ST CHRISTOPHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

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President's Report

Finally a weekend of results where we 'passed' with 11 of our 20 teams getting the bickies. The U6 Golds got us off to a great start at Billy D by beating Moorebank in a mini thriller. This set the scene for others at home with the U7 Blues, the 8 Greens and 10-3s all adding to our tally. Away from home the 8 Blues made it back to back wins (even with their coach there!), the 9-3s continued on their winning way as did the 11-2s. Special mention to the 10-1s who are flying under the radar but keep racking up the competition points. Excellent.

Sunday saw 4 of our sides 'doing the tour' in the Balmain district. King George park turned out to be a happy hunting ground for the Saints with the 14-2s and 17-1s both knocking over Concord Burwood. It was the first win for the 17s and the Saints song did sound great coming from those foreign sheds. Over at Birchgrove (the real home of rugby league) the 16s put on one of their best performances to date to clean up the Leichhardt. 3 from 5 on a Sunday, pretty happy with that.

Social

Ball, Ball, Ball. June 6 – great value – see your team manager. Bookings and monies this weekend. We're aiming for 10 from a team. It will be a great night, it always is.

Go the Saints
John Grealy

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Round 6 Results

Team	Opposition	Result	For	Against
U6 Gold (4)	Moorebank 2	Won	16	8
U6 Green (3)	Auburn Warriors	Lost	0	24
U6 Blue (1)	Berala Bears	Lost	4	32
U7 White (2)	Berala Bears	Lost	8	36
U7 Blue (1)	Berala Bears	Won	34	16
U8 Green (3)	Moorebank 1	Won	42	10
U8 White (2)	Bulls	Lost	36	46
U8 Blue (1)	Chester Hill	Won	32	16
U9-3	Tigers 2	Won	36	8
U9-1	BYE			
U10-3	Bulls	Won	18	12
U10-1	Chester Hill	Won	18	12
U11-2	East Hills	Won	44	0
U12-1	St Johns	Lost	0	16
U13-1	Bulls	Lost	6	54
U14-4	Arncliffe	Lost	12	26
U14-2	Concord Burwood	Won	26	6
U15-3	Enfield Federals	Lost	10	22
U16-1	Leichhardt Wanders	Won	24	0
U17-1	Concord Burwood	Won	14	4

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St Christopher's Junior Rugby League Annual Ball

Come along and be a part of a great social event for parents and coaching staff in the St Christopher's Club.
To all new members, this is a night not to be missed!!

Venue: Bankstown Golf Club
Address: 70 Ashford Ave, Milperra
Date: Friday 6 June 2014
Time: 7.00pm – 2.00am
Cost: $90.00 per person which includes a 3 course dinner and a 5 hour Beer and Wine Package.

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Under 6 Gold ~ Won 16-8 v Moorebank

Man of the Match: Connor Gitsham

The boys were excited and ready for some great teamwork again this week. Harry picked up the ball following kick off and made a great first run, followed by Justin who ran the length of the field, only to be stopped short by a great tackle from Moorebank. Connor gained the ball and reached over the line to score his first try of the season. Brayden, Noah and Cole formed their usual solid defence and Riley and Noah made some great gains with their runs. Braydon ran hard and scored a fantastic try in and around the defence. Justin and Noah continued to make great tackles, followed by Xavius who made an awesome tackle pulling Moorebank into touch. Riley pulled out some great tackles in the next third along with Noah. Charlie put in a good effort with his run and Riley made some good metres with his runs. In the last third, Connor picked up a dropped ball and made a good straight run. Cole followed with a solid run and an awesome pass to Xavius who took us over the line for a great try. Connor, Riley and Noah showed some great teamwork with their tackling, however Moorebank broke the defence to score. Riley had another swerving run and next up was Connor who off-loaded the ball to Brayden who scored again with great determination. Cole also did some great passing to Justin who ran the length of the field and was unlucky not to score. Moorebank re-gained the ball and scored a try right at the end of the game to bring the final score 16 – 8.

Once again, the boys displayed some excellent teamwork with their passing and tackling. Connor

was awarded Man of the Match for showing great improvement in his game and Noah did a fantastic job leading the team with our victory song!!

Under 6 Gold

Man of the Match

Connor

Under 6.3 Green ~ Lost 0-24 v Auburn Warriors

Another loss this week but our little fellas are definitely improving.... We have to remember that most of our boys have only really played 5 games of football. Their concentration on Saturday was better and they are really getting the idea of the flow of the game. We just need to work on the speed of play the ball so we can get some decent runs in and score some tries. Harrison received this week's encouragement award and our Man of the Match was Declan with his try saving chase and tackle! Heads up boys, I can see you're all improving!

Under 6 Blue ~ Lost 4-32 v Berala Bears

MOM Alexander

6 Blue lost this weekend at home against the Berala bears but the boys' effort and drive for the defence prompted the ref to ask was it really under 6's. He thought there may have been a field mix up as the boys from both team put in such effort, he thought it was Under 7s.

Each week these boys keep getting better and better, each becoming little super stars in their own ways,

Under 6 Blue

Man of the Match

Alex

Under 7 White ~ Lost 8-36 v Berala Bears

Under 7 Blue ~ Won 34-16 v Berala Bears

Great game this week boys. The game started off with Berala scoring soon after the kick off; however it wasn't too long before we evened up the score. It was a close game until the last third when we ran away with it. We scored a massive 7 tries and 3 conversions in total which was an amazing effort by all of you.

This week we displayed quick thinking attack along with high quality passing, ground making runs, very strong defence, and a number of try saving tackles which was all possible due to the fantastic team work. Congratulations boys, you should all be very proud of this week's performance.

Man of the Match this week went to Isaac Mooney who with his strong and speedy running, gave his team fantastic field position and many opportunities to score. Well done Isaac!

Under 8 Green ~ Won 42-10 v Moorebank

U8 Green had another win on the board this week - scoring 42-10 against Moorebank. What a whopper of a game Josh had scoring 6 tries. What is this Kid having for breakfast? Share it around!

Team Green has amazed us with their abilities to be able to pull together and make ground both with the ball and defending with their tackling. We need to practice spreading out and also sharing the ball amongst the team. Besides that "well done!" boys on a highly deserved win!

Man of the Match went to a deserving Thomas who took charge and made great tackles and also resulted in the perfect try as well.

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Under 8 White ~ Lost 36-46 v Bankstown Bulls

A good week of defensive training on the bags with help from Norm Bishara was always going to be a big plus for the boys. The game started off well with some solid runs from Lucas Cassar and Zac Marbaani which led to them both scoring tries. We finally got to see Ben Pittman (after much talk of his pace) in full flight with some nice zippy runs evading the defence for some long distance tries (just got to work on those conversions Ben). Our defence has improved greatly and we look to be stopping more tries than previous games. Once again there were big strong runs from Mark Bishara, Marcus Khoury and Taj Stapleton. The Bulls fought back with a few more tries and Daniel Raish literally put his body on the line to stop a try and took a heavy hit from a kid twice his size. To his credit, he got back up and stayed in the game. A couple more tries from us saw the boys cement the win with a near perfect goal conversion from Cameron Oshea (might have found our new goal kicker). Well done boys and nice to sing the song again. Big game next week with top of the table Broncos @ River Rd. Bring your 'A' game boys.
MOM: Ben Williams
Tries: Ben (2) Marcus (2) Mark, Lucas, Logan, Zac, Daniel (1)
Goals: Mark, Logan, Marcus, Zac, Cameron

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Under 8 Blue ~ Won 32-16 v Chester Hill

One week on after our first win last week, all the parents were anxious to see whether our boys could make it two on the trot. And before the game, it looked like our boys were ready and fired to go as they started to warm themselves up by going for a run without any prompting from Super Coach Grant.

When the whistle blew our boys were running, tackling and passing well and we got off to a great start with James and Matt scoring a try. Our defence was rock solid that our first quarter probably set-up the rest of the game for us as we went in with an 8-nil lead at first quarter break. The second quarter saw our blokes step up with their tackling and commitment. By half time we were ahead 20-8 after tries by Jack, Cody and Mitch. That's where our boys had a bit of a lull and allowed the opposition back in and a return to our poor tackling for them to break our line and tackles again and again. At three quarter time, it was 28-18 but that's where it ended. Our boys showed their dominance again and powered home with more tries by Adrian and James for a final 32-18 scoreline. Goals were kicked by Hayden and Zac.

It was a pretty good performance all round. But there is still room for improvement. If I told you that we only off-loaded the ball once during our run / hit-ups (which was fumbled) would you believe me? It's true...only one in forty minutes of footy. But the signs are good and we are getting better and better every week.

Till next week.

Under 9.1 ~ BYE

Under 9.3 ~ Please find report on Page 8

Under 10.1 ~ Won 18-12 v Chesterhill Hornets

Another good win to the boys beating Cheso 18-12. It was a good turn around after they beat us 12-6 in round 2. Next game we play Greenacre again and we will have to lift if we want the win.

Our defence in the first half was excellent holding Cheso scoreless while we went over for two converted tries. We dropped off a little in the second half, letting them in for two easy tries while we crossed for one. We need to be able to keep up the intensity for the whole game if we want to make a game of it with St Johns.

Vince received man of the match with a strong performance in defence and attack. Bailey got the encouragement award with a solid game, especially in defence.

Tries: Kaled Arnaout, Zack Pound & Trent Bailey
MOM- Vincent Cassar
Encouragement award – Bailey Standaloft

Under 10.3 ~ Won 18-12 v Bankstown Bulls

The Team worked hard at training this week in defence and it paid dividends against a big Bulls outfit that included a coach and officials we did not want to get into any arguments with. PJ's defence was fearless and outstanding, taking the big boys on in the middle and Bianca was tough as ever out wide, which put them off their game. Saadi kept up his good form as our specialist marker and the whole team worked together to keep them to 2 tries in the first half. A lot of players were in new positions to improve our player diversity and build some depth in key positions. Joey and Jarred Torbay both did an excellent job at dummy half and 5/8, giving great service to the backs. Ky as first receiver had one of his best all round games. Our completion rate was much improved and Bianca and Saadi were able to force their way over for tries on the back of some good lead up work. We converted both tries and went into the break, up 12 – 8.

We rested some key players in the 2nd half, but Liam stepped up his game with some bone jarring front on defence. He also pulled off some of the best try saving cover tackles on their fast big blokes and Tommy had his best defensive game to date to cover for Bianca. We did really well as a team to keep one of their players, who was big, strong, and fast, from scoring more points after he scored their 3rd try but we smashed him the next couple of times. We all dug deep in defence and remained committed. Connor, Jarrod and Zac also did an excellent job in new positions in the 2nd half as dummy half, first receiver and 5/8 allowing us to show off our passing game that set up the final match winning try by Ky.

Jarrod Torbay's excellent kicking from kick offs also made a big difference, gaining us possession and giving us great field position with big kicks and great kick chasing by Jarrod and Zac. You can call us "The Entertainers" as the president did after the game, but we have more work to do and we will only get better. With only 2 wins from 6 games, all games are now sudden death to make the elimination final. In the end our much improved goal kicking proved the difference on the back of the courage and commitment shown by PJ, Bianca and Liam in defence as it was 3 tries each. The whole Team contributed and did their job as the old analogy goes and proved true "a great team will always beat a team of great players". A super effort by all!

TRIES – Bianca, Saadi & Ky

GOALS – Jarred Torbay, Ky & Jarrod Field

Player of the Match – PJ

Defensive AWARD – Liam

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Under 11.2 ~ Won 44-0 v East Hills Bulldogs

A fantastic game was had by all of the team. The first try went to Joe within the first 2 minutes of the game- the opposition could not stop Joe who managed to score two tries for the day. The first half saw great tackling from Lenny, Michael and Tom. Hitups from Lenny, Braidon and Michael. All the J's scored in the first half, Jack, Jono and Joe, conversions from Jack and Joe. Nicolas saved a possible try from the Bulldogs by kicking the ball over the dead ball line on the half time buzzer which saw a score of 16-0 in the first half.

The second half saw all of the boys play good footy. Although Saints didn't let the Bulldogs hold onto the ball for long, Lenny and Braidon again showed their great tackling and Braidon and Jack for their hitups. Within the first minute of play Daniel scored his first try of the season followed by Lenny, Joe and Ethan, conversions by Lenny, Joe, Michael and Christian. Ethan's fantastic pick up from the last kick of Bulldogs secured a run of the whole field to score the last try of the day with a final score of 44-0. Man of the match went to Riley - great effort.

Well done boys – you have shown a great team effort yet again.

Under 12.1 ~ Lost 0-16 v St Johns

Under 13.1 ~ Lost 6-54 v Bankstown Bulls

This was always going to be a tough ask for the boys, facing the only undefeated side in our comp after a tough win ourselves. The Bankstown Bulls have size, speed and aggression. We had a chance at the start and fear took over some of the boys. For the first 12 minutes of the first half it was a cake walk for the Bulls. We had nothing for them. We allowed them to walk all over us, giving up easy ball. Not aiming up in defence. Not backing each other up. But the most impressive thing that came out of the remaining first half was the resolve and the fact we were attacking them on their line. We seemed a little worried, not able to use the ball and get around them to score, but we had them doing all the work.

The Coach was more impressed with that 13mins than the win last week. The team was tired. We tackled at least 3 times more than them and lacked the go forward that we needed. The Bulls came out and put it to us. The final score was never the aim this week, the aim was to be in the game. We did manage to get on the score board, with some great passing and quick play of the ball. The boys do have it in them. They just can't do it on their own. Bond as a team first boys before you put individual needs ahead of the prize.

The score was 54-6 but that doesn't matter right now. Please keep in mind that when the team is playing as a team, we are the ones attacking. We are the ones applying the pressure. We are in control.

Under 14.4 ~ Lost 12-26 v Arncliffe Scots

After we had been relegated to 14.4, based on the number of players under age and our results thus far, we played against Arncliffe Scots at Guilfoyle Park, Regents Park.

It was a hard fought match and we started well with a converted try in the first 5 minutes to take a 6-0 lead. Silly errors and wrong options got the opposition back into the game. They went on to score two quick tries before half-time to take a 10-6 lead.

We didn't start the second half well, after a knock on from the kick-off in which the opposition worked their way to an unconverted try and led 14-6. From then on it was a struggle as they scored again and led 20-6. We hit back with a converted try to reduce their lead to 20-12. A couple of missed tackles and handling errors assisted them in taking a 26-12 lead with 8 minutes. We had a try disallowed with 6 minutes to go, which appeared to be incorrect but that's the way it finished up.

We had strong performance from Kassem, Riley, Cooper and Reda.

It just goes to that if a team does not train well, it can reflect on the field. We do have a good side, but, we need to work better as a team.

Scorers: Reda X1 try, Cooper X1 try. Jack: 2 goals.

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Under 14.2 ~ Won 26-6 v Concord Burwood

Down at King George Park on the shores of Iron Cove, under the watchful eye of our President the boys put on one of their best team performances this year. With many of the boys trying out new positions our defence was tested but stayed firm and our attack saw several strong runs. Standout out player this week was easily Michael – he tackled beautifully in the middle and took a lot of the big hitups making big metres. Let's keep it up boys and remember defence wins games!

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Under 15.3 ~ Lost 10-22 v Enfield Feds

Once again we hit the field with 12 plus Mohamad Arnaout from the 14's and no reserves , the boys had a great 1st ½. We had 1 disallowed try and were looking on top - unfortunately fatigue got to us late in the ½ and we let a try in on ½ time. We were very positive at ½ time, but some poor defence out wide allow Feds to score 3 quick tries and the game was gone. The boys didn't throw in the towel and managed to finish the game with 2 tries to only go down 22 to 10. If we can get 13 on the field and 1 or 2 reserves we should see a win.

Tries Jeremy x 1, Anthony x 1
Goals Izak x 1

Under 16.1 ~ Won 24-0 v Leichhardt Wanderers

A redraw this week resulted in the boys facing Leichardt Wanderers again, a team who had stolen victory from us in the dying minutes a fortnight ago. The boys were keen to set the record straight and they did just that, laying on a convincing score line, 24-0. The win was a big confidence boost after two consecutive losses. The biggest achievement yesterday was the boys' defence, keeping the opposition scoreless even whilst being reduced to 12 men for a 10 minute period when Mitch Wilson was binned for a professional foul. In attack, the boys scored some great tries through playing good footy. Luke Parmaxidis took out man of the match getting through a ridiculous amount of work and causing trouble for the opposition all day. Whilst it was a solid win, the boys need to step it up another level when they take on more stronger opponents in the coming weeks.

Tries: Mitch Wilson 2, Scott Hannigan, Devante Faanoi, Aaron Gilbert.
Goals: Steele Brown 2.

Under 17.1 ~ Won 14-4 v Concord Burwood

Under 9.3 ~ Won 36-8 v Greenacre Tigers 2

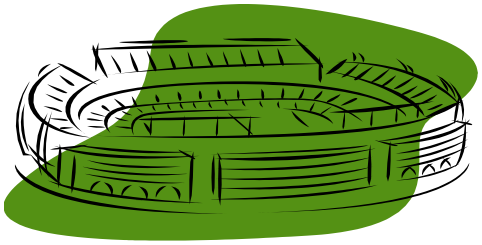
Our team scored another great win on the weekend, with a convincing margin of 36 to 8 against the Tigers 2 at Greenacre. We didn't have to wait long for our first try with Ryan crossing in the corner in the first set of 6, which Jayden then converted. This was quickly followed by Hussein who scored under the posts, from a quick play the ball. Ryan got his kick over to have us 12 points up after 5mins. In defence Bailey, Jayden and Hussein were a tuff wall for the opposition to break though, keeping the Tigers to only 1 try in the first half. Hussein scored a second try in the half, followed by Nouredeen who ran around their defence line for a 40 metre try. This left us up by 18-4 at the break.

In the second half the boys kept up their effort with more tries coming our way with good solid runs from Cooper H and Daniel, getting us close to the line, before both Jayden and Youssef got a try a piece from fast play the ball. Cooper S had a barrelling run through the Tiger's line to score another great try, while Tarley ran across the defence line, out sprinting them to the corner for our 8th try of the game. The whole team defended well again keeping the Tigers to only 1 try in the second half, leading to a convincing win.

A great effort by everyone in the team with a well organised line in both attack and defence. Man of the match went to Tarley for his great working setting up the attack line, and solid tackling in defence.

This Week's Games

Saturday 24th May			
U6 Gold (4)	9.00	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
U6 Green (3)	9.00	Rhinos	Bill Delauney Res
U6 Blue (1)	9.45	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
U7 White (2)	9.45	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
U7 Blue (1)	9.45	Bulls	Ruse Park
U8 Green (3)	10.30	Auburn Warriors	Lidcombe
U8 White (2)	10.30	Bass Hill Broncos	Bill Delauney Res
U8 Blue (1)	10.30	Rhinos	Bill Delauney Res
U9-3	11.30	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
U9-1	10.45	Berala Bears	Peter Hislop
U10-3	12.20	Bass Hill Broncos	Bill Delauney Res
U10-1	1.10	Tigers	Bill Delauney Res
U11-2	1.05	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Complex
U12-1	2.00	Bulls	Bill Delauney Res
U13-1	1.45	Dragons	Lance Hutchison
Sunday 25th May			
U14-4	11.00	Mascot White	Erskineville Oval
U14-2	10.30	Earlwood Saints	Bill Delauney Res
U15-3	12.40	Earlwood Saints	Bill Delauney Res
U16-1	12.15	Dundas Shamrocks	Birchgrove Oval
u17-1		BYE	



Raffle Roster

Friday 23rd May:

Joker Draw raffle at Revesby Pacific Hotel
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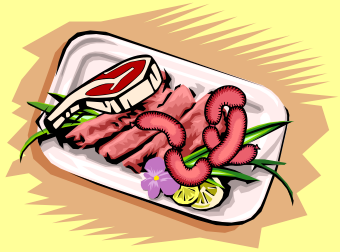
Saturday 24th May



- (a) Revesby Pacific Hotel ~ Meat Tray raffles
  from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 11's.**

- (b) Panania Diggers ~ Meat Tray raffles
  from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 8's (All).**