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CLUB NEWS

From the President

You think it's gonna be a good weekend when you get 3 out of 3 at Neptune but it turned out to be a great weekend. Kim's Killers (U6-2s) got the ball rolling with a thrilling 2 point win over Heights. Now they've played 2 games in a row, the sky's the limit for these guys.

The Brock 05s (U8-3s), now with 9 players, motored to their 2nd win of the season and are now eying a front grid semi spot. Dave's Dynamic 7-2s showed the extended lay off didn't hurt them and maintained their winning record. (We may have lost Jack Gibson but be thankful we've still got Dave Wylie!)

The star sides at home were definitely the 9s and the 11s – both came from being down at half time to be in front when it counted. Guys, you're giving your coaches and supporters heart problems – please play both halves. Unlucky team of the week was Poppy's U7-3s. A big effort but they went down by just 2. Next week guys...

Sunday saw our 14s get their season back on track while the A grade cured their home ground phobia by trouncing a fairly gutsy Greenacre. We've got 2 more at home, let's get all the points.

A couple of long term club workers, Anne Simpson and Ken Hanratty are recuperating after some hospital time. We wish both speedy recoveries.

Go the Saints

John Grealy



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RESULTS ROUND 5 GAMES LAST WEEK: 10/05 & 11/05/08

Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Div 2	Revesby Heights	W	20	-	18
6 Div 1	Dragons	L	14	-	24
7 Div 2	Moorebank B	W	32	-	0
7 Div 3	Brothers	L	24	-	26
8 Div 1	Revesby Heights	W	42	-	6
8 Div 3	Revesby Heights	W	22	-	10
9 Div 1	Bankstown Sports	W	16	-	12
10 Div 2	Berala Y	L	10	-	36
10 Div 1	BYE			-	
11 Div 1	St Johns	W	22	-	18
12 Div 2	Chester Hill	W	46	-	0
13 Div 1	Chester Hill	D	14	-	14
14 Div 1	Chester Hill	W	30		18
U/15	St Johns	L	20		38
A Grade	Greenacre	W	44	-	10



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U6 Div 2 – Won 20-18 Revesby Heights

This week saw the rookie Saints get their first win in a fast, open game. The boys were full of running in the first half. Max got the team off to a great start with a couple of long weaving runs. Brodie followed up with a good break and Jarrod powered his way over for our first try. Sam continued his great form with a long range try and it was good to see Nathan break away to score his first try to take the team to a 12-4 half time lead. The boys continued on early in the second half with another try to Sam. As Heights started to get more possession, Leon, William, Ibrahim and Ben got involved in defence. Isaiah went close to scoring with a good run and Klayton scored our last try for a 20-10 lead. Our defence tired in the last 5 minutes, allowing 2 late tries but the boys had done enough. It was good to see our whole team get involved and experience the win, with Jacob playing well in his first game.

Tries: Sam (2), Jarrod, Nathan, Klayton.

Goals: Nil

Subway award: Brodie

Encouragement: William and Isaiah

Man of the Match: Jarrod

U6 Div 1 Lost 14-22 Dragons

Another great week of footy for our boys this week which saw some good tries and some great tackles from all of the boys. We let in a couple of early tries to the dragons who seemed to score around us in the corners. Jacob led by example and made some great tackles and also crossed for a try. Riley Dundas ran half the length to get a great try in the corner to put us back in the game. Big Aiden scored another try and converted another goal as his season keeps improving. Unfortunately our defence lacked some intensity and Dragons got over the top with a couple of tries in the second half to win. It was great to see Zac and Callum getting in and also making some tackles. Zac made a couple of good runs and really seemed to enjoy his footy. All the boys are starting to get together now and it shows in their passing and attack. Its great to see them talking on the field and hungry for the ball. Good effort boys lets see some big tackles next week.

Tries Aiden A 1, Reily, Jacob. Goals Aiden A

MOM. Reily. Encouragement. Zac

U7 Div 2 Won 32-0 Moorebank B

It was great to finally get a game of footy after the bye and rain cancelations. What a win boys with first half tries to Jack, Lachlan (2), Cameron and successful kicks to Ryan and Camille. The second half started with Christian and Blake gaining plenty of metres up the middle and another 3 tries from Issac, Lachi and Ryan who crossed the line with the try of the day on the full time siren. All boys tackled well with no points scored against our side since round 1. Well done Guys you rock!!!

Tries. Jack, Lachlan(3), Cameron, Issac, Ryan.

Goals. Ryan, Camille.

MOM Lachlan.

U7 Div 3 Lost 24 - 26 Brothers**U8 Div 1 Won 46-6 Revesby Heights**

The boys continued playing some excellent football last weekend, annihilating the opposition with a 7 try Victory over Revesby Heights. Once again the defence was a key factor, allowing the home team to score only one try for the whole match. The strong attacking runs were led by Stuart, which earned him man of the match. Each player has settled into their role and as a team the boys are working really well together. They are not trying to outshine each other and this was shown in this game with each player contributing to the score by either a try or a conversion. Congratulations Peter on your first ever successful kick for goal, keep practicing!! Great effort boys and good luck for RD 5.

Tries : Michael (2) Peter (1) Ryan (1) Bodie (1) Little Jayden (1) Brad (1)

Goals: Zack, Bodie, Stuart, Ryan, Little Jayden, Michael, Peter.

MOM: Stuart

Encouragement Award: Michael

U8 Div 3–Won 22-10 Revesby Heights

After some good defensive training through the week and some brushing up on their attack, the boys were ready to aim up against the Heights. They had to defend from the kick off and held their own in the early exchanges. It didn't take long and through some good attacking raids, Shaun scooted from dummy half to score in the corner. The boys

continued to aim up in defence with some great tackling from Angelo, Cooper Aaron and James which saw the Heights on the back peddle and getting frustrated at not being able to break the line. Not long after, the boys were on the attack again and through some good lead up runs, saw Alec race to the try line for another four pointer. Joel converted and the score was 10-0. The Heights came back and scored a converted try to see the lead cut back to 10-6 at half-time. At half time Brock Askell (coach) reminded the team about keeping a straight line in defence and to ensure that they were the first team to score after the brake. Well the boys did exactly that and saw three second half tries to Dylan, Aaron and Shaun. The Heights managed another converted try, however the boys once again increased their intensity in defence with some bone rattlers from Aaron and Alec and went on to win the match 22-10. A special mention to our new recruit Stuart (his first game at rugby league after three seasons in soccer) who had two big runs, one of which nearly resulted in a try. The boys are really enjoying their football and are showing an eagerness to improve each week. Keep up the team work. Special thanks to Chris "Poppy" Williams for standing in as trainer for our game.

GOOPGUYS M.O.M – Alec

Tries – Shaun (2), Dylan, Aaron, Alec

Goal - Joel

U9 Div. 1 Won 16-12 Bankstown Sports

After last weeks average efforts at training and the game the boys were a much better looking outfit for this game. Sports knocked us out of the finals race last year so there was plenty to play for. We kicked off and from the very first tackle where we had 4 tacklers involved it was obvious we were switched on. Luke scored a great try early in the half to give us a 4-0 lead. Things went a little sour after that when we dropped the ball in good field position on 4 occasions and put ourselves under plenty of pressure. As a result at half time we were down 12-4. The second half saw Jack and Jeremy injected into the side along with Adam and Joel. This stiffened our defence up and we set about dominating field position. Luke scored another 2 tries and with his goal and Nathan's we ended up with a 16-12 win.

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Some notable mentions were Luke's tackle count, Silky's smart runs from off our goal line when the forwards were starting to tire and Liam Mannering's efforts both on and off the ball. It was good to see Liam's timing with his tackles starting to come together with some good one on one hits. Kyle was also smart from dummy half with his kicking game. All in all the boys stuck together and played as a team and defended well when they were under pressure. A fantastic effort.

Tries – Luke Reardon x 3

Goals – Luke Reardon, Nathan Boland

Man of the Match – Luke Reardon

Encouragement Award – Liam Mannering

U10 Div 1 Bye

U10 Div. 2 Lost 10-36 Berala Y

We started the game with two players short and gave Berala a head start, but then started to get on top of them when some of our 9's stepped-up to fill our vacant spots. We showed some good scrambling defence at times on our line. Donnie & Cockie showed great leadership and defence. Tui & Sean hit the ball up well all day. We didn't stretch Berala enough in defence with our back line, but we will next time. We can take some confidence from this, despite the score.

Tries: Brendon 1 Tui 1

Goals: Thomas 1

MOM: Brandon Donovan

Enc: Thomas Labropoulos

U11 Div 1 Won 22-18 St. Johns

After a good week of training, despite a couple of injuries, ruling Liam & Aiden out, a solid performance this Saturday was anticipated. The warm up before game was a bit sluggish and this is the way the boys started. Defensively there was a lot of going high (jersey grabbing) & no straight line, leaving holes everywhere, allowing St Johns to post 18 points in the first half to our 0. A couple of positional changes at half time, a rev up, and a superb 2 Tries to our hero Devanti (playing up for us) gave us a different look in the second half. The boys started to play as a "TEAM" & showed the commitment required to pressure the opposi-

tions in Div 1.4 Tries & 3 Goals later, the Mighty Saints marched in to gain a tremendous victory, it was a nail biting finish. It was an awesome effort from a footy team full of ability, the boys really showed us the stuff that they are made of.

Some stand out moments were Devanti's big dummy to score the 1st try, Brandon's non-stop efforts, Jason/Connor/Harry pressure that caused a dropout. Adam's dragging them over the side line when the game was in the balance gaining us possession. Boys keep training hard and having fun with the game we all love. Go the Saints.

Tries: Devanti x 2, Brandon & Conor D

Goals: Kyle, Adam & Toby

MOM: Adam Sader **EA:** Devanti

U12 Div 2 Won 46-0 Chester Hill

The boys kept going from where they left off last week, playing some entertaining footy and scoring some clever tries. Cheso kept coming at us all game and it was only at the end of the halves that we piled on the points - mainly because in the early parts of the halves we pushed the pass early in the tackle count and were on the wrong side of a large penalty count. The forwards did a great job running in pairs all game with Jake and Andrew leading the way, while Alex had a great fullbacks game bobbing up in support to score three tries with Ben and Jaydn brewing up a storm in the middle asking many questions to Cheso's defence. Great effort guys we need to keep it up the games get tougher now.

TRIES: A.Mellor x3, J.Grove x2, L.Byron, A.Michaels, B.Samuel, A.Masima

GOALS: J.Grove, J.McGregor, B.Samuel, A.Michaels, L.Byron

MOM; J.Grove

U13 Div 1 Draw 14 - 14 Chester Hill

This was probably the game we should have won by 15-20 points but a few things went against us at crucial times, some brought on by ourselves. The good news was our defence was excellent for 75% of the game. The forwards shared their work and controlled the middle fairly well while our 'littler' men like Stump and Tim cleaned up anything out wide. When we got to 14-4 in

front, we thought we'd run away with it but a glut of possession to Cheso and a drop in our defence allowed them back in. Boys, there is semi spot waiting for our team if we commit and concentrate for the whole match.

Diggers MoM: Pierce Bolger

Subway Players Player: Tom Grealy

U14 Div 1 . Won 30-18 Chester Hill

We will take the win any way we can get it, the boys played well in patches but you need to do that for the whole game.

Tries: Calamia x 1, Paulo x 1, Togagae x 2
Wilies-King x 1

Goals: Togagae x 3

MOM: James Allen, played his best game of the year.

U15 Lost 20-38 St John's

Up as against last year's premiers was always going to be a tough task, but the boys turned up this week and had a real go. After letting in a try in the first 2 minutes there was danger signs immediately but to the boys credit they put the bit between their teeth and played some strong dominant and attractive football and went to the half time break up 16-12 and full of confidence. Unfortunately after the break St John's scored almost immediately and then scored another 2 try's before we could get our hands on the football. Each loss we have had this year we have felt that we have dominated the game for long periods but have just come up with a crucial error at the wrong time or simply just switched off for 10 mins. We are very proud of the effort you are all putting in and with a bit of luck and a little more concentration we will start turning these losses into wins.

Special mentions: James and Jeremy from the 14's for not only wanting to play up but also adding value on the field and; Playing against their former team Wilson for his non-stop effort throwing everything at them and James Ghabach for superb kicking. Another tough game next week against Sports so lets pick ourselves up and go again.

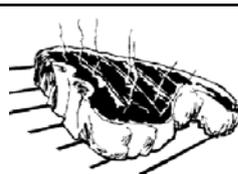
Tries Wilson, Darwich, Ronnie, Cameron

Goals: James (2)

A Grade Won 44 - 10 Greenacre



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NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 6

Games: Saturday 17th May 2008

6 Div2	9.30	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
6 Div 1	10.10	Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
7 Div 2	11.30	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
7 Div 3	10.50	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
8 Div 1	10.50	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Complex
8 Div 3	12.10	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
9 Div 1	11.30	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
10 Div 2	11.00	Berala Bears B	Guilfoyle Oval
10 Div 1	12.50	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
11 Div 1	2.00	East Hills	Smith Park
12 Div 2	1.40	Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
13 Div 1	2.40	Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve

Games: Sunday 18th May 2008

14 Div 1	10.00	Berala Bears	Hammondville Oval
U/15	11.15	Bankstown Sports G	Steve Folkes Reserve
A Grade	12.30	St Johns	Smith Park



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