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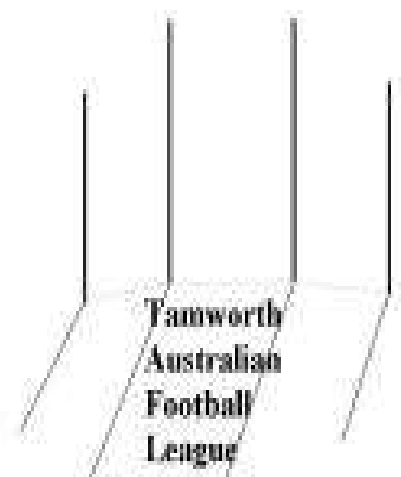
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Gerry Griffiths
Consulting Engineers



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Country Energy TAFL

President's Comments

Welcome to the 2009 season

There have been some changes to the TAFL over the off season. The most important change has been the recruitment of a new major sponsor, Country Energy. We will now be known as the Country Energy Tamworth Australian Football League and thank Country Energy Community Relations Manager, David Crough, and Country Energy Regional Manager, Matt Patterson, for their commitment to AFL in our Region.

We also have a new minor sponsor with well known Country Energy Tamworth AFL identity Gerry Griffiths from Gerry Griffiths Consulting Engineers coming on board.

We have had a long and happy relationship with our previous sponsors, ANZ and Hills Transport, and thank them for their past support.

So to the new season and what a start we have with a grand final rematch on ANZAC Day between the Kangaroos and the Saints. The Kangaroos have lost a few players from their premiership team but welcome back Cameron Douglas, a Tony Gillies medallist, and will have home ground advantage first up. The Saints losses have been kept to a minimum with a couple of good gains. This will be a great game to start the season and I am going for the Saints by 14 points.

In week 2 of our split round the Nomads host the Swans. The Nomads are usually an unknown quantity at this time of year and take a couple of rounds to get into the season. The big interest in the Nomads is the recruitment of 6' 7" Omphile Temeso from Botswana who looked promising in the Tablelands Cup. The Swans have been training hard in the preseason and, despite a lack of numbers at the Tablelands cup, coach Rick Watt is happy with what he has seen at training. I am going to go for an upset in the first round with the Swans getting under the Nomads' guard by 8 points.

In the final game the Cats are hoping to turn the Cattery back into a fortress and the Bulldogs are first on their hit list. The Bulldogs performed very well, making the grand final, in the Tablelands Cup before going down to Sawtell. The Bulldogs didn't take their best team to Armidale, or a full team for that matter, but showed enough to suggest that they could be a serious threat to this year's premiership. The Cats have been able to recruit some new players and regain some ex-players but having seen the Bulldogs in action, I am going for them by 28 points.

Darrell Benfield
President
Country Energy Tamworth Australian Football League

Ladder

Position	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
1	Tamworth Kangaroos								
2	Inverell Saints								
3	New England Nomads								
4	Gunnedah Bulldogs								
5	Tamworth Swans								
6	Muswellbrook Cats								

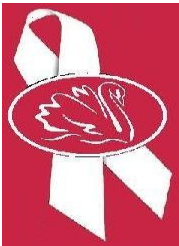
This Week's Games



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Tamworth Kangaroos



Our first game should be an interesting day with 8 of last years GF side either retired or left town.

Our new captain Tim Cotter is looking forward to a close encounter with the Saints and after our scratch match against the Swans on the 18th the new boys are looking pretty good.

A good sign is the 5 under 20yr olds that have shown that they are ready for senior footy.

Tony Bishop is once again the man in charge of the Roo boys as senior coach.

All after match presentations are going to be held at no.1 this year.

Craig Abbott
President
Tamworth Kangaroos





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New England Nomads



At last the season is upon us! The extended pre-season has given everyone plenty of time to prepare and the Nomads have tried to put it to good use. As usual the club has a number of new recruits this season with differing amounts of footy experience. Pre-season training numbers have been good, allowing returning coach Brendan Meehan to run energetic, challenging training sessions.

Of course there is a big difference between training and playing competitive matches and the solid performance of the squad in the Tablelands Cup augured well for the CETAFL season. Although the Nomads failed to retain the trophy they won for the first time in 2008 they improved as the day went on. The players became more familiar with one another and what was expected of them. The Tablelands Cup was a very successful event for the club and was enjoyed in particular by the visiting teams from the coast. Thanks to everyone that helped out on the day to make it such a great success.

It has also been all change on the Auskick front in the off-season with Dave Dorrian and Darren Ryder taking over the reins of the Armidale Auskick group. Craig and Marion Collins have left Armidale but made sure that Armidale Auskick was in safe hands before they went.

Ron Crump
Secretary
New England Nomads AFC



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The Tamworth Swans will be looking to hit the ground running this year against the Nomads at Bellevue Oval. Although we haven't won in Armidale since the Grand Final in 2006, one of our best performances last year was when we were undermanned and only just beaten after heading up the Moonbis.

With the best preseason the Swannies have seen for a long time, the team is looking fit and the wide open spaces of Bellevue will suit Rick Watt's vision of attacking football.

In the past two years we have been able to blood some young players, who look strong and ready to go and are expected to develop into very good footballers this year. The likes of Joey Atkinson and Mitch Firth are becoming keystones of our side, and Daniel Butcher, Janson Doughty, Mitch Forrester and Nathan Bradburn are all looking sharp. Add some super recruiting, significantly of Dean Hoy but also of half a dozen other quality footballers, to the existing core of Dane Miller, Tristan Jones, Gavin Knee, Damien Wendt and Jason Darcy, and you can be assured that Locky Rowling won't be the only difference this year.

2009 is a promising year for the Swans, and given a fair crack we expect to regain our place at the forefront of the Country Energy TAFL.

Josh McKenzie
President
Tamworth Swans AFC



Muswellbrook Cats



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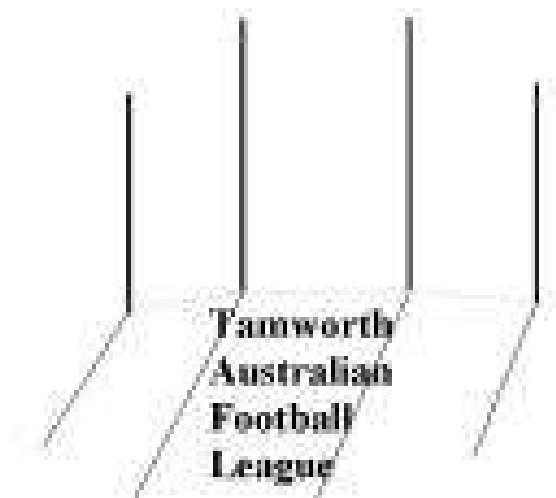
Gunnedah Bulldogs

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Umpires



Rule Interpretation of the Week

Tackling

"A player who is tackled illegally while in possession of the ball will be awarded a free kick."

NO PRIOR OPPORTUNITY — REASONABLE TIME

"The player who has possession of the ball and is tackled correctly by an opponent shall be given a reasonable time to kick or handball the ball or attempt to kick or handball the ball."

If the tackle pins the ball, a field bounce will result.

If a correct tackle or bump causes the player with the ball to lose possession, play on will result.

PRIOR OPPORTUNITY — IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL

"The player who has possession of the ball and has had an opportunity to dispose of it and is then tackled correctly by an opponent must immediately kick or handball the ball."

If a correct tackle pins the ball or causes the player with the ball to lose possession, a free kick will result.

If a bump or knock to the arm causes the player with the ball to lose possession, play on will result.

Graham Brown
Umpire Coach & Coordinator
Country Energy Tamworth AFL

Umpires List

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Name
Graham Brown
Gerry Griffiths
Lindsay Brash
Robin Dobos
Mark Storey
Darrell Benfield

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Kangaroos Team List

Umpire - Lindsay Brash

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TAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Kangaroos					
Saints					

Saints Team List

Umpire - Robin Dobos

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TAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Kangaroos					
Saints					

Nomads Team List

Umpire - Lindsay Brash

Number	Name	Goals
2	Reece Whitby	
3	Tom Walsh	
4	Adam Baillie	
7	Matt Green	
8	Dave Donaldson	
10	Weston Whitby	
11	Mitch Ivey	
12	Jarrold Reid	
13	Ben Staunton	
15	Sam Trotman	
16	Sol Hanks	
17	Hamish Pearce	
18	Adrian Walsh	
21	Ben Page	
22	Matt Pett	
23	Tyrone Dimmer	
26	Mark Clayton	
28	Jamie Vesey	
29	Ron Crump	
31	Jay Wright	
32	Matt Bourke	
33	Clinton Ballagh	
34	Johnathon Frost	
37	Oms Temoso	
39	Dave Bioletti	
40	Caleb Dobos	
41	Nick Shultz	
42	Matt Maxwell	
44	William Webb	
51	Dave Dunlop	

TAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Nomads					
Swans					

Swans Team List

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Umpire - Robin Dobos

Number	Name	Goals
1	Dean Hoy	
2	Gavin Knee	
3	Joey Atkinson	
4	Travis Brown	
5	Jason Darcy	
6	Josh McKenzie	
7	Leif Smith	
8	Dean Finlay	
9	Andrew Donohue	
10	Glenn Squires	
11	Damien Wendt	
12	Aaron McRae	
14	Even Griffiths	
15	John Robinson	
17	Dane Miller	
18	Tristan Jones	
19	Anthony Wallace	
20	Josh Steel	
21	Nick Green	
22	Daniel Butcher	
23	Lachlan Rowling	
24	Sam Shelton	
25	Carl Shave	
26	Janson Doughty	
27	Mitch Forrester	
28	Andrew Stevenson	
35	Mitch Firth	
39	Nathan Bradburn	

TAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Nomads					
Swans					

Cats Team List

Umpire - Mark Storey

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TAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Cats					
Bulldogs					

Bulldogs Team List

Umpire - Graham Brown

[illegible]

TAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Cats					
Bulldogs					

PLAYERS

CODE OF CONDUCT

Play by the rules – the rules of your Club and the laws of the game.

Attend training sessions and matches at times advised by the Club. If unable, for a valid reason to do so, players will inform the club as soon, as is practical.

Act respectfully toward the officials and players of their own opposing Clubs.

Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match and club officials.

Treat all players with respect, as you would want them to treat you.

Act respectfully towards match officials at all times. Abusive language is unacceptable.

Avoid individual or collective behaviour, which may reasonably be held by spectators to be offensive.

Avoid all acts likely to incite spectators to violence or disorder.

Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or the Tamworth AFL.

Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the Tamworth AFL.

Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.

Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

CODE OF CONDUCT

Remember that you are for there for the participants to enjoy the game.

Encourage participation, but don't force it.

Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.

Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters are there to support not downgrade.

Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires, administrators and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.

Never publicly criticise umpires, rather raise personal concerns with club officials in private.

Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.

Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.

Abusive language is unacceptable.

COACHES

CODE OF CONDUCT

Set a good example and display utmost honesty and integrity in all dealings.

Teach fair play and good sportsmanship.

Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and character.

Be reasonable in demands, setting goals and expectations at an attainable level.

Maintain a current knowledge of the rules of the game.

Teach and interpret the laws of the game to the players.

Never ridicule players.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.

Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skill.

Ensure that all players understand the importance of regular attendance at training and positive attitude at training and that team selection throughout the season, including the finals, may be influenced by their training attendance and attitude.

Ensure that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention and that doctor's orders are strictly adhered to.

Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare on my players.

Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play.

Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.

Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the Tamworth AFL.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.

Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or to the Tamworth AFL.

ADMINISTRATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to Australian Football.

Create pathways for people to participate and develop through the sport not just as players but also as coaches, umpires and administrators.

Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability of the participants.

Establish that qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique provide adequate supervision.

Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.

Assist all participants in Australian Football to know and understand the rules.

Set a conduct example for others to follow.

Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.

Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or to the Tamworth AFL.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.

Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, medical staff and players, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.

OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.

Be honest in your assessment of situations.

Be consistent and courteous in calling all infractions.

Condemn deliberate fouls as being unsporting and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.

The health and safety of the players must be the most important reason to be weighed in during the decision making process.

Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.

Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.

Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and/or interpretation of the rules as laid down by the AFL.

Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Last Round's Results

Round 1

Kangaroos 0 0 0

Saints 0 0 0

Kangaroos Goals:

Saints Goals:

Kangaroos Best:

Saints Best:

Nomads 0 0 0

Bulldogs 0 0 0

Nomads Goals:

Bulldogs Goals:

Nomads Best:

Bulldogs best:

Swans 0 0 0

Cats 0 0 0

Swans Goals:

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