ST CHRISTOPHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

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President's Report

Firstly, apologies to Team Stapo and the 8 Whites last week. I got their results around the wrong way and had them down as losing when they actually WON. That gave us 12 wins in R7. We nearly matched it in Round 8 with 9 of the sides saluting. Team of the week was definitely the U15s. Plagued all year by low numbers and a horrendous injury toll, they have stuck solid and scored their first win of the season by thumping Earlwood. Well done to Waggy and the boys, more to come. Continuing with Sunday, the 14-2s made it a bad day all round for Earlwood with a 14 point win while the 14-4s continue to try hard looking for that first win – maybe at home this weekend fellas!

The previous day had seen our U6 Gold win the local derby against Colts while the 7 Blues continued to impress by beating the Bulls. The 8 Blues have now found their mojo by racking up their 3rd win on the trot while both 9s had hard fought wins against Johnnies and Berala – always tough games. The 10s and 11s finished our winners list for Saturday with good wins over the Tigers and Cheso, the 11s down 16 blot before putting on 28 unanswered points – you gotta love that!

Sunday games – this week we have 4 Saints teams at home. This is a bit of a rare occurrence these days so I urge all our Saturday boys to come down and check out your club mates in the senior sides. It's a great day.

Social – 124 have booked for the Ball on 6 June. All good. Please see inside for details of our **Kids' Fun Night on Sunday June 8 at the Diggers**. With no footy on that weekend, you'll need to get them out of the house.

Go the Saints
John Grealy

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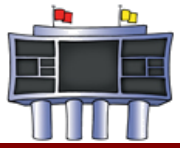
Round 7 Results



Team	Opposition	Result	For	Against
U6 Gold (4)	Milperra Colts	Won	20	0
U6 Green (3)	Rhinos	Lost	8	32
U6 Blue (1)	St Johns	Lost	8	20
U7 White (2)	St Johns	Lost	4	18
U7 Blue (1)	Bulls	Won	22	10
U8 Green (3)	Auburn Warriors	Lost	20	38
U8 White (2)	Bass Hill Broncos	Lost	20	26
U8 Blue (1)	Rhinos	Won	30	24
U9-3	St Johns	Won	20	12
U9-1	Berala Bears	Won	24	12
U10-3	Bass Hill Broncos	Lost	14	26
U10-1	Tigers	Won	18	12
U11-2	Chester Hill	Won	28	16
U12-1	Bulls	Lost	0	30
U13-1	Dragons	Lost	4	34
U14-4	Mascot White	Lost	14	28
U14-2	Earlwood Saints	Won	42	10
U15-3	Earlwood Saints	Won	30	16
U16-1	Dundas Shamrocks	Lost	16	40
U17-1	BYE			

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Outdoor movies

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WHEN

Sunday 4th June

WHERE

Panania Diggers

TIME

4pm onwards

Jumping castle 4pm - 6pm
Movies start at 6pm & 7.30pm approx.

COST

Gold coin donation if child is wearing club colours
or
$5 per child if wearing normal clothing

*** These prices include all items mentioned above ***

Under 6 Gold ~ Won 20-0 v Milperra Colts

MOM: Charlie Rimington

Our boys were all set to play one of their best games yet, against the Colts. Charlie made a great start for the team, picking up the ball from kick-off and passing to Peter who made a good run. Noah got the ball and took off like a bullet, running the whole length of the field to score our first try of the game in the opening minutes. Braydon, Noah, Xavius, Riley and Connor all worked together in defence. It was then Harry's turn to run the length of the field to score our 2nd try. Charlie continued to make some great tackles as did Ayden and Xavius.

Both Riley and James made some great metres with their solid runs. Noah got his hands on the ball again and ran like the wind to score under the posts. Saints continued with great defence and gained the ball back and, following a quick play the ball by James, Connor ran his heart out straight past the Colts (who were daydreaming at the time) and scored our 4th try. Justin, Braydon, Ayden and Peter made some strong tackles throughout the game.

The Pihema brothers, Cole and Brayden pulled out some awesome runs in the last third with Braydon's long straight adding another 4 points to the scoreboard. Once again, the boys are improving out of sight and clocked up another win. Charlie's new (smaller) shorts must have worked magic as he played a fantastic game, making 10 tackles and winning Man of the Match. Well done Charlie and great job boys!!

Under 6 Gold

Man of the Match

Charlie

Under 6 Green

Man of the Match ~ Caleb

Under 6.3 Green ~ Lost 8-32 v Revesby Heights

This week was by far our best and most improved week of the season! We were playing an undefeated team but our boys have really started to show that they are getting it!!!!!!! Yay!!!!!

We had such a great game that it was hard to pick out any outstanding players!

Jake nailed it as dummy half with quick passes and impressed the coach to get our encouragement award. He was always where he had to be and his role was vital! Great defence and tackle work from James, Izhak, Declan and Sebastian.... While Valanti, Harrison and Kai tried really hard to pass our opponents with some good running. Leo showed his pace and ran towards the try line but got tackled in his efforts. Drew broke through to score his first try of the season and put our first points on the board for the game. Declan then passed the try line to take our points to 8.

Caleb had a brilliant game with both fierce running and tackling - he earned himself this week's Man of the Match! Great effort Caleb!

Very well done boys - we are all very proud of how hard you tried!

Under 6 Blue ~ Lost 8-20 v St Johns

MOM Rory Wilson

This weekend's game would have to of been one of the best games the boys have played, leading 4-0 at the first 10 minutes with Khoda scoring the try. The next 10 minutes wasn't as good as far as points go, but the tackles and support the boys put in was a big step up. Rory did some excellent tackles and had some good runs with the ball which gave him Man of the Match. In the last 10 minutes Daniel got our other try over the line and the end score was 8-20.

Under 6 Blue
Man of the Match ~ Rory

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Under 7 White ~ Lost 4-18 v St Johns

Under 7 Blue ~ Won 22-10 v Bulls

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Under 8 Green~Lost 20-38 v Auburn Warriors

Under 8 White ~ Lost 20-26 v Bass Hill Broncos

An air of caution going into this game knowing that the Broncos were strong but were known for leaking plenty of points, so today defence was the key. Our Captain today was Damon Taufa and didn't he lead us well. Some dominant runs from Zac Marbaani, Logan Collinet and Lucas Cassar in the first half led to a couple of tries to Harrison Holmes and Daniel Raish. Damon should have notched up a try but fell short by 10 metres thinking the try was right there, (let's look for those posts next time eh boys). The boys continued to tackle their butts off at times and then came the moments where they just didn't want to engage. We hung in there and were only 8 points down at the half. The boys knew the job ahead and came out firing, with some big tackles from Patrick Delinicolis, Cameron Oshea and Mark Bishara. Unfortunately the Broncos little guy was too quick and went onto score another one of his tries, which made us down by a try at ¾ time. Damon then showed us all how much pace and football awareness he has and ran the length of the field to almost score the try of the year, only to be denied by some desperate Broncos defence and a one handed put down, dropping the ball over the try line. So close yet so far… Harrison Holmes scored another great try with his speed but Broncos hit back with one as well. Somehow we regained the ball back with a minute to go (twice actually) and managed to take the ball into touch and hand it over both times. A thrilling end to the game indeed and I'm sure supporters got their money's worth. Broncos 26 - Saints 20

MOM: Damon Taufa
Tries: Harrison Holmes (2) Zac Marbaani and Daniel Raish (1)
Goals: Harrison and Zac

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Under 8 Blue ~ Won 30-24 v Revesby Rhinos

After 2 wins on the trot, the benchmark was set high for another win, and even more so when Grant offered free slushies to every player if we kept the opposition scoreless. OMG! Grant must have had a few the night before or displayed pure confidence in our team of little rascals.

Well, that deal lasted almost as long as a slushie would on a summer's day in May that many Englishmen would call a heat wave! It was hot, and so was the pressure on the lads as the Rhino's scored a try within minutes of the first whistle. There's goes the slushie.

It was a competitive game and unfortunately we had gone back to the days of old...No communication. Not pushing up as a line, everybody screaming for the ball, missed tackles, running out of play and dropping the ball. It's all simple stuff...isn't it?

Some stats for you;

1st quarter ... down 6 - 12
Half time ... 16 - All
3rd quarter ... up 26 - 20
Final Score ... Winners ... 30 - 24

Tries to Jack x 2, Matt x 2, Daniel and Adrian. Goals to Jack, Matt and Cody.

There were only 2 handoffs all game and that was by Hayden and Adrian.

Our Man-of-the-Match went to Zac Porter who had his best game of the season, so far!

Under 9.1 ~ Won 24-12 v Berala

Coming off a bye, the boys headed out to Berala to play the Bears. We've had an up and down season so far, and each player was instructed to do their best and we could hopefully come out with a win!

Berala came out firing and scored pretty quickly in the game, and followed it up with another try within the first 10 minutes. We had quite a job to get back into it after being down 12-nil. The boys were told to keep their heads up and stay positive, and that they did! Our defence picked up a notch which helped our attackers do their job, and we ended up going into the half-time break leading 18-12.

The 2nd half was gritty, but the boys hung right in with their consistent defending. We only scored one more try in that 2nd half but we managed to hold them out and the full-time score ended up at 24-12.

It was great to see the boys all perform for each other, and keep their positivity throughout the game. Special mention for this week goes to both Josh Trevitt (Man of the Match) and Fanafou Seve (Coach's Award) for both having awesome games.

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Under 9.3 ~ Won 20-12 v St Johns

Under 10.1 ~ Won 18-12 v Greenacre Tigers

Great effort boys. Beating Greenacre twice in one season shows how much we have improved from last season and puts us clearly in 2nd spot on the ladder. All the boys played a good game and even when some dubious refereeing decisions didn't go our way, the boys didn't argue or drop their heads and kept playing to our game plan. In attack our forwards took the ball up straight and hard which allowed Jared and Kaled to dominate with many metres made each time they got their hands on the ball. All the boys tacked well in defence shutting down Greenacre's attack early and our on line defence showed improvement. A special mention for Luke in defence, who once again pulled off 17 tackles and Kaled who made 10 in the centres. Unfortunately we lost Zac Pound this week as he broke his toe and will be out for another 3-4 weeks. We will definitely miss him as he has been playing very good football this season. Let's keep up the effort boys and keep on winning.

MOM: Jared Kennedy

Tries: Kaled Arnaout X 2 & Ricardo Oloapu 1

Encouragement Award: Luke Moloney

Under 10.3 ~ Lost 14-26 v Bass Hill Broncos

We weren't sure what to expect from the Broncos but knew they had one of the top try scorers in the grade. He was big fast and agile and we struggled to hold them out from the opening kick-off. PJ and Bianca did a great job in defence out wide, and the forwards and Ky kept busy in the middle, but they still managed to put 3 tries on us before we had any ball in good field position. On the back of a good set, with Saadi getting heavily involved and making plenty of metres, Jarrod Field snuck over for a try to make it 16 – 6 at the break.

In the second half we aimed up better in defence, but they made us pay for our mistakes early in the tackle count. We were using the ball well and Jarrod Field was able to show good speed and an in-and-away to score 2 long range tries to get back in the game. Unfortunately our kicking game was off this week and it only got us back to 14 – 22 instead of 18 – 22, with a chance to snatch victory. Ky was named Man of the Match with a great all round and busy performance and Ryan got the crunch tackle award for a big hit on one of their big boys by putting his body on the line.

TRIES – Jarrod Field x 3

GOALS – Jarred Torbay

Player of the Match – Ky

Defensive AWARD – Ryan

Under 11.2 ~ Won 28-16 v Chester Hill

We thought that this was the week that the boys would end their winning streak as they made a very slow start to the game, intimidated by the Chester Hill forwards. The first half saw great tackles by Jack, Ethan and Michael, and hit ups by Joe. At half time the score was 16-0 Chester Hill's way.....nothing more to say there!

Then came the half time pep talk, it must have worked, the boys clearly did not want to walk away with a loss. The passing started and they attacked through the defence which lead Christian to score two tries in a row, followed by Braidon, Riley and Jack. Goal scorers were Christian, Ethan, Riley and Jack. The boys stopped Chester Hill in their tracks with no more points on the board. Although there wasn't much need for tackling in the second half, Thomas and Alex kept them coming, with hit ups from Braidon, Jack, Lenny and Daniel. Hayden had a great game which scored him pizza for dinner. Always a team effort, boys you did great, the final score was 28-16 our way.....

Under 12.1 ~ Lost 0-30 v Bankstown Bulls

Under 13.1 ~ Lost 4-34 v St George Dragons

Under 14.4 ~ Lost 14-28 v Mascot White

We played Mascot White at Erskineville Oval. I believe that the final result was not a true reflection of the game and we should have won. We only had one player on the bench in the first half and no one for the second half as Riley suffered an injury.

From the opening whistle we made a break down the blind side but Riley had no support. It appeared that we should have their measure. Five minutes later, the opposition were first to score and took a 6-0 lead. We hit back with a good try to Reda who raced 20 metres to score out wide and the kick was converted to make it a 6 all score line. Our boys really tried hard to take a lead but a loose ball ensured that the opposition would scoop up the ball and score to take a 12-6 lead at the break.

Despite having no players on the bench our boys came out firing with good lead up work, and this lead to a try near the post, which was not converted. The opposition held on to a 12-10 lead. About five minutes later, our boys worked play to the 40m line inside our territory. From the play-the-ball, the ball was passed out wide and Reda ran 60m to score a great individual try out wide. The try was not converted and this gave us a 14-12 lead. We led for the first time in the game with 15 minutes left of play. Silly errors and penalties cost us. Three minutes later, the opposition kept working away to score a simple try to take an 18-14 lead. From then on, our boys began to get tired as we had no interchange players. This really affected us. The opposition went on to post two further tries to come home 28-14 winners.

I feel we should all be proud of their effort and it won't be too long before we post our first win of the season. The attitude was tremendous and if we can keep this type of performance week in -week out, we will be a competitive team in the competition.

Go the Saints!!!!

Scorers: Reda X 3 tries: Jack 1 goal Player of the Match: Jack

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Under 14.2 ~ Won 42-10 v Earlwood Saints

Earlwood Saints had some big players but once our boys remembered that even big kids can't run without legs, they were going nowhere. Our whole team was strong in defence and if it keeps improving then we will be able to match it with the best in our comp. This week Jaidin Obeid cut 'em up in the halves, Luke was safe as houses at the back and Byron picked up the pace and had us rolling forward as hooker.

Under 15.3 ~ Won 30 to 16 v Earlwood Saints

Congratulations boys on our 1st win of the season. This was also the 1st game that we had a full team on the field with 2 reserves as well. As usual we started off on the back foot and after 2 minutes we were down 4 nil. The boys refocused and Luke got over for our first try - Liam kicked both goals for the 8 point try and we were up 8 -4. Anthony and Elisha scored before ½ time and suddenly we were well on top and went in at ½ time up 16 -4.

Dalai took an intercept and raced the length of the field to score under the post and the score was 22-4. We were looking at our first win but we switched off for 10 minutes and Earlwood put on 2 quick tries and were back in it. The boys got their act together and after a great inside pass from JJ, Anthony was over for his 2nd and we were up 26-16. Nathan Boland came out of retirement and in his 1st game back got our last try with a strong run to make the final score 30-16. Boys this was by far our best effort this year - with a bit of luck and a full team we could still give this comp a good shake.
Tries: Anthony x 2, Luke x 1, Elisha x1, Dalia x 1 & Nathan x 1
Goals: Liam x 2 & Izak x 1

Under 16.1 ~ Lost 16-40 v Dundas Shamrocks

Under 17.1 ~ BYE

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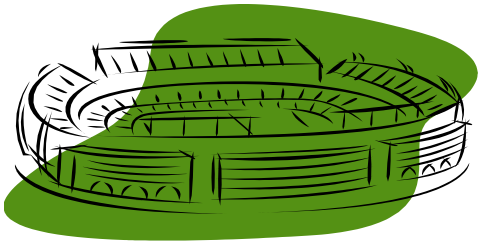
This Week's Games

Saturday 31st May			
U6 Gold (4)	9.00	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Res
U6 Green (3)	9.45	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney Res
U6 Blue (1)	9.00	Tigers	Bill Delauney Res
U7 White (2)	11.15	Moorebank	Hammondville
U7 Blue (1)	10.30	Dragons	Bill Delauney Res
U8 Green (3)	11.15	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Res
U8 White (2)	9.00	East Hills	Smith Park
U8 Blue (1)	12.00	Moorebank	Hammondville
U9-3	2.00	Moorebank	Hammondville
U9-1	11.15	Tigers	Roberts Park
U10-3	12.15	Tigers	Bill Delauney Res
U10-1	11.20	Berala Bears	Peter Hislop
U11-2	1.05	Rhinos	Bill Delauney Res
U12-1	12.10	Berala Bears	Peter Hislop
U13-1	3.40	Moorebank	Hammondville
Sunday 1st June			
U14-4	11.00	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U14-2	12.05	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U15-3	12.00	St Charles	Snape Park
U16-1	1.15	South Eastern	Bill Delauney
U17-1	2.30	St George Dragons	Bill Delauney

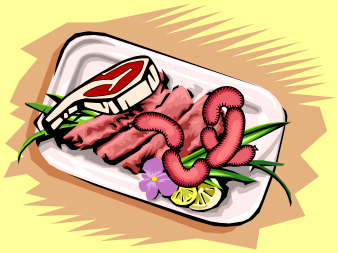


Raffle Roster

Friday 30th May:

Joker Draw raffle at Revesby Pacific Hotel from 5:30-7:00 ~ **Under 14.2's.**

Saturday 31st May



- (a) Revesby Pacific Hotel ~ Meat Tray raffles from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 10.1's.**
- (b) Panania Diggers ~ Meat Tray raffles from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 7's (All).**