



## RIVER ROAD EXPRESS

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### CLUB NEWS

#### From the President

The rain finally stopped but the damage it had caused was evident. With little training over the past few weeks the majority of teams played like they'd never heard of Rugby League and to say the results were disappointing is an understatement – I had to re-program the Club's "Strike Rate Calculator" because it had never been that low before! Thankfully a few sides put their hands up to be counted. Tim's 10s remain equal leaders courtesy of an ugly win over St Johns; Keg's 9s relied on class to beat Dragons and Mario's 13s continue their march to September.

Sunday saw the 18s put in another gutsy effort to beat Greenacre and move to outright 1<sup>st</sup> which should cement their spot for a 'double bite' come semi time; Mick's C Grade commenced their mission to make the semis by beating Greenacre, while unfortunately the A grade were ambushed by the 'ready to play' East Campbelltown. To all sides – We'll be BACK!

#### Weekend 7/8<sup>th</sup> July

Because of the big wet, the CBDJRL have decided we will be playing games on this weekend. Please keep this in mind if you're organising holidays or trips. The 7s, 8s and C Grade will certainly appreciate the extra game in their quest for the semis!

#### Thank you

Thanks to Mr Van Yzendoorn (U7Rs) and Mr Court (U12G) who did a whole bunch of sweeping on Saturday. Your efforts were noticed and very much appreciated.

#### Go the Saints (27.7%)

*John Grealy*

#### RESULTS FROM GAMES LAST WEEKEND: 23/06 & 24/06/07

Age	Opposition		For	Against
6 White	St. Johns	L	16	18
6 Blue	Greenacre	L	14	32
6 Black	St. Johns	L	8	18
7 Res	St. Johns	L	0	22
7 Grade	Bankstown Sports	L	18	40
8 Res	Berala Bears	L	0	50
8 Grade	Greenacre	L	14	22
9 Gold	Greenacre	L	0	30
9 Maroon	Dragons	W	38	24
10 Grade	St. Johns	W	24	16
11 Grade	St. Johns	L	12	36
12 Grade	St. Johns	L	6	30
13 Res	Bankstown Sports	L	14	60
13 Grade	Dragons	W	36	18
14 Grade	Chester Hill	L	8	48
18 Grade	Greenacre	W	28	16
C Grade	Greenacre	W	38	0
A Grade	East Campbelltown	L	12	26



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### U6 Black - Lost 8-18 St Johns

### U6 Blue - Lost 32-14 Greenacre

### U6 White - Lost 18-16 St Johns

This week the boys came back pretty strong after the recent weeks of wet weather but were unfortunate to lose by 2 points from a St Johns conversion. St Johns scored from the kick off which rallied the boys to strengthen their defence with Jordan, William, Jake and Aidan putting in some great tackles when we really needed them. When it was our turn with the footy it wasn't long before Jake crossed to get our first try pushing off a couple of defenders on his way to the line. After the biggest palm off in the under 6's Jordan got across in the corner and continued all game with the going forward and offloading for Riley to scoot up the sideline for our third try. Callum finally crossed for his first try of the season after being denied by a strong tackle on the try line dislodging the ball, but I think that one should have gone to the video ref. Daniel and Jon also put in a great performance with some great runs and were both unlucky not to score, they also proved that they can bring down the bigger kids. The boys really put in a good performance this weekend with great improvement on their running passing game and started tackling in pairs with some of the best tackles we have seen from them, and most of all they all came off the field stoked to just be playing footy.  
MOM – Callum Vella  
Encouragement – Riley Dundas

### U7 G - Lost 18-40 St Johns

After having so much time off due to the weather the boys were itching to get back on the paddock. Unfortunately due to three of our key players not being able to take the field due to injury we started the game against St Johns one player down. A special Thanks to Cameron and Jack who not only stepped up from the U/6's but showed they could mix it up with some excellent runs and hard tackles. The boys showed plenty of heart and played some nice footy in patches throughout the game. Ryan showed his true potential and talent with some rugged defence and three super length of the field tries. Steward also proved a real handful for St

Johns with some real powerhouse runs and was rewarded with a nice try. Bodie reading the game well slipped over for a nice sly dummy halves try. Super boot Jayden landed the only goal for the side and made some excellent runs, bumping off the defence. Pete showed his versatility stepping out of his beloved dummy half position showing off his skills with hard runs and tackles.  
Great effort boys.  
MOM: Ryan  
TRIES: Ryan (3) Steward Bodie  
GOALS: Jayden

### U7 R - Lost 0-22 Bankstown Sports

Finally, "Benny and the Jets" got back on the paddock after several weeks without training or a game. Unfortunately, we were a little rusty after the "big wet", and the Sports got away with the win, although I would say with some controversy. Sports were allowed a fair bit of latitude when defending which was quite evident from the sideline, ultimately stifling our attack. Jayden, Alec, James and Aaron made some good gains in attack whilst Cooper made a few good darts from dummy-half (as mentioned earlier, the off-side by Sports didn't help our game). Joel continued his good role of first receiver and made some good tackles as did Shaun and Sash. Hopefully, the boys can get back to the training paddock and dust off the cobwebs. Thanks to Sam, Steve, Frank, Johan, Chris and Paul for doing the raffles on Saturday 9/6/07 at Revesby Pacific Hotel.  
Tim Bailey Building MoM: Jayden

### U8G - Lost 14-22 Greenacre

Well another tough game and the boys showed they have the ability to match any team in the comp. They just need to put into these games what they are learning at training, and when they do they will dominate their opposition. Defence is still our weakness, and if they all tackled like Rhys we would have no problems each week. Greenacre's 2 big boppers obviously are winning them their games, but we still at times demonstrated we can force them back and our boys are not afraid to put their bodies on the line. We have a easier run home, and look for some big scores from this team to grow the boys confidence for the business end. Tries: 2 x Kyle, 1 x Luke.

Goals: 1 x Rhys.

MOM: Adam Griffith.

ENC: Rhys Harrington

### U8 R - Lost 0-50 Berala Bears B

This game started with us receiving a penalty from the kick off and ended with just over 1 minute left on the clock. The boys lost focus on the game plan and worried about the size of their opponents, failing to move up in a line gave too much momentum to the Bears. We again thank the efforts of our under 7 reserve players Joel Williams & Alec Van and our under 7 grade players Bodie Bradford & Ryan Mcgregor, including a standout tackle from Ryan on the biggest player on the field. Jack Hure was very busy in defence running down a number of players and making several try scoring tackles. Julian worked extremely hard in both attack and defence, breaking the line on most occasions and always looking for an offload, and he was denied a try after a strong run from dummy half. Andrew, Patrick and Beau also made good runs during the game and Alex tried his best at dummy half. The boys need to bring their training displays to the fore on game day and be willing to make use of the whole field, and move the bigger boys around when we have the ball.

Subway: Julian Walker

RSL: Andrew Craven

Coaches Trophy: Jack Hure



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**U9 Maroon - Won 38-24 Dragons**

After all the rain and time off we expected a rusty performance ..... and we got one. In attack we scored some good tries – a set play kick for the corner was dived on by a flying Brandon for a great try, Fatu scored 2 – one off a chip kick for himself and one via a barging run, Devante ran on well and pushed his way over the line, Aseri and Steele again showed great elusiveness to sprint through and around the defence for one a piece and Jack jumped out of dummy half for a clever try untouched. Unfortunately our defence went missing – especially in the first half. In all we let in 5 tries (4 in first half) against a team that has not performed that well this year – some tries were as soft as we have seen since the boys started playing!! Tom and Devante made a huge difference both in defence and in attack when they came on at half time and Steele also had a very good all round game and topped the tackle count. I wonder if the boys have worked out what we will be doing at training this week.  
Tries: Fatu (2), Brandon, Jack, Steele, Devante, Aseri  
Goals: Jack, Josh TR, Paul, Devante, Tom  
Encouragement: Devante, Tom

**U9 Gold Lost 0-30 Greenacre**

**U10G - Won 24-16 St Johns**

The first round is over and there just aren't any easy games, all teams on their days can be a hand full. St John's came at us with all guns blazing and a couple of their big boys in particular were a handful. At the break they were ahead but to the credit of our boys they hung in there and took the few opportunities we got. Man of the match Liam Mulvihill had a great game, plenty of strong defence and attack and a great kicking game that lead to a sensational try by the encouragement award winner Adam Sader. Adam was safe at the back and made some great kick return runs. Brandon Sua made two strong runs to score tries carrying half the St John's boys with him, well done. Special mention also to Conor for a great try, with the game in the balance he took the ball from 10 yards out and just took them on, nothing was going to stop him, well done. All the boys played well,

St John's put it to us, but you didn't give up and you got the points in the end. Lets keep going boys, play hard and have some fun.  
Tries: Brandan x 2, Adam, Conor  
Goals: Adam, Kyle, Conor, Toby  
Man of the Match: Liam Mulvihill  
EA: Adam Sader

**U11G -Lost 12-36 St Johns**

The boys put a good effort in this week but were just made to pay for switching off in parts of the game. We put ourselves under pressure from the start and after having been made to tackle for two sets we finally cracked. Unfortunately we then dropped our heads and were down 18-0 before the boys lifted and started to play some good footy and create scoring chances. By mid second half we got the score back to 12-24 and were coming home strongly before a dodgy decision gave St Johns a penalty on our try line and they were able to score tries on back to back sets. Jaydn led the team by example causing a lot of headaches with Bill having a big game up the middle while Alex showed some tough defence out wide and looked dangerous with the ball. Keep it up guys  
TRIES: B.Abovlhaf, J.McGregor  
GOALS: A.Mellor, B.Samuel  
MOM: A.Mellor

**U12G - Lost 6-30 St Johns**

It was always going to be a hard game especially as it had been three weeks since the boys played footy. All started off well – the boys were defending well and managed to put the first points on the board. Half time score was 6 all with our boys being the better side – if only it had been full time. The second half was a different ball game.....St John's came out to play as if there was no tomorrow & scored within the first thirty seconds. What followed was much of the same – keeping our boys scoreless in this half. Next week we'll be ready to hear you sing the song!!  
Tries: Alex Cole  
Goals: Tamati Haimona  
Subway Award: Jake Craven  
Panania East Hills RSL Award: Tim Ward

**U13G- Won 36-18 Dragons**

**U13R- Lost 60-14 Bankstown Sports**

**U14G- Lost 8-48 Chester Hill**

**U18 - Won 28-16 Greenacre**

**C Grade Won 38-0 Greenacre**

**A Grade - Lost 12-26 East C'Town**

Black Friday  
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**Calender of Important Dates**

Dinner Dance - Saturday 30 June, 7 pm Deepwater  
 Coaching Clinic for Junior players - Monday 9 July  
 A Grade Race Night - Black Friday 13 July  
 Trivia Night - Saturday 4 August (to be confirmed)  
 Broken Hill Tour - Friday 5 October  
 Junior Presentation - Sunday 21 October  
 A & C Grade Presentation - Friday 26 October  
 Senior Presentation - Saturday 27 October  
 Annual General Meeting - Thursday 22 November

**Field Set-up: U/6 Blue**

**Field Clean-up: U/12 Grade**

**Canteen Duties: All teams for 60 minutes BEFORE your game.**

**BBQ Duties: All teams for 60 minutes BEFORE your game.**

**Revesby Pacific Raffles  
 Drawn: 6:30 pm Friday**

**Starts at 5.30pm  
 29/06/07 - U/18's**

**Revesby Pacific Raffles  
 Drawn: 4 & 5 pm Saturday**

**Starts at 3:00 pm  
 30/06/07 - U/6's**

**Join the winners list.**

**Wear your club colours.**

**NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 10**

**Games: Saturday 30th June 2007**

U/6 W	9.30	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney
U/6 Blu	9.30	Brothers	Hutchinson Oval Riverwood
U/6 Bla	9.30	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb -Chester Hill
U/7 R	10.10	Revesby Heights	Bill Delauney
U/7 G	10.10	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Chester Hill
U/8 R	10.50	Greenacre	Bill Delauney
U/8 G	10.50	Bass Hill	Middleton Pk Yagoona
U/9 G	BYE	BYE	BYE
U/9 M	11.30	Revesby Heights	Bill Delauney
U/10 G	12.20	Bankstown Sports Y	Bill Delauney
U/11 G	1.20	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Chester Hill
U/12 G	3.10	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Chester Hill
U/13 R	1.10	East Hills	Bill Delauney
U/13 G	2.20	St Johns	Bill Delauney

**Team Photos**



Team photos will commence the weekend of 14 July.

**WEEKLY WINNERS**

**Meat Trays:**

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**Games: Sunday 1st July 2007**

U/14 G	10.00	Berala	Peter Hislop Pk Auburn
U/18 G	BYE	BYE	BYE
C Grade	11.00	Bulls	Hammondville Oval
A Grade	12.15	Greenacre	Hammondville Oval



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