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CLUB NEWS

President's Report

Luckily the rain held off just long enough for the weekend's footy to be on. The 7-1s are getting closer every week and were a bit unlucky to go down to Bulls by 2. Keep trying guys, it will happen. The 11-1s made up for their shock loss in the 1st round by trouncing Greenacre 34-6. The 8-1s posted their 2nd victory of the season with a 2 point pearler over Moorebank. This was a bruising encounter and looked more like a good under 12 game. Speaking of the 12s, they continue to thrive on their home ground advantage and smacked the Bulls 42-14.

Sunday saw the planets align and our 3 senior sides score HOME GROUND victories. The 16s have been knocking on the door for a few weeks and opened their season account with a last minute victory over Dragons. Remember, you don't lose by 2 at home. Well done 16s.

The 19s clicked up a gear and repeated their dose of pain to the Bulls while the A grade reveled in the wet

conditions to thump the huge side from Sports.. SUPER SUNDAY!!

This weekend

It's a long weekend and both the 16s and A grade are playing Saturday. Our 19s and "Shark As" are our only 2 Sunday games, timed so you can see both. Why not put on your blonde wig and sunnies, wax up and take a trip into the shire. The God squad in God's country. You gotta see that!!

Go The Saints

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 Saturday 20th June*

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RESULTS ROUND 4 GAMES LAST WEEK: 30 & 31/05/09


Age	Opposition		For	Against
U6-Red	Berala Bears	L	0	36
U6-Black	Bye		-	-
U7- Div 2	Greenacre	W	Forfeit	-
U7- Div 1	Bankstown Bulls	L	16	18
U8- Div 4	Bankstown Bulls	L	20	30
U8- Div 1	Moorebank Rams	W	18	16
U9- Div 1	St George Dragons	L	22	26
U10- Div 1	Moorebank Rams	L	0	32
U11- Div 3	Milperra Colts	D	18	18
U11- Div 1	Greenacre	W	34	6
U12- Div 1	Bankstown Bulls	W	42	14
U13- Div 2	Bye		-	-
U14- Div 1	St Johns	L	14	42
U16's	St George Dragons	W	28	24
U19's	Bankstown Bulls	W	24	16
U23's	Arncliffe Scotts	L	12	24
A Grade	Bankstown Sports	W	46	16



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U6-Red**U6-Black****U7- Div 2****U7- Div 1 Lost 16-18 Bankstown Bulls**

The boys trained well during the week after their big loss to sports but with some positive talk at training they were still excited to play this week. We started off with the bulls scoring straight from the kick off which startled us all. It took us a while to settle in before Callum had a quick dart from dummy half crossing for our first. The boys regained their enthusiasm and felt like they were in the game again. After the first break the boys come back hard with some big tackles from Aiden, Nathan and Mark. Callum crossed for his second pushing through again from dummy half. Lachlan charged through late in second third with a great try jumping for the line after a play on called from the ref. Unfortunately Nathan kicked and hit the bent upright (ripped off). Bulls crossed twice and converted leaving us behind by 6. A big scare at the end of our second third with Aiden getting injured in a big tackle and getting carried off the field, only to toughen up during the break and come back out with the boys. The boys played great in the final third and put Lachlan in for his second try which left Mark with a kick to draw the game but unfortunately hitting the cross bar leaving us shy by 2 points. All the boys should be congratulated on a great game. We have improved so much over the past few weeks and really showed this week that we can be a good team if we work together as a team. We saw some good offloads throughout the game one from Nathan Bishara which was a great ball which put Nathan in for his first try. This was a great game to watch (not so much from the coaches box when down by 2 points) so come and support our kids next home game it could give us the extra try that we needed. Well done boys our win is just around the corner. Tries Callum Vella 2, Lachlan McAlpine 2
Man of Match Callum Vella & Lachlan McAlpine

U8- Div 4**U8- Div 1 Won 18-16 Moorebank**

Who ever has seen the coming of age movie "Captain's Courageous" with Spencer Tracey and Freddie Bartholomew filmed in 1937 will understand the effort our boys put into this weeks game. The Moorebank Rams were a far bigger side than us, but I have never seen such a gutsy performance by a junior side in my life. The Rams were placed first in the competition and I suspect they thought we would be an easy two points. Little did they expect such a hard game. The game started off with Saints scoring first with a nice off

load from Christian from dummy half to Lachlan who sprinted to the corner to score our first try. Noah converted to make the score 6-0. Moorebank hit back to level the score within a few minutes. The game was in the balance throughout the second third with many breaks being cut down just short of the line on both sides. In the last report I noted that Nathan would gain confidence in the future and he showed his worth with a barnstorming run that resulted in our second try. It was easy converted by Cameron to put us in the lead 12-6. Once again Moorebank hit back but failed to convert which made the score 12-10 at the end of the second third. Immediately after the tap off Lachlan made a beautiful run to score and Issac converted to make it 18-12. Our defence was absolutely superb throughout the game and special mention should go to Jack and especially Noah for his try saving tackles in the last third. Blake continued to tackle strongly and was always willing to take the ball up. Ryan has been a strong defender over the last few weeks but his running up the centre was certainly a strong point this week. The last third saw Moorebank hit back strongly with their big boys hitting it up the centre. But to our credit we held out for one of the best wins this season. Dave is so proud of you boys, you really showed that you are worthy of being in the 8.1's. You played a great game and you will certainly trouble a few of the bigger teams throughout the season.

MOM - The entire team

Try scores- Lachlan 2, Nathan 1

Goals- Noah 1, Issac 1, Cameron 1

U9- Div 1 Lost 22-26 Dragons

This match was always going to be a tough one as both sides were in equal second spot and keen to get the upper hand on the competition table. The Saints seemed a little shy in the opening defensive exchanges and found the Dragons attack, at times, a little hard to contain. We managed to defend our line for the first eight minutes, however after a stray pass and an intercept, the Dragons pounced and came up with two quick tries and a conversion. The pressure was starting to build and some three minutes later Dragons were in again and the boys were down 0-14. We needed to dig deep and tighten our defence, which we did and this was rewarded with a try to Michael, who showed a good turn of speed. The boys went to the break behind 4-14, knowing that they would need to score next to salvage any chance of a win. The second half didn't start the way the boys wanted it to and saw the Dragons post another converted try to see us down by 6-20. It was now do or die and the boys needed to click into gear. All of a sudden the momentum of the game started to shift and the boys began to gain some confidence. Our defence was improving with three

and four players going in at a time and stifling the Dragons attack. Once again, after some good runs up the middle, we spun the ball wide and were rewarded with two converted tries by Michael and Usaia. It was now game on at 16-20 and the boys sensed a chance of getting in front. Two minutes later, and Usaia broke through and scored a converted try, with some three minutes remaining. We now led 22-20 and just needed to control the ball. Unfortunately, we knocked on from the kick off and gave the ball back to the Dragons. The boys made several tackles, but Dragons pushed wide and scored a converted try in the corner to win the game 26-22. Peter, Ryan and Jaidin.O tackled well, whilst Stuart and Joel attacked well up the middle. The boys showed great character to fight back, but need to improve on their defence, work hard on the basic skills and build up their confidence. Keep your chins up boys, train hard and the results will come as there is plenty of potential in your team.

Tries - Michael 2, Usaia 2,

Goals - Usaia, Ryan, Jaidin.O

Goop Guys M O M - Peter

Encouragement Award - Jayden.G

U10- Div 1 Lost 0-32 Moorebank

Playing last years premiers we knew we were going to be in for a tough game. Moorebank were a well drilled team and did the basics very well. We lacked any go forward in defence and our forward hit-ups in the first half were not up to standard. We struggled to get past the advantage line on many occasions and with a lot of handling errors we just never had the ball in their half. All of this is not to say that the boys aren't giving their all. There just seems to be a disconnect with the good work they are doing at training and actually implementing this on the field. Luke was outstanding in defence and saved many tries with his efforts. Adam continues to improve his defence each week and took a number of hits for the team. His courage grows weekly. More work to do at training this week boys. Lets get their early and put in 2 good sessions this week.

MOM: Luke Reardon

Encouragement: Adam Griffith

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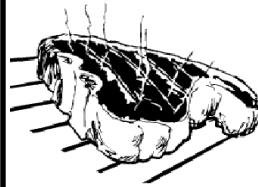
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U11- Div 3

U11- Div 1

U12- Div 1 Won 42-14 Bankstown Bulls

Playing Bulls for the 1st time for many years in grade was going to be interesting, could they play? How would we react to this unknown opposition who's size was much bigger than our? After an indifferent start to the game a voluntary tackle penalty being awarded against us Bulls gained 1st shot at points but failed to capitalise. With good forward from our forwards & the ball in hand we scored 2 tries in the quick time. Adam scoring 1st with good ball movement then Dean busting through the Bulls defence to run 80m to score from the restart. The 1st half then became a battle, there big men making many strong runs with Bulls scoring 2 tries. Our defence was being tested. Another try to Dean helping us to stay in front at 1/2 time 14 - 10. The 1/2 time talk focusing around the boys "Attitude" in defence. There was lots of effort individually but our tackles lacked Teamwork. The boys were forgetting they should be moving up together, working for & with each other & getting numbers in tackles needed boys!!! With Saints kicking off to restart it was a good chance for the boys to show Bulls there change in Attitude immediately. This they did putting there big men on there backs time & time again. Once this happened the attacked followed, Brandan scoring with hard weaving run, Dylan straightening the attack nicely out wide to score, Liam keeping the defence guessing chiming in on both sides of the ruck for tries, then creating the leadup work for our backline, Conor K scoring a slick try. Well done again Boys, your new jerseys look great with footy our looking better & better. Keep up the hard work at training boys.

Tries: 2 x Dean, 2 x Liam, Adam, Brandan, Dylan, Conor K

Goals: Dean, Conor K, Kyle, Aidan.

Players Player: Liam Mulvihill

U13- Div 2

U14- Div 1 v St Johns Lost 42-14

Playing the premiers is always tough but we had trained well and were keen to put on a good show. We started strong but our defence (normally our best point) was terrible, letting in too many easy tries. On the positive side, our attack was much better, the boys were running in pairs, it looked like we had a backline and there was more passing in our first 5 sets than all previous 3 games. All we need to do now is put it all together and do everything faster!!

Tries: Stumpy, Tamati, Kirk
Goals: Hendo 1

U16's

U19's

U23's

A Grade



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Field Set-up: Under 8 Div 4

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Canteen Duties: All home teams for the game before theirs

BBQ Duties: All home teams for the game before theirs

Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday: 5/06/09	A Grade 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 6/06/09 Join the winners list.	Under 8's 3:00 pm to 5.00pm Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 7

Games: Saturday 6th June 2009

U6-Red	9:00	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Reserve
U6-Black	12:00	Bankstown Bulls	Bankstown Football Centre
U7-Div 2	9:00	East Hills	Smith Park
U7-Div 1		Bye	
U8-Div 4	9:40	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
U8-Div 1	10:20	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U9-Div 1	10:20	Berala Bears	Guilfoyle Oval
U10-Div 1	11:10	Berala Bears	Guilfoyle Oval
U11-Div 3	11:00	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
U11-Div 1	11:50	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
U12-Div 1	12:40	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney Reserve
U13-Div 2	1:40	Padstow Panthers	Bill Delauney Reserve
U14 Div 1	3:00	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park
U16's	3:30	Padstow Panthers	Terry Lamb Complex
A Grade	4:30	Milperra Colts	Bankstown Football Centre

Games: Sunday 7th June, 2009

U19's	11:15	St Johns	Begnell Oval
A Reserve	1:30	Engadine Dragons	Kareela Oval



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