



# Newsletter

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## Night Series Kicks Off!

On a warm summer's night in Spearwood, the Western Knights kicked off its 2013 season with a first round Night Series match up against the old foe, Cockburn City. In the first competitive game of the season, the improving young Knights outfit went down 3-2 to a more experienced Cockburn team on their own ground.

Buoyed on by a parochial away support, the Knights were down 1-0 at the half after conceding an own goal. However a change of formation was the catalyst for an improved start of the second half and the Knights were richly rewarded with an equalizer to Jakeb Vucic after some excellent work by David Cain on the right wing. Despite continued surges towards Cockburn's goal, the lack of fitness cost the Knights as Cockburn ran in two unanswered goals to put the game beyond doubt.

A late consolation goal, and an early contender for goal of the year, was scored by the impressive Brendan Craig with a blistering shot from 25 yards out.

*For more, see the report from Head Coach Robbie Dunn on Page 2!*



*Knights striker Brendan Craig and Cockburn City defender Alex Castiello in action.*

*Photo: Peter Simcox*



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### Cockburn City 3

(O'Goal 34', Lloyd 56', Kavangh 66')

### Western Knights 2

(Vucic 48', Craig 90'+2)

Knights Line Up: GK Ashley Crosthwaite, 2 Kevin Walsh (13 Dean Thurston 46'), 3 Luke Woodard, 4 Stuart Siddell, 5 Ethan Levitt, 6 Craig Riley, 7 Luka Jukic, 8 Ryan Shackleton, 9 Brendan Craig, 10 Olek Yevstihneyev (12 David Caine 46'), 11 Jakeb Vucic, (15 Jamie Tandy 62')  
Subs not used: RGK Alfie Biscat, 14 Rory Kiely

## Coach's Corner

Western Knights Head Coach, Robbie Dunn

*The game against Cockburn was disappointing for me only because we lost.*

*I hate losing!*

*I really felt for the players though as they tried right up until the end and I believe that our current low fitness level was one of the main reasons that they weren't able to achieve a desirable result from the game.*

*We started off with a 4-5-1 type system and we could see from the bench that we weren't adapting to it so we changed it at half time to a 3-5-2 and the players quickly reacted to it giving us much more structure going forward. Unfortunately we were down 1-0 due to an own goal but we held on till half time and this allowed us a chance to re group in the second half.*

*The second half started well and an explosive run and cross by Davey Cain ended up with Jakeb Vucic reacting far too quickly for his defender and he slid the ball in for a deserve equaliser. I felt we were dominating at this point and really thought that we could go on and win the game*

*Then we lost shape, our fitness levels started to show and down to this our passing choices and execution really dropped to a standard that I know the players would not like to accept from themselves*

*We gave away possession cheaply twice and we were punished in the harshest of ways, our marking was sloppy and our GK Ashley, who was playing extremely well, had no chance in keeping out two quick fire goals. Teams can drop their heads at this point and throw in the towel but to our lads credit they kept on going and you could see that they were trying despite physically running on empty. Brendon Craig who ran himself into the ground and as a constant thorn in the Cockburn defence side finally got his just rewards finishing off a good passage of play with a thunderous 25 metre drive which no keeper would have stopped.*

*So now we will chat about things at training, work hard at our drills, regroup and get ready for our next game. We will make changes as this is what the night series is for which is to allow the coaching staff to see what we have and how players perform under varying conditions.*

*For me the good points to take from this game are that we will get fitter, our passing will get better , our marking will get tighter and we will continue to create goalscoring opportunities.*



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### **Become a Member of the Western Knights. It has benefits.**

- Discount at the Bar
- Discount to Club Functions (Members saved \$30 on the Mark Bosnich last year!)
- Support a Great Club!

Visit our website for Membership details and an application form or contact our membership manager Marija Frankovic on 0425 188 703 for details.

## 2013 Season Launch Party!

The 2013 season will officially be launched at Nash Field on Sunday March 17th with the club's Season Launch Party.

The players will all be in attendance where they will be presented to our supporters as well as be given their kit numbers for the season. Lunch will be served, and we will draw the winners of our 100 Club Raffle

Cost is \$30 per adult, Club Members and Concession Holders are \$25.  
Kids under 14 are free.

For tickets contact your Knights Committee in person or at  
[committee@westernknights.com.au](mailto:committee@westernknights.com.au)

## Do you want to play for the Knights??

The Western Knights has teams in all age groups, from Juniors to Masters, and our Women's and Girls team are growing stronger each year. So why not put on your boots and join Perth's best club!

The Knights are looking for players to fill positions in:

- Boys and Girls Juniors from under 6's to 16's
- Women's Senior Team
- Men's Over 35's Masters
- Equal Footingball Disability Inclusion Team

If you want to proudly wear the famous Red, White and Blue, or for more information about how you can get involved, email us at:

[juniors@westernknights.com.au](mailto:juniors@westernknights.com.au)

## 100 Club Raffle

The Knights ever popular annual raffle returns this year with a chance to win the major prize of \$3,000.

**First Prize: \$3,000**

**Second Prize: \$1,000**

**Third Prizes: 10 x \$100**

Only 100 tickets at \$100 each are available, and tickets are running out fast.

Contact your Knights Committee in person  
or at [committee@westernknights.com.au](mailto:committee@westernknights.com.au)

# Upcoming Night Series

## Fixtures

Group C

Round 2

Western Knights SC

vs

Canning City SC

Dalmatinac Park

1 February 2013

18:30

Round 3

Western Knights SC

vs

Fremantle United SC

Dalmatinac Park

10 February 2013

18:00



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