

25 June 2013

FIGHTING SPIRIT JUST NOT QUITE ENOUGH

On Saturday we hosted Old Eltham in the Seniors and Reserves in what was a very important game for the club and the season. With 5 changes from the week before the Seniors took on third placed Eltham who beat us convincingly earlier in the season. In a tight game all day and despite a fantastic fighting effort the Seniors fell 3 points short in a dramatic last few minutes. The boys can hold their heads high for their efforts on the day, but now the season is hotting up for our club as we sit just 2 points clear of second bottom. It is time to stick together and ensure we do everything we can over the next month to clear away from the bottom group and potentially have a crack at a top four position. The Reserves led for the majority of the day but couldn't put Eltham away when they had the chance. It proved costly as Eltham stormed home to win by 8 points. Amazingly, despite the loss, the Reserves actually moved from 3rd place to 2nd on the ladder. The Under 19s took on 2nd placed Therry Penola in an early away game and having fallen over against them at home earlier in the year, managed to turn the tide by winning by 15 points. The win helped them move up from 3rd to top spot. More big matches this week as the Seniors and Reserves head off to play St Johns in what should be another tough two games and the Under 19s head out to play Old Westbourne who had to forfeit the game last time we were drawn to play, leaving Ivanhoe Park empty for the first time for a while on a Saturday. The week after there will be no games, however the \$5,000 Draw (our major fundraiser for the year) will be on at Ivanhoe Park, all are encouraged to join us.

\$5,000 DRAW



Pleasant Saturday Afternoon

Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club

WIN \$5,000

At Ivanhoe Park, The Boulevard, Ivanhoe
Saturday 6th July 2013 from 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

4 hours of food, refreshments and entertainment all inclusive of your admission cost.

Admission: \$50.00

Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club
WIN \$5,000 Afternoon
Saturday 6th July, 2013

By purchasing this ticket you will enjoy an afternoon of great fun and entertainment. Your ticket entitles you to food and refreshments between 1.00pm and 5.00pm on Saturday 6th July 2013.

The owner of the winning ticket will take home \$5,000.00 cash

There will be other spot prizes throughout the draw.

You are invited to an afternoon of great fun and entertainment where for your admission price you will receive food, refreshments, be entertained and have the opportunity to take home \$5,000.00 cash.

Thank you for supporting the **Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club**

Don't forget that in under two weeks we will be hosting the \$5,000 Big Draw at Ivanhoe Park. Saturday 6 July is the day, between 1pm and 5pm. Ensure you're a chance to win the cash by getting a ticket from a player or the club, you don't have to attend to win!! If you live away, we can arrange bank details for you to buy a ticket, just contact one of the committee ([click here](#)).

18 June 2013

ANNUAL \$5,000 DRAW

Our annual major fundraiser is not far away and tickets are now available. The \$5,000 Draw this year has moved from a Sunday to a Saturday, when the club has no games. Saturday 6 July is the day, only a few weeks away, between 1pm and 5pm. Tickets are available for \$50 from the club or players and include 4 hours of food, refreshments, entertainment and of course the chance to win \$5,000! Even if you are unable to make it on the day, the chance to win that much money AND support your club in this important fundraiser should be enough to get yourself a ticket or two. It is vital for the club in this tough economic times for sporting clubs, so please get in touch with a player or [committee member](#) to grab some tickets. Last year was a great success and a fun day, get behind it now.

3 IMPORTANT WINS

On Saturday the three teams did the club proud. The Seniors and Reserves headed to South Melbourne Districts' home ground around Albert Park expecting a wet muddy day. On arrival we were pleasantly surprised that the ground was in pretty good condition despite all the rain. The Seniors were in for a tough battle with another team sitting on 3 wins for the year. South Melbourne got off to a good start and lead by 4-5 goals throughout the second quarter. However our boys showed amazing guts and determination and worked their way back into the contest. Within striking distance at 3/4 time, the boys continued to push in the last and it was a hard fought last 5 minutes and we held on for a 3 point win. Earlier, the Reserves got off to the better start and had a handy lead most of the day, and this time it was South Melbourne who fought back. Thankfully the boys didn't give in and were able to hold on for an 11 point victory to move to 3rd on the ladder. Over at Ivanhoe Park the Under 19s continued their impressive season. Taking on Old Haileybury, the Under 19s dominated from start to finish, completing a 111 point victory. They now sit in 3rd place but with an incredible percentage of 292! Well done to all who pulled on the jumper on Saturday, let's have another three wins this Saturday!

14 June 2013

CONGRATULATIONS MOOSE

A big congratulations to Ash Close on being named in the VAFA Premier B-Division 4 Big V squad. The squad currently consists of 53 players and it is great recognition for Ash after an amazing 2012 and his continued excellence in the games he has played in 2013. The team will take on the Worksafe AFL Country Victoria team on 7 July. It is a fantastic achievement, well done Moose! To read more, click on this [link](#).



HERALD SUN

The Herald Sun Confidential column yesterday reported on our recent visit from Merv Hughes. Thanks goes to Phil Skeggs for alerting Chris De Kretser about our clubs link to Merv. Despite Phil telling the paper that past-President Sambo informed Merv of the link, obviously reporting Sambo as the current president helps sell more papers! Grant has taken it well though!

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SPORT CONFIDENTIAL

with CHRIS DEKRETSER

Merv finds his footy roots

IT was a sentimental journey to Ivanhoe Park for former Test paceman Merv Hughes when he was guest speaker at a lunch last week.

Hughes had been unaware of his family's connection to the amateur club until he met president John Sampson recently.

He was named after his late uncle Merv Hughes, who captained Ivanhoe to two premierships in 1954 (B grade) and 1956 (A grade) and won the best and fairest in 1954.

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In a 1956 annual report, Uncle Merv was described as being "an inspiration".

Hughes was a handy footballer, playing with Werribee in the VFA and trying out for Geelong.

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3 June 2013

FINE DAY ON A HORRIBLE DAY

Saturday may have provided the worst conditions Melbourne football has seen in a number of years, with many games in the VFA being postponed, but it provided Ivanhoe with a day to remember. The day started with the question of whether or not the games at Ivanhoe Park would go ahead, thankfully they did. The reserves were not the dew kickers on Saturday, as the dew was replaced with puddles!

They took on top team St Leo's Emmaus and in a close low scoring game, held out for an amazing, gutsy 4 point win to consolidate their spot in the top four. all this in front of a large luncheon where Merv Hughes was the special guest (read below!). The Seniors have struggled over the last few weeks and St Leo's were in desperate need of a win to try and get off the bottom of the ladder. They started with a bang, kicking four goals in the first quarter whilst holding us goalless, it wasn't a good start. Thankfully, the boys started putting together some fantastic football and managed to hold St Leo's to only 4 more points for the day and to run out 43 point victors. Over at the Garvey the Under 19s took on Old Parade and it was another percentage booster for the young guns. Despite the fact 5 eligible Under 19 players were playing in the Seniors, the boys went on to a 144 point win, with big Keke kicking another 8 goals.

MERV'S SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY (by Phil Skeggs)

Former Australian selector and Test paceman Merv Hughes made a sentimental journey to Ivanhoe Park when he was guest speaker at a club luncheon on June 1. Hughes was unaware of his family's connection to Ivanhoe Amateurs until quite recently when a former club president John Sampson met him.

Merv was named after his late uncle Merv Hughes, who captained Ivanhoe to two premierships in 1954 (B grade) and 1956 (A grade) and was also the club's best and fairest winner in 1954. Merv's father Ian and another uncle Malcolm also played under 19s at Ivanhoe in 1951. The big man never met his namesake – uncle Merv died a few months before he was born. But there's no doubt they shared similar traits. According to Ivanhoe's annual report in 1956, Hughes the footballer was a champion bloke and player:

"The senior team was again led by Merv Hughes whose leadership and determination was an inspiration to all. His splendid play set an example to all his teammates. Always popular with players, committee and supporters alike, Mervyn was an ornament to the game," it stated.

Merv never played Ammos himself, but was at Werribee in the VFA and tried out for Geelong in the VFL. After missing out at the Cats under coach Bill Goggin, Merv opted to focus on his cricket and the rest, as they say, is history.

VFA president Michael Sholly also addressed the crowd of about 60, comprising members of Ivanhoe's coterie group the Black & Whites, their guests, sponsors, and past players.



Special Guest Merv Hughes



That's Uncle Merv