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GRUBS TAKE FCC BY THE SCRUFF OF THE NECK.

With all the talk of coach whisperers, someone needs to get down to Kirrawee oval and investigate the resurgence of the once down and out Grubs franchise.

In their debut year, and in the final regular season game, Joshs' boys took down another set of FCC new comers in the Balmain Tigers to snare 4th spot at the 11th hour. In a complete ambush, Grubs notched a 171 point victory and a second bite at the cherry in the finals series.

"They're a class act, and they are all peaking in form at the right end of the season, which is scary" said FCC Chairman Darren Bevan who will face the inform new comers in the first round of the finals series.

The turn around was something of a revelation, as they had sat around the bottom of the table for a fair chunk of the season, only to hit their straps in the weeks leading into the finals.



"We have made quite a few changes to our troops through 2019, which wasn't the plan, but we now have a side I am comfortable with and I feel we could tear apart this competition" says Josh.

One teams who will be hoping on a form drop is the defending FCC Champions, and current Minor Premiers Dazzlers Dingoes. They will face Grubs in the 1 v 4 showdown with the winner advancing to the Semi-Finals.

Elsewhere we have Bltches taking on the Avengers in a family affair. Avengers will be reeling after a massive upset when the Dragons snuck a win and snapped a 6 game losing streak.

The Dragons will head to Leichardt Oval to tackle the Tigers who are licking their wounds after giving up 4th spot to Grubs in the final game of the season. Typical Tigers really.

Rampage take the Trans-Tasman flight to tackle a confident Piranhas outfit. After toppling the Minor premiers, the Piranhas look to be warming up at the right end of the season.

ROGER TUIVASA-SHECK CROWNED 2019 McLEOD MEDALLIST WINNER.

While his formed dipped in the later rounds of 2019, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck did enough to take out the 2019 Don McLeod Medal.

The Rosebery Rampage fullback was in electric form in the early rounds, notching up 8 points from a possible 12 in the first 4 rounds to sit, and remain perched at the top of the tree over the rest of the season. His sights now turn to the finals series, where he looks to go one game better than his runners up medal in 2018.

"Yeah the boys have been solid ahhh, and we just doing it for the boys ummm, it doesn't get any easier now ahhh, just gotta focus and get it done for the boys and ummm, hopefully come away with the win". Said RTS when asked how he think his side faired in the most important part of the 2019 season. Hopefully coach Jeremy Barton sends him on an ummmm speech coarse just incase they win on Grand Final day.



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Seventh Nevan for the Papatoetoe Piranhas who look to go one step further in 2019.

Papatoetoe are looking to rectify their 2018 collapse, by lifting the 2019 FCFL trophy.

With 7 wins on the trot, and knocking off the defending premiers in the final round, Clarksons boys will be hoping that once the Origin period has passed, that they can get a few more of the boys hitting the form that seen them look more like the team of 2018.

FCC Awards for 2019.

Player of the Year: Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Rampage)

Coach of the Year: Darren Bevan (Dingoes)

Rookie Coach for 2019: Jeremy Barton (Rampage)

Game of 2019: Grubs win over the Tigers to pinch 4th spot leading into the finals.

Voodoo Award: Avengers with their horrid injury toll in 2019. P.S. DCE will be mine again.

Venue of the Year: Kohuora Park. Returned to the days of drinking cans on the hill, and the kids crushing them onto their feet to look like football studs.

Dud of the Year: Jack Bird. Failed at the Dingoes and then gets injured after trade to Piranhas

Drama Queen of the Year: No contest..... Joanne Bevan.

See you all next season when I have 2020 vision.

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

FINALS PREVIEW.

B!TCHES V AVENGERS: Tough one to pick this game. But no matter who it is, the loser will be packing their bags for Bali.

PREDICTION: Avengers in a tight one.

DINGOES V GRUBS: Some worrying signs for the defending champs. They have been off the boil in recent weeks. Grubs are hitting their straps.

PREDICTION: Dingoes by a nose.

PIRANHAS V RAMPAGE: Another tight contest, with some close battles between the two:

PREDICTION: Piranhas by bugger all.

TIGERS V DRAGONS: The other elimination game of the round. Tigers with a shock loss and Dragons with the upset win. But one has got to go.

PREDICTION: Dragons by a claw.

McLeod Medal Total Points Leaders

15	R. Tuivasa-Sheck
13	Cameron Murray
11	Damien Cook
10	Jason Taumalolo