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### CLUB NEWS

#### From the President

We were back to the traditional Saturday/Sunday format for the weekend. Mayoh's Maniacs (8-1s) warmed up for their State of origin debuts with a comprehensive win over Cheso - this team could be the real deal! Handsome Al's 10-1s looked good knocking over St Johns at home while Maccas's 12s gave the Bulls a huge start at half time then gunned them down with ease in the 2nd!! Well done. Keith's 13s scored some great backline tries to also beat the Bulls which put everyone in a great mood for the Diggers. JD's 10-2s were over at Berala and although beaten, put in a pretty good effort - that win is coming guys. The disappointments of Saturday were the 9s and 11s. Boys, your coaches don't commit huge amounts of their time so you can play like 'Billy Elliots' - get fair dinkum or get some tights. The only joy on Sunday was Luke's 14s who beat Berala but did go to sleep in the last 10 minutes - I'm not gonna say it again!

#### SATURDAY AT THE DIGGERS

Many thanks to Jarrad Hickey and Cameron Phelps from the Dogs who came down on Saturday night for the junior presentations. Both guys have always been willing to help out their junior club. And we wish Phelpsy all the best for his upcoming stint in England.

Congratulations to Sandra Gaias (U15s mum) and Terry Cole (U13s dad) who were the lucky winners of the State of Origin tickets. Congratulations also to the U6-1s who sold the most tickets and now receive a football each. Boys, I think you owe you coach Chris Vella big time - he sold ~\$900 worth of tickets. Thanks to Geoff Amy for organising the raffle. We now have a huge TV in the clubhouse which will be the gathering point for State of Origin 2.

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*John Grealy*



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#### RESULTS ROUND 5 GAMES LAST WEEK: 17/05 & 18/05/08


Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Div 2	Chester Hill	L	8	-	24
6 Div 1	Bulls	L	14	-	18
7 Div 2	Bankstown Sports	W	44	-	6
7 Div 3	Greenacre	L	0	-	26
8 Div 1	Chester Hill	W	36	-	6
8 Div 3	Chester Hill	D	26	-	26
9 Div 1	Revesby Heights	L	22	-	24
10 Div 2	Berala Bears B	L	10	-	24
10 Div 1	St Johns	W	24	-	6
11 Div 1	East Hills	W	28	-	12
12 Div 2	Bulls	W	32	-	18
13 Div 1	Bulls	W	24	-	14
14 Div 1	Berala Bears	W	26		24
U/15	Bankstown Sports G	L	0	-	60
A Grade	St Johns	L	42	-	10



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**U6 Div 2 –Lost 8-24 Chester Hill**

A tough draw saw us playing league leaders Chester Hill for the second time in 3 weeks. Despite suffering a tough 30-4 defeat in the previous meeting, the boys put in a much improved performance. The boys defended as a team and put the opposition under pressure early. Our attack also started well, with Sam stepping past several defenders to score under the posts for a 4-0 lead. Unfortunately Cheso hit back straight away and scored a try right on half time which had us down 14-4 at the break. The boys continued to compete well in the second half with top runs by Leon and Jacob. The highlight of the match was a 60 metre run by Klayton beating the cover defence for a great try. The second half defence was better than previous weeks with Sam, Brodie and Leon tackling well.

**Tries:** Sam, Klayton.  
**Subway awards:** Nathan, Jacob  
**Encouragement awards:** Max, Brodie  
**Man of the Match:** Klayton

**U6 Div 1 Lost 14-18 Bulls**

**U7 Div 2 Won 44-6 Bankstown Sports**

What a game keeping the home ground crowd happy with another win. Defence played a major role in the first half with 16 major tackles needed from Issac, Lachlan, Christian, Cameron and Blake to hold out our opposition only allowing one try in. Our boys crossed the line 4 times with great goals by Camille and Ryan. The Second half saw another 5 tries and two goals from the magic boots of Nathan and Jack well done Goal kickers. Special thanks to James Leton who filled in as trainer. The highlight of the afternoon was to head off to the diggers club and See Ryan presented with the MOM trophy by our Canterbury 1<sup>st</sup> graders and Christian receive his encouragement award. Well done boys keep up the good work.  
**Tries .** Cameron (1) , Lachlan(4), Issac (4) .  
**Goals.** Ryan, Camille, Nathan , Jack.  
**Encouragement award** Christian.  
**MOM** Ryan .

**U7 Div 3 Lost 0-26 Greenacre**  
**U8 Div 1 Won 36-6 Chester Hill**

The boys had another great game this weekend at Terry Lamb Complex. Michael had some great runs with Bodie close behind him backing him up all the way and both going over to score. Peter's lead up in defence paved the way for some awesome tackling throughout the game, even tackling the opposition in goal. Chester Hill found it hard to get the ball out of their own half, but they managed to score just before half time, they were then left scoreless for the rest of the game. Stuart continued his strong charge through the middle of play attracting up to six defenders each time he touched the ball. The boys conversion strike rate continues to be 100% with not one boy missing yet this season. Little Jayden found his rhythm again this week also making some great runs throughout the game. The team also got to pack their first scrum of the year, which was very exciting. They play the competition leader's this week, Berala, and hope to continue there great form. Good Luck Boys!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Man of the Match –** Bodie  
**Encouragement Award-** Stuart

**U8 Div 3–Drew 26-26 Chester Hill**

We expected another tough game and we did get it from Chester Hill. All bar the first game of the season, the boys have had to work hard during their games which have proved to be a contest from start to finish. The opening exchanges proved tense with both sides making ground, but also dropping the ball and falling off tackles. Once the boys re-grouped, they showed some enterprise with some barnstorming runs by Joel (scoring a well deserved try), James and Alec. Angelo gave great service from first receiver and made some great tackles, whilst Shaun was our dummy half, scored a smart try and tackled well. Stuart and Dylan made good metres on several occasions with Dylan also scoring a sound try. Cooper had some good runs and tackled well in the first half. He was replaced at half time which saw Aaron take the field and show great speed in scoring two (2) great tries and making several big tackles.

The game went from one end of the field to the other with (a total of eleven tries being scored in the match) and had the crowd on their feet right to the bell . The boys had their chances to come away with a win, but tended to bunch a bit in both attack and defence. It is something that they can learn from and we know they will improve before the next game.

Thanks to all the parents, players and our coach who attended the Panania Diggers Club on Saturday night for the man of the match awards and monster raffle draw. It was great to see the support for our team.  
**GOOPGUYS M.O.M –** Joel  
**Tries –** Joel, Shaun, Dylan, Aaron (2)  
**Goal –** Joel, James, Alec

**U9 Div. 1 Lost 22-24 Revesby Heights**

This was far from the result we were looking for. After focusing a large part of our training last week on our defensive shape it was very disappointing that all 4 of Heights tries were scored by them running around our outside backs. There were some pleasing aspects however. Kyle was solid with his attack and threw a great ball to put Joel into a gap down the right hand flank. Luke carried on his great form until coming off just before half time with a knock to the knee. Jack and Jeremy were very good in both attack and defence. Liam is continuing to improve each week and made some strong runs and good tackles and was rewarded with his first try in competition for the year. We need to work hard at training this week to get back on track.

**Tries** Rhys, Luke, Jack, Liam.  
**Goals** Rhys, Luke, Jack,  
**Man of the Match -** Liam Mannering  
**Encouragement Award -** Jeremy El-Chami.

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**U10 Div 1 Son 24-6 St Johns**

**U10 Div. 2 Lost 10-24 Berala Bears**

The boys continue to improve each week and really should have beaten Berala Y. We played with only 10 men for the first half with Brendon making up the numbers after half time. Two of our tries were disallowed because kick chasers were ruled in front of the kicker. In the second half we could not sustain pressure when in good field position because we turned over possession on early tackles. All of these things can be fixed. On a positive note, all of the forwards were running onto the ball and doing fantastic hit ups - well done. There were some noticeable improvements in defence with strong, low one-on-one tackles by Sean and Anthony. The backs also did a great job with Brandon, Scott, Mitchell, Brendan and doing a lot of tackles. Anthony played dummy half for the first time and was always there ready to pass the ball. He's really going well for his first year of playing. It was a good effort by all the team - we know that we have their measure next time around.

**Tries:** Tui & Brandon

**Goal:** Anthony

**Mom:** Sean Faanoi

**Enc:** Ben Titmuss

**U11 Div 1 Lost 12-28 East Hills**

Up against East Hills @ Smith Park was never going to be easy but our hopes were high. We lost the toss they kicked off to us. Our go forward from the start struggled to make metres (not getting over the advantage line). A great effort in defence early stopped them from scoring. We held them up over the line on the 5<sup>th</sup> causing a scrum a couple of times, this giving them 6 more tackles. Unfortunately with the wait of possession they scored, 6 nil down. We started to click into gear. We eventually got the ball in good field position, an inside ball by Adam to Davo flying on the angle & away we go forward. The boys spread the ball left with good quick hands to Dylan (Eric Grothe) Elias to palm,

push, & bump his way to the try line showing great determination. With the wind behind us in the second half, 6 all at half time & knowing the skills of the boys we should go on with it. 2<sup>nd</sup> half was the opposite of last week against St John which we scored 4 tries. East Hills upping the anti with good go forward & good kicking game. This built pressure causing many mistakes by us. Even though we tried hard they ran in 4 tries to our 1 in period. Unfortunately we went down 28 to 12. Davo & Kaynes body on the line defensive efforts were awesome they never stopped trying. Div 1 is tough, so it's important to roll up the sleeves & fight it out all game. Good thing about footy Boys, there's always next week, keep training hard and having fun with the game we all love. Bring on the SPORTS.

**Tries:** Dylan & Adam

**Goals:** Kyle, Adam

**MOM:** Conor Davidson

**EA:** Kayne Grove

**U12 Div 2 Won 32-28 Bankstown Bulls**

The boys played Bulls this week, we were expecting a tough game and the first half they blasted us off the park. Before we knew it we were 20 points down and it did not look good. They caught us out as we had some last minute positional changes as Alex was unable to play due to injury, so we had to shuffle the team around. The boys tried hard but the Bulls were just too good in the first half. The second half was a completely different story, the coach talked to the boys and they came out firing. Everyone of the boys rallied together and showed great determination to peg back those points they had conceded. The boys threw the ball around, tackled everything that moved and scored some fantastic tries. The boys pulled together and shown great spirit to pull it out of the fire. Andrew's determined run from halfway to score under the post was one of the many highlights, as was the try saving tackle by Patrick which helped change the game. Excellent effort by all the boys. Congratulations to all.

**TRIES** J.McGregor x 3, T.Weeks, A.

Michaels, J.Groves

**GOALS** M.Kheir, J. Groves, A. Michaels,

B.Aboulhaf

**MOM** J.McGregor

**U13 Div 1 Won 24-14 Bulls**

Another good team effort where we performed for all but 5 minutes of the match. Though Bulls were bigger, our defence was very tough. We used the ball for the full set of 6, we didn't panic in attack and we scored some great backline tries - it was that simple! Thanks to Daniel Jimenez who stepped up from the 12s and played really well.

**Tries:** Jake 2; Tim 2 and Hendo

**Goals:** Josh 2

**Diggers MoM:** Tim 'the toolman' Ward

**Subway Players Player:** Tamati 'the big T'

Haimona

**U14 Div 1 . Won 26-24 Berala Bears**

After leading by 14 points and doing all the little things right, something happened, (a brain explosion possibly), you went away from the coaches instructions and almost lost in the dying minutes of the game.

Hopefully you will have learnt from the close call and wont let it happen again. Remember boys, listen, learn, practice and **BELIEVE IN YOURSELVES.**

**U15 Lost 0-60 Bankstown Sports**

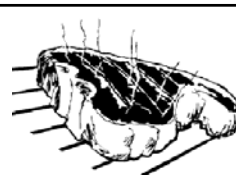
A disappointing result. Must bounce back.

**A Grade Lost 10-42 St Johns**

Not your greatest effort, hopefully this is your bad game out of the way.



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**Calender of Important Dates**

- Broken Hill U/12 - U/14 teams tour to Sydney on 27 September - 3 October. Games at home on Monday 29 Sept & Wednesday 1 Oct.

**WEEKLY WINNERS**

**On the Golf Day:**

**The "Dream Team"**

**Whits, Wrennie, Killer & Johnno**

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**State of Origin Packages:**

**Sandra Gaias (U/15's mum)**

**Terry Cole (U/13's dad)**

**Field Set-up:**

**Field Clean-up:**

**Canteen Duties: No games at home this weekend.**

**BBQ Duties:**

<b>Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday: 23/05/08</b>	<b>5.30pm to 7.00pm Under 15's</b>
<b>Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 24/05/08</b>	<b>3:00 pm to 5.00pm Under 6 Division 1's Wear your club colours.</b>

**NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 6**

**Games: Saturday 24th May 2008**

6 Div2	10.10	St Johns	Begnell Oval
6 Div 1	10.50	St Johns	Begnell Oval
7 Div 2	10.50	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Complex
7 Div 3	9.30	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
8 Div 1	10.10	Berala	Guilfoyle Oval
8 Div 3	11.30	St George Dragons	Clemton Park
9 Div 1	11.40	Berala	Guilfoyle Oval
10 Div 2	1.50	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
10 Div 1	12.30	Greenacre	Roberts Park
11 Div 1	12.30	Bankstown Sports	Peter Hislop Park
12 Div 2	12.20	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park
13 Div 1	3.00	St Johns	Begnell Oval
14 Div 1	4.45	Bulls	Terry Lamb Complex

**Games: Sunday 25th May 2008**

U/15	11.15	Milperra Colts	Padstow Park
A Grade	3.00	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes (McLean)



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