ST CHRISTOPHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

River Road Express

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President's Report

Round 12 saw us with 10 games at Billy Dee over 2 days. Unfortunately only the 10-3s used the ground as a fortress while for the other 9 sides it was a graveyard – guys, remember, it's supposed to be a graveyard for visiting teams not the home side!! Anyway, well done 10-3s. Away from Delauney the 10-1s beat Greenacre to cement their spot in the top 2 while the 9-3s gave a great defensive display to beat East Hills 6-4. This will hold them in good stead for their top of the table clash with the Broncos this weekend. The 8-1s thought they were playing Holden Cup with a final scoreline of 52-28 over the Bulls. Well done to our 4 winners. There were also some good efforts put in by the 7-2s (lost by 2); the 6-1s, the 9-1s (who had a try disallowed on the bell) and the 16s who went down by 2.

Just a reminder to team officials and parents – In my 47 years of being involved with footy, I've never seen a ref change his mind and I'm sure yelling, screaming, bleating, hooting and hollering at them won't help - why waste your breath.

Once again we have Sunday games. The match of the day is the 16s who play Moorebank. If you can only get to 1 Sunday game this year, make it this one (3.15pm kick off) – this is our last chance for a Sunday side to make the semis so some support would be great!! And remember, we need help from parents to run Sunday games so don't be shy in volunteering for barbie and canteen.

Go the Saints
John Grealy

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Round 12 Results

TEAM	OPPOSITION	RESULT	FOR	AGAINST
U6 Gold (4)	Bulls	Lost	16	24
U6 Green (3)	Moorebank	Lost	0	32
U6 Blue (1)	St Johns	Lost	22	32
U7 White (2)	Bulls	Lost	28	30
U7 Blue (1)	St Johns	Lost	10	22
U8 Green (3)	Milperra Colts	Lost	12	32
U8 White (2)	Bankstown Sports	Lost	32	54
U8 Blue (1)	Bulls	Won	52	28
U9-3	East Hills	Won	6	4
U9-1	St Johns	Lost	14	16
U10-3	St Johns	Won	30	8
U10-1	Tigers	Won	24	20
U11-2	St Johns	Lost	10	38
U12-1	Bulls	Lost	10	26
U13-1	Milperra Colts	Lost	8	26
U14-4	BYE	Lost	16	24
U14-2	Berala	Lost	12	18
U15-3	Dundas	Lost	4	30
U16-1	Mascot	Lost	20	22
U17-1	Campbelltown	Lost	12	42

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Under 6 Gold ~ Lost 16-24 v Bulls

Under 6.3 Green ~ Lost 0-32 v Moorebank

We have to start this one with a big thank you to Connor, Noah, Harry and Riley from Under 6.4 who jumped in to help us out this week. We had a couple away on holidays and two out sick so it was going to look interesting for our 6 that arrived to play on a freezing morning on the 'shady side' of Billy D!
Kai stepped it up once again gaining meters and tackling hard and Jake played his part at dummy half really well. Caleb kept up his defence until a wrist injury in the 1st third which saw him out for the rest of the game. James and Harrison also put in a solid effort with Harrison getting our Encouragement Award. Sebastian had a great game and gained points from all 3 point nominators.... He received this week's Man of the Match! Great job buddy! Good effort to all the boys this week... The scoreboard didn't reflect how well you played!

Under 6 Blue ~ Lost 22-32 v St Johns

Under 6 Gold
Man of the Match
~ Ayden ~

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Under 7 Blue ~ Lost 10-22 v St Johns

I would like to congratulate the boys on the awesome game they played last weekend. This week we came up against St. Johns who are currently undefeated. Unfortunately, we couldn't take that undefeated label away from them, though the boys gave all they could and were extremely unlucky not to win.

We got off to yet another slow start with St. Johns scoring not long after the kick off and then again and again; fortunately Lachie scored and converted so we went to the end of the first third down 6-18. Lucas also scored during the game and was so close to converting taking the score to 10-18. Even though we had 3 tries questionably disallowed, we still managed to keep St. Johns scoreless from the end of the first until the last minute of the game which was a fantastic effort.

St. Johns were certainly rattled by the way the boys played the game on Saturday, so much so, they were getting somewhat un-sportsman-like in their game which is disappointing for seven year olds; however our boys never let it bother them and kept getting on with the task at hand.

This week's Man of the Match went to Noah Weir. Noah played extremely well this week; he made some great tackles, made a couple of breaks and was very unlucky not to score. Noah had great field positioning and worked well with his team!! Well done Noah!!!

Congratulations boys, you tried your hardest this week and played a fantastic game.

We have a bye this weekend, though when we return, let's see if we can score first and not have to play catch up!

Under 7 White ~ Lost 28-30 v Bulls

MOM: Ethan Jennings

What a thriller of a game this match turned out to be!! The boys are improving week after week! Zac made some great opening tackles against the Bulls but unfortunately they managed to score an early try. Alexander made an awesome run to score our first try of the game. It was try for try as the Bulls went into score again. Rhys made a great off load to Zac who gained good metres with his run. Kristian finished off the play and scored to even up the game again. Rhys picked up his defence and made two big tackles, taking the Bulls into touch. Zac made another solid run and Ethan did the same. Zac was on fire with his defence and his efforts gained us the ball back. Cooper made a barging run through the defence but was unlucky to be taken into touch. Despite Alexander and Aaron producing some big tackles, the Bulls went into score again and converted to take the lead again. Zac produced another hard and fast run through the defence and Max followed with a brilliant swerving run to score a try. Unfortunately the Bulls came straight back at us and scored again. Brodie and Cooper made some really good metres with their runs, as did Alexander who scored his second try of the game. Aaron converted our try and evened up the match once again. Jake's tackling was awesome and he made another try-saving tackle around the legs causing Bulls to drop the ball. Saints were then taken into touch and once again Bulls had the ball and they scored two tries in a row. In the last third we continued to fight back, with Max scoring his second try of the game and Jake converting leaving a 2 point difference. But the Bulls managed to score again, increasing the lead. The game ended in style with Kristian making a great offload to Jake and Max scoring a hat trick. The boys played a great game this week, it was a real nail biter!

Under 8 Green ~ Lost 12-32 v Milperra Colts

Under 8 White ~ Lost 32-54 v Sports

Up against top of the table Sports this week and the boys were in for a tough game. The well drilled Sports put some easy points on us in the first ¼ and it felt like it was going to be a long day, but to our credit the boys hung in there with a couple of nice trice from Mark Bishara and Marcus Khoury. When we had the ball we looked sharp and Lucas continued to show us that he is a real threat when he takes the line on. We went into the break 18 points down but the spirits were still high. The focus was on defence, and if we could contain them on the scoreboard, the coaching staff would be happy. Harrison put on a couple of brilliant tries, catching those big boys sleeping and zipping through the middle of the park. Late in the 3rd ¼ Lucas Cassar went down with an arm injury, with a courageous cover tackle over the sideline, stopping a certain try. The Sports kept hitting back and using their two big boppers to steam roll us through the middle. In the final ¼ Mark Bishara showed us once again with determination and hard work you can achieve anything, scoring a great 4 pointer. Our little Logan went over for a cheeky try as well making the end score 54-32. If we work on our play the ball speed and get up quick in defence, I reckon we can knock these teams off next year. Well done today boys, really proud of your efforts. BTW, if we kick all our goals, 54-42, sounds better.

MOM: Mark Bishara

Tries: Mark (2), Harrison (2), Logan, Marcus and Lucas (1)

Goals: Logan, Marcus

Under 8 Blue ~ Won 52-28 v Bulls

Let's start with the score...52 - 28 .... WINNERS!

And it was well deserved. Our boys probably played some of the better footy today and it all came from our leaders. These are our players who are vocal, can organise the troops and rally them when the team needs them the most. It was our half back and first receivers who set the tone and the plays, and it was our big men who made the yards and got us over the advantage line. We kept rolling and rolling and that was the theme for the game.

When we look at the score, the biggest thing that stands out is their 28. Although we showed enthusiasm and commitment by getting up and back as a line, we never did it when we were on our own Try line. And so when they ran and we tackled them, all they had to do was fall over the line because we never moved off it.

Let me say, I was impressed with our commitment today. Every player had a job to do. We just need to do it for the entire 10 minutes of every quarter. No slackening off. No laziness. No complacency. And tackle. Tackle. Tackle. I would've been much happier if the score were 52 - nil.

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Under 9.3 ~ Won 6-4 v East Hills

Under 9.1 ~ Lost 14-16 v St Johns

Under 10.3 ~ Won 30-8 v St Johns

It was great to finally get off to a good start, which saw Jarrod F score out wide off a backline play in the opening set. St John's struck straight back with a kick off that got a lucky bounce to give them possession. We again forgot to talk and move up and they scored a soft try. Jarred T then found touch from our kick return and we ran in another 3 tries to Ryan, Liam and Bianca. These were all off taps on the back of penalties early in our sets that meant we did not get a chance to throw the ball out to the backs.

In the second half the ball possession was more even and we had to do more work in defence. There has been big improvements in the tackling in the backs, with Jarrod F, Connor and Jarred T all having busy games and the forwards holding the middle. Joey, Zac and Jarred T all had faultless games and did a great job with the ball distribution. Bianca and Jarred T were both rewarded with tries in the second half, but best of all it was a game where everyone did their job and contributed to a good win. Great job everyone! Let's keep up the good work and put in a big effort at training this week to prepare for battle with the East Hills Bulldogs.

TRIES: Jarrod F, Ryan, Liam, Bianca x 2, Jarred T GOALS: Jarred T, Liam, Jarrod F

Player of the Match: Joey Defensive AWARD: Harry

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Under 10.3 ~ Lost 6-40 v Sports (Round 11)

It was our third game in a row that we let in 5 unanswered tries before we started. And again there was more talk about who was going to take the kickoff than who was going to make some tackles. We were generally going high and getting pushed off or giving away a penalty if the tackle was affected. When we did go low, we did not have any drive or get 2 into the tackle and being a bigger side they were able to off load. Our defensive performance lacked any energy and our attack was just as just as lethargic, dropping the ball twice on early tackles. Jarrod F went close to scoring late in the half but was taken over the sideline just short of the line to trail 22-0 at the break.

Despite having no reserves and being a player short our second half was much better. Connor was able to dive over after some good field position on the back of some good sets and strong runs by Saadi. We again gave more penalties away for high tackles that gave them the bulk of possession and left some players confused and in shock about how to make a tackle. Sports were able to capitalize on all the possession and when Harry got sent from the field after a final warning we were reduced to 9 players and Sports scored some late tries. It was a game that showed how much more work we need to do at training in defence, particularly tackling technique. It is a HIT (shoulders), WRAP (arms) and DRIVE (legs), not a Touch with the hand, Clasp with the fingers and Pull to the ground . Tackling is 50% of the game OR in our case it will remain at 85% until we become more effective at it? Let's aim up next week from the kick off before the coach has no hair left!

TRIES – Connor GOALS – Jake

Player of the Match – Jake Defensive AWARD – Steve

Under 10.1 ~ Won 24-20 v Greenacre

Under 11.2 ~ Lost 10-38 v St Johns

Again the boys started off in attack with the first points scored on the board by Alex and conversion by Ethan. Alex scored again to finish the try scoring for the boys for the day. First half great tackling by Christian, Daniel, Tom and Hayden. Hit ups by Alex.

Second half hit ups were by Braidon, and tackling by Jonathon and Riley,

In the second half we let too many get away due to lack of tackling. Guys, if we perform like you did at the start of the season you may have a crack at the finals - which undoubtedly you all deserve! The final score was 10-38..... Man of the match was Michael because he wasn't scared to tackle the big boys!!!! Better luck this week boys, training is excellent, stay positive and do the same on field on game day :-)

Under 12.1 ~ Lost 10-26 v Bulls

Under 13.1 ~ Lost 8-26 v Milperra Colts

Under 14.4 ~ BYE

Under 14.2 ~ Lost 12-18 v Berala Bears

Boys another game we should have won. Good to see Ryan S. make a hard run to score a try. He has moved into the second row this year and has been quietly perfecting his line running. At one point it was 12 all and we were in the game but we let it go by not completing our sets. Stats show we only completed 4 of our 20 sets – even the Canterbury Bulldogs can't win games with stats like that!

Under 15.3 ~ Lost 4-30 v Dundas

Under 16.1 ~ Lost 20-22 v Mascot

Under 17.1 ~ Lost 12-42 v Campbelltown

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This Week's Games

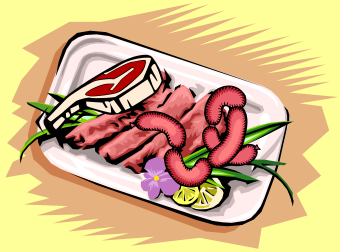
Saturday 12th July			
TEAM	TIME	OPPOSITION	VENUE
U6 Gold (4)	9.00	Moorebank	Hammondville
U6 Green (3)	9.00	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Complex
U6 Blue (1)	10.00	Tigers	Roberts Park
U7 White (2)	9.45	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
U7 Blue (1)		BYE	
U8 Green (3)	10.30	Moorebank	Hammondville
U8 White (2)	9.00	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Res
U8 Blue (1)	10.00	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Res
U9-3	11.15	Bass Hill Broncos	Middleton Park
U9-1		BYE	
U10-3	11.00	East Hills	Bill Delauney Res
U10-1	11.50	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Res
U11-2	12.40	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Res
U12-1	1.30	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Res
U13-1	2.30	Bulls	Ruse Park
Sunday 13th July			
U14-4	-	Bulls	Forfeit
U14-2	10.45	Hurstville	Bill Delauney
U15-3	12.55	Renown	Bill Delauney
U16-1	3.15	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U17-1	11.00	All Saints	Hillier Oval

Raffle Roster

Friday 11th July:

Joker Draw raffle at Revesby Pacific Hotel from 5:30-7:00 ~ **Under 14.4's.**

Saturday 12th July



- (a) Revesby Pacific Hotel ~ Meat Tray raffles from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 10.3's.**
- (b) Panania Diggers ~ Meat Tray raffles from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 6's.**

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