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President's Report

Not often we open with a rap for a losing side but the effort of the 12-1s on Saturday at home was fantastic. Playing the undefeated leaders (St Johns), with 1 minute on the clock we were down 10-4 attacking their line. Unfortunately a possession change and they scored on the bell to give a scoreline which didn't indicate the closeness of the game – well done 12-1s! But it wasn't just the 12-1s who put in. Our home on Saturday was like the fortress we've talked about. The 9s opened with a good win over the Rhinos, the 10s kept their semi hopes alive with a win over St Johns, the 11-3s got back into the winner's circle by crushing the Bears and the 12-3s played out of their skins to snatch a draw against Cheso who smashed us in the first round. The 14s finished the day by playing 40 minutes of great footy to also beat the Bears but keep in mind fellas we need 50 minutes of great footy!! Away from home the 6-2s scored a well deserved win over Cheso; the 7-3s continued their good form with a win over Moorebank and the 11-1s beat the Tigers for the win that has been coming for a few weeks!

Sunday was a bit tougher. The 15s are doing their best in the higher grade but came across a red hot La Perouse team. The 19s flexed their muscle with a great win over South Eastern to keep their hopes of a top 2 finish alive. Unfortunately the A grade met an undefeated Eaglevale who don't look like a reserve grade side in any shape or form – enough said!

Women in League

Last Sunday one of our Club families brought down a card and chocolates for our canteen lady to thank her for her good work because it was 'Women in League' week. This was greatly appreciated by Jane and reminded me I had not thanked all our lady helpers. So to all our women workers in the Club who coach, manage, work in the canteen or on the BBQ, time keep, drive to training and games or enthusiastically support, a BIG THANK YOU.

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Round 10 Results

	Opposition	Venue	Result	For	Against
Team					
6.4	Bankstown Sports	Folkes	Lost	8	36
6.2	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb	Won	20	16
6.1	Bulls	Ruse Park	Lost	22	28
7.3	Moorebank	Hammondville	Won	30	12
7.1	Moorebank	Hammondville	Lost	16	24
8.3			BYE		
8.2	Johnnies	Jim Begnall	Lost	24	40
8.1	Johnnies	Jim Begnall	Lost	10	34
9.2	Rhinos	Delauney	Won	32	14
10.1	Johnnies	Delauney	Won	22	12
11.3	Bears	Delauney	Won	28	16
11.1	Tigers	Roberts Park	Won	24	12
12.3	Chester Hill	Delauney	Drew	10	10
12.1	Johnnies	Delauney	Lost	4	16
13.2	Bulls	Delauney	Forfeit		
14.1	Bears	Delauney	Won	28	12
15.2	La Perouse	Yarra	Lost	6	50
19	South Eastern	Delauney	Won	16	0
A	Eaglevale	Delauney	Lost	6	50

U/6 Div 4 Lost 36 - 8 v Bankstown Sports

This week most of the boys on our team played their best. However with only 6 players on the field, consistent tackling and running was hard work. Sports scored their first try within the opening couple of minutes and followed with another soon after. Sports scored four tries in the first third but Noah managed to score the first points for St Christopher's with a try under the goal posts just before the first bell. All game, our team tried to tackle a very enthusiastic attacking side as much as possible but at times Sports were just too quick. A try down the wing, in the final third to Cooper boosted our final score. A courageous effort from all players who listened to the coach and tried their best.

U/6 Div 2 Won 20-16 v Chester Hill

U/6 Div 1 Lost 28-22 v Bulls

Under 7's Div 3 Won 32-12-v- Moorebank

As dawn broke to reveal a crisp, clear, blue sunny sky, coach Steve swapped last week's snorkel & flippers for sunscreen and Sombrero**.**

At Hammondville Oval, team captain **Billy** the kid lead the Saints onto the field to face off against the Moorebank Rams. We kicked off and from the first tackle the Rams were hammered by the Saints brick wall made up of Steamroller **Sam**, **Marcus** the destroyer, menacing **Max**, magic **Mason** and marvellous **Matthew**. On the second play, the Rams were met with equally strong tackling by captain **Billy** and tough **Thomas**.

Our first run of the day was taken by Steamroller **Sam** who squashed through three tackles, next play was taken by **Marcus** the destroyer who had a great run, and when jumping **Josh** took the ball from dummy half he ran about 90 meters and broke through tackles for the first try of the game, no conversion. As the clock neared the end of session one, the Rams finally broke through the Saints wall for their first try.

The second session saw the teams go try for try and it was turning into a tough match. The Rams were coming on strong and only try saving tackling by our boys saved us. Special mention goes to **Thomas** the axe who chopped the legs off everything coming his way. On the back of this defence and an awesome 80 meter run by magic **Max**, **Evan** received the ball and with evasive skills, he beat numerous tackles to cross for the first of his three tries. Again in the last few seconds of the session, the Rams crossed the line for another try.

The third and final session saw the Saints kick on with great runs and tough tackles by magic **Mason**, **Murray** the mauler, menacing **Max**, marvellous **Matthew and** jumping **Josh.** The game was in the bag when Evasive Evan and speedy gonz-Alex went try for try each scoring two trys in the last session. In one try, Evan ran the full length of the field, through countless tackles and speedy Alex, showed that he could beat tackles with both speed and side stepping to cross the line, great conversions by Murray and Alex sealed the game for the Saints.

After weeks of watching the channel 9 ratings sensation *"The Voice"* coach Steve delivered a rendition of the team song which is sure to put him at the top of this week "I-Tunes" downloads list.

In the post match interview, the coaching staff were very very happy with the way the boys played, all ran hard and tackled with skill and enthusiasm.

Man of the match award went to Billy the kid for leading the way as captain, whilst tackling sensation Thomas the axe Forrester took out the encouragement award.

GO SAINTS……!!

Under 7-1 Lost 24-16 v Moorebank

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U8's D3 BYE

U/8 Div 2 Lost 40-24 V St Johns

U/8 Div 1 Lost 10 – 34 V St Johns

We were away this week at Begnell and faced a much physically larger side in St Johns. As so often this season our preparation was interrupted by wet grounds due to rain and for the first time this season we played with no reserves due to the cold season being upon us.

We started the game very well with Alex kicking off very deep and our chase team was good. As in the first round clash with St Johns we struggled to make ground despite some determine runs by Kaled, Luke, Jordan and Ricardo. In defence we were moving up in a good line Alex, Bailey, Zac and with Trent covering like a scythe we stayed in the game by the skin of our teeth. The field position pressure final told around midway through the session and St Johns posted their first converted try to open the scoring 0 - 6. We were working hard in defence but a repeat set towards the end of the third saw St Johns score another converted try on the bell to take the lead 0 – 12 at the break.The second third was much like the first and we struggled to make ground with our boys trying to go wide to get around the defence before we were going forward. This lateral movement also resulted in us being tackled out on a number of occasions. It was imperative that we be the first to score in the second third, however St Johns got another converted try to extend the 0 – 18. The boys worked hard from the tap restart and following good runs from Bailey, Ricardo, Alex and Luke we finally had some good field position. This was maintained by good work in defence by Jordan, Kaled, Trent and Zac. This period was our best during the game and after some good work Trent scored a good try from dummy half, which Alex converted by booting it over the fence into the old amenities block to take the score to 6 – 18. St Johns took control from the tap restart and ended the third with another converted try 6 – 24 at the end of the session. With Trent being hurt at the end of the second we started the last third with only seven players and the boys all tried hard to hold out St Johns. However the physical size and the extra man finally took their toll and St Johns scored another try to be in front 6 – 28. Trent came back on during the third and we continued to plug away in the game. After a big break by their big bopper, we were struggling to hold them out and St Johns got another converted try 6 – 34. We continued to put pressure on and this resulted in Kaled getting a cheeky intercept to race away to score a try for 10 – 34. We then had another injury when Ricardo came away from an attempted tackle with a bloody nose and out of action for the last couple of minutes. The boys finished the game with a strong set in defence, despite being a man down stopping St Johns from scoring at the end of the game. This was a footy game, which similar to the NRL and other levels, that if the opposition dominates the field position it is hard to stop the points from flowing and it is hard to score length of the field tries against a good defence. The boys played against a much physically larger and fast side and we struggled to consistently make the advantage line. The game provided some great individual moments from Trent's cover defence, Bailey making a great tackle from behind on a runaway giant, Luke, Ricardo and Zac's all game sheer determination with the ball and in defence, Kaled's intercept try, Jordan's running and Alex's booming conversion. The boy's game plan was interrupted due to illness and they all put in a good effort for the whole game. We can put this one behind us and move forward to our next game.

GO THE SAINTS.

Tries: Trent X1, Kaled X1

Goals: Alex X1

Goop Guys M.O.M: Kaled

ENC: Ricardo

Coach: Bailey

Eagles Award: Jordan

U/9 Div 2 - Won 32-14 v Revesby Heights.

U/10 Div 1 Won 22-12 v St Johns

After a mid week talk about attitude and commitment, the boys had their footy heads switched on from training during the week until full time on Saturday. A much better effort in attack saw the boys take advantage of numerous quick play the balls and the forwards relished the freedom whilst running. Aidan ran hard and straight all day leading the way for the forwards with Dane and Lachlan McAlpine also showing their abilities. Nathan Bishara lead the backs around creating numerous opportunities for us out wide. The final score ended up 22 - 12 to us. Hopefully this is just the first step ion rebuilding the boys confidence in our quest to make the top 4 for the first time!

Another big game this week against Greenacre will test the boys out but I believe we are ready to create an upset!

Tries: Lachlan McAlpine x2, Nathan Bishara, Lachlan Maric
Goals: Laclan McAlpine, Nathan Bishara, Aidan Davidson

U/11-3s vs Berala Bears won 28-16

It was good to get back into the winners circle after a couple of losses. We started well and raced to a 24 nil lead before letting a try in right before half time. The second half saw us having to do a lot more defence with Berala able to get repeat sets but the defence stood up pritty well as a hole only letting tries in on the last tackle. Dean and Jordan were great up front making plenty of ground while Mark was able to do some good offloads with the ball. Ethan and Camille were dangerous out wide while Tyler was also strong to with Corey busy around the middle. Keep it up guys

U 11 Div 1 Won 24-12 v Tigers

It was good to see the boys put together two weeks of solid football. They played attacking football throughout the game and except for a couple of finishing errors the score could have been considerably higher. Blake Wylie had his best game of the season so far. He replaced Christian at halfback who was sick with the flu and gave great service to both his forwards and backs. His excellent service was only possible as a result of Callum's lovely dummy half play. An added strength of Blake's game was his rock solid defence in the centre. Once again, Jordan ran the ball hard time and time again and was supported by Ryan, Isaac and Cameron. A very pleasing aspect of our game was that our backs scored most of our tries. They consistently spread the ball out wide and Billy, Kueva and Lachlan were rewarded with tires. It was good to see Jack's form is returning and he had some solid hit ups and strong defence throughout the game. Vincent and Josh were unlucky not to score tries a couple of times down the wings. Noah always runs the ball up hard and we need him to be on his game next week because the boys follow his example. Well done guys a very good win.

MOM – Blake
Tries Lachlan, Billy, Isaac and Kueva

U12's D3 Draw 10 – 10 V Chester Hill

This week saw the boys back at home to face second place Chester Hill. Who not only managed to beat us convincingly by 32 points – 6 the first time we met, but are also a very tough assignment in having a couple of quality players that can score points from anywhere on the field. Yet in saying this the boys really did step up to the challenge and showed everyone just what they are capable of as a TEAM in giving this years competition a real good shake,***(remember boys NIKE.... Just Do it)…***

The first half saw the TEAM having to play some very smart and well structured football to stop the opposition from scoring and in particular limiting their danger men from receiving any ball. To also add when the opposition did receive the ball move up and not give them an inch of space to move and in doing so this allowed the boys to go into the half time break trailing at 10points – 6 on the scoreboard.

The second half game plan again required the TEAM to play some patient football right across the paddock and take the game to Cheso. Which not only created some well structured scoring opportunities, but also resulted in another clever try eventually being scored in the final stages of the match. Which allowed the boys to come up with a much needed confidence boosts in walking away with a draw against one of the better sides in this years competition***,(well done boys and hold your heads high as you really lifted to the challenge)…….***

With this weeks **Man of the Match Award** going to Sebastian Unwin: Who continues to show everyone each week what he is made of. Who ran and tackled hard all game in also showing the opposition what a force he is "reckon" to be with. ***Well done Sebastian….***

With this weeks tries being awarded to **Luke Colley, (1) Aaron Karnold, (1)** and our successful attempt at conversion going to **Luke Colley**

U12-1 Lost 16-4 v St Johns

U13/2 Won on Forfeit v Bulls

14s Div 1 – Won against Berala Bears 28-12

This week the boys came up against Berala Bears at home. There attack from the start was 110% and in the first half they met that in defence. After kick off the ball went dead and this put the boys in a good position which lead Fatu through the defensive line and passing the ball out wide put Adam over the line for the first 4 points. They let the ball do the work and with some good passing out along the line Fatu went over again and Steele converted taking the score to 10-0. We took advantage of our momentum with Aseri scoring off our bomb before the sixteenth minute again converted by Steele. Just before half time Hus retrieved the ball off the bomb spread it out to the left and put Cocky over for another 4 points and again converted by Steele bringing the half time score to 22-0.

The second half started out as a mirror image of the first with Devante going over in the first minute of the half and this was converted by Steele. The Bears stepped up their attack and went over twice in the second half both converted tries.

All the boys worked hard this week in both attack and defence and this payed off with the final score. We need to concentrate on sticking to our game plan for the whole game and not just for the first half. If we want to be a threat in the premiership we need to play 110% from kick off till the final siren sounds. We go into Round 11 with a tough game ahead up against the Dragons who sit equal second with us.

Keep up the great attitude and effort boys!!!

U15's - Lost 50-6 v La Perouse.

After two washouts and the long weekend the boys finally get a game in. We travel to La Perouse for a crack at the team running 3rd in Div 1. The boys are keen, if a little apprehensive. We kick off and Lapa take immediate control, all the things we talked about doing – they did. They held the ball, played quick, changed the area of their attack – and got the points. I think they scored 3 times to our one possession. By half time we were down 24 nil. In the second half we slowed them a bit, scored ourselves and finally went down 50-6 against a well drilled big fast side.

Even though we were lapped I'm happy with the effort the boys put in, they never give up – even when facing hopeless odds. Good points – we slowed down the play the ball better than we usually do, and Davo came through unscathed – playing his first full game in nearly a year, very happy about that.

Congratulations also to the Sua boys both have been selected by Canterbury in the U15's development squad – well done boys.

U/19 – Won 16-0 v South Eastern

A Res Lost 6 - 50, v Eaglevale

That was a score line I never saw coming, 3 minutes in to the game when the opposition scooted 90 metres to score a try I knew our attitude was not right. From the next kick off they virtually scored again to lead 12 nil after 5 minutes, then we had a penalty kick that failed to find touch and when we eventually got the ball back and had a chance to attack, we dropped it on the 3rd tackle and that was the story for the afternoon. in the 2nd half the opposition scored at will, at 1 stage running in 22pts in 11 minutes. we have had games during the year where our defence has been good and our attack bad and vice - versa but today we were terrible in all areas of our game. I've spent the last 24 hours looking for excuses but i can't find any, we trained well last week and had a near perfect session last Thursday night with good attendances on both nights, but this game, we just never had our heads right. Graham McFarlane had a great game at hooker and Josh Kavanagh and Mick Hanratty had good games in the backs, next week's another day.

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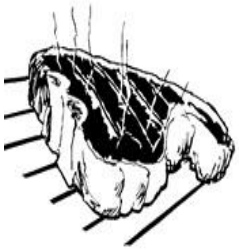

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This Weeks Games Sat 30th June

U/6 Div 4	9.40	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/6 Div 2	10.20	Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/6 Div 1	11.00	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/7 Div 3	11.40	Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/7 Div 1	12.20	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/8 Div 3	9.40	Sports	Steve Folkes
U/8 Div 2	9.40	Bulls	Ruse Park
U/8 Div 1	10.20	Sports	Steve Folkes
U/9 Div 2	10.20	East Hills	Smith Park
U/10 Div 1	10.20	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U/11 Div 3	11.10	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U/11 Div 1	10.30	St Johns	Begnall Oval
U/12 Div 3	12.40	Sports	Steve Folkes
U/12 Div 1	1.00	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/13 Div 2	2.20	Sports	Steve Folkes
U/14 Div 1	3.20	Dragons	Clemton Park
Sunday Games		**1st July**	
U/15 Div 1	10.10	Bulls	Ruse Park
U/19 Div 1	2.10	Dundas	Birchgrove Oval
A Res	3.00	Berala	Ruse Park

Social Events

St. Christopher's Annual Golf Day
Friday 6th July
Georges River Golf Course
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$50 per head includes:

- Bus to and from the Golf Course, leaving Revesby Pacific Hotel at 6:45.
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- Lunch – hamburger and chips.
- More fun than a barrel of monkeys – don't miss it.

Payments and team nominations to Ken Slattery asap.

Golf carts should be booked and paid for separately.

Poker Tournament

4th August – Revesby Pacific Hotel

This Fri 4-7pm we have Paul Sironen & Lady Luck making an appearance at the hotel. As part off our NRL tipping comp. Would you be able to spread the word around the boys this week at training. There will be the usual free BBQ & Lingerie Girl. As well as a few NRL Tix to give away

Raffle Winners

$50 Meat Baron voucher – Jeff "Ruby" Sharkey (pub patron)

Meat Trays – John Renshaw and Tommy (pub patrons), Mick Lovatt and Kirsten Wilson

Joker Jackpot – **$1,930** drawn 6:30 Friday at Revesby Pacific Hotel

Raffle Roster

Friday 29/6, Joker Draw raffle at Revesby Pacific Hotel from 5:30 – 7:00, **Under 14's**
Saturday 30/6:
(a) Revesby Pacific Hotel, Meat Tray raffles from 3:30 – 5:30, **Under 10's**
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