

# DOWNNS



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# Lamb Ragout

Gday Knucleheads, First off I would like to congratulate our beloved prime minister Mark Swann and his lovely fiancée Leah on their engagement. An 80,s party was held last night in the club with mullets everywhere and skinny ties and groovy shirts oh wait on, that was last week around Terry Harris's house for tea . Good to see Tony T did not have to buy or hire a thing as it was all in his wardrobe. It was good to see Ron Hawkeshaw in the carpark crying his eyes out saying he can't go on anymore. Mainey came down with a couple of his Florina mates, Mary was having a moan because a bottle of brandy had gone up to \$6 and her fags are \$1.30 a pack. Ritchie Allison was spewing pints had gone up to 80 cents. Rory was unable to attend as he was doing his first stint in jail. Gaz Evans was at the party celebrating his 700th game for the downs. Nick Swan was there saying he will play his 345 consecutive game in goals for the downs tomorrow. Les Cottam Starkie was there celebrating his 7000th message. Andy and Jodie were saying they might get engaged one day. Gordy was saying he wouldn't mind buying a rambler one day which Gav Verall replied "I might know someone with one" Nobby was saying he would one day like to put a pergola inside the club which cracked us all up with Malcom Holmes heard to say "not in my lifetime" Derek Webb was there telling everyone that was there that Chelsea would be a force to reckon with one day which again cracked us all up with Mick Broome heard to say "not in my lifetime" Don Bradbury was there bemoaning the fact every time he brushes his hair clumps come out as a matter of fact so was Knowlsey. Marty snr was there saying young Marty Jnr was eating him out of house and home. Dick and Motts couldn't show up as they apparently were at a Duran Duran concert in Ballarat. Tim Adams was saying his lovely wife may be pregnant and he was hoping for a boy. Gaz Palmer was saying he will start wearing a headband when he plays in future. The whole of the club looked fantastisc with Mary spending wednesday, thursday and friday polishing the wooden floor, Nobby was over heard saying he would like to see the club tiled and carpeted one day. Malcom Holmes was heard to reply "not in my lifetime" Wink was there asking when the next caberet was on for some reason. Eadie Mottram was saying the downs show is in November again this year with practice on sunday at 7.30pm. Apparently the club will be shut to anyone not in the show. Sandy and Les want to do the proclaimers yet again. Eadie had to leave early so she could take pop home. It was a cracking night with everyone spewing there is a game on today. On that I would like to welcome the Broadmeadows Soccer Club to Argana park today and heres to a good win.

To change tack I would like to say a big well done to Bill Duncan and Azza for getting today's Downs in Pink off and running, its for a cracking cause and a lot of hard work has gone into the organising of this so well done fellas. Welcome to the bungers and heres to putting a relegation nail in your coffin and a great victory to the Downs. Bungers are Going Down, Going Down, Going Down....

# Match Reports

## 1st Team - 18/7/2010 v's Ingle Farm - Win 1 / 0

Probably the best win and the most solid performance of the season so far.

On a boggy, 45 degree sloping pitch the lads were up for the challenge from the opening whistle. Heading "down hill" in the opening half saw us create a number of chances, but unfortunately our dominance wasn't represented on the scoresheet.

Cartwright was creative in the midfield, Sam and Tommy were buzzing and the defence showed no sign of letting anything through.

As Tony Reeves said at the break, it was only a matter of time before we put one in the back of the net. Then sure enough on 70 minutes a brilliant build up involving, Pommy, Adam and Cartwright sent Sam through to a one-on-one with the keeper and he produced a fantastic finish.

Another chance went begging 5 minutes later when the farm keeper made a great save.

In the last 15 minutes, Luke Hall made 2 hard crucial challenges, 1 of which knocked out our reserve keeper. Ingle Farm created a few chances in the last 10 minutes but Ben Aldridge stayed resolute and produced a couple of spanking saves.

We came home with the Elizabeth Downs / Ingle Farm cup with a great performance by the entire team.

If / When we play like this against the vale we are going to give them a damn good thrashing.

# **Match Reports**

## **Reserves - 18/7/2010 v's Ingle Farm - Loss 5 / 1**

This match is always a big one for the reserves team as both have been the ones to beat over the past few years as both have been league champions. This match had seen a fill in coach take a team who had no subs and was down to 10 men early on from the departure of Matt Adams who succumbed to injury.

We were under pressure from the start defensively and Ingle Farm took advantage by being up early. In a muddy affair the lads grouped together and equalised via a parried shot from the keeper and J.D. was in the middle to send it in the back of the net. Farm then responded with a lot of pressure and took advantage by going up 3-1 at half time.

The second half seen the downs put pressure on through the middle with Ben and Lucas while using Liam out wide to try and create a decent attack. A few saves by Azza kept the score at 3-1 before tired legs were unable to keep the score from going 5-1.

All up a gutsy effort by the lads and the score didn't relate to the way the lads played.

## **Fossils - 18/7/2010 v's Modbury Vista - Win 4 - 3**

The only team with a 100% record in the Cup turned up at a wet and windy Argana Park determined to get another step closer to Hindmarsh in their "Doing it for Bob" campaign. The pre game e-mail hype, largely led by Macey who everyone else wonders how he gets so much free time at work, pointed to this game as key to making the semis and the Fossils started with great endeavour. The returning Harley and Carroll had reintroduced himself to the team in the changing rooms during Swanny's standard underwear show which naturally saw the team eager to get on the park. Unfortunately Neil limped off in the first half with (another) hangover and a sore calf but the team battled on and after the post had kept The Monck from opening his account Paul saw a trademark speculative long ranger fumbled by the keeper and open the scoring. A Justin braced was split by a goal that Swanny helped bundle in and the Fossils saw themselves 4-0 up at half time and seemingly cruising. The half time oranges were clearly spiked as no one really knows what happened in the second half as Vista pulled one back straight from the kick off and follow up with another. We couldn't finish our chances and with ten still to go Vista were back in the game and the Fossils keeper was forced to make a few saves and the Fossils were certainly grateful to hear the final whistle. Fortunately Mary opened the bar for the boys to enjoy some fellowship and kick off another round of mutual piss taking out of each other over a beer! Thanks to Liam and Ben for running the line and the hordes of supporters (6!) that turned out to watch.

Next weeks game promises to see most of the team prepare in a similar way that Neil has done for the last few games.

# Committee Match Report

69th July 2010 - v's Buttcheek Utd - Win 4 - 1

An absolutely amazing performance from the team that have been rumoured to be poached by world renown managers such as Alex Fergusson, Vincente Del Bosque, Carlo Ancelotti and Rachel Smith of Elizabeth Downs under 9 maroons fame.

We got off to a flyer when only 3 minutes in, some marvellous individual brilliance from the man who is known by numerous alias' (The Flying German, The Red Baron-elli, The Sav Blanc Skuller, Uncle Vito) Reiner who was really pumped up after realising that he could become an instant millionaire because the recycle depots had announced that they were paying 1 cent for empty wine bottles gathered the ball in our 18 yard box and went on the run of his life....Slipping past the Buttcheek forwards, then through the midfield, past the defenders with only the keeper to beat. Vito banked left and did the splits to poke the ball with his toe into the left hand corner of the net.

The 2nd goal came 2 minutes after the 1st.... An error from the Buttcheek keeper Phil McKraikin was pounced upon by KTC who was recently fined for only turning up 24/6 instead of 24/7 as had been stipulated in his unwritten contract and using the birth of his 4th child as an excuse, Kenny controlled the ball from the duffed goal kick and headed home from only 35 yards out!

Just before the break it was the slim trim pale drinking pommy expat Trimboli's time to shine. After being upset about the lack of pale on sale last week at the farm game but if he wanted to purchase a Sugar Free Guava and Lemon Vodka Cruiser they were able to comply, he turned that frown upside down when he struck a left footed thunderbolt that hit the corner stanch of the goal. The big fella was unfortunately booked after his celebration for sticking his 2 fingers up at the crowd. The ref later had withdrawn the booking after an explanation from Russell stating that the V sign was to discourage young people from drinking Vodka Cruisers.

After an inspirational half time talk by Big Willy V in which he couldn't stress enough the need to pay all rego's and how he doesn't usually like soup but he was enjoying the soup the girls were selling on Sundays and the Blues Fest was going to be a cracker this year, the team were fired up.

The 2nd half started much the same way as the 1st. On the hour mark a great ball from defence by the man they call Mr Blue Light Disco - DJ Ice Cool Cube Cube Rexie Inda House saw Jeff "Shazan" Wilko come to the fore. The bald headed genie took on the whole Buttcheek defence and with the touch of glass that only he possesses, he cut up their Russian centre half Choptiz Nudzov and slammed the ball past the keeper.

On 90 minutes Buttcheek received a consolation goal. After some lack luster defending by "The Wig" Tony Townsend who was caught in possession because he was giving Mick McGivern hair dressing tips. The striker was through in a 1 on 1 with "the woman they say looks like she has fallen off of a charm bracelet" Mary "The Cat" Stevens. The striker slotted the ball past Mary. The goal reeked of offside and when Mary approached Oli the bandy legged ref from the Netherlands to state the case for off-side he waved her away...In the blink of an eye Mary laid the boot into his crotch and grabbed him in a head-lock, she hoisted him above her head and proceeded to give him a suplex. While the ref was laying on the ground and disorientated, Mary who was still fuming about the off-side decision gave him the famous NSNS (Nulli Secundus Nut Stomp) and walked toward the change rooms as she was issued a red card by the 2 assistant referees.

Smitty didn't play in this game as Wilko did not want to use up all the medical / trainers budget on strapping tape for his knees.

## **A bit of a Larf**

Proof of what can happen if a wife or girlfriend drags her husband or boyfriend along shopping.

This letter was actually sent by Tesco's Head Office to a customer in Oxford :

*Dear Mrs. Murray, Whilst we would like to thank you for your valued custom, the manager of our store is considering banning you from shopping with us, unless your husband stops his antics.*

*Below is a list of his actions over the past few months all verified by our surveillance cameras:*

1. Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in people's trolleys when they weren't looking.
2. Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. Made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to feminine products aisle.
4. Walked up to an employee and told her in an official tone, 'Code 3' in housewares..... and watched what happened.
5. Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
6. Set up a tent in the outdoor clothing department and told shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring sausages and a Calorgas stove.
7. When the Deputy Manager asked if she could help him, he began to cry and asked, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?'
8. Looked right into the security camera; used it as a mirror, picked his nose, and ate it.
9. While appearing to be choosing kitchen knives in the Housewares aisle asked an assistant if he knew where the antidepressants were.
10. Darted around the store suspiciously, loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.
11. In the kitchenware aisle, practised the 'Madonna look' using different size funnels.
12. When an announcement came over the loudspeaker, assumed the foetal position and screamed 'NO! NO! It's those voices again.'
13. Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited a while; then yelled, very loudly, 'There is no toilet paper in here.'

## **Chuck Norris is the Greatest**

Trace elements of kryptonite have been found in a Chuck Norris urine sample!

Chuck Norris does not wear a condom. There is no such thing as protection from Chuck Norris!

When the Boogeyman goes to sleep, he checks his closet for Chuck Norris!

Chuck Norris can never have a heart attack. His heart isn't foolish enough to attack him!

They once made a Chuck Norris toilet paper, but it wouldn't take crap from anyone!

Chuck Norris is the reason why Waldo is hiding!

There's an order to the universe: space, time, Chuck Norris....Just kidding, Chuck Norris is first!

Chuck Norris counted to infinity...twice!

It takes Chuck Norris half an hour to watch 60 minutes!

Chuck Norris is what Willis was talkin' bout!

That's not Chuck Norris doing push-ups, That's Chuck Norris pushing the earth down!

Chuck Norris can speak braille!

Little Miss Muffet sat on her tuffet, until Chuck Norris roundhouse kicked her in the face!

Chuck Norris crossed the road, no-one has ever dared to question his motives!

A movie scene depicting Bruce Lee beating Chuck Norris was the most expensive visual effects ever!

Chuck Norris won a game of connect 4 in three moves!

Godzilla is the Japanese version of Chuck Norris's first visit to Tokyo!

Chuck Norris once visited the Virgin Islands, now its just called the Islands!

Most people fear the Reaper. Chuck Norris considers him "a promising rookie"

Chuck Norris's calendar goes from March 31st to April 2nd...No-one fools Chuck Norris!

One time, at band camp, Chuck Norris roundhouse kicked the flute player!

Chuck Norris destroyed the periodic table, because he only recognizes the element of surprise!

Everybody loves Raymond...except Chuck Norris!

Chuck Norris can say NO to CC's!

# Having a drink with #6

Name: *Ben McMullen*

Nickname(s): *Benny / Ball Bags*

Football Team: *Ben Cousins*

Favourite Food: *Pint & Parmi*

Favourite Drink: *Beer*

Favourite TV Show: *Two and a half men*

Favourite Movie: *The Hangover*

Favourite Holiday Destination: *Queensland*

Most Memorable Moment: *Ben Cousins being picked up in the pre-season draft*

Advice to Others: *Join N.B.D.!*

# Having a drink with the Trainer

Name: *Jeff Wilkinson*

Nickname(s): *Wilko*

Football Team: *Manchester United FC*

Favourite Food: *Reef & Beef*

Favourite Drink: *Bourbon & Dry*

Favourite TV Show: *Coronation Street*

Favourite Movie: *Clint Eastwood - Every which way you can*

Favourite Holiday Destination: *S.M.B. with Smitty*

Most Memorable Moment: *Marrying Big Red / Putting up with Bert "I don't pay my rent" Fuda*

Advice to Others: *Be nice, it costs nothing!*