

Buster's CUT & ROLLED (Final Edition)



G'day Viewers, My Report on the Fed Trip.

The Federation trip was a complete success, this article is written from memory so you can expect a few things that will be left out. Let's start with winning the interstate test series back to back and to beat NSW on their home turf was extra special, we did it with a mix of youth and experience a beer in one hand and a bowl in the other. There was no team meetings or curfews and smoking, drinking were paramount as part of our training requirements.

The national titles were also well represented with Deano Prentice's and Guru Langley's fours making the semis, Scott "Tugga" Thulborn was just beaten in the singles semi, mainly due to overtraining in preparation for the game. Someone asked how he got the name 'tugga' well he was seen lying on his bed watching a Bowls Australia report on himself with crotch in hand. In the singles Nathan 'cher' Pedersen narrowly went down to 'Onions' of QLD in a highly entertaining game of bowls. The pairs of Rowdy Edmunds and James 'Top Gun' Gregory played Roger "Jr" Ward and Dave 'Dad' Thulborn in the final which rowdy and top gun got up by one shot. Some say this was James Gregory's next step to senior state selection. All the above success was planned with strategies and focus being paramount.

As all elite athletes do we had a training camp in Hay, the camp was held at the South Hay Hotel, hosted by Ed and Sue Vitucci prior to the weeks competition. The younger players had angle hand and eye coordination drills on a felt covered table with holes around the edges under the watchful eye of 'Dad' Dave Thulborn who insisted they increase their sugar levels for maximum effort using a health drink produced in New Orleans USA. While the older players had meetings on tactics and bull shit, their meetings were chaired by Deano "yep yep" Prentice. We all know Deano is one of the

more eloquent speakers in bowls and all were in awe of his balancing skills while drinking our health protein supplement which was poured from a tap into a large glass and drunk as quickly as possible.

During the week, selector Bradford Porter took some of the fellas out for a bonding session which caused some concern after noticing a sign which read 2.50 spirits the eyes lit up and they all ran into the bar what they didn't read was "Boys night only", yes viewers it was a gay bar (not that there is anything wrong with that). Poor old Ben 'Andrew' Smith was most uncomfortable especially when a patron wanted to know why he wasn't wearing his leather outfit he wore when he was in the village people. In the end the boys had to form a security circle around a very nervous Nathan 'Cher' Pedersen and KG our apprentice from New Guinea. Most blame Glen Cates and his poofy jeans that enticed the excitement. The only casualty was 'psycho' Collins who had to be subbed out after the first end next morning the \$2.50 Bourbons were too hard to resist. Any way what happens on tour stays on tour, the only bloke to play up and get into trouble was Bob Allen.

Canberra was bloody cold, the roads were built to suit all the Govt workers there were no bumps or potholes and they just kept going in circles. The greens were great but I must say the Queanbeyan Bowling club was a stand out without drinking or smoking regulations it was like *turning back time*.

On the way home President Nigel hosted our victory dinner at the South Hay Hotel where we spent all evening winding down. A special hello to Sue, Rosie, Barbara and Linda. Especially Rosie who wanted to know if I was good in bed, I replied "I am that good the last hooker I hired gave me my money back" Viewers if you are ever going through Hay stop at the South Hay Hotel (where there is a caravan park 3 minutes walk away) and say the SA boys sent you phone 02 69931031, it's a bloody great pub and the meals are fantastic.

I would like to thank our shirt sponsors Nu Turf and Globe, our jackets were sponsored by Everiss, Campbell's Chemicals and K&B Adams, pants D&D Curators and Tron Civil and of course our caps Teamsters Turf-smooth as. A special thank you to supa saver embroidery for their efforts.

To the Vics well done and possibly the worst tour ever played, I was asked to pick 1,2 & 3 of the best players this was an impossible task the only thing that stood out was Duncan Knox's brown shoes. And as for that photo with me and Dave "Taxi" Zithers, I have contacted my legal team but having noticed that I had a cold sore they recommended that I do not persue the matter any further. Any way great to catch up with you blokes again. Just remember my Jacket and Shirt size is XL pants L and a L cap to fit my head you can contact me on 0416 679182 for delivery instructions.

This is my last write up as I have to retire for health reasons so you can all get stuffed –

Buster, ex-champion, future Legend.