



BOOMERANGS vs BOARS



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'Just another game'

MOREE Boomerangs coach Chris Binge doesn't know what the fuss is about.

This weekend his side is involved in their second local derby in as many weeks, but this one is a little different because it's an inter-town derby.

But he doesn't see it as different to any other game.

"Everyone is building it up to be something it's not," he said when asked if there was a little more importance placed on this Saturday's match.

"It's round seven. It's not State of Origin, it's not a grand final and our focus is on claiming the two points like it always is.

"If everyone wants to build it up that's great for the town because we understand it's been a while since the last time we played each other."

That doesn't mean he places less emphasis on the Boars and said his side would give them the respect they deserve.

"They've proven already this year they're a good side and they've got a very good player in Sam Armstrong who was selected for northern division last week, but he won't be our focus. We'll focus on what we need to do and we'll back ourselves."

Binge said he was hopeful the Boars would go into the match at full strength after centre Ben Williams and fullback Joe Henderson were late withdrawals in their 10-point loss to Inverell a fortnight ago.

"We hope that's the case for sure because then there won't be any excuses. There won't be any from us."

After conceding 26 points in two weeks, the focus for the Rangs will again be on defence because Binge was confident they had the ability to score points whenever they needed them.

"If the Boars are going to score any tries they're going to have to work as hard as they've ever done before. Our plan is to tackle them into the ground."



Lorlie Haines, Tyrell Smith, Jamie and Zac Sampson represent the Boomerangs' three grades along with ladies league tag, leading up to this weekend's match.

Boomerangs are one big family

YOU can't pick your family, but you can pick your football club, and the Moree Boomerangs have managed to combine the two.

It's what sets the proud club apart from most other sporting organisations throughout Australia according to publicity officer Lloyd Munro.

Munro said over the years the Boomerangs had placed more of

an emphasis on professionalism but money was never an issue.

"We don't pay our players," he said.

They've had their ups and downs and since being readmitted into the competition several years ago they've had a mortgage on the top positions on the ladder.

And this weekend local bragging rights go on the line when the

Boomerangs clash with the Boars for the first time in 20 years.

Munro said his memory was hazy but he always remembered local derbies as close encounters.

"I've been with the club since I was 16 and I can't pick any one game that stands out. No matter where the clubs were on the ladder they always went down to the wire.

"There has always been a lot of

feeling in them," he said.

He doesn't expect this weekend to be any different, but said it would be an important match for their supporters.

"It is a big day but our supporters will lap it up more. Even though the races are on, most of our supporters don't go to the races anyway so we know our fans will be there to cheer us on," he said.

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Shoe's on the other foot

TREVOR Tighe knows better than most how the Moree Boomerangs are run.

He was involved with the club for several years before joining the Moree Boars this year and any inside knowledge he might have gained from the time spent there could prove beneficial this weekend.

"We haven't played each other for over 20 years and people have always gone because it's been an exciting match and a good spectacle. I don't expect it to be different this year," Tighe said.

Already in 2014 Tighe's influence on the side has been noticeable and with the help of Wayne Hetherington the two hard heads have started to turn the Boars into a well-drilled outfit.

But this weekend they face their toughest test this year and Tighe said it was difficult to pinpoint any weaknesses in the 'Rangs line-up, but said ball control would be the first step in a possible upset win.

"We need to hang onto the ball," he said.

"The 'Rangs have always been a tough side to beat and they haven't lost too many at home over the years so we'll need to be at our best.

"They've got Warren Cain and Mundarra Weldon who all their young blokes look up to, and their forwards run all day."

The Boars will welcome back Joe Henderson and Ben Williams from injury and former Boomerang Matt Marshall remains a 50-50 possibility of taking his place.

"If Matty's no good he won't play. It's a long season and he doesn't want to come back early and then be out for a longer period," he said.

Tighe expected the first 10 to 15 minutes would be the hardest either side had played so far this season.

"Everyone is primed to play them, but we need to be smart about the way we play. It's not enough to just be primed."



Moree Boars representatives; Brad Hourigan, Ethan Collins, Conor Ryan and Tanya Ryan (at back) are ready for this weekend's clash.

Remembering the old days

IT might have been 20 years ago, but Moree Boars life member Alf Scott labelled previous local derbies as "bloodbaths".

July 10 was the date and the Boomerangs were far too good for the Boars with a comprehensive 60-8 victory after leading 30-0 at half time.

The Boars reserve grade side also suffered a 28-14 loss.

"They went on to win the competition in both grades that year," Scott said.

This weekend the Boars and Boomerangs again clash after being forced to go their separate ways back in 1991 when both sides dominated the competition.

"The funny part about it was that the biggest screamer was Uralla, but they didn't have a team themselves," he said.

"Most of the clubs wanted both Moree teams out of the competition but the Country Rugby League said one would stay and one would go."

The process which was then undertaken involved both sides' names being put into a hat where they were then drawn out.

Scott said the Boars had a proud 92-year history and it wasn't uncommon for family mem-

bers to have played against each other for either the Boars or Boomerangs.

"It's not as bad as it's made out to be.

"It's a friendly rivalry," he said.

"We've had players jumping from club to club and it's never been a problem as far as we've been concerned."

Meanwhile, with some sad news, former player Rodney Skaines, who played 133 A-grade games and 64 reserve grade games for the Boars, will be buried today and Scott said thoughts were with the family.

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