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DALES FALL SHORT IN MATCH OF THE ROUND.

Parkdale Supers finals aspirations were dealt a savage blow this round when they travelled out to the Reservoir home of the Darebin Mustangs. With 8 teams on 2 wins and a loss this was the round to make up the final 4. They dye was cast early in the day when Wayne insisted on displaying to Bernadette his superior Navman -like navigation skills. When leaving a trail of bread crumbs didn't work, our head trainer and team manager were 10 ks just short of Wandong at about 1.30 p.m. Fortunately the fixture was a day/night game with kick off just before 3.30. A couple of injuries also dogged the Dales including key forward and Buxton Real estate property tycoon Matty Cox still recovering from a sprained hair part.

And speaking of hair the Mustangs predominately red and white Guernseys threatened to destabilize the Dales further when a team official approached coach Hansford complaining of a hair clash. Justin Cornford, Jack Tully and Nick Linford were forced to wear clash dark wigs and spray tans to contrast against the Darebin strip.

The first 3 minutes of the first quarter were the Dales best with them holding their own against a very slick opposition. Big "Steve the Six million dollar man" Austin had his hands fuller than a state schools hat rack with a full forward spoon fed lace out by the Mustang middles. Danny and Johnny likewise were given the run around and by the first bell the colt from old regret had got away to a 7 goal lead.....game over.

The rest of the destruction had a few highlights with Carts dominating around the ground and Peter Maninkos picking up a lot of possessions through the middle. New recruit, Mark "The Freak" Michaelitis lived up to his nick name when he strode onto the arena having an immediate impact on the game, the playing surface and his own face. Mark, an experienced stage diver for many years, decided to bring his work to the footy field when he dived face first for a short pass delivered by Quirky. Unfortunately Mark ploughed a hole in the ground that resembled the Grand Canyon and his head ended up like it had gone ten rounds with Iron Mike Tyson. With Judd like bravery Mark battled on and forced a contest whenever the ball was near his grasp.

Slamming Sam Ingram snuck a couple of good goals up forward whilst Sir Terry Knight toiled hard presenting up forward. Frustrated Conan managed to hit everyone of the opposition except for the tuck shop ladies and Hacky also dealt out some pain when he was given a run in the second half. Campbell Hack has an ankle injury that looks like it has grown another ankle tried to lift his side with his 'tough as old boots' attack on the ball. Darren "Daisy" Whyte also tried hard all day but late in the third quarter centred a ball that was supposed to be switched, handing the rampaging Reservourians their 16th goal. Skipper "Big Tony" Smith called in his troops at the final break urging the team for a final effort but the 10 goal margin was just a little too much and the Dales went down by a nasty 78 point. Next Sunday, yep back to back the Dales are back at Home to Melbourne and as we all know there is no more



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dangerous team than a Parkdale Supers group with their backs to the wall and the bruises still fresh.

Best for the Dales:- Carts, Falaskis, Cornford, Wombat, Aussie and Reidy.

Goals:- Ingram 2, Knight, Smith, Cornford and Falaskis.

Remember the Trivia Night Friday the 10th of July. 7.30 PM at the rooms. Get a table together. Friends, wives and girlfriends all very welcome.

"Bagger"

SPECIAL BAGGER FEATURE ARTICLE

This week in a special feature article the Bagger asks members of the Parkdale Super Rules club, How are you handling the recession and the financial crisis.

The first person I spoke to was the head trainer and club icon Wayne Allen.

T.B. "So how's things in the ceiling insulation game Wayne?"

W.A. "Yeah not to bad Bagger. I've got Kevin Rudds Insulation rebate thing going on so we're booming at the moment."

T.B. "So your business has expanded?"

W.A. "Oh yeah it's had a shake up like a Conan back spasm. I've even taken on a couple of New employees. I've got that little ---- Archie working for me now. Ooops sorry am I allowed to say that?"

T.B. "Well strictly speaking no but I can edit the article."

W.A. "Good. I don't like talking about back spasms. Nasty f-----g things."

T.B. "Ok so getting back to Archie. How's he shaping up?"

W.A. "No terrific really. I don't know how I got by without the little f.... He's good with the customers and I put a fair bit of s--- on him which livens up the place a bit."

T.B. "Matt Cox from Buxton's Real Estate surely you've been doing it tough with the market as flat as it has been reported?"

M.C. "Yeah T.B. I have had to cut down on the facials, massage, pedicures, manicures, long lunches, short days and expensive cars. It has been quite hard. I've scaled down the family holiday to a 10 day trip to a 5 star in erBali."



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- T.B. "Yep sounds tough Matty thanks but what about our blue collar workers. Bobby Sherriff has a plumbing business. How's the GFC affecting your trade?"
- B.S. "No dramas really, when everyone is going down the drain you need your plumbers. I'm actually firing on all cylinders not unlike the unstoppable GFC....the mighty cats."
- T.B. "Thanks Bobby its Geelong supporters like you and Steve Troop that make us feel as sick as a Wombat pre-game warm up. So speaking of smuggling. How about you Ernie Edwards, you drive a truck and do a part- timer at the butchers shop. Is the economic down-turn effecting your work?"
- E.E. "Down turn, turn it up, I'm turning up, turning out and no turning back. What do you think of that?"
- T.B. "Yep sounds good..... Have you been drinking?"
- E.E. "AAAAA I I I I might have been....."
- T.B. "Gary Hansen you're a builder how's the recession effecting you're work?"
- G.H. "Everyone has to live somewhere but not everyone has a place to live."
- T.B. "That's very philosophical of you Gary but how does it effect you?"
- G.H. "Kick long, go hard, man up, switch, tackle, handball doooo something don't ask do."
- T.B. "Ok no effect what so ever. Well folks this has been the first of our special reports on the global financial crisis. We hope you have enjoyed it and just remember if you have enjoyed these interviews half as much as I have then I have enjoyed them twice as much as you. "

"The Bagger."