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Gavin Reynold's NRL Debut

On Saturday 21st August I made my NRL Debut as a referee in the Cowboys vs Bulldogs match at Dairy Farmers Stadium in Townsville. I was extremely proud to have been appointed to my first NRL match as a referee. It has been 17 seasons and countless matches that I have officiated in to achieve the goal that I have been aiming for since a junior referee in the Parramatta District. I was unsure if I would ever get there but I guess hard work and persistence pays off. On reflection of my appointment, I made sure that I thanked those who had helped me along the way, especially those who had coached me through out my development as a referee as a junior. If it had not of been for those guys within our association giving up their time to help out the likes of Shorty, Ash and myself, who knows if we would be where we are today, refereeing in the best Rugby League competition in the world. I was appointed to referee with Jason Robinson and the sideline officials were Dan Eastwood (another Parramatta boy) and Gavin West (also making his debut). I thought I would be nervous in the week leading up to the match and the minutes before kick-off but I wasn't. I hadn't refereed a full game under the two referee system since the trials and had participated in two referee drills in training sessions. I guess not being nervous told me that 17 seasons of referee had prepared me for this occasion and that I was ready to referee first grade. I refereed the majority of the game as the pocket referee. It gives you a totally different view of the game. It took me about 10 or 15 minutes to get comfortable with my positioning behind the ruck, but as the game went on, I was fine. I was the head referee for 3 sets in the first half and 5 sets in the second half. In one of those sets in the second half I awarded a try, and then the highlight of my night was a long sprint for a runaway try by Steve Turner (who I made ground on as my blistering speed was there for all to see!). For that try, I had to send the decision up to the video referee Phil Cooley. I had always wanted to do that. My signal looked very good as I had been practicing it in the mirror for years. The Bulldogs scored 3 tries in the last 10 or so minutes to come back from 20-6 down to win 22-20. I can promise you now, I didn't have a bet that a Cowboys would score the first points from a penalty goal!!! It was a great experience and thoroughly enjoyed it. I urge any of our junior members who have aspirations of becoming an NRL referee to be persistent and really work hard at what you do because the rewards are there if you are good enough.



Last Training Session for the Year

Well done to everyone who attended Tuesday's session. It was a great time to socialise, relax & celebrate the weekend's appointments & efforts this season. The retro theme was well received amongst members, with jerseys including the Dragons, Gold Coast, Penrith, Parramatta, Referees, Hunter Mariners, Canberra, Bulldogs, Cricket & the Socceroos to name a few. I am sure everyone had a great time & really enjoyed the BBQ put on by the social committee. Despite some destructive moments to some of the equipment, the games were quite a hit, with members playing soccer, volleyball & touch. The night was highlighted with the naming of the Grand Final appointments. Noteworthy appointments included Phil Sung's A Grade centre, Bernie's 7th A Grade line & Barry Cummin's first A Grade division 1 grand final touchline. Congratulations to all these men & many others on being appointed this weekend & congratulations to every one on the hard work this season.





Good News Story of the Month

Standing on the nearside touchline at Merrylands Oval late on a Saturday afternoon, I saw one of the more delightful things that I have seen this season. To be frank, I was actually quite pleasantly surprised at what I saw & I almost missed a forward pass because of it. It was the weekend of the Parramatta Referees raffle & Ken McNaught, the hard working person that he is, was selling raffle tickets. Amazingly he sold a few to Terry Rose, not only did he sell him a few raffle tickets but the pair of them actually stood there & chatted pleasantly for a whole 30 minute half of the 16/1's game. On a day that had not been the greatest for myself, it actually brought a smile to my face. This act shows that slowly things are moving in the right direction in the Parramatta District. Although we might not always agree with everything someone says or does, we still need to put our differences aside & do the job that we have been set. A simple good natured hello to members of the junior league can set you up for a day of cooperative liaison. This is a great example to many in the association as it shows how to relate others whom we come in contact with of a weekend.



Danny Constantine's Review of his First Season – What a Memorable Year!!!!

Wow, what a year of footy.... It only seemed like yesterday that I had met Bernie at the first training session & now within a blink of an eye it's all done for 2010. It has been a great experience & also great learning curve. My goal at the start of the year was to eventually get to international, by the end of the year I ended up getting under 14's. This was my one of my favourite personal achievements as well as getting senior appointments on the touch line but by far my biggest highlight was to get appointed to an under 11's grand final centre. What a day!! It really has been a special year on all fronts; personal & sporting achievements. Last but not lest I would like to thank everybody in the association on how they have welcomed me & there was never a time that I couldn't speak to anybody about anything as I felt so comfortable. Also to my fellow referee's you have been great & very welcoming as well. I hope you all have a safe remainder of the year & hope to see you all in 2011. Kind Regards Danny.





Girls Semi Final

We thought that we would be missing something from Refs Call this month if we didn't include a small note to congratulate Steve Cosgrove on his C Grade Girls semi final centre position. In a game where the score didn't quite reflect the closeness of the game, Steve refereed well. Toongabbie ran out comfortable winners. They will now take on the Dragons in the final on the weekend. Steve was ably assisted by Mark Fletcher-Smith & Daniel Izard on the touchline. Congratulations to the three of you & your efforts this season.

PDLRA Fantasy League 2010 – May Update

By Michael Karam

Firstly I would like to thank and congratulate everyone who participated in the NRL Supercoach fantasy League. Well done to all the teams that made it into the Grand finals and to those that didn't, well done on a long season. A congratulations is in order for the 3 members



of our association that made it into the grand finals in their respective Comps with Bernie and his team The Trainer being represented in both the Parra Refs comp and the Parra Refs 3



comp scoring 1036 points in round 25 to make it into the Grand final, Todd O'Brien and his team Crazy Bronco in the Parra refs 3 comp scoring 1191 point is Round 25 to get a place in the Grand Final against Bernie and last but not least congratulations to Ethan and his team number1 for scoring 1178 points in Round 25 for the Parra Refs comp Grand Final where he will come up against Bernie. Good luck to all of you guys who made it to the grand final. The last word before I rap up is that I would like to

congratulate Joseph Eid and his team, Team Pao on his achievement this season in the NRL Supercoach Fantasy League for rapping up the most prestigious award the Wooden Spoon for 2010.

Good luck to the Grand Finalist and I hope you enjoyed this season and well done to everyone in their on field performances this season and congratulations on your grand finals appointments.





Life Member Profile.....

Alan Pollock

What year did you enter the association?

1991

What year did you receive your Life Membership?

2002



What are some of your achievements in rugby league & what are some of the positions that you have held in the association?

- Won 2 premierships as a coach
- Obtained my referees ticket
- Level 1 & 2 Referees Coaching accreditation
- Assistant Secretary
- Member of coaching & appointments panels
- Former member of the recruitment & retention committee

What is the funniest thing you've seen on a football field?

One day I was assessing a referee on his first mod league game. He awarded a try & then positioned himself behind the goalposts to adjudicate on the goal, where the touch judges would normally stand.

What is your career highlight?

Highlight of my career was obtaining life membership in the association, being the recipient of the Darkie McCall award twice & being appointed to touch judge the A2's grand final.



As per our previous issues of 'Refs Call', each month the editor will publish the name of the Storm-Boy of the month. In order to make this applicable we need members to write in to refs call with who you think should be nominated, the reason/story, and a seconder who will also sign off on the claim. The best stories will be published in the 2010 final edition of Refs Call.

September Storm Boy of the Month – Jason Ndeira

With the season at its conclusion, it will be interesting to see who has had the biggest dummy spit of all & will be awarded the overall storm boy award.



CRAZY RETRO BARGAIN SALE!!!!

Product Type
Black Hats
Brown Hats
Beanie's
Large T's
XXL T's
Small Tracksuits
Medium Tracksuits
XXL Tracksuits
XXXL Tracksuit Top
Medium Pants



**Pieces are \$5 & \$10 each.
Contact Barry. Stoke must go.
Availability of gear will vary. So**

Barry Cummins

Life Member Profile.....

John Roe

What year did you enter the association?

1969

What year did you receive your Life Membership?

1982

What are some of your achievements in rugby league & what are some of the positions that you have held in the association?

- Secretary
- Director of Refereeing & Accreditation
- Coaching members to grade like Alan Shortall, Steve Ellison, Daniel Eastwood, Gavin Reynolds, Ashley Klein & Zbigniew Przelasa-Adamski

What is the funniest thing you've seen on a football field?

Officiated in a game where the only score was a field goal. 1-0

What is your career highlight?

Guildford Cup & the Kentucky Cup Grand Final in 1976.





Word Game

WORD GAME

Unjumble the location of these 8 NRL & English Super League teams. Use the letters in the corresponding circles to answer the question on the right.

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Why did JD award a penalty?
CLUE - _____/_____

Final Call

- ✓ Help clear out the old stock and pick up some cheap brand stock from previous years. The stock is going cheap and does need to be cleared out
- ✓ Don't forget the presentation afternoon is coming up in the not too distant future, so start thinking about who might be going with you to that event (how many people). Invitations have been sent out so please RSVP as quickly as possible
- ✓ Just another reminded to not request gear after Sunday evenings otherwise you won't get it until the following week
- ✓ If anyone has any ideas for refs call please send an email to the recruitment & retention committee
- ✓ Nominate a **Storm Boy!!!**



To all members good luck in the Grand Finals at Marconi.

From the Recruitment and Retention Committee