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President's Report

Last week we had 4 teams playing in an effort to advance further in the comp. No doubt the highlight of the week was the great effort by the 13s to defeat Sports in the final and make it to the grand final!! They now take their place alongside the U9s in being our only 2 Saturday sides to be in the 'big one'. Great work 13s and 9s!!

Our 8s, 10s and 12s were all in 'sudden death' semi finals and unfortunately they all went out. The 8s led for 2 of the 3 thirds and kept Sports scoreless but Sports fired up in the last third and we just couldn't hold 'em. The 10s also ran in 2 early converted tries which had the Tigers in absolute shock. However, the Tigers came back after a couple of simple mistakes by us and ran away in the end. The 12s got off to a bad start and never really recovered. Though putting up a much better 2nd half, unfortunately the game was already over. On the bright side!! All these 3 sides played Division 1. A realistic goal for these sides at the start of the season was for them to make the semis – they did that so the coaching staff and boys should be pleased. And all 3 sides can build for next year. Thanks 8s, 10s and 12s!!

Sunday was the end of the rounds for the 15s, 19s and A grade. The 15s put in their best performance of the season to give the 2nd placed La Perouse a real scare. Boosted by 4 of our U14s (thanks Cocky, Scotty, Steelo and the Harbinator) we led Larper with 6 minutes to go. They got us but what a way to finish. I expect to see all these boys back for an assault on the 16s! The 19s had to beat Dragons to stay in 2nd and Dragons hit us with everything. Our class shone through and our 19s now play in the major semi. The A grade played the leaders at Eaglevale and got beat but they did have a great Mad Monday.

This weekend

Saturday GRAND FINALS - Terry Lamb at Chester Hill. **Our 9s** kick off at **10am.** They're looking for revenge after getting beat by 2 in the 7s grand final. **Our 13s** are in their first ever grand final. The majority of these kids have been with us since under 6s. 13s kick off at **4pm**.

All club members should make at least one of these games. The thing that sets us apart from other clubs is the way we get behind our grand final teams. Don't think, '*I don't know anyone in the 9s or 13s! – why would I go?*' That's a cop out. Next year your boy could be in the big one and I'll be drumming up support for him. **Get there and support your club mate in the Saints jersey**. There is nothing like being on the hill in the 'maroon and gold' army. Great support can and will get these teams over the line.

Same thing Sunday – **our 19s** play the undefeated Sports at **3pm** at Bill Delauney. Never in our history have we had a senior side play at Billy D in a semi. The 19s comp is the pinnacle of the junior league and we're in it!!! Get there and watch a great team play some great rugby league.

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Round 18 Results

Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	For	Against
8.1	Bankstown Sports	Ruse Park	Lost	8	12
9.2	Week off	Grand Final			
10.1	Tigers	Peter Hislop	Lost	18	38
12.1	Bankstown Sports	Peter Hislop	Lost	0	24
13.2	Bankstown Sports	Jim Begnall	Won	22	18
15.1	La Perouse	Coogee Oval	Lost	20	22
19	Dragons	Clemton	Won	26	12
A	Eaglevale	Eschol Park	Lost	12	52

This Weeks Games

Sat 18th August

U/9 Div 2	10.00	Greenacre	Terry Lamb
U/13 Div 2	4.00	Berala	Terry Lamb
Sun 19 August			
U/19 Div 1	3.00pm		Bill Delauney

Your GRAND FINAL teams

Under 9s

1	Michael	FORRESTER
2	Ethan	BURKE
3	Blake	HAYES
4	Thomas	DAVENPORT
5	Billal	ELABBAS
6	Klayton	KILPATRICK
7	James	RAWSON
8	Angus	LAKE
10	Joshua	HUTCHINSON
11	Connor	HAINS
12	Alexander	PASSARELLI
13	Braidon	BRITO
14	Jonathan	DELINICOLIS
15	Adam	TAYLOR
Coach	Brett	HAYES
Manager	Nicole	HAINS
Trainer	Richard	DAVENPORT
Trainer	Paul	FORRESTER

Under 13s

1	Anthony	MARIC
2	Lachlan	HONEY
3	Jonah	NGARONOA
4	Liam	MANNERING
5	Mohamad	MAARBANI
6	Luke	REARDON
7	Jack	RYAN
8	Jayden	CONTRERAS
9	Adam	GRIFFITH
10	Nathan	BOLAND
11	Sammy	MOUSSA
12	Hayden	KENNEDY
13	Rhys	HARRINGTON
14	Kieran	ARMSON-GRAHAM
15	Riley	NAGLE
16	Abdul	ARNAOUT
17	Julian	WALKER
18	Joel	DELL'ARMI
19	Jeremy	EL-CHAMI
Coach	Tim	REARDON
Manager	Paul	GRIFFITH
Trainer	Darren	BOLAND
Trainer	David	HARRINGTON
Trainer	Carlos	CONTRERAS

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U/8 Div 1 Lost 8 – 12 v Bankstown Sports

We were at Ruse Park Bankstown for the elimination semi-final, three plays four against Sports this week. After the unusual performance the week before in the last round of the season against Sports the boys were after redemption and determined to win back some respect.

In very windy conditions we kicked off to get the semi underway with Kaled kicking deep into Sports territory and the kick chase was sensational which forced Sports to make an error on the return. We had the ball in good field position and Jordan went close to scoring after big strong runs from Luke, Ricardo and Kaled. Our defence was good, with clear communication and a straight line by Alex, Bailey, Trent and Jared all working hard. We got on the board in the first few minutes with Luke barging over to score a good try to give us the lead, 4 – 0. The game went back and forth around the halfway line for rest of the third, until very late in the period when Ricardo barged over to extend our lead to 8 – 0 at the break.

The second third was a real arm wrestle and as has been the case this season we just could not seem to get the additional try which would have broken the Sports spirit. In this third defence was the dominant feature and our boys were excellent, with Luke, Ricardo, Kaled, Zac and Trent all working hard to shut down the Sports attack. When we had the ball we were working our way around Sports, with good runs from Jordan, Sean and Jared all trying to get that elusive third try. There were a number of penalties in this third which interrupted the flow of the game and with officials on the line as well, any slight deviation from the rules was cracked down on. The game was developing into an absorbing contest and had our fans in good voice as they tried to encourage the boys.

As has so often been the case this season we went into the last third in front of Sports and they were determined to get back into the game. Sports only really had three options in attack, their big bopper and two agile smart footy players. We kept the big boppers under control, but this sucked in additional resources and began to provide opportunity for the smart footy players and after a combination of big bopper charges the smart footy players hit us one after the other and this resulted in a mid-range converted try being scored by Sports to reduce out lead to 8 -6. Our defence close to the line was excellent all game with big efforts from Kaled, Ricardo, Jared and Bailey. When we had the ball, Alex, Bailey, Sean and Jordan all worked hard to make ground and dominate field position. Towards the end of the third the same combination hit us from just inside Sports half and this saw their best player score the final converted try of the game to round out the scoring at 8 – 12. We had the ball in the last few plays but could not get any more points and ended the game with ball in hand.

The boys played very well in this game and while we bowed out they left nothing in the tank. This season was one where we had trouble performing consistently for the full 30 minutes each week, however the boys are a great team and the future is bright as they move to mod next season. The boys would like to thank our Coach Shane, Trainer Michael and Manager Nerissa for all their tireless efforts with the team this season and Goop Guys for being the Man of the Match sponsor. To the parents, grandparents, extended family and friends thanks for being such positive supporters of the team. And finally our thanks and appreciation to the Mr Grealy, the committee, first aid volunteers and sponsors for all the work that goes into running a junior league club and Mrs Grealy for running the canteen every week. To the teams that are still in the end of season games good luck and we hope that you continue to enjoy success for the remainder of the finals.

GO THE SAINTS.

Tries: Luke X1, Ricardo X1

Goals: Nil

Coach: The Team

U/9 Div 2
Grand final this Saturday 10am kick off – Terry Lamb Reserve at Chester Hill

U/10 Div 1 Lost 38-18

U12's Div 1 – Lost 24 nil

U13/2 WON 22 – 18 v Bankstown Sports

We went into this Final never having beaten Bankstown Sports. But on this windy morning on foreign ground they met a team they haven't played this season. A team of committed footballers who worked together in defence, chased down kicks, contested the ball at every chance and ultimately wanted this Win more!. Sports looked confused and when we crossed to score first they started to implode. Their fast bigger man, were forced to go wide, because they learnt they couldn't go through the middle. They pushed their passes, made plenty of forced errors and allowed us to control the game.

Joel, Moey & Lochie made sure no one got pass them out wide and shut down everything that came their way. Antos was our safety net and let no one by, and made a crucial tackle over the side line to completely squash any hopes of a fit back. Jonah nailed their strike runner and Naya, Jayden and Julian were always looking to make yards. Bobby had the crowd on their feet when he stole an vital intercept and Luke & Jack always looked in total control with their organizing skills and kicking game. Sporties had no answer to the brilliance which is Sammy who had opportunities as a result of the brutal attacking flair of Rhys, Moey, Liam, Jeremy & Adbul. But games like these are won from the defensive platform that our whole Team worked at, and I look forward to witnessing an even greater effort in our 1st Grand Final.

Every1 is invited to witness a Team giving their all " For and with Each other", at Terry Lamb @ 4pm. I know the Chrissie's community with be out in force to give our boys every chance to achieve their goal, set weeks ago at Bill to win the GF.

Tries: 2 x Sammy, 1 x Luke & Anthony.

Goals: 3 x Luke.

Under 15's Div 1 lost 22-20 v La Perouse

U/19 – Beat dragons

A Res - Lost

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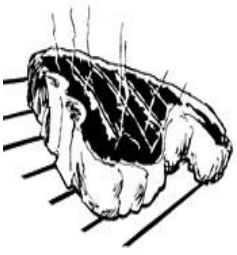
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Saturday 4th & 18th August
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and

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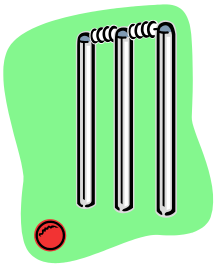

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