

**Under 6/1's Rhinos 18 def by Wentworthville 20**

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**Under 6/2's Rhinos 26 def by Rhinos (3) 28**

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**Under 6/3's Rhinos 28 def Rhinos (2) 26**

Our own no. 2 team gave us a thrilling game this week. Congratulations must go to them as they have really improved in every area since we met them in round 5. They were formidable opponents and made us work hard for our points the entire game. It was a real point for point game. They led at the end of the first 10. It was a close 16- 18 after the second ten. And we only just beat them in the last 10 with the score at 26-28. Our player of the week Brigham Webster played a standout game this week scoring 3 tries and was just everywhere tackling hard all game. 2 tries were scored by Saxon Pryke who just enjoys his footy so much. Top games also on a very frosty morning to Dominic Badiu and Uffy Cunniffe who also scored tries as well and both had lots of top runs and worked hard all game. We could not have our points without the effort and enthusiasm from Mackenzie Kurtz-Marshall and Tyson Pryke who are improving every week with their focus and eagerness to learn the rules of the game. Great job to Josh Findlay who was his usual powerhouse self constantly wearing the opposition down. Only 2 games to go boys– let's see if we can remain UNDEFEATED...

**Under 7/1's Rhinos 18 drew with Mounties 18**

Another great effort from everybody. Again we played as a team with the work load being shared around. The game today was very quick we adapted in defence well. Our defence was great with Connor moving the team up in a line. The tackling by Tye, Jy and Sticks was constant and bruising. Our attack was 1<sup>st</sup> Class today with great runs out wide by Sam, Will and Lolly and fantastic runs up the middle by Tom and the Unit. Zac ran hard and straight with his head used as a battering ram. One Try and conversion by Will and 3 tries to Sam.

1 point to Zac for his running and for using his head on the footy field. 2 points to Sam, 3 tries and one thousand tackles. Top job mate. 3 points and player of the match to Jy Jy, with a fantastic effort in defence and attack. Jy is a player always keen and ready to have a go, putting in 100% every week.

Well done Rhinos!

**Under 7/2's Rhinos 8 def by Canley Heights 34**

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## Under 8/1's Rhinos 6 def by Wentworthville 28

Monty Bennett oval was dry and fast that enabled Wenty to use some pace and maintain a comfortable lead from start to finish. There were several defensive highlights from the boys as we made many trysaving tackles as the opposition took us on out wide. Tommy, Sam, Savan, Ethan and Bailey were our best defenders on the day. Our offensive highlight was a nice stepping run from Bailey through traffic that finished with a nice offload to Ethan who ran away to score a deserved try that was converted by Tommy who kicked his first goal of the season. Jye, Keahlan and Lachlan probed for holes in the defence, Jordan had a couple of offloads and Adam continues his improvement with the ball making some good metres whilst beating tacklers. The proceedings of Saturday's game were overshadowed by the gala day on Sunday.

## Under 8/2's Rhinos 30 def by Hills District 32

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## **Under 9/1's Rhinos 22 def Parra City Titans 10**

This game was an advertisement for junior rugby league, tough defence, good running, smart kicking and the team working for each other. The kick off was a tremendous start, a good kick followed by determined running which put pressure on the Titans saw the Rhinos regain possession and the tone was set. Praise must go to both teams for the defensive efforts that were put in on the day, no easy tries from close to the line, and there was not going to be a runaway winner.

Some aggressive early runs in each set put the Rhinos on the attack, and after Emily Mooney and Campbell Byrd were held short of the line, Oscar Mezzomo burst through after some lateral running to score the first try. The game was end to end with both goal lines under threat. After stopping a charge at the line from the Titans, a 30 metre run from Cooper Price, followed by another big run from Oscar, put the Rhinos deep on attack, then a Joel Mercer dummy and a smart crossfield kick saw the ball knocked on, In the next set, Jayden Grieve weaved over to put the Rhinos 12-0 up after the conversion.

The second half started with a try to the Titans, but the Rhinos were not to be denied, a series of good runs put them into good field position and another kick from Joel, saw Oscar put in the big ones and he managed to put the ball down just inside the line (practice at training does pay off). Brayden and Connor started to come into their own with good sideline defence and quick running. Aaron was about to give his impression of the Haynetrain, bursting through the defence after setting off from inside his own half but a late ankle tap saved the day for the Titans. The pressure was on and after Noah was stopped short of the line, Jayden went in for his second try, and the score moved to 22-6.

A late unconverted try to the Titans saw the final score 22-10 in an enthralling game where both sides were to be congratulated, we will see more of this opposition in the finals.

A big thank you to the boys who backed up for the U/10s against Hills at Crestwood, a big effort after a game like this and great spirit. Well done Oscar and Cooper.

## **Go Rhinos**

**Rouse Hill Rhinos U9/1 – 22** Tries: - Oscar Mezzomo 2, Jayden Grieve 2 Goals: - Joel Mercer, Oscar Mezzomo, Ben Blanchard **Parra City Titans 10**

Player Points: - Aaron Simpson 3, Oscar Mezzomo 2, Joel Mercer 1

## **Under 9/2's Rhinos 14 def by Wentworthville 32**

We had an early game with a 9am kick off at Wenty. It was a bit chilly so we did some warm ups and then out onto the field to face our competitors. Good to see a few grandparents had showed up for encouragement as well. We were pumped for a good game, as the last time we played this team they gave us a fair kicking!!! In the first 5 minutes it looked like that was going to happen again. We saw Wenty score in the first set of 6, and again in the second. At this point I thought we were in real trouble. Our kids seemed to be scared to tackle, despite tackling each other each week at training we still seemed to be struggling. Some of the team registered a zero tackle count for the whole game. When we got the ball our attack was strong. 3 well scored tries by Kyle, Storm and Bayley saw us at least get some points on the scoreboard. Tom was on fire with Man of the match and some awesome runs. I thought Tom was going to score a few times with the best game I've ever seen him play. His old man must be making him eat his veggies!!!

It looks like we will get in the semi finals and we will need to improve our tackling to at least be in with a chance. We will be practising this week at training and preparing for next week's game. Make sure you all get an early night Friday night so we can play our best next week boys.



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## U 10/1's Rhinos 12 def by Hills District 22

We would like to thank Oscar and Connor from the Under 9's for stepping up a grade to help out against Hills District. We knew this game was going to be tough and headed into this match with the determination to have better defence. Well... we had great defence although we just did not have enough of the ball to score enough tries in the second half. The boys worked hard and played very well as a team, but Hills were better than us on the day. All of our players are really getting into it at the business end of the season and tackling and hit ups from all players are continually on the improve. They continue to talk on the field and their team effort and camaraderie is a credit to them.

Don't be disheartened by the loss boys, there is still 2 games that we can win and then bring on the semi finals.

## U 10/2's Rhinos 0 def by Hills District 22

We started the game knowing that we needed to win this game, and we were quite confident that we could do just that. The bounce of the ball and a few close decisions did not go our way and we were 16 - Nil down at half time. After a pep talk to fire the boys up at half time, our second half performance was what we came to expect, all the boys were strong in defence holding them out to only 1 try in the second half. Our attack was very good and we came very close to cracking their defence line a few times, but was just unable to get over the try line. A great second half by all, with our man of the match going to Dylan M and Nathan L unable to split from their fine performances.

Grant, Annmaree, John & Jamie

## Under 11's Rhinos 6 def by CVD Cobras 24



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## Under 12/1's Rhinos 18 drew with Wentworthville 18

This was our second game in a row playing with 12 players only. So a draw is not a bad result against a much larger side. However in saying this, the ball was not once passed through the minimum set of hands that has been practised at training for the last couple of weeks. We are really struggling to get the ball out wide when we are in the oppositions half. As one of our trainers Neil says 'Its white line fever'. In other words we see the try line and keep going one out up the middle trying to barge over, while our centres and wingers are getting cold out wide. We had the ball too often and too many times in this game in the opposition 20 not to score more. Today the forwards really led the way in attack especially the props who both made some excellent yardage every time they touched the ball. Our second rowers defended hard and our lock showed why he has the nickname 'Hitman'. Our outside didn't see a great deal of ball but defended well. Our fullback had some good kick returns but our Halfback Jono 'Raging Bull' claimed man of the match and three points today playing outstanding giving 110% in both attack and defence, its not often you see a half back make as many tackles as he does. Best and fairest and two points went to Cameron 'Chopper' for his superb defensive effort, demonstrating on numerous occasions how fast the big boys fall when you 'chop' their legs out from underneath. While Jack 'T-model' Ford claimed a well deserved one point for an outstanding defensive game putting his body on the line in every tackle. Try scorers today were Alan, Jake and Thomo with Alan, Thomo and Luke all kicking a goal each. Hopefully today the boys have learnt a lesson. 'The sport of rugby league doesn't allow you to relax or blink an eye for a second because at any given opportunity the opposition will always capitalise'.



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## Under 12/2's Rhinos 46 def Merrylands 14

This week saw a repeat of last weeks match against Merrylands in the wet weather catch up round. Following the teams last minute win against the visitors last week, the boys were expecting a fired up Merrylands looking for payback at Wrights Road. It never eventuated with the home team blowing them off the park in the first half and finally racking up a 46-14 victory. The Merrylands team were down a few players and the Rhinos took full advantage. Rarely was the team not in possession of the ball, and we all know what they can do in attack. Mitch and Frankie came away with a hatrick of tries each. Kyle got a double in a great all round performance, while Brock also got one, showing us all how to put the ball down in style. The one regret in attack was our little champion Isaac not getting awarded a try, though it must have been close with half the team pushing him from behind over the line - where's the video ref when you need him? Congratulations boys, this was a great moment that demonstrated the tight bond that has developed through the whole team. There wasn't a whole lot of defense given the weight of possession, however top tacklers of the week were Brock and Kyle. The two Jack's deserve mention for their hard running all game, while Adrian had a good stint at dummy half. Ball distribution through the whole game was spot on. Some lapses in goal line defense at the end saw the visitors get a couple of soft tries and the boys will have to work on this for their next game against Seven Hills. But great team performance and highlight result of the year - so far!

3pts - Kyle 2pts - Mitch 1pt - Frankie

James Pennings

## Under 13's Rhinos 10 def by Parra City Titans 22



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## Under 14's Rhinos 50 def Kellyville 0

Firstly let me say that I was very proud of the effort of the Kellyville team. I have been in the identical situation and it's not pleasant but they continue to put in the effort. Well done boys.

What a difference having a positive attitude makes. The emphasis last week at training was on mateship and playing as a team and it worked a treat. Our altered game plan was spectacular and perhaps our little shock after the Mountie's game achieved its purpose.

Every player deserves credit for a win in 30 minutes and we still hold 1<sup>st</sup> place. Corey(The Cannibal) was totally unstoppable with bruising runs up the middle and this powerful forward effort was backed up by his brilliant side-line conversions. The rest of the forwards took the lead with immense power plays and it was a tough effort from Joel(The Destroyer), Mat(That my \$50), The Bear and Matt(My trackies are too big)Heyward. Once again when Phil(The Big Easy) took the field, the crowd erupted and he got a deserved try. Phil has a goal this year to score 20 tries and counting training he is up to 15, three of those in games!!!

The backline was white hot with quick hands and awesome speed and it was great to see big John(I am a handsome man) Mayer, score a double with one of them a blinder from a kick chase. Last week was a tough one for the coach and all who lived with him. After a loss I sleep like a baby, I wake up every 2 hours and cry! It was a great game for Sean(Refs are people to) and when he gets in the clear he runs faster than girls school gossip. Aaron(The Whippet) had a much improved game at half and showed touches of Mitchell Pearce. Is there however, any tougher competitor than Nathan(Iron Man), this bloke would frighten bears. A special mention to our man of the match, Ryan(Sneaky) who was great in attack and defence and to see a hooker take an intercept and run 50metres to score brings a tear to old forwards. Every player did his job and the link that Drew(The Gun) created between forwards and backs was great to see.

If this game taught us anything it was that great individuals don't make a great team, great teamwork makes a great team.



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Under 16's Rhinos 28 def Parra City Titans 20



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