

Tim the Tassie Tiger Blue

Well born and bred in Tassie (it seems that is a criterion for BBFC coaches) until he adopted the Blues or shifted to Qld, take your pick.

Tim arrived in the tropics at age 13 and developed his Tassie talent as a footballer/gorilla at Wilston Grange until he realised his stomach was bigger than his eyes and he required regular bromide intake. So our Tim joined the army to become a chef. (This is a popular theme among our ranks with Dozer and Robbie Mathews both ex-chefs who live by the maxim: never eat more than you can lift) We think all are still eating leftovers from an original unknown meal prepared in the mid eighties. This career move entailed a shift to Townsville where he pulled on the boots for the Army team in a league that was the second to be established in Qld outside SE Queensland. We think that's Tim in the Collingwood strip behind Sgt. Rene Kink, or could it be he is the officer in the foreground who clearly enjoys laying into the team with his swagger stick?



Pioneer footy was Tim's purpose in life, so when he was posted to North Head Sydney he saddled up for the Manly Warringah wolves which was the only AFL club on the north shore. Crowds took the ferry from Circular Quay. And they arrived in droves in 1985 to see our lad play a starring role in the premiership win over Uni NSW. He claims that set the genesis for their 2014 premiership

Manly clinch championship

Manly-Warringah Australian rules club created history last weekend by claiming the club championship with minor premiership wins in all three grades.

The Wolves first grade side clinched the top spot on Saturday with a convincing 18-15 (123) to 12-3 (75) win over the University of NSW at Trumper Oval.

A superb first half saw Manly go to the break with a match-winning 39 point lead.

University came back strongly in the third quarter to narrow the gap to 23 points but Manly proved far too strong in the final period.

Tim Searle was Manly's main destroyer, using his pace and acceleration to kick four goals.

Other top performances

were turned in by centreman Mark Keam and defenders Billy Lipman and Rod Engwall.

In the reserve grade match, Manly had trouble handling a fiery opening quarter and went to the break ~~with a 12-10 lead~~ over the students.

But from then on Manly totally dominated proceedings to eventually run away with the match 18-16 (124) to 5-4 (34).

The Wolves' best was ruckman Stuart Jones who proved far too strong in the air for the opposition.

Tony Esposito booted six goals, several from towering marks, while Leigh Adams kicked four.

Both sides now have a week off before playing the major semi-final at Sydney University on September 1.

The rest should give key players Gary Clarke, Rod Finnegan, Grant Vesper and Paul Gallagher time to recover from previous injuries.

Somewhere, somehow he met Kris, a north shore rugby lass whom he eventually married after proposing at a footy club luncheon. Admittedly Kris doesn't look that all that interested – Tim wasn't up to the deed at close range - but he promised her a great dessert. He got around to that in 2009? when he booked Hamilton Island for their anniversary – it was promptly cancelled due to cyclonic weather.



The couple made the move to the GC in 1989 where Tim ignited a passion for coaching that remains today. He started at the Burleigh Bomber U/17s when he and Kris found time in between entrée and the main to increase their number by one in '90. Thank goodness for that, SOS Josh is already a legend at Broady! Another more beautiful creation, Rachel, arrived in '94. Tim's misguided attachment to the Blues was the background to their collie being named Jezza. It is to Jezza we owe a debt of gratitude - very difficult to write that - given that it was his frustration with Josh tackling him that was responsible for Josh registering at Broady Auskick. Jezza, you beauty! He transferred his coaching efforts to Broady where he very nearly pulled off the threepart with the U/16s in 1999 – 2001. Unfortunately we dipped out to Labrador in extra time in '01. Today's supporters may be able to recall Mark Harris, Sam Walters, Adam Hall, Sam Edwards and Regan Sheehan (who has returned to the club as part of the senior coaching panel in 2015) as club stalwarts who learned their trade under Tim. (He may also have been the coach who benched Mark Harris after he kicked his 26th?? Ask Peter Harris) Tim has "worked" for AFL Queensland for over 10 years and has been involved in the GC Stingrays program for 13. His vast footy knowledge and inspiring addresses saw him take the magoos to the finals in 2014 with an 11 and 7 ratio, and coincidentally, pick up last place in the 2014 tipping competition. But like all great chefs, the best is yet to come.