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CLUB NEWS

President's Report

It was great to see so many of you at the Diggers last Saturday night discussing the day's games and enjoying our sponsor's hospitality. And what a day for the U8-4s!! In only his second game of coaching new Super Coach Steve Moloney guided the boys to their first win in a very long time. A couple of the boys crossed for first ever tries in the process - well done. Mayo's U9s finally commenced their season after a first round bye. They were too strong for St Johns at Begganell which means they are going to have a very good season. Great work boys.

Grant's 11-1s kicked off the cobwebs from the first round with a good win over St Johns as well. Unfortunately Joey Lovadua got an ugly dislocated elbow in the process but luckily he's tough and will be back. The 12s also forgot their 1st game blues with a great win over their nemesis (Sports) at their bogey ground (Steve Folkes) - good stuff. The 10-1s and 11-3s both registered wins again which means they're running at '2 from 2'.

Pick of the senior sides was the A grade. While we were enjoying a few quiet ones at the Diggers, the boys were giving it to Moorebank to record their first win of the season. There'll be plenty more. Troy's 'Shark As' played the leaders over in the Shire. We led 14-10 with minutes to go but ran out of puff. Our first win is coming up this weekend.

Junior Bulldogs

Canterbury's under 16 rep team (Harold Matthews) and U18s (SG Ball) both play their finals this Saturday arvo. The 16s contain our very own **Wilson Faanoi**. We wish Wilson and the boys the best of luck.

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RESULTS ROUND 2 GAMES LAST WEEK: 2 & 3/05/09

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U6-Red	Greenacre	L	28	20
U6-Black	Moorebank	D	16	16
U7- Div 2	Bye		-	-
U7- Div 1	Moorebank	L	36	8
U8- Div 4	St Johns	W	36	4
U8- Div 1	Chester Hill	L	4	26
U9- Div 1	St Johns	W	26	6
U10- Div 1	Chester Hill	W	22	16
U11- Div 3	East Hills	W	42	4
U11- Div 1	St Johns	W	24	8
U12- Div 1	Bankstown Spts	W	32	24
U13- Div 2	Berala	L	30	32
U14- Div 1	Berala	L	20	30
U16's	Bankstown Spts	L	12	18
U19's	St Johns	L	4	22
U23's	TBA		-	-
A Grade	Moorebank	W	28	12



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U6-Red Won 28-20 Greenacre Tigers

The boys had a tougher game this week against Greenacre Tigers. Luke scored the first points for the game and the 2 teams went try for try for most of the game with Bailey, Jesse, and Ryan coming through with great tries. Jesse had a fantastic game scoring a second try at the end of the game but it wasn't enough to match Greenacre who finally pulled ahead to win the game 28-20. Blake, Christian, Owen, Steven, Braith, and Michael all backed up the team with good tackling and runs. For a group of mostly 4 year olds, the team are doing a great job and love being on the field.

Tries: Jesse (2), Luke (1), Bailey (1), Ryan (1)
M.O.M.: Jesse

U6-Black Draw 16-16 Moorebank

The boys arrived at their home field, very excited and eager to play. They have not trained for a few weeks due to the weather and only had one previous game under their belts, it was going to be an interesting match. Klayton having played before moved up very fast and scored the first goal. This got the boys pumped. Joe continued to move the ball forward setting it up for Ethan to score our second try. Everyone had a great game with Trent and William pulling off some great tackles and Ibrahim having a big run up the side. Jack and Vincent performed well as fullbacks. The last two minutes were tense as the score was even and the opposition had possession of the ball. The boys banded together and everybody contributed in defence, they were determined not to let the other team score. It was a great effort by everybody.

Goals: Klayton Kilpatrick, Ethan Burke
MOM: Ethan Burke.

Encouragement Award: Trent Bailey

U7- Div 2

U7- Div 1 Lost 8-36 Moorebank

After a few missed training sessions and some missed games due to wet weather the boys had a tough game this week against a big Moorebank side. Moorebank got off to a great start scoring a couple of quick tries through some ordinary defense from our boys. At the first break and some encouraging words from the coach the boys dug in deep and managed to get across the line through mark giving us some hope of revival. Our defense improved through out the game and our attack was looking up with a few close tries by Callum and Aiden just taking out the corner post. Moorebank soon hammered back with a couple of tries in the end to seal the game. A late try to Aiden giving the

boys something to work on for next week.

I would also like to welcome our new boys Mark Kitona and Nathan Dore to the club and our team. The boys have settled in well and look to be enjoying their footy. Also welcome to our new trainer Darren Miller who is enjoying the challenging of developing the boys. Well done boys better lick next week.

Tries Aiden Davidson 1 Mark Kitona
Man of the match Aiden Davidson
Encouragement Nathan Dore & Jon Pengue

U8- Div 4 Won 36-4 St Johns

Congratulations to all the boys in the 8-4's on a convincing win against the St John's team with a final score of 36-4. William got us off to a great start scoring the first 4 tries with other tries to JD, Josh and Daniel. All the boys ran hard in attack and defended well only conceding 1 try. Special mention must go to Callum for his tough tackling and Jordan Tofilou who had a good game at first receiver.

M.O.M. William Macdonald

U8- Div 1 Lost 4-26 Chester Hill

The 8-1's journeyed to Chester Hill to play last years premiers of division one. One thing I can say about our boys is that they never gave up and the score certainly wasn't a true representation of how the game progressed. Once again, we started off quite slowly and Chester Hill scored two successive tries in the first couple of minutes to lead 12-0 in the first third. Both Noah and Isaac ran hard but the Chester Hill defence was rock solid. The second third saw our boys gain some confidence with Jack, Ryan and Nathan showing the opposition how hard they can tackle when they put their minds to the task. By the end of the second third Saints were behind by 18 points and were desperate to score. Lachlan and Noah were so close to scoring on numerous occasions but were cut down only metres from the line. Christian and Ahmed's tackling improved this week and it was pleasing to see them bring down a couple of the big boys when they were in full flight. Cameron worked hard on both attack and defence, especially in the last third. Unfortunately, Chester Hill scored two tries against the run of play in the last third and at one stage it looked liked we would be held scoreless. However, with only a couple of minutes to go Lachlan did one of his trademark darts from dummy half and scored in the corner to make the score 26-4. As was commented earlier, the score certainly wasn't an indication of the effort and commitment put in by our boys. Well-done lads. Thanks to Macca for standing in as the trainer this week.

MOM - Noah

Tries - Lachlan (1)

U9- Div 1 Won 26-6 St Johns

With Paul away Nerissa and I stood in, so I'll try and match his report writing skills but somehow don't think I'll cut it. Start was on time, and the Boys were in the mood for a win with the delegated parents doing their jobs, we were away. Peter was the first try scorer of the game, but the attempt at goal didn't quite make it. The boys then got on with the game and backed each other well. Aaron was next over the line with a try in the corner, I thought Frank (his dad) was going to have a heart attack he was yelling that hard, Bodie took the conversion and got it. St Johns then got over the line with their first try which they then converted. The boys once again got in and played the ball well with some good ball work from Michael, Shaun, Angelo and Jayden G, Michael went over the line for a well deserved try, which unfortunately didn't make it over on the conversion attempt. It seemed that our boys after half time were intent on St Johns not getting another try. Joel had a few good runs ploughing through the opposition each time, with Jayden K, Bradley, And Jaidin O hot on his heels

U10- Div 1 Won 22-16 Chester Hill

Again we got off to a slow start letting the opposition score first. We soon switched on and got on with the game plan. Some determined running from Liam and Nathan saw us get good field position against a team that had some solid defence. Nathan scored the first try with a typical bustling run and this was converted by Luke. Jack put Rhys into a hole and a swerving run saw him score. He converted his own try. The rest of the game see-sawed but we kept our nose in front most of the time. Kyle came on at half time and it was good to see his shoulder being used in defence. We leaked 2 tries down the left side but once that gap was plugged we did enough to come away with the 2 points. Joel scored a much needed try and Rhys finished off our scoring by diving on a clever kick from Jack. There is still a lot of work to do at training but the skill level is definitely increasing.

Tries Rhys (2), Nathan, Joel
Goals Luke, Rhys, Kyle
Man of Match Nathan
Coaches Award Kyle

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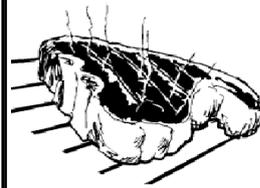
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U11- Div 3 Won 42-4 East Hills

Another great start for the boys and two in a row for Poppy. They were enthusiastic from the start with some great tackles and scoring 4 tries in the first half. But boys we are still dropping the ball alot from the kick off we will have to work on that at training. We had a new player Guisepp Andreotti to our side who has never played football before. He came on the second half with a couple of hit ups and off loads and seemed to enjoy himself well done. Scott had a great game in defence with great tackles and he scored 3 tries - keep it up Scott. Little Donnie always plays well, even when he didn't make touch he made up with his mistake by running up and making 2 tackles in a row - well done Donnie. Boys lets keep up the great work and try to make it 3 in a row with impressive score lines.

TRIES Scottx3 Brendanax1, Paulx1, Brandonx1, Tuix2
GOALS Brendan, Scott, Tom, Harb, Paul
MOM Scott Hannigan

U11- Div 1 Won 24-6 St Johns

After a shock loss to start the season the boys bounced back with a gutsy hard fought win against a well drilled St Johns team. From the kick off it was evident the boys were ready to play. The forwards lead the way laying the platform for our backs to score some great team tries. A major improvement in our defensive effort saw us only conceding one try and dominate the oppositions attack at every opportunity. Man of the match Damien Rowles had a great game making plenty of yards and getting through a tonne of defence. Scored a beautiful length of the field try leaving all in his wake. Steele once again lead the team around and got his kicking game back on track. Liam also hit some form with strong runs and tackles all day. Remember boys keep working hard and it will all come together before you know it. Unfortunately for us a dislocated elbow to Joey in the first half of the game saw him taken away in an ambulance for medical treatment. Joey we wish you a fast recovery and look forward to you coming back soon. On a funnier side to the injury we have discovered that Joe thinks the pain gas is pretty ok.

TRIES: Adam Ayshan x2. Steele Brown x1 . Damien Rowles x1.
GOALS: Steele x1. Luke A x1. Damien x1. Josh N x1.

U12- Div 1 Won 32-24 Bankstown Sports

Up against the last years premiers Bankstown Sports & our full squad back on deck the boys were ready to get the season underway with a win. This they did. After gaining possession from the kickoff & completing our 1st set with a neat kick into the in goal our start we were looking for was well underway. Forcing a line dropout we regained the ball & after the 4th or 5th tackle Davo scored a good try out wide. The next set we forced our way down the field with strong go forward which was good all game. Only to spill the ball 5metres out & watch there flying centre score 1 of his 3 tries at the other end. To the boys credit we kept forcing mistakes from Sports & scored 2 more tries before half time. Our second half was a bit scratchy with our defence not moving up together as a TEAM, this giving Sports a sniff. Although on the back of our good go forward when in posesion the Boys scored 3 second half tries the record a good victory. Well done SAINTS U12's, keep training hard & bring on next week.

GO THE SAINTS

TRIES: Connor K, Davo, Dean, Liam, Kyle, Kayne
GOALS: Aidan, Kyle, Haoping, Dean
: Ping

U13- Div 2 Lost 30-32 Berala Bears

It really was a game of two halves, after conceding an early try the boys then knuckled down and got through their sets concentrating on playing good field position and after a while the Berala defence got tired and the backs got their chance to create some havoc with Alex going over for two tries and Daniel.R looking dangerous. After an early try in the second half we raced to a 26-6 lead and that was when we let Berala back into the game. Our defence was poor with too many tackling high and grabbing at the big Berala forwards, we were able to score late to take a 30-20 lead with 5 minutes to go which should have been enough, but again our forwards couldn't match it with Berala and they ended up winning with a conversion after the bell. Reece tackled himself to a standstill while Jaydn was good with the ball scoring two and setting up some good movements and Weeksy came on late in the second half and showed the rest of the forwards how they should be tackling with some great hits around the legs

TRIES: A.Mellor x2, J.McGregor x2, T.Annikan, A.Masima
GOALS: J.McGregor 3/6

U14- Div 1 Lost 20-30 Berala

With a first round bye the boys hadn't played for a month and looked very rusty. The combinations weren't there, we didn't stick to the coach's pattern, there wasn't much talk or 'shuffling' in defence and there were far too many mistakes. Berala were actually worse but got the points because our defensive lapses led to tries every time. **But there is hope.** Big Matt Taavao was a powerhouse in both attack and defence; Brandon, Kirk and Tom did most of the tackling while Jake Cra-ven was the pick of the backs. New boy Jimmy T also showed promise at half. Bulls at home this week - let's get it started!
TRIES: Jake, Jimmy, Joe and Matt
GOALS: Tamati 2
MOM: Matt Taavao

U16's Lost 12-18 Bankstown Sports

U19's Lost 4-22 St Johns

U23's

A Grade Won 28-12 Moorebank



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NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 3

Games: Saturday 9th May 2009

U6-Red	9:00	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
U6-Black	9:40	Berala	Guilfoyle Oval
U7-Div 2	9:40	Revesby Heights	Neptune Oval
U7-Div 1	9:00	Greenacre	Bill Delauney
U8-Div 4	9:40	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U8-Div 1	9:40	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U9-Div 1	10:20	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U10-Div 1		Bye	
U11-Div 3	11:10	StGeorgeDragons	Bill Delauney
U11-Div 1	12:00	East Hills	Bill Delauney
U12-Div 1	12:50	Greenacre G	Roberts Park
U13-Div 2	12:30	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
U14 Div 1	12:50	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney

Games: Sunday 10th May, 2009

U16's	10.00	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U19's	11:15	Bankstown Spts	Bill Delauney
U23's	3:00	Sutherland/Loftus	Sutherland Oval
A Grade	2:00	Greenacre	Bill Delauney



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