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## CLUB NEWS

### President's Report

A real mixture of results again this week. The 6-1s had another draw (we might have to give them field goal practice!) while the 6-4s went down to St Johns. The 7-2s, still reeling from their shock loss to Heights, (I'm nearly over it) came out all guns blazing on Bulls and blew them off the park. The 8-1s led at half time but got pipped in the 2nd half by a very big Dragons - the important part here is they are now believing they are grade material. The Star team of Saturday was undoubtedly the 12s. Up against the minor premiers from last year, the 12s realised they were at HOME with an ADVANTAGE and when it was 12 all scored a try in the dying minutes to win the game - that's what I'm talking about!! A free softie for every boy in the 12s - see me on Friday night at training. The 13-2s had another mercy and a re-grade is probably on the books for Mario and the boys.

Our oldest teams were the Sunday stars with good wins to both the A Reserve (over Como) and the A grade over the Bulls. Both are full steam ahead.

### Code of Conduct

I repeat, **please direct your support to the boys.** Forget the ref, forget the opposition, follow the ball and support our boys. Citings from the junior league can come via reports from ground VPs, reports from team officials, reports from spectators. You will be fined and you will pay. It is embarrassing to the Club when our members get reported. The Committee can and will act under its own powers if Canterbury don't - you've been warned.

### Go The Saints

*John Grealy*

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St. Christopher's club members extend our condolences to the Yasbek family on the passing of Peter's father John. May he rest in peace.



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### RESULTS ROUND 4 GAMES LAST WEEK: 16 & 17/05/09

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U6-Red	St Johns	L	4	38
U6-Black	St George Dragons	D	14	14
U7- Div 2	Bankstown Bulls	W	50	0
U7- Div 1	Bankstown Sports	L	0	40
U8- Div 4	East Hills	L	16	46
U8- Div 1	St George Dragons	L	16	24
U9- Div 1	Greenacre	L	4	38
U10- Div 1	Greenacre G	L	6	34
U11- Div 3	Bye			
U11- Div 1	Bankstown Sports	L	24	30
U12- Div 1	St George Dragons	W	16	12
U13- Div 2	East Hills	W	60	0
U14- Div 1	Milperra Colts	L	6	42
U16's	Chester Hill	L	26	28
U19's	East Hills	L	0	42
U23's	Como / Jannali	W	46	4
A Grade	Bankstown Bulls	W	28	10



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**U6-Red**

The boys had a really tough game against St Johns this week playing against a team of bigger, older, and faster kids finally losing with a score of 38-4. Michael came through scoring the only try for the game, well done. Ryan played an outstanding game in both tackling and runs, earning himself a well deserved man of the match award. Jesse, Braith, Steven and Bailey all showed great spirit putting in commendable efforts throughout the game.

**Tries:** Michael (1)

**M.O.M.:** Ryan

**U6-Black Draw 14-14 Dragons**

Well what a great game. Klayton scored 3 good tries and a goal. The boys tackling is getting better each game with everybody getting involved. It was a very close game, try for try which had all the parents on the edge of their seat. Great work Trent, Ethan, Ibrahim, Joe, William, Alex & Vincent and thanks to Klayton for the magnificent try saving tackle in the last 30 seconds of the game.

**MOM:** Joe Faanoi

**Encouragement Award:** Ethan Burke

**U7- Div 2 Won 50-0 Bankstown Bulls**

It was a huge win by our boys, bouncing back after last week's narrow loss. Jarrod and Josh laid the platform with strong running, scattering the defence for our speedsters to cash in. Meihana was too fast and elusive, beating Israel Folau's 4 tries on Friday night by scoring 6 of his own. Brodie and Dylan also went in for well deserved tries. Jarrod had his best game of the season, setting up a great try for Ben with an offload and leading the way in defence. Harrison continues to improve in his first season, making some great tackles. Our defence was improved, often forcing errors and putting the opposition over the sideline. Leon played a great game at dummy half and scored his first try for the season. Another highlight was seeing Jacob kick his first goal - well done Jacob.

**Tries:** Meihana Nelson (6), Ben Ross, Brodie Erskine, Dylan Hema, Leon Dib

**Goals:** Brodie Erskin

**Man of the Match:** Leon Dib

**Top Tackler:** Jarrod Parsons

**U7- Div 1 Lost 0-40 Bankstown Sports**

This was always going to be a tough game for our boys as Sporties haven't lost a game in two years which is a remarkable effort for kids that are 6. We played with seven this week which made it a little bit tougher but credit to our boys they tackled hard and held them out on plenty of occasions when I thought there was to be another certain try. After scoring 20 points in the first 10 there was a call

from the Sporties officials that we would be mercied by the end of the second third but we only let in 1 try. The third 10 the boys were getting tired with 7 and let a few more slip but still should be congratulated on a big effort. We did get very close to scoring on a few occasions but were held out with some great defence. Some big efforts this week in defence from Aiden and little Nathan and also Lachlan improved from last week.

Remember guys last year they beat us 48-0 so it was an improvement. Keep your heads up boys and stick together and the wins will come.

**Tries**

**Man of Match** Aiden Davidson

**Encouragement** Lachlan McAlpine

**U8- Div 4**

We came back to reality this weekend with a pretty convincing 46-16 loss to the East Hills team. Even though the score board reflects a flogging, we had our chances and were competitive. With a bit more commitment to defense and more organization around the ruck in attack we can be competitive with the teams that have beaten us so far. A few of the boys who played well in this match were kids that had not really shone so far this year. Nicolas played his best game so far with some really encouraging defense and little Eddie also got a lot more involved. JD scored 2 very good tries and tried very hard all day in attack. Josh, Jordan R, William and Callum also played well and tried very hard.

**M.O.M.** Nicolas Fail

**U8- Div 1 Lost 16-24 St George Dragons**

Saturday's match was a game we should have won. Our boys started really well and their defense was rock hard from the first minute. It was a very physical game with big hits and hard running on both sides. We scored first with a strong run from Noah up the middle. We missed the conversion to lead 4-nil. The Dragons hit back strongly with a converted try to put them in the lead 6-4. From the tap off Lachlan ran straight through the entire Dragon's team to put us back in front. Cameron kicked a nice goal to make the score 10-6. Ryan continued to tackle strongly and saved a certain try in the corner with a stunning hit. Ahmed's new position of dummy half ensured quick ball to Lachlan throughout the game. The second third saw us dominate the play and Lachlan score another nice sole effort. Ryan converted the try and Saint's led 16-6. Everything seemed to be going to plan and it looked like we were headed for our second victory of the season. A few small mistakes near our line allowed the Dragons back into the game and we faded in the last third. However, there are some really promising signs from this week's game. Blake and Christian's

running and tackling has improved over the past couple of weeks. Jack and Isaac have started to really run hard and Nathan is going to worry a few sides in the next couple of weeks.

**MOM** - Ryan

**Tries-** Lachlan 2, Noah 1

**Conversions-** Cameron 1, Ryan 1

**U9- Div 1 Won 38-4 Greenacre**

The boys were back at Bill Delauney and keen to get another win under their belt after a two point loss to Moorebank the previous week. The opening defensive exchanges were quite solid in the opening minutes with neither side giving much latitude. The boys finally started to make some ground and after a good lead up run by Usaia, the Greenacre defence was opened up paving the way for our first try by Jayden G. Not long after, we were on the attack again with Ryan splitting the defence and seeing Aaron score (converted by Usaia). Greenacre once again failed to kick the ball ten metres from the re-start and we were on the attack again with Bodie scooting away to score and convert his own try. The boys nearly scored again with Peter being tackled just short of the line after a smart run from dummy half. The half time score was 16-0 our way at the break and it was great to see a good effort in defence. The second half turned into a try frenzy and saw Jaidin O score two fine tries, running some forty metres on both occasions. The boys stepped up another gear which saw Michael and Aaron run some fifty and fifty five metres respectively through a tired Greenacre defence to post great tries (Aaron converting his own try). Not to be out done, Usaia decided it was his turn to step through the Greenacre defence and score a well deserved try. Greenacre finally got to the line and scored, but it was game over with the boys convincing winners. Joel, Angelo, Jayden K, Cooper and Shaun also had some good runs with Ryan making some fine text book tackles during the match. Keep up the great defensive effort boys.

**Tries** - Aaron 2, Jaidin O. 2, Jayden G, Bodie, Michael, Usaia

**Goals** - Usaia, Bodie, Aaron

**Goop Guys M O M** - Aaron

**Encouragement Award** - Joel

**U10- Div 1 Lost 6-34 Greenacre G**

This was a very tough game to watch. It was one of those games that anything that could go wrong did go wrong. From dropped ball to missed tackles to 50-50 calls going against us we were never at any stage in this game. A lack of go forward and a lot of jersey grabbing killed us. The boys were bitterly disappointed after the game because they have been training so hard and their skill level has steadily increased. Enough said about that. Some good to come out of the game (see next page)

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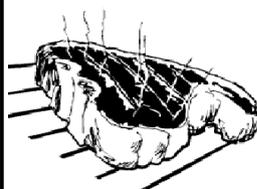
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was Julian getting a second half start at dummy half. He had a solid passing game and he showed great judgement to storm over from dummy half for the sides only try.

**Tries:** Julian

**Goals:** Luke

**Panania Diggers Man of Match:** Kieran

**Coaches Award:** Rhys

**U11- Div 3**

**U11- Div 1**

**U12- Div 1 Won 16-12 St George Dragons**

Finally the boys got a game at home & up against Dragons who after 3 rounds had a For/against of 90 point For & 0 Against, this was going to help. From the kickoff our boys looked very much on their game, with the forwards lead by big H making metre after metre. When playing these large sides it is important to complete sets finish with a good kick & chase, dominating field possession, putting pressure on them to make a mistake. The 1<sup>st</sup> half our attitude was tested twice in attack with Dragons denying us 2 tries with good defence.

Finally our patience paid off with Dean scoring the only try in the 1<sup>st</sup> half & Adam unfortunately hitting the post from out wide. Score at Halftime 4 – 0. The challenge in the second half was to match the 1<sup>st</sup> halves effort in defence & continue to complete our sets with the ball. Well our effort in defence was definitely tested early. Dragons having set after set on our line. Eventually scoring a converted try to lead 6 – 4. But like we had done all game our chase off the kickoff was good, forcing a mistake with Toby scoring a converted try 3 plays later. Soon after the restart we gained a penalty in our ¼, Brandon barged over for another converted try. 16 – 6. Dragons did score another converted try to bridge the gap. But Saints held on for a much deserved win. The “TEAMWORK” we’ve been looking for was starting to show.

Working with & for each other to make the tackle, holding & adjusting our SHAPE, BLITZING of the line & players starting to put there body on the line in defending was a great step forward. Well done Saints U12’s. Keep training hard, and bring on next week.

**GO THE SAINTS**

**Tries:** Dean, Toby, Brandon,

**Goals:** Dean, Kayne

**Players Player:** Nathan Harrison

**U13- Div 2 Won 60-0 East Hills**

The boys went about their business again this week but unfortunately it was a total mismatch.

Alex continued on his try scoring feast picking up another four while Hayden had a good game at the back. Andrew returned this week and made his presence felt with some big hits being well supported by Mahde and Mas while Ben gave the team good direction in the middle. With another mercy before half time the boys really are in need of a tougher game but are doing all they have to do at the moment.

**TRIES:** A.Mellor x4, J.McGregor x2, H.Matthews, L.Byron, R.Davies, A.Michaels, B.Abovhalf

**GOALS:** J.McGregor 8/11

**MOM:** B.Samuel

**U14- Div 1 Lost 6-42 Colts**

Coach Keith believes we should stay positive as the score wasn't an indication of the game. With 24 penalties in the match and the referee with a real 'bee in his bonnet' about scrums, there wasn't much time for football. We applied plenty of pressure in attack but went 'one out' far too often and when we spun it, the passing was too slow. More training, better listening, and start following instructions.

**Try Matt  
Goal Tamati**

**U16's**

**U19's**

The scoreboard did not reflect the boys effort. Our side is decimated with injuries, but they refuse to lie down. We started the game with 3 on the bench and 2 of these guys carried injuries in to the game and 2 of our starting 13 had injuries also. We were playing East Hills who are one of the favourites to take the title and in their last 2 games have racked up over 100 pts so we knew we were in for a tough day. At the half time break we were down 0-20 and it could have been more if it hadn't been for our new halfback Joel Dodds whose great kicking game giving us plenty of metres. But with East Hills having a full bench and constantly putting on fresh forwards we were fighting an uphill battle.

10 minutes in to the 2nd half and we lost Justin D'Astoli and Robert Suapopo with injuries and were down to 14 players we had defended well for 20 minutes before East Hills huge weight of possession took its toll on us. John Horwood had another great game up front for us and was the best forward on the paddock. Omar Kasseem had a good game at 5/8 and Tom Quine played well also. The final score was 0-40 and this game has now left us with 7 injuries in total and this week

we play the competition leaders Greenacre so we will be in for a tough one again, but one thing I know for sure is, this team will go out there and give everything they've got as they do every week and you can't ask for more than that.

**U23's**

**A Grade**

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Jason Davis was a ten year player with St. Christopher's, playing alongside the likes of Stephen and Glen Hughes. He was a wonderful goal kicker and great mate. Jason is seriously ill and a benefit night has been arranged to help support his young family. Please come along if you can.

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### NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 5

#### Games: Saturday 23rd May 2009

U6-Red	9:00	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
U6-Black	10:20	St Johns	Begnell Oval
U7-Div 2	10:20	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park
U7-Div 1	10:20	St George Dragons	Clenton Park
U8-Div 4	9:40	St George Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U8-Div 1		Bye	
U9-Div 1	10:20	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U10-Div 1	11:10	Greenacre B	Bill Delauney Reserve
U11-Div 3	12:00	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
U11-Div 1	11:50	Berala Bears	Guilfoyle Oval
U12-Div 1	12:50	Greenacre B	Bill Delauney Reserve
U13-Div 2	1:50	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
U14 Div 1	3:00	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve

#### Games: Sunday 24th May, 2009

U16's		Bye	
U19's	1:45	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U23's	3:00	Arncliffe Scotts	TBA
A Grade	1:45	East Hills	Smith Park



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