



RIVER ROAD EXPRESS

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CLUB NEWS

From the President

Another tough week at the business end of the season. Dave's 7-2s were in the 2v3 semi against Colts. The lead changed about 4 times before Lachie scored in the corner with a minute on the clock to equalise. Nathan calmly kicked the goal to put us ahead when it counted. Great stuff. Macca's 12s earned themselves a week off by thrashing Cheso to gain the minor premiership while Keith's 13s kept their semi hopes alive with a hard fought win over Cheso also. Well done to both teams. The 6-2s racked up another good win for the season on a wind swept Clemton - they want semis!! Handosme Al's 10-1s continued their march to grand final glory with an easy win over Greenacre. Big Dave's 9-1s put in a huge effort against the leaders but went down by 4 - Luckily the 'reels have rolled their way' and they're still alive for the 5!! The 8-3s finished their season with another good effort against the leaders. Without the wash outs they'd have made the semis for sure - thanks to Brock Askill, Nathan Sellings and Paul Ellison for looking after the boys all season. Boys, make sure you get to the A grade games to cheer on your coach and trainer.

This weekend

There are some 'must see' games this weekend and I urge all supporters to get to them. Dave's 7-2s play for a spot in the GF at 1pm at the Footy Centre. Mayoh's Maniacs (8-1s) are also playing for a spot at 2.20pm at Begnell. If you're out and about, drop in. For those who can't travel, just hang around River road and cheer on the 13s at 1.30pm - they play Bulls and the winner goes into the semi. Some loud support will be the difference. On Sunday, the 14s are playing for a play off - they think they can do it so help them out. The A grade are in a 3 way fight for a top 2 spot. Hammondville to Smith is 10 minutes. See you there.

Go the Saints

Code of Conduct

A reminder to all parents and supporters. Under the code of conduct, you cannot enter the field of play – no excuses.



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RESULTS ROUND 16 GAMES LAST WEEK: 2 & 3/08/08

Age	Opposition		For		Against
U6-2	Revesby Heights	W	40	-	20
U6-1	Dragons	L	14	-	42
U7-3	Season Over			-	
U7-2	Milperra Colts	W	20	-	18
U8-3	Dragons	L	10	22	22
U8-1	Berala	L	10	-	30
U9-1	Berala	L	20	-	24
U10-2	Moorebank	L	0	-	48
U10-1	Greenacre	W	50	-	0
U11-1	Bankstown Sports	L	0	-	46
U12-2	Chester Hill	W	54	-	0
U13-1	Chester Hill	W	36	-	24
U14-1	St Johns	L	0		62
U15	Chester Hill	L	6	-	32
A Grade	Moorebank	L	34	-	24



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U6 Div 2 Won 40-20 Revesby Heights

Our boys were on fire in this one, continually running around, through and over the opposition defence. It was a great display of mistake free footy despite the windy conditions. Samuel was untouchable and Jarrod unstoppable. Klayton scored another 2 tries from dummy half to take his season tally to an impressive 23, and Brodie extended his scoring streak to 4 games. Isaiah had a great run and went within an inch of scoring his first try. The goal kicking has also come good in the past few games, with Samuel and Ben converting their first goals of the season. Heights were able to match our scoring early but our defence improved throughout the game, with Nathan and Jacob tackling well. William continued his improvement and had a great all round game. Thanks to all the parents who braved the conditions and celebrated the win at Panania Diggers.

Tries: Samuel (4), Jarrod (2), Klayton (2), Brodie

Goals: Samuel, Ben

Subway award: Brodie, Ben, Jacob

Baskin Robbins Award: Samuel

Encouragement award: Nathan, Jarrod

Man of the Match: William

U6 Div 1 Lost 14-42 St. George Dragons

U7 Div 2 Won 20 – 18 Milperra Colts.

The crowd was on the edge of their seats until the last minute as this game saw from start to finish. We started off well with Blake nearly scoring in the opening minutes after a very determined run. Soon after Christian gave a sneaky little off load to Cameron who scored in the corner. Cameron then converted his own try with a great kick. Ryan and Camille ran strongly throughout the game and made plenty of yards up the middle. Jack had a strong game in both attack and defence as usual. Some fine play by the Colts saw us behind 8-6 late in the first half. Tries by Cameron and Lachlan saw us in front with 4 minutes to go. However, a near length of the field try by the Colts saw us behind and it seemed like the game was lost. With one minute to go Lachlan made one of his typical darting runs and scored to make it 18- 18. Cool as cucumber Nathan stepped up and kicked the ball straight between the posts to

give us the win. Boys, Dave can't handle these close games, his heart isn't strong enough. Special thanks to Geoff Amy for being our trainer for the game. And also thanks to the saints committee and supporters who came to Neptune Park to cheer for our boys.

Tries. Cameron (2), Lachlan (2).

Goals. Cameron, Nathan.

MOM. Cameron.

U7 Div 3 Season Completed

U8 Div 1 Lost 10-30 Berala Bears

U8 Div 3 Lost 10-22 St. George Dragons

It was make or break for Brock 05's boys as they needed to beat the competition front-runners Dragons, to try and entrench a semi-finals berth (as we were currently equal fourth with Chesio who were drawn to play the cellar-dwellers St Johns). It was obvious from the start that both sides were ready to play showing strong defence, but showing caution in attack. The boys were led up the middle with strong charges from Joel, James and Alec, whilst Aaron, Dylan and Angelo skirted wider to try and beat Dragons on the fringes. Shaun at dummy half and Cooper at first receiver steered the team around the park. Dragons finally scored two converted tries, but had to work hard to get to the line. The boys were unlucky not to score earlier, however, a combination of the odd dropped ball and several strips of the ball by Dragons stopped us getting over the line. The boys continued to work hard and were rewarded with a try to Alec which was converted by James. We went to the break at halftime down 6-12. The boys came out in the second half displaying some spirited football to ensure that Dragons knew they were not going down without a fight. Stuart replaced Joel at halftime and made some good metres in attack. The Dragons defence was still tight and two attacking raids saw them score again. Cooper, Angelo and James continued to work hard in defence, whilst Alec, Shaun and Dylan made inroads into the Dragons defence. This led to a solid try by James who scored wide out. Whilst time was not on our side, the boys put on another attacking raid with Aaron running some fifty metres, only

to be tackled short of the line. On several other occasions we were once again caught short, but you have to acknowledge the Dragons defence. Football can be a funny game and had a few things gone our way, the result may have been different. However, the boys showed great courage, played right to the final bell and were gallant in defeat. Thanks to Brock Askell (coach) and Nathan Sellings (Trainer), both from our club's A Grade for putting in a lot of time and effort during the season and ensuring that the boys enjoyed their football. To the parents and siblings, thanks for your support and encouragement and finally to the players, you can hold your heads high and be proud of your achievements this year as you did yourselves and the Club proud.

GOOPGUYS M.O.M – James

Tries – Alec, James

Goals - James

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U9 Div. 1 Lost 20-24 Berala Bears

The boys were up against the third placed Berala. As is the case with most Berala teams we were outsized. We got away to a fantastic start and were up 16-6 at the break by playing good football and moving up in defence to tackle the larger Berala forwards. Unfortunately straight after half time we lost focus and leaked 3 quick tries. Berala took the lead but the boys fought back to equal the number of tries scored. Only goal kicking was the difference this week. Another gutsy effort boys and even though we lost it shows that if we can concentrate on our defensive shape for the whole game then we can win against anyone in the comp. Moorebank this week and a win will ensure we make the semis. Keep up the good efforts.

Tries Luke, Rhys, Jack, Nathan

Goals Peter, Luke

Man of the Match – Nathan Boland.

Encouragement Award – Joel Lovatt

U10 Div 1 Won (Mercy) 50-0 Greenacre

A great team effort last Saturday boys. Greenacre had no answers and were throwing the ball around like a hot potato with no one wanting to get caught with the ball. It was a good chance for the boys to try out our new moves in preparation for the finals. Everyone is up there tackling and running onto the ball. MOM Fatu B & F Liam. Too many tries to mention. Good work boys.

U10 Div 2 Lost 0-48 Moorebank Rams

U11 Div 1 Lost 0-46 Bankstown Sports

U12 Div 2 Won 54-0 Chester Hill

We came up against Cheso this week in a game where we knew we had to win big if we wanted to win the minor premiership. The boys went out and treated the game like a semi and totally dominated and ran out with a big win. In tough conditions with a howling wind the boys ball control was excellent while in defence they tackled hard. Jaydn led from the front playing at lock this week with

a non stop effort while Mas and Jake played strongly also. The backs had little opportunity but Sean and Alex were always dangerous.

Good stuff guys keep it up , it all starts now.

TRIES: J.McGregor x 3, T.Annakin x 2, S.Bryce, L.Byron, A.Masima, P.Kennedy, D.Russell

GOALS: M.Kheir, J.McGregor, T.Annakin, L.Byron, P.Kennedy, D.Russell, T.Weeks

MOM: S.Bryce

U13 Div 1 Won 36-24 Chester Hill

The boys had to win this one to keep their semi hopes alive. I am pleased to report we got the cash but not without some scary moments. Unfortunately, we came down to their level and it was a "drop ball-a-thon" right across the park. This, combined with our inability to successfully retrieve the ball from kick offs, made it one of the ugliest games ever. However there were some bright spots - Jake, Tamati and Trevor's hard running; Ali firing up; Brandon and Tommy combining well with the ball. The best part was that we 'fired up' when Cheso went heavy. A win this week will see us in the semis. Keep it simple, cut out the silly mistakes and we'll get there.

Tries: Brandon 3; Tamati 2; Jake 1; Tom 1

Goals: Josh 4

Diggers MoM: Tamati

Subway Players Player: Brandon

U14 Div 1 Lost 0-62 St. Johns Eagles

You came up against a better team on the day, hopefully you have learned from the experience.

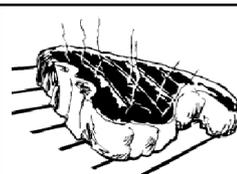
Winner of the Lotto draw is Kristie (congrats)

U15 Lost 6-32 Chester Hill

A Grade Won 34-24 Moorebank Rams



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ITS FINALS SERIES TIME

For some of our junior teams, while other teams are striving to reach the semis

Wear the club colours and support the boys in this years finals series

The following teams are playing Semi's on Saturday

U/7 Div 2 @ Bankstown Football Centre 1:00 against Chester Hill

and

U/8 Div 1 @ Beggell Oval 2:20 against Berala Bears

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

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

Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday: 08/08/08	5.30pm to 7.00pm "A" Grade
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 09/08/08 Join the winners list.	3:00 pm to 5.00pm U/6 Div 1's Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 17

Games: Saturday 9th August 2008

U6-2	9:30	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney
U6-1	10:10	Bankstown Bulls	Bankstown Football Centre
U7-3		Season Completed	
U7-2	1:00	Chester Hill	Bankstown Football Centre
U8-3		Season Completed	
U8-1	2:20	Berala Bears	Beggell Oval
U9-1	10:10	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
U10-2	11:00	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
U10-1	11:50	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
U11-1	12:40	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
U12-2		Minor Premiers	Week Off
U13-1	1:30	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve

Games: Sunday 10th August 2008

14 Div 1	12:30	Berala	Hammondville Oval
U/15	11:15	Greenacre	Neptune Park
A Grade	1:45	East Hills	Smith Park



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