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CLUB NEWS

President's Report

After an enjoyable day at Golf on the Friday it was back to business at the footy. Dave Wylie's 8-1s registered their first win of the season in a tough game at Roberts - clearly his study tour on the high seas paid off. The 8-4s and 11-3s both won again and are now firmly in the winning habit - good to see. Grant's 11s gave it to East Hills while our 7-2s lost to Revesby Heights - aaargh. The 13-2s also got back in the winning groove by thumping Colts.

Sunday saw games at home and the 16s opened with a gutsy effort but lost on the bell to last year's grand finalists. The 19s also tried hard but ran out of players against a physical Sports team. The A Grade haven't lost at home for a year and they weren't making any exceptions for Greenacre keeping them scoreless for nearly the entire match. Well done. Over in the shire, Troy's A Reserves registered their first win by beating Sutho and Troy has boldly predicted a top 2 finish - great to hear!

Home ground ADVANTAGE

Who likes playing at Terry Lamb? Who likes playing at Roberts? Who likes playing at Begnell? Answer - No one except the home teams. Why? Because you know when you play there they are gonna give it to you, they are gonna lift and when it gets tough, they will get tougher. Who likes playing at Bill Delauney? My opinion - everyone. Visiting sides just stroll in knowing the

picturesque surrounds have lulled many of our teams into accommodating door mats where oppositions can just wipe their feet on us. You shouldn't lose by 2 at home. You don't lead by 16 and lose at home. You don't play against 12 men and lose at home. This season we have played 23 games at home for 8 wins and a draw. That's pathetic.

When you play at home, the Saints team playing next watches the game. With a bit of luck the team that played before will also hang around and support. You get more support at a home game. Let's get some pride and passion into our home game performances and give those supporters something to cheer about. Guys, the ground used to be a council garbage dump - let's start dumping on the oppositions.

Junior Reps

Well done to the CBDJRL junior teams. Both won their finals last week with Big Willy Faanoi from our 16s starring in the Harold Matthews while the SG Ball had former Saints coaching legend Jimmy Whitney on the staff. Well done boys. Congratulations also to Liam Mulvihill and Kane Grove who represented Sydney in the McKillop trials. Liam went on to make the side while Kane just missed out. A great effort fellas.

Go The Saints

John Grealy



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RESULTS ROUND 3 GAMES LAST WEEK: 9 & 10/05/09

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U6-Red	Milperra Colts	L	20	28
U6-Black	Berala	L	8	24
U7- Div 2	Revesby Heights	L	36	40
U7- Div 1	Greenacre	L	8	32
U8- Div 4	Moorebank	W	32	30
U8- Div 1	Greenacre	W	22	12
U9- Div 1	Moorebank	L	32	34
U10- Div 1	Bye			
U11- Div 3	StGeorgeDragons	W	20	12
U11- Div 1	East Hills	W	32	6
U12- Div 1	Greenacre G	L	20	22
U13- Div 2	Milperra Colts	W	60	0
U14- Div 1	Bankstown Bulls	L	16	24
U16's	St Johns	L	10	14
U19's	Bankstown Spts	L	10	30
U23's	Sutherland/Loftus	W	40	14
A Grade	Greenacre	W	20	6



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U6-Red

The boys played Milperra Colts at Killara Reserve this week and had another tough game. Once again Michael showed great spirit going in for 2 tries with Braith, Ryan and Bailey also going in for one try each. All the boys played well and put up a great defense against a team with a lot of older kids. Milperra pulled ahead in the final third eventually winning the game 28-20. Well done boys, it was a great effort!

Tries: Michael (2), Bailey (1), Ryan (1), Braith (1)
M.O.M.: Braith

U6-Black Lost 8-24 Berala Bears

The boys came up against Berala Bears this week and put in a great effort, but unfortunately didn't come away with a win. The Bears had experience on their side. We only had 7 players at the start of the game and managed to score first with two good tries from Klayton, Jack, Alex and Ibrahim performed well with some great runs while Trent, Ethan & William did not once back off in their defence, however by half time we were down. Joe arrived and went straight onto the field. He performed really well at defence and got some good runs but it still wasn't enough to get us back into the lead. The boys had fun & I'm sure they are looking forward to next week.

Tries: Klayton Kilpatrick
MOM: Jack Wijesekera.
Encouragement Award: Alex Walker

U7- Div 2 Lost 36-40 Revesby Heights

After Heights knocked on the opening kick off, Dylan scored a good try on our first possession. Josh kept his perfect kicking record for the season and converted to make it 6-0. Not long after Saints were able to force another Heights turnover and Brodie raced away from the defence for our 2nd try. Jarrod nailed the kick to make it 12-0. From there, Heights got their attack in order and fought back into the game. Saints led 16-14 at the 1st break. In the 2nd period, Meihana scored a couple of great tries with his lethal sidestep and acceleration. Another highlight came from an offload from Josh, which created space out wide for Ben to scoop up the ball and outrace the cover defence down the sideline for his first ever try and to give us the lead at the 2nd break. It took a while for our defence to pick up after the 3 week break between games. It did improve as the game went on, particularly in the last period with some big efforts by Brodie, Leon, Harrison, and Dylan. The defence of the whole team at the end of the game was fantastic however the opposition came up with some good offloads to score the last try of the game. Jacob and Dylan put in a great effort on our last possession but we came up just short. It was a top game played in good spirit and with very few errors made. All the

boys put in a huge effort and had great games.

Tries: Dylan Hema (3), Meihana Nelson (3), Brodie Erskine, Ben Ross
Goals: Josh Silk, Jarrod Parsons
Man of the Match: Dylan Hema
Encouragement (Tackling) Award: Brodie Erskine

U7- Div 1 Lost 8-32 Greenacre

The boys were very enthusiastic this week after a good week at training. Although the score line doesn't indicate how good we really played. All the boys put in a great effort against a bigger side which unfortunately were able to put on a few quick tries in the first 10 minutes. We were much more organised on the field, getting our defence set and spreading out well. In attack the boys were communicating well with each other as they familiarise themselves with their positions. The second 10 minutes was much more improved as we dug in deep in defence and also got some points on the board. Aiden tackled hard and felt the pressure of the score line. Nathan and Callum also got involved in some great tackles. A few disallowed tries made the job a bit too hard for the boys but i think we are building toward a big win in the next couple of weeks. Keep up the good work boys.

Tries: Mark Kitiona, Riley dundas 1
Man of Match: Nathan Dore
Encouragement : Callum Vella, Mark Kitiona

U8- Div 4

Well done boys. That was a good tough tussle against the Moorebank Rams. We forgot all our tackling practice in the 1st third but redeemed ourselves with some excellent tackles in the other thirds. We have now definitely learnt how to find the try line in attack and are growing in confidence. Special mention must go to Daniel who pulled off some great one-on-one tackles and ran with great enthusiasm with the ball. Also a great effort from Josh who tackled well and scored 2 tries from his new found dummy half position. Other good performances were had by 1st receiver Jordan Tofilou, William, Jordan Raish, Callum, and Nicolas.

M.O.M. Daniel Cutrupi

U8- Div 1 Won 22-12 Greenacre

It was great to put our first two points on the table. Everyone who watched the game couldn't be more proud of our boys. Due to illness the team was short Isaac and Nathan and we ran out on the field minus a single reserve. Unlike the last two weeks we started off with rock hard defense and scored the first try compliments of a strong run by Noah. Noah then converted his own try to make the score six to nil. Greenacre bounced back with a try and a conversion to level the score. Just before the end

of the first third Lachlan made a brilliant run down the side line to score our second try.

Unfortunately, our boys didn't have their kicking boots on and we didn't convert a single try after Noah's first kick. The second third saw the Saint's tackle their hearts out. Special mention has to go to Jack who had an outstanding defensive game. A highlight of our defensive game was when Cameron and Blake tackled one of the big Greenarce boys over the line and rolled him over for a no try. Christian's running game improved this week and he was close to being rewarded with a try. Ahmed playing in the new position of dummy half nearly scored with a cheeky blind side run on the last tackle. The last third saw us dominant the opposition with two more tries to Noah and one to Lachlan. Dave tried a few new moves this week at training and Ryan made plenty of yards up the middle with our new "X" move. Ryan also made one of the best try saving tackles we have seen in U/8's to deny the opposition a chance of a come back late in the last third. This was our third game in the top grade and our boys showed this week that they'll be a competitive side this season and will certainly shock a couple of the established 8.1 teams.

MOM: Jack
Tries: Noah (3) Lachlan (2)
Conversion: Noah (1)

U9- Div 1 Lost 32-34 Moorebank

Saints kicked off M bank took the ball to the 20m line then Ryan gained possession, passed it to Michael who took the ball for a full field touchdown. Ryan converted it. Jayden G got the ball off the kick off, passed it to Jayden K who took off with it but M bank gained possession close to the line, our boys defended well but M B slipped through, then converted it. Jayden took the kick off, M B were

slow to pick it up so he grabbed it and scored off his own kick off, then converted it. Sai later gained possession and scored. M B took the ball off the kick off and a few mins later scored and converted. With some good defence from both teams the game was full of action, Sai had a good run dodging 6 players but was tackled, Peter got the ball and snuck into the corner for a try. With a couple of controversial decisions by the ref, a couple of our parents got a little upset. All the boys had a good game, Stuart, Jaidin O, Joel, Bradley, Shaun, Bodie and Shaun all defended well, an effort which only saw us beaten by 2 points, last year they flogged us.

Tries, Michael 2, Sai 2, Peter 2.
Goals, Ryan 1, Michael 1, Sai 1, Peter 1.
Goop Guys M.O.M. Jaidin O.

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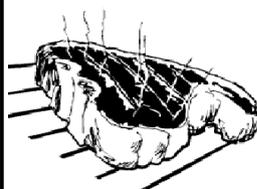
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U10 Div 1

U11- Div 3 Won 20-12 Dragons

Wow boys three from three. The match was going to be a bit harder this week but we had a good start to the game with Sniggs going across the line in a matter of minutes. Our forwards were hitting the ball up well Tui, Harbs, as well as Tasos when he came on second half and he also made great tackles keep it up boys. Donnie was again great in defence for a little bloke he does alot of damage great going. We did start to get tied in defence in the first half with the score line down 12-10 but the boys didn't give we came on the second half and played better and didn't give up well done. Lets keep training well so we have the fitness for the matches.

**Tries Mitchell, Harbs, Tom, Brendan D.
Goals Harbs, Donnie
MOM Brandon Donovan**

U11- Div 1 East Hills

A solid performance from the boys this week with a big win over East Hills 32 -6. With an injury to Joey last week we needed to fill the vacant five eighth position for the next few weeks and Fatu Togagae took on this role and did a superb job organising the backs.

Our forwards led the way this week straight up the middle with big Devante Faanoi creating havoc for the opposition with strong running all game. He was backed up by Tom, Liam and Damien who also ran hard all game. Josh Nassif was great in dummy half scoring a neat little try catching the opposition napping close to the line. All the boys contributed something this week and we are slowly starting to play to our game plan. With more focus and concentration at training im sure we can all get better even further.

Man of the match this week was Devante Faanoi who I know can get even better if he just believes in himself.

Tries: Josh N x1, Fatu x1, Adam x1, Damien x1, Tom x1, Josh R x1.
Goals: Steele, Fatu, Josh B, Josh R

U12- Div 1

U13- Div 2 Won 60-0 Milperra Colts

The boys turned it on this week, after an early try from Alex in the first minute of the game it was all one way traffic from then on in. The forwards laid the platform who were well directed around the field by Reece who had Colts second guessing themselves with some good darts as well. Jaydn did a top job with the backline with Daniel and Hayden running off him particularly well, while Mahde was great up front. Big improve also in defence where the boys got up in numbers and put them on their backs. well done guys!

TRIES: A.Mellor x4, R.Davies x2, J.McGregor x2, M.Kheir, T.Annakin, B.Sammuel
GOALS: J.McGregor 8/11
MOM: R.Davies

U14- Div 1 Lost 24-16 Bulls

This was a better effort that last week but at the end of the day we lost to 12 men after Bulls had a player sent off in the first 10 minutes. We did some good things (gang tackles, good 2 man hit ups) but the dumb mistakes just keep getting made - we eliminate those, we win the game. Best on park was big Joe Tataha, a colossus in both attack and defence.

Tries: Jake, Joe, Brandon
Goals: Hendo 2

U16's

Game 1 vs Berala & **Game 2** vs Sports were identical games and similar results, both against us. In summary, these games were disappointing. Full of silly mistakes on 1st tackle kept making it hard for us and easy for them. Put it down to early season disarray. There is a definite need to focus at training to really improve. Our best were Taylor who is leading by example, TK is new, big and going well. Adam has been courageous at the back, and Stoney's defence has been strong.

Game 3 vs St Johns. By far our best performance of the year. We stuck to our plan well, and got to the kick more often and had good scrambling, line speed and numbers in defence. Playing a team that has been in every grand final since u/6s and going down in the last 30 seconds was a great effort. Biggest difference from previous weeks were, attitude & effort at training and attitude & effort on Sunday. These are our biggest challenges this year and we should now be convinced that if we maintain that the rewards will follow. All players contributed, with strong games by Yahia, Morris,

TK, Trent (playing his best ever), Dwayne and good direction and communication from James. We haven't sung our team song yet this year, so lets nail training this week to be 'on song' this Sunday.

Big welcome to Josh Rainbow who is our new recruit after playing Harold Mathews for Bulldogs and Congratulations to him & Wilson (Big Willy) Faanoi for both playing an integral part in the successful Bulldogs team who won the inaugural national competition last weekend. Well done.

U19's Lost 10-30 Bankstown Sports

I always look forward to playing at home and last Sunday was no exception and while the end result was 10 - 30 there were some good signs. Poor ball control cost us dearly in the first half and we went to the break 0-18. in the 2nd half we controlled the ball better and put on a couple of tries, the 2nd half the boys showed a lot of character, we were hit severely with injuries losing our 2 props, fullback and 2nd rower we played the last 20 minutes with 12 men and actually outscored the opposition in this period. This week we play east hills(2008) grand finalists and its going to be tough task with up to 7 players injured, but if we play all next week like we did in the 2nd half of this game then I am sure we will make a game of it.

U23's

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Canteen Duties: All home teams for the game before theirs

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Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 16/05/09	Under 11's 3:00 pm to 5.00pm Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 4

Games: Saturday 16th May 2009

U6-Red	9:00	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
U6-Black	9:40	St George Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U7-Div 2	10:20	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
U7-Div 1	9:40	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Reserve
U8-Div 4	10:20	East Hills	Smith Park
U8-Div 1	11:00	St George Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U9-Div 1	11:40	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
U10-Div 1	12:30	Greenacre G	Roberts Park
U11-Div 3		Bye	
U11-Div 1	11:50	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Reserve
U12-Div 1	12:30	St George Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U13-Div 2	12:40	East Hills	Smith Park
U14 Div 1	1:30	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve

Games: Sunday 17th May, 2009

U16's	10:45	Chester Hill	Killara Reserve
U19's	3.00	East Hills	Clemton Park
U23's	1:30	Como Jannali	Scylla Bay Oval
A Grade	1.15	Bankstown Bulls	Killara Reserve



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