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## CLUB NEWS

## President's Report

Well after a big night at the Ball it seemed the boys had bigger hangovers than the parents. Wins came for the mighty 6-4s over Colts, the 9-1s over Moorebank and the 10-3s who mercied the Bulls. Well done boys. The 8-1s went close but threw away a big lead while the 11-1s had a couple of close decisions go the wrong way to go down by 6.

As we move to the semis, let's take a look at where we're at. The 7-3s are still up there but must beat the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Tigers if they are to remain in the 4. The 7-1s are currently in 5<sup>th</sup> and play the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed St Johns. With a tough run in, they must perform this weekend. The 9-1s traditionally make a late charge to the semis but are 3 points out of the 4 at this stage- they must beat Dragons if their charge is to continue. Moorebank are snapping at the heels of the 10-3s who are in 4<sup>th</sup>. If they beat Moorebank this weekend, they can get some breathing space. Similarly the 13-1s must also beat Moorebank to consolidate a spot – it will take a first round reversal but the boys are experienced in big time games. The 14-1s are sitting in 5<sup>th</sup> and play the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Dragons - if the boys complete their sets they can beat anyone and we do have the home ground advantage. The 16s must win 5 in a row but after getting beat by the undefeated leaders last weekend (we only had 13) the boys think they can do it. Both the 19s and A grade return after having last weekend off – both currently sit in the 4 but there are many teams stacked up behind them – keep winning and ensure a top 2 finish. Supporters – as you can see from the above, it's a very important weekend of footy. Please hang around and cheer on these teams where you can. **Go the Saints**

## Results for 25th/26th June 2011

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U/6-Div 4	Colts	Won	28	12
U/6-Div 2	Moorebank	Lost	14	38
U/6-Div 1	Tigers	Lost	0	28
U/7- Div 3	Bulls	Forfeit		
U/7- Div 2	Bankstown Sports	Lost	4	28
U/7- Div 1	BYE	BYE		
U/8- Div1	Dragons	Lost	24	32
U/9- Div2	Rhinos	Lost	6	50
U/9- Div 1	Moorebank	Won	32	6
U/10- Div 3	Bulls	Won	50	0
U/10- Div 1	Bankstown Sports	Lost	0	52
U/11- Div 2	Johnnies	Lost	6	28
U/11 Div 1	Johnnies	Lost	12	18
U/12- Div 1	Tigers	Lost	6	38
U/13- Div 2	Johnnies	Lost	14	42
U/13- Div 1	Johnnies	Lost	16	32
U/14	Chester Hill	Lost	28	36
U/16	Arncliffe	Lost	8	30
U/19	Hurstville	Forfeit		
A Grade	BYE	BYE		



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**U/6 Div 4 Won 28-12 v Milperra Colts**

Tries - Mark Bishara, Marcus Khoury x2, Lachlan Burke, Lucas Cassar x2, Lachlan George

Goals - None

MOM Lucas Cassar

It was a fresh and very hazy morning for the team manager, coach and a number of the kid's parents, as we all enjoyed ourselves at the ball the night before. The kids seemed to have extra energy this morning (probably due to the sugar fix, courtesy of their grandparents the night before) and for the first time in a number of rounds we actually had a reserve. Daniel Raish started the game off with a huge kick which put the Colts on the back foot; we picked up possession and Marcus Khoury had a great run and almost scored had it not been for the strong defence. Mark Bishara then run the ball under the post for a great try. The Colts quickly responded, scoring a try from the tap restart. Our boys were paying attention though and got straight back into it. We received a penalty for a third high tackle and Marcus took advantage of the extra possession to make a huge run up the touch line and score under the posts. Following kick off, Rhys was quick to pick up a loose ball to again give the saints extra possession. Lachlan Burke then made a break up the middle carving up the defence to score under the posts.



The start of the 2nd Q had the Colts scoring an early try but we bounced back and Rhys was unlucky not to score after a swerving run, only to be stopped by a great full back cover defence. All the kids then defended strongly and made a number of try saving tackles before the Colts eventually scored a 3rd try. Lucas Cassar responded by scoring an excellent try from kick off, followed by another try from Marcus Khoury who almost ran the length of the field and handed off a number of would-be tacklers to score under the posts. The 3rd Q had Daniel Raish taken off injured after receiving a hand off to the face. Lucas Pengue then made a great run and was stopped just short of the line. Lucas Cassar picked up a loose ball and had a great run to score his 2nd try of the match. More strong defence continued from Lachlan George and Billy Burke, and then with seconds to go Lachlan George made a huge run to score under the posts on the full-time whistle. It was great to be matched against a team of similar age and ability and our boys really enjoyed singing the team song for the 2nd time this season!

**U/6 Div2 Lost 14-38 V Moorebank**

**U/6 Div 1 Lost 0-28 v Greenacre**

**U/7 Div 3 Won Forfeit**

**U/7 Div 2 Lost 4 - 28 v Sports**

I may have still had the beer goggles on after the ball, but the team definitely played one of their best games of the year against an undefeated Sports outfit! We were competitive, never gave up, played to the best of ability with a few of the kids still recovering from illness's brought on by the cold weather. The score did not reflect how close the game really was on a competitive level. Unfortunately, they had a kid (or two) who knew how to finish their attacking raids and a referee who thought it was State of Origin and gave any benefit of doubt to the other side including an incorrect grounding over the line, 2 dropped balls 1 metre short and 20m tap restart on the half way line. Even our most reserved supporters gave the ref a mouthful and I could not contain my own frustration. I thanked the ref at the end of the game, but would be only too happy to lodge an official complaint to assist the referee in understanding where a 20m line is in Mini league. It is comforting to know the opposing touch judge offered his disbelief and support of what we saw as some very tough and

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unusual decisions. Ultimately, the better team won on the day, but it would have been nice at the end of the game to have a score line that was more reflective of a hard fought victory for sports!

Steve Folkes Oval was it's usual cold place, even with a 12.10pm kickoff and we got off to slow start. Our speed of play was good, but they were in our faces as soon as we caught the ball. We did not capitalise on this with our defence and they posted the first try. Saadi was making great in roads in attack and was

un lucky not score on number of occasions through the match. Vincent did a fantastic job at fullback and was as evasive as ever, but just could not break that final line of defence after beating most of the team. Cameron continued his strong running and defensive effort from last week, making plenty of yards up the middle and they had trouble getting him down. Ryan "the axe" made plenty of charges and was chopping down everything in defence and we missed him dearly in the final 3<sup>rd</sup>. Georgio, Bianca,

Jesse and Thomas all made good yard up the middle with some stepping and swerving, and had busy games chasing sports down in defence or getting up to cut off their attack. Jarrod gave good service from dummy half and will have to remember to have a run on the last tackle every now and again.

Overall, it was a great performance from the team and they put in a great effort against an undefeated Sports side. Well done team!!!

Try – Saadi

Player of the Match – Vincent

Encouragement Award – Saadi

**U/7 Div 1 Lost 4-28 v Sports**

**U/ 8 Div 1 Lost 24-32 v Dragons**

**U/9 Div 2 Lost 6-50 v Rhinos**

**U/9 Div1 won 32-6 v Moorebank**

On the back of our first win last week the boys were pumped for another big game. A falcon by Mark from the kick off put us straight on the back foot and try was scored by Moorebank in the first set of six and we were down by 6. The boys regrouped quickly and defended hard. Great tackling by Brodie making 5 tackles in a row followed by some great attacking runs by our forwards Malakai, Livai and Dillian set up Ben for our first try. The boys then settled into their game plan and defended hard with team work leading to another try by Ben. This was converted by Mark and took us into the half time break with a 10-6 lead.

After a big pep talk at half time by the coaching staff and some changes to the game plan the boys came out on fire. Ben ran in 3 more tries to bring his tally to 5 followed by some smashing runs by Lachlan for him to score across the line. Quick play the balls from dummy half Jon made a big difference and our attack was on track. More solid runs by Dillian and Livai showed how committed our boys were. Latu and Ben put their bodies on the line making some try saving tackles, as well as Malakai

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**9am to 12.00 noon**

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pulling some hits on over the top. Another nice try by Nathan who sold the dummy and stepped a couple of boys to cross over the line. This was the best game I have seen the boys play when it came to teamwork and following the gameplan. All the boys listened to each other and really came together as a team, we just need to practise our goal kicking only converting 2 out of

7.well done !

M.O.M. - Ben and Brodie  
Tries - Ben (5), Lachlan, Nathan  
Goals - Mark, Livai

#### **U/10 Div 3 WON 50 -0 v Bulls**

This week we were hoping to erase the horrible weekend that we had previously, by

playing the Bulls at Revesby Heights. Being school holidays some boys missed training and lucky for them as the coach had plans for them all. We trained back on basics and tried to force feed the idea of working together and staying in a line in defence. The message seemed to get through as we played with some purpose through out the game. We received the ball from the kick off and never



looked back. Some strong and straight hit ups got us to the Bulls line and were unlucky not to score on the first raid. The boys all aimed up in defence and forced them into their in goal, and possession was ours again. A barnstorming run from Vincent saw us score our first try of many. The mood was high and it looked like it was going to get better. Every time we got the ball the boys seemed to try something better than last time, with a good movement of the ball and clean and crisp passes. We went in again with young Cory, scoring this time and boy was his excited (he may have earned his first pay cheque from that). He converted his own try and it was looking like a tough day for the Bulls and a day to forget the past for us and our tails were up. Jarrod then took the ball to the line and scored his try and it seemed that everyone was lining up to have a go. The Bulls rallied and showed some excellent speed out wide but a try saving tackle from JD kept our line in tacked. We bombed a couple of more attempts but our defence rose to the occasion with Cory and Vincent a standout from marker and also forcing the opposition into

another drop out. We went into the second half very confident. Dean came out of the blocks hard and tore through the Bulls and barrelled over their defence to score the first try of the second half. Once converted our senior players took control of the game with JD and Camille scoring doubles with ease and running through their defence seemed "too easy". The thought of a "Mercy" was going through the boys mind. Jordan T showed some excellent footwork and nearly scored a try from half way when he was tackled by the Bulls best player, just short of the line. Ben showed some great mongrel and was hard to stop, getting a penalty from the opposition and setting us up for the next try for Jordan R. We seemed to have uncovered a few goal kickers in our efforts and "Big Bear" Mark converted for us. We needed one more try for the elusive "Mercy" and Camille was the man for the job, showing speed and agility he carved them up and gained the 10-3's an amazing victory. The coaching staff was proud of everyone's efforts especially in defence and having "their heads switched on" which proved to

be the difference on the day. I sure feels good to force a "Mercy" than receive one. A big thank you to all the boys for listening and sticking to the plan. Let's keep the moment rolling and show the rest of the league we aren't easy beats.

**MOM** : JD

**Try**: Doubles to JD & Camille, singles to Vincent, Cory, Jarrod, Dean Jordan R & Daniel.

**Goals**: Cory, Camille, Jordan R, Mark & Dean

### U/10 Div 1 Lost 0 – 52

They say that "a week is a long time in rugby league". Within this period we have gone from the dizzying heights and jubilation of our biggest win of the season (last week), crashing down to earth with a thud in experiencing our biggest loss and disappointment (this week). Admittedly, our preparation was not great – we only trained once this week and only 7 players turned-up for that. On game day we took the field with only 10 players, one of whom was injured and not confident about participating. We started the game not too badly with set completions, but were really not hitting the ball-up hard enough and made little head-way against a strong defensive team. Once Sports got a good share of possession we could not contain them for a full set of six, so we were always on the back foot. 0 – 30 at half time (the same score as in the first round when we kept them to one try in the second half).

Our half-time message was fairly simple: we need to control the ball, get some depth in our attack and number-up in defence. What eventuated were dropped balls on the first tackle of our first two sets, giving Sports a spring board for the second half. Our defence



did improve a little, but we failed to put their bigger players on the ground, allowing them quick play-the-balls, and too many of our guys were hiding behind or on the blind-side of the ruck rather than aiming-up on their runners. Disappointingly the mercy rule was invoked against us for the first time ever, just a minute or so before full-time.

Despite losing comprehensively (against a very good side), a couple of our players really did everything they could to keep us in the contest. The cover defence by Kueva was outstanding, Noah ran hard and tackled hard, Callum topped the tackle count as usual, Christian was very busy and William was more involved on a day when we needed him. During the week ahead we'll need to re-group. It would be good to get everybody to training if possible to allow us to prepare as a team for the next game.

**MOM: Kueva Lynch**

**U/11Div 2 Lost 8-26 v St Johns**

**U/11 Div 1 Lost 12-18 v St Johns**

**U/12 Div 1 LOST 38 - 6 v Greenacre**

Our Boys started poorly and let Greenacre get a roll on early. Their bigger boys were able to gain confidence and make long runs, then off load to a support player who would make more yards. At half time the score was 26 - 0, and things were looking like a repeat of last week. Pete must have said something that clicked with them because the second half was a different team. Boys were going low and tying up the ball, like they were doing at training with Greenacre showing they lacked fitness. A hard fought try to Nathan late in the half, converted by Luke meant the 2nd half was a much improved 12 - 6. Next week we have the Bye, but the Coach will be keen to do something together as a Team. More information will follow at Training.

Try: Nathan

Goal: Luke

MOM: Jeremy

**U/13 Div 2 Lost 14-42 vs St John's**

The boys started the game well and the first half reflected some of the best play they have produced all season. With Tui crossing the line to put our first 4 pts on the board, it boosted the confidence of the whole team. They boys tried different tactics to press over the line again and before too long, Kristopher went over just before half time. The second half proved a little tiresome, particularly considering we had no reserves to speak of, but the boys fought hard and again just before the final bell, Kristopher broke through the line to score a sensational try for the Saints and Mitchell Bailey made a fantastic conversion. Well done to the boys

for persisting all game. Look forward to improving on that next week.

**U/13 Div 1 Lost 16-32 v St Johns**

**U/14 Lost 28-36 v Chester Hill**

A round 11 rematch against Chester Hill. Last time we met Cheso beat us 42 - 22. This time we went down by 8, 36 - 28. The boys played well to go into half time up 16-12. Cheso were not as structured this time and did not play the same way they did in the previous game, it was more of the same middle third barging this time. We had a bench of two for this game, our Captain still out and Kane pulling out on game day. This meant the forwards played the entire game without interchange, whereas Cheso had seven on the bench and rolled out the big boppers every time they got into our red zone. To lead at half time was a reflection of the effort put in by the boys.

In the second half we had a bad period where we had a player sin binned and three quick tries jammed on us, disappointing to say the least. But the boys rallied in the final ten and scored a couple of quick ones themselves, to only go down by 8. The effort was there, the concentration lapsed at the wrong time, and the boys were mesmerised by one opposing player who had spiders on him. Very disappointing that this happens at this age level, the boys have got to learn to work with and for each other to handle these bigger units. If you get enough numbers on them they can be tackled.

On the plus side our attack on both sides of the field is looking better, if we can get some numbers onto our bench we will be competitive for the remainder of the season.

**U/16 Lost 8-30 v Arncliffe**

**U/19 Won Forfeit**

**A Grade - BYE**

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO** **ALL PARENTS**

## **Code of Conduct and ARL Safeplay**

**The junior league has reminded all Clubs to inform their members about conduct. When you're supporting our teams the best advice is to stay positive and follow the ball i.e. leave the ref alone. Everyone is also reminded that no one is to enter the field of play at any time (that definitely includes half time). Only 'card carrying' team or Club officials can enter the field. Please take note.**

**The referees have also advised the ARL Safeplay code will be rigidly enforced throughout the season. This code is applicable up to and including the under 15s. It means there is no tackling above the arm pits, no swinging of players by arms or jerseys, no lifting in tackles. A breach of the safeplay code is an automatic penalty. It is no use hollering from the sideline – the refs will be consistently and automatically administering this code. I recommend all coaches (and supporters) click on the following link to read the full code. Good luck to everyone on the weekend**

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**THIS WEEKS GAMES:**

**Games: Saturday 16th July, 2011**

Teams	Times	Club	Venue
U/6- Div 4	9.40	Warriors	Bill Delauney
U/6- Div 2	9.00	Sports	Bill Delauney
U/6- Div 1	9.40	St Johns	Begnall Oval
U/7- Div 3	9.40	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U/7- Div 2		BYE	
U/7- Div 1	10.20	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U/8- Div 1	11.00	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U/9- Div 2	9.40	Warriors	Mona Park
U/9- Div 1	11.40	Dragons	Bill Delauney
U/10- Div 3	1.50	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval (2)
U/10- Div 1	12.30	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney
U/11- Div 2	9.50	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval (1)
U/11- Div 1	9.00	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval (1)
U/12- Div 1		BYE	
U/13- Div 2	1.20	Sports	Bill Delauney
U/13- Div 1	12.20	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval (1)
U/14	2.30	Dragons	Bill Delauney

**Games: Sunday 17th July 2011**

U/16	10.00	Dundas Shamrocks	Mona Park
U/19	11.15	Dundas Shamrocks	Mona Park
A Grade	3.00	Auburn Warriors	Mona Park



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