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DAWN OF A NEW ERA

Announcements:

New arrivals

- * Congratulations to Sharni and Spud on the birth of their first child little Saxon

Happy Birthdays

September

- * Nicole Doig
- * Ashley Davine
- * Michael Shadbolt
- * Matt Dent

October

- * Sally Hamilton
- * Libby Hambrook
- * Adam Schofield
- * Michael Kent

November

- * Brooke James
- * Rhys McMurray

December

- * Hellie Dracup
- * Andrea Frankpitt
- * Dallan Kahui
- * Mick Carter
- * Izayah Ropata
- * Dan Mohr
- * Wendy Stevenson/Briscoe
- * Sue Droogleever

January

- * Ben White

Vipers welcomes everyone to the first edition of Vipers News a quarterly update on all things associated with Vipers.

Vipers Sport Club Inc. will move into a new era in season 2007/08. The newly established club, with the direction of a very committed board, is on the verge of becoming the premier touch club in Victoria in it's very first year.

The 2007/08 summer season not only sees the Men's A Grade runner's up return to Elwood to avenge last years narrow defeat, but the addition of a Women's A Grade and Men's B Grade teams to contest the Elwood competition.

These three teams will be part of a seven strong team assault to the Park competi-

tions around Melbourne. Vipers Mixed teams will compete at both Fawkner and Albert Park .

The newly created VT League, the premier elite competition in Victoria, has seen Vipers field very strong Men's and Women's teams in their inaugural year, with a healthy mix of youth and experience. This combination will ensure the longevity of the club and its continued success for many years to come. Full team lists are available via the website.

So welcome all to a very exciting time in the club for many years to come.

VT League Bridesmaids



Vipers Sports Club Inc.'s application to be part of the VT League Elite touch competition in Victoria, was successful way back in September 2007. All experts predicted Vipers to be at the business end of the year in both divisions.

The Men's and Women's teams did boast some of the States most decorated representative players and the most experienced and talented juniors in their first year. The likes of Mick Carter and Clinton Burke will join forces with Chris Katal, Izayah Ropata

and Michael Shadbolt in the Men's with Suzy Barrett, Hellie Dracup joining forces with Toni Breeze.

Both teams performed exceptionally well through the season scoring spectacular tries and desperate saves. The Women's team with their star studded line up didn't disappoint and remained undefeated throughout the regular season to claim the Minor premiership and total favouritism for the League.

The Men's team started the season in impressive fashion and really looked to be one of the favorites, although through injury and suspension the team found the later rounds tough going to find cohesion and ended the season in third spot. But as they say a new day and everyone is chance. So the final series was set for a grand finale on December 1st with Vipers set to take on old rivals the Uni Blues in both Men's and Women's divisions. Cont.pg 3



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Heinz Joins Vipers Again

Vipers Sports Club Inc. has been lucky to secure Heinz Australia as one of its Sponsors for the 2007/08 season.

Heinz has supported Vipers Touch for the past two years and will contribute to the player awards in 2007/08.

Heinz Australia is a leading food manufacturer of many household brands and products. These products include baked beans, soups, sauces, seafood and infant and toddler food.

For their full range visit their website at heinz.com.au.

Vipers Sports Club Inc. wish to thank Heinz Australia for their continued support.



Welcome Ray White Carnegie

Ray White Carnegie has joined the Vipers family for the first time as a Sponsor for the 2007/2008 season.

Ray White Carnegie are not only true professionals in Real Estate but are true supporters of Vipers and our initiatives of Junior development and participation.

Barry Feldman and his dedicated staff which included our very own Nicole Doig will provide exceptional service and expertise when buying or selling a house.

Whether you are looking to buy your first property or selling your home Ray White Carnegie are your people for that personal touch.

A special deal has been arranged where any Vipers player who recommends Ray White Carnegie to friends, family or colleagues to manage the sale of a property, Ray White Carnegie will donate 10% of the commission to Vipers Sports Club. Simply mention Vipers when you contact them or Nicole Doig to arrange all details.

Nicole.doig@raywhite.com

Vipers welcomes Barry and his staff from Ray White Carnegie to the Vipers family and look forward to a long relationship.



Mixed Emotions

Vipers have continued their expansion this season with two mixed teams set to compete in the summer competitions with teams at Albert Park and Fawkner Park competitions.

The Albert Park mixed team which is full of State and NTL rep's have delivered an exceptional start to the year, are the current competition leaders at the half way mark. Ben Franzi, Matt Dent along with Felicity Gilbertson and Suzy Barrett to

name a few, will ensure that Vipers Mixed makes a finals appearance in 07/08.

The Fawkner Park Mixed team which is also full of State and NTL rep's is going much along the same path as the Albert park team with some early victories which can only be described as the demolition of opposition teams which has seen them move into the more competitive Men's A grade division to ensure stronger competition. The team also

boosts some new comers and players looking to improve their skills at touch. Vipers is proud to assist Bryn Skilbeck Mark Ashmore and Em Cross with their skill development and we are sure to see improvement in their skills and knowledge of the game each week. Vipers are currently 1st in the Men's A .



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Runner's Up VT League

The day started with the usual drama and emergency field changes and game times, due to lack of field inspections prior to the day. After the field issues got sorted the Vipers Women's and Men's teams displayed the patients and experience which is littered through both teams to over run Uni Blues to advance to the Final. The Women's and Men's teams having both worked on their defensive strategy before the games proved the difference in the semi's as they shut down attack after attack through great shut down defence. This held them in good stead for the finals as both their opponents City Lions in the Women's and the undefeated Casey Cougars in the Men's possessed some of the best line attackers in the game.



The Women's game proved the tug-o-war expected of a final with both teams running on heavy legs after their

respective semi's. Some very interesting referring decisions and inconsistency punished the girls for great defensive shut down. The ladies scored some great tries through simple straight forward rucking and catching the Lions on the back foot. Lions only gained field position through back to back penalties which baffled all spectators. The game went right down to a drop off with the final scores locked at 2-2. The Vipers ladies had some great chances during regular time to claim the title but could not get there and eventually went down in the drop off 3-2 after another trivial penalty for someone placing one foot onto the field causing an extra player in the eyes of the referee. Following a quick dump split City Lions eventually scored the winning try.

The Men's final, as many expected, featured the early season favourites and the red hot favourites in Vipers and Casey. The game got off to the usual pace, which as was expected, although it quickly slowed right down as the game wore on. The game had all the attacking flare and defensive saves of two teams desperate for the crown. Casey went into the half for the first time all season even with Vipers. The Vipers much

younger team held their own with the Cougars experienced outfit. The game produced some exceptional touch and plenty of penalties which in the end ensured both teams played a period of time five on five as players spent time in the sin bin. This proved the opening that Casey require and with open space they threw the long ball to push ahead 4-3. This proved to be the final score as Vipers continued to push the Cougars to the end. Again missed opportunities cost the Men's a first up title.

The third of the runner up titles



came in the club championship with Casey taking the title by just 2pts from Vipers.

Congratulation to all Players, Coaches and Supporters on a wonderful first season.

See you all for VT league 2008.



The Sunday Wrap

The half way mark is upon us in the Sunday comp's and all Vipers teams are with in finals reach. The new teams this season in the Men's B and Women's A comp are already entrenched inside the top 4 and look guaranteed of a finals berth. With the Men's A and last years runner's up struggling for form and players each week, they have yet to really make any impact on the leaders.

Men's A has continually struggled for players each week and has already succumbed to a forfeit this year with players being away on representative duties. The team have put together some solid performances but just can't execute their set plays which saw them almost cause an upset in last years Grand Final. Best for the Men's in "07" Michael Carter, Vu Le, Ash

Davine and Michale Shadbolt.

The Men's B team which is an alliance formed with the Haileybury Secondary College have performed exceptionally well this season and find themselves just 2 pts from first place. The team which has been together for many years under the guidance of Spud have really put it together this year and have been rewarded with their current position on the table. The second half of the season remains to be seen but with some A grade experience gained by Rhys McMurray, Kris Devey, Adam Schofield and lead by captain Ben White this team could find themselves playing on grand final day.

Women's A have continued their success from the VT league into the Sunday comp with some solid wins and some very sore losses. The ladies have

been playing short some weeks due to injury and other commitments but have continued to excel and continue to trouble all teams in the competition.

With all teams guaranteed a spot in the finals, the girls need a strong finish to the season to cement a top two finish and a give themselves the best possible chance of a title in 07/08. Best in the first half of the year Hellie Dracup, Mel Ashmore, Wendy Stevenson, Toni Breeze and Sally Hamilton.

Current Ladder positions:

Men's A — 5th

Men's B — 2nd

Women's A — 3rd

Ritchie's Donates Each Week

Ritchie's supermarkets and liquor stores donate 1% of your total shopping bill to Vipers Sports Club Inc. every time any of our members shop in their stores. So don't forget whenever possible to do your weekly shopping at a Ritchie's supermarket and present your key tag or community benefits card supplied at the start of the season to help raise funds for the club. For your nearest Ritchie's store visit ritchies.com.au.

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Sandringham Sports Medicine Strap On The Boots

Sandringham Sports Medicine are leaders in sports injury treatment and prevention and will provide Vipers players with the very latest injury treatments available provided by Robert De Nardis and his highly experienced staff, will enable Vipers players to return to the paddock quickly.

Sandringham Sports Medicine offers not only the latest in Physiotherapy treatment but many other injury treatment options such as Osteopathy, Pilates, Sports Massage and Podiatry to name but a few. Full services offered are available on their website sportsphysio.com.au.

Vipers have been able to not only secure these exceptional services but have also secured a discount for all its members. Just simply mention your association with Vipers upon payment to receive your "Club Rate One" discount .



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Players In Top Three - VT League Awards

Congratulations to Carmen Deane, Nicole Doig and Chris Casey all of whom made the top three in various VT League individual awards.

Carmen Deane - Carmen's superb season was highlighted with her finishing 2nd as the VT League's Best and Fairest female player by just 3pt's. Carmen displayed her positive attitude and desire to win each week and has been rewarded for a stellar season.

Nicole Doig - Nicole having only played in a handful of games due to work commitments still managed to secure 3rd spot in the most influential female player of the VT League.

Chris Casey - Chris' motivation and never give in attitude has seen him rewarded with 3rd for the Best and Fairest male player in the VT League. Even with badly torn ligaments in his thumb he continued to play and help his team make the Grand final.

This is an outstanding achievement for these individuals and Vipers would like to Congratulate them on their achievements.

Starlight Foundation Fundraising

This year Vipers will be donating funds from the seasons fines system to the children's charity in a bid to brighten the face of a children and their family suffering from serious illness. Vipers will endeavor to raise \$1,000 to send a family of a seriously ill child on a weekend away from treatment and enjoy some time away from hospital. Funds will be collected before the end of the season. For any donations please visit starlightfoundation.com.au



Give sick children a reason to smile...



Crust Gourmet Pizza Joins The Team

Vipers are pleased to announce their association with **CRUST Gourmet Pizza chain**. Crust Pizza have many location around Melbourne Metro and these venues are already favourites with Vipers players to unwind and enjoy that Aussie favourite pizza.

Crust has revolutionised the pizza bar concept, creating a model that's unique and exciting. Their aim is to change the perception of pizza from cheap and nasty (fast food) to an enjoyable healthier dining experience.

Their aim from day one was to produce high quality and irresistible pizzas, provide a high level of customer service and achieve significant delivery efficiencies that would deliver superbly cooked pizzas to our customer's homes. Their fast home delivery, great customer service, smart production and delivery efficiencies allow Crust to compete with the lower end pizza delivery providers – but with a far superior product.

There's no extra charge for delivery either. Their fast service and quick home delivery makes Crust the people's choice, and is quickly seeing Crust Gourmet Pizza Bar become Australia's favourite gourmet delivery pizza.

Visit them today at crust.com.au



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Footy tipping in 2008

Don't forget that the footy tipping is back again and is now open for registration. Just log on to the website and follow the links to your favourite code and join in the fun.

Mission Statement

"Vipers Sports Club Inc. will promote and encourage the development and participation of all players through a professional club environment and atmosphere".

Coming events in 2008

Elwood Grand Finals Day — Sunday 17th Feb

Mixed Park Grand Finals—Wednesday 13th and 20th Feb

Vipers MVP Awards Night — Friday 22nd Feb

Affiliates Cup Elwood Park—Sunday 24th Feb

EPTA Ball — Friday 29th Feb

Senior NTL Coffs—10th—16th March

Sale Knockout—5th & 6th April

Player Profiles — Vipers Committee

President: Stephen Young

Nickname: Youngy or Shorty

Who is your Hero/Idol? Dad a very patient person always willing to pick me up at 4am

Fav Food? Mum's Roast although don't get them much anymore.

Fav Sporting Team? Cronulla Sharks and Sydney Swans.

Fav saying or Quote? There is a new one each week but "Toughen up Princess or C ya round rissoles" are the most used.

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?

Melbourne—Plenty of friends and always something to see and do. Sport, concerts and the racing carnival.

Most annoying habit? Making words up to songs that don't make sense.

Secretary: Melissa Ashmore

Nickname: Smash

Who is your Hero/Idol? John Howard even the ugly and unpopular can be PM.

Fav Food? Thai food.

Fav Sporting Team? Adelaide Crows.

Fav saying or Quote? "What, I'm confused".

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?

Beach resort—sand, surf and lots of lazy days by the water.

Most annoying habit? Not listening to the answer of a question I just asked, then asking the same question 5 minutes later.



Vice President: Ashley Davine

Nickname: Tank

Who is your Hero/Idol? So many people I model myself on... but no one can cover all categories.

Fav Food? BBQ Chicken and Mushroom pizza.

Fav Sporting Team? Melbourne Storm.

Fav saying or Quote? "Nice One!"

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?

Melbourne—every kind of weather and family, work and friends all here.

Most annoying habit?

Biting my nails gets Mum a bit....



Treasure: Rick Iversen

Nickname: Muffin

Who is your Hero/Idol? Oscar the Grouch—the name says it all.

Fav Food? 3am Souvlaki.

Fav Sporting Team? St.Kilda.

Fav saying or Quote?: "Quick, get this man to a hospital!" "A Hospital, what is it?" "It's a big building with patients, but that's not important right now"

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why? Munich for the beer and the lions.

Most annoying habit?

Getting stuck at work late and missing midweek games all the time.

Social Member: Melissa Woodward

Nickname: Woody or Cracka

Who is your Hero/Idol? Jemma Jamison— works hard for her money just like me and loves a good time.

Fav Food? Thai Green Curry.

Fav Sporting Team? Melbourne Storm.

Fav saying or Quote? "Friends are the family you choose".

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?

Somewhere sunny like Broken Hill or Mt Isa.

Most annoying habit? Continuous talking.



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