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## C L U B   N E W S

### From the President

Unfortunately the weekend brought more 'downs' than 'ups'. On Saturday two sides that were definitely part of the 'ups' were Dave's Demons (U9s) and Handsome Al's Assassins (10-1s). The 9s were up against last years finalists St Johns at Begnell but came away with a resounding 22-12 victory. Well done. The 10-1s were in the grand final replay against Sports and were keen for revenge. In what was a high class game which went right down to the wire, we got the bickies with a 6-4 victory. Sensational. Mayoh's Maniacs (8-1s) were up against a very big Moorebank side and had a thrilling 18 all draw - it's looks as though the Maniacs have taken up where they left off last year. Our 6-2s made their long awaited debut and looked good - unfortunately they were ahead of themselves and were keen to play on a bigger field! We'll work on that. Dave's 'scooter' update - now up to 'pump up' tyres!!

Sunday saw us with the 'home ground advantage' for the 14s to A grade - does anyone understand that concept?? 3 games, 3 losses!! but in saying that, the 14s played well and at times more than matched the competition benchmark in St Johns. The 15s also played well in patches while the A grade threw away an 8 nil lead to lose 12-8 to first time A graders, East Hills!! It's no use blaming the ref, he's there every week!

The lesson for all teams is that effort must be for the whole game, not just for 5 or 10 minutes spurts.

### Saint of the Week - Michael Slieman.

His boy in the under 7-1s Camille was injured and couldn't play. Instead of sleeping-in they both turned up and Michael went timekeeper for the side. That's the type of commitment to the team and the Club that we're after. Well done.

### Strike rate dead

The "let's hold hands and participate" brigade will be rejoicing. The strike rate represented our win rate for the weekend and was an indicator of how we would fare in the various club championships. Anyone that has cared to discuss this with me knows I was very keen on club championships because it was something every team could contribute to - a win by the last placed 10Rs got the same amount of points towards the club championship as a win by the 1st placed A grade. With our lack of teams this year, it breaks my heart to know that at the beginning of the season we have no chance in any of the club championships so the rate serves no purpose - RIP.

### Go the Saints

*John Grealy*

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RESULTS ROUND 2 GAMES LAST WEEK: 12/04/ & 13/04/08					
Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Div 2	Moorebank	L	8	-	20
6 Div 1	Moorebank	L	10	-	24
7 Div 2	Dragons	W	32	-	10
7 Div 3	Padstow Panthers	D	20	-	20
8 Div 1	Moorebank	D	18	-	18
8 Div 3	Milperra Colts	L	10	-	26
9 Div 1	St Johns	W	22	-	12
10 Div 2	Bankstown Sports	L	10	-	30
10 Div 1	Bankstown Sports	W	6	-	4
11 Div 1	Bye			-	
12 Div 2	Moorebank	L	8	-	10
13 Div 1	Padstow Panthers	L	8	-	50
14 Div 1	St Johns	L	4	-	36
U/15	Chester Hill	L	14	-	40
A Grade	East Hills	L	8	-	12



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**U6 Div 2 - Lost 8-20 Moorebank**

The boys put in a great effort in their first official game of the season. Klayton scored the opening try after a good set in attack. The first half was evenly matched with good defence by both sides. After Klayton scored his 2<sup>nd</sup> try with a clever run down the blind side, we were locked 8-8 at half time. The boys continued to play well in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half but there were some missed opportunities as our best attacking raids unfortunately ended up over the sidelines. In the end, Moorebank took advantage of their possession and scored 2 late tries to seal their win. The team was led well by its experienced players, Klayton and Jarred. All of our other players were debutants. Brodie made some great runs in attack, going three quarters of the field on one break and almost scoring his first try. Ibrahim made the tackle of the match on his much bigger opponent. Samuel was strong in defence. There were also good contributions in attack and defence from William, Max, Leon, Nathan and Isaiah.

Tries – Klayton (2)

Man of the Match – Ibrahim

Encouragement - Isaiah

**U6 Div 1 Lost 10-24 Moorebank**

The boys were very enthusiastic this week after a good training session to improve on our tackling and speed to get back in defence. Despite our loss there was great effort made by all the boys showing some encouraging signs for the coming weeks. The first half we manage to stay in the match with some great try saving tackles from big Aiden, Riley and Little Jon put his body on the line and came up with a couple of huge tackles. All the boys had some great runs which got us so close to converting to tries but a few little errors and flirting with the sideline denied us of some needed points. Jon scored our first try with a quick dart from dummy half up the blind side and then our second came from a great run from Aiden, who also converted a goal giving us an extra two points. The boys worked very hard all game so it was disappointing not to get a win. Better luck next week

Tries. Aiden Aboulhaf 1 Jon Pengue

1 Goal Aiden Aboulhaf

MOM Lachlan Mcalpine

Encouragement Jon Pengue

**U7 Div 2 Won 32-0 Dragons**

Another great win boys in front of a home ground crowd with Issac scoring in the first few minutes. First half tries to Lachlan, Ryan and Christian also. Cameron and Jack showed the way in defence with 10 top class tackles between them in the first half alone. At the half time break we were leading by 20 points but that did not stop Nathan from producing two great tries in the second half with Blake crossing in the final minutes. A total of 8 tries were scored but none of them were converted with all eight players having a shot at goal unsuccessfully. Something the coach and trainer will work on in the coming weeks with our newly constructed practice posts. Camille was missed on the field this week and we hope to see him back in top form next Saturday. Well done Boys we are proud of you. **Tries** . Issac (2), Nathan (2), Lachlan, Ryan, Blake, Christian. **MOM** Cameron.

**U7 Div 3 Padstow Panthers 20-20**

The game started off strong with our boys crossing the line first very early in the first half. And we held the Panthers out for a while with some great defence by Daniel and cover tackles by William and J.D. but we thought we had the game too soon and let in three tries under our nose. We struck back with two tries and levelled it up at half time. Half time score 12 – 12. We came out firing in the second half with the boys determined to stay undefeated, and with some early tries by J.D and Armed we took the lead trying our hardest to keep them out with great defence again by Jordan and Ben. Unfortunately we let them catch up and they scored on the bell. Great work all round by the boys. I was happy with the progress we are making and can't wait to see what they will do this week.

**U8 Div 1 Draw 18-18**

Round two saw some tough competition, with our boys up against Moorebank. We had an early try thanks to Michael, then sneaky Pete caught the opposition sleeping and scored in the corner out of dummy half. Both tries were converted by Stuart and big Jayden. Moorebank were not going to go down quietly, quickly putting points on to the scoreboard. They had some great breaks but our defence line was too good, the boys holding out the opposition from the try line

for three consecutive sets. Brad led the pack with his fearless hit ups earning him man of the match. Half time saw The Saints leading by a try. Michael managed a second with a break through the Moorebank defence line, then the Rams came back leveling the score in the last few seconds of the game.

Man of the Match – Brad

Tries-Michael (2) Peter (1)

Goals-Stuart, Jayden K, Brad

**U8 Div 3–Lost 10-26 Milperra Colts**

The boys started off from where they finished the previous week by scoring a converted try to lead 6-0. From then on the defensive exchanges from both sides were quite intense with little latitude given. Following a lapse in concentration, we let Milperra in for two tries before the break, although we were denied two tries ourselves, being tackled out just before the corner post. We went to the break down 10-6. Both sides came out in the second half and threw the ball around with several breaks being made. The defence was once again tight, however, Milperra managed to score a few tries and to stretch their lead to 26-6. The boys didn't give up and were again unlucky not to score on several occasions, as they were taken into touch just short of the try line. They continued to play good football and were rewarded with another try. Whilst the scoreline didn't really indicate the closeness of the game, some positives came out of it. The boys realised that they ran too close to the sideline at times and this can be worked on at training. Whilst we just have the bare team of eight players and no reserves, its great to see them trying so hard and it can be a hard slog on warm days like it was on Saturday. Brock Astell (Coach) and Nathan Sellings (Trainer), both from our A Grade team are doing a great job with the boys and the improvement shown over the last few weeks has been impressive, and it can only get better.

**Goopguys M.O.M** – Angelo

**Tries** – Dylan, Aaron

**Goal** - James

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**U9 Div. 1 Won 22-12 St Johns**

A great win and a great improvement from last week. We scored in the opening minutes, but unfortunately we let one in soon after. The boys then settled in and scored a few more and went in at half time ahead 22-6. In the second half it was a fairly torrid affair with St John scoring the only try of the half our defence this week was outstanding with Kyle leading by example with Luke, Rhys and Jeremy also tackling hard. Beau, Nathan, Riley and Liam ran the ball well in attack Silky, Kodi and Jack were solid and Adam pounced on any loose balls. Fantastic effort boys keep up the good work.  
TRIES: NATHAN 1  
GOALS: KYLE 1 RILEY 2  
RHYS 1 KYLE 1 LUKE 1  
M.O.M: KYLE  
SUBWAY AWARD: BEAU

**U10 Div 1 Won 6-4 Bankstown Sports**

**U10 Div. 2 Lost 10-30 Bankstown Sports**  
Unfortunately the boys had another hard game this week. They went out with 11 on the field and no reserves for the game. Tui scored the first try of the match and Anthony kicked the goal - well done. At half time we were only 2 points behind, but as the game went on the boys got very tired. We had some great runs by Brandon, Mitchell, Paul and Sean - good work to the boys. Scott went out like a tackling machine with 15 tackles in total, fantastic work by you Scott, keep it up. It was a great effort by all the boys considering we had no reserves. You guys never gave up - well done to you all. We hope to see a better score line next time.  
Tries 2 Tui  
Goals 1 Anthony  
MOM: Scott Hanningan  
Enc: Paul Kitiona

**U11 Div 1 Bye**

**U12 Div 2 Lost 8-10 Moorebank**

We had a tough hit-out for our first game against a determined Moorebank side and even though the effort was there, we were unable to come away with the two points.

There was plenty to get out of the game and our biggest fault was that we were too one-out with the opposition being able to pick us off too easy. But the boys also showed a lot of heart not giving up for the entire game with a late try in the final seconds for a chance to tie the game. There were many good performers with Pat doing a great job in the middle cleaning up everything while Alex and Ben combined well out wide and Daniel and Weeksie did a good jobs on the wings with plenty of traffic coming there way. Also welcome to Lucas who a solid hit-out in his first game. Like I said before boys, the effort was there we just let ourselves down in following the game plan, but with hard work we will only come out stronger from this.  
TRIES; A.Mellor , T.Weeks  
MOM; P.Kennedy

**U13 Div 1 Lost 8-50 Padstow Panthers**

Playing Panthers at Padstow Park is always a tough assignment. After letting in 2 quick tries before we had touched the ball (for the 2nd week in a row!), we had made the task a lot tougher. HOWEVER, the boys did show glimpses of their true ability. We held the ball for longer, the forwards ran hard and in pairs, and some of our defence was genuinely rugged - but we need these improvements for the whole match. New boys Joe, Josh and Hami really stepped up while Tamati was tough at the back and Stumpy tackled everything that moved. Guys - we have Dragons at home this week. Let's show our supporters we can play good footy for 60 minutes.  
Subway MOM: Smokin Joe Tataha  
Subway MOM v Colts: Jake 'the snake' Craven

**U14 Div 1 Lost 4-36 St Johns**

The score was not a true indication of the effort the boys put in. We held last years premiers scoreless for the first 18 mins of the match with some solid defence. A mistake cost us the opening try, with heads bowed we let a few more tries in before halftime. A talking to by the coach and a few positional changes at halftime showed what this team could be capable of. We lost the second half two tries to one with their last try coming on

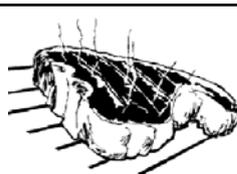
the bell. We had a number of opportunities to score in the second half but failed to make the most of them. Boys listen to what the coach tells you at training, put your training into practise on game day and believe in yourselves. Its amazing what a little self belief can bring.  
MOM: Jordon Osbourne

**U15 Lost 14-40 Chester Hill**

**A Grade Lost 8-12 East Hills**



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**Calender of Important Dates**

- 19th April - Trivia Night (see below)
- 24th April - Coaching Clinic, 9:00 - 1:00
- 16th May - Saints Golf day at Georges River
- 17th May - State of Origin package raffle drawn

**Trivia & Fun Night  
Saturday 19th April  
Panania Diggers**

Trivia & Fun night for families and friends at Panania Diggers (auditorium)



6:30 pm arrival for Trivia and Fun from 7:00 – 10:00.

Tables of 10 can be organised into adults, kids, or a mixture.

Pay on the night: \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (\$30 max per family).

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**Field Set-up:** Sat - U/6 Div 1      Sun - No Games  
**Field Clean-up:** Sat - U/13 Div 1      Sun - No Games  
**Canteen Duties:** All teams for 60 minutes **BEFORE** your game.  
**BBQ Duties:** All teams for 60 minutes **BEFORE** your game.

<b>Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday: 18/04/08</b>	<b>5.30pm to 7.00pm “A” Grade</b>
<b>Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 19/04/08 Join the winners list.</b>	<b>3:00 pm to 5.00pm U/9’s Wear your club colours.</b>

**NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 3**

**Games: Saturday 19th April 2008**

6 Div2	10.10	Padstow Panthers	Peter Hislop Park
6 Div 1	9.30	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
7 Div 2	Bye	Bye	Bye
7 Div 3	10.10	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
8 Div 1	10.10	Greenacre	Roberts Park
8 Div 3	10.50	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
9 Div 1	11.30	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
10 Div 2	12.20	East Hills	Bill Delauney Reserve
10 Div 1	1.40	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
11 Div 1	1.10	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
12 Div 2	1.20	Greenacre	Roberts Park
13 Div 1	2.00	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve

**Games: Sunday 20th April 2008**

14 Div 1	10.45	Dragons	Clempton Park
U/15	1.15	Dragons	Clempton Park
A Grade	2.30	Berala Bears	Smith Park



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