



# RIVER ROAD EXPRESS

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## CLUB NEWS

### From the President

Overall, a very disappointing weekend for the Club. The highlights - Reardon's Wreckers (10G) made it 2 from 2 with a good win over Berala; Big Dave's 8G opened their account for the season with a solid win over Bulls while Mick's C grade showed they will be a force to be reckoned with after a whole hearted display against Greenacre. Mick has not only done a great job in getting this side together, he's got them working as a good football unit. Good efforts that didn't get the bickies came from Benny and the Jets (7R) and Muzza's 13G - they've drawn last years grand finalists in their first 2 games but have showed plenty of spirit to let everyone know they'll be around come semi time. The rest of the teams must have thought school holidays meant footy holidays as well - enough said.

### Note to Coaches

A few years back we all got together and listed 6 simple things to improve our game:

1. Think about your kick off - why kick to the biggest, fastest kid?
2. Don't let your settler run back behind the ruck - especially bad in minis and mod. Teach them direction
3. Turning your back in defence when returning to the line - means that player will not be part of the next tackle.

4. Letting the opposition score from dummy half - happens in all ages and shouldn't.
  5. Letting the opposition score on half time - almost a tradition with some teams. Why let them back in the game?
  6. Failing to find touch from a penalty - unforgivable!
- Anyone that doesn't understand, please see me.

### Go the Saints (29.3%)

*John Grealy*

### Committee Vacancy

The Club Committee has a vacancy for a Club Member willing to be more involved in the running of the Club. The role may involve coordinating social activities, helping with Club administration such as taking meeting minutes, seeking out new sponsorship etc. This may vary depending on the talents and experience of the person involved. A younger Club Member would be particularly welcome, but the main criteria are to have a genuine interest in the success of the Club, enthusiasm and ideas that will bring benefits to the Club.

As a voluntary organisation we rely on the goodwill and efforts of our members for success. Please contact John Grealy if you think you can assist on the Committee. Thank you.

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### RESULTS FROM GAMES LAST WEEKEND: 14/4 & 15/4/07

Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Black	Berala Bears	L	8	-	16
6 Blue	Bye	W	Bye		Bye
6 White	Chester Hill	L	12	-	24
7 Grade	Berala Bears	L	14	-	30
7 Res	Bankstown Sports	L	12	-	28
8 Grade	Bankstown Bulls	W	38	-	12
8 Res	Chester Hill	L	4	-	44
9 M	Bye	W	Bye	-	Bye
9 G	Chester Hill G	D	10	-	10
10 Grade	Berala Bears	W	30	-	14
11 Grade	Berala Bears	L	18	-	40
12 Grade	Berala Bears	L	12	-	34
13 Grade	St Johns	L	10		24
13 Res	Berala Bears Y	L	24	-	36
14 Grade	St Johns	L	6		56
18 Grade	Greenacre	L	22	-	28
C Grade	Greenacre	W	32	-	22
A Grade	Bye	W	Bye	-	Bye

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**U6 Black - Lost 8-16 v Berala**

**U6 Blue - Bye**

**U6 White -Lost 12-24 v Chester Hill**

**U7 G - Lost 14-30 v Berala**

**U7 R -Lost 12-28 v Bankstown Sports**

We may have lost the game, however, the boys never gave up, given that they only took the field with seven (7) players (get well soon Alec). The first half belonged to Bankstown Sports scooting away to a 20-0 lead, although we were tackled short of the line on several occasions. Our boys seemed a little lost as it was their first game where the coach was not allowed on the field (which is a rule from this age). After some words of wisdom from their coach Sam and trainer Steve at half time, they settled down and played some good football in both attack and defence. This showed on the scoreboard as they scored three (3) tries to one (1) in the second half through great determination and effort. James, Aaron, Joel and Jayden made some huge runs, some of which led to tries. Cooper gave good service from dummy halve and also made some metres. Shaun and Sash ran well and made some good tackles. A few little things to work on at training, but the boys are enjoying themselves and the improvement is showing each week. Thanks again to the parents for their support.

Tries: James, Aaron, Jayden  
 Tim Bailey Building MoM: James

**U8G - Won 38-12 v Bankstown Bulls**

The boys allowed them to score first which upset the rookie coach, but soon kicked into gear and tog their first win. The boys are starting to look like a team and once they begin to tackle as a team, they will bother most teams in the competition. Excellent game from Joel Lovatt, who leads from the front and has

started the season in great touch. His two attempted shoulder charges require some further work, but will be effective once perfected. Rhys Harrington saved countless tries and his copy book defence.

Tries: Kyle, Riley & Joel x 2 Luke x 1.  
 Goals: Nathan, Kyle, Luke, Joel & Rhys.  
 MOM: Rhys Harrington.

**U8 R - Lost 44-4 v Chester Hill**

The game started good for us as Chester Hill had the kick off and kicked out on the full. This gave us a penalty at half way. Every thing after this was a bit disappointing for the team as the boys did not play to their full potential, except for Beau whose effort was outstanding. Liam made a strong run towards the end of the first half, which resulted in our only try. Although the other team was better than us on the day, it was not by a margin of 40 points.

The half time score was 16-4 and Beau saved the team from a mercy loss with his tackling efforts. It did not help our cause in the first half when Julian was injured in a heavy tackle and was out of action for a number of plays and he made several good runs in the second half. Beau had help from several of his team mates, especially on the line, but the staggered defensive line in the general field did not help. Alex Power continued on with his improvement in the game, while Patrick never gave up and was all over the park in attack and defence, including filling in at dummy half when the injured. Alexander Jarrett could not get there. Jack made several probing runs, making good ground, but unfortunately was taken over the sideline. Andrew tried his best playing as our covering defender and took the ball up strongly. Beau deservedly received the Man of the Match trophy for the second week running. Alexander Jarrett received the encouragement award for standing his ground and tackling a

much bigger player around the legs that took him to the ground. This tackle early in the first half injured Alexander who continued to play the whole game.

Tries: Liam 1 MOM - Beau Alterator.  
 ENC: - Alexander Jarret.

**U9 Maroon - Bye**

**U9 Gold - Draw 10-10 v Chester Hill G**

After a not so good start to the season the previous round, the boys really stepped up defensively this week. It was great to see the boys follow their instructions to the letter. Head Trainer Steve Wilson was very pleased. The big boys, in Ben Tasos and Tui led the way with good charging runs, which were backed up extremely well with the darting runs from the little guys in Adam, Brendon and the two Thomas'. Our first try came from a great run from dummy half by Scott, followed up by an elusive run by Moumon to score our second. Moumon then converted his own try to level the scoreboard. All in all, it was a great effort against the team that beat us in the Grand final last year. Well Done Boys. Just kept improving each week and give it best effort.



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### U10G - Won 30-14 v Berala

The team trained the house down on Friday night and carried that enthusiasm and form into the game on Saturday. The first half produced the best attacking effort by the boys ever, they played a level of football that probably exceeded an under 10 football team which resulted in a 20 to nil lead when the oranges came out. The forwards went forward and the backs were having a field day out wide. We didn't get the same level of ball in the second half and their big kids found a couple of holes in our defence but we held in there and came away with a 30 to 14 win.

Congratulations boys, outstanding effort.  
Tries: Aidan 2, Brandan 2, Adam & Dylan  
Goals: Adam, Toby & Conor  
Man of the Match: Toby Reardon  
Encouragement Awards: Conor & Brandan

### U11G - Lost 40-18 v Berala

It wasn't the way we wanted to play after a great first up effort. After a tight first half we scored straight after half time to make the scores 12 all but then after losing the ball in the next set we let Berala get away from us and didn't get any ball back to last five minutes. The important thing now is to get back to the way played during the trials and first game with too many guys not having their head in the game this week. It wasn't all bad though with Mas, Mahde and Bill having games in the middle and Luke working hard all day from dummy half and marker. Big one this week fellers!  
Tries: A.Masima, B.Abovhlaf, L.Byron  
Goals: M.Kheir, J.McGregor, B.Samuel  
MOM: A.Masima

### U12G - Lost 12-34 v Berala

Well boys, we know that it's the holidays, but that's school holidays NOT FOOTY holidays. What happened to

listening to your coach & trainers!!! Boys, you don't go out onto the field thinking you have won the game (just because the opposition lost their last game). You need to play each game thinking this is THE GAME you must win. You looked like you were going to have a good game – first off the mark to score. Then, WHAT happened? From the sideline we saw many missed tackles (thought we were watching St George play), no moving up, not passing the ball quick enough, lack of communication on the field, and not much enthusiasm. Boys, the game is not over until the final whistle has blown.

HOW are we going to turn this around?

1. Look at this game as a learning experience.
2. COMMUNICATE on the field.
3. Must LISTEN to coach & trainers.
4. Put into practice what you LEARN at training.

Boys, we know you CAN do it... turn up next week switched on & ready to play the game of your life. We missed hearing you sing the victory song.... Look forward to hearing it next week!!!

Tries: 1 each to Michael, Tim & Joshua  
Subway award: Marika  
Baskin's award: Joshua

### U13G - Lost 10-24 v St Johns

A much improved performance by the boys this week against St Johns. The boys kept St Johns within reach and showed us and I hope themselves, how close they are to this side which have been unchallenged premiers for the last few years. Special mention to Tapa Paulo who put in a fantastic effort against his old club and to Frazer Masinamua who after only joining the club during the week, put in a sterling effort and scored all of our side's 10 points. Well done to all the boys and we will get them next

time. Tries: F. Masinamua x 2 Goal: F. Masinamua

### U13R - Lost 36-24 v Berala Y

A game that was ours for the taking with both teams even at ½ time and trading try's to the end with the goal kicking beating us in the end. Highlights of the game were the great team effort try to Alex in the corner and another out wide to Danny Polson. A better effort boys. Still need to Tackle more.

Trys: Luke Reid x 2, Jarrod Lloyd x 1, Alex Poll x 1 Raminda Rodrigo x 1, Danny Polson x 1

### U18 - Lost 22-28 v Greenacre

### C Grade - Won 32-22 v Greenacre

### A Grade - Bye

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## Calender of Important Dates

Senior team BBQ - Sunday 29 April, Club House  
 Golf Day - Friday 25 May (details to come)  
 Senior karaoke night - Sunday 10 June (long w/e)  
 Coaching clinic for Junior players - Monday 9 July  
 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 White**  
**Field Clean-up: U/13 Reserves**

**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**  
**20/04/07 - C GRADE**

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

**Starts at 3:00 pm**  
**21/04/07 - U/9M**

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## **NEXT WEEKS GAMES**

### **Games: Saturday 21st April 2007**

U/6Bla	9.30	Bankstown Sports	Middleton Pk Yagoona
U/6Blu	9.30	Bankstown Bulls	Bankstown Football Centre
U/6W	9.30	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/7 G	9.30	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Georges Hall
U/7 R	10.10	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park Revesby Hgts
U/8 G	10.50	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/8 R	10.10	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/9 M	11.30	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/9 G	12.20	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/10 G	12.30	Bkstown Sports G	Steve Folkes Georges Hall
U/11 G	1.20	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Georges Hall
U/12 G	1.20	Brothers	Hutchinson Oval Riverwood
U/13 G	12.20	Dragons	Clemton Park Kingsgrove
U/13 R	1.10	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve

### **Games: Sunday 22nd April 2007**

U/14 G	10.00	Milperra Colts	Middleton Park Yagoona
U/18 G	1.45	Padstow Panthers	Clemton Park Kingsgrove
C Grade	12.15	Bankstown Bulls	Hammondville Oval
A Grade	1.30	Greenacre	Hammondville Oval

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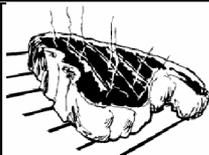
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