

“From The Outer” *Special BYE edition – Legends game.*

Well, what a day at EK on Saturday.

We had the two legends games, the Senior Players V the WAGS and then the main event the EK Legends V the All Stars. In the curtain raiser, the WAGS took their game day preparation very seriously and true to their word, had Vodka infused Oranges and Jelly Shots pre and during the match. Have to say ladies; this was a stroke of genius as they had a victory. Just goes to show you still had fruit but to mix it with alcohol.....cutting edge thinking! Well played everyone and good to see CJ still barking instructions that could be heard in Niddrie!

There was a match day sized crowd at EK for the game and to see so many players going way back to the 1980's to support the club in its 50th year was brilliant. This will go down as one of the all time great days at EK. In the main game, the pre-match was also quite serious with the occasional stubbie and dart being used to focus and calm nerves prior to the first bounce. Whilst it was played in a terrific spirit, at times on the field I can assure you the clock was wound back on a couple of occasions with some bone jarring crunches. Grechy complained of being punched in the head by Pella during a marking contest, but Pella quite rightly pointed out that Grechy was wearing a curly clown wig so any contact was fair and reasonable. This curly wig later made it down to his shorts which was very disconcerting for us all on the field and would have required some serious Brazilian action at days end. The result was close and at the final siren it was Webby's All Stars winning over Caffari's EK Legends, but that was only part of the day.

The injury toll. At least 5 blokes with soft tissue injuries off by quarter time, with worst injury a set of cracked ribs. Geez footy is fun. Special mention to Darryl Heagney who just like the 80's and 90's kept us entertained pre match, during the game and in the rooms. Heags thought our rucks needed boost so strapped the tackle bag to himself to give Teesa a platform. Only problem was it was a bit of a counter weight and when he went over on his back he couldn't get up. I was going to help him up but I wanted to which Ninja Turtle he was first. Pretty sure the name he gave me wasn't one of the original turtles. We were also visited by a couple of streakers and your correspondent would like to offer the said gentlemen some advice if I may. First up, next time be a female. We are out there huffing and puffing on the field and definitely looking for some inspiration, and what do we get, two blokes.....Dean Roberts. Now Deano, you've had this ankle injury for 12 months and have struggled to get on the field, yet a few frothies and sans clothes, you covered the ground like Usain Bolt! Training tip here old son. Play nude for the rest of the season and you will be fine.

Jordan Watson. Jordan Watson. Jordan Watson. Not really sure where to start with you young man. Do you think that the crowd should be subjected to this? Word to the wise, an industrial back, sac and crack wax would have been advisable prior to blessing us with your presence. Your correspondent thanks you for not invading the forward line whilst I was there as I already short of breath. Lose the body hair and your streaking time will improve out of sight. I know you are about to experience a European summer, so let's not torture our overseas friends any more than they need to be. There are already issues with world peace so get that wax done before QF 0009 departs. Please. The after match saw the club chockers with one of the biggest crowds seen for a long time with the majority staying right through the night. So many people came up to your correspondent saying what a great day they had and to play again and see so many old team mates was brilliant.

A special thank you to all our volunteers who did many jobs on the day. A great fundraising day for the club. From match day roles to food to music to bar to iPod shuffle etc. well done to one and all. Special mention to the Edgar Family who handled the kitchen and to John's mum Julie, who through John Sculli's IGA Strathmore, organised some of the food. Brilliant and thank you. To one of your correspondent's favourite people, John Edgar. This has been mentioned a few times but this idea was kicked around in car trip by John and some other bloke whose name escapes me. John organised the playing gear for the day though our apparel supplier Stan from SCD Apparel, sponsors Brindley Pereira from Just Energy, Barry Plant Craigieburn, Justin from Virtue Cabinets And Furniture, and Susan from HSBC and was there in the morning setting up and late at night was doing the bottle shop runs to ensure stocks were kept up.

There were so many great performances on the day but 3 votes to you my friend. All at the EKFC should be proud that we have such a unique club when it comes to these types of days.

50 years and still going strong.

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