



The Asian Champs



A Pictorial Review



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Beginning



The 1st National Anthem for the Vietnam Swans



The 1st Team Huddle for the Vietnam Swans



The 1st Bench for the Vietnam Swans



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





Game 1: China Reds



The Reds (China) came out from under the beds and were tough



Sam Grigg about to make order of the chaos



Will, former Hanoi Swan, now living in Sydney, shoots out a handball



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





Game 2: Jakarta Bintang



Asian Australian Football Championships 2007
July 14 Bangkok, Thailand



The official player profile said Phil Johns “should perform strongly in the first 5 minutes before doing a hammy”. The profile was wrong. It was his calf. But with gammy calfy he still landed this successful tackle on Jakarta’s No. 11. It was an act he described as being just as inspirational as Dermie Brereton goaling in the 1989 Grand Final after being felled.



Michael “Growds” Growder performing under pressure



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Bintangs (cont)



The General, Trav Fennell, bombs a torp into the middle of the ground from the last line of defense.



Alex Ronnie Barker told us that in Laos, we call him "Dan Sausage Roll Woodley". After the Champs, we were all calling him "Dan Sausage Roll Woodley" with 4 gems to his name.



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





Game 3: The Bali Geckos



The Swans ruckman and Best on Ground (Captains Choice), Drew Franklin.

Sam Grigg became annoyed with the hat being worn by this Gecko. He tried to flick off the cap and ended up in the "sin bin".



The big punch from Will



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Geckos (cont.)



Mick Hassett from Laos played a stunning game for the Swans. Sensational determination all day



Greg Eggin from Cambodia kept driving the ball forward



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Geckos (cont.)



Our Savvy Coach is sometimes referred to as "the Little Guy"



Eddy was fined for being the "only Mexican on the team". What were you thinking Eddy??



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





Game 4: The Thailand Tigers



Pieter Bossink leads from behind with superior judgement



Marty Sharples: no number, big name



Micky J, at it again



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Tigers (cont.)



Kevan Dacey sneaks onto the ground to see if he can upstage any of the big names. Deserves a fine for not wearing the compulsory red pants



Super Savvy received the biggest cheer of the day when he ran onto the ground. A definite crowd favourite



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Brains Trust



The Brains Trust: Super Savvy
Scotty Stacey and Micky "J"
Johnston



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Grand Final Hong Kong Vs Bali



Some of the action in the Grand Final between the Hong Kong Dragons and Bali Geckos



Pressure kick: The siren has sounded. The Geckos trail by a point. A goal for glory or a point for a draw and time on. He kicked a point. The Dragons went on to win the match in extra time by 8 points.



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Aftermath



Asian Australian Football Championships 2007
July 14 Bangkok, Thailand



It's all good, Marty tells Micky J



Ah, Mick?



Micky J finds more people than Sam Newman on "Street Talk".
Who on earth have you found this time, Micky?



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Aftermath



Damien Judd, Super Swan in his first ever AFL match, enjoys some Jim Beam with one of the Jim Beam Swanettes



Now living in Singapore, Jeff Bloom and Andy Wall – Mr Jim Beam himself – return to be vital cogs in the Swans machinery



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Aftermath



Asian Australian Football Championships 2007
July 14 Bangkok, Thailand



Drew Franklin, voted Best on Ground by his Captains. Fined by his fine-master for complaining about the medal hurting his sunburn. Deserves another fine for showing the side of the medal with the Thailand Tigers' logo.



L to R; Colin Mitchell, official photographer on Hanoi Swans first trip abroad (KL) in 2003/4. Official photographer (with Kay) for Vietnam Swans first ever match (the Champs). Dave "Flyer" Kainey, Swans President 2003. Phil Johns, Current President. Super Savvy Scotty Stacey, Coach and big-time advisor re footy in Vietnam. Micky "J" Johnston, Awesome Assistant Coach and driving force behind most of the on field and off field activities in Hanoi. One person not there: Daryl Taber, President between Flyer and Johnsy's terms. But, his photo did make the cover of the Champs' official footy record.



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Aftermath



Post match, Swans' President, Phil Johns, tries to make a forceful point. Trav thinks it's shite.



In the end, so did everyone.



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team





The Aftermath



Asian Australian Football Championships 2007
July 14 Bangkok, Thailand



We didn't win our 1st Asian Champs.



But we were in front in 3 of our 4 games at half time. The rest of Asian footy will be seeing a lot more of Vietnam.



Congratulations Hong Kong for their victory. Congratulations to the Thailand Tigers for organising a stunning Asian Champs.



14 July, 2007
Our 1st Champs. Our 1st National Team

