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Pride Football Australia Melbourne 4-6 October 2013 Justin Fashanu Cup

It was that time of year again when the Justin Fashanu Cup team was selected from the Rangers A, Rangers B and Rangers O35's teams to represent Sydney Rangers FC at Pride Football Australia (PFA) 2013. PFA will be held in Melbourne between the 4-6 October comprising a social game between Melbourne and Sydney, the **Julie Murray Cup** and the **Justin Fashanu Cup**. The Julie Murray Cup is currently shared between the Melbourne Rovers and The Flying Bats Women's Football Club's. Melbourne Rovers currently hold the Justin Fashanu Cup. So it was at The Midnight Shift on Saturday 27 July that a lottery system was used to select the team for the Justin Fashanu Cup. The Club's President Gavin Mears drew the names from each of the



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three Rangers teams who nominated themselves to play. Seven defenders and 7 attackers (& midfielders) were chosen. The goalkeeping position is yet to be decided. The coaches for the 2013 Justin Fashanu Cup are Rob Lumb and Billy Kennedy. The full list of players selected & reserve players are on page 2. The club encourages anyone going to Melbourne to make travel arrangements ASAP.

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Justin Fashanu Cup Team Announced

On Saturday 27 July 2013 the Justin Fashanu Cup team was selected from the three Sydney Rangers teams. The Club's President, Gavin Mears, drew the team from a lottery system from those players who nominated to play. The team is as follows:

Defenders:

Daniel O'Raw
Hiro Tsuchiya
Mark Robinson
Paul Flynn
Dooky Dook
Ryan Lambert
Bruce Nagle

Attackers:

Daniel Wilson
Duncan Jones
Nick Nurlan
Scott Haddin
Tom Dougherty
Danny Shah
Gavin Mears

Goal Keeper:

To Be Selected

Reserves:

Adam Rose, Dan Lord,
Koji Niikura, Kevin Kaila,
Akio Matsui, Banky Tipta
& Daryn Vanstone

President's Message

Sydney Rangers President Gavin Mears would like to hold a series of forums, asking for the club's members to participate. Gavin said, "Over the next 12 months I plan to hold a series of forums where we can all discuss a range of topics in an informal setting. These will not be President or Committee run meetings. The idea is for a forum where I will email you my ideas and plans on a particular topic before the night and at the forum we can all discuss their merits or issues, your suggestions and other ideas, constructive criticisms and thoughts on these plans. Simply, this will be your opportunity to hear what the club is doing and to have your say and input. The first of these forums will be held on Wednesday 28 August 2013 to discuss Mardi Gras 2014. This is not a meeting, just a forum for **everyone** who is interested in having a say about our plans for the Mardi Gras 2014 season to come along, talk about my ideas and to give your suggestions."

Gavin went on to say, "We will be talking about our plans for the Mardi Gras Tournament, Fair Day and the Mardi Gras Parade. I will email out my ideas for these events in advance of the forum and I ask everyone to think about what you would like to be considered and discussed for these 3 events. Out of this forum we will create working groups to oversee the plans we agree on. Whilst I already have some ideas and plans underway, nothing is set in concrete and I want your suggestions and feedback. Future forums will be held to talk about our fundraising and sponsorship arrangements and our plans for the club in the short, mid and long term and other issues and topics."



Results:

July

Rangers A:

06/07/13 v Marrickville: 2-0 win
07/07/13 v Balmain A 2-0 win
13/07/13 v Concord B: 3-2 loss
20/07/13 v Stanmore: 2-1 win
21/07/13 v Enfield: 3-2 win
27/07/13 v Earlwood 3-1 win

Rangers B:

06/07/13 v Roselands A: 2-1 loss
07/07/13 v Enfield: 2-2 draw
13/07/13 v National Sport: 2-1 loss
20/07/13 v Roselands B: 3-2 loss
21/07/13 v Belmore: 3-1 loss
27/07/13 v Burwood A 2-0 loss

Rangers O35's:

06/07/13 v Enfield A: 4-2 win
13/07/13 v Belmore: 3-2 loss
14/07/13 v Burwood: 3-2 loss
20/07/13 v Abbotsford: 4-1 loss
27/07/13 v Marrickville: 3-0 win

Fixtures:

August

Rangers A:

1.15pm 3/8 v Burwood @ Wentworth Park 4
1.00pm 4/8 v Marrickville @ Wentworth Pk 1
*10/8 v TBA
*Last game for Rangers A

Rangers B:

3pm 3/8 v Burwood C @ Centenary Park 2
*1.15pm 4/8 v Roselands A @ Bennett Park 1
*Last game for Rangers B

Rangers O35's:

*1.15pm 10/8 v Enfield B @ Birchgrove Oval 1
*Last game for Rangers O35's

Note: Always check with your Coach or Manager for correct playing dates & times as they may change at short notice.

Want To Check Fixtures/Results/Tables?

Go to www.balmainfootball.com.au then scroll over the tab **"Your Team"** then click either **"All Age Mens"** or **"Over 35/45 Mens."** On the next screen go to **"CLICK HERE for your teams Draw/Results/Standings."** This will take you to icompman. All you have to do then is enter **"Age Group"** (AA or Over 35) and **"Division"** (Rangers A – 6-6, Rangers B – 9-9 or O35's – 5-5) and your teams results & fixtures will be shown. There is also a tab for **"Tables"** so you can see where your team sits on the ladder.

The Season So Far

Rangers A

The Rangers "A" team have had a very good season so far. They are currently in second place with only a few games to go and are on course for a place in the semi-finals. Their coach Rob Lumb had this to say, "With 16 games played, 12 wins & only 3 losses & 1 draw, 2nd position on the ladder is almost secured with only 2 games remaining before the finals. The boys have been playing some nice football with strong, controlled passing games being really great to watch. With a number of new players coming together this year, the boys have really settled well & looking ready for a march towards the grand final."

Rangers B

The Rangers B team this year was a completely new mix of talent, with some players returning to football after a 10 year hiatus, some returning Rangers from last year and some players new to football altogether. The first part of the season saw gradual progression in the building of the team dynamics, finding the right positions on the field for the team to come together and play as one. By the time the team's first win came around, the game of football being played was planned, intentional and controlled and the victory well deserved. Through many games of reduced numbers the team held their own and it was often commented by the opposition that the team ranking was surprising and undeserved. The individual ability of every player has increased this year and the ability of every player in contributing to the team has developed to the point where the Rangers B team are a formidable force. The mateship amongst players has been one of the strongest team characteristics, with the ability for players to laugh and enjoy the game, regardless of the result evident on every Saturday afternoon. The team welcomed many new players this season and players have felt the welcoming spirit and football enjoyment that is at the heart of what a Rangers team stands for. Good luck to Rangers B in their final two games of the season this weekend!

Rangers Over 35's

This is the first season that Sydney Rangers have fielded an Over 35's team. The team was placed in Division 5 and was made up of Sydney Rangers Players and new players who were previously registered with the Balmain Club. The season certainly has been one of high's and low's. Whilst recording great wins over three teams in the top four, it was the inability to secure wins over lower placed teams, which has really hurt the team's final aspirations. Although out of finals contention, their first season was one full of "what-if's." So far the Over 35's have recorded 4 wins, 2 draws and 10 losses and are currently in 9th position. For many of the games, the team played with no substitutes but regardless, showed great character and team spirit. Opposition teams and even referees often commented on the team's unity & spirit. This is a great testament to the way the Over 35's have played together as a team.

Reminder – Sydney Rangers Membership

If you have forgotten to renew your membership for Sydney Rangers Football Club, you can still do it by going to www.sydneyrangersfc.myclubmate.com. All Sydney Rangers memberships expired on the 30 June 2013 so you will need to renew it for the 2013/2014 season. Once your payment has been received you will receive your new membership card for the next 12-month period. This card will enable you to receive discounts and benefits from our sponsors and supporters.

Cloak Room Fundraising

Once again players from the Sydney Rangers Football Club helped raise money for the Club by working the cloakroom at a Bear party called “Chunky” which was on at The Midnight Shift on Saturday 20th July. Although the turn out by patrons to the party was slightly low on expected numbers, there were plenty of Rangers in the cloakroom to help out during busy periods. The Sydney Rangers Football Club would like to thank all those Rangers who donated their time on a Saturday night that helped out. Your efforts and time are greatly appreciated.

Want Your Very Own Sydney Rangers Jersey?

Would you like to own your very own Sydney Rangers F.C. jersey? The club is currently in the process of placing a new order for those that do not have the current Rangers jersey. These jerseys have been received extremely well by those that have one and they are striking to look at and are comfortable to wear. You can also choose a name & a number on the back (that hasn't already been allocated). If you're a full paying member the jerseys are \$40, non members price is \$80. Order your jersey now by emailing your details to info@sydneyrangersfc.com.au

Contribute To Your Newsletter

Want to contribute to the Sydney Rangers Newsletter? We'd love to hear from you. If you think you have something worthwhile to contribute to our monthly newsletter then send your article or photographs to info@sydneyrangers.com.au. Remember, this newsletter is for you so why not contribute a written piece or a photo.



Birthday Celebrations

August

Three Rangers celebrate a birthday in August:

- Koji Niikura – 1st August
- Eric Kennedy – 13th August
- David Carmichael – 28th August

Sydney Rangers FC wishes all these boys a very



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