

# BACK TO BORONIA DAY

SATURDAY 9 JULY

## CATS V DADS GOLDEN OLDIES GAME

The Cats assembled early on Saturday morning to get the ground in a sea of Black & White streamers as the backdrop to this year's Back to Boronia loomed.

SHREK, the serial pest would be joined by the pest of the century Millard on the day and it did not take long for him to start barking orders while not actually doing anything.

First order of the day was the erection of a pole and street sign below No. 2 & 3 ovals which the CATS have now named Gary Lane.



Later in the day we assembled all of the CATS and DADS before the kick-off for the official unveiling which was also attended by Lady Di and Matthew Lane



Russel Kershler had an impassioned speech extolling the limited virtues of the Chairman Meow before Bin removed the veil to reveal the sign. TC was lost for words but did manage to ask “Which pack of Imbeciles thought up that idea”



Back up to No. 2 oval where the CATS Team Manager Football “Stats” White was busily wearing out his pencil trying to slot the right CATS into the right positions.

A quick look across the paddock to the DADS revealed that their average age was 35.5 years compared to the CATS who were pushing that figure closer to 51 which in CAT years is 127.



Nevertheless the CATS lined up for the traditional Scratcha which had some of the new DADS shaking in their little pussy boots.



Southie then read the riot act to the teams saying that any rucking, biting, scratching, pulling of what little hair remained and squirrel gripping was OK but kicking the football would result in instant sending off of the offender.

From the kickoff it was clear that the DADS had the pace out wide so the CATS went into a structured set play format with one sequence of pick and drive and close passing resulting in 23 phases of play for a net loss of 10 metres. The CATS, now with the winning formula, forgot all that and gave it to the backs whom promptly dropped the ball and the DADS raced away for a try. Which was quickly followed by another one.





Some of the DADS must have had visions of the upcoming Wallabies selections as they hurtled headlong into their much more mature and debonair opponents. The Spiritual Leader however had other ideas and lined up the ref as a dummy and made 5 metres before being crash tackled into the rock hard No. 2 turf.

It was now time for the CATS to unleash their secret weapon. If we can't go forward through skill and speed, why not send in a red shorts player that they can't be tackled. Brilliant! New CAT Geoff Shulties – who just happens to be Southies neighbour made huge inroads into the DADS defence and it wasn't long before new boys Doddsy and The Fridge were able to use the go forward to get the CATS on the board.



The injection of more youth and experience helped the CATS go into half time still very much in the game



Luckily for the CATS the usual oranges were replaced by Angry and Mrs Bin serving the Penfolds V O Invalid Port which was quickly licked out of the saucer



Back to the contest and more CATS arrived to bolster the ailing defensive line The Black Flash from Bowraville arrived and had an immediate effect with his red shorts enabling the CATS to make massive inroads into the DADS forward pack



The tide was now turning and while the DADS scored a lucky try by outflanking the CATS with some passing a running, the CATS were not done with yet and penalty try was awarded when the red shorts brigade were tackled 2 meters out from the line.

The scene was set for a terrific finish and both teams threw themselves into the affair and CATS and DADS were left on the ground like ten pins at the senior citizens bumper bowls day



As the half wore on more big guns were thrown into the contest and the Big Fish Salmon was soon out there and into them. This year without the target on his back he seemed to get a easier passage and was only dump tackled 3 times by the DADS.



BIN decided that the only way were going to win was to go up hard and hope. This was not highly successful and resulted in a net gain of two metres to the CATS



Sanity prevailed and the full time whistle was blown much to the relief of the medical staff who were using a couple of old car batteries to get some pacemakers back into rhythm on the sidelines. TC and the DADS made the usual speeches vowing to play next time with even more players



All in all a good day with the only injury being Phil SIX PACK Shorten who sustained a cut nose in the Scratcha. Points were awarded for the game and CATS points were:

BIN – 3 Had a strong game and because SHREK wanted him to skull  
PeteCat - 2 Because Petecat overheard and didn't want to skull  
Gary Lane – 1 Because well just because he was around.