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CLUB NEWS

From the President

It wasn't the best weekend overall but there were some great efforts, many which went unrewarded. Our home ground advantage didn't do us much good on Saturday but Benny and the Jets (7Rs) put on a gutsy display to only go down by a whisker to St Johns.

The 9 Golds looked bold in their new 'reverse strip' and did try hard against Dragons but couldn't get the bickies. Away from home Big Dave's 8G powered to a hard fought win over Dragons; Keg's 9M maintained their unbeaten run by demolishing Berala 30 blot (by all reports the boys really put it together); Wylie's Coyotes (6 Black) are now getting the hang of this footy stuff and stretched the highly rated Dragons to the limit while the 13Rs also put in a much improved performance to just go under to Regents Park.

Sunday brought the return of football to River Road. Starved of home games last year the crowds flocked to see our local stars. Performance of the day went to the 18s. Up against a pumped East Hills in the local derby, our boys rose to the occasion and thumped the 'dogs 28-0

scoring some "great Rugby League tries" in the process - thanks Jim. Big Mick's C grade were also up against the undefeated East Hills. At Tuesday training they didn't have a team, with 10 minutes to go in the match they were only down 18-12 and looking good - a big effort fellas. Over at Terry Lamb, Heta's Warriors (A grade) got their first battle all year against Chesos. In what was a very fast paced A grade game, we let them off the hook and snared a draw. At least we now know what we're up against.

Parents

Please use the bins provided when having a quiet one on training nights, especially the Friday training teams AND ensure your kids are also using the bins. We (the ground setter uppers) do not appreciate having to clean up before the games - we do that after the games!

Go the Saints (36.1%)

John Grealy

RESULTS FROM GAMES LAST WEEKEND: 12/05 & 13/05/07

Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Black	Moorebank	L	16	-	20
6 Blue	Bankstown Sports	L	4	-	28
6 White	Moorebank	L	0	-	24
7 Grade	Moorebank	L	16	-	26
7 Res	St Johns	L	24	-	28
8 Grade	Dragons	W	22	-	18
8 Res	Moorebank W	L	4	-	44
9 Maroon	Berala Bears	W	30	-	0
9 Gold	Dragons	L	6	-	24
10 Grade	Moorebank	W	24	-	6
11 Grade	Brothers	W	36	-	6
12 Grade	Dragons	L	10	-	30
13 Grade	Berala Bears B	W	54	-	4
13 Res	Regents Park	L	10	-	12
14 Grade	Greenacre	L	22	-	42
18 Grade	East Hills	W	28	-	0
C Grade	East Hills	L	12	-	28
A Grade	Chester Hill	D	16	-	16



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U6 Black - Lost 16-20 Moorebank

Although we loss the boys keep showing improvement each week. We played one of the more fancied sides in Moorebank and took it to them for the whole game with the lead going back and forth. Coach Dave is now showing he might have a bit of an idea and he had the boys making some big runs and apart from trampling one of the kids he had a faultless game. Blake and Isaac made some big tackles during the game with Daniel making some great offloads. Cameron took out man of the match with a good around display with everyone playing well in a good team effort.

U6 Blue - Lost 4-28 Bankstown Sports

U6 White - Lost 0-24 Moorebank

This week the boys played very hard, never giving up until the final whistle. Unfortunately the score doesn't reflect how good the boys are playing as we have progressed well every week and this week we saw some great try saving tackles from Riley and Aiden. The boys are now starting to play as a team and communicating well with a lot of talk on the field to spread out and tackle. A special mention to Callum who is fitting in well at dummy half and also had some good runs as well. Jon at first receiver played his heart out and threw some good passes. Daniel injected himself into the game a lot this week, William also made some good tackles good effort. As usual Jordan and Jake put 100%. Good effort boys have fun and keep playing hard. MOM: Riley Dundas Encouragement. Daniel Cutrupi

U7 G - Lost 16-26 Moorebank

In such a tight competition the boys were narrowly defeated by a well drilled Moorebank side. The boys defence let them down with a number of our players dropping off tackles resulting in easy points for the opposition. Highlights from the game were some barnstorming runs from big Steward and a cheeking dummy half try from Peter. Ryan and Zac also showing they both know where the try line is both crossing for excellent tries. Jayden and Bodie also accurate with the boot landing a conversion each. MOM: Peter TRIES: Peter Zac Ryan GOALS: Jyden Bodie

U7 R - Lost 24-28 St Johns

A great game from one end of the field to the other and the result not decided until the final minutes. "Benny and the Jets" showed some great improvement in attack, finishing with five (5) tries to round out the game. It was good to see the boys running straighter during the match, instead of running across field. There were some fine performances with some big runs by Shaun, Aaron, Jayden and Alec. James tried hard (after

getting out of his sick bed) and scored a barnstorming try - great courage "Tooks". The youngest of the team, Sash, continues to improve and no doubt is learning more each game. Cooper and Joel have developed a good understanding at dummy half and first receiver respectively and this is helping in getting the team forward in attack (and yes, they are playing the two pass rule a lot better now). The only down side to their game was that their defence really let them down (after hitting the bags so well at training during the week). On three occasions during the game we let St Johns score from the tap restart and therefore had to play catch-up. The boys will need to go back to the tackling bags and keep practicing harder. Once they get both the attack and defence working in tandem, I'm sure that their game will become a lot more solid. A few valiums were needed after the game for some of the parents, but all reported in well. Boys, keep up the good effort and continue listening to the "words of wisdom" from Sam and Steve at training. TRIES: Aaron (2), Jayden, James and Alec GOALS: Alec and Joel Tim Bailey Building MoM: Shaun

U8G - Won 22-18 Dragons

We went into this game knowing it would be a dour struggle. With Nathan Boland away the boys knew that they had to give 110%. Dragons had an advantage out wide with speed as we soon found out in the first 2 minutes of the game as their speedsters took advantage of our lack of numbers to run around us and be in for a try without a hand being laid on them. We got our act together quickly and started to get back to the game plan. Kyle showed some quick thinking to come up with 2 quick tries but with Rhys down hurt and a gap in the defence Dragons capitalised and went over for another soft try. 12 all at half time and the coach gave the boys a rev up that would hopefully see them through. With another try each and the scores were locked up at 18 all. The coach couldn't cope with draws in consecutive weeks so it was with great relief that Luke Reardon made a great run down the sideline, burrowing through six of their defence to score in the corner and win us the game with 30 seconds left on the clock. This win was built on a great team effort. As usual Rhys tackled anything that moved and pulled off the big hits when they were needed. Luke tackled strongly and is starting to run the ball with speed. Joel and Riley made the hard yards and Riley pulled off some try saving tackles on the right wing. Silky improves with every game and throws a great pass from dummy half. Kyle is always a step ahead of the opposition and he will wreak havoc soon as he is starting to run the ball to the line from first receiver. Last mention goes to the captain of the day. Adam

Griffith had his best defensive effort of the year and ran the ball well when needed. He was a deserving recipient of the encouragement award. Next week is the annual grudge match against Heights. Let's go out there, show them who we are and most of all have fun doing it.

U8 R - Lost 4-44 Moorebank W

The game started well for the boys who looked as though they would be competitive in this game. They defended well but eventually Moorebank scored their first try. The boys responded with a try themselves soon after this, thanks to some dubious refereeing, but its all swings and round about with the decisions. From there it went downhill, as the Moorebank team really clicked on the day and played some good footy based on a solid go forward and good passing. The boys at times showed a strong defence, but more often would be beaten by a better player due to the staggered defensive line. There were some outstanding individual defensive efforts in particular Andrew and Ryan McGregor when he came on in the second half. One play highlighted the day for the boys was when Moorebank players were tackled but continually managed an offload to a back up player who was then tackled and offloaded, in the end all the boys had made a tackle but the Rams still got over for the points. At half time the score was 28 to 4 (5 tries to 1). After a half time pep talk from the coach about playing for some pride, the boys lifted and continued to make efforts to hold the line as best they could. Again there were some fine individual efforts from the boys, including some strong runs from Julian, who was supported in the go forward by Jack and Beau. Andrew worked hard trying to stop the tide as cover defender, with Alexander trying his best at dummy half and scoring another try. Patrick was again playing well at first receiver and interchanging the role with Julian. They saw and attempted a great opportunity for a long pass that just fell short of its target towards the end of the game, but it showed how they are beginning to read the game. We now have the whole team asking for the 10, after a penalty, which is good to see. Thanks to Ryan McGregor and Bradley Kilpatrick from the under7 grade side and to Joe Williams and Alec Van Yzendoom from the under7 reserve side for their help in the game. These boys put in a great effort after playing for their own teams earlier in the day and their efforts were greatly appreciated by the team. In all we were beaten by a very good football team on the day and the game was played in good spirit by both sides. The boys will continue to give their all on game day, despite any setbacks. TRIES: Alexander 1. MOM: Andrew Craven ENC: Julian Walker



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U9 Maroon - Won 30-0 v Berala Bears

They say a week is a long time in footy and that could not be more correct when we compare last week's performance with this game. The boys truly played as a team, they backed each other up and shared the ball around well. As usual, Berala had a couple of big kids however they never got the chance to get in the game. Devante, Josh N, Fatu and Junior all had outstanding defensive games – Junior putting in his best performance of the year. In attack we looked dangerous and we spread the ball well. Fatu and big Luke both scored doubles and Aseri and Josh TR finally got a chance to show us what they could do when they get the ball, both made some great attacking runs. Jack also had his best game for the season and was unlucky to 'pull himself up' short of the line – at least you put the ball down properly! A great effort guys – we all noticed the support you gave your team mates. We need a 100% effort at training this week so we are prepared for the equal comp leaders, Sports. Tries: Luke A & Fatu x 2, Devante, Aseri Goals: Fatu, Josh TR, Jack MOM: Junior. Encouragement: Jack, Aseri, Josh TR

U9 Gold - Lost 6-24 v Dragons

U10G - Won 24-6 v Moorebank

Tim told the boys that we would be up against a well drilled team that would just keep coming at us, that's what happened. Our ball control in the first 15 minutes was not up to our usual standard leading to Moorebank attacking our line for that period of time. The positive thing was that our line defence was solid and they only scored one try. The boys pulled off 86 tackles in the first half, outstanding effort. We managed a couple of tries in the first half, one against the run of play, and went to the break 12 – 6 up. Ball control in the second half improved and the boys managed to score two more tries to secure a good win. Kyle Lloyd put on some big hits and produced some great broken play running to be the man of the match. Nathan Harrison had another big game to be awarded the encouragement award. Another good win boys, keep training hard and lets see how far you can go. Tries: Adam 2, Brandan, Kyle Goals: Kyle, Adam, Conor, Andrew Man of the Match: Kyle Lloyd
EA: Nathan Harrison

U11G Won 36-6 v Brothers

The boy put in a really big effort this week after having played the last few weeks without a lot of passion we really fired and punished Brothers in defence from the word go. With the good defence the boys were able to show what they could do in attack scoring some good tries. Jaydn again led the team around well scoring some good individual tries while Sean and Ben were dangerous out wide. Mas led from up front again with some big charges while Justin tackled himself to a standstill. It was really a good team effort with everyone putting in and now we just got to keep it going TRIES: J.McGregor x 3, A.Masima x 2, B.Samuel GOALS: B.Samuel, J.McGregor, A.Mellor, M.Kheir, A.Michaels, A.Masima MOM: J.Gugich

U12G - Lost 10-30 v Dragons

Not a good weekend.... our winning streak is over (for the moment). The boys started off the game with great defence keeping the opposition scoreless for the best part of the first half. Unfortunately, the opposition's three big boys did not tire easily and made our job a lot harder. Half time score was 10 – 0 their way. We started the second half slowly, letting the Dragons score almost immediately. We missed some valuable tackles that unfortunately let the Dragons score again. Then there was light at the end of the tunnel when we finally got points on the board. Sorry to say it was a little too late to turn the game around. The boys lifted their game and did manage to score again. Boys, you got to believe in yourselves – you can do it. The game is not over until the final whistle has blown. Support each other – you had a great start and a great finish, you just need to work on the in between bit. Most importantly, keep listening to your coach & trainers. We missed hearing you sing the song – looking forward to hearing it next week.

Tries: 1 each to Shane Poll & Tamati Haimona Goal: Tom Grealy Subway Award: Alex Cole Panania East Hills RSL Club Award: Nathan Henderson

U13G- Won 54-4 v Berala Bears B

U13R- Lost 10-12 v Regents Park

An improvement on the week before but we still need to improve to be competitive. Highlights of the game was a good strong try to Joey St John and a great try saving tackle by Martin. Special mention to Danny and Josh who have started to feel a home in there positions. Nick had another outstanding game on the wing showing the way with outstanding defence and some good attack. I would like to thank Dave, Steve Lloyd and his mate for helping me and Lucy and some of the boys on Sunday at the footy selling the Doubles on the main game.

U14G - Lost 22-42 v Greenacre

U18 - Won 28-0 v East Hills

C Grade - Lost 12-28 v East Hills

A Grade - Drew 16-16 v Chester Hill

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Golf Day - Friday 25 May (details on Page 3)
 Senior karaoke night - Sunday 10 June (long w/e)
 Coaching clinics - note change of dates:
 - Junior - Sunday 17 June
 - International - Saturday 23 June
 State of Origin - Wednesday 4 July
 - BBQ and drinks at Panania East Hills RSL
Dinner Dance - Saturday 30 June, book it in
 - Deepwater Motor Boat Club, details next week...
 U/14 Broken Hill Tour - Friday 5 October
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NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 7

Games: Saturday 29th May 2007

U/6Bla	9:30	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/6Blu	9:30	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
U/6W	9:30	Bankstown Bulls	Bankstown F/Ball Centre
U/7 G	10:10	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U/7 R	10:10	Brothers	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/8 G	11:30	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
U/8 R	10:50	Brothers	Hutchinson Oval
U/9 M	10:50	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/9 G	1:00	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
U/10 G	11:40	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/11 G	1:10	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U/12 G	12:30	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/13 G	1:30	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/13 R	2:00	Greenacre	Roberts Park

Games: Sunday 30th May 2007

U/14 G	10:00	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/18 G	12:30	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
C Grade	1:45	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
A Grade	1:30	Moorebank	Bankstown F/Ball Centre



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