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Sports Union News

UNI RUGBY CLUB SHOWING FORM

by Andrew Bendeich

As this is the first article the Rugby Club has contributed to the great publication, we thought we had better start with some good news. And good news we have!

The First Grade side has started showing some form and greatness is just around the corner. In May, they put up a good showing against Maitland, the undefeated competition

leaders. The score was 12- all, with fifteen minutes to go, but Maitland just had too much of the ball in the closing minutes of the game. Whilst not able to defeat Maitland this time, we are the first Club this year to get over their try line. In fact we crossed for two tries and put a bit of a scare into the Premiership favourite's camp.

The lower grades are

also coming into form. Second grade have had a couple of close losses and a draw, with victory expected real soon.

Third and fourth grades are starting to gel, with players beginning to know how each other play. It has been a slow start to the year, but don't be surprised when you see our Maroon and White jerseys running around come finals time.

NEWCASTLE UNI STUDENT TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

After performing with distinction at the Australian Multidisability Championships in Canberra, Sueanne Trindall has been selected to compete in the Blind World Championships.

An Evatt House resident and undergraduate Psychology student at The University of Newcastle, Trindall will contest the sprints and jumps. The championships are being held in Madrid, Spain from 16 to 26 July, 1998.

Naturally getting there isn't cheap, so any financial assistance from the University and Newcastle communities will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Sports Union office if you can help with the fundraising efforts. We wish Sueanne every success at the Worlds.

EASTERN CONFERENCE GAMES

by Justine Whipper, ECG Co - Ordinator

This is just a little bit of information about the ECGs you might like to know.

VENUE: Charles Sturt University- Riverina Campus, Wagga Wagga Ph: (02) 6933 2044
DATE: 6th - 10th July.

The teams attending ECG this year include: TOUCH: Men's, Women's & Mixed
SOCCER: Men's & Women's
NETBALL: Women's
KARATE: Mixed divisions
HOCKEY: Men's & Women's.

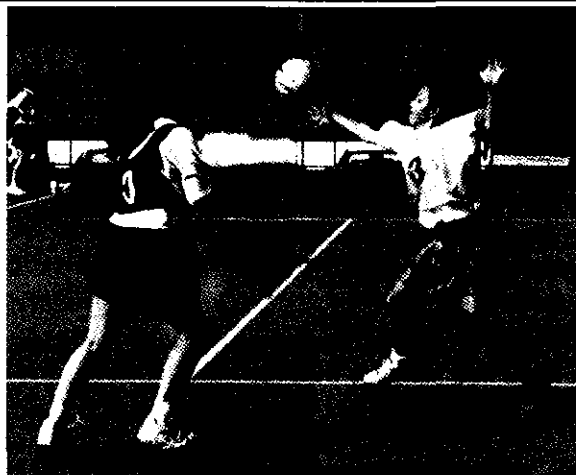
It looks as though Newcastle University's highly competitive spirit will be carried into the 1998 Games. The Women's Netball team go in as 1997 Premiers and Women's Touch and Hockey as 3rd and 4th seeds, respectively.

ACCOMMODATION: Three central Wagga Wagga venues have been booked for accommodation. Costs for 5 nights range between \$75-\$85.

The Wagga Tourist Caravan Park: 3 Johnston St. The Club Motel: 73 Morgan St. The Park Motel: 3 Tarcutta St.

TRANSPORT: it is up to the individual teams to organize their own transport. There are a few options that you can take:-RAIL: The train costs \$73 return (concession rates). If you are going to book the train, do it ASAP.
HIRE A BUS Dennis Smith has pretty cheap rates. 12 seat bus (full) works out at \$45 per person. The driver only needs a 1A license. 15 seat bus (full) works out at \$36 per person. But the driver will need a 1B license. 22 seat bus (full) is \$43 per person. The driver needing a 1B license There is a \$200 bond for the buses.

ELIGIBILITY FORMS: The Sports Union has eligibility forms for teams to sign. Each



student has to take in their student cards and read a code of conduct before they can sign the eligibility forms. These forms have to be completed before the 12th of July. If you can get your team members to do that ASAP that would be great.

The entry fees for each team have to be collected by the team managers and sent away themselves. Team managers should have already received cost of entry fees per team. in a booklet.

FUNDRAISING: We are trying to make this year's ECG as cheap as possible for students. So if anyone has some fundraising ideas for teams that would be much appreciated. Individual teams may wish to pursue sponsorship deals themselves.

The University Union has agreed to run BBQ's for teams wanting to raise money. The BBQ's will be run on Thursday nights at the Bar On The Hill. The union will supply (for free)

a limited amount of food to sell.

Whatever money the BBQ makes, the team gets to keep. So if you are interested in running one of these barbies give me a call.

UNIFORMS At present we are negotiating cheap deals for uniforms with ONYA. So we will let you know what happens when we get some details on prices. It will be compulsory for students at the ECG to have a University jacket and optional to buy a polo dress shirt.

SOCIAL EVENT There has been a social event organised for all the students attending ECG to get to know each other.

The date for this is the 26th of June at 6pm in the Harry Bradford Lounge of the Squash and Tennis Pavilion. Food will be free and refreshments will be available over the Bar. League has a game on that night too so bring your friends.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Justine on, 4952 5897.

WOMEN'S SOCCER PLAYER PROFILE - TRUDY DIAMOND by Renee Valentine

Soccer History: I started playing soccer for Beresfield in U9 boys and played with them until U14s. I then joined the ladies competition, playing for Northern New South Wales in U16, U19 & now All Age. At school I played for the Hunter, NSW and Australian School Girls. I played in the Australian U19 team and debuted for the Matildas (Australian Women's Soccer team) last year in their game against New Zealand. I am currently in the Australian train-on squad.

Position: Defending mid-field.

How did you start playing soccer? It was in the family - my brother played.

What do you want to achieve with your soccer in the future? I want to play in the World Cup next year in America and to make it to Sydney 2000.

Do you ever get sick of soccer? Yes, sometimes. We play all year round now, with the National League in summer and the Sydney League in winter.

What would be your best soccer moment to date? Debuting for the Matildas last year when we beat NZ 2-0.

How many hours do you train per week? I train 10-15 hours a week which includes going to training and gym sessions.



What do you do in your spare time? Go out, go to the movies and to the beach.

Degree: PE (3rd year)

What do you want to get out of ECG? To qualify for the Australian University Games in October.

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY SURFRIDERZ CLUB

The club is off to a great start in 1998 with around 250 members raring to surf lots and/or do some serious socialising.



A group of keen new members recently headed north to Yagan for a weekend of good waves and camping and a fun time was had by all. Weekly competitions are well underway every Tuesday morning at 7.00am.

A fine team competed at the Eastern Conference Games held at Avoca (Central Coast) on May 9-10th and at the time of writing we did really well. We hope to continue our 1997

effort and clean up again this year.

Surfriderz has many more good times in stall and new members are always welcome. For more info contact Bree on 264010 or email us at NewySurfriderz@hotmail.com

UNI MEN'S SOCCER TEAMS WELL PLACED by Michael Kmet

Newcastle Uni Men's Soccer Club has made an excellent start to the season, with all three of its premier teams sitting no worse than third place.

Following promotion to first division this year, the squad has quickly adjusted to the increase in standard and competition. After 4 rounds, First Grade remain undefeated, Reserve Grade are undefeated and Third Grade are in second

spot with three wins and one loss. As Back Page goes to print, Uni is preparing for its second round match in the knockout competition, the Arctic Cup.



IT'S FAST, IT'S FURIOUS, IT'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE

You may have seen signs for something called Ultimate Frisbee hanging up around campus, and thought to yourself "what the heck is Ultimate Frisbee?"

Ultimate Frisbee is a relatively new team sport played with, you guessed it, a frisbee. Ultimate is a fast moving sport which includes aspects of many sports that you are already familiar with, such as Netball, AFL, and Footy. It is played on a field which is similar to a Footy field and the object is to through the frisbee to a teammate in the end zone. However, any dropped or intercepted pass is a turnover and the defense takes control.

The newly formed University of Newcastle Ultimate Frisbee Club, the NUdiscs, play Sundays from 11am-1pm on #4, Mondays from 8pm-10pm on #2, and Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm on #1. Anyone, male or female, can play and is invited to drop by.



FROM THE EDITOR

by Trevor John

This edition of Back Page, reflects that no matter the time: day or evening, weekdays or weekends, and regardless of location: either on campus or elsewhere in the region, state or nation, the amount of activity coordinated by and supported by the Sports Union is immense.

There are new Clubs to welcome on board: Golf, Underwater Hockey, Tai Chi, Ultimate Frisbee and Horseriding to name a few and a special redesign and launch of our new web page. Our thanks to the University Secretary and Registrar, Mrs Gem Cheong for being our guest in the feature article, "I'd rather be ...". The University will be running a mid year orientation and have invited the Sports Union to get involved. The Orientation takes place on Friday 17 July. If you're interested in showcasing your Club to new and returning students and staff, please get in touch with Chris Tola.

On behalf of the Sports Union, we add our congratulations to the 17 inductees to the Hunter Region Sporting Hall of Fame. A well deserved tribute. Your efforts and stories in sport are respected and admired.

TJ

Deadline for Back Page no. 4 August Edition Stories, photographs and events to publicise to the Editor by Wednesday 22 July.

INTER FACULTY CHALLENGE

The Sports Union is calling for expressions of interest for Teams representing Faculties, Schools, Departments, Business Units, Clubs whatever, to take up the challenge and compete. Teams will consist of five persons with at least two of the Team being current students of this University. There will be five challenges. These may include Ultimate Frisbee, swimming, a trivia challenge, the Wall, Touch Football and any other deviate events we can conjure up! Teams will be competing against each other and the clock.

The event will commence late June or early July, depending upon entries. Costs are \$50 per Team, and this includes entry into the various sports, prizes and a neat trophy. If you're keen, register your Team with Lisa at the Sports Union.

SPORTS UNION CLOTHING

A full range of Club clothing, sports equipment and our new Sports Union baseball caps are available for sale out of our shop in the Squash and Tennis Pavilion. If you're a member of a Sports Union Club, give the Pavilion a call on, 4921 8850 to see how we can assist you to get your Club clothing out in the faces of the University Community.

While we're at the Pavilion, why not take full advantage of the cheaper morning rates and have an invigorating game of squash or tennis?

SQUASH AND TENNIS PAVILION

Many things are happening, new lights, the Union operating out of the Harry Bradford Lounge, refurbishing various areas, the Club Committee Room, extended opening hours, the opportunity to sell your Club gear out of the Store, and a bucket load of other things. The Pavilion is becoming the place where you can feel at 'home' with your Club and its activities. The Bar will be made available to ALL Clubs for functions and activities. All you need to do is let us know. For more information give the Pavilion a call on 4921 8850.

WOMEN'S RUGBY HAS NEW COACH

by Andrew Bendeich

The Women's side have had their first victory of the season with a convincing 17 - 5 win over Ourimbah last weekend. They now have a very experienced coach in Ray Nelson, a man who is well known and respected in rugby circles. Confidently, we expect great things from this team.

We are still looking for players, so any women interested can come to training on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 6pm to 8pm on No. 1 Oval. Or contact; Christine, tel. 4924 1858 or Kara, tel. 4952 3639.

Well that's it for this edition. We play away for the next couple of weeks, but please come along and support your Rugby Club at our next home game on Saturday 20 June.

I'd rather be...

Is a chance to find out what someone on campus would rather be doing. Of course, it invites a "but" ... This is where we find out about the things that fill the busy life of our selected guest.

Our guest is Mrs Gem Cheong, the University Secretary and Registrar. The interview in The Chancellery covered many issues confronting The University: how to find our way in the global market; ways to improve our postgraduate profile; making our offerings more flexible and what it was like moving from Griffith University in Brisbane.

BP Despite recognising the ways in which Newcastle has grown on you in the last four years, you describe yourself as a "big city person". You like the tempo, the noise, the excitement, the variety and the anonymity of the big smoke. Outside of the Uni. what do you like to do?

GC My New Year's Resolution this year, was to make more time for myself. I made it twice, I made it at the English New Year and then repeated it at the Chinese New Year, - it didn't help. The sorts of things I like are the theatre, going to musical concerts, I walk which is the only other thing I do really, I enjoy gardening and I do cooking. So they're my interests. I don't have enough time for any of those things. For example, my style of cooking to entertain, requires me to prepare for a whole week, but I do make the time to bake every weekend. Its therapeutic and a discipline of a different kind.

BP So, do you try to go walking in the morning?

GC It is my policy to do it rain or shine. I have a dog and it's a good excuse to do it. She's from the pound and mostly German Shepard. The interesting thing about her is that she's the same body weight as I am and it is a challenge.

BP I hope she's well behaved when she's on the lead...

GC Well you should see it. (laughs and defines a headline in the air with hands) Small Asian Woman Dragged Away By Big Alsatian. It's quite a sight.

BP Do you follow any competitive sports or get to see many University sports?

GC Only in a minimalist way, I'm aware of what's happening but I can't talk sport. In Australia I think that's a severe disadvantage, - along with the ability to talk wine, these two things are essential to being able to meld into the Australian society. I am the Patron of the Badminton Club. I suppose the link there is that it's a game mainly played in South East Asia, - Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and I come from Singapore. My father played competition Badminton, until he died, literally dropped dead, on the court.

BP What of our International Students ... do we get enough people on our teams where they've grown up playing a game like badminton. Is this an area we need to look at more closely?

GC What I'd like to see is a greater melding between Australian students and Asian students in the sporting arena. Badminton, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball and Cricket, all the male members of my family played cricket, are sports which are familiar to and played by our Asian students. Cricket joins all people who used to be part of the British Commonwealth, I don't see too many International Students playing cricket here. I think this is an area in which the Sports Union can play a more active role. Sport is a great unifier, it brings people together in different sorts of environments, so they can build up friendships.



Sports Union Results and Events

University Tennis Club Semester 1 Trophy Presentation & Games Night

Thursday 4 June, 1998 Starts at 7.30pm Harry Bradford Lounge in the Squash Pavilion. No cover charge, free food, boat races, celebrity head & lots more. All Welcome!

Stress Management

Monday 8th June 6.30 - 8.30pm 6 weeks Life Without Barriers Ben cost: \$50

Bronze Medallion

Sunday 28th June All Day The Forum RLSA cost: \$80

Skiing at Thredbo.

Hosted by Sydney University, entries close 3rd July. Alpine Championships at Falls Creek, 23rd to 28th August.

Belly Dancing (Beginner)

Tues. 21st July, 2.30 - 3.30pm 4 weeks 1hr/w Squash Pavilion Chantelle cost: \$20

Belly Dancing (Intermediates)

Wed. 22nd July 1.30 - 2.30pm 4 weeks 1hr/w Squash Pavilion Chantelle cost: \$20

University of Newcastle Cricket Club Annual General Meeting

Monday 27 July, 1998 Starts at 7pm Harry Bradford Lounge in the Squash Pavilion. Light refreshments served after the business end of the evening has been completed. Nominations for Executive and Committee positions will be received by the Club's Hon. Sec. Andrew Harrison - tel. 4929 5511 (w)

New South Wales Masters Games

24th July - 1st August, 1998 For those mature agers amongst us, get your competitive socks on and compete in one of the 28 sports available. Contact the Sports Union for more details and entry forms. Contact Chris on 4921 6963, or email yaho!@pacific-ocean.com

Dancing Latin American Style

One of the Sports Union's newest clubs, The Latin American Society on Campus (La Peña) now holds its weekly Latin American Dance Classes every Saturday in the The Forum, beginning at 3pm. Classes cost just \$5 for full-time students and \$10 for staff /community. Beginners are welcome every week. Come along and try out some Salsa, Mambo, Cha-cha or Merengue. It is great fun in a very casual atmosphere. Give it a try, perhaps you can't train or your game has been called off or you just want to work on your timing and balance in a new way. Hasta luego! compadres.

Do You Want \$20?

The Sports Union appreciates that you're out there and getting active, and the fact that sport can be an expensive undertaking, so we want to help you out. Want to use the Forum for less than usual? Need to diversify your sporting horizons? The Sports Union will subsidise your costs in participating in University sport by granting you a princely \$20.00. Here's what you need to do - join a Sports Union Club and keep the receipt, sign up at the Forum for a 3-month Plan (or longer of course!) and keep the receipt -then come up to see Lisa at the Sports Union Office and get your \$20.00 subsidy. Not bad hey! Need more information, contact Lisa on 4921 6960.

Soccer - Inter District First Division

6 June Swansea v University at Chapman No.1
14 June University v Westlakes at Uni No.1
21 June University v Marks Point at Uni No.1
28 June Medowie v University at Yulong Park

Men's Hockey - First Grade All matches at Turton Rd. Broadmeadow.

31 May v South at 4.00pm
14 June v Tigers at 3.00pm Round 11 - Bye
5 July v North at 3.00pm

SPORTS UNION WEB PAGE

<http://ww.newcastle.edu.au/assoc/su/>

The all new Sports Union web page is up and running hot. Navigate to this site from the University's Home Page, by following:

Links; Staff and Students; Clubs and Associations; Sports Union.

You will be able to view this page with Frames on most (if not all) University computers. Help keep this site up-to-date and relevant by forwarding information to Chris Tola, the Sports Union's Program Manager, or email (sports-union@newcastle.edu.au), or use the convenient Feedback section of the new Web Page.

Thanks and congratulations to Matthew Ward from Mock Frog Publishing and Graphics for designing this site and getting it into the ether. Well done!

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