

# Chronicle

Summer Edition

## The discovery of Captain Cook

### Smith on the outer?

There are whispers that Dingoes mentor Darren Bevan has told Cameron Smith that he does not feature in his plans for 2018.

Seems Bevan is infatuated with another Smith, Cameron's understudy, and current international Brandon Smith.

### Villiams gets Kikaut

The whirlwind marriage of Dingoes enforcer Villiams Kikau and Avengers coach Joanne Bevan is officially over. Bevan has been seen recently sporting a bare left ring finger.

It seems the rumours of Kikau and Bevan eloping to enhance the Dingoes chances are well founded, as those pesky Visa issues mysteriously vanished.



### New rule #1 – Damien Cook.



2018 will be one of discovery for all 4 sides in the inaugural First Crack rugby league season. But for 1 coach, 2018 will be the season of finding a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.

Nevan Clarkson was lucky, REAL lucky. As the live draft was being completed, he was AWOL, which was a masterstroke that no one seen coming.

Clarkson had to deal with the consequences. There was an option to submit a list of players your team would like to recruit, and Clarkson wavered this option. 100N80 would start 2018 with a random selection of players left over from the original draft.

With his side thrashing around at the bottom of the table early on, Clarkson took a chance on Damien Cook, who had just been promoted to an 80 minute hooker.

Cook went on to gain the captaincy, and took the league by the scruff of the neck as he was crowned the winner of the Don McLeod Medal as the leagues best player.

With no clear confirmation of the rules for 2019 season, Cook must surely feature in the minds of every coach. There are rumours that coaches can keep some players, while there are also whispers that with the leagues expansion, all contracts are null and void. The plot thickens.

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# The good, the bad and the Don McLeod Awards



The First Debut of the Don McLeod awards was held at Eastlakes Bowling Club last night.

The who's who event of Supercoach was a glitzy affair, with the ladies and gents showing their style.

Joanne Bevan looked stunning, considering her recent marital issues, stepping out in Glasson's finest black dress.

Basic B!tch Talia Bevan was anything but basic, in her Stella McCartney inspired white rock-a-billy style dress.

Chairman Darren Bevan channelled Silky Johnson and Prince in his purple silk suit.

The ugly was Nevan Clarkson, who could have been mistaken for the 3 day old corpse of Kurt Cobain with his grunge inspired look.

# Who can it be now?

## Expansion of teams on the cards at First Crack?

Chairman Darren Bevan has an enormous off season ahead of him, looking to expand the First Crack league from 4 to at least 8.

With the success of 2018, too many decent players were seen left waiting in the wings, and the chairman wants to see this rectified before the 2019 kick off.

With 100N80 looking to make their side more professional with a look at

Rebranding the name and adding a logo and emblem, it seems the league has a bright future.

With the talent pool so deep, the league would flourish with up to 16 teams, yet Bevan wants to tread the waters carefully.

"We will sit down as an organization and consider any new franchises as they apply"

# 2018 First Crack Season Review

With the season done and dusted, we can now praise the efforts of Dazzlers Dingoes.

Entering the season as the odds on favorites, the Dingoes lived up to those expectations early on, before a mid season slump raised questions about Darren Bevan's ability to keep the players focused and level headed. Before too long, those questions were laid to rest.

With 100N80 making a late charge, the Dingoes notched up the first score over 1000 points. They then also dismantled 100N80 in the Grand Final, cementing their name in the history books as First Cracks inaugural champions. (Picture Don "Cowboy" McLeod")



## Dazzlers Dingoes

Coach: Darren Bevan

The pre-season favorites may have missed out on the Minor Premiership, but they delivered when it mattered most.

Lead by a host of star players, The Dingoes made up for a mid-season slump by defeating the Minor-Premiers in the Grand Final. With the off season now well and truly underway, player retention will surely be at the forefront of the organizations mind.

Rating: A-

## 100N80

Coach: Nevan Clarkson

If there was an equivalent of the Bradbury award in First Crack, Coach Nevan Clarkson would have finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In one of the most unprofessional displays in sporting history, Clarkson went AWOL on Draft night. Despite this, a few lucky pick ups and bit of Bradbury luck seen his side finish Minor-Premiers at the end of the regular season.

Rating: A

## Basic B!tches

Coach: Talia Bevan

With emotions that would make Wayne Bennett look like an over excited Jack Russell, Bevan simply showed no stress at winning or losing, almost like she was forced into entering a team as an experiment. Many expected B!tches to hold the Wooden Spoon, but the sheer defiance was on full display as they inflicted some vicious defeats throughout the season.

Rating A+

## The Avengers

Coach: Joanne Bevan

The Parramatta Eels of the First Crack season. Plenty of low points, but the erratic behavior of coach Bevan who took off mid-season for a holiday is right up there. Admittedly, that was also the catalyst in their season, as a number of key changes happened behind the scenes that caught the rest of the league off guard. Dumping little JT and big JT was also a WTF. moment.

Rating: E- (E for Eel)