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Sixths into the big one as Seconds go down

Mark Turnley's Father & Son Sixths have advanced to the grand final with a comprehensive win over the previously unbeaten St Josephs in semi final action over the weekend.

Meanwhile the Second XI failed in its bid to win a second successive flag, going down to St Joeys in a hard fought semi at South Barwon.

The Sixth play East Belmont at South Barwon no 4.

Move over the Abletts, Scarletts of the muddied oafs (mud courtesy of recycled water by the way), enter the Fighting Flannelled Father Sons of the Newtown Sixths..... Turn to page 4 for the Sixths Black Ant Report.

And so it proved not to be, 18 runs short.....see page 4 for the Seconds Black Ant.

Presentation Night

See last page for details of our final event of the season.



2006/07

SPECIAL EFFORT

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Prizes:

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Saturday, February 3, 2007
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Winners published in the Geelong Advertiser 7/02/07
Extra tickets available from Scott Mullen.

*Don't Forget
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Thought for the day from Mark F Giles, Senior Vice-President,
Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club:

"There are lots of indispensable people in the cemetery!"

Honour roll 607 Win/Loss ratio



	Played	won	lost	drawn	Ladder position
First XI	10	4	6	-	13 th of 14
Second XI	11	7	4	-	4 th
Third XI	9	3	6	-	9 th of 14
Fourth XI	9	3	6	-	10 th of 14
Fifth XI	7	4	3	-	10 th of 11
Sixth XI	10	7	3	-	grand finalist
TOTAL	56	28	28	-	46 club championship points = 8th position
		50% won	50% lost		

Century (3)

Adam Patching 191 in the 4ths versus Torquay in round 3
Adam O'Connor 112 in the 3rds versus Geelong West in round 5
Steve Lewis 106 in the 4ths versus Newcomb Dist. in round 7
 Matt Sheridan 100 in the under 17 Gove versus Geelong West.
 Jarrod Andrews 149 in the under 17 Just versus Highton

5 or more wickets in an inning (2)

Barry Tsitas 5/52 in the 1sts versus Thomson in round 1
Blake Anderson 5/12 in the 3rds versus Geelong West in round 5

Partnerships

100 runs for the 6th wicket by Luke Sharry (65) & Matt Suvoltos (61) versus Thomson on 14/10/06 in the Seconds.
 130 runs for the 2nd wicket by Phil Morgan (69) & Adam Patching (191) versus Torquay on 4/11/06 in the Fourths.
 103 runs for the 3rd wicket by Mick Kelson 46 & John Rees (56) versus Torquay on 4/11/06 in the Firsts.
 107 runs for the 3rd wicket by Adam Lavars (73) & Darren Fleet (48) versus North Geelong in the Seconds.
 201 runs for the 1st wicket by Adam O'Connor (112) & Chris Hocking (86) versus Geelong West on 18/11/06 in the Thirds
 103 runs for the 3rd wicket by Colin Cunliffe (70 not out) & Blake Anderson (32) versus Geelong West on 18/11/06 in the Thirds
 100 runs for the 5th wicket by Cam Bishop (53 ret) and Andy Bishop (51 ret) versus Guild-St Marys on 18/11/06 in the Sixths
 101 runs for the 1st wicket by Chris Hocking (73) & Andrew Green (26) versus Grovedale on 25/11/06 in the Thirds
 131 runs for the 5th wicket by Nick Sutcliffe (67) & Josh Grabowski (48) in the under 17 Just on 2/12/06..
 118 runs for the 4th wicket by Steve Lewis (106) & Stuart Day (54) versus Newcomb & Districts on 2/12/06 in the Fourths
 111 runs for the 2nd wicket by John Rees (77) & Simon Pearce (52) versus East Belmont on 3/12/06 in the Firsts.
 103 runs for the 4th wicket by Simon Pearce (75 not out) & Josh Hunt (62) versus South Barwon on 9/12/06 in the Firsts
 125 runs for the 4th wicket by Stuart Day (91) & Warwick Hadfield (52 not out) versus South Barwon on 9/12/06 in the Fourths.

Milestones

Steve Lewis made his 4000th run during round 1.
John Rees made his 2000th run with the club in round 2.
Neville Crane became the first player to pass 9000 runs with the club in round 3.
Matt Suvoltos made his 2000th run during round 3.
Mick Kelson made his 1000 club run in round 3.
Adam Patching passed the 1000 run mark in his record breaking 191 in round 3.
Rhys Bennett played his 100th game in round 4.

James Bottomley played his 50th match in round 4.
Warwick Hadfield played his 100th game in round 5.
Adam O'Connor played his 200th game in round 8.
Darren Fleet made his 2000th run in round 7.
Scott Mullen played his 50th match in round 7
Scott Mullen took his 100th wicket in round 7
Anthony Devlin took his 250th wicket in round 9.
Andrew Garrigan made his 1000th run in round 9.

Outstanding performance

Adam Patching's 191 in the 4ths versus Torquay in round 3 is the highest individual score recorded in the Fourth XI and the equal 11th highest in the club's history.

Animals on the park?

As the evening of the semi final victory grew older, the embellishment and embarrassment increased, in line with the rehydration. The leadership group of the refreshed Sixth Eleven established the fact that the team already contained three animals, of the nick name kind. Well, we all knew we have a turtle, a bull, and a monkey, so why should the rest miss out.

Today's trivia question is to match the remaining names with their applicable animal namesake, some obvious, some not. One point for each correct answer. See how you go, answers on next page.

Emu.....Jai Sheahan
 Hare.....Paul Sheahan
 Cow.....Andrew Bishop
 Fish.....Jason Connelly
 Bear.....Sam Connelly
 Penguin.....Dean Turnley
 Skindog.....Ben Hunt
 Snakey.....Darcy Del rio

The Pres Speaks

Hi all,

We had our first meeting for the new year last night and there were a number of important developments.

The first was that our coach for the past two years, Barry Tsitas, has decided to step down. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank him for his contribution over the past two seasons in what have been some fairly trying times.

I also expressed to Barry our desire that he stay on as a player. He has not yet decided whether or not to do that and we respect his right to think about that decision and wait for a favourable outcome over the coming weeks.

As well as being our coach, Barry has been a good friend to a lot of us at the club. As I said last night, he had done a tough job well and we are indeed grateful for that.

Of courses, Barry's decision raises the obvious question of a replacement.

We will be taking a good look at what we feel we need to go ahead as a club, mindful of the fact we have so many talented juniors coming through, as well as a core of very capable senior players.

Without doubt, with the new club rooms and other developments, it is a good time to be playing at Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club. There are many positives around the club so we are confident that if we look outside the square, we can attract the right person. And if you look inside the club, we know we have some really good people committed to developing our potential.

Your committee obviously has some hard work to do and we are committed to doing exactly that.

But today, it is more appropriate that we thank Baz for his efforts on behalf of our club.

On other matters, the major raffle is more important than ever this year. Our finances depend on it every year, but this season, with the drought and the refurb, other areas of income are obviously down.

So buy your ticket, and sell a few more if you can. If you need an extra ticket or two... let me know.

Our fund raising is all about helping keep your membership costs down. Currently, a senior player pays \$250 per season to become a member of our club. I actual fact, it costs the club in excess of \$350 to put each player on the park, so we have to raise that shortfall through sponsorship and events like the major raffle.

On sponsorship, congratulations again to Mark Giles on a great job this year. Without our level of sponsorship we maintain each year, your membership would be significantly higher.

Also congratulations to Matt Suvoltos for his work as the membership Nazi. It was noted last night that this season was the best ever for a long while for people paying their membership on time. Thanks to all the members who got their payments in on time, and to the few still outstanding, you're letting your club mates and yourself down.

While we're handing our congratulations, well done to the Seconds and the Sixths for making the semi-final, and good luck on Saturday and Sunday to Turtle, Fleety and their troops.

Mark Turnley has also asked that senior players get along and support the juniors over the rest of their season. These are the kids you will be playing with in the seasons ahead. Show up to training or game day and get to know them now.

On the refurbishment, all is going according to schedule, which is great news.

As I've said before, because of the drought and the refurbishment, it has been a highly unusual year. But we have traded through it reasonably well, especially if you all make the major raffle a success.

I look forward to seeing you at the Sixths on Saturday and at the Seconds on Sunday and a few celebratory sherberts with the lads afterwards as they prepare for 2 more flags next weekend.

We will also have a special guest with us on Sunday, Dilip Jajodia, President of the Woodford Wells Cricket Club in London.

We are looking to set up a sister relationship with the Wells. If you'd like a season in England playing for one of the better London league clubs, let Warwick Hadfield know and he can get the ball rolling. Accommodation and employment will be on offer, as well as the chance to play some fantastic cricket.

In the meantime, GO YOU TWO BLUES!

Scott Mullen

Scott Mullen
President
NCCC

Quiz answers:

Emu.....Ben Hunt
Hare.....Dean Turnley
Cow.....Sam Connelly

Fish.....Andrew Bishop
Bear.....Jason Connelly
Penguin.....Jai Sheahan
Skindog.....Darcy Del rio
Snakey.....Paul Sheahan



Two Blue Scoreboard 607 semis

Go to http://gca.cricketvictoria.com.au/results/stats.cgi?site_id=1447;results for full scoreboards in all grades.

Go to Club Records and Player Stats

SECONDS lost to St Josephs at South Barwon no 2

RESULT – lost by 18 runs

Umpires – C Martin & J McGillivray

And so it proved not to be, 18 runs short, 19 runs that probably should never have been had to be scored after Boris held a legitimate catch off Budget, but there you go.

You can't change history ... you can lament it, or use it as leverage for the future. Fleetie chose to use it as leverage in his post match speech.

He pointed to the blokes – Boris, Rusty, Ratters, Jackson, Jonesie - who had well and truly proven in their first (half) season on grass, they could cut it at this level, and the one above.

Any vacancies in the 1sts that go from rumour to substance will be filled by young, talented, committed men, so too will vacancies in the twos, gobbled up by graduates of the Mark Turnley finishing school for fine young women and men.

The glass is not just half full, it is around 90 per cent full. Throw in the heady mix of a million dollar facility, the partnerships being forged throughout the cricket and business communities locally, nationally and internationally and you can understand why overseas visitors are not just impressed but blown away by what Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club has to offer in the future.

Ours is a club going forward at pace!

Back to Sunday, Joey's batted first at South Barwon and used their youngsters to great advantage. At 3-173, and having benefited from a split decision by the umpires, they looked in control. But the skipper still had some magic to pull from his baggy blue cap, getting the top-scorer, plus two blokes for ducks, to be on a hat-trick.

Budget got three wickets as compensation for the one he was denied and Ratters and Eck shared the scraps.

Chasing 238 required one big knock and a few good support efforts. There were plenty of the latter, not quite a definitive one of the former.

Gags has that look of class about him that can only come from playing in the TCA, Jonesie has to be the unluckiest bloke alive to be out caught by their keeper.

After Cam Russell kindly offered his services for the team barbecue, the game came down to whether the tail might wag sufficiently to get the runs they should never have had to get. Chrisso produced some of the shots he has been capable off since his early days in the TCA and hopes rose.

Then he hit one too well and the diving catch made it 8-181.

Ratters produced some of the best hitting of the day and again it was close, but ultimately not close enough.

There was disappointment, as there should be, but there was hope. Two seasons back, this team lost to Joey's in a semi-final, then re-emerged to win a premiership.

No reason why it won't happen again. Fleetie is already back ... committed. Drink up fellas, toast a season of achievement, the glass is well and truly more than half full.

St Josephs 8/238

R. Ravee	c L. Sharry b D. Fleet	75
T. Nolan	c L. Sharry b J. Ratcliffe	21
C. McFarlane	b L. Sharry	0
A. Hodgeson	c A. O'Connor b I. Hastie	52
J. Fitzgerald	c A. Garrugan b L. Sharry	18
D. Jelbart	c C. Russel b L. Sharry	32
T. Clarke	lbw D. Fleet	0
J. Stein	lbw D. Fleet	0
J. Casey	not out	24
A. Bowles	not out	1
Extras		15

overs **TOTAL 8 for 238**

FOW: 40, 40, 123, 173, 180, 180, 230

Bowling:	Cam Russell	8/0/0/39
	James Ratcliffe	10/1/1/48
	Luke Sharry	10/1/3/53
	Ian Hastie	7/0/1/40
	Jason Clark	5/0/0/21
	Darren Fleet	10/2/3/32

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Andy Garrigan	c D. Jelbart b R. Ravee	36
Luke Sharry	lbw A. Bowles	6
Adam Lavars	c J. Casey b J. Stein	38
Darren Fleet	c D. Jelbart b J. Stein	41
Matt Suvoltos	c+b J. O'Donohue	10
Adam O'Connor	b J. Stein	9
Ian Hastie	not out	20
Cam Russell	run out	0
Chris Hadfield	c T. Clarke b J. Stein	12
James Ratcliffe	b T. Clarke	17
Jason Clark	b McFarlane	1
Extras		30

50 overs **TOTAL all out 220**

FOW: 17, 71, 134, 139, 163, 163, 163, 181, 217, 220.

Bowling:	A. Bowles	6/0/1/30
	T. Clarke	8/0/1/44
	C. McFarlane	9.4/3/1/29
	R. Ravee	3/0/1/20
	J. Stein	10/1/4/47
	J. O'Donohue	10/0/1/44

SIXTHS defeated St Josephs at McDonald Reserve 2

RESULT – won by 7 overs

Umpire – C Selman

Move over the Abletts, Scarletts of the muddied oafs (mud courtesy of recycled water by the way), enter the Fighting Flannelled Father Sons of the Newtown Sixths.

On Saturday, they gave the blokes on Sunburn Hill, who by stumps were all the colour of the fabled Big Red, plenty to cheer about via a comprehensive four wicket win over Joeys.

Games of cricket are one in many places, between the ears as much as on the plastic. And there's a mix of hard-headed maturity and the boyish bullet proof stuff about the team that came to the fore a few times on Saturday.

The bowling was good, the fielding even better. Old blokes on Sunburn Hill who can't throw a pie 20 feet were stunned when Ben Hunt three one back to the keeper from outside the fence, just because he could.

And the bullet proof brigade hurled themselves around on the dry surface as if they were diving on to the lounge at home to watch the telly.

And the bowling was superb. Joey's knew nothing about Julian Groves before the game, they had good cause to know plenty about him after. Hidden away from everyone including a few at Queens Park, he bowled at good pace and at the stumps, as two bowled and one lbw attest. His fourth wicket went to a Ricky Ponting-esque bit of catching by the captain.

Sam Connelly showed he, too, has turf bowler written all over him, scattering the stumps early on, then coming back to get an lbw.

Enter the Bishops to take four pawns between them, (bet they've never heard that one before!) and Joey's were all out for 172.

Up on Sunburn Hill, the sagacious ones were convincing themselves it was not enough on this outfield and over 40 overs. The always sagacious P. Sheahan started off like not enough over 10 overs was his goal.

His 25 ought to have been a lot more but he was out to Nick Jones, who used to be one of us but has now become a real Joey, nudge, nudge, say no more!

At 3-63 the game was deliciously posed, same again at 5-95 and 6-127 as apprehensive text message went to and from McDonald Reserve and the brains trust on Sunburn Hill, their deliberations increasing fuelled by Crownies so not to be dismissed lightly, reckoned it was all okay. Back the Batters, Shiftie would say, and we all would have, too, if Shiftie was still out there. Grrrrr!

Enter Old Man Connelly, playing a composed innings, and the elder Bishop in an unbeaten 50 run partnership.

The determination to do something special with their off-spring – last week and next - is a deep and empowering force. For the bullet-proof brigade, well a lot of this spiritual stuff between father and son probably just goes through to young Darc's gloves – but in 20 or so years from now, they'll understand.

Next week won't be easy, finals never are. But this fine assembly from wonderful Newtown pedigree book, with a bit of help from Mildura, is on the verge of something special.

Don't believe anything you read in the papers, and least of all anything you read in this Black Ant, but keep believing in yourselves.

St Josephs 172

S. Taylor	bowled S. Connelly	5
T. Grant	c M. Turnley b J. Groves	52
J. Holt	bowled J. Groves	6
W. Fitzgerald	c C. Bishop b A. Bishop	28
D. Grant	c D. Delrio b C. Bishop	22
B. Milverton	lbw S. Connelly	8
S. Trevaskis	bowled C. Bishop	6
N. Jones	bowled J. Groves	12
S. Catanzariti	lbw J. Groves	3
J. O'Connell	not out	6
P. Pendergast	bowled C. Bishop	5
	Extras	19

39.2 overs

TOTAL

all out 172

FOW: 8, 28, 75, 130, 138, 144, 155, 163, 171, 172.

Bowling:	Julian Groves	7.2/0/4/41
	Sam Connelly	8/2/2/28
	Andy Bishop	8/2/1/23
	Dean Turnley	8/0/0/47
	Cam Bishop	7/0/3/23

Newtown & Chilwell 6/176

Paul Sheahan	c S.Taylor b N. Jones	25
Ben Hunt	c D. Grant b Trevaskis	18
Jai Sheahan	bowled S. Trevaskis	10
Jason Connelly	not out	46
Darcy Delrio	c C'nzariti b Milverton	10
Cam Bishop	c N. Jones b D. Grant	4
Mark Turnley	bowled W. Fitzgerald	15
Andrew Bishop	not out	31
Julian Groves		dnb
Sam Connelly		dnb
Dean Turnley		dnb
	Extras	17

33 overs **TOTAL 6 for 176**

FOW: 48, 52, 63, 90, 95, 127.

Bowling: S. Trevaskis 8/1/2/39, B. Milverton 6/1/1/40, N. Jones 8/0/1/37, D. Grant 6/0/1/22, W. Fitzgerald 3/0/1/19, J. Holt 1/0/0/3, J. O'Connell 1/0/0/7

Catches

Chris HADFIELD	17
Michael KELSON	13
Darcy DELRIO	11
Luke SHARRY	8
Grant WHITESIDE	7
Simon PEARCE	7
Matt SUVOLTOS	6
Mark TURNLEY	6
Tim SANDERSON	6
Frank TUSKES	5
Phillip MORGAN	5
Adam PATCHING	5
David KIBBIS	5
Nick RICHARDSON	5
Jason CLARK	5
Andrew HENDERSON	5
Jackson DAVIS	5

Stumpings

Chris HADFIELD	4
Steven LEWIS	3
Michael KELSON	3
Tim SANDERSON	2
Paul MARINELLI	1

Player of the Season

Simon PEARCE	663
Michael KELSON	516
Barry TSITAS	511
John REES	488
Matt SUVOLTOS	484
Luke SHARRY	473
Adam PATCHING	467
Darren FLEET	452
Warwick HADFIELD	398
Steven LEWIS	393

607 Top 10 after semi finals

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Batting

Simon PEARCE	408 @ 45.33
John REES	378 @ 37.8
Adam PATCHING	377 @ 41.89
Steven LEWIS	334 @ 41.75
Michael KELSON	306 @ 30.6
Andrew GARRIGAN	295 @ 36.88
Adam O'CONNOR	286 @ 35.75
Andrew HENDERSON	278 @ 27.8
Josh HUNT	258 @ 43
Mark TURNLEY	249 @ 24.9
Adam LAVARS	244 @ 30.5
Darren FLEET	238 @ 23.8
Matt SUVOLTOS	234 @ 23.4
Campbell BISHOP	217 @ 27.13

Bowling

Luke SHARRY	18 @ 16.28
Dean TURNLEY	18 @ 17.28
Barry TSITAS	17 @ 28.18
Darren FLEET	16 @ 14.63
Jason CLARK	16 @ 19.85
Shannan GOVE	15 @ 30.4
Blake ANDERSON	14 @ 8.21
Ian HASTIE	14 @ 12.71
Julian GROVES	14 @ 10.14
Warwick HADFIELD	13 @ 14.46
Jackson DAVIS	13 @ 22.23
Brad PETTER	12 @ 20.58
Sam CONNELLY	11 @ 11.55
Jacob SIMONSEN	10 @ 16
Campbell BISHOP	10 @ 18.2
Matt SUVOLTOS	10 @ 22.7

Social Calendar

Sat 3rd February - Major Raffle

Sat 17th February - Presentation Night



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Newtown & Chilwell CC Community Programs

**Barwon Region
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Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club

Presentation Night

"A must attend event to see out the season"

When: Saturday February 17th 2007
Where: Lord of the Isles Tavern
3 West Fyans Street, Newtown
Time: 6.30 pm **Dress:** To Impress

What to Expect

- **Players, partners and friends.**
- **Final Gathering for season 06 ~ 07**
- **An opportunity to thank partners and friends for their support.**
- **Official Awards presentation (Guaranteed it will be short)**
- **A great atmosphere to finish the year in style**

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NCCC Presentation Night Menu (\$45 per head / \$80 per couple)

Finger food

Selection of Canapés on arrival in Club Bar

Mains

Mediterranean Stuffed Chicken Breast served with seasonal vegetables and potato
Alternating with

Caramelised 4pt Rack of Lamb resting on a sweet potato, ginger, coriander and Spanish onion mash with sautéed brocolini and a red currant rosemary jus

Desert

Home made Lemon Tart

Alternating with

Bernie's Chocolate Panacotta

Drinks at Bar Prices

RSVP Friday February 9th

Scott Mullen scott@scottmullen.com.au or mobile 0417 357 974.

Be early as reservations are essential and numbers are limited.

All bookings are final without 48 hours cancellation notice.

Non-attendance will still incur an invoice.

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Cost: Per person \$45.00 Per Couple \$80.00

Junior venues round 7 January 27/28

One day 40/40 over matches

Under 17 Just versus Barwon Heads at Village Park no1

Under 17 Gove versus Bell Park on Carey Oval

Under 17 Clark versus Geelong City at Eastern Park no 3

Under 15 Cambridge versus Leopold McDonald on Shaw Oval

Under 15 Taylor versus Grovedale Moore at Bakers Oval

Under 15 Chisholm versus Queenscliff at Queenscliff on Sunday

Under 13 Royce versus North Geelong at Elderslie West

Under 13 Barnes versus Grovedale Van Halen at King Lloyd 2

Under 13 Pearce versus Thomson at Elderslie East

Friday Feb 2

Under 11 Carroll versus Highton Allen at Elderslie West

Under 11 Merriman versus Alexander Thomson at Tim Hill Reserve

Under 11 Wells versus Teesdale at Teesdale

Father-son rule pays dividends

THERE will be no shortage of family support when Newtown and Chilwell takes to the field in this Saturday's Sixth XI Grand Final.

A total of five father-son combinations will play a part in the big game against East Belmont.

Captain Mark Turnley has son Dean in the team, while there is also Paul and Jai Sheahan, Andrew and Campbell Bishop, Jason and Sam Connelly and wicketkeeper Darcy Del Rio, whose father Mig is the team's scorer.

The other members of the team are Ben Hunt, brother of Geelong footballer Josh, and Julian Groves.

Turnley senior said the line-

up was put together to encourage juniors to stay at the club.

"We had a lot of problems with junior retention, boys started drifting away when they were 16-17 so we thought if we could give them a good time and a pleasant experience playing with their fathers they might stay with the club," he said.

"The club's been really supportive, it has become a policy that the sixths become a pathway team.

"It was a conscious decision to go that way — to have the fun factor for fathers and sons and to provide a pathway for juniors into senior cricket."

Turnley said not only was the idea keeping kids involved in

the club, it was also giving families memories they would remember for a long time.

"We hope so, probably for the fathers more so," he said.

"It's fairly significant in their twilight years to play a few more years with their son.

"I'm 49 so I'm getting close (to retiring). Paul Sheahan is 40, Andrew Bishop is 42 and Jason Connelly is 39 so we're all getting on a bit."

Turnley said his side would take underdog status into this week's Grand Final.

"If we play well we're a chance, but it'll just be a great experience for fathers and sons just to play in a Grand Final together," he said.



From left to right Jordan Lewis (12th man), Paul Sheahan, Mark Turnley, Dean Turnley, Jai Sheahan, Campbell Bishop, Sam Connelly, Andrew Bishop, Darcy Del Rio, Jason Connelly, Ben Hunt, Julian Groves.

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