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Headers keeper Uri Ross nearly saving a penalty v Burringbar, game one of the finals



About a third of the crowd at the Headers v Bannetts game one of the finals after Buae Grabovsky's third goal

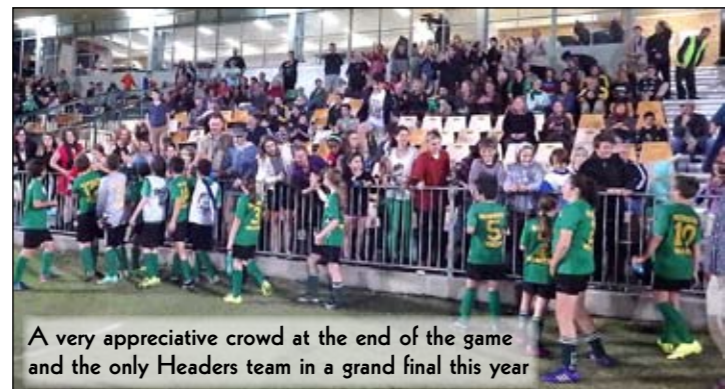


Headers wing forward Ruben Mack sends a missile into the net v Burringbar, game two of the finals

Grade 12 grand final v Richmond Rovers

Grade 12 grand final
 Thursday 17th September
 Richmond Rovers v Nimbin Headers
 This game was played at Oakes Oval Lismore.
 The Headers were the first to score as a winger had a run and crossed the ball along the goal line, the Rovers keeper went down to try and save the situation but the ball found an unmarked Headers player running in at the middle of the penalty area and he thumped the ball into the net.
 It was not the script that Rovers were playing to, so now it was game on as Rovers tried to equalise but the Headers were standing firm. The Rovers

eventually scored to go to the break at one-all.
 In the second half the Headers were finding it increasingly hard to mount an attack as Rovers were starting to control the game with possession of the ball and some slick passing that eventually produced their second goal.
 Towards the end the Headers did have a chance, but the ball was hit too hard for the striker to latch onto, which would have produced a one on one chance, but the Rovers keeper was alert to it and gathered the ball in.
 So Rovers claimed the double and the Headers were far from being disgraced.



A very appreciative crowd at the end of the game and the only Headers team in a grand final this year



Paul O'Reilly duelling with a Thistles player

Match reports & photos by PAC

Men's 2nd division semi final
 Sat 29th August Headers v Burringbar
 This was a game between the second (Headers) and third placed teams.

Headers are straight into it with a shot by Phil Courtney being kicked off the line.
 Then the Bandits have a corner but it's headed over the bar. Then another one, same outcome. Then a pass back by the Headers forces the keeper to palm the ball down.

An indirect free kick is awarded in the penalty box and the ball is blasted in, but the Headers keeper makes up for his mistake.
 A free kick for the Headers: the ball is clutched by the keeper. Then the Bandits nearly score and later a shot hits the bar.

With 19 minutes down, Headers frontman Beau Grabovsky carves through the defence and hits the ball right at the keeper and the ball comes off his left leg (before he can close them) and into the net for the opening goal.
 This is a really fast and furious game of football now, and very entertaining for the large Headers crowd.

The Headers' Beau Grabovsky scores the next goal only five minutes after the first. As he runs at the defence, the keeper comes out to narrow down the angle, but the ball has already been hit and crosses the line with two defenders racing back to try and intercept it. Headers 2 Burringbar 0.

A great cross from the Headers is met by Chilo Pike with a flying header which comes off the crossbar and down in front of a relieved Burringbar keeper.
 With the first half coming to a close, Burringbar are awarded a penalty. Headers keeper Uri Ross dives the right way, but just fails to stop the ball, as it is hit hard. Headers 2 Burringbar 1.

With the opening shot of the second half going to the Headers, a nice save is made by the Burringbar keeper, clutching the ball into his body. Then up the other end of the park the Headers' keeper has

a similar take as two Burringbar forwards try to make life hard for him.

With over half an hour gone, there's a coming together in the middle of the park and a player on each side gets a yellow card.

Headers forward Beau Grabovsky gets his hat trick in fine style as he goes round the keeper and a defender on the right hand side of the box and calmly slots the ball into the far corner of the net. Headers 3 Burringbar 1.

Men's 6th division major final
 Sat 5th September Headers v Thistles
 An early pass back by the Headers puts the keeper under pressure who has to kick the ball away, but it falls to a Thistles player who shoots, just wide of the post.

Then the Headers keeper holds onto a Thistles cross. A Headers attack on the Thistles defence is nearly rewarded as the ball floats wide of the post.

A quick throw in by the Headers catches the Thistles defence out as Gary Whisker crosses the ball to the near post and Harry Waddington meets it and the ball is bundled over the line: 1-0 to the Headers.

Some nice passing by the Thistles produces the equaliser with 20 minutes gone.

A Thistles attacker has a chip shot and hits the bar. Then a goal kick by the Headers goes horribly wrong as the ball falls to a Thistles midfielder who coolly smacks the ball back into the net. Headers 1 Thistles 2, and that's the half time score.

A nice attacking move by the Headers opens the second half, as forward Finlay Floate tries to head the ball past the keeper who's at his near post, but it's just wide.

The Headers, trying to claw their way out of defence, lose the ball on the half way line. Some lovely passing by Thistles up the right hand touch line produces a pass into the penalty box which is latched onto by a Thistle forward and belted into the net, leaving the Headers with a mountain to climb: Headers 1 Thistles 3.
 A nice save by the Headers

Nimbin Headers

keeper ends the match. So Thistles booked a berth in the Grand Final.

Men's 2nd division major final
 Sat 5th September Lennox v Headers
 I was not at this game as I watched the 6th division at home.

In this game the Headers were unlucky to lose 3-2 to Lennox Head, as the Headers were leading 2-1 and Lennox got two goals with about 15 minutes left in the game.

Chilo Pike had a cracking shot towards the end that was just palmed away by the Lennox keeper, which could have sent the game into extra time.

Men's 6th division final
 Sat 12th September Headers v Kyogle
 Headers on the attack early, but a Kyogle defender and a Headers' forward collide with the keeper who drops the ball, and a free kick is awarded to Kyogle.
 Headers have a corner kick. Harry Waddington takes it and the ball is met by Geri Price-Jones who heads it goal-wards. The ball spills out to Headers left winger Gary Whisker, who smashes it back past a defender on the post. Headers 1 Kyogle 0.

Kyogle are coming more into the game now and a shot just skims the post on its way out for a goal kick.

And eight minutes after the Headers had taken the lead, a nice passing movement by Kyogle creates a goal with a lovely cross ball into the penalty area and a Kyogle forward, challenging for the ball back with a defender, heads a looping ball over the Headers keeper into the net. Headers 1 Kyogle 1.

Another Kyogle raid produces a goal as a Headers defender goes down but no free kick is given and it's play on, and a Kyogle forward capitalises on it. Headers 1 Kyogle 2.

Headers forward Harry Waddington goes up to head a cross and the Kyogle keeper (according to the photo I took) fouls him, but there's no penalty.

Headers have a corner, the ball comes in and is just tipped away from goal by the keeper and that ends the first half.



The octopus dance with Burringbar in game one of the finals

Just after the restart, Headers Gary Whisker hits a nice shot, which is saved well by the keeper. A great through pass by Kyogle to their No. 6, who had a lot of work to do before he hits the ball past the Headers keeper: Headers 1 Kyogle 3.

This game is end-to-end stuff with both teams firing shots that are just wide or over the top of the mark.

Headers attack the southern end and wing forward Gary Whisker takes the ball to the goal line and hits a cross which hits a Kyogle defender's right hand, but no penalty given as the referee was unsighted and who knows what the linesman was doing.
 Kyogle get a fourth goal with a shot that takes a deflection. Then later Headers defender Ted Cox kicks a goal-ward ball off the line. And so the game ends Nimbin Headers 1 Kyogle 4.

The Kyogle defence in this game was superb and a special wrap to their sweeper No. 5 who put in a man-of-the-match performance.

Men's 2nd division final
 Sat 12th September Headers v Burringbar
 After the Headers beat the Bandits in the semi-final, Burringbar came to this game with a more solid approach.

But the opening goal came from the Headers, with a cracking shot by Ruben Mack straight past the keeper into the far corner of the net. Headers 1 Bandits 0.

But straight after the kick-off the Bandits were level with one of the quickest goals you'll see. And not too long later they're up 2-1 with a lovely shot after a switch in play from left to right.

Then Headers player Phil Courtney has a shot after some nice lead-up play, but just wide of the far post. Another shot from the Headers, this time way over the bar.

A great run by Headers Ruben Mack into the penalty box before slipping a pass onto Tom World who shoots wide.

Towards the end of the first half a cross from Burringbar looks to be held by the Headers keeper but

he drops it and the ball goes out for a corner. But as the Bandits are getting ready to take it the referee blows his whistle. So the half time score is Headers 1 Bandits 2.

Starting the second half, there's a corner for the Headers after a shot takes a deflection, but it is fired over the bar.

The Headers put a cross in, the Bandits keeper misses with his hand, and the ball clips the top of the bar on its way out for a goal kick.

Yet another shot from the Headers over the bar – the Headers are getting their chances but can't get them on target.

Headers defender Dean Chaussivert has a run up the middle of the field and has a shot that hits the outside of the far post.

A corner for the Bandits and a shot that's over the bar, they've got the same problem: can't keep the ball down. The Bandits get a third goal with about 20 minutes to go, that puts the Headers under a lot of pressure to respond.

The Headers put a lovely one-two together between forwards Chilo Pike and Phil Courtney, with Chilo volleying a snap shot high over the bar. Then two Headers players are through on the keeper but the opportunity is missed.

Headers 5th division player Bruce Hatfield has a shot that the Bandits keeper has to palm away for a corner, and from that corner Phil Courtney scores with a thumping header, but time runs out for the Headers and the game ends up Nimbin Headers 2 Burringbar Bandits 3.

A fast and furious game that could have had a lot more goals. So the Bandits went through to the grand final which they won 3-0 against Lennox Head.

But still, a fantastic season for the Headers club with all senior teams making the finals, and some of the juniors, with one (Grade 12) going to the Grand Final and only losing 2-1.

A big thank you must go out to all who have supported us this season, doing the club proud and creating the brilliant atmosphere at our home games.

GO THE HEADERS!

Headers Juniors



July 18th v Alstonville



August 8th v Casino



August 15th v Lennox Head



August 15th v Lismore Workers



August 22nd v Italo Stars