany conjures up some magic

Stylish Billy Candy is all balance and poise



Billy on the burst again





Lee allows Seb to find some space





ABOVE: Tom Sinclair reads the wind well

LEFT: James Dallas heads for the boundary as punishment for an indiscretion

RIGHT: Yeata is a happy Lion







Round 4 MAY 23 2009

MATCH DETAILS

WESLEY 10. 18. 78 CAULFIELD 12. 3. 75 GOALS: Young 3, Sinclair 2, Dallas 2, Yeatman 2, Lindner

BEST: Yeatman, Young, Kennedy, Sinclair Candy, Baker, Hayes, Taylor, Jeffreys Delany, Cox, Lindner, Terrier, Dallas, Kus Skurrie, Hede, Gordon, Cohen, Fanning,

INJURIES: Kus, Candy (corkies) GOAL OF THE DAY: Delis MARK OF THE DAY: Kennedy (courage) RUNS OF THE DAY: Yeatman / Baker!! SMOTHER OF THE DAY: Young TACKLE OF THE DAY: Jeffreys SCRUBBY KICK OF THE DAY: Skurrie

SEEN & NOTED: * Lions kicking poorly again but coming up with

- the goods when it really mattered. * Youngy breaking his tight study routine to rock
- up and kick the Lions' first and last goals
- * Sam Jeffreys moving the ball well through the heavy half back traffic
- * Nick Fanning promoted to full forward
- * The Sinclair radar stuck in sleep mode
- * Nick Hede's entertaining footwork
- * Bakes/Young/Sinclair = GOAL (Brilliant!)
- * Will H creating convertible opportunities
- * Will C struggling to convert!
- * Kenno attacking the ball with conviction
- * Miles bravely putting his body at risk
- * Marzy striking all the right notes
- * Yeata's awesome acceleration rate
- * Coxy's well judged play switches
- * Gordo's valuable blocking tactics
- * Kussy's shepherding and one percenters
- * Seb practising his post siren goal kicking
- * Sinc synchronising his bio-rhythms at last!
- * Charlie sacrificing his perpetual dream of goal kicking glory
- * Del displaying strength, timing & accuracy
- * Glimpses of Skuzz's pre-retirement form
- * Manny adjusting to the tempo of the game
- * Nick H being a useful tall option in defence
- * Caulfield make the play early in the final term to move 11 points ahead
- * Bakes gets angry & shows them who's boss
- * The tireless Thommo fires the Lions up with inspirational messages & magic water
- * Youngy clinches the game with minutes to go



Chris Young about to mark

James Delis outmuscles his opponent



Tom Baker contests yet another centre bounce. Cox waits to pounce



Sam Jeffries delivers a well weighted handball to a running Kennedy



Billy Candy and Joel Skurrie team up to send the ball deep into Tom Sinclair's zone of influence



Will Hayes lays a mean tackle as Seb eyes the crumbs



Sam Jeffreys clears the Sherrin without fuss





Miles Taylor - in and out of trouble!





Will Haves holds off an onnonent whilst Nick offers advice



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RIGHT: Kussy is given some rough treatment by a pair of Caulfield bully boys BELOW: Chris Young celebrates as Dom Delany signals the winning goal





Kenno takes a well earned





Bakes treats his opponent to a bit of his own medicine





Round 5 MAY 30 2009

MATCH DETAILS

WESLEY WESLEY 7. 13. 55 12. 10. 82

GOALS: Kus 3, Majid, Candy, Taylor, Agoston **BEST:** Yeatman, Majid, Sinclair, Jeffreys, Lindner, Candy, Taylor, Agoston, Kus, Hayes, Kennedy, Delany, Knight, Fanning, Cox, Baker, Siddons, Terrier, Gordon, Kop etc. **INJURIES:** Lindner (facial injuries)

Sinclair (nose), Yeatman (aching legs) GOAL OF THE DAY: Kus (second effort) MARK OF THE DAY: Sinclair ROCKET PASS OF THE DAY: Majid TACKLES OF THE DAY: Cox / Taylor PLAY OF THE DAY: Cox—Sam—Seb— - Yeata—Sinc—Dazza = GOAL! (2nd Q) RUN OF THE DAY: Jeffreys

SEEN & NOTED:

- * Lions missing their engine room
- * Sam Jeffreys setting a cracking pace with hard running and second efforts
- * A dashing Billy Lolly dobs our first goal
- * Siddo sets up Sinc for a convincing mark but the kick on goal is less convincing!
- * Yeata drifting deep into defence
- * Seb responding to an emergency call
- * Marzy takes a trip to the country
- * Lions missing crucial scoring opportunities despite the advantageous breeze
- * GW surging ahead but Kussy steadies the ship
- * Gordo's quick hands an important link in the offensive chain
- * Dazza giving Bakes a brief rest in the ruck after 17 quarters without a change!
- * Miles throwing himself into the battle zone
- * The crowd enjoying some "Majid Magic"
- * Coxy running the ball out of danger
- * Nick and Charlie bottling up their opponents
- * Dazza providing a useful marking target
- * Laurens' "clean hands" attack on the ball
- * Will Hayes making it look easy despite feeling queazy
- * Marzy produces a classic "Old One-Two"
- * Skuzz dropping in to offer moral support
- * Oscar displaying FA Cup finalist form
- * Kenno battling hard under pressure
- * A Gordo pass helping Kussy to his third
- * Yeata searches for the elusive spekky while Sinc prays for the elusive goal



You can't do this on the soccer pitch Oscar! Elliot awaits a hospital kick



Lewis Yeatman is all style while Sinclair looks good but cannot convert



Marcel times a handball to perfection



Seb presses the accelerator





Dazza is all arms and legs as he tackles a centre bounce



Nick Fanning drives the ball forward despite close attention



Lewis Yeatman turns out of trouble while Billy Candy keeps a couple of opponents occupied at ground level



Elliot Majid prepares to pounce on the ball as Alex Siddons clears the way with a strong shepherd



Round 6 JUNE 13 2009

MATCH DETAILS

WESLEY 12. 13. 85 CAREY 4. 7. 31

GOALS: Sinclair 6, Agoston 3, Young 2, Taylor **BEST:** Sinclair, Young, Candy, Yeatman,Hayes, Baker, Majid, Lindner, Taylor, Jeffreys, Thompson, Kennedy, Kosky, Delany, Kus, Fisher, Agoston, Siddons, Patterson, Terrier, Fanning, Gordon

INJURIES: Yeatman (ankle), Kosky (back) Majid (cramps)

GOAL OF THE DAY:Agoston (soceroo special) * NB Any Sinclair goal is a major event

MARKS OF THE DAY: Young /Thompson RUNS OF THE DAY: Yeatman / Majid SMOTHER & TACKLE OF THE DAY: Patterson BALK OF THE DAY: Siddons ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATION: Majid SARTORIAL SPLENDOROUSNESS: Fish & Sinc SEEN & NOTED:

- * Kussy tossing the coin with authority
- * Marzy sleeping through his alarm
- * Lions starting the game full of running
- * Chris "The Engine Room" Young firing on all cylinders
- * Dazza providing a deep scoring option
- * Billy Lolly stealing the ball at a centre bounce
- * Lions' ruthless gang tackling
- * The Sinclair sonar system restored to
- * Seb's bold inverse reverse banana pass
- * Will Hayes courageously extracting and creatively disposing
- * Jeffa's invaluable dash and delivery
- * Yeater boldly going where no man has gone
- * Bakes mixing muscularity with dexterity
- * Siddo adjusting to the pace of 4ths footy
- * Lions holding a 35 point half time advantage
- * "Hollywood" Majid's encore dive
- * Nick Fanning refusing to give an inch
- * Charlie T almost kicking a goal!
- * Kenno breaking the opposition shackles
- * The Fishman remaining a model of poise and composure in all situations
- * Lee looking pretty in red boots & white sox but playing it hard
- * Kussy as always the ever alert crumber
- * Sinc thrilling the capacity crowd
- * Gordo dropping into the hot spot
- * Patto's second effort one percenters
- * Miles Taylor's aggressive tackling earning him a goal



Sam Jeffreys out positions an opponent



Will Hayes proves a slippery catch!



Lee Kosky shakes off a persistent opponent



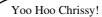
Tom Sinclair tries hard



Andy Thompson steadies



Patto tackles vigorously







Nick Fanning takes the mark but we're not sure what Kenno is up to!



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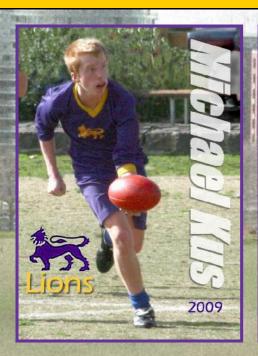


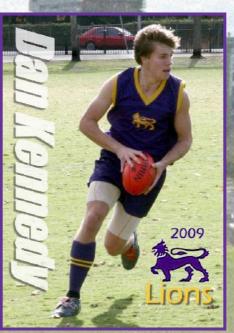


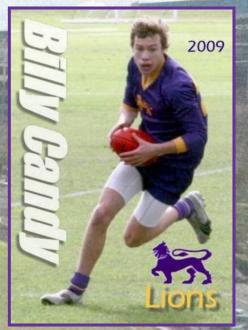


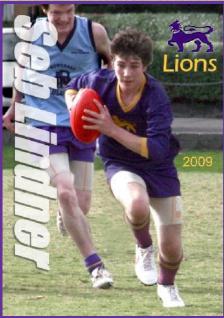


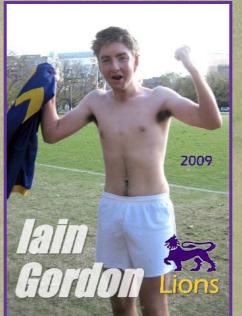
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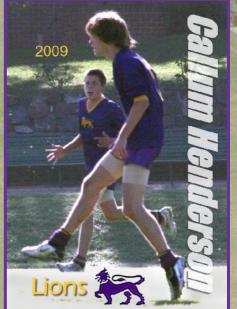














The Lions excitement machine Tommy Sinclair was back to his scintillating best on Saturday... and didn't his fans love it!



Round 7 JUNE 20 2009

MATCH DETAILS

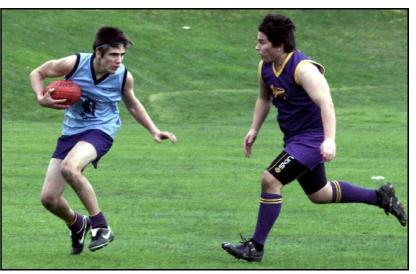
WESLEY SKR15. 14. 104WESLEY GW3. 9. 27

GOALS: Young 4, Sinclair 2, Thompson 2, Majid 2, Guiney 2, Terrier, Candy
BEST: Young, Sinclair, Delany, Yeatman, Majid, Thompson, Fisher, Taylor, Kus, Candy, Kennedy, Lindner, Terrier, Baker, Fanning, Jeffreys, Agoston, Gordon, Guiney
INJURIES: Jeffreys (headache), Kus (leg),

Candy(thumb), Baker (tummy) Gordon (toe—on the dance floor), Cox (sunburn)

GOAL OF THE DAY: Young (takeaway) ALMOST SPEKKY OF THE DAY: Yeatman HOLD YOUR GROUND MARK: Thompson SMOTHER OF THE DAY: Agoston RUTHLESS TACKLE OF THE DAY: Majid SHEPHERD OF THE DAY: Sinclair PRECISION PALMING AWD: Yeatman SEEN & NOTED:

- * Lions drawing the trendy away strip
- * Thompo opting for a muscle enhancing, Small Mens (rovers only) size
- * Fear & trembling in the opposition's eyes as the Engine Room built up the revs
- * Billy Lolly quickly out of the blocks
- * Marzy's precision handballs hitting fast moving Lion targets
- * Miles Taylor's relentless second efforting
- * Kussy's courageous pack infiltrations
- * Dazza's rubber chest...boing!
- * Yeater's turbo charged acceleratory bursts
- * Billy's wayward goalkicking 3 O of Bs!!
- * The Fishman's fearless attack on the footy
- * Bakes playing simultaneously taller and smaller than his actual height
- * Seb's daring offensive excursions
- * Magic Majid performing with purpose and poise
- * Kenno's acrobatic approach to the game
- * Jeffa's big Friday night... tsk...tsk..
- * Paddy G finding himself in the right place at the right time - twice!
- * Gordo reading the play to perfection
- * Youngy's triple bounce goal on the run
- * Thompo's awesome presence at CHB
- * Nick Fanning creating scoring opportunities
- * Charlie's daylight robbery goal
- * Sinclair's abysmal conversion rate...



Tommy Sinclair outmanoeuvres an angry opponent with a deft sidestep



Jid displays his customary poise



Miles Taylor uses his extendo arms to advantage



Dan Kennedy thrusts forward



Marcel is all elegance





Note trendy, retro headband

Lion strongman Ben Fisher opens a pathway for his team mate



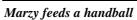






Tommy Sinclair does the ruck work







Elliot Majid stands his ground



Party animal Chris Young



Lion stars let their hair down





Lion defender Dan Kennedy turns out of trouble



LEFT: Popular comedy duo Billy &Dazza



Marcel Delany and well known actress Sammy Beer







You were excited when the Wesley 1st XVIII whipped Xavier...



...now...



...you were stunned when they drew with Caulfield...



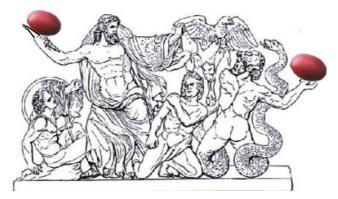


...prepare for the thrill of a lifetime as the St.Kilda Road 1st XVIII challenges the Headmasters XVIII in the



剩 CLASH of the TITANS 🛔

Front Turf FRIDAY 26 June at 3.20pm









Cute headband Billy!





OUCH !! The show ends early for Will



CLASH of the TITANS

St.Kilda Rd 1st XVIII 6. 10. 46 defeated Headmaster's XVIII 6. 7. 43



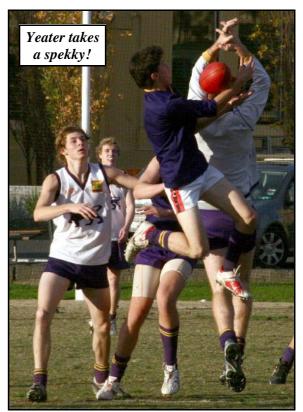
Gordo slots the winning goal from a tight angle





Charlie proves that he is more than just a back pocket player

Curly finds himself in a spot of bother



Round 8 JUNE 18 2009

MATCH DETAILS

WESLEY COLLEGE 16. 13. 109 MELBOURNE GRAMMAR 5. 7. 37

- **GOALS:** Agoston 4, Young 3, Candy 3, Sinclair 3, Higgins, Taylor, Skurrie
- **BEST:** Delany, Baker, Young, Yeatman, Candy, Sinclair, Agoston, Thompson, Taylor, Lindner, Clark, Kus, Cohen, Kennedy, Terrier, Fanning, Higgins, Skurrie, Gordon
- **INJURIES:** Jackson (nose), Taylor (face), Young (tummy)
- GOALS OF THE DAY: Agoston (FA Cup) Sinclair (wind assist), Candy (on the run) MARK OF THE DAY: Terrier (contested!) RUNS OF THE DAY: Young = GOAL

Candy (many & varied)

SEEN & NOTED:

- * Kussy tossing the coin with authority
- * Cold and windy conditions handled well by a confident Lion combination
- * Chris "Supercharge" Young revs up early
- * New recruit Jacko Clark quick to make his presence felt at fullback
- * Marzy Delany early to the ground and early to the ball on every occasion
- * Miles converts an MGS kick in to 6 points
- * A busy Yeater sets up Billy Lolly for a goal
- * Seb Lindner's persistent 2nd efforts pay off
- * Nick Fanning & Yeater help Dazza to his first for the day
- * Manny Cohen refusing to give an inch
- * Youngy copping some rough treatment
- * Tough defence from Thompo & Jacko deny Melbourne scoring opportunities
- * Skuzz, tempted by the view from his penthouse, gulps down his latte and joins us
- *Tom "Steamtrain" Baker never running out of puff
- * Kenno toughing it out in the clinches
- * Kussy mixing it at ground level
- * Charlie creating opportunities in offence but sadly failing to convert
- * Gordo switching from attack to defence
- * Tommy Sinclair continuously influential in an ever expanding zone
- * Dazza bringing the crowd to life with his improvisatory goal kicking acrobaticals
- * Jonno Higgins rewarded with a goal





Marcel Delany was on fire!



Charlie T. judges the ball's flight superbly



Tom Baker shows poise



Dazza dazzles us all

Michael Kuss rewards the runner

Tom Sinclair holds front pozzie



Marcel performs a party trick while Seb anticipates



Joel Skurrie evades an imaginary opponent



Miles strikes an elegant pose



Quick hands from the inform Marcel Delany



Andy Thompson steadies before unleashing a bomb



Jonno Higgins is surprised by a short pass near goal



Fancy footwork from the elusive Young



Seb provides strong support for Marcel



Round 9 JULY 25 2009

MATCH DETAILS

 WESLEY LIONS
 15. 14. 104

 SCOTCHIES
 4. 2. 26

GOALS: Sinclair 5, Majid 2, Yeatman 2, Candy, Thompson, Jeffreys, Young, Kus, Agoston

- **BEST:** Kennedy, Yeatman, Delany, Young, Baker, Candy, Sinclair, Thompson, Taylor Clark, Majid, Lindner, Agoston, Kus, Jeffreys, Terrier, Higgins, Fanning, Rose, Gordon, Defteros, Hosking
- **INJURIES:** Delany (face), Baker (finger) Yeatman (stuffing removed),

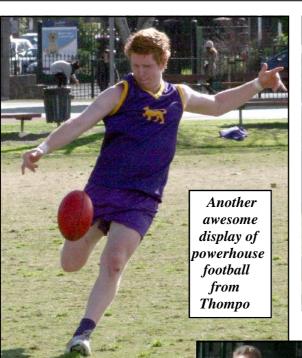
GOALS OF THE DAY: Yeatman & Candy MARKS OF THE DAY: Young & Yeatman RUNS OF THE DAY: Yeatman, Fanning PLAY OF THE DAY: Bakes (tapout) —

Yeater—Dazza—Kus = GOALSKI SMOTHERS OF THE DAY: Delany & Thompo BEST LEAD FOR A SWITCH: MacArthur SEEN & NOTED:

* The longest prematch warmup on record!

- * Lions quick out of the blocks but let down down by wayward kicking for goal
- * Hyperactive midfielders a joy to watch
- * Jacko's clearing dashes from deep defence
- * Marzy's allround brilliance tackling, dodging, smothering, receiving & giving
- * The skipper activating his zone of influence
- * Jonno Higgins proving a lively customer
- * Billy Lolly's explosive bursts of dynamism
- * Scotch snatching the lead early in the 2nd
- * Thompo turning the tide with strong footy
- * Youngy slow to recover from a BNO with YKW
- * Magic Majid pulling a few rabbits
- * Bakes controlling the tempo of the game
- * Dazza making good use of his elastic limbs
- * Youngy's loooong goal from outside fifty
- * Miles bouncing back from body blows
- * Lions valuable shepherding & second efforts
- * Kenno's aggressive approach to the ball paying dividends
- * Seb clocking up stats and hitting targets
- * Gordo propping and blocking to good effect
- * That elusive goal continuing to elude Charlie
- * Kussy committing to crumbing & contesting
- * Jeffa rewarded for his efforts with a major
- * Nick Fanning's cross country adventure
- * Nick D sounding the siren with authority
- * Henry H quenching thirsts on demand

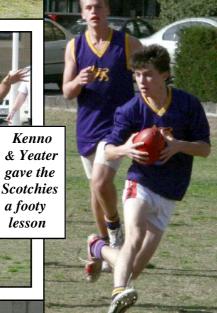






Reliable defender, Dan Kennedy, had a day out on Saturday

Kenne & Yeate gave th Scotchia a footy lesson





ABOVE: Full Back, Jackson Clark tries the old crash'n'bash BELOW: Ollie Rosa utilises the "up'n'over" handball











G'day fans. Have you ever thought how much Wesley footy has changed over the years? Gone are the days when the boys would sniff a tin of boot polish, sing a chorus of *Grey Towers* and run out on to the Front Turf hoping to whip the Scotchies.

You couldn't get away with it today! In our age of professionalism and sporting science we leave nothing to chance. The SKR Firsts lead the way in the APS and I'm joined here by some of my team mates who will help me demonstrate how proper preparation and selfmaintenance can lead you into the zone of maximum footy success.

Skuzz clears his head before a big match with a spot of meditation. The headband is specially designed to keep his brain at the optimum temperature for footy.

A personalised prematch stretching routine is essential.

A steady fluid intake is all important. For Skuzz it has to be a *latte,* for Thompo & Maj it's a Coke but I'm happy with good old *aqua naturale.*

with

IN THE ZONE

Billy



Building and maintaining body strength Is another necessary requirement. Youngy is a hard man to stop on the field & years of tennis have done wonders for his biceps.

James Delis reveals the secret behind his awesome on-field power.



1 on 3! Just look at this incredible display of strength by Big Bad Bakes!





Tom and Josh working out together. They insist that they are "just good friends".

Quick Hands



with Marcel the Muso









Being a world famous cellist I know a thing or two about timing and the value of precise execution Quick hands are a great asset, whether you're playing a Paganini Caprice or handballing to a running team mate. I consider our quick hands to have been a significant factor in the team's success this year. Here are a few examples of myself and my fellow Lions exploring a variety of handballing options.



Youngy gives Curly



Nice balance Lew!







A well weighted pass from Billy finds a moving target whilst Kenno times his run perfectly to take Jeffa's emergency handball

2009 GOALKICKERS

| T.SINCLAIR | 22 |
|--------------------|----|
| C.YOUNG | 17 |
| D.AGOSTON | 12 |
| W.CANDY | 8 |
| E.MAJID | 6 |
| M.KUS | 6 |
| L.YEATMAN | 4 |
| A.THOMPSON | 2 |
| M.TAYLOR | 3 |
| P.GUINEY | 2 |
| S.LINDNER | |
| J.DELIS | |
| C.HENDERSON | 1 |
| J.SKURRIE | 1 |
| I.GORDON | 1 |
| C.TERRIER | 1 |
| J.HIGGINS | 1 |
| S.JEFFREYS | 1 |
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Gordo's always practising his goal kicking at training and it finally paid off when he kicked the goal to set up our exciting last minute win over the Twos. Inspirational!!



Dazza produced one of the goals of the year... but he also had his share of embarrassing moments!



The Big Sticks with Since Although I was the leading goal kicker

this year I have to admit that my conversion rate was pretty ordinary. Sorry guys! It must have been the wind.. or maybe my wetsuit was too tight.



all important when you're lining up for goal. Take your time and stick to a routine. To the left you can see me on one of my better days driving a torpedo home. One of six if I recall.

Technique is





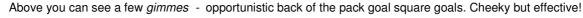
Charlie spends most of his life in the back line, but he dreams of being a gun forward. Sadly, his chances of finding the big sticks are slim with a kicking style like this!



Billy helps celebrate Lee's

miracle goal vs Haileybury









with Thompo

Howdy Pardners! In case you didn't know it, I'm a paid up and proud member of the infamous Willy Boys Without the Willy Boys and the other Westys, Wesley footy would be a pretty namby pamby affair. Us blokes from across the bridge have had to grow up tough just to survive. and for us a bit of argy bargy on the footy field is no different to our daily struggle to beat our big brothers to the last piece of cake or to kick our sisters out of the bathroom. It was great to see how the other Lions took some of my suggestions on board this year. Here are some of my favourite photos of the boys being TOUGH!



Kussy knows that a haircut like this gives you a head start in the toughness stakes! Kenno is a tough man coz he only knows one way on the field -STRAIGHT AHEAD!



NEST IS BEST

This'll teach the Scotchie to wear tights!

> A good tackle should leave your opponent feeling sore & sorry! Way to go fellas!

> > Bakes and Oscar have these two guys locked, stocked & barrelled!

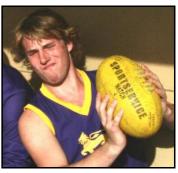


Just what was this little dude up to? You can't push us Westys around and expect to get off lightly. I made sure he got an earful!



Seb is not going to give up the ball without a fight!

Skuzz is trying to look tough but I'm a bit worried that he's going to defect to the Latte set



Ground Zero

with Gordo

G'day footy fans. It beats me why so many people get excited about my team mates jumping around like ballet dancers. I reckon the real action happens at what I call Ground Zero. I've done the maths and in your average footy match the crumbs outnumber the spekkys by about 10 to 1 so it seems to me that lurking around a pack is the only way to go. It's a bit like being a seagull at a picnic except that you can't eat a footy! Righto! That's it for now. Cheers!

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Lion stars demonstrate their good sportsmanship by offering some well meaning advice to Caulfield's First XVIII fullback



UNSUNG HERO OF 2009 Michael Kus



2009 The Year of the SAINTERS (almost)



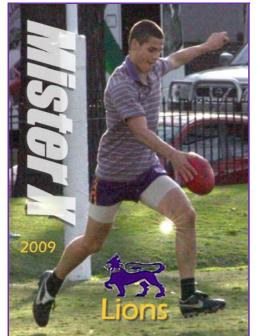
What a tragic finish to an amazing AFL season! I'm still crying..

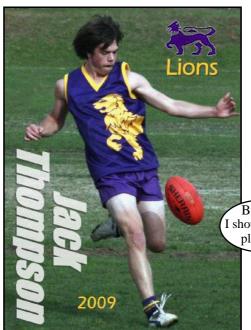


A Day in the Life of Doctor Rob It's tough work being an assistant coach in the APS! Not only do you have to supervise the pre match warm up but you have to fill the water bottles, patrol the boundary, wave the flags, run the messages, ice the corkies, stretch the cramps, pick up the orange peels... and if that's not enough when you get home you have to mark Yeater's essays and change the baby's nappy!









Could Have Been Champions

Q. What do these three footballers have in common?

A. They passed up the chance to join the elite band of St.Kilda Road First XVIII players in 09







