



GAME DAY PROGRAM 2023

SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023,
TOWNSON OVAL



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MESSAGE FROM JOCKY DADS & LADS CREATOR

From concept three years ago to what we see today – wow!

This year we welcome the Greens woman's team and the Hamilton Hawks men and woman's teams to our annual event. The inaugural Women's Masters & Apprentices concept will see the Greens and Hawks fielding past and present players from both clubs taking to the field just after midday.

Following Masters & Apprentices, 4 Greens teams (Jokers, Maulers, Bandits and Warriors) along with a Hamilton Hawks side will take the field for Dads & Lads. All five teams will each play two games consisting of 10-minute halves (give or take a few minutes, ha-ha) each team presenting their best matching it with the skills of Merewether and Hawks finest.

The initial concept (2021) was for ex Merewether Carlton players who are fathers the chance to play alongside their sons and friends, but of course, all are welcome. This has been a bucket list item of mine and I thank all who have supported and allowed me to have the special moments that rugby and this day provides my family.

This year we will release profits equally to Beyond Blue and to the Greens Foundation supporting player welfare. Thanks again to all the community for your support and involvement and to our sponsors. Thanks to the working group put together to plan for the event to spread the workload for all.

Special thanks to Chris Neader for her continual admin support and the work of Catherine Tonks for the registration set up and management for both Dads & Lads (Greens and Hawks) and the woman's Masters and Apprentices. Thanks also goes out to Justin Lees and his team for all the design work.

We intend for this day to be an annual event and have already set sights on 2024 and beyond. Next year we envisage even more growth externally and intend to welcome other clubs to present teams to the fray – likeminded people involved in a day of fun and raising funds for the many mental health support providers that are so vital to our lives along the way and better mental health resources within our community. So spread the word!

If anyone has any organisation in mind for 2024 or beyond, please do not hesitate to forward your thoughts on to myself at johncw65@outlook.com

Remember to check in on your mates – regularly, on and off the paddock.

All the best,
Jocky Wilson

LUKE TRESIDDER

CLUB PRESIDENT

The 2023 calendar is off to a flying start & I'm very proud that the 2023 Dads & Lads concept, initiated by John 'Jocky' Wilson in 2021, is growing and evolving with new ideas. As you're aware, the Dads & Lads committee has brought in the Masters & Apprentices to celebrate our Women in Rugby, with the Hamilton Hawks woman taking on the force of our Merewether legends.

We've also reached out to Hamilton who will bring a Dads & Lads men's team, to add another flavour at Townson Oval which will potentially open up to more clubs in future seasons.

From the whole club, I'd like to thank John Wilson, Christine Neader, Justin Lees, Daniel Neader, Steve Coburn, Gordon Dryburgh & Marc Knight in driving the committee & all the players & supporters for registering for this amazing event. Also to Catherine Tonks for all the thankless work involved getting the registrations through the Rugby Xplorer system.

Of course, none of this could be possible without our amazing sponsors who are all named below. We thank you for the continued support of this charity and the club as a whole.

The Greens have always been a family club over our 90+ year history and this is just another point of difference into our culture. For Mothers & Fathers to play a game with their children or younger relatives is almost impossible for 95% of the population due to the physical tolls our game delivers, this is a great variation to the game to facilitate the opportunity.

Looking forward to seeing you all out there on the day raising some money for Beyond Blue & the Greens Foundation's 'Injured Players fund'.

Regards,
Luke Tresidder
Club President / Dads & Lads Player

ELI McCULLOCH

CLUB CAPTAIN

The 'Dads and Lads' concept that was brought to life by Jocky Wilson has been an initiative that he has so rigorously devoted his time too and has so proudly promoted in the name of mental health. What an amazing concept, gifting fathers and their sons the opportunity to play together, which otherwise may never have been possible, for such a great cause.

It has been an honor to participate in this day previously and I am excited for what this event may grow into! The Greens Community should be extremely grateful for the sacrifice made by Jock in creating this great day.

Congratulations to all of those involved in bringing this great event to fruition. I hope to see this event be cemented into the Merewether Carlton calendar for years to come.

Eli McCulloch
Club Captain / Current Player

STEVE WAIT

DADS & LADS PLAYER

It must be a fantasy of all Fathers to have been able to play football with their sons and Dads and Lads makes that amazing moment possible. It is one of my and our families' special days of the year, and although it brings fathers and their sons together more than that it brings all of us together

Mums, girlfriends, sisters grandparents all the generations to create community. I believe it creates really positive connections and opens the hearts of all of us young and the old through a game that we all love and that gives all of us lifelong friendships and bonds.

Steve Wait
Dads and Lads Player (Father of current players)

STEVE GAUL

LIFE MEMBER / DADS & LADS REF

Merewether Carlton Rugby Club has a long storied history spanning almost 100 years. As the club developed and evolved, it has morphed into a great community of likeminded people who love the game of rugby and what it gives to its participants and families involved.

Having grown up in Taree, I played league and soccer as a kid with no rugby up that way. On arriving in Newcastle I found rugby to be a game that was great fun to play and a great way to develop relationships with the people you played with that have lasted the test of time.

By sharing these experiences with your parents, or with your sons/daughters we get to enjoy the exhilaration of rugby, the fun, the danger and the thrill of running onto the hallowed turf of Townson Oval just one more time.

In the late 80's we started a short lived version of Dads and Lads called Overs and Unders. This was played between players (and past players) aged over 28 years old against the youngsters. For those present, who could forget the great Roy Clarke in the coloured shorts shuffling over the try line with young guys deliberately diving and missing our late Patron and Life Member Roy? They were great days and great fun.

After all, that is why we play rugby, for Fun, Friendship and Fraternity and that is what the Dads and Lads/Masters and Apprentices day gives us, as well as great memories of lining up with your son or daughter, with your dad or mum and going into battle.

I hope you all have a wonderful day and all play the games in the right spirit with no injuries.

Go the Green wave.

Steve Gaul
Life Member / Dads and Lads Referee

CARLA ANDERSEN

CLUB SECRETARY / MASTER

To be a part of the rugby community is like nothing else. You can travel the world and know that wherever you land you can find your closest club and be welcomed in as part of the family, and you will have that connection for a lifetime.

Rugby has given me so much over the two decades, and one thing that I cherish is the teammates who started as friends and became my sisters.

When Hamilton came on board with Dad's & Lad's it was obvious – we needed a women's match. Over a glass of bubbles in the Green Room Sonya, Chris and I came up with a plan and pitched an idea to bring two of the longest-established Hunter Women's Rugby teams together. Just like that, Masters & Apprentices were born!

Masters and Apprentices and Dads & Lads bring two great initiatives together – community rugby and mental health awareness. It doesn't get better than that!

I am honored and excited to be a part of this great concept. I can't wait to see this day continue to grow!

Carla Andersen
Club Secretary / Master.
(Player, Rugby Mum, and WAG)

GERRY MASON

HAMILTON RUGBY CLUB

Like most of the Local Rugby community, I have envied the Greens' Dads & Lads Day since its inception in 2021. It has been impressive to see the Merewether Carlton club not only embrace the concept but grow it from a club day to a community event.

When Jocky Wilson called and asked me if Hamilton would like to be involved for 2023, it was an emphatic "Yes"! When another call came shortly after, asking if we could also field a Women's team for the inaugural Masters and Apprentices match, the answer was the same.

Our Hawks Dads & Lads team features players past and present. 6 Dads with their Lads, 2 Dads with 2 Lads, 3 'favourite sons' of the Hawks Club and one family fielding 3 generations. Our Women's Masters & Apprentices team features several 'Harps' from our inaugural 1998 team, some stars of today and a generous helping of talent from the Club's 25-year history. As with the Merewether Carlton club, Family has always been a strong theme at Hamilton Rugby Club, and 5 Masons and 5 Clays spread across both Hawks teams today is a testament to that.

Whilst Hamilton and Merewether Carlton have always had a fierce rivalry on the field, off the field there has always been a mutual respect and friendship that isn't always evident between opposing clubs. This is largely due to opposing Greens and Hawks teams often containing school mates, neighbours, work colleagues, friends, cousins and siblings.

A big attraction of this event for us to, is the raising of funds for Mental Health. Newcastle has many mental health organisations and charities, that all do fantastic work and to be able to support one each year is a great initiative.

Even more important is the conversations we should be having around mental health. Everyone has their own struggles and being open to talking about it is a start. Don't be afraid to talk to your teammates. That's what Clubs are here for.

Many thanks to Jocky, Pugga, Christine and their Dads & Lads Committee for all the 'heavy lifting' to make this day happen.

Yours in Blue and Gold,
Gerry Mason
Hamilton Rugby Club

GOLDEN OLDIES LAWS



All players must be correctly attired for Golden Oldies Rugby, including footwear - (low profile stud football boots or grass sport shoes).

These Golden Oldies rules do not permit offside play, unsportsmanlike behaviour and are designed to increase enjoyment of the game while eliminating over-vigorous play and minimising the chance of injury.

The laws of Rugby as per the international Rugby Board shall apply with the following variations;

1. There is to be no 'cleaning out' around the rucks and mauls.
2. All 8 forwards must remain bound in the scrum until the ball has been cleared.
3. There shall be no striking against the head by the hookers or front row. There must be no pressure in scrummaging or movement of the scrum.
4. The half back must not follow the ball around the scrum
5. From a penalty there shall be no quick tap and all players shall retire 10 metres.
6. Players must observe the offside rule, particularly that of remaining behind the hindmost foot rule at rucks and mauls.
7. Players are to be onside and observe the 5 metre rule at scrums and 10 metres at line-outs
8. Unlimited substitution of players and substituted players may return for injured players.
9. Teams scoring a try shall also restart the game by kicking the ball to the non-scoring team.
10. In lineouts, all 8 forwards must take part. There shall be no supporting in the lineout. All lineouts shall be set (no quick lineouts)
11. Coloured Shorts - All players must strictly observe the restrictions on the tackling of players wearing coloured shorts. The wearing of coloured shorts does not give a player the right to tackle other players wearing shorts of the same colour. A player wearing red shorts may attempt to tackle players wearing club shorts if they feel confident and comfortable about doing so.
12. No kicking in general play. Players caught kick the ball will receive yellow card.

GUIDE TO AGE GROUPS FOR COLOURED SHORTED PLAYERS



18 - 59 years
(White / Club shorts)



60 - 64 years
(Red shorts)



65 - 69 years
(Gold shorts)



70 - 79 years
(Purple shorts)

18 to 59 years / Club Shorts or Red Shorts

Players wear red shorts in matches involving this age group to indicate that they do not want to be tackled to the ground or pushed off their feet. A player in red shorts may be "claimed and held" in the spirit of Golden Oldies Rugby but NOT tackled to the ground.

To avoid confusion, teams should avoid using the colours red, gold, or purple or colours similar to those for their "normal club shorts".

60 – 64 years/Red Shorts

Can be claimed and held. Must not be taken to the ground in a tackle.

65 – 69 years/Gold Shorts

Not to be tackled or touched. May run with the ball for up to 10 metres in total before passing to a team mate wearing club shorts or red shorts.

70 – 79 years/Purple Shorts

Not to be tackled or touched. May run with the ball for up to 10 metres in total before passing to a team mate wearing club shorts or red shorts.

80 years and older/Special Committee Shorts

Not to be tackled or touched. May run with the ball for up to 10 metres in total before passing to a team mate wearing club shorts or red shorts.

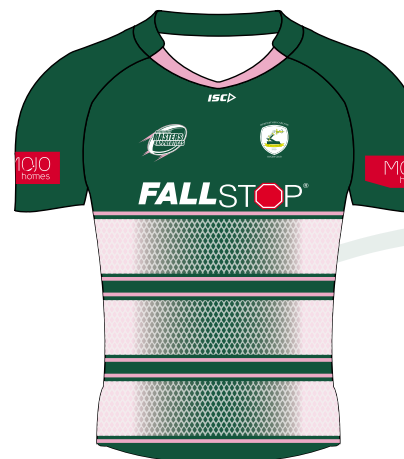
Claim and Hold – an explanation:

The player carrying the ball is wearing red shorts and cannot be taken to the ground in a conventional tackle. However, an opponent wearing either club shorts or red shorts may claim and hold him by wrapping his arms around the ball carrier's body. Although the ball carrier has not been taken to the ground, in terms of the Golden Oldies Laws he is now considered to have been tackled. That being so, the opponent who has "claimed and held" the ball carrier must now release and move away from that player to allow him to exercise one of the options required of any tackled player to pass or release the ball.

As an alternative to "claiming and holding" a red shorted opponent or to avoid touching an opponent wearing gold, purple or special committee shorts, a defender may decide to stand in front of that player to prevent further forward progress. This allows the ball carrier time and space in which to play the ball

GAME 1

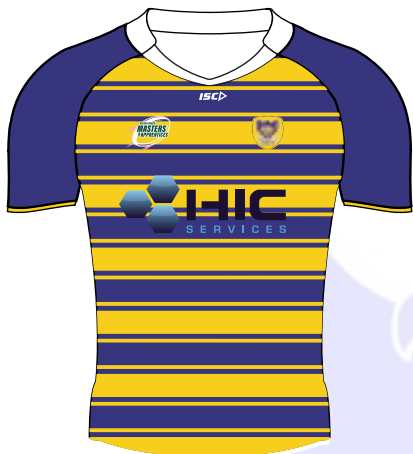
GREENS VS HAWKS



1. Carla Andersen (ANDERSEN)
2. Kristy Ball (BALLZY)
3. Danielle Freund (BILLY THE KID)
4. Sonya Chapman (CHAPMAN1)
5. Anna Chapman (CHAPMAN 2)
6. Eliza Tresidder (LIZE)
7. Naomi Medlin (NOMES)
8. Ruby Forrest (RUBES)
9. Amy Broadhead (BROADHEAD)
10. Felicity (FLICK)
11. Kylie Allen (CHUCKY)
12. Taigan Bridges (REGY)
13. Sophia Hromadzic (PHIA)
14. Ellie Barnes (BARNES)
15. Rebecca Young (BANDO)
16. Sheridan Tresidder (TRESIDDER)
17. Joanne Murray (MUMMA)
18. Halle Forshaw (HALZ)
19. Isabella Thwaites (IZZY)
20. Delani Baker (DEL)
21. Abbey Lindner (AB)
22. Morgan Freeman (MORGS)

MASTERS & APPRENTICES

KICK OFF - 12.20PM / GAME TIME 3 X 10 MIN THIRDS



1. Toni Bashford (BASH)
2. Danielle MacGregor (MACH 2)
3. Anita Cominos (ANNI)
4. Viv Clay (VIV)
5. Renee Foate (REN)
6. Sarah Burrough (BURROUGHS)
7. Natasha McRae (KEG)
8. Lesa Mason (PREZ)
9. Bec Bartley (BEC)
10. Candice Clay (C)
11. Makenzie Honeysett (MAKKA)
12. Tammy Clay (TAMMY)
13. Holly McKelligott (McKELLIGOTT)
14. Karissa MacGregor (MACH 1)
15. Emily Stark (STARKY)
16. Chenoa Elkington (MIGHTY MOUSE)
17. Ashley Alen (ALLEN)
18. Joy Wyatt (JOY)

DADS & LADS FIXTURES

GAME 2 - BANDITS vs MAULERS

KICK OFF - 1.00PM / 2 X 10 MINS HALVES



VS



GAME 3 - WARRIORS vs JOKERS

KICK OFF - 1.25PM / 2 X 10 MINS HALVES



VS



GAME 4 - MAULERS vs HAWKS

KICK OFF - 1.50PM / 2 X 10 MINS HALVES



VS



GAME 5 - BANDITS vs WARRIORS

KICK OFF - 2.15PM / 2 X 10 MINS HALVES



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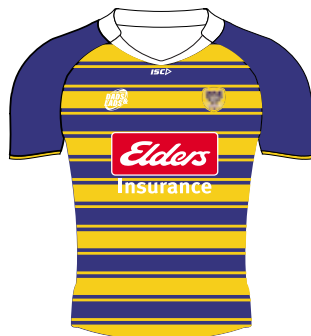


GAME 6 - JOKERS vs HAWKS

KICK OFF - 2.40PM / 2 X 10 MINS HALVES



VS



JOKERS



GAMES
1.25PM vs WARRIORS
2.40PM vs HAWKES

1. Mitchell Garner (FULMA)
2. James Callinan (CALLO)
3. Cameron Dart (DARTY)
4. Jamie Lind (KEEP CALM)
5. Sam Dart (DARTY)
6. Jake Wilson (EDRICK LEE)
7. John Wilson (JOCKY)
8. Nick Garner (STAREY)
9. Rowan Garner (RG)
10. Dan Garner (DAN)
11. Steve Rich (LIGHTS)
12. Jaden Hetherington (JAYDO)
13. Reid Aland (ALAND)
14. Max Garner (MAX)
15. Ben Coburn (COEY)
16. Jai Fletcher (RUMPS)
17. Joel Coburn (COBURN)
18. Heath Aland (ALAND)
19. Steve Coburn (COEY)

**FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW
IN THE GREEN ROOM**

ALL WELCOME!

**THE SPIRIT OF GOLDEN OLDIES, EPITOMISED IN
THE MOTTO OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP, AND FRATERNITY.**

BANDITS



GAMES
 1.00PM vs MAULERS
 2.15PM vs WARRIORS

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|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Thomas Butler | (BUTTSY) |
| 2. Oran Sheridan | (O SHEZ) |
| 3. Enda Sheridan | (E SHEZ) |
| 4. Chris Walsh | (WALSHY) |
| 5. Dane Cordner | (CORDO) |
| 6. Drew Bogdanovs | (BOGGA) |
| 7. Sam Milton | (SAM MILTON) |
| 8. Denzo Nader | (DENZO) |
| 9. Greg Milton | (GREG MILTON) |
| 10. Dan Nader | (BREEDER) |
| 11. Adam Tresidder | (TRESS) |
| 12. Conor Sheridan | (C SHEZ) |
| 13. Jason Butler | (BUTTS) |
| 14. Patrick Charters | (PAT) |
| 15. Scott Hingston | (CAR DOOR) |
| 16. Angus Mackay | (MACKAY) |
| 17. Simon Charters | (ED) |
| 18. Marc Knight | (KNIGHTY) |
| ? Luke Tresidder | (BOXHEAD) |
| 87. Ron Rose | (GINGER) |

WARRIORS



GAMES
 1.25 vs JOKERS
 2.15PM vs BANDITS

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. David Keeling | (DAVID KEELING) |
| 2. Mick Davis | (MONKI) |
| 3. Matthew Frost | (FROST) |
| 4. Findlay Wendtman | (FINN) |
| 5. Justin Lees | (PUGGA) |
| 6. Steve Wait | (STEVE WAIT) |
| 7. Jay Strachan | (STRACHAN) |
| 8. Paul Hughes | (MERV) |
| 9. Kosta Sykiotis | (SYKIOTIS) |
| 10. Ken Hill | (KP) |
| 11. Brodie Hussain | (WARRIOR) |
| 12. Fletcher Hill | (HILL) |
| 13. Jode Roach | (MAGIC HANDS) |
| 14. Scott Eward Palmer | (PALMER) |
| 15. Greg Williams | (GREENS) |
| 16. Steven Wendtman | (FINN'S DAD) |
| 17. Murray Christie | (BUZZ) |
| 18. Doc Strachan | (DOC) |
| 19. Tim Christie | (TC) |
| 20. Toby Wait | (T BONE) |

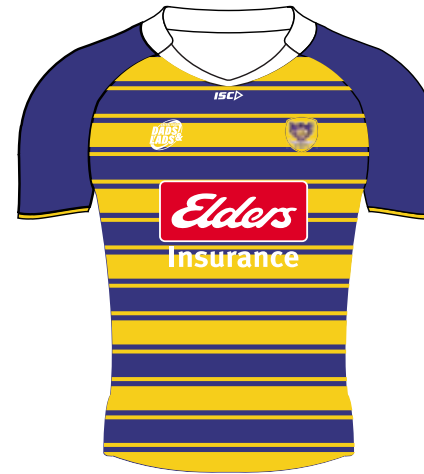
MAULERS



GAMES
 1.00PM vs BANDITS
 1.50PM vs HAWKES

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. Dean Bertzos | (DINGO) |
| 2. John Carr | (JC) |
| 3. Mark Blackmore | (BLACKY) |
| 4. Gordon Dryburgh | (WOW A WOLSELEY) |
| 5. Gregor Dryburgh | (DRYBURGH) |
| 6. David Puchert | (DOLPHIN) |
| 7. Darren Herbert | (HERBY) |
| 8. Ben Bowen | (BB) |
| 9. James Bertzos | (VEGAS) |
| 10. Stuart Paynter | (STU) |
| 11. Callan Blanch | (COOKIES) |
| 12. Michael Edwards | (AMELIA) |
| 13. Brian Fisher | (FISH) |
| 14. Eddie Clifton | (BIRDMAN) |
| 15. Iachie Herbert | (HERBIE) |
| 16. George Bertzos | (BERTIE) |
| 17. Bill Clifton | (BILL) |
| 18. Jake Gelfius | (GELF) |
| 19. Sam Clifton | (CLIFTON) |
| 20. Jayson Carr | (JC 2) |

HAWKS



GAMES
 1.50PM vs MAULERS
 2.40PM vs JOKERS

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|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Geoff Mason | (MASO 1) |
| 2. Billy Clay | (B. CLAY) |
| 3. Rob Dan | (BOBBY) |
| 4. Daniel Byrne | (BETTER BYRNE) |
| 5. Kelly Byrne | (BEST BYRNE) |
| 6. Daniel Mason | (MASO 2) |
| 7. Ben McMillan | (MACCA) |
| 8. Adam West | (BATMAN) |
| 9. Paul Dan | (DIDDY) |
| 10. Gerry Mason | (MASON) |
| 11. Phil Payne | (PADDLES) |
| 12. Oscar Mason | (MASON) |
| 13. Lewis Nelson | (TADPOLE) |
| 14. Lee Clay | (L. CLAY) |
| 15. Jacob West | (WESTY) |
| 16. Matt Dan | (DIGGER) |
| 17. Doug Marsh | (MARSH) |
| 18. Michael McKinley | (BIG DOG) |
| 19. Rob Payne | (SONIC) |
| 20. Mick Byrne | (BYRNE) |
| 21. Shaun Marsh | (MARSHY) |

2023 DADS & LADS AND MASTERS & APPRENTICES,
RASING FUNDS FOR BEYOND BLUE AND THE
MEREWETHER CARLTON RUGBY FOUNDATION
SUPPORTING PLAYER WELFARE.

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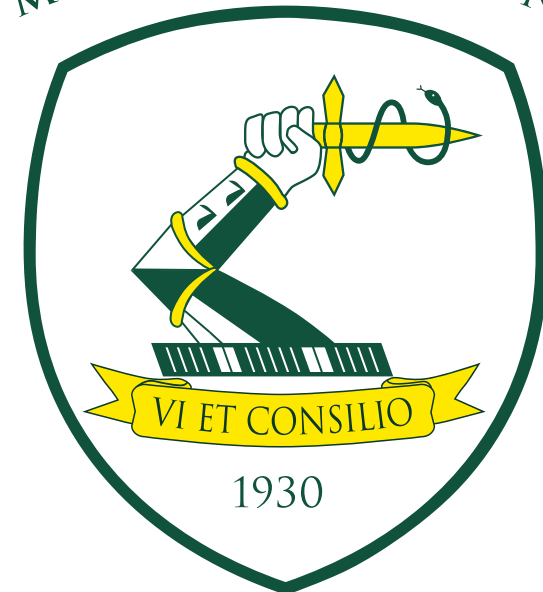
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