

Under 6/1's Rhinos 14 drew with Parra City Titans 14



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Under 6/2's Rhinos 8 def by Fairfield Patrician 12

Wow, what an exciting game this one was, It was neck and neck right till the last minute with the Pats scoring just before the hooter.

Thomas is really getting into the game now, **Jack, Lleyton** and **Ben** were doing great covering tackles. Everywhere you looked **Casey** and **William** were there, to do what ever needed to be done.

Orlando made a great run the whole length of the field only to just miss out on a try, bad Luck, next time. **Ethan** was great in defense.

Lincon was Man of the match, scoring a great try, stepping his way to the try line.

The team is improving every week, and the kids just love playing weather they win or lose, their team spirit is great to see. Keep up the good work..... **Go the Rhinos!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Under 6/3's Rhinos 20 def Parra Jnr Eels 12

This weekend we came up against the Parramatta Jnr Eels and we expected some stiff competition. This was only enhanced when I sighted their 12 available players and knew that they would have fresh legs at their disposal which could prove to be the difference as our boys would all have to play a full game. My worst fears came to fruition only minutes into the first term and we found ourselves 8 nil down and looking down the barrel of a heavy defeat. To the teams credit they did not go on the back foot and try to shut down the game but took the opposition by surprise by playing some great attacking footy. We pulled our defensive line back into shape and put the brakes on the Eels scoring frenzy. We got ourselves back to level pegging by the end of the first term with tries from Saxon Pryke and Brigham Webster. Mackenzie Kurtz-Marshall prowled the ruck like an adolescent bull terrier hungry to dominate the opposition in every facet. We have seen his aggression and confidence escalate in recent weeks and it was delightful to see him take it to the opposition on the weekend. We put our noses in front early in the second term with another flashy run by Brigham. Tuffy Cunniffe was spectacular with the ball in hand. His graceful running style masks his true speed and at times the opposition defence would believe they had him covered only to find that he had whisked past them. The "Ram" is back! Josh Findlay seems to have accepted that he best serves the team when running straight and hard. He made the Eels work hard to bring him down and was not shy in introducing a few of them to his shoulder. Another good set by the boys gave us good field position and Saxon was able to weave his way through the defence to post his second and when the bell had sounded to end the second term we found ourselves ahead by 8. I should also mention that Brigham's attempt to convert the try hit the crossbar and he was unlucky not to collect the 2 points. I don't know what was said at the break but the boys came out with a mission and the leader was Kyan Baff. Some heavy hitting by Kyan, Josh and Tyson saw the Jnr Eels looking to the fringes. They tossed the ball to their go-to man who headed down the sideline and he found some space but Kyan came across in cover and bundled him out over the sideline with sheer impact. Tyson Pryke has developed his game over the course of the season and is not afraid to get into the thick of things with boys who may be physically bigger than him. Another member of our team who despite his size shows great courage and determination week in week out is Dominic Badiu. He runs hard with the ball and has developed a good fend as well. Even though the Eels managed to get one back we put it beyond doubt when Saxon crossed in the last minute to bag a triple. Final score Rhinos 20 def Jnr Eels 12. Man of the Match Mackenzie Kurtz-Marshall.

Matthew Pryke

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Under 7/1's Rhinos 18 def Merrylands 16

Wow! What a gutsy win in a game that had everything, even a stray dog stopping the game.

This Rhino team today showed true guts, grit and determination. Sam was just fantastic, scoring all 3 tries and converting 1 goal. His defence was also 1st class. Well done. Will and Wildman ran the ball up with a lot of power and passion. The man they call the Unit, ran the ball up like an out of control train smashing all in his way. With Ty filling in at dummy half and Jy at half back feeding the ball quickly to the runners we were able to get a roll on in attack and with the 2nd rower like Zac doing what he does best, straight and hard running, we had the better of the field positioning and with the goal conversions also kicked by Will and Unit it was our best effort in attack all season. Now for our Defence or should I just call it The Wall! Big Tom and Connor jumping on anyone who came near them. The whole team worked together and again a great effort by everybody. 1 point to Ty for excellent dummy half work and good solid defence. 2 points to Sam for 3 tries and a goal and his defence, that sent chills through the bodies of the opposition. 3 points and **LADY OF THE MATCH** was Lolly. Her attack was 1st rate today with two lengths of the field line breaks and other strong runs out in the centres, but it was her tackling today that was just fantastic. My count about 30, but she assures me it was closer to 60 maybe even 65. Well done Team that was true Rhino pride on display out there today and as coach I was so proud of each and everyone of you.

Cheers
Dom

Under 7/2's Rhinos 18 def by Kellyville 34



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Under 8/1's Rhinos 10 def by Canley Vale 28

Our main focus was to continue to improve our defensive efforts and we certainly achieved that against a very big and fast Canleyvale. The scoreline didn't indicate the state of the game as we scored fired the first shots in the game to take it to the opposition with Jordan putting a big hit on the competition monster before an outstanding run from Keahlan who stepped through and held off the cover defence to post the first points. Canleyvale scored and then edged ahead in the 2nd period to lead 12-4 going into the last 10 minutes. They skipped ahead 22-4 before Keahlan give us a glimmer of hope with another elusive try that was converted by Will. Unfortunately, the bigs wore us down and they scored again to put the game beyond us. There certainly were a number of highlights for individuals in defence with Will, Savan and Keahlan providing outstanding 1 on 1 cover tackles to repel the opposition, whilst Jordan and Keahlan combined to hold an opponent up over the tryline. Jordan kept the ball moving with 3 offloads, Ethan made some bullocking runs and Keahlan had his best game of the season including 2 tries and season best 12 tackles. Jye, Harry and Savan again ran tenaciously through the middle whilst Bailey continually pressured the opposition by attacking in defence. Adam hopped and stepped his way through to gain metres whilst Tommy showed toughness to get up after being monstered by the biggest player in the comp. Lachlan and Sam provide hearing and diversion methods in defence to cutoff the opposition and were integral parts of our team defence.

Under 8/2's Rhinos 18 def by Parra City Titans 24



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Under 9/1's Rhinos 30 def Hills District 18

It is often said that a team plays like it trains, and that is evident from this group. They have hit the tackle bags each night, asked to do 5 minutes flat strap and they demand to do 10 minutes. The effort has been rewarded with their best displays of the year in the past 2 weeks.

Hills were undefeated this year, and we went there 2 players down with a bare 11 players, but with a fixed determination to play well. The coach was understandably nervous, returning for the first team since playing 12 years at the ground for Hills, and seeing his photo on the wall of the changing rooms from some grand final winning teams.

Every player deserves credit for a magnificent team performance, down 12-6 with 5 minutes to go to half time, they scored the next 24 points and a last minute try to the opposition from a dropped ball saw the final score 30-18 to the Rhinos.

1. Cooper Price – great first ball running at least 10 metres made on every run, sound defense and almost getting over the line for a try with his determined running style.
 2. Noah Osborne- his first ever full game, only 2 training sessions, held his ground and was the tap king, nearly scored with a determined 10 metre run with legs pumping
 3. Emily Mooney - consistently made big runs, pulled up metres from the line, great full back performance stopped at least 2 tries, and capped it off by kicking her first ever goal
 4. Jayden Grieve – a man of the match performance, a Ray Price, Eel of Steel tackling machine this week.
 5. Koby Lacey – took some stopping as our second number 1 runner, great effort and continues his record of not missing a goal conversion
 6. Oscar Mezzomo – gets better each week, scored a great try and some shuddering defence.
 7. Joel Mercer- controlled the team from first receiver, no mistakes, clever running and led the team well
 9. Campbell Byrd – backed up a break by Bronzen to take the pass and crash over for the first try, kicked his goal and continues to improve each week.
 10. Connor Flahey – Played out of position at dummy half, no mistakes and a danger whenever he got the chance in open play. Terrific effort
 11. Aaron Simpson- our ZipZip man was on top of his game, he scored 2 scorching tries. Sometimes I can't believe he is playing his first year, a danger every run
 13. Bronzen Lizano-Huia- a menace from marker, and difficult to stop from 5 metres with his hit and swivel. Scored a good try.
- What we need to realise is that we need to do this for the next 6 weeks, the last time we went into a game over-confident we lost to a team who had not won a game all year, keep focused is the message.
- Rouse Hill Rhinos U9/1 – 30** Tries: - Aaron Simpson 2, Oscar Mezzomo, Campbell Byrd, Bronzen Lizano-Huia Goals: - Joel Mercer, Campbell Byrd, Koby Lacey, Oscar Mezzomo, Emily Mooney **Hills District 18**
Player Points: - Jayden Grieve 3 Aaron Simpson 2, Oscar Mezzomo 1

Under 9/2's Rhinos 4 def Canley Heights 32

One of our few home games and the team was set for the challenge. Steve had given us a new ball to give away which we thought would act as a good incentive for man of the match. The last time we played this team we lost by 4 points, and it was played on a Wednesday night in near freezing conditions, so we were pumped for a win at our home ground. As it unfolded our little blokes didn't even get a touch of the ball in the first 17mins with Canley Heights managing to hold the ball for every set and not even give us a 'sniff of ball'. This meant the team was in full defence mode and we realised we had some work to do with our tackling for this weeks training. A reasonable effort by the team but I must say not their best performance, despite our training session last Thursday where we thought the boys put in a great effort. Some interesting stats in the tackle count for this season and shows a real need to work as a team and understand football is about tackling, ball skills and teamwork. Let's all hope for a better result next week. Any dad's that want to help out at training would be appreciated - this would allow Shaun to spend a bit of 'one on one' time with some of the kids aswell.

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U 10/1's Rhinos 16 def Marconi 6

5 games left boys and we need 5 wins.

This week you showed how you can tough out a win and support each other our defence was great all game until the end where we let a soft try in but each week your defence gets better. It was a great effort by all the boys so there is no need to name names just keep supporting each other and playing as team.

Well done.

U 10/2's Rhinos 48 def Lalor Park 4

After a slowish start the boy's kicked into gear playing some great attacking footy eventually crossing for 9 tries. Luke A (captain for the day) crossed for 3, Brad 2, and Zac, Luke P, Caylim (1st for the year) and Riley M all scored tries. Zac's try came from a well executed set move and he crossed the line without being touched.

Once again Dylan was great as our 1st receiver and Nathan showed what he could do from dummy half. Alex, Riley G and Nick all put their hands up in both attack and defence as we kept our opposition to 1 try for the match.

We have the competition leaders next week so our attitude and willingness must continue in order for us to stay in touch for the semi finals.

Great Job boy's.

Grant, Jon, Annmaree and Jamie.

Under 11's Rhinos 18 def by Greystanes 28

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Under 12/1's Rhinos 12 def Greystanes 4

What an improvement on last week's performance. This week was a top of the table clash against the undefeated Greystanes. This is a great win considering we played with only 12 players due to our fullback breaking his hand mid-week and another player away. For every minute of this game the boys dug deep and used every ounce of energy available to take home the two points. Being short on the pitch meant that we needed to be first to score and this was accomplished by a loose ball being picked up by Jake 'the dozer' Yates close to the line and using his brut strength shrugged off a few players and barged over for the opener. This was converted by Alan giving the Rhinos a 6-0 lead. It didn't take long however after some soft penalties for the opposition to respond scoring out wide. This try was also soft giving a clear demonstration as to what happens when only one side of the ruck moves up in defence while the other side stands still. Work is still needed in this area. Second half the boys headed onto the field looking to score first again as we were bound to tire near the end. We managed to do this after a half-break by Angus 'Mr Safety' who was stopped just short of the posts. The next play involved a short ball being delivered by Jono to a straight runner in Jake 'Hitman' Hendry who barged over and wrestled free to score next to the upright. This was converted by Thomo giving the boys an eight point lead. As the boys began to tire late in the game, pure desperation and determination set in with some last ditch try saving defence to hold out the constant last minute raids by opposition. I am very proud of this young Rhino team and the effort displayed today, this was their best game of the year. Man of the match today went to Alan for a great improvement in both his running game and defence. Best and fairest went to Angus for his devastating hit-ups. The boys should not only be congratulated on their effort today but also their discipline in regards to not reacting to the fired up and frustrated opposition. Well done boys.

Under 12/2's Rhinos 10 def by Hills District 20

This Saturday saw the Under 12/2s play the local derby against the Hills Bulls at Crestwood.

The team played well for much of the game and were unlucky to be defeated 20-10 by a determined Bulls outfit. After being shell shocked by three early tries, it was going to take a huge effort for the Rhinos to pull out a win, but everyone of them tried their best to make it happen. With two disallowed tries, the result could have went either way. Top tacklers of the week were Brock, Jack H and Frankie who each worked tirelessly in the middle. Kyle put good pressure on their ball runners and Mitch saved some certain tries with his one on one tackles. Mitch was also busy in attack and made some darting runs including one resulting in a try. Jack H was also busy in the hit ups as was Frankie. Our other try scorer was Will who finished off some nice lead up work by Frankie to give the boys a chance at victory. Jack X got our only conversion. The loss came down to not being fully switched on in the first 10 minutes and getting too far behind on the scoreboard. If the team can start with the determination they showed through the whole second half, they'll be any team's match. Well done boys and better luck against Merrylands next week.

3 pts - Mitch 2 pts - Frankie 1 pt - Jack H

James Pennings

Under 13's Rhinos 10 def Hills District 8

Call an ambulance and get the Defibrillator what a show stopper I think Shannon's had a palpitation. Congratulations boys you have put a smile on the cranky face (I Hope you enjoyed it). During the shortness of breath and colourful words you have managed to achieve a highly commended from the coach. (Get it in writing as it may be a first and would definitely look good in your resume). The first time that you have seen that smile given the sudden removal of the chin warmer. (He has to limit the grey that has been generated by the new coaching role). Sorry Coach – TOP JOB!!

Numbers seemed to plague our start to the game as our financial expert confused 1&2, given his new career it may have been a longer walk between fields had he had the work calculator which mysteriously contains extra "0's" (I think the parents enjoyed the warm-up lap). Thanks Mate.

The trainers yet again willing and able to motivate and tend to our herd of young RHINOS. (Forgetting the touch judge yet again). Probably a little nervous dealing with a New trainer suffering major withdrawals from the heart stopping action over the past couple of weeks. (I think we have easy finance on transportation and sponsorship to Port Macquarie).

OHH!! The game? One word – SENSATIONAL!!!!. From the last game to this, the boys have light heartedly accepted the responsibility to step up and defend what they are going to achieve. With the relaxed manner before the game to what they achieved on the field playing what turned out to be a relegated side from division 1 and might I add very disciplined (And QUICK! out of dummy half). Our boys set their sights and completed the job. WELL DONE!

Buff up the trophy where in with a shot!

Quote of the week – Teamwork is not a goal. Teamwork is a by-product of everyone having the same goal.



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Under 14's Rhinos 10 def by Parra Jnr Eels 18

There is a very true old saying that every consecutive win you have brings you closer to a loss. We were down on our game and the Eels were right on theirs. Full credit to them for the effort because while we played poor, they played well and deserved to win.

In what was probably the upset of the season the coach takes full responsibility for this loss. With all the hoo haa around Parramatta at the moment with the bad press for violence etc. I kept telling our boys to take it easy and not get in trouble. It is the 1st time we have not intimidated a team and it showed, so now it's back to the old successful plan of playing with aggression and passion. There will be no more take it easy speeches!!!!

Another thing that probably hurt us was the very early brilliant 1st try by the cannibal. I think we relaxed a bit and I know I started to think how far we would win by. Having said all that, we only got beat by a try and the penalties were 16 to 4 against us and we had 2 in the sin bin at the same time. It's amazing to think you play the most ill-disciplined team in the competition but we are the ones who end up with players in the sin bin. I didn't know you could sin bin the Captain for asking why a player had been sin-binned. Our ball handling was very poor and we only completed 2 sets of 6. We got on their stripe several times only to hand the ball over. The Rhinos normally tight defence was taking a break and it showed. Our whole season has been built around defence and no prizes for guessing what training will be all about this week. Next game is the big one against Mounties and we have a number of boys away overseas for a few weeks so we have to dig deep.

So, now the undefeated monkey is well and truly off our backs we can get on with the business of winning the competition. Our points today were tough to dish out but 1 pt to Ryan(Sneaky), 2pts to Joel(The destroyer) and 3pts to Sean(Refs are people too). Get ready for a big week boys, you wouldn't want to be a Mounties player lying on the tracks when this Rhino train is coming.

Under 15's Rhinos 24 def by All Saints 26

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Under 16's Rhinos 20 def Hills District 6

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A Grade Rhinos 0 def by Merrylands 60

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