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CLUB NEWS

President's Report

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A tough weekend all round. To make the semis, the **7-3s** needed to win and for Moorebank to lose by 24. We won but Moorebank only lost by 22 so we miss out on the semis by 2 lousey 'for and against' points accumulated over 13 matches!! The **7-1s** had to beat Cheso, the undefeated leaders. No one had come near them all year so we knew it would be tough. We led 30-28 with 20 seconds on the clock only to see Cheso score on the bell. No doubt Cheso will be pleased that the only side that has tested them all year won't be in the semis! The **9-1s** needed to beat the 2nd placed Bulls to stay a chance at the 4. Unfortunately we didn't despite a good second half. The **10-3s** played 2nd placed St Johns to cement a spot. We nearly got mercied in the first round against them but to show our great improvement, we ended down by 4 after a solid performance. And to show our woe wasn't confined to Saturday, the **16s** lost by a field goal on the bell to effectively end their run to the semis. I think it is just an excuse to blame 'bad luck'. Greater commitment to training and taking your chances when they present themselves rather than waiting till the last few rounds would have solved all of the above teams problems! A lesson for all of us.

Now for the good news. The **9-2s** finished their season with a mercy win. Thanks to John, Voltaire and Dave for your work with the boys. The **11-1s** had a good victory at home over the Tigers as did the **13-1s** who are semi final bound.

Results for 30/31 July 2011

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U/6-Div 4	Chester Hill	Lost	6	16
U/6-Div 2	Colts	Won	38	0
U/6-Div 1	Dragons	Lost	18	28
U/7- Div 3	Colts	Won	28	24
U/7- Div 2	Johnnies	Lost	20	32
U/7- Div 1	Chester Hill	Lost	30	34
U/8- Div1	Tigers	Lost	40	0
U/9- Div2	Chester Hill	Won	50	0
U/9- Div 1	Bulls	Lost	10	32
U/10- Div 3	Johnnies	Lost	12	16
U/10- Div 1	Moorebank	Lost	0	30
U/11- Div 2	Bye	BYE		
U/11 Div 1	Tigers	Won	28	6
U/12- Div 1	Moorebank	Lost	0	38
U/13- Div 2	Tigers	Lost	24	28
U/13- Div 1	Dragons	Won	26	18
U/14	Bye	BYE		
U/16	Holy Cross	Lost	10	11
U/19	Redfern	Won	26	0
A Grade	Hurstville	Won	32	18

Sunday saw the **19-1s** smash the Redfern All Blacks (who had an attitude that matched their names) while the A grade defeated Hurstville. Both our senior sides are currently sitting in 2nd.

This weekend

We have a big Saturday (and night) at Bill Delauney. All the U6s are there to try out some new rules but more importantly our **10-3s** are playing for a semi spot at 3.10pm. Our **10-1s** follow and are keen to put on a big display for the crowd against Cheso. Get there for the youngsters and stay for the 19s (5pm) and A grade (6.30pm). The 19s play Dragons in the 1 v 2 while A grade play arch rivals Moorebank in the local derby. And if you're not doing anything around lunchtime (1.20pm kick off), get to Roberts to cheer on the 14s. They must beat Greenacre to secure their rightful spot in the 4.

20 year players

Justin Hall and **Mick Hanratty** are in their 20th season with our Club. We will mark this occasion on Saturday night before the A grade kicks off at 6.30pm. Be there to congratulate these Club legends..

Go the Saints

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U/6 Div 4 Lost 6-16 v Chester Hill

U/6 Div2 Won 38-0 v Colts

U/6 Div 1 Lost 18-28 v Dragons

U/7 Div 3 Won 28-24 v Milperra Colts

PART 1

The boys took on the Milperra Colts this week and needed to win and Moorebank to loose heavily against the ladder leaders Chester Hill in order to get entry into the semi-finals.? The game started off well with Jack going for a long run to score a try with a great dive under the posts. Milperra then evened the score with one of their big boppers steamrolling over the try line carrying 4 of our players with her to score. Both teams traded tries with Slater scoring his first try of the year with a fantastic long range try, barrelling through the defence. Well Done! After the last few games where we had gone down it seemed that Saints were back on their game leading at the first break 10-8. In the second third the trading of tries continued with Ky scoring a great try in the corner then converting the try to extend the lead. The defence showed from our boys was fantastic as the Colts had three very big kids in their team and we had to show our teamwork to bring them down with every run. Great work especially by Isaac, Braith, Blake R and Blake M. Jack crossed over for his 2nd try with another long range effort doing plenty of steps to avoid being tackled which kept Saints in the lead

at the end of the second third. Going into the last third Saints were leading by 4 and still both teams kept trading tries. William scored a great try from the half way mark, he put his head down and headed for the corner and scored just as the defence was getting to him In attack Steve has discovered that he can be a damaging ball runner and had a few big runs paving the way for Chris to scoot over from dummy half on the last tackle to score. Isaac and Braith also had some great runs which almost lead to a try for them. As the whistle went the boys went crazy in the middle of the field knowing that they had secured their first win in quite a while 28-24. The team song was finally allowed to be sung and the boys shouted it loud and proud. This game was definitely a great all-round team performance with 5 different try scorers and a fantastic effort put in by the whole team. Probably the best team performance of the year with no one player standing above the rest. Now for the bad news.....We had to win and Moorebank had to lose and we had to gain 28 points in the for/against so that we could make the semis. We gained 4 points from our win and Moorebank lost by?22 points meaning that we came equal 4th along with Moorebank but are relegated to 5th position as our for/against was 2 points worse than Moorebank.? So close for the boys and very disappointing for them. The boys should be very proud of a great year with the majority of the team playing their first year of footy. They all improved and will only get better next year.

PART 2

This weeks final round of football saw the boy's take on a huge Milperra Colts outfit at a bright and sunny Killara oval. With a win still keeping the boy's semi final hopes alive and well depending on a couple of other team's results going our way. To only then discover later on in the day that the boy's had only just missed out on slipping into 4th place on the ladder to the Moorbank Rams. Who also ended up on the same amount of competition points, (14 each), but with their for and against just nudging us out by 2. ***(Bad luck boy's you really gave it a good go this year)....***

The game started off with the opposition putting on the first points of the game and in doing so resulted in the TEAM hitting back at every opportunity in attack in not only matching the Colts try for try, but whilst the TEAM had the ball they managed to also keep it alive by continuing to back each other up and also pass it around with a lot of confidence that had the opposition rattled on a number of occasions and sets. To also include that today's attack was also backed up by some very good defence and in particular the team's effort to help and assist each other in bring down and stopping some of the much larger opposition players from running riot and more importantly in stopping them from scoring,(***Boy's that's what great TEAMWORK is all about).....***

To also add that all of the boy's goal kicking efforts were second to none and in doing so was the difference in the boy's achieving not only a great win, but also a great all-round display of Rugby League and in particular

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saving their best game of the year to last. Even though it did unfortunately turn out to be their last game of the season in the end, **(remember boy's that's what happens when you play well..... YOU WIN....)**.

We would also like to add a very special "thank you" from all the parents and boys to our fabulous Coaches **Trent & Daniel**. Who not only gave up their valuable time throughout the year, but were also able to pass on their skills in teaching the boy's a lot more about the game and in particular. Improving the boy's confidence and more importantly what having fun and enjoying themselves is all about.

To also include our two very well organised Managers **Carly & Mick**. Who not only did a wonderful job each week in organising the team and parents, but also made everyone's life a lot easier through their exceptional organisational, communication and planning skills... So to **Trent, Daniel, Carly & Mick**, well done and once again **THANKYOU** so much for everything from all the parents and boy's.....

To also add to all the boy's a wonderful thank you for another great year of fun and entertainment in also mentioning how good it was to hear the **SAINTS VICTORY SONG** being belted out on the final game of the year, **(well done boy's).....**

U/7 Div 2 Lost 24 - 32 v St Johns

It was beautiful sunny day for our last game of the Season, even it was our earliest game for the year. We

had a draw in the first round against St John's in what was the wettest game of the year and were looking to turn that around against a Team that was into the finals. We got off to great start with a mistake from St John's and Vincent scored a run away try down the sideline from the halfway on only our second touch of the ball. Vincent, who has been our most reliable kicker all year slipped during the kick due to the dew and missed the conversion. From then on, it was pretty much try for try. The field was poorly marked and Saadi must have run the ball over the try line on at least 2 occasions without realising he was over the line. Try I say, but the ref did not see it that way? They were also up very quickly and maybe we could have exploited this in hindsight, but we would have needed the whole team to move up. In the 2nd Third, the try line was more obvious and Saadi ran in a number of tries with showing speed, a step and swerve and acceleration to beat most of their team. He was also moving up and getting in their faces which was a great improvement in his defence and pulled off a shoulder charge (which is not allowed), but came off second best! Any attempt to make shoulder contact is encouraging. Cameron ran the ball up strongly and tried hard in defence. Ryan (the Axe) was cutting them down again and putting fear into anyone who tried to run around us and down the side line with some great cover defence. He also made some great runs after giving himself some room to move in getting away from their defence that was up so

quickly. Thomas did another great job as first receiver and is a natural leader. He ran hard and strong and was always looking to offload when getting tackled. He was always the first to move up and spoiling their attack with his enthusiasm. Jarrod gave good service from dummy half and was keen to assist in defence. Jesse had a busy game in defence pulling off some great tackles and, as always, ran it up hard like a front row forward showing how much ticker he has. Georgio had some of his best runs for the year showing pace and elusiveness that I had not previously seen and was getting very involved in the defence and showing his the new confidence and tackling technique he has mastered over the last 2 months. By far the most improved player this year. Vincent had a blinder in attack and defence. He managed to scoot down the blind side a number of times to score tries and make great yard, flirting with the sideline without going out. Playing fullback in defence, he made too many try save tackles to keep count of and generally herded over the side line to give us possession.

We started to tire in the final Third, with no any reserves and a few of the boys still getting over illnesses, but we never gave up! It was another great team effort by all!

Tries – Saadi x 3 and Vincent x 2
Goals – Jesse and Thomas
Player of the Match – The Whole Team

Encouragement Award – Vincent

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U/7 Div 1 Lost 30-34 v Chester Hill

U/ 8 Div 1 Lost 0-40 v Greenacre

U/9 Div 2 .Won 50-0 v Chester Hill

U/9 Div1 Lost 10-32 v Bulls

U/10 Div 3 Lost 12-16 v St Johns

U/10 Div 1 Lost 0-30 v Moorebank

U/11Div 2 BYE

U/11 Div 1 Won 28-6 v Greenacre

U/12 Div 1 Lost 0-38 v Moorebank

Well our boys came up against the competition leaders and saw 1st hand what it takes to be a major force in this draw. Their bigger boys, and they had plenty!, hit the ball at top speed and made yards everytime. Half time had us at 24 - 0. We started the 2nd half with enthusiasm and suddenly had some ball for the first time. We moved the ball around and made ground, but line breaks were hard to come by against tireless defence. We kept them scoreless for 9 minutes and finished the match at 0 - 38. Our boys all had some bumps & bruises, but knowing we have to stick together when playing these hard matches will steel them for future clashes. We have 2 more matches before the boots get packed away, so lets give them everything we have. See you all at training.

U/13 Div 2 Lost 24-28 v Greenacre

The boys started the game on fire, with Mitchell Bailey scoring the first 4 points in the opening minutes. Sniggs was quick to follow up and so was Greenacre hot on our tails but with some good defence and renewed confidence we managed to keep ahead going into half time. Marcus took us over the line first in the second half. It was tit for tat but with Sean and Sniggs crossing over the line again it put us ahead 24-14 and looking good for a win. In the last 10 minutes unfortunately the boys let their guard down and Greenacre snuck in 2 tries to defeat by 4 pts. A disappointing result for the great effort they put in.

U/13 Div 1 Won 26-18 v Dragons

U/14 BYE

U/16 Lost 10-11 v Holy Cross

U/19 Won 26-0 v Redfern

A Grade - Won 32-18 v Hurstville

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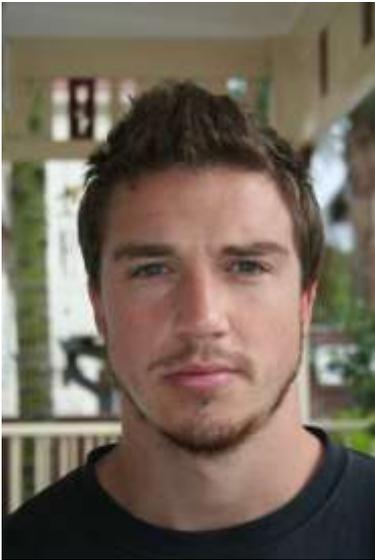
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Daystar 'Saint of the week' Award - Aidan HARRINGTON.

Aidan is our front rower for the U14s. Besides taking the ball up with vigour each Saturday arvo, Aidan arrives at the ground at 7.15am and helps set up the field, cut the rolls, stacks drinks and do anything else he's asked to do. And he's being doing this for the last 2 seasons! Great work big fella, it is much appreciated.

20 Year Players



Mick Hanratty

We know this guy is unique but he may well be unique in the district. Mick started his career in the U7s back in 1992 and is currently in his **20th consecutive season** with our Club – a truly remarkable achievement amassing **over 300 games!!** In those 19 years he has won an unbelievable 9 premierships (1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008) and is hoping for number 10 this year to achieve a 50% strike rate. Mick puts his fantastic record down to his super fitness, ability to talk underwater and exceptional musical talent. Luckily Mick is coming back to coach as well next year.

Justin Hall

Hally started his career in the U8s way back in 1987. He played 15 consecutive years landing in A grade in 2001. He had a few years off before rejoining the A grade for 4 years between 2005 and 2008. During those 19 years with the Club Justin won premierships in 1989, 1991, 1994, 2006 and his pride and joy, the 2008 A grade of which he was captain. Known for his quick wit, handsome looks and Weller type body, Justin is the epitome of a great Club man.



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Not long until we get the warm weather and the crack of leather on willow

Main registration days for season 2011/12

Saturday 13th, August

Outside Woolworths at Revesby

9am to 12.00 noon

and

Saturday 20th August

Panania Shopping Centre,

Cnr Tower and Anderson St

9am to 12.00 noon



Junior teams from Mini's to Under 16's and Seniors
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Additional info: Brett Court 0414 980 860

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Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: Join the winners list.	Cancelled

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Drawn at 6:30

Saturday Meat Tray Raffles

Drawn 3 - 5

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Field Set-up U/6 Div 4

Field Clean-up: All available club members after A Grade

Canteen Duties: All parents 1 hr before your game.

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THIS WEEKS GAMES:

Games: Saturday 6th Aug, 2011

Teams	Times	Club	Venue
U/6- Div 4	10.30	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U/6- Div 2	1.10	Berala	Bill Delauney
U/6- Div 1	2.30	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U/7- Div 3	10.30	Milperra	Clemton Park
U/7- Div 2	9.40	Milperra	Clemton Park
U/7- Div 2	11.20	Rhinos	Clemton Park
U/7- Div 1	9.40	Moorebank	Clemton Park
U/8- Div 1	9.40	Dragons	Clemton Park
U/8- Div 1	11.20	Moorebank	Clemton Park
U/9- Div 2		Season	Finished
U/9- Div 1	9.40	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U/10- Div 3	3.10	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U/10- Div 1	4.00	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney
U/11- Div 2	10.30	Berala	Peter Hislop
U/11- Div 1	11.50	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb
U/12- Div 1	1.50	Dragons	Clemton Park
U/13- Div 2	11.20	Berala	Peter Hislop
U/13- Div 1	12.00	Sports	Steve Folkes
U/14	1.20	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U/16		BYE	
U/19	5.00	Dragons	Bill Delauney
A Grade	6.30	Moorebank	Bill Delauney



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