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C L U B N E W S

From the President

Two weeks in a row of Saturday football – what a bonus!! The down side was we had no home games and were scattered far and wide. Kim’s Killers (6-2s) returned to footy and showed they remembered what it was all about a with a thrilling 28-24 win over Cheso. Over at Killara Super Coach Wylie had his 7-2s up against the 3rd placed Colts. In what we expect from Super Coached teams, an almost perfect, well disciplined first half set up a great win to keep us in second spot – we mightn’t have a carpark but we can play football! Handsome Al’s Assassins (10-1s) were in the grand final replay at Steve Folkes/McLean - a great team effort saw us remain on top with a spirited 18-6 win. Tim’s tenacious 11s got back on track with a win over Cheso, also at Terry Lamb/Abbott park – always tough work. Macca’s 12 did it fairly easy in a tough one at Guilfoyle to stay in the top 2.

There were some great efforts amongst the beaten brigades. Poppy’s 7-3s continue to be competitive without getting the cash; JD’s 10-2s win the second half

every week but give away too much start (maybe get them there 2 hours before kick off!!); Big Dave’s 9s played short against the 3rd placed Cheso and gave them a real scare while Keith’s 13s only went down by 4 to the 3rd placed Berala – this side is just warming up!

Sunday saw our A grade take on Greenacre at Roberts and gave a fairly polished display to remain on top. Spare a thought for our 14s – though they’re racked with injuries and being bolstered by our 13s (thanks boys, the 14s appreciate it) they continue to play a good brand of footy which will eventually pay off – keep the heads up boys.

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Go the Saints

John Grealy

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RESULTS ROUND 5 GAMES LAST WEEK: 5/07 & 6/07/08					
Age	Opposition		For		Against
U6-2	Dragons	W	28	-	24
U6-1	Berala	D	12	-	12
U7-3	Bulls	L	18	-	38
U7-2	Milperra Colts	W	32	-	18
U8-3	Milperra Colts	L	12	-	30
U8-1	Moorebank	L	16	-	34
U9-1	Chester Hill	L	24	-	36
U10-2	Bankstown Sports	L	16	-	24
U10-1	Bankstown Sports	W	18	-	6
U11-1	Chester Hill	W	24	-	16
U12-2	Berala	W	50	-	14
U13-1	Berala	L	28	-	32
U14-1	Bulls	L	14		26
U15	St Johns	L	0	-	34
A Grade	Greenacre	W	36	-	10



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U6 Div 2 Won 28-24 St George Dragons

After 5 weeks without a game, our boys were full of running. It was a game of many highlights. All the boys ran strongly with line breaks made by Isaiah and Ben. Leon scored his first ever try, proving too fast for the defence to score under the posts. Klayton scored 5 tries with smart and determined play out of dummy half and also made a great covering tackle. Jarrod charged over for the match winning try in the dying minutes. Overall, it was great to see the way the boys performed as a team. The boys combined well in defence with Brodie, Jarrod and Sam leading the way. In attack, the boys made very few errors and their good running put them in good field position to help set up their tries scored. Well done boys on a hard fought, thrilling win.

Tries: Klayton (5), Leon, Jarrod.

Subway awards: Ibrahim and Leon

Encouragement awards: Klayton and Sam

Man of the Match: Ben

U6 Div 1 Draw 12-12 Berala Bears

This week was another exciting game that came down to the wire after some solid defence training the boys really put in holding out some very close tries and also put in in attack with some great runs getting us so close to getting some points but Berala also had some strong defence taking us over the sideline just inches from the line. We saw some great runs from all the boys to keep the play in their half but a couple of breakaway tries saw us down by eight points. A great dummy half run from Callum who turned and offloaded to Aiden to step and dive over the try line right in the corner to get our first points and then converted to take us within two. At the second break we were down 12 – 6 and all the boys dug deep holding Berala out for the final third. A great run by Aiden gave us our second try on the final siren and he converted for a thrilling 12-12 draw. This was a tough game and all the boys tackled their hearts out and worked so hard to get back. Well done boys it was a great effort.

Tries Aiden A 1, Aiden 1,

Goals Aiden A, Aiden D

MOM. Aiden A

Encouragement. Callum

U7 Div 2 Won 32-18 Milperra Colts

Great to see some top footy at Killara this week in front of the Saints number one fan John Grealy. The game started off with an early try from Ryan. Lachlan and Christian combined with some top tackles resulting in the possession of the ball back to saints. Cameron took full advantage of this to put on a text book try. Jack played his best game of the season crossing the line twice with one seeing him convert his own try. The second half got underway with good defence from Isaac. Nathan out ran the opposition and scored the try needed to put us ahead on the scoreboard. Once again this week our boot masters Blake and Camille kept our hopes up with convincing goals. Cameron topped off our win with a try right on full time.

Comments from coach Wylie after the game indicated that he was "happy with the way" the boys hit the ball up as practiced at training, however we were lucky that some of the "missed tackles" and "dropped balls" did not result in the opposition scoring even more points. Keep training hard boys and let's look forward to this week's game.

Tries. Ryan, Cameron (2), Jack (2), Nathan.
Goals Cameron, Jack, Camille, Blake.
MOM Jack.

U7 Div 3 Lost 18-38 Bankstown Bulls

U8 Div 1 Lost 16-34 Moorebank

We all knew it was going to be tough coming into this game, the last time the two teams met it ended in a draw. From the start our boys were doing it tough, making silly mistakes and just not backing each other up on the field. Although they managed to score three tries we were just simply out classed and outplayed by the opposition. We did see some glimpse of hope with little Jayden making some great breaks and managing to score one of the tries. We have a lot of work to do over the next few weeks especially coming up to the playoffs, it is time to kick it up a gear and not to be too complacent about our opposing teams. The boys were really upset with their loss with a few of them going home in tears, they knew they had not played their best. But hopefully this taste of defeat will give them the motivation they need to

get back to playing some proper footy. Luke is now formatting some new training techniques to hopefully bring the boys back from this forgettable match.

Tries: Bodie, Jayden G, Ryan

Goals: Jayden G, Bodie

U8 Div 3 Lost 12-30 Milperra Colts

After an interrupted week with sickness and injury, the boys knew they had a game on their hands against Milperra Colts. Both sides played with caution in the opening exchanges with neither side giving an inch. The defence from both sides was solid, however, a lapse in concentration saw Milperra score a converted try. We got back on the attack and made some good yards with James, Joel and Alec working hard in the engine room, to see the likes of Aaron, Angelo and Dylan make some long runs only to be tackled short of the line. During the following exchanges the boys conceded several penalties for so-called high tackles which put Milperra back on the attack and score two quick tries. The team seemed to lose confidence when going in for tackles, fearing they might feel the wrath of the referee and concede another penalty. However, before half time, Dylan managed to show some speed and score a good try which was converted by James, to get some respectability back into the score line. We went to the break down 6 – 16. After the break, the team started to make some ground in attack, however, they gave away a few more penalties which saw Milperra score several tries. The boys managed to get on the attack once again with good gains made by Cooper and Shaun leading to a barnstorming run by Angelo to score in the corner, leaving several Colts players in his wake. The try was converted by Alec, who we found out after the game had suffered a chipped bone on his thumb during the second half (courageous effort Alec).

The boys will need to go back to the drawing board and put in some hard training on their defence, to get their confidence back for their next game with Greenacre.

GOOPGUYS M.O.M – James "Tooks"
Tries - Dylan and Angelo
Goals - James and Joel

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U9 Div. 1 Lost 26-34 Chester Hill

This was a great effort by the boys; the boys played the whole game 1 man short and were switched on from the opening set. Rhys scored our 1st try which was quickly followed by another from Kyle and we were up 12 to 6, Luke scored 2 more tries before ½ time and against the odds we went in at ½ time ahead 22 to 12.

In the second ½ they took advantage of our fatigue and used there speed to take the lead the boys never gave up Nathan made a great run up the middle to set Luke up for his 3rd try to put us back in the match unfortunately time beat us in the end and we had to settle for the lost. All the boys need a **SPECIAL**

MENTION Jack, Rhys and Kyle had the opposition at sixes and sevens, Riley, Nathan and Joel made some great barging runs, Adam ,Kodi and Silky stepped up in defense when needed, Special congratulation to Luke who got 3 tries and tackled every thing that moved .To all the boys on behalf of YOUR COACH ,TRAINER, MANAGER AND YOUR PARENTS YOU HAD A GREAT GAME AND PUT IN A FANTASTIC EFFORT WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD

Tries Rhys x 1, Kyle x 1, Luke x 3
Goals Rhys x 1 ,Kyle x 1, Luke x 1
MOM : Kodi **Encouragement:** Kyle

U10 Div 1 Won 18-6 Bankstown Sports

In this top of the table clash Saints proved to be the best team on the day. Well played.

U10 Div 2 Lost 16-24 Bankstown Sports

We started the games really well with lots of chain passing - the boys putting into play the drawing and passing that we had been practising at training. This was impressive while it lasted, but too much one-out running then came back into our game. We had much greater depth from our kick-offs with Cockie giving us better field position than we've had in recent weeks. Our kick-off returns also improved with the boys responding well to the kicks received. Donnie was inspirational in all aspects of his game, leading in defence, steering the team around the paddock and showing his speed to bag a solo try out wide. Kitkat also had a good game with strong

defence on the flanks and showing his speed with two runaway tries.

A draw would have been a fair result in this even contest. Unfortunately our opponents were allowed an extra tackle after the half-time bell and they scored to take an exaggerated lead. But that's footy sometimes. As usual we won the second half (12 nil) so just need to get that application in both halves to secure the right result.

TRIES: Brandon Donovan & Paul Kitiona (2)
GOALS: Brandon Donovan, Scott Hannigan
MOM: Brandon Donovan
ENC: Thomas Lambropoulos

U11 Div 1 Lost 16-24 Chester Hill

Up against Chester Hill @ Padstow Park, another tough test like every week. Early signs were mixed with Chesso scoring 1st then saints hitting straight back from a good blind side play, 6 all. We then looked likely to score again or a repeat set of 6 off a kick in goal, unfortunately there very nippy winger scooped up the footy & ran the length of the field to score, 12 - 6. Saints showed good ball movement & vision to put wippet over in the corner, 12 all. Chesso then put a soft try on before ½ time making it Chester Hill 18 Saints 12. The 2nd half started poorly letting Chesso over for a soft converted try, 24 to 12 down. As good TEAMS do, they kept there heads high, stayed positive, kept working hard. We dominated field possession for most of the 1/2 but due to some poor option, silly mistakes & some 50/50 calls by the ref we could only manage 1 try. The boys going down by 8. Keep training hard and having fun with the game we all love. Like every game you play in this grade a win acheivable. Bring on the Dragons. **GO THE SAINTS**

Tries: Toby, Whippet, Brandan.
Goals: Kyle, Liam.
Man of the Match: Davo **EA:** Kane Grove

U12 Div 2 Won 50-14 Berala Bears

Its unfortunate this game will be remembered for the wrong reasons but when you have unsuitable people in charge of a team and they are allowed to carry on as they like, then the example they set only carries on out on

the field. While back on the game we weren't at our best, we looked really good with the ball but our defence was ordinary at times with too much grabbing. It was a big game by Jaydn who was targeted all game but never backed down pulling off some big tackles and setting the outside backs up with some great balls , while in the fowards Daniel.R and Mas stood tall with Billy and Todd running into some great holes out wide. Lets put this one behind us fellers we wont have to play them again! **TRIES;** J.McGregor x2, A.Mellor x2, T.Annakin x2, B.Abovhalf, A.Michaels, D.Russell, D.Jiminez
GOALS; J.Grove, B.Abovhalf, T.Annakin, M.Kheir, L.Byron

U13 Div 1 Lost 28-32 Berala

After finally getting back on the paddock after the bye/wash out roundabout, we met the 3rd placed Bears under lights at Guilfoyle. We started slowly and with possession running all Berala's way, we were down 18 nil after 20 minutes. Finally, the possession turned and we got some repeat sets for Saints debutant Ali B to score in the corner. Josh converted from the sideline 18-6. Unfortunately we let them straight in again after half time before Kirk scored a "George Peponis" special which Josh also converted. We were back in it and set to score again when a length of the field intercept (was he onside?) resulted in 6 more to them. To the boys' credit, they regrouped and continued to fight right to the bell, scoring 2 more tries before time eventually ran out. Though beaten, there were plenty of positives in this match. The high tackle counts of Brandon, Kirk, Joe, Tom and Jake, the hard running of Joe, Andy and Nathan L (what about that pick up for his try?), and the good completion rates to name a few. Colts this week, let's aim up!
Tries: Ali, Kirk, Josh, Tamati, Nathan L
Goals: Josh Maea (4)
Diggers MoM: Kirk Oustambasidis
Subway Players' Player: Jake Craven

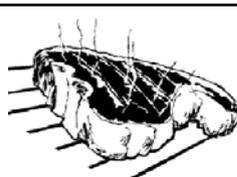
U14 Div 1 Lost 14-26 Bankstown Bulls

U15 Lost 0-34 St. Johns

A Grade Won 36-10 Greenacre



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Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 12/07/08 Join the winners list.	3:00 pm to 5.00pm U/8 Div 1's Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 13

Games: Saturday 12th July 2008

U6-2	9:30	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes (McLean)
U6-1	10:10	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes (McLean)
U7-3	9:30	East Hills	Bill Delauney Reserve
U7-2	10:10	East Hills	Bill Delauney Reserve
U8-3	10:10	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U8-1	10:50	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
U9-1	11:40	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes (McLean)
U10-2		Forfeit	
U10-1	11:40	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
U11-1	11:30	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U12-2		BYE	
U13-1	1:00	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve

Games: Sunday 13th July 2008

14 Div 1	11:15	East Hills	Smith Park
U/15	12:30	Bankstown Sports G	Clemton Park
A Grade	3:00	St Johns	Begnell Oval



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