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# TIGERS TO MILK THE KID FOR ALL HE IS WORTH.

Edward Kiel has done the unthinkable, releasing Raymond Faitala-Mariner for an untested 18 year old debutant, and the forward couldn't be more blunt in his assessment of the situation.

"He is a deadest goose, I mean I have averaged 56.20ppg over 10 FCFL games, and he puts me to pasture for some pimply faced blonde piece from north of the Tweed who resembles the Milky-Bar Kidd. The Balmain Tigers are now the 1990's South Sydney Rabbitohs from the ARL, signing anyone who has shown a touch of talent in a subpar competition. Next thing you know, he will be asking Michael Ostini if he can come out of retirement and lead the forwards".

Clearly bitter, Faitala-Mariner does have a point. You see FCFL is a draft league, so players stock values mean little. You'd be better of with a veteran who is proven than someone who has yet to play many top grade games. In classic mode, you need those players with a low Break-Even to gain a monetary advantage and sign better players.

Chairman Darren Bevan thinks the rookie coach is simply chasing points "He's a lunatic, he has made a rushed decision here I feel and it could come back and bite him".

Avengers leading lady Joanne Bevan was contacted for her thoughts, he reply came via Messenger and simply read "Bwahahahaa".

Jacko Barton was a little more sympathetic towards Kiel, simply replying "Good coaches take risks, great coaches make them work, and if he manages to get the win on the weekend he comes off as a genius". As it was the Tigers went down by 28 points to the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Rosebery Rampage.

With the season entering the midway mark of the season, the Tigers do sit in 3<sup>rd</sup> position, but the resurgence of Basic B!tches and Papatoetoe Piranhas has them both nipping at the heals.

When asked about the bizarre axing, the Tigers head coach was all ever so forward in method to his madness. "Lets face it, Cooper Cronk is the human tampon, in for 1 out for 3, I need a half who can at least finish a game, and when Tommy hit the market I made a silent play to bring him in and let him learn from one of the best to ever lace on a boot".



Milky-Bar Kidd: Tom Dearden has sensationally been signed by the Tigers and replaced Raymond Faitala-Mariner.

Dearden was clearly over the moon with being snapped up, and is hell bent on repaying the faith shown by Edward Kiel. But he also has a back-up plan if things don't work out in FCFL.

"If I don't fill my potential here, I can always flash my smile and declare, "the milky-bars are on me". Says Dearden with his flashy white tooth smile.. "I got a lot to learn, and I have moved into the nursery in the Cronk household to live and breath everything Cooper Cronk>"

Cronk was a quite frank when asked about the living conditions. "he's a little sook, there was a electrical storm the other night and he crawled into bed between Tara and I. He won't last long in FCFL if he doesn't learn to stand up for himself when the going gets tough".

Lets see how he handles himself when he is given the reigns to one of the FCFL heavyweights.

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#### Don McLeod Player of the Week - Latrell Mitchell

Latrell Mitchell is an Australian professional rugby league footballer who plays as a centre, wing or fullback for the Rosebery Rampage in the FCFL. He has represented both New South Wales and Australia.

A naturally gifted talent with the potential to greater than Greg Inglis, Mitchell possesses inhuman strength and agility with his massive 6ft 4in 102kg frame.

A known connoisseur of lattes due to his time at the Roosters, Mitchell has been told by coach Jeremy Barton to "stop being a fairy" and "Man up and drink grog like the rest of us mate". This has since started to make Mitchell look a little like GI in the arse department.

#### Latrell Mitchell (Rampage)



### Injuries come thick and fast for Dingoes.

Darren Bevan is in damage control after a spate of injuries crippled his team over the weekend.

Joseph Manu, Villame Kikau and John Batman are all off for scans today, with Bateman expecting an extended stint on the side line. The English workhorse has a suspected fractured eye socket and could miss upward 8 weeks of action.

The Dingoes will be active in the waiver this week, but with their high league ranking, could miss out on a first key targets.

One target could be disgruntled Raymond Faitala-Mariner, who would be a handy pick up after his recent release from the Balmain Tigers.

### Don "Cowboy" McLeod Player of the Year Tally

**B!tches v Dingoes -** 3 – Clint Gutherson (Dingoes) 2 – Kalyn Ponga (B!tches) 1 – Cody Walker (Dingoes).

Avengers v Piranhas - 3 – Damian Cook (Piranhas) 2- Daniel Tupou (Piranhas) 1 – Andrew McCullough (Avengers)

**Tigers v Rampage -** 3 – Latrell Mitchell (Rampage) 2 – Maika Sivo (Rampage) 1 – Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Rampage)

**Grubs v Dragons -** 3 – Ken Maumalo (Grubs) 2 – Boyd Cordner (Grubs) 1 – Andrew Fifita (Grubs).

### McLeod Medal total points leaders

- 9 | Cameron Murray
- 9 R. Tuivasa-Sheck
- 8 | Clint Gutherson
- 7 | Cody Walker