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“WE’RE BACK”. Chairman Darren Bevan relaunches 2020 season.

After 67 days of isolation, the FCFL relaunched with some cracker games and quality banter.

It is fair to say some things have not changed after lockdown. Tom Trbojevic is still an absolute beast, whilst Latrell Mitchell still couldn't give 2 f*%s about anyone but himself..

One thing is for sure, the lockdown has affected a few sides, with Balmain, Dingoos and Arks all suffering shock defeats over the weekend, and now there is a host of sides deadlocked on 4 points after 3 rounds.

We have also had an FCFL first, With 2Great4U's Bronson Xerri returning a positive A sample. He is now suspended until the B sample is tested, which could take weeks. Coach Eddie Rangi has been quick to defend any knowledge of the steroid doping at his club.

“Yeah well you know it's been a shock to me, and also to the players and coaching staff. Steroids is not the type of thing Hamilton is known for, we are more renowned for the glass BBQ (Meth), Sweet Leaf and STDs. I am hoping he is the only one to be fair, as it would then show he is earning too much as roids aren't cheap.”

Dingoos head coach Darren Bevan has called for all players to be tested, as he is sure that some players are far to slick after such a long lay off.

“Tommy Turbo is on something FOR SURE.... How the hell can he be straight? he deadset killed us, and we literally had that win in the bag. There has got to be an investigation”

Avengers mentor Joanne Bevan thinks Darren has just lost his mind “Of course he is going to say that about Tom, it takes the heat off him losing to an underperforming side. Maybe he should look at his own backyard first.”

Joanne was obviously referring to Will Hopoate, who seems to go into hiding whenever he plays on a Sunday.

Balmain also found trouble, with Ponga, Cleary, Fifita and Taukeiaho all missing the round 3 clash against 2Great4U, with Cleary the obvious fall guy, choosing to impregnate 4 women on Anzac Day when there were strict isolation rules in place. Latrell Mitchell and Josh Addo-Carr were lucky that their breach was more cultural, with them getting back to their roots of riding trail bikes and shooting guns.

“I think there was something in the Jesus Juice that Gal gave me”

Bronson Xerri and his attempt to throw the G-Train under a real train.

Basic B!tches tore a semi patched Dragons team to shreds, with captain Payne Haas and Valentine Holmes scoring handsomely. The poor old Dragons have a host of stars sitting on the sideline, with John Bateman and Nathan Brown being the most noted. Let's hope to see them back sooner rather than later.

Roseberry Rampage got the chocolates against an unlucky Filthy Grubs side. Clint Gutherson had a great game for the Rampage, scoring a Ton and getting them on the front foot. The Grubs should have won this, but Mitchell Pearce went off after making love to the hip of an opponent and didn't return. His absence reminiscent of Lachlan Fitzgibbon in the 2018 FCFL Grand Final.

Noah's Arks also had a mixed bag against Papatotoe Piranhas. Shaun Lane, James Tedesco, Josh Aloiai and Brian To'o played superbly in the absence of David Fifita, Tevita Pangai Jr and Brent Naden, but it wasn't enough to keep a fired up Ryan Matterson Piranhas outfit from sneaking home at the 11th hour.

Round 4 sees a few interesting clashes, With the Tigers clawing the Dingoos, Avengers trying to mount the Arks, Rampage trying to slap the B!tches, 2Great4U trying to slay the Dragons and Filthy Grubs hoping to defang the Piranhas.

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THE TOP 5: THE BEST OF ROUND 3

- 5: Avengers v Dingoes** – A rare loss for the FCFL kings. Joanne can be proud of this one.
- 4: Grubs v Rampage**– You had to feel for the reigning premiers, losing a player in a close contest hurts big time
- 3: Basic B!tches** – A mammoth 824 after 9 weeks in isolation shows just how good this team could be.
- 2: That Selfie** – Nevan Clarkson left red faced after posting a “selfie” with Issac Luke, only for it to be revealed it was just a cardboard cut out.
- 1: Tom Trbojevic** – 2 tries, 3 try assists. What more can be said about the Avengers Captain Marvel.

TEAM OF THE WEEK: AVENGERS



FIVE IN THE BIN.

With Nevan Clarkson (Piranhas)

Favorite player on roster: Daly Cherry-Evans. He was our first Captain, and on his day can win games on his own.

Player from another roster you wish you had? I miss Damian Cook. He was a good clubman and is welcome home anytime.

2020 FCFL bold prediction?: A few more players suspended due to doping.

2020 FCFL expectations?: We are pushing for minimum top 4. But there is a lot of football to go.

Biggest Fear?: Collecting the wooden spoon. I’m no good in the kitchen, so I have no idea why I would need one..

PLAYER PROFILE: Tom Trbojevic

AGE: 23

CURRENT TEAM: Eely Avengers

PAST TEAM (S): B!tches

FCFL PREMIERSHIPS: Nil

CAREER GAMES: 29

FUN FACT: Despite his success as an individual, Trbojevic has only had 1 finals appearance. He also lost that match which begs the question, will Tom Trbojevic ever lift the FCFL trophy?

