ST CHRISTOPHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

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President's Report

The long weekend marked the half way mark of the footy season and with no games the Club went 'social'. Friday night was the Ball at the Vaudeville with our biggest turn up yet. We partied hard and there was lots of bonding. Many thanks to Anne Simpson, Paula Sleiman, Ken Slattery and our new found MC, Michael Sleiman for organising such a great night. We barely had time to recover from our hang overs and it was time to head to the Kid's disco at the Diggers on the Sunday. Another great night for the Club's youngsters - thanks to Raelene Davidson, Kirsten Wilson, Natalie Bryant and Linda Dravet for their organisational skills.

But it's now back to footy. 'Local derbies' are the order for this weekend. The 9-3s play the 1st placed Rhinos while our 12-2s play East Hills in the 1 v 2 clash. Both these games are at Delauney and I urge anyone who's playing at Delauney to hang around and lend some support. Over at Killara our 10-2s are working to get into the semis but must beat the 3rd placed Colts to stay alive. On Saturday night our A grade play Moorebank at Hammondville (4.30pm kick off) – if you're not on raffles or enjoying yourself at a sponsor's premises, drop over to Hammondville – this game will be good and the 2 points would come in handy! On Sunday all roads lead to Smith Park where our 19s play the 4th placed East Hills in the match of the day at 3pm. It's simple, we must win. You parents of our younger players - come out and see a few Sunday games and see how your boy will look in our colours in a couple of years' time.

Go the Saints
John Grealy

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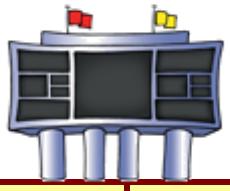

Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	For	Against
6 Gold	Moorebank	Neptune Park	Lost	20	36
6 White	East Hills	Neptune Park	Lost	12	26
6 Blue	Rhinos	Neptune Park	Won	16	8
7 Green	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney Res	Lost	4	46
7 White	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney Res	Lost	26	32
7 Blue	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Res	Won	22	18
8 Green	Moorebank	Roberts Park	Won	24	12
8 White	Chester Hill	Roberts Park	Lost	6	26
8 Blue	Tigers	Roberts Park	Lost	12	32
U9-3	Tigers	Roberts Park	Won	14	12
U9-1	Berala Bears	Peter Hislop	Won	6	0
U10-2	Rhinos	Bill Delauney Res	Lost	16	18
U11-1	Tigers	Roberts Park	Lost	12	40
U12-2	Bulls	Ruse Park	Won	14	0
U13-3	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney Res	Won	20	12
U13-2	Auburn Warriors	Bill Delauney Res	Won	12	4
14.2	Renown	Bill Delauney	Wash Out		
15.1	Renown	Bill Delauney	Wash Out		
16.1	Mascot	Bill Delauney	Wash Out		
19.2	Campbelltown	Worrell Park, Ruse	Wash Out		
A Res	Minto Cobras	Bill Delauney	Wash Out		
A Grade	Berala	Peter Hislop	Wash Out		

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Under 6 Gold ~ Lost 20-36 v Moorebank

Under 6 White ~ Lost 12-26 v East Hills

Under 6 Blue ~ Won 16-8 v Rhinos

MOM Edwin Carrera

Another late kick off for the under 6's at 2.30 in the afternoon. It was clear from the onset that it was going to be a close match. We scored early on and Lachlan had an awesome run around the defence to score in the corner. The Rhinos quickly responded with a couple of good runs. Tommy made a great try saving tackle but they scored on the next run.

We were quick to respond and Lachlan scored once again with another brilliant individual effort. Rhys and Eddie were unlucky not to score after good direct runs to end the first third.

The Saints started off strong in the second third with Lucas making an awesome swerving run around and through the defence, only to be stopped close to the try line. The Rhinos scored and made it all square at 8 all. From then on, the game was very intense with both sides looking dangerous and threatening to score. Tommy made another try saving tackle. Eddie & Rhys again made awesome runs. Zac, Christian, Pat then Riley all had great runs and almost scored. The final play of the second third was another try saver by Tommy.

During the final third both teams could smell a win. Max and Eddie started off with strong defence and Christian made a good run gaining great metres. The Rhinos came back hard but the defence was too strong and Lachlan acting as full back, was great in picking up any opposition that were getting around our defence. With minutes to go, Eddie was like a tackling machine running up and getting nearly every player that touched the ball. It looked like it was all over but Lachlan made a try saving tackle with a minute to go. He then had a length of the field run to score in the corner to win us the game. And to finish in style, Lucas made a break down the line on the full time whistle to score in the corner and make it 16-8. A great effort by all.

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Under 7 Green ~ Lost 4-46 v Milperra

Under 7 White ~ Lost 26-32 v Milperra

Under 7 Blue ~ Won 22-18 v Berala

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Under 8 Green ~ Won 24-12 v Moorebank

U8 green played a tough game against Moorebank @ Greenacre on Saturday. First period we were behind 4 to 8, with plenty of time spent in defence. Daniel showed great improvement in tackling, while Hussein was running the ball up strongly in through the centres. In the second period the boys came out strong keeping the opposition scoreless for the half, with Cooper and Ryan tackling along the line being a standout. Adam, Hussein and Daniel continued to run the ball up strong in the centre with Matthew, Zac and Kye moving the ball up on both wings. The boys scored 2 unanswered tries to be up 14-8 going into the final period. In the last session the attack was on fire with Adam, Hussein, and Mason in the centre, and Zac, Ryan and Nouredeen on the wing, all driving hard to put on 2 more tries, while holding out Moorebank to a single try. The final score of 24 to 12 was a great result, with Hussein scoring 2 tries, and Nouredeen, Matthew and Cooper all getting a try each. Man of the Match went to Daniel.

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Under 8 Green ~ Won 28-10 v East Hills (Round 8 ~ 25th May)

On Saturday we played against East hills at Chester hill. The opposition fielded only 6 players, but played a solid game. In defence the boys struggled early in the game with the size of a couple of the East hills boys, but after a while remembered their training, and effectively tackled the legs to bring the big guys down. In attack we crossed the line 6 times. Ryan scored 2 tries, with Daniel, Adam, Tarley, and Nouredeen all scoring 1 try each. Final Score of 28 - 10 is another solid win for the boys, who continue to improve week on week.

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Under 8 White ~ Lost 6-26 v Chester Hill

Under 8 Blue ~ Lost 12-32 v Greenacre

It was time to play the Tigers again – at their home ground too! Even though we lost the game,all the boys played with heart and put in a lot of effort. There just a few things that we need to work on, but that will all come in time. The scores were level at 6 all at the end of the 1st third. In the 2nd third we kind of went to sleep a little with the score being 6-22.

We played well in the final third scoring a try and only letting in 2, with the final score being 12-32.

The Man of the Match was Jack Zanbaka. He made a great tackle on the try line which dislodged the ball as the Greenacre boy was going to score and he was getting very involved today. Good work Jack, keep it up! Also, well done to all the Saints boys, you all played well against probably the best team in our grade!

Tries: Peter A. X2 Goals: Ryan K, Hayden S.

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Under 9.3 ~ Won 14-12 v Greenacre

It was the first time this year we have been involved in a tight game. Early in the first half the Tigers team looked the better side. When possession started to even up our ball handling and passing combinations were very pleasing.

Thomas, who was heavily involved, scored a great try in the corner and we went to the break only down by 2 points.

The second half was very tense with some great defence from Harry, Henri and Marcus. Eventually our dynamic running forward, Ryan, scored a good try out wide. Thomas put us 6 in front with a trademark kick and chase. The Tigers managed to score a late try, but was not converted. From that point the team showed real character and held on for a 2 point win, well done saints we are all very proud of you.

Thomas 2 tries - 1 goal Ryan 1 try

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Under 9.1 ~ Won 6-0 v Berala

We were on the road again this week playing Berala at Peter Hislop and despite rain interrupting our preparation, confidence was high after our dominant performance in the previous game against Berala this season.

What we got was a very ugly game, with our boys not playing smart footy, taking the wrong options when in attack and sitting back on their heels waiting for the big boppers in the Berala team to come to us. This hesitation in defence further increased Berala's confidence and on several occasions we had nearly the whole team committed to tackles. There was too much grabbing in defence and not enough shoulder contact, which saw our cover defenders making way too many tackles.

One of the highlights of the game was a barnstorming charge by Ricardo, which deserved a try but was not awarded by the referee, due to an alleged knock on over the line. Our spectators on that side of the field were gobsmacked that the try was not awarded and are certain that the ball was pushed out after the try was scored. Amazingly in this age group there were no points until the last three minutes of the game when Jared scored our only try and with Alex converting the scoring was finished at 6 – 0. This score did not reflect a great game of footy, dominated by good defence, but a scrappy, stop start game, where our performance as a team allowed Berala to stay in the game longer than they would have had we been switched on as a team.

Even though our preparation had been affected by the wet weather, this game saw us return to our inconsistent form and we were happy to just escape with the points. This win means that we get back our 50/50 win loss record for the season. It is important that the boys get to training and focus on improving our consistency in performance.

GO THE SAINTS.

Tries: Jared X1 **Goals:** Alex X1

Goop Guys M.O.M: Jordan **ENC:** Alex

Under 10.2 ~ Lost 16-18 v Rhinos

Although Rhinos were ranked 2nd and we had yet to register a win, we were fairly confident going into the game. We started pretty well with a good kick-off and decent defensive set. We scored the first points of the game when Joe made a huge run and offloaded to Ethan who darted to the line and converted. Our only other joy in the first half also came via Ethan who showed the ball and took-on the defensive line at speed, slicing through for his second try. In total we had only five possessions and failed to move up in defence, allowing Rhinos to run too freely, costing us three converted tries. Our smallest player Michael topped the first half tackle count!

The boys were sent into the second half with the coach demanding more commitment in defence. This was delivered and Rhino's couldn't break our line. Alex, Daniel and Braidon were all prominent in the defence and attack. Midway through the half Ethan scored his third try from a nice kick chase into their in-goal to complete his hat trick and Nicolas added the extras. We were down by two points with ten minutes remaining and still hopeful of snatching the win, but there were no more points scored and that's how it ended. Close but no cigar.

Tries: Ethan x 3 Goals: Ethan and Nicolas

MOM: Alex Encouragement: Ethan

Under 11.1 ~ Lost 12-40 v Greenacre

The boys trained well this week after missing last week and were eager to play. Up against our old enemy Greenacre we got off to a flying stop. Greenacre kicked off and out, gained the ball and in the next 8 or so minutes held the ball almost continuously. We had one set in that time and did not make good ground. They scored twice to lead 12 nil half way through the first half. To the boy's credit they hung in there and were able to level the score 2 minutes before half time. With less than a minute to go Greenacre again kicked into touch on the kick off, and scored on the bell to go up 18 – 12.

In the huddle at half time the boys knew what they had to do. Unfortunately Greenacre had the bit between the teeth and went on with it, scoring another 22 points to beat us well 40-12, 12 of those in the first 3 minutes of the second half. Whilst there were several very good individual performances today the boys forgot what it was that had brought them success so far this year. The attitude in defence, the hitting in numbers, the desire to dominate the opposition was missing today. Because our defence wasn't setting the tone it followed that our attack stuttered and spluttered against a defence that was very eager to make up for a round 2 loss to us earlier this year.

We are roughly mid way through the season, we have won more than we have lost, if we want to be in the big games at the end of the year we need to remember that it takes a team effort and lots of hard work.

Under 12.2 ~ Won 14-0 v Bulls

This Game was to be our toughest test to date, playing against the 2nd place side in our competition, the Bankstown Bulls. Traditionally the Bulls boast a few Big Boys, and the Under 12's had 2 that stood out. Their plan was quite simple and they tried to bash us up the middle and out on the edges. The boys recently had a bad case of the fumbles, and really needed to turn that around. During this game everything looked as we trained it and the boys were running in pairs and providing each other options. We were shifting the ball well and just over running the last option or taking the ball to ground, to save a turn over. We were the ones making the metres up the middle of their pack and the Bulls struggled to keep up with our more nimble and agile players. One thing I must admit is that our defence doesn't get the credit it deserves. The boys have done well in only letting in 2 tries for the whole season so far, and this game could have broken the flood gates if the Bulls had their way. The Bankstown Bulls, should have put at least 3 to 4 tries on us, but the boys always seemed to find something to hold them out. This game was a very tight one for us and all the Coaching staff would agree that everyone stepped up and did their roles well. The game ended **14-0** in our favour, and it was hard to split for **MOM** so we had 2 very deserving recipients, **MOM Jack Titmuss & Christian Laidler**.

Tries: Isaac E x 2, Camille S x 1 **Goals: Isaac E**

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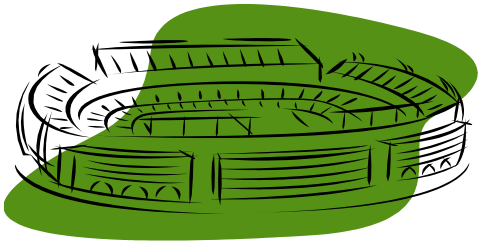
Under 13.3 ~ Won 20-12 v Milperra

Under 13.2 ~ Won 12-4 v Auburn

It's hard backing up against the same side two weeks in a row when they are prepared for what you are going to throw at them. The game was a battle the whole way through; we were able to get some good field position but struggled to convert pressure into points. We led 4 nil at half time but Auburn soon equalled after the break, the boys then had to dig deep particularly as we were playing with no reserves. Auburn struggled to get out of their half for the remainder of the game with some big defence and we were then able to score the tries to give us the lead. Christian had a big game involved in everything with Karim and Jaidin O. getting through a heap of defence, while Luke controlled the game with some nice little kicks and direction of play. Keep it up guys.

This Week's Games

Saturday 15th June			
6 Gold	12.20	St Johns R	Lidcombe
6 White	1.00	Chester Hill	Lidcombe
6 Blue	9.40	St Johns	Lidcombe
7 Green	11.00	Bass Hill Broncos	Clemton Park
7 White	11.40	Dragons	Clemton Park
7 Blue	9.00	Moorebank	Clemton Park
8 Green	11.00	St Johns	Smith Park
8 White	1.00	Bulls	Smith Park
8 Blue	9.40	Chester Hill	Smith Park
U9-3	9.00	Rhinos	Bill Delauney Res
U9-1	9.40	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Res
U10-2	9.50	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
U11-1	10.40	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Res
U12-2	11.30	East Hills	Bill Delauney Res
U13-3	12.20	Moorebank R	Bill Delauney Res
U13-2	11.30	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Res
A Grade	4.30	Moorebank	Hammodville
Sunday 16th June			
U14-2	11.45	Hurstville	Bexley Oval
U15-1		BYE	
U16-1	1.10	Kingsgrove	Terry Lamb (Abbott)
U19-2	3.00	East Hills	Smith Park
A Res	1.30	Ingleburn	Milton Park



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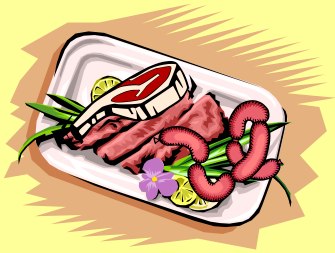

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- (b) Panania Diggers ~ Meat Tray raffles
  from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 9.1's.**

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