



The Roar



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MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Species – Nararus-Wyomus



The **lion** (*Nararus-Wyomus*) is one of the four [big cats](#) in the [genus Panthera](#), and a member of the family [Felidae](#). Some males can exceed 250 [kg](#), **but not the Nararus-Wyomus** which is generally a lean, mean cricketing machine, as evidenced by results in 2011. It is the second-largest living cat after the [tiger](#).

Wild lions currently exist in many parts of the Central Coast but are prolific in the Narara Wyoming region, having 1st been sighted around 1898. Until the late [Pleistocene](#), about 10,000 years ago, the lion was the most widespread large land mammal after humans. They were found in most of Africa, across Eurasia from western Europe to India, and in the Americas from the [Yukon](#) to [Peru](#).^[5] **So how did they get to The Central Coast??**

Grange folklore has it that the Nararus-Wyomus was brought to the Coast as a family pet by our cricketing forefathers, the Gavenlocks & Cliftons.

Lion populations are untenable outside designated reserves such as Gavenlock Oval, Carrington St Oval, Alan Davidson Park and Paddy Clifton Ovals.

Lions play for varying lengths of time however injuries sustained from continual fighting with rival males greatly reduce their longevity.^[6] Older Nararus-Wyomus can often be spotted in small groups on the edge of hunting grounds.

They typically inhabit [savanna](#) and [grassland](#), although they may take to [bush](#) and [forest](#). A pride of Nararus-Wyomus lions consists of a large number of males and females. Groups of 11 lions typically hunt together, preying mostly on large [ungulates](#). Lions are [apex](#) and [keystone predators](#), although they scavenge as opportunity allows. This is a trait typical to the Nararus-Wyomus species which hunts for such things as Roos, Griffons, Bunnies, Seagulls and Sharkies.

Highly distinctive, the male lion is easily recognised by its [baggy green cap](#), and its face is one of the most widely recognised animal symbols on the Central Coast. It has been extensively depicted in sculptures, in paintings, on attire, and in contemporary photos, films and literature.

Nararus-Wyomus are a key species sought by other clubs the world over and well known watering holes are cooperating in breeding programs for the young male lion to ensure the Nararus –Wyomus species does not become endangered.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Well done to everyone who has contributed to the dominant position that we see the Club hold going into 2012.

Let's not take our foot off the accelerator.

Have a safe & restful Xmas & New Year break.



TRAINING / WARM-UP SHIRTS (\$20.00)

(Have arrived)

Please see Les at training to collect and pay for shirts already ordered

Place your orders with the Secretary via email (don't forget to include your shirt size) or with our gear steward, Paul Moriarty and be a part of the "TEAM" on game-day and part of the "CLUB" on training days.

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TWENTY TWENTY

Calling all Lions past and present

Paddy Clifton 1 & 2 Ovals are where it's all going to happen on January 29th

We need 4 teams to play a round robin comp throughout the day

This will be a fun day with modified rules to allow maximum involvement for all participants

BBQ, snacks and drinks will be available throughout the day and the winning side receives the inaugural Back Into Lions T 20 trophy

Seniors, juniors, mums, dads, past and present players welcome

There will be an IPL style player auction of senior players to use in your team at The Grange at the Emerging Achievers night which is after the match on Saturday, January 28th

Nominate as many players as you want for your team and interchange them throughout the day

Get involved have some fun and support your club

Email your interest to stuckwalker@gmail.com now

MID WEEK TRAINING

Will resume on January 5th however the nets will be opened from 4.00 pm on December 29th for anyone wishing to roll the arm over and have a bat against the bowling machine.



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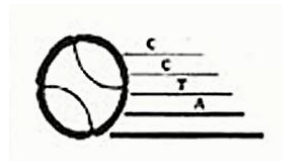
MEMBERS DRAW

Jackpots to \$60.00

Life Members, Financial Players and Non playing members (\$10.00) are eligible to go into the draw but **YOU MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE AFTER MATCH GET TOGETHER TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!!**



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Caught in Slips

Occupy Gavenlock!

With all of the anti-capitalism protests going on around the world, the Terrigal-Matcham skipper decided to hold his own "occupy" sit-in inside the G change room. After bowling us out with six overs remaining their skip said to Moz, "That'll do us for the day." When Moz replied, "No it won't. We'll see you out in the middle in ten minutes", the skip replied that he would check the rulebook.

After a good warm-up the Lions were in position awaiting umpires and batsmen to emerge from the Bellbird shed. **Nothing!** Moz then jogged off the field and called out for the Bellbirds to make their appearance. **Still nothing!**

After clarifying the exact time that our innings ended, he then warned that the first batsman now had two minutes to be ready at the crease before we would be appealing for "timed out".

It took our scorer & secretary, Les Egan, to go in and explain that the rule was changed during the off-season and that play must continue for the full 80 overs before we got a response. They reluctantly appeared with the Captain saying that he had three teammates (and former captains) telling him that we were wrong. Moz asked him if he was simply going to sit there or come and discuss it with the opposing skipper.

He had no reply. Later, one of his teammates was overheard to mumble under his breath, "Don't argue with him about anything, he's Mr Rulebook!"

MATCH REPORTS

First XI (Premier League)

Round 7

Narara-Wyoming 111 & 3/53 defeated Woy Woy 55 & 106

We travelled to the Peninsula to take on the Sharkies. Andy won the toss and sent them in with some ominous clouds looming and a little bit of moisture on the surface from a light shower.

To make a short story even shorter, the Sharkies were skittled for 55 off 27.1 overs with the main destroyer being Andy Ryan who bowled great areas and finished with 7-25 off 13.1 overs. An excellent spell! He was well supported by JB (2-16) and Span.

We soon found ourselves at 3-6 then 4-15 in reply at tea. Suddenly 55 seemed a fair way away! After the break, Dane (as we're getting used to) did the business settling us down with a knock of 37 that took the game away from Woy Woy and got us near the required total. It wasn't our best performance with the bat but we managed to limp to 111 off 41 with Andy contributing 27, giving us a lead of 56.

Tommy Head made his 1st Grade debut and unfortunately for him his first innings only lasted 1 ball (we've all had one Tommy). He gave an honest appraisal of the bowler as he was walking off the field; "He's a bit quicker than 2nd Division".

So we had 21 overs left to take a few more wickets in the Sharkies 2nd Innings and we did just that. At the close of play they were 3-35, still 21 behind. Andy took 2 more to make it 9 for the day **and Long Tom snared his first 1st Grade wicket** in classic style.

His first over had the boys buzzing, the bats hopping, and some helmets rattling with some good pace and well directed short stuff. A couple of overs later he drew an edge from Woy Woy's best bat after beating the edge the ball before, and Andy swallowed the catch at 2nd slip as he does.

Week 2 saw Woy Woy put on another 71 runs in the time it took us to claim the other 7 wickets. Tommy bowled 7 straight to start the day helping himself to 2 more wickets (with the aid of Brad Smith who took a sharp chance at short leg) finishing with 3 wickets on debut. Well done Tommy! Andy, Pop and Span

(who was unlucky) all bowled well as a unit with **Andy finishing the innings with 3 wickets and 10 for the match.** A top effort in the top grade!

This left us chasing 51 for victory which was accomplished 3 down, Walshy chipping in with 28no.

This win gives us 10 more points to add to the total which sees us sitting 6 clear at the top of the table over the Christmas break.

Special sighting: Al Kennedy (NWCC photographer) managed to capture for time eternal a very rare sight on the cricket field which can be seen in the Image Gallery on the website http://www.nararacricet.org.au/image_gallery_1st_grade_round_7_v_woy_woy.html

Can you see what it is? (Hint: it involves Span being unlucky)



1st Grade Christmas Break Wrap-Up

Rank	Played	Won 2 nd Innings	Won 1 st Innings	Drawn	Lost 1 st Innings	Lost 2 nd Innings	Points
1	7	2	4	0	1	0	44

Players used – 16 (including 2 debutants)

100's – Troy Marchant (108*)

50's – Poppy Murray (51), Troy Marchant (50), Andy Ryan (80), Dane Hokin (63), Dane Hokin (72*), Andrew Bull (51), Dane Hokin (58)

10W/M – Andy Ryan (10-43)

5W/I – Poppy Murray (5-53), Mark Smith (7-29), Poppy Murray (5-60), Ben Surwald (5-10), Andy Ryan (7-25)

The table above pretty much tells the story so far. Apart from being beaten convincingly in Round 1 our season is going well. Team wide contributions with both bat and ball have helped us win the next 6 games. Some games we've dominated and won well and others we've walked the tightrope and managed to get across the line showing some Lion spirit. When we've had players out injured or unavailable, those that have filled the gap have made contributions helping the team stay on top. **The 2 debutants (Lachlan Mitchell and Tom Head) have both fitted in well and looked comfortable going about their business.** With four games left after Christmas our goal will be to hold on to the top spot and continue to improve our form and consistency ready for Finals cricket.

Second XI (Division 2)

Round 7

Narara-Wyoming 213 defeated Terrigal 119

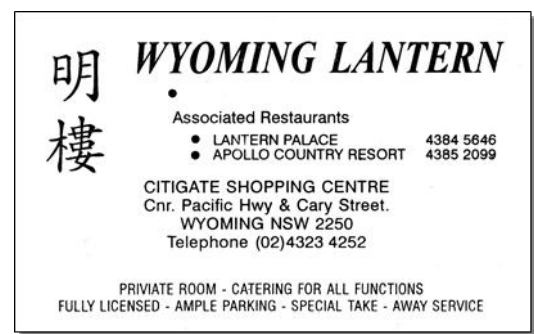
It was good to get a full two day game in amongst the wet weather we have been having so it was a surprise when the Bellbirds skipper won the toss and invited us to bat. They must have been pleased with their decision early when they had us 2-19. Crossy then joined Lulz (26) to steady the ship. They took us safely to 50 without further loss before the introduction of a young leg-spinner created some havoc. With a mix of half-trackers and full-bungers, the youngster managed to take three wickets for four runs and have us in big trouble at 5-54. The less said about the mode of these dismissals, the better for all concerned. Let's just say that cricket was not the winner. Crossy (48) did the hard yards, waiting patiently for anything loose and as he built good partnerships with KJ and Richo. VC Shells then joined Mick who was unlucky to fall short of his fifty, caught down the leg side off a short one. Shells (56no) played one of his most valuable knocks for the Lions, sharing a 51 run partnership for the last wicket with Lawso in his first innings in Div 2. It was Mick's first half-ton for the Lions and a great reward for an innings mixed with patience and aggression. We had six overs at them without success at the end of the day.

On day 2, the Bellbirds started very cautiously, seemingly believing that if they simply survived they would somehow manage to gather the required runs. Besides one player, who took on a few of our bowlers before attempting a suicide second run, the rest were content to defend at all cost. In fact, the Lions sent down 26 maidens out of the 67 bowled. Timmy B was very unlucky with a couple of missed chances off edges and finished with figures off 16-7-1-14. The other lads chimed in to support, with JP picking up one and Crossy, with Lulz' help, picking up a neat stumping during a few

overs of off-spin before tea. At one stage the "Bellies" were 1-64 and reasonably confident. In the end, the match was turned by VC Shells. After a long, tight but wicketless first spell, he returned to the bowling crease before tea. He then went on to take his first five wicket haul for the Lions to finish with figures of 25.2-8-5-54. It was a big effort from Mick who put in the hard yards after JP suffered an ankle injury early on.

Congratulations Michael on your double of a fifty and five wickets in an innings!

This was a good fight back after some disappointing shots played by the top order on day one. We are still 10 points behind the high-flying Wyong side who remain undefeated. We need to build now towards our Round 9 showdown with the Roos.



Fourth XI (Division 4)

Round 4

Well round 4 saw us taking on Kincumber at carrington street and was also the debut for "junior" as a captain. We won the toss and based on the previous batting performances by Kincumber i sent them in. Early on it looked like it was a good decision with Kincumber in trouble at 6/74 with Blake McNulty leading the attack once again with good figures of 3/28 off 10, he was well supported by the rest of the bowlers but as it usually happens with the fall of early wickets, a couple of their batsmen dug in and played well to see Kincumber all out for 147 in the 59th over. I was able to use 8 of the 9 bowlers that the selectors decided to give me with everyone doing a good job with the ball Mitch O'Keefe with figures of 1/8 off 6 and Jason Parker with 1/15 off 5 and Jeff Monin with 1/5 off 4 and Joel Stuckey with 2/17 off 8 and "Dumf" with 1/31 off 13 and i even managed to burgle the last wicket and end up with 1/7 off 6. The bowlers did a great job with a display of line and length bowler which is turning out to be a feature of this bowling attack which will only get better as the year goes on and we can build some partnerships with our bowling attack. We were pretty confident heading in to bat that we could chase down this total and after seeing out 21 overs left on day 1 we were in the balance at 2/33 with Jeff Monin finally getting some runs at the top

of the order with a well compiled 23. Day two saw us in the position of focusing on the run chase as there were not enough overs left in the game to think of a outright so the batters were told to focus on playing to stay in and that is exactly what the ever reliable Joel Stuckey did, coming in at no3 he batted for the entire innings bar 3 balls and ended up unbeaten on 57no. He was well supported by "Dumf" with 29 and our new batting star Jordan Franklin with 32no and a couple of booming 6's with one nearly sailing into the crowd near the dressing sheds. Overall it was a good performance by the boys and if we can get the selectors to give us a stable side for the rest of the year i think we have a good enough mix of experience and youth to give this competition a shake.

Round 7

Narara-Wyoming 149 lost to Toukley 211

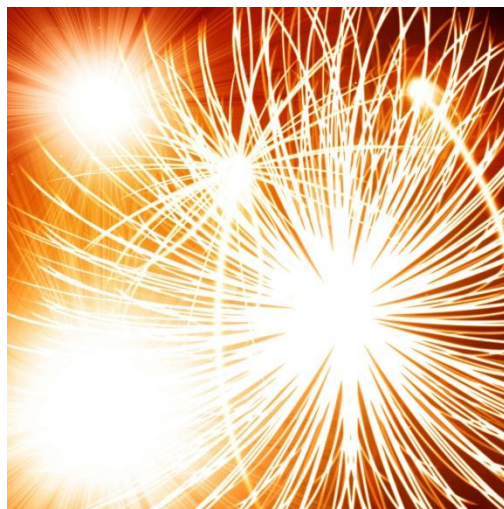
We lost the toss and Toukley decided to bat, which was ok because I wanted to bowl 1st due to the overcast conditions, things didn't work out like I thought they would, we ended getting them all out for 211 after 60 overs, with the best of our bowlers being C.Walker taking 3/36 off 9 and M.O'keefe taking 2/18 off 11.

With our turn to bat, things couldn't had started any worse with us being 2/1 after 2 overs, but we ended up at the end of the days play being 2/36.

Day 2 didn't start to well with losing Walker without adding to his score of 24 from the previous week, we ended up with 3 other batsmen getting into their 20's but with no one going on with it after getting starts,we ended up all out for 149 which doesn't help when you are chasing 211.

It was good to see Mitch O'keefe have a good allround game especially with his 2/18,26 with the bat(top score for the team) and taking a catch for good measure. Hopefully we can start 2012 with a win against 4th grade leaders Lisarow and show them that we mean business with semi finals not that far away

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