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CLUB NEWS

President's Report

At last it's started!! After almost 3 months of preparation we had lift off last Saturday morning. For those that are statistically minded we have 16 teams from U6s to U17s consisting of 206 players and 55 officials. The most pleasing thing about those numbers are that 71 of those players are new to the Club - a special welcome to those players and their families. We also have an U21s and an A grade but their numbers are still developing so I can't hit you with the figures at the moment (there's more than 40 but....).

A big thank you to our new secretary Craig Jordan who meticulously registered each of these players on time and under budget. We are also grateful for the mums and dads who volunteered to do the first aid course. We now have first aid covered for this season (and hopefully a few more) and your keenness for the task has been fantastic.

Football wise we had a pretty good weekend. 19 new under 6s made their debuts scattered through 3 teams

and it's always good to have lots of 6s! The 6-4s (the youngest) were probably the funniest as half the side wouldn't go onto Steve Folkes reserve because "we dont play footy here, we play at Bill Delauney!!?" - we hadn't prepared them for 'away' games!! Some great wins were knocked up by the 7s, 9-2s, 10-3s, 12-2s and 13s on the Saturday while on Sunday both the 21s and A grade had solid wins against 'new' sides to the CBDJRL comp.

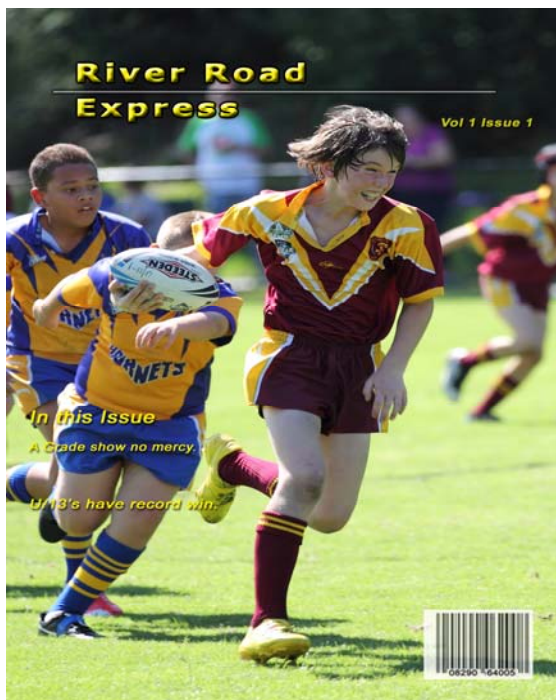
Saturday night at the Diggers was a resounding success with lots of people in Saints gear and sending a message to the Club that footy season has started and we're keen to celebrate.

This weekend we've got home games on both Saturday and Sunday again. Try to support your mates in the older ages by staying around for an extra game after you've finished. Also try and talk Dad into bringing you down on Sunday to cheer on the 15s, 17s, 21s and A grade - it will be a big day!!

Go The Saints

John Grealy

New look newsletter coming soon



RESULTS ROUND 01 GAMES LAST WEEK: 10 & 11/04/10

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U/6- Div 4	V Bankstown Sports	L	12	16
U/6- Div 3	V Bankstown Sports	W	16	8
U/6- Div 1	V Bankstown Sports	W	30	16
U/7- Div 2	V Berala Bears	W	50	Nil
U/8- Div 2	V Bankstown Sports	L	4	32
U/8- Div 1	V Bankstown Sports	L	0	56
U/9- Div 3	V BYE	W	BYE	BYE
U/9- Div 2	V Berala Bears	W	30	18
U/10- Div 3	V Bankstown Sports	W	18	14
U/10- Div 1	V Bankstown Sports	L	12	18
U/11- Div 1	V Chester Hill	L	18	26
U/12- Div 2	V Greenacre	W	30	6
U/12- Div 1	V Bankstown Sports	L	10	32
U/13- Div 1	V Bankstown Sports	W	68	12
U/15- Div 1	V Bankstown Sports	L	Nil	60
U/17's	V Berala Bears	W	WON	FORFEIT
U/21's	V North Ryde	W	38	28
A Grade	V Riverwood Legions	W	62	Nil



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U6-Div 4: Lost 12-16 v Bankstown Sports

For most of the team it was their very first competition game. Everyone played extremely well, each contributed in their own unique way and it was a great team effort. It was a very close and entertaining match and unfortunately we just lost on the bell. Our three tries were scored by Saadi Kourouche who also saved many tries and just missed scoring a couple of others. Connall Millar, Nathan Fanning and Saadi Kourouche made great first attempts at goal. We all can't wait to play our next game.

U6-Div 3: Won 16-8 v Bankstown Sports

U6-Div 1: Won 30-16 v Bankstown Sports

The season has started & what a beautiful morning we had to kick it off. The boys were ready and very excited about their first game.

The ball was kicked off and saw both teams swing into action. Sports got off to a good start with the first two tries which then saw our boys come back with the first try from Alex. Jordan showed good form by scoring the second try for Saints. Sports responded with another try despite good defence from Bailey & Isaac. Saints followed up with tries from Vincent & Jordan respectively. Sports slipped across the line for another try however were unable to convert. Trent found his form and scored the following two tries to widen the gap. The first of which was converted brilliantly by Sean to the roar of the crowd. Braith & Ryan were in the mix the whole game defending tirelessly. Steven went on to have a couple of good runs and was tackled. Steven played the ball and Alex went on to score Saints final try of the day.

Tries: Alex W. x2, Jordan S. x2, Vincent C. x1, Trent B. X2 **Conversion:** Sean F. x1

Goop Guvs MOM: Jordan S.

U7-Div 2: Won 50-0 v Berala Bears

WOW!!!!!!

What a first game with us winning 50 to Nil at the end of the second period and having to apply the mercy rule.

Each and every one of our players contributed to this great win with Thomas, Klayton and Alex in their roles as dummy half and first receiver having outstanding matches to ensure this great result. Coach Steve asked that these players in particular, because of their roles, talk loudly to their team mates throughout the game and it worked a treat with Thomas and Klayton scoring three tries each and Alex scoring one, not to mention some unbelievable tackles from all three.

Marshall and Ethan also had fantastic games, each scoring one try, a great reward after many long sustained runs and constantly laying bruising tackles to continually pressure the opposition. Blake and Connor were sensational with their

numerous bone jarring tackles and hard runs to continually put us in scoring positions. William and Michael, despite their size, were simply unreal, and not daunted by the opposition, applying many tackles to cause turnovers allowing us to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Our conversions for goal were excellent, our hard running magnificent and together with spine tingling tackles it all added up to a massive 50-0 result. We had a great game but will need to improve, and as long as we all listen to Coach Steve I am sure we will have a successful year with lots of fun. WELL DONE
Regards Brenton.

U8-Div 2: Lost 4-32 v Bankstown Sports

The 8-2's played the first game of the season at Bill Delauney and went down to a strong Bankstown Sports side 32-4.

Lachlan Maric scored a strong try and was unlucky to miss the conversion attempt. Good runs were made by Zac Standaloft, Riley Jennings, Liam Bryce, Malakai Manoa, Nathan Dore, Leon Dib, Liam Bryce and Zachary Ali. For five of the boys, this is their first year of playing Rugby League. A good effort from all the boys in their first comp. game of 2010.

U8-Div 1: Lost 0-54 v Bankstown Sports

Not the start to the season we were hoping for taking on the 2009 premiers in Bankstown sports but that's the draw and in a pretty one sided game the boys hung in there till the end.

We knew it would be a tough game playing a very strong side who looked even more impressive that they did last year but full credit to our boys who tried their guts out and actually improved throughout the game.

Jon Pengue was a tackling machine putting down some of their biggest guys to save lots of certain tries. At the first break the guys were a little upset but we turned that around and they went back out and started throwing the ball around and gaining some momentum and completing their sets. Dillon was in great form really taking to them with some solid hit ups. We finally were throwing the ball where it had to be with some great offloads from Lachlan from the sideline to keep the ball alive. We pushed towards their line and Callum threw a great cut out pass to Dillon but we just couldn't bust through some great defense to get a try although very close on quite a few occasions.

I hope all the boys hold their heads up high because we did lots of good things on the field and put in a great effort. I think the sports will mercy a few teams this season and we will be ready to take them on again.

Well done boys.

Man of match: Jon Pengue

Encouragement: Dillon

U9-Div 3: BYE

U9-Div 2: Won 30-18 v Berala Bears

The Under 9's Div 2 team kicked off the season with a game against Berala Bears on their home turf. The boys started exceptionally well with our defence letting the Bears only advance 15m from the kick off. This was backed up with strong running and our first try to Noah coming from a grubber kick at the completion of our first set of six. It wasn't long before team captain for the day Kueva crossed the line again giving us a 10 nil lead.

The boys were well structured and had good possession for most of the first half with notable defence from Callum and Kueva. The boys looked much more the mod league team when attacking than their opposition. A breakdown of defence towards the middle of a game let through a few tries, usually coming from Berala's largest player. We led 18-10 at halftime.

With a few encouraging words from trainer Tom, the boys pulled it together in the second half (with a large mention to Locky Jordans blinding run down the sideline with half the Bear's hot on his heels) and came through the stronger team. All the boys performed well on the day, showing their potential for the season ahead.

M.O.M. Keuva

Tries: Kueva Lynch (2), Noah Iverach (2), Lachlan Jordan & Cameron Riley

Goals: Ryan Donovan & Blake Wylie.

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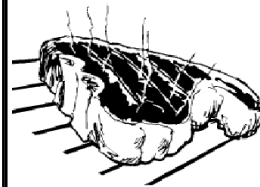
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U10-Div 3: Won 18-14 v Bankstown Sports

Our first official home game against Bankstown Sports proved a real success for the boy's who fought it out for at hard and tough 18-14 victory. All the boy's played extremely well with each side scoring three tries each, but it was our successful goal attempts that got us over the line in the end. Though we were leading 12- 4 at half time the opposition game back strongly in the second half and due the our solid defence and to the boy's credit we managed to hold them out until the final siren went off.

It was also fantastic to watch all the boy's, (especially the new boy's) play so well together and a special thanks must go out to the U/9 boy's who helped out by making the numbers as we had a couple of boys away today. So to Jordan, Vince, Daniel, Jordan and their parents, thank you so much as we couldn't have done it without you. We would also like to say thank you to all the parents, officials and helpers for getting the side up and running and to say that we were proud of the boy's efforts today in their first game of the year would also be putting it very mildly.

Our first Man of the Match Encouragement Award went to Karim Saboune who ran the ball up well, never gave up and had a fine game all-round. Well done Boy's, keep it up and please remember what we talk about each week at training;
Train as a team, Play as a team & Win as a team.....David, Bryan & Adam

U10-Div 1: Lost 12-18 v Bankstown Sports

After five weeks of hard training, game day could not come quick enough for our boys. With the midday sun belting down, the boys got off to a great start jumping on the ball after we kicked off. Bankstown Sports were the first to score but we answered with a brilliant try from Michael, which was beautifully converted by new comer Lachlan. Momentum swung Sporties' way and they scored two more tries before half time. Second half saw sneaky Pete live up to his name crossing over after catching the defence asleep on the line, his try was converted by Bodie. With a few suspect calls from the ref, the team was put under a lot of pressure and they were getting frustrated, but the boys pulled themselves together and held a strong defensive line keeping the opposition scoreless in the second half. Although we did not take the win it has given the coaching staff a great insight to areas which need improving and also has shown them the potential each player has and there are a lot of positives to work with. The boys are straight back into training preparing to take on Bankstown Bulls next week. Keep up the good work boys!!!!

Tries – Michael Fahd, Peter Rehayem
Goals – Lachlan Barbagallo, Bodie Bradford

U11-Div 1: Lost 18-26 v Chester Hill

We did not have the ball for the first 16 minutes of the first ½ and went in at ½ time down 22 to nil. After some words of wisdom from the coaching staff at ½ time the boys regrouped and came out firing with Nathan muscling over for a try ,then Theo weaved some magic to go over and we finished with Andrew getting a sneaky try from Dummy ½, unfortunately time beat us and we went down.. Not the start we were hoping for but there were plenty of positives to come out of the game. Boy's great second ½ efforts looking for a better start next game.

Tries: Nathan Boland x 1, Theo Mitrothanasis x 1
Andrew Craven

Goals: Luke Readon x 1, Jack Ryan x 1
Rhys Harrington x 1

MOM: Andrew Craven

U12-Div 2: Won 30-6 v Greenacre Tigers

U12-Div 1: Lost 10-32 v Bankstown Sports
A very poor performance from us and a lesson in defence and determination from a much more disciplined side should, I hope change a few attitudes at training this week. It is not Kid's stuff anymore, it is the real deal. You are playing a team sport so let's start playing like one, by backing each other up and making those tackles count when they come your way. A few individuals stood out while others left a lot to be desired. So come on lads its time to get fairdinkum and have a go. Josh Thompson Renolds earned Man of Match for his splendid defence, with Steele Brown and Fatu Togagee handing in good performances. It was also pleasing to see Aseri Raikalevu showing a bit of the old form which we know him to be capable of. Our new boys tried hard and I'm sure will only improve now that the season has finally gotten underway.

TRIES: Fatu Togagee x 1 Steele Brown x 1

Goals: Steele Brown x 1

P.S. DON'T BE LATE FOR TRAINING.

U13-Div 1: Won 68-12 v Bankstown Sports

Traditionally a hard game first up. We kicked off – they knocked on. We score on the next set, and the next set, and the next. By full time it is 14 tries 6 goals to 2 tries (soft) 2 goals. Offensively a good first up effort. Defensively we still need a good deal of work. In fairness to the boys it's difficult to be brutal with your defence when the game itself is

a bit of a no contest. All the pre season fitness work showed, as did the continuation of last years skills training. All the mateship and teamwork this bunch of young blokes have shown for the last couple of years was on display. A good effort by all 16 team members – all of which will only get better as the year goes on. Keep up the hard work guys and bring on the Bulls!!!
Regards, Dave.

U15-Div 1: Lost 0-60 v Bankstown Sports

It was at tough call coming up against last years premiers first up. They were big, fast and mobile and hard to stop when they got a roll on. After the initial onslaught the boys started to work into the game with some good charges by VJ and Jake coming up with some good defence out wide. Even though we were down by 46 at half time we were getting more confident, with Sporties only needing 14 points to make the mercy the boys dug deep and made them fight for the mercy with it coming 9 minutes out from fulltime. Tom had a big game leading from the front with Ali trying hard also. We know how high the benchmark is set now and we have a lot of improvement to go.

U17's: Won Forfeit v Berala Bears

U21's: Won 38-28 v North Ryde

A Grade: Won 62-0 v Riverwood Legions



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Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday: 16/04/10	Under 21's 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 17/04/10	Under 11's 3:00 pm to 5.00pm Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 02

Games: Saturday 17th April 2010

Teams	Times	Club	Venue
U/6- Div 4	9:00	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/6- Div 3	9:00	East Hills	Smith Park
U/6- Div 1	9:40	Bankstown Bulls	Bankstown F/ball Centre
U/7- Div 2	10:20	Bankstown Bulls	Bankstown F/ball Centre
U/8- Div 2	9:40	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/8- Div 1	10:20	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/9- Div 3	11:00	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/9- Div 2	11:50	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/10- Div 3	12:40	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/10- Div 1	1:30	Bankstown Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/11- Div 1	BYE	BYE	BYE
U/12- Div 2	12:50	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Reserve
U/12- Div 1	BYE	BYE	BYE
U/13- Div 1	12:40	Bankstown Bulls	Bankstown F/ball Centre

Games: Sunday 18th April, 2010

U/15- Div 1	10:00	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/17's	11:15	Bankstown sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/21's	12:30	Greenacre Tigers	Bill Delauney Reserve
A Grade	2:00	Auburn Warriors	Bill Delauney Reserve



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