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President's Report

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter/Anzac break and are ready for the 2nd part of the season - it will go really quick from here. Round 3 brought an unusual condition for the players – rain! In this politically correct new age I cannot comment on some of the reactions I witnessed but clearly some players had never seen rain before! Anyway the show went on and there were some good results. The 7-3s at home didn't worry about the rain, they 'manned up' and came from behind to beat Colts 30-18. This keeps them on top. The 7-2s opened their account for the season with a draw against St Johns and are starting to take shape. Draws seemed to be the order of the day with both the 9.1s and 9.2s having draws against Bulls and Moorebank respectively. The 10-3s loved the weather and posted their first victory of the season over the Bulls – well done guys. We finished the day on a high with the 13.1s smashing Dragons and the 13.2s getting their first win over the Tigers.

Wet weather procedures

Games are called off because of the condition of the ground. Councils (Bankstown, Canterbury, Liverpool, Auburn and Strathfield) all will close their grounds if they are unplayable (big puddles, muddy or where play would do major damage to the surface). This normally happens after constant rain over a few days. When the games are called off the junior League advises Craig. Craig immediately sends a message to all team managers. Your team manager is under strict instruction to immediately inform their players (SMS or email depending on what your manager has worked out with you). While Craig is advising managers, I will be sending an email to everyone in the Club that has provided an email address – at present we have 314 addresses for our 377 members. So rule is - **THE GAME IS ALWAYS ON** unless your manager has contacted you.

GO THE SAINTS*John Grealy***Results for 16th/17th April 2011**

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U/6-Div 4	Chester Hill	L	4	24
U/6-Div 2	Colts	L	12	22
U/6-Div 1	Dragons	L	14	40
U/7- Div 3	Colts	w	30	18
U/7- Div 2	St Johns	D	14	14
U/7- Div 1	Chester Hill	L	10	20
U/8- Div1	Tigers	L	4	28
U/9- Div2	Moorebank	D	18	18
U/9- Div 1	Bulls	D	22	22
U/10- Div 3	Bulls	w	30	12
U/10- Div 1	Moorebank	L	6	18
U/11- Div 2	Colts	L	0	38
U/11 Div 1	St Johns	W	22	0
U/12- Div 1	Greenacre	L	6	12
U/13- Div 2	Tigers	w	18	4
U/13- Div 1	Dragons	W	46	6
U/14	Berala	W	42	0
U/16	Chester Hill		Washed out	Washed out
U/19	Dundas		Washed out	Washed out
A Grade	Moorebank		Washed out	Washed out



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U/6 Div 4 vs Chester Hill Lost 4-24

Following a wild night of weather and a very cold and wet start to the weekend, we all presumed the game would be cancelled. Despite the weather, the field remained open for our third away game of the season against Chester Hill.

The opposition opened the score with a big run from their No 8 who was twice the height of most of the players on the field. He proved to be almost unstoppable, scoring two tries in quick succession. Our boys however, lifted their defence and made sure the 'boy mountain' did not cross again. The whole team displayed sheer determination, with heavy rain, coming down sideways. We started the game with nine players, and in the final ten minutes, only managed to keep six on the field. It was simply too wet and cold for a few of the players who 'needed to rest and use their manager's warm jacket to reheat themselves'. Lucas Cassar continued in top form from last week, making a number of excellent runs and try saving tackles. He also scored our only try of the match, and was very unlucky to miss the conversion; with the ball bouncing off the post! Both Daniel Raish & Lucas Pengue played very well and didn't let the weather effect their efforts. Mark Bishara played an excellent game making over a dozen great runs and tackles and was unlucky not to score on a number of occasions. The final score was not a true reflection of the game as our boys put in a massive effort in such difficult, wet conditions.

Tries - Lucas Cassar
MOM - Mark Bishara

U/6 Div 2 v Milperra Colts Lost 12 -22

Our first wet weather game of the year. With a few boys off sick and some away on holidays we only had 7 players this week. As soon as the ref blew his whistle to start the game the heavens opened up and it bucketed down with rain. Considering the conditions and the lack of players the boys did a great job, with 2 tries to Hayden and 1 to Ryan. Towards the end of the game I think all the boys would have preferred to be at home in front of the TV rather than on the wet and windy field. A few tears were shed by some

and we were down to 6 players at one stage. But the boys battled on and finished the game. Well done boys.

U/6 Div 1 vs Dragons Lost 14-40

After a loss and a win under our belts, the Under 6/1's played their 1st away game at Clemton Park against the St George Dragons. It rained all night previous to the game, and much to our surprise, the game was still on!!!

Oh well, all we could do was our best out there, so players and parents roughed it out in the wet! They scored the 1st try against us, and we come right back at them with a try to Owen Millar. Their defence and tackling techniques seemed too strong for us. We scored another try through Kian Boyne, who even converted it!!! Owen Millar scored again too, but they stopped us every other time we had a chance to cross.

Final score ended up 40-14... It was a long drive home afterwards, even if it was just in Kingsgrove, but being drenched and suffering our biggest loss, soon brought us back down to Earth.



We have an extra week to prepare for our next match due to the Easter break, and on behalf of myself, Tim & the trainers, we wish all within the club a happy Easter!!!

U/7 Div 3 vs Milperra Colts Won 30-18

Wow what a day for a game of footy! We kicked off in the pouring rain and the rain only got worse. Milperra only had 6 players, but what they lacked in quantity they made up for in size, those kids were massive. Jack got the game going with a quick try in the first few minutes and followed that up by scoring a staggering 4 more tries! What a superstar. When it came to the boys defense it most certainly was a team effort, with Braith, Steven, the 2 Blakes and Slater pulling together to tackle the big opposition. Isaack made some great tackles throughout the game, whilst William and Christopher had some great runs making valuable meters for the team and William converting a try. Ky scored an awesome try when he ran it in from the tap restart. With Jack continually running in the tries the boys were having a great game when William decided to add 4 more to the scoreboard with a try of his own. Another great effort for the boys. Keep it up.

U/7 Div 2 Draw v St. Johns 14-14

We were all ready and prepared for our first win of the season, but it was not to be! It was the wettest April day in 10 years and the Team was soaked to the core before they took to the field and we ultimately had to settle with a draw. We kicked off and just held St. Johns out in their first set of tackles with some strong defence from Saadi to pull them up just short of the line. The change over saw Ryan take the first run of the day and he went the length of the field to score under the post. What a great start to the game. He had promised his Mum he would score a try for her birthday. Anyone having a birthday this week? St. Johns levelled the score at 4-4 before the end of the first 3rd. Vincent and Saadi again provided most of our strike power in attack and scored a try each, with Vincent converting his own try. Jesse, Blake, Bianca and Thomas also had some great runs and the whole team kept busy in defence. It was great to see the team talking to each

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other in defence and Bianca did a great job in calling players into position to fill holes in our defence. We led 14-8 for most of the last 3rd and with a minute to go St. Johns scored and converted to level the score at 14-14. We played most of the game with 6 players which made it tough to hold them out for as long as we did. Ryan had to retire early with hypothermia and we really missed his great tackling ability, while Jarrod stayed on the field frozen stiff. The Team overall did a fantastic job in the wet conditions and there again was little to no dropped ball, but the conditions did not suit our side line running and we will need to straighten our attack for next week. Thomas and Blake did a great job at dummy half and first receiver. Thomas was named Man of the Match with another very busy and motivational game in defence and his strong straight running in attack.

Tries : Ryan, Vincent, Saadi

Goals: Vincent

U/7 Div 1 V Chester Hill Lost 10 - 20

We finally got to play a game at home this week against the early form side of the comp, Chester Hill. This was one the few games our boys had ever played in the rain and they were determined to play a good game. We were a bit luckier than our other sides as we did not have a heavy down pour during the actual game.

We kicked off to commence the game and the boys worked hard in defence from the start as Chester Hill made good ground on the first set. We also made great ground with runs from Riccardo, Bailey, Jared and Trent. The first third saw both sides make ground and also have a high completion rate in the difficult conditions. The boys worked hard in defence with Alex, Sean, Zac and Jordan all putting in good efforts. Around the 6th minute Chester Hill scored and converted to take the lead 0-6. We failed to make much ground in the set after the restart and this saw Chester Hill score again to extend their lead 0



- 12. Then Trent demonstrated what happens when you run straight and hard when he scored a great try from the restart and we just missed the conversion to be down 4-12 at the break. The second third was a very tight period of football and the attack and defence of both teams was very willing. There was some great work in defence by Jared, Trent, Bailey and Kaled who worked hard to plug gaps and breaks in our line. When we had the



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ball the boys all tried hard to gain us the field position required to put pressure on Chester Hill, with Luke, Alex, Bailey and Jordan all taking the ball up and looking to make as much ground as possible. There was no scoring in this third and despite this it was a very entertaining third and highlighted how close the teams were. The third was also marked by a couple of periods for treatment of injury to players from both teams which was an indication of the intensity of the defence.

The last third was a true test for us as we had Chester Hill score again after a great effort to defend our line after one of the few long range breaks of the game. We held them out for two sets near the line and this pressure finally resulted in a try and us being down 4 -16. Great efforts in defence during this

period by Jared, Trent, Bailey and Jordan who all made some try saving tackles. We also had good runs from Luke, Sean and Zac and none of the boys ever gave up and this spirit saw us score a try by Kaled who beat several players to plant the ball down out wide and with a conversion by Bailey we were in with a chance at 10 -16. We had to replace Jared late in the game following a heavy tackle and after their big bopper had made a damaging run Chester Hill scored near the bell to round out the game 10 – 20.

This game saw a much improved effort in relation to moving up together in defence and there was only a couple of times when we did not move up. If we move up in defence it forces the decision onto the opponents as this limits their options and we have worked hard on defence at training.

The boys also need to play more direct in attack but we have played perhaps the best 3 opposition teams early in the season and we are confident that the boys will continue to learn and develop into one of the top teams as the seasons unfolds. It was a good game that was closer than the final score indicates, the boys all put in great efforts and it was good to see them play in the rain.

Go the Saints.

Tries: Trent X 1, Kaled X 1

Goals: Bailey X 1

Goop Guys MOM: Riccardo

U/ 8 Div 1 vs Greenacre Lost 4-28

U/9 Div 2 vs Moorebank Drew 18-18



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U/9 Div1 vs Bulls Drew 22-22

U/10 Div 3 vs Bulls Won 30-12

10/3 had their first win of the season against the bulls 30 -12 which had some BIG players... so proud of our attacking skills especially under the wet conditions and what perfect goal kicking boys not one miss well done!!

Tries Jordan Raish 2
JD McCulloch 2
Camille Sleiman 1

Goals Camille Sleiman, Jordan Raish, Cory Jenks, Reece Porter-Davis, Dean Gazillas

Man of the Match Eddie Coble

U/10 Div 1 vs Moorebank: Lost 6 – 18

A rare wet weather game on a very patchy and puddly pitch at Hammondville outer. Our boys had only ten players to face-up to last years Division 11 grand finalists on their home turf (if you could call it turf). We knew the referees were clamping down on any high tackles, so we emphasised this before the boys took the field. Then on the very first tackle we were penalised for going too high! Terrific. Things settled down pretty well after that and we showed very good ball control considering the conditions, in fact much better than our opponents. We went to the half time break at 6 all, courtesy of a try by speedster Lachlan, converted by Noah.

We spent most of the second half defending, which took the sting out of our attack. Late in the game we were standing still to receive the ball, rather than running onto it, running side-ways too much, and going away from our usual attacking plays. Defensively we showed great determination for the whole game, but dropped-off a couple of key tackles and did not adjust quickly enough to holes in our defensive line, allowing Moorebank to cross twice.

Overall the effort and involvement of all 10 players was commendable. Noah, Christian and Kueva were amongst our best, but Jack, Josh and really everyone else had moments when they proved their worth to the team. We're looking forward to getting a full team on the paddock next time we play and hopefully sorting-out a couple of key areas in attack and defence.

MOM: Christian Laidler

Try: Lachlan Jordan

Goal: Noah Iverach

U/11 Div 2 vs Milperra Colts Lost 38 - 0

Another home game this week saw the boys take on an unbeaten Milperra Colts side. Who have been fortunate enough to defeat their previous opponents in some very high scoring games. With the rain belting down and a wet and soggy Bill Delauney oval it was critical that the boy's played hard and tight and remained confident as individuals and more importantly as a **TEAM.....**

Unfortunately for the boy's, (exactly the same as the previous week against the Rams) they needed to defend from the kick off and with the Colts receiving the majority of the ball and completing their sets during the first half. Resulted in the boy's going into the half time break behind at 22 points to nil.

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

http://www.arldevelopment.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/Documents/Club_Admin/downloads_about_us/14270_Safeplay_Code.pdf



Again the second half saw they boy's needing to apply the pressure and stop the opposition from scoring and with the opportunity of receiving a lot more of the ball. The boy's were able to complete a few attacking sets that lead to some promising results. Though the team is fully aware that further improvements in both attack and defence is essential in being competitive and winning games. As missing tackles, not moving up in defence, making silly mistakes and not working as a TEAM is the difference between winning and losing, (*come on boys that win is just around the corner*)
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With this weeks **Man of the Match Award** going to Aaron Karnold. Who had been appointed captain for the game. Lead by example and showed great leadership skills in talking the TEAM up. Had some good runs with the ball and also defended hard, (*Well Done Aaron*)
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To also include boy's what we spoke about after the game....
"CONFIDENCE"...

We are all lucky enough to be born with it and everyone has it. *The trick is you just have to know how to use it.....*

U/11 Div 1 vs St Johns W Won 22-0

What a difference a week makes, after coming off a loss the boys turned up to training during the week determined to learn from their mistakes. They worked on their defence and paid particular attention to their support play and overall team work. Come game day the hard work paid off, they passed well and defended like machines. The boys not only won their game in pouring rain, but they kept the opposition scoreless. The boys are definitely making good progress and with their confidence running high they are looking forward to next round

Tries : Michael Fahd (2) Dylan Chong Sun, Jaidin Obeid
Goals : Jaidin Obeid, Ryan Mcgregor, Bodie Bradford

U/12 Div 1 vs Greenacre LOST 6 - 12

On a miserable, wet and cold afternoon at Roberts Park we again came up against a larger group of boys who had 1 or 2 key players who make all the difference. Our boys played as a team, gang tackling their big boppers and spreading the ball

despite the conditions. We scored 1st from a smart kick by Luke, caught by Hayden and converted by Luke, to make it 6 - 0. In the 2nd half they had 4 sets of Big fresh legs and we had 2 much smaller reserve in Abdul and Lachlan who went looking for work right away. Nathan and Kieran ran the ball up hard all game with Kieran having his best game in 2 yrs. Jonah, Jeremy, Rhys and Liam had great games in defence. Riley and Anthony gave them plenty of trouble out wide, and new signing Sammy Moussa proved he is a "mudrunner" and is faster on the soft surface. Jack had his usual high quality game, regularly kicked/ chased and tackled the receiver and moved our boys around. A disallowed try to Hayden would have made all the difference. But overall the boys would have come away from this game, knowing this team is a team we can Beat!. Keep the training up over the break boys, and have a great Easter.

Tries: Hayden Kennedy.

Goals: Luke Reardon.

MOM: Kieran Armson Graham

U/13 Div 2 vs Greenacre Won 18-4

U/13 Div 1 vs Dragons Won 46-6

U/14 vs Berala Won 42-0

On a cold wet day we travel to lovely Peter Hislop Park at Auburn to play the Berala Bears.

With no bench and carrying several players with injuries we battle against another big team.

Berala come out firing but our forwards, led by our front rowers, hold them and don't take long to establish control of the middle. We are then able to play them on the edges and bang on a few tries to take the sting out of them.

Even though we are carrying injured players on both sides of the field the rest of the team stepped up and performed their jobs for the team admirably. It was good to see the boys enjoying themselves, and it was even better to get through the game this week without an injury.

Final score in miserable weather 42 to 0.

Well done to all, considering our injury toll and positional changes made to compensate, you should all be proud of your effort, attitude and execution. I am. Special mention to Aidan on scoring two tries on the back of some good runs – and in keeping your cool.

U/16 Washout

U/19 Washout

A Grade Washout

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NEXT WEEKS GAMES:

Games: Saturday 30th April, 2011

Teams	Times	Club	Venue
U/6- Div 4	9.00	Dragons	Bill Delauney
U/6- Div 2	9.40	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney
U/6- Div 1	9.40	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb
U/7- Div 3	10.20	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb
U/7- Div 2	9.40	East Hills	Smith Park
U/7- Div 1	10.20	Greenacre	Bill Delauney
U/8- Div 1	9.40	Berala	Peter Hislop
U/9- Div 2	11.00	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
U/9- Div 1		BYE	
U/10- Div 3	11.00	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U/10- Div 1	11.50	Dragons	Bill Delauney
U/11- Div 2	10.20	Berala	Peter Hislop
U/11- Div 1	12.40	Greenacre	Bill Delauney
U/12- Div 1	12.00	Dragons	Clenton Park
U/13- Div 2	2.10	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb
U/13- Div 1	1.30	Auburn Warriors	Bill Delauney
U/14	2.40	Bulls	Bill Delauney Res

Games: Sunday 1st May, 2011

U/16	11.15	Regents Park	Bill Delauney
U/19	1.45	South Eastern	Bill Delauney
A Grade	3.00	Berala	Bill Delauney



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