

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

"2011 SFL Champion Club"

Friday, 7th July 2012



Hi Everyone...

Into another weekend of footy having coming off a clean sweep of games last Saturday and Sunday. What a great result.

It's been another successful and

progressive year so far for our Club and we've set ourselves up well. We should feel proud of what we've achieved so far. But as we get to the business end of the year now is the time we have to start stepping it up even more.

The reputations of Clubs, Teams and Players are forged in the last half of the year as the pressure comes on to finish as high as possible in preparation for the finals.

We all know that September action is where glory is gained or lost but **it's the hard work we do now** that will determine how great that glory will be.

Every week is **an opportunity to improve** as individuals and as teams and we have to be smart enough to recognise that weekly opportunity and seize it with both hands.

Success does not go to the complacent or to those who cruise through life, it goes to those who consistently work harder and smarter.

This Weeks Games			
SATURDAY			
Grade	Against	When	Where
U14's	Marion	9.35am	Marion
U16's	Marion	11.10am	Marion
U18's	Cove	11.10am	Cove
B's	Marion	12.50pm	Marion
A's	Marion	2.30pm	Marion
SUNDAY			
U8 Blue	Happy Valley	9.00am	Happy Valley
U10 Blue	Happy Valley	10.00am	Happy Valley
U12 Blue	Happy Valley	11.00am	Happy Valley
U8 Red	Reynella	9.00am	Reynella
U10 Red	Reynella	10.00am	Reynella
U12 Red	Reynella	11.00am	Reynella
Sun 14's	Happy Valley	12.20pm	Happy Valley
Sun 16's	BYE	1.40pm	
C's	BYE	1.00pm	

This applies every bit as much to officials and supporters as it does to coaches and players.

There are always things we can ALL do to make a difference and to help make our Club the best in the league. The **STRONGER** we are as a total Club...the more **UNITED** we are as a total Club...the greater our glories will be in September. Let's start to put the foot down.

THIS WEEKS GAMES

A few things to highlight this week...

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Success does not go to the complacent...it goes to those who consistently work harder and smarter."

Our **U18's** are playing Cove at Cove at 11.10am away from the rest of the Club. Please make a special effort to get to the 18's this week to give them some extra support.

Our **U14's** and **U16's** have a later start again, this week at Marion...times are 9.35am and 11.10am respectively.

And on Sunday the **Sun 16's** and **C Grade** have the week off with a bye.

Check out the table for full details.

MILESTONES

We have yet another relatively young player achieving his 100 A Grade game milestone.

In so doing he will have his name and number perpetually honoured in Club history through their inscription on the Identity Lockers in our change rooms.

First we had Club captain **Peter McMaster**,

followed a few weeks later by **David Kearsley** and the third in this 100 A Grade game triumvirate is **Dermott Taylor.**

Derm has had to work particularly hard for this goal having endured a frustrating run with injuries in recent times that has kept him stranded on 99 A Grade games all year. Derm responded to these challenges and setbacks in the only way he knows how with determination and persistence.

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Consistent games in the B's culminating in a BOG performance last Saturday now sees him elevated into the A's this week where he has played most of his Senior footy.

Like Pete and Kears, Derm is a quality person of the highest order. He showed leadership qualities early captaining the U14's twice, as well as the 16's, and is a past A Grade and Club captain as well. At only 23 years of age he has also already spent 4 years giving service to the Club on the committee.

There are others who would equal the pride and passion Derm feels for the Flagstaff Hill Football Club but I doubt there are any who surpass it. He is a man of great character and great values.

Derm is one of 4 brothers (**Denny, Dusty** and **Bert** are the others) who collectively have played 523 games for our Club but Derm (the youngest) is the first to reach 100 A Grade games.

They are all spawned by that prodigious procreator **Terry Taylor** (FHFC Life Member) who by his own admission does some of his best work off field and I guess his boys are proof of that.

I for one however believe the school of thought that says Derm and his brothers owe the vast majority of their talent and fine character to their mum **Paula**, a truly beautiful and gracious lady. It's up to you to make up your own mind on that.

And to you Derm...I've watched you work hard for this moment for over 10 years and I can tell you there will be no-one more proud than me watching you run out on Saturday. I sincerely hope it's just one of many more major milestones in your Flagstaff Hill Footy Club journey.

With exceptional people like you, Pete and Dave leading the way and setting the example for our current crop of talented juniors our future looks very bright indeed.

There is one other milestone this week featuring **Scott "Scotchy" Mawer** who will be lining up in the B's for his 150th Club (junior and senior combined) game.

As I always say to milestone players do everything in <u>your</u> power to ensure you help to bring your team to success on the day so you can celebrate your achievement in the best way possible.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Our weekly presentations will commence at **7.00pm** as always back at the Club.

We will be split up during the day at different grounds so let's make an extra effort to unite together as one on Saturday night and share in the day's successes as a Club.

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

I've been putting this moment off all year but I can't any longer.

Bearing in mind the earlier article I think it's very appropriate that this week we recognise **Terry Taylor** as our Volunteer Of The Week.



I've already mentioned one of our Terry's greatest contributions to our Club, his 4 boys, but Terry's impact on the Flagstaff Hill Footy Club has been and continues to be much more extensive than that.

On and off for more years than he cares to remember Terry has been driving our **Auskick program** and introducing young players and their families to our Club in the most positive way possible. He has also been a **Sub Junior coach**, an **U14's Coach** and an **U18's coach**.

He is the current dual premiership **U16 Team Manager** a role he performs to an exceptional level..

He is a **Player Sponsor** and currently has 5 talented young men in the much coveted Terry Taylor stable.

When we can occasionally pin him down he has sat on the **committee** on a number of occasions but whether he has that role or not he is always initiating improvements behind the scenes.

Many of the odd jobs that are done around the Club Terry is responsible for. Putting up sponsor signs, helping to install the urn, a variety of electrical work...fixing this, fixing that...screwing this, screwing that...he's a man of many talents. Often things just happened without any prior knowledge and you just know the phantom Taylor has been at it again.

Darroll Nuttman came up with the idea but Terry was responsible for putting up the premiership flags under the perspex (which he paid for) on the ceiling tiles as you walk into the Club creating an imaginative and original walk of fame. This is a work in progress and there are still some flags to put up and definitely many more to be added in the future.

Whether it's a player or a budding volunteer Terry has an eye for talent and has nurtured many people who have gone on to become fantastic contributors to our Club.

Like **Grant McAvaney** last week I've no doubt left out much of Terry's work but I'm sure you get the picture about just how much this man has done for our Club in the past and he continues to make an

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outstanding contribution. What better time to celebrate his many years of volunteer work than in conjunction with his youngest boy's 100th A Grade game. Well done Terry.

HAPPY 60TH TIM

And while we're on great men...one of the greatest of them all (if you believe his stories) is young **Tim "Purple Gums" O'Malley** who turns 60 today (Friday).

It's hard to believe looking at the youthful yet serious countenance opposite that he has clocked up 60 birthdays but I am assured that this is in fact the case.



Tim is Dad to senior players **Leigh** and **Cameron**...is the **B's Team Manager**...and is the intellectual force behind that hard working Club group collectively and affectionately known as the "**Old Farts**" (ironically something which Tim himself will officially now be able to do).

Tim loves his role as Team Manager as is evidenced by the protective and tender way he clutches his beloved red Flaggy Team Manager folder to his chest in the photo above. With all those precious numbers and words contained within it's almost an extension of his soul.

So Tim...from all of your many friends and admirers at the Flagstaff Hill Footy Club have a fantastic birth-

SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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Wed, 22nd August from 6.30pm at the Flagstaff Hill Golf Club function centre...Fev interviewed by Brenton Yates from TripleM Footy...2 course meal plus coffee and chocolates...memorabilia auction...Yatesy's phantom call of the Flagstaff Gift...\$70 per person for a table of 10...or \$75 per person otherwise...4 tables sold in the first week so BOOK NOW...to make your booking contact Brett Charlesworth at brett@charlesworthnuts.com.au

SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday, 5th October from 6.30pm...at the fantastic Flagstaff Hill Golf Club...put it in your diary...more details to come.

day mate and let's hope you're given a replacement for that Russell Hobbs kettle you so dearly love.

UNDER THE DESK WITH FEV

It's really important I get your booking ASAP for the show of the year featuring **Brendan Fevola** at the Golf Club. I'll be away for 3 weeks prior to the event so we need to get as many of the bookings done and dusted as possible. We're already up to 100. This event will sell out so please get in quick.

Full details in the "Social News in Brief" table on this page.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

One of our oldest and most loyal sponsors is **Gus Stewart** from **Cellarbrations at Flagstaff Hill** and Gus is this week's Sponsor of the Week.

Gus is a Gold Sponsor & his sponsorship includes...

- Being one of our Scoreboard sponsors
- Sponsoring 5 Senior Players for years
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- Being the naming rights sponsor to our games against Happy Valley the Cellarbrations "Battle of the Hills and Valley".

Cellarbrations is a very well presented store with an excellent range, fantastic service and great value prices. Everything you need in a retailer.

I'm sure the vast majority of us know Gus and frequent his store over at the Flaggy Shopping Centre and know what a great bloke he is. But if you don't know Gus make sure you visit him soon and thank him for the support he has always given us. He and his right hand man **Paul**, and in fact the entire team there, are as much a part of the success we've had in recent years as anyone.

I saw Gus in the carpark at the Shopping Centre about an hour after the U16's had won the grand final last year. He already knew about the win and when he saw me he enthusiastically shouted across the roofs of the cars, "Count me in again for next year." That was the easiest sponsorship renewal I've ever had.

All of this just reinforces what wonderful, selfless, involved sponsors we have and it really is our duty and obligation to give back to them at every opportunity.

Gus and the Team could do with your support right now so get into **Cellarbrations**. Buy in bulk...shop for your friends and family...do the extra things for our sponsors that shows them how grateful we are.

THE WRAP

That's it...that's all. See you at the footy Saturday and presentations Sat night.

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