Collegians George Peterson charges into the UOW defensive line during UOW Titans win over Collegians last Sunday

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Coastline Printing Players of the Week

The Coastline Printing Players of the Week in 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and Under 18’s are selected by the controlling referees at designated matches in each grade every week - last week’s winners were:

1st Grade: GREG REH - (Wests)
2nd Grade: MATT KEARNS - (Corrimal)
Under 18: THOMAS CAMPBELL - (Collegians)

NEXT GAMES - Round 4

Friday 8th April
- Dapto S’ground vs Shellharbour
- Zieans Park vs Collegians
- Gibson Park vs Wests
- University Oval vs Berkeley
- Noel Mulligan vs Berkeley

Saturday 9th April
- Dapto vs Shellharbour
- Corrimal vs Collegians
- Thirroul vs Wests
- UOW vs Berkeley
- Pt Kembla vs Berkeley

VBR Cup - Round 2

Saturday 9th April
- Ron Costello
- University Oval vs Nth W’gong Surf
- Des King Oval vs Outlaws
- Kevin Walsh Oval vs Avondale
- Noel Mulligan vs Wests

Byes
- Helensburgh
- Mt Kembla

This week’s Byes: 1st grade, 2nd grade, Under 18: Berkeley  VBR Cup: Nth Wollongong Surf
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The Cougars travel to Parrish Park to take on West Devils which is a tough assignment in all 3 grades but we are looking forward to the challenge. We are hoping for an injury free night for both clubs after some unfortunate incidents against Helensburgh last week.

1st Grade finished similar to the Knights last Sunday with 12 players left on the paddock. The game was in the balance at half time with Dean Duncan, Jake Marketo & Adam Kerr leading the way. 2nd Grade & U/18s put up great efforts against strong teams despite limited players available. Many thanks to our game day volunteers and supporters who contributed to our first home game of the season. Thanks also go to all our valued business partners for 2011.

Devils Notes
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The Devils started the day with the U/18’s, ill discipline cost the young Devils in this game giving Shellharbour too big a start & not being able to reel them in eventually going down 16-26. Player's player going to Zac Blay. 2nd grade played well in patches against Shellharbour but poor ball control gave the opposition great field position of which they capitalised, eventually winning 16-28. Player's player going to Brad Scott.

1st grade came up against some strong opposition in Shellharbour & were in a real arm wrestle, scoring 2 trys in the final 10 minutes of the 1st half to lead 12-0. In the 2nd half, the Devils carried on with the job, running out winners 20-4. Player's player going to Luke Muttdon.
Dapto Showground - Saturday 2nd April

First Grade - 3.00 pm

**DAPTO**
Coach: DAVID WALSH
Manager: TONY FITTLER

1—NATHAN O’REGAN
2—MITCHELL NIELSEN
3—JASON KENT (c)
4—TYSON MUSCAT
5—JARROD BOYD
6—SAM STEWART
7—DANIEL MORRIS
8—JOE FALEMAKA
9—NATHAN DEAVES
10—JEFF MOATE
11—ANDREW MADDON
12—BEN CONDON
13—IAN JAMES
14—NATHAN BENNEY
15—
16—
17—

Referee: Andrew Riolo

**UOW TITANS**
Coach: BARRY BROOME
Manager: ROB McGUIRE

1—TOMUJANI KOROI
2—PHIL BOATSWAIN
3—CAMERON NICHOLSON
4—TAI PELESA
5—WIL HOMER
6—JACKSON HEENAN
7—LAITH H CUNNEEN
8—LIVINGSTONE AFA
9—JAMES STORER (c)
10—MATT KENT
11—VITO PEATO
12—REGGIE SAUNDERS
13—TRENT HEAD
14—SAMM BELO
15—SONI VONO
16—MITCH REIN

Referee: Mark Wynn

Second Grade - 1.30 pm

**DAPTO**
Coach: RICKY GREATZ
Manager: TROBBIE DEEGAN

1—RICKY GREATZ (c)
2—MATT JONES
3—DWAYNE MOSELEY
4—AARON BRADLEY
5—DILLON MEHARG
6—KALE HARTLEY
7—LOGAN HARTLEY
8—CODY MORROW
9—DANIEL BRIGHAM
10—MICHAEL BULLOCK
11—LANCE FLETCHER
12—ROB WISHART
13—RODNEY MURPHY

Referee: Mark Wynn

**UOW TITANS**
Coach: STEVE DAWSON
Manager: JACK O’D’WYER

1—OSKAR FERRIER
2—TIM KENNAUGH
3—MATT GRIMM
4—MICK KARKKAINAN
5—NELSON CORVALON
6—JOSH DEEGAN
7—SCOTT PENFOLD
8—BRENTON NOBBS
9—EVAN TAYLOR
10—MATT CAMPBELL
11—BEN DOULIS
12—BRENT KELLY
13—BEAU ST GEORGE

Referee: Mark Wynn

Under 18 - 12.00 pm

**DAPTO**
Coach: CHRIS LEIKVOLL
Manager: PHIL CROWTHER

1—ANTHONY PEARCE
2—BRADLEY WILMOTT
3—KRIS SMITH
4—JAY KNICK
5—ALLAN BUCHAN
6—JAKE HARRIGAN
7—ELWYN ROBERTS
8—JAY FANCOURT
9—TOM McGLACKIN
10—JAKE GOODY
11—JACK NAYLOR
12—JESSE POGG
13—COREY HOUSE

Referee: Casey Law

**PORT KEMBLA**
Coach: KANE WILLIAMS
Manager: JOHN FREITAS

1—CASEY HEWITT
2—NATHAN DENEDREYN
3—TAINE STURMEY
4—WILL HARDGRAVES
5—AARON DUSMANOVIC
6—SAXON ONUR
7—RENI RISTEVSKI-ZAROC
8—BRAD HERD
9—PAUL RISTEVSKI-ZAROC
10—TAYLOR KELLY
11—RODNEY MANUELA
12—PATRICK KEPMS
13—POK TITO

Referee: Casey Law

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Canary Notes

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1st grade started off in great style at Berkeley last week. The boys threw the ball around in a highly skilled & entertaining fashion to lead at 1/2 time. The 2nd half saw them starved of ball, a magnificent defensive effort leaving the tank depleted, & Dapto was unable to capitalise on some rare second half try scoring opportunities. Boydy, Condo & Andrew Madden touched down to Berkeley’s 3 - kicking the difference. Greatzy’s side got the win but the opinion from the sideline was that there is plenty of improvement left. 18’s impressive in a comfortable win.

This week we welcome Titans to DSG who’ll be boosted by last week’s win, their first since re-entering the comp. Our great major sponsor Dapto Leagues Club welcomes all back after the game.

Port Kembla Notes

What a long wait it has been. After a long 12 months and a quality pre-season, the Titans ground out a hard fought win in difficult circumstances and conditions.

Congratulations to the boys who dug deep when an early send of left them with 12 men for the majority of the match. Led by captain Jimmy Storer the boys never gave up in the wet and slippery conditions, providing the club with our first win of the season.

The UOW Titans would like to thank our sponsors, staff, players and supporters for all their support.

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**HELENSBURGH**

*Coach: WADE HUMPHREYS*

Manager: STEVE GILMOUR

1—EAMON HILLEN  
2—JAMES NEWMAN  
3—BEN HARAN  
4—MEAHE REWETI  
5—JASON RAPER  
6—RUSSELL AITKEN  
7—BRENT SHERWIN  
8—IAN DONNELLY  
9—WADE HUMPHREYS (c)  
10—CHRIS McBRIE  
11—RIHAN GERARD  
12—JUSTIN WHITE  
13—STEVE MCCALLUM  
14—MARK McLENNON  
15—BRODEA SANDERS  
16—  
17—

Referee: Ryan Jackson  
Touch Judges: Anthony Grady (red), Darren Love (blue)

**Second Grade - 4.30 pm**

**HELENSBURGH**  

*Coach: MICHAEL STONE*

Managers: PAUL POTTER

1—AZAN McCUMSTIE-TUROA  
2—JARROD POTTER  
3—GUY GELLATLEY  
4—BROCK GILMOUR  
5—COREY WHITAKER  
6—ANDREW SULTANA  
7—NATHAN CASEY  
8—JOSH CLAY  
9—JOSH MARTIN  
10—MARK McLENNON  
11—NATHAN REMFRY  
12—SHAUN MURRAY (c)  
13—DAVE BALLARD

Referee: Anthony Grady  
Touch Judges: Mitchell Bonnie (red), Tom Clarke (blue)

**THIRRROUL**

*Coach: PHIL OSTWALD*

Manager: STEVEN RUTLEDGE

1—TY McCARTHY  
2—KYLE MARTENS  
3—BRENT GROSE  
4—JOEL RUSKIN  
5—MITCHELL BATE  
6—MARK LENNON  
7—SCOTT BORG  
8—SHANNON JARVIS  
9—JOEL JOHNSON  
10—DEREK SHORT  
11—AARON BEATH  
12—ADAM GOODE  
13—MATT GALLAGHER  
14—LEON KEIR  
15—BRYCE FORREST

Referee: Tim Woods  
Touch Judges: Anthony Grady (red), Darren Love (blue)

**Under 18 - 3.00 pm**

**HELENSBURGH**

*Coaches: Aaron Wallace, Greg Gaffney*

Manager: Matt Knigge

1—JAKE CONNER  
2—BRADY KEEP  
3—SHEA GARRICK  
4—SAM HERMES  
5—CAMERON BAILEY  
6—HAYDEN McCRAE  
7—HARRISON DAY  
8—JONO NEWMAN  
9—RYAN GILES  
10—HAYDEN AYRES  
11—BRETT DENFORD  
12—DOMINIC KELSO  
13—TOBY DENT (c)

Referee: Curtis Smith  
Touch Judges: Mitchell Bonnie (red), Shannon Bonnie (blue)

**THIRRROUL**

*Coach: MICK MYERSCOUGH*

Manager: GLENN SELLERS

1—HAMISH McPHERSON  
2—JUSTIN BRANBATO  
3—COOPER DUNN  
4—JOSEPH McDVITT  
5—LACHLAN SHRUBB  
6—JACKSON FORDE  
7—COREY RING  
8—DYLAN MEREDITH  
9—JACOB DEVINE  
10—CHRISTIAN DI CIACCIO  
11—ROBERT PERCY  
12—TAYLOR ROBINSON  
13—TOMMY POLYOZIDIS

Referee: Tim Woods  
Touch Judges: Mitchell Bonnie (red), Shannon Bonnie (blue)
Boronia Park - Saturday 2nd April

VBR Cup - 3.00 pm

**WINDANG**
Coaches: GREG HOOPER, CLAY GIRDLER
Manager: BRENDAN DALLAS

1—GREG GILLETT
2—DANIEL LACHLAN
3—NATHAN PERKS
4—ANTHONY HARRIS
5—FEZ JAMES
6—LUKE HUGHES
7—NIKITA DROEW
8—CHRIS BAILY
9—CHRIS HARVEY
10—CHRIS SLOANE
11—IRAIA KATIPA
12—STEVE ARGENT
13—GREG HOOPER (c)

Referee: Lou Volpato
Touch Judges: Tyron Jordan (red), Anthony Bisia (blue)

**JAMBEROO**
Coach: BRENDAN DALLAS
Manager: MARK KELLY

1—SCOTT ADAMS
2—JARYD BYERS
3—JAMES KARUARIA
4—MATT STEPHEN
5—MATT FOX
6—JAKE TOOHEY
7—LIAM CORREAL
8—ADAM SIMPSON
9—BRENDAN DALLAS (c)
10—BRAD GRAY
11—SIMON McPAUL
12—AIDAN SOPER
13—JESSE BETTS

35 mins. each way time off for injury last 10 min.

Jim Allen Oval - Saturday 2nd April

VBR Cup - 3.00 pm

**NORTHS**
Coaches: RUSSELL MAHAR, DAVID LIDE
Manager: JEFF WASSON

1—SHANE GROSE
2—RYAN GILROY
3—LACHLAN MCDONALD
4—BEN FIELD
5—JACKSON FIELD
6—JOSH GUNNING
7—JOHN PETT (c)
8—JOSH BROOKS
9—TERENCE GAVES
10—ANDREW STEPHENS
11—JUSTIN SAMS
12—BEN CURREY
13—LOYD HURWORTH

Referee: Murray King
Touch Judges: Jack Bird (red), Aaron Moller (blue)

**AP OUTLAWS**
Coaches: DAVID LIDE, RUSSELL MAHAR
Manager: JEFF WASSON

1—NATHAN AUSTIN
2—GLENN HORNEMAN
3—DANNY MAXWELL
4—SCOTT SLADE
5—SCOTT EDMONDS
6—TAYNE COLLINGS
7—BRENT SLADE
8—ISAAC ZAHRA
9—DAVE BASSETT
10—ANDY DAVEY
11—ANTHONY SMITH
12—STEVE DYKE
13—NATHAN WALSH (c)

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April/May
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Commence Publication of “Position Listings” for Team of the Century

Thursday, 23 June 2011
Official opening of the Illawarra Rugby League Memorabilia Exhibition - Wollongong City Art Gallery

Wednesday, 20 July 2011
Centenary Dinner - Team of the Century

Sunday, 31 July 2011
Dragons Centenary Match vs South Sydney
WIN Stadium

Saturday, 6 August 2011
Unveiling of Centenary Sculpture
Harbour Street, Wollongong

Saturday, 3 September 2011
Junior League Grand Finals (13-16 years)

Sunday, 4 September 2011
Illawarra Carlton League Grand Finals

Friday, 9 September
Illawarra Rugby League Annual Presentation Dinner

Anyone who has items of interest that could be displayed at the Wollongong City Art Gallery in June can you please contact Julie Nicoll at the League on 4227 2255.
Please note that there will be no guarantee of its use in the exhibition due to space limitations.
The 1969 Illawarra Rugby League 1st grade finals series

The 1969 Illawarra Rugby League 1st Grade Final Series with all games played at Wollongong Showground. Eight teams took part in the 1st grade competition. Teams competing and where they finished on the points table - Port Kembla 24 points and minor premier, Western Suburbs 19, Collegians 17, Corrimal 16, Thirroul 12, Dapto 10, Wollongong 4 - Port was also Club Champion.


Corrimal - 1 Zel Diamant, 2 Fritz Hebbens, 3 Graham Tondi, 4 Wayne Purdfe, 5 Rod Swindle, 6 Bos Hammond, 7 George Evans (captain-coach), 8 Don Tweddle, 9 Des Tobin, 10 Jim Harrod, 11 Alan Harris, 12 Ray Speechley, 13 Darryl Kellow.

A depleted Collegians team staged one of the most gallant fight backs ever seen at Wollongong Showground to knock out Corrimal by 31 to 17. In a match of sensations Collies played with only 12 men after hooker Ron Hopper was sent off 9 minutes after the kickoff, for an alleged late tackle. The 2,474 fans present will long remember - a major reversal of form which allowed Corrimal to lead 17 to 4 at halftime - the great individual display by Collies captain-coach Jim Mathew - rugged play which resulted in 9 players being cautioned - 3 dropped balls by Corrimal which each led to Collies tries.

Corrimal most certainly had its finest hour, but unfortunately for them rugby league is played over 80 minutes. After 60 minutes Corrimal still led by 17 to 15. Collies received 8 consecutive penalties in the first 15 minutes after halftime. Mathew snapped home 3 goals and Les Dennis landed a field goal to bring Collies back into the game, the match was tied 17 all with 13 minutes to go. Wingl Peter Webber picked up a dropped ball and ran 65 yards to score, then Ron Costello sent Barry Kerr in for a try and Mathew climaxed a tremendous match with a try between the posts, and the conversion brought his game tally to 18 points. Collies players moved the ball quickly and the gaps appeared. The Mathew and Kerr combination clicked and the Corrimal defence started to waver.

Collegians 31 (Jim Mathew 2 tries, 6 goals; Barry Kerr 2, Peter Webber tries; Mike O'Donnell, Les Dennis field goals) def Corrimal 17 (Graham Tondi try, 4 goals; Bos Hammond, Jack Hennington tries)

Major Semi-final - Port Kembla v Western Suburbs on Sunday 14th September - Referee: Kevin Honeybrook - Touch Judges: Barry Kent, Brian Hunt.

A crowd of 4,508, swelled to more than 5,500 by hordes of children, saw Port Kembla snatch a 13 to 11 win over a gallant Western Suburbs. The trusty boot of Bernie Nevin kicked Port into the 1969 Grand Final. Each side scored a try, but Nevin decided the issue with 3 magnificent field goals and 2 goals to 3 goals and a field goal to Don Parrish. Two of Nevin’s field goals were angled kicks from 40 yards out on a windswept field. This game was another cliffhanger, with Port taking an 11 to 6 lead midway through the second half, but in the 27th minute Wests scored a dramatic try under the posts, after an intercept pass was taken by Wests Owen Smith and Parish converted for 11 all. This shock try put new life into the Wests camp, their players made breaks and suddenly Port looked the underdog. Port had its bad luck later when hooker McKenzie and prop Beppi Pol raced clear and sent winger Gary Boyall racing for the corner, but he dropped the ball as he went across the tryline.

It was a tough and rugged struggle, with plenty of cautions being handed out by the referee in the first half. Wests centre Warren Ryan was twice cautioned, while his opposite Gordon Grivas also received a warning. Port’s lone try was a gem. It followed some excellent work by Nevin, John Corr and Clive Hollands. They kept the ball moving and McKenzie, trapped wide, straightened but fell. He was able to flip the ball to Boyall who accelerated and beat West’s centre defenders in a race for the corner. A penalty goal by Nevin made it 13 to 11 with time running out. Holmes and McGuinness were best for Port. Lock Denis McCulloch was outstanding for Wests, but he only just shaded Standring and Staff for forward honours. Parish proved an able leader and received good support from Ritchie Murray and Simpson, with Ryan playing well in patches. Port won the scrums 16 to 14 and the penalties 13 to 10. The strong wind caused problems, but was used to full advantage by Nevin and Parish. One punt kick by Parish in the second half travelled 80 yards.

Port Kembla 13 (Gary Boyle try; Bernie Nevin 2 goals, 3 field goals) def Western Suburbs 11 (Owen Smith try; Don Parish 3 goals, field goal)

Final - Western Suburbs v Collegians on Sunday 21st September - Referee: Kevin Honeybrook - Touch Judges: Barry Kent, Brian Hunt.

Collegians - 1 Paul Murphy, 2 Peter Webber, 3 Les Dennis, 4 John Kohen, 5 Glen Capelin, 6 Barry Kerr, 7 Jim Mathew (captain-coach), 8 Ron Costello, 9 Alan Thomas, 10 Mike O’Donnell, 11 Malcolm Condon, 12 Ron Hopper, 13 Peter Bell, 14 Don Colquhoun.

Captain-coach Don Parish piloted his home 6 goals and a field goal to steer Wests into the Grand Final. Parish proved an able navigator, and plotted successfully to spearhead Wests to a 17 to 9 win over luckless Collegians. A bruising game with a second half of 1 hour through numerous injuries. The final held the interest of the 3,483 crowd until the final siren. Each team scored only 1 try. Wests backs Ryan, Smith, Murray and forwards McCulloch and Staff held too many guns for Collies. The Red Devils fired from the kickoff and scored a sensational try in the first minute of play and Collies never really seemed to rally from the shock. Wests won the first scrum of the match and the ball went quickly to Ryan who found a gap. He ran diagonally past Collies slow cover, then sent the ball to Smith, and to winger Lawrence who scored in the corner for 3 to 0. Then a Parish field goal made it 5 to 0. Collies scored its lone try from a backline move which ended with centre Kohen gaining a split and cutting out fellow centre Dennis with a high pass to winger Capelin for a corner try and Mathew converted for 5 all. Parish landed another 4 goals to lead by 13 to 5 at halftime.

Both teams took chances in the second half and were heavily penalised by referee Honeybrook who had a fine game. Mathew landed 2 penalty goals for 13 to 9. Two further penalty goals by Parish made it 17 to 9. Wests Murray was playing superbly and Parish seemed...
everywhere. Staff resumed his solid centre field running and a weary McCulloch was always following him. Captain Jim Mathew tried desperately to rally Collies, but he too was being hit hard. A very tough final won by penalty goals.

Western Suburbs 17 (Frank Lawrence try; Don Parish 6 goals, field goal) def Collegians 9 (Glen Capelin try; Jim Mathew 3 goals)

Grand Final - Port Kembla v Western Suburbs on Sunday 28th September - The Illawarra Rugby League and none of its members would referee the grand final games at Wollongong Showground, so referees from other Divisions were contacted. Bruce Chapman from Canberra refereed 1st Grade and touch judges were Barry Robert and Michael Brown - Reserve Grade referee Mick Tracey and Third Grade referee Mike Brown from Group 6.

Western Suburbs - 1 Don Parish (captain-coach), 2 Barry Purcell, 3 Warren Ryan, 4 Owen Smith, 5 Frank Lawrence, 6 Graham Lye/Graham Simpson, 7 Ritchie Murray, 8 Denis McCulloch, 9 Klaus Reh, 10 Dave Hayburn, 11 Ray Staff, 12 Dave Wonson, 13 Ross Standring, 14 Greg Rodgers.

Port Kembla - 1 Alan Girrard, 2 Gary Boyle, 3 Gordon Grivas, 4 Bob McGuinness (captain-coach), 5 Terry Spears, 6 Arthur Holmes, 7 Clive Hollands, 8 Ken O’Dea, 9 John Corr, 10 Clive Davis, 11 Bernie Nevin, 12 Dave McKenzie, 13 Beppi Pol, 14 Max Hollands.

Port Kembla scored a magnificent 11 to 2 win in the grand final. A record crowd of 11,516 thronged every advantage point of Wollongong Showground, and often encroached on the touchlines. Wests always seemed in command during the game, yet Port Kembla dominated possession, with their hooker David McKenzie winning the scrums 30 to 14 against Dave Wonson. Wests hard tackling forced Port into handling errors, and at least 15 times a Port scrum win later resulted in Wests gaining possession. It was a Parish high punt which led to the only try of the match. He had earlier subjected Port fullback Alan Girrard to plenty of pressure with similar kicks. Girrard never seemed comfortable, and made no attempt to catch the ball on the full which was taken on the bounce by a Wests player. Centre Owen Smith gained possession and drew two defenders before positioning winger Barry Purcell who dived across in the corner, and Parish converted from the sideline. Wests Staff, Hayburn, McCulloch and Wonson were far superior to Ports forwards, although hooker McKenzie and lock O’Dea never stopped running. Wests played Graham Lye in the first half and he was always looking dangerous until a leg injury forced his retirement before halftime. Clive Hollands snapped a field goal for Port to lead 2 to 0, then Parish with a penalty goal and a field goal from 53 yards out saw Wests lead 4 to 2 at halftime. Wests forwards, in defence, kept Port bottled up behind its 25 yard line for long periods. Wests handling was good, and Ports bad. Wests went to a 9 to 2 lead in the 10th minute of the second half and Port was in trouble. Port was winning scrums at a 2 to 1 rate but knock-ons were prevalent. Wests best cover defender was Ritchie Murray. Wests played to back each other, and stayed close and threw sure passes. A penalty goal from Parish completed the scoring for an 11 to 2 win.

The final 17 to 2 win over Port Kembla was a real follow-up to the 36 to 2 win over Illawarra. Wests played the best football and were worthy premiers. Port failed for the first time to win any senior grade competition.

Western Suburbs 11 (Barry Purcell try; Don Parish 3 goals, field goal) def Port Kembla 2 (Clive Hollands field goal)

Minor Grade Grand Finals

Reserve Grade - Thirroul 34 (Geoff Wall 2, Greg Bland 2, Ray Millington 2 tries; Lionel Wheatley 7 goals, field goal) def Collegians 2 (John Allen goal)

Third Grade - Collegians 7 (Keith Hanigan try, Wally Wirra 2 goals) def Port Kembla 6 (Graham Livermore 2 goals, field goal)

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Ladies League . . .

Late last year there were murmers around town that a womens team was on the agenda for the 2011 season. At first I knew a couple of local girls that would be keen to play, but had no idea how they were going to pull it off. I turned up to pre-season training one Thursday and our president tells me that my name had been thrown into the mix to take the coaching role. I agreed to take the challenge on.

When we had our very first meeting for the newly formed Helensburgh women's team a small core group of girls turned up and the team snowballed from there. I had Captain Sam Hammond in charge of recruitment, and each week new faces would come, and some would go but ended up forming a solid team across the board with a few imports from Sydney and the Gong regions.

Once our full team takes to the park (a lot of girls have representative honors in other sports) I believe we should have a successful year. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all the Girls and their respective families to the Club.

Corey Whitaker (Women's Open Coach)
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