ST CHRISTOPHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

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President's Report

Last week I mentioned we had a round full of local derbies. I am pleased to report we won 4 of the 5 and all deserve a mention. The 9-3s were playing the undefeated Rhinos and had played out of their skins to be leading 12-10 with 20 seconds on the clock. A Rhinos kid makes a break and was certain to score and out of the pack appears Liam Taufa with a 'Scott Sattler' like tackle to save the day – fantastic effort Liam, fantastic effort boys. Still at home our 12s-2s lined up against East Hills in the top of the table clash. We turned 4 all at half time into a 16-4 win and let everyone know we are the real deal. Over to Hammondville where our A grade were in the afternoon matinee match with Moorebank. A bit of biff was not enough to upset our boys and we ran out 34-16 winners. There were some other great Saturday efforts with the 7 Whites, 7 Blues, 8 Blues, 9-1s, and both 13s racking up wins for one of our most successful Saturdays for a while.

Sunday saw our 16s get their first win for a few weeks with a good effort against Kingsgrove. The A reserve continued their tour of the western district and good form with a win over Ingleburn. They are outright first! That left the 19s who had scored the 'coveted' 3pm slot on life member day at Smith Park against East Hills. Thankfully our boys ran in a point a minute for the first 14 minutes to silence the parochial locals and score a much needed victory 32-6. Thanks to our supporters who got to the ground to cheer our boys.

Once again I urge our Saturday boys to get out and see a few Sunday games. A couple of venues (Begnell and Middleton) have multiple Saints teams so get out and take a look.

Go the Saints
John Grealy

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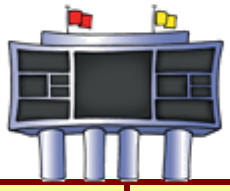
Round 10 Results



Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	For	Against
6 Gold	St Johns R	Lidcombe	Lost	16	24
6 White	Chester Hill	Lidcombe	Lost	0	30
6 Blue	St Johns	Lidcombe	Lost	18	28
7 Green	Bass Hill Broncos	Clemton Park	Lost	0	40
7 White	Dragons	Clemton Park	Won	28	20
7 Blue	Moorebank	Clemton Park	Won	34	26
8 Green	St Johns	Smith Park	Lost	32	34
8 White	Bulls	Smith Park	Lost	0	34
8 Blue	Chester Hill	Smith Park	Won	36	30
U9-3	Rhinos	Bill Delauney Res	Won	12	10
U9-1	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Res	Won	14	10
U10-2	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve	Lost	18	36
U11-1	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Res	Lost	12	30
U12-2	East Hills	Bill Delauney Res	Won	16	4
U13-3	Moorebank R	Bill Delauney Res	Won	34	0
U13-2	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Res	Won	40	6
U14-2	Hurstville	Bexley Oval	Lost	12	22
U15-1	BYE		BYE		
U16-1	Kingsgrove	Terry Lamb (Abbott)	Won	32	4
U19-2	East Hills	Smith Park	Won	32	6
A Res	Ingleburn	Milton Park	Won	40	14
A Grade	Moorebank	Hammondville	Won	34	16

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Under 6 Gold
Lost 16-24
v St Johns R

We only just lost to St Johns by one try, but a good game.
Nicholas, Michael, Leo and Dylan played a good game with lots of great tackling. Tyler, Daniel and Noah were our star try scorers, and Drew, Darcy and Izack made some good breaks.

Connor was our man of the match!

Under 6 White ~ Lost 0-30 v Chester Hill

It was the exact same score line as the first time when we met Chester Hill, although we were much improved. Although it didn't show in the score, it's obvious the boys are really starting to listen to coach Klem. The defence is improving, along with the boy's ability to offload and support one another. Khoda had a great game with some great defence and runs. Jake's tackling was outstanding along with our tackling machines in Noah and Brodie. It was hard to pick the best player out there with everyone giving it their best shot. Keep it up boys victory isn't too far away.

Under 6 Blue ~ Lost 18-28 v St Johns

It was a first for all the boys playing at Lidcombe Oval. We knew we had a tough game as St. Johns had only beaten us by 2 points in round 1. They had a few good players, including what I am sure was a mini Matt Utai. They kicked off only to see the ball roll over the sideline for an immediate turn over, this put us on the back foot straight away and they capitalised with an easy try. Our defence (brick wall) was not as strong this week and I can only blame having a week off for this. Whenever we got within a try of them they responded with a punishing attack, in saying that the boys never gave up in defence and always chased all the way. The try of the match was definitely Riley's and he also converted. From about 15m out he went to the left and then a right step opened the defence for him to score beside the right post for what we hope will be the first of many tries. Good work. Our Man of the Match this week was Patrick, with great runs every time he had the ball and defence that stopped the score line blowing out. Well deserved.
MOM- Patrick Forrester
Encouragement – Zac Taleb

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Under 7 Green ~ Lost 0-40 v Bass Hill

Under 7 White ~ Won 28-20 v Dragons

We were back playing our Round 1 opponents this week, the Dragons, who convincingly beat us 40-0 in our first game of the season. This game against the Dragons was a different story, with us coming away winners 28-20 in a close encounter. The boys trained hard on Friday in the only session of the week due to the rain and boy did they come ready to play. It was an overall great team effort with each player putting in lots of hard work in both defence and attack. Zach Maarbani was our man of the match this week and played his little heart out. Even after being sick all week and on game day, he still managed to score a try and convert. Our encouragement award went to Patrick Delinicolis who played his best game this year and came away with some great tackles and hit ups. Well done to ALL the boys, Mrs R was very, very proud of you all and you all did what she asked of you. Looking forward to another hard week at training to hopefully come away with the chocolates again this Saturday.
Tries: Marcus K X 2, Lachlan G, Daniel L & Zach M (1)
Goals: Marcus K, Daniel L, Zach M and Daniel R

Under 7 Blue ~ Won 34-26 v Moorebank

Under 8 Green ~ Lost 32-34 v St Johns

Under 8 White ~ Lost 0-34 v Bulls

We played Bankstown Bulls at Smith Park for the first time this season. Although our boys were convincingly beaten, they never gave up and really tried hard. The opposition was a well drilled and simply outplayed us both in attack and in defence. There were strong performances from Marcus, Sam, and Youssef. The boys tried everything to get some points on the board, but, the opposition were equal to the task. I will be implementing a new training plan this week and introducing new drills to address our weaknesses. The boys really need to knuckle down at training, and, put the effort in so that it can be reflected on game day. It will be a great experience for our boys to hold the NRL player's hand, when they walk out at ANZ Stadium on Friday night against the Sydney Roosters. This is something we will all be looking forward to. We will have to be on our game this week, as we play Bankstown Sports. If we really play our best, I believe that we can win this week. Come on boys keep your head up and let's go for it.

Under 8 Blue ~ Won 36-30 v Chester Hill

Under 9.3 ~ Won 12-10 v Rhinos

Under 9.1 ~ Won 14-10 v Moorebank

We were playing at home this week and as has been the case this season rain interrupted our preparation leading into the game.
This week we put on a much improved performance after our last outing and it was our defence that was a highlight. The game, between two evenly matched sides, was played between the two quarter lines of each team with our forwards, missing Ricardo, all stepping up to take the ball into the teeth of Moorebank's defence. There were minimal opportunities in the first half after we got an early try by Jared to give us the lead 4 – 0, which was the score at half time.
Following a short kick off Moorebank saw that our line was compressed in defence near the half way line and took advantage by going wide early to level the scores 4 – 4, with a long range try. We were fortunate to force an error on the kick off, due to our boys good kick chase. This saw us on one of the rare occasions on the attack deep in Moorebank's red zone and Kaled scored a try and with Alex booting the extras we were back in front 10 – 4. The game reverted back to its arm wrestle and following some good work in the forwards, Jared grabbed another try to extend our lead to 14 – 4 . As has been the case over the last few seasons we could not grab another try against Moorebank and they stayed in the game with a late converted try to bring the score to 14 – 10. We held on in the final minutes to get the win and the points to maintain our position on the ladder.
It was pleasing to see that the boys had addressed some of the issues from our previous games, although we are still taking the wrong options in attack and on a number of occasions in this game we ignored big overlaps and turned the ball back to the inside or running back to where the Moorebank defenders were. We also need to improve our consistency in goal kicking, which is currently at 61%, as these points may be critical in the lead up to and in the semi-finals. We face a big test in the coming weeks as we will be playing the best sides in the division over the next few rounds. We are now back in front on the win / loss ratio and hope to maintain this to the end of the season.
GO THE SAINTS!

Tries: Jared X2, Kaled X1 **Goals:** Alex
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Under 10.2 ~ Lost 18-36 v Milperra Colts

The boys started strongly against Colts with Alex crossing for two early tries. Hayden also crossed the line and converted for his first try and goal in rugby league - congratulations. We controlled the ball well, but defended poorly once Colts got the ball. They scored twice from their three possessions in the first half and had a fair share of the ball in the second half. With only ten players we tired towards the end of the game and were happy to hear the full time siren.

Tries: Alex (2) and Hayden Goals: Nicolas, Alex and Hayden

MOM: Alex

Under 11.1 ~ Lost 12-30 v Sports

Under 12.2 ~ Won 16-4 v East Hills

This game had all the makings of a blockbuster for us. We were facing East Hills, who had made their way to 2nd place on the ladder and a lot of the boys were either ex players from East Hills or players who didn't make it into our side. Most of the boys also go to school together and the talk had started 2 weeks ago when the teams saw each other at Greenacre. We also were playing strong for 2 of our team mates who had lost family members over the past 2 weeks. In honour of them, we had a minutes silence before the game at Billy D. Emotions were running high and we had talked this game up as a real test for us. The footy was of good quality, and each team was really feeling each other out. Our guys stood up and ran the ball hard and tackled the opposition just as we trained, it was quite an arm wrestle. There looked like the possibility of everyone going into the half at Nil all, but some good ball movement and a sweeping run saw us cross over in the corner and take the lead **4-0**. Towards the end of the end of the first half, we were forced into an error close on our line and East Hills mounted some real pressure on the boys. The threat was ruled to be a knock on from the opposition and we ended the half still at **4-0**. The second half was to be a real tester for our team's metal and we didn't help ourselves by making silly errors and handing the opposition at least 4 sets on our goal line. The pressure told and we let them in and they too missed their conversion and at **4-4** the game looked as though it would stay this way as no one could really finish off their sets well. We were in the arm wrestle again and the East Hills side showed quite a resilience. It took a special and hard fought run from our Captain to break their backs and their line. We converted and took the score to **10-4** with only a few minutes left in the game and East Hills tiring, we crossed again and finished the game**16-4**. It is always good to get a win and hear our team song, but this week's game and the effort put in by all made it seem a little more special. For us everyone in our comp is coming for us, so each game will be a test. Well done to our team. Let's maintain the focus and desire we have been showing in training and on game day.

MOM Lachlan Jordan & Cameron Riley.

Tries: Cameron R x 2, Kueva L **Goals: Blake W, Jordan R**

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Under 13.3 ~ Won 34-0 v Moorebank

Our team this week were at home to Moorebank. We really played well and were always in control of the game. The boys are starting to show a lot of promise and are growing in confidence. There were strong performances from Shaun, Reda, Sebastian and Cooper. This win now places us in first position. Let's keep up the good work and with continuing strong performances like this one, we can go all the way.
Go the Saints!!!!
Man of the match: Shaun
Tries: Reda X 2, Sebastian X 2, Cooper & Aaron
Goals: Jack X 4, Reda X 1.

Under 13.2 ~ Won 40-6 v Sports

We played Bankstown for the 2nd time in the space of a few games and came away with a big win. Sports weren't really up for this game; their defence was fragile at best and with them not moving up it made it pretty easy for us to make ground. The boys stuck to their task and followed through with their game plan and were allowed to play some good footy. Luke did a great job controlling the play, Christian was destructive in the middle along with Stewie, Jayden K. came up with some big defence while Josh and both Ryans were dangerous out wide. Byron and Pat came back after injury lay-offs and both had good games. Keep it up guys it gets harder from here.

Under 14.2 ~ Lost 12-22 v Hurstville

We started the game off well scoring the 1st try and looking focussed. Then we had a small hiccup letting them in for a try before we hit back with another 6 pointer. It looked like we were in charge and would go in at ½ time with a good lead - unfortunately just before ½ time we made some bad decisions and let them score on the ½ time bell and only went in 12-10 up.
This try gave them a lift for the 2nd ½ and we dropped off and started playing as individuals and not listening to the coach and trainer's instructions which lead to them scoring 2 unanswered tries.
Boys this was a game we should have won but lost because we **did not** follow instruction, we **did not** play to the whistle and we **did not** play as a team.

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Under 15.1 ~ BYE

Under 16.1 ~ Won 32-4 v Kingsgrove

Under 19.2 ~ Won 32-6 v East Hills

A Reserve ~ Won 40-14 v Ingleburn

A Grade ~ Won 34-16 v Moorebank

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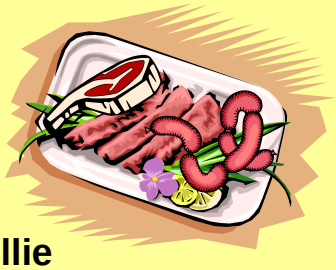

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- (b) Panania Diggers ~ Meat Tray raffles from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 9.3's.**

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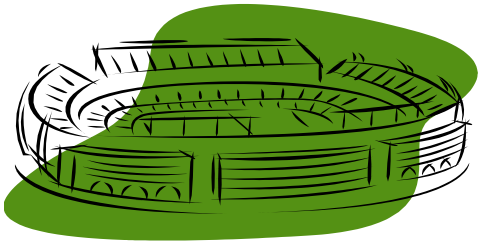
Saturday 22nd June			
6 Gold	12.20	Rhinos	Peter Hislop
6 White	1.00	Berala Bears	Peter Hislop
6 Blue	9.40	Bankstown Sports	Peter Hislop
7 Green	11.00	St Johns	Steve Folkes Res
7 White	12.20	St Johns	Steve Folkes Res
7 Blue	9.00	Tigers	Steve Folkes Res
8 Green		BYE	
8 White	12.20	Bankstown Sports	Begnell Oval
8 Blue	9.40	Moorebank	Begnell Oval
U9-3	9.00	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U9-1	9.50	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U10-2	10.40	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U11-1	11.30	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U12-2	12.20	Auburn Warriors	Bill Delauney
U13-3	1.10	Bulls	Bill Delauney
U13-2	12.30	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
Sunday 23rd June			
U14-2	10.00	St Johns	Begnell Oval
U15-1	12.10	St Johns	Begnell Oval
U16-1	11.15	Earlwood	Middleton Park
U19-2	12.30	Bulls	Middleton Park
A Res	2.40	Five Dock RSL	Five Dock Park
A	3.00	Broncos	Middleton Park
U14-2	10.00	St Johns	Begnell Oval