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DINGOES TAKE OUT MAIDEN MINOR PREMIERSHIP

With all the focus on the top 4 battle, Dazzlers Dingoes have flown under the radar to snatch their maiden Minor Premiership. Their attention now turns to going Back 2 Back.

With Captain Jake Trbojevic, Michael Morgan, Villiame Kikau and Cameron Munster hitting their straps, Dingoes are going to be tough to beat over the coming weeks.

Darren Bevan has a well oiled machine, and with his attention to detail being impeccable, no one stands a chance against the 2018 premiers.



“ We have prepared well all season and executed our game plan week in and week out, I feel we have been better than in 2018” say Bevan, who has retained some of his 2018 roster, as well as poaching a few good talents from various FCFL clubs in 2019.

With the 2019 season heading into it's final weekend, all focus will now turn to the battle of the also rans. The top 4 will remain as is, baring the Dingoes giving the Piranhas a massive touch up in the final round, they should finish 1 and 2. Rampage should finish 3rd with the Tigers slipping into 4th.

The real danger is 5th to 7th. The Dragons unfortunately will take home the wooden spoon. Basic B!tches, Eely Avengers and Grubs, will

All be fighting for the 5th spot, with all 3 teams locked on points. B!tches face a tough Rampage side. Grubs will be facing the Tigers, while the Coach Whispered Avengers face an out of sorts Dragons side.

Eely Avengers have been riding a crest of late, having DCE and Turbo return to bolster the attack of a side that was sitting last a few weeks ago with 6 consecutive losses. Coach Joanne Bevan has seen some tough times, yet remains optimistic heading into the finals.

“We have learned a lot as a club” says the crafty coach “we have had it rough but our time is now and we are going to do all the damage we can to anyone who gets in our way”.

With the fourteenth and final round being played out after rep round, there are a few matches that will be the focal point leading into the finals.

Dingoes v Piranhas: The 2018 Grand Final replay once again rears its ugly head. Dingoes in no danger of losing top spot, but the Piranhas need to win to keep 2nd spot from Rosebery Rampage. A few rep players in this one so some concern for both coaches this weekend.

Prediction: Dingoes by a hair.

Dragons v B!tches: Dragons have lost 6 straight. This is a crunch game for the Dragons who need to win, and win BIG if they are any chance of avoiding the dreaded wooden spoon. Rumor has it both sides are talking to the now infamous Coach Whisperer.

Prediction: B!tches in a landslide.

Tigers v Grubs: With both sides level on 12 points, both need the win to take out 4th spot, and have 2 bites at the cherry in finals. A massive achievement for both sides who were newly founded in 2019.

Prediction: Grubs by a bees dick.

Avengers v Rampage: Avengers are on the rise, and Rampage have hit a wall. A win for the Rampage means they have a shot at 2nd if the Piranhas lose. A win for the Avengers means Joanne Bevan needs to remodel her home so her ego can fit through the doorways.

Prediction: Avengers by a TONNE. LORD HELP US.

THE BACK PAGE

Don McLeod Player of the Week – Tom Trbojevic (Avengers)

What would have been in 2019 had Tommy Turbo not been injured?

Surly Tom Trbojevic has proven himself to be the most lethal fullback in NSW. With only a handful of matches in 2019, the man they call Tommy Turbo has set the world alight. And once again over the weekend he was the catalyst that propelled the Avengers to a second straight win.

Lets hope 2020 becomes the season we see Tommy walk on stage to collect his maiden Don McLeod medal.



Applications are now being accepted by FCFL for the 2020 season. If you are interested in the expansion, get in contact with the Chairman.

ASK THE LOONEY

Q Is there any truth to the rumours that Dazzlers Dingoes are courting the Coach Whisperer?

Trent R – Bondi NSW

Looney: There is no truth to this, although I have heard there is a coach who has helped some failing sides. But that is all hush hush at the moment.

Q: Do you think rep round helps FCFL? And if not how could it be improved?

Nevina – Auckland NZ.

Looney: I think all rep rounds need to be stand alone. State of Origin takes its toll on all players involved. Top of the table clash will see if I am on the money.

Q: What's with RTS? He seems to have gone AWOL the last few weeks. Was a shoe in for McLeod medal.

Jeremy – Rosebery NSW

Looney: Don't you worry about RTS, he will show everyone in the final round he deserves that medal.

Q: What is the word on expansion for 2020? Will we have a few more sides involved? And will we keep the current sides?

Looney: 2019 has been great. The expansion has been a success and I hear there is at least 1 more NZ side to enter FCFL. Tanking has become a problem, but the draft order is randomly set, so this eliminates the problems seen in the NBA.

McLeod Medal Total Points Leaders

14	R. Tuivasa-Sheck
13	Cameron Murray
11	Damien Cook
9	Kalyn Ponga
9	Latrell Mitchell
9	James Tedesco