

## Under 6/1's Rhinos 28 def by Merrylands 30



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## Under 6/2's Rhinos 24 def by Parra City Titans 26

A big thank you to Paul Coinarkis for filling in as coach for first third on game day and to Under 6'1s for sending us onto the field in style! Kieran filled in for Scott as coach and did a great job thank you.

The score really does reflect the game as it was a close one. I don't know if the kids knew how close it was at the end but the parents on the sideline certainly did and we were excited! Our Fabulous players were; **William** who was unstoppable with 3 Tries to his name, he should be so proud of his effort this year, as we sure are. **Lincon** was not to be forgotten getting another 2 Tries – great job. **Ethan** who was not without injury this week (hope the eye is ok) got his own TRY too. **Ben** again terrific on defense what would we do without you! **Casey** made some great runs and didn't give up she is a tough one, as did **Thomas** who had a cracker of a game and is coming along each week. Our little **Lleyton** (a favorite with the St John's Ambulance ladies who are worried about his little knees) had a great game it is wonderful to watch him grow in confidence each week. **Orlando** unlucky this week just missing out on a Try but bounced back and is learning some weeks it just doesn't happen. Last but not least was **Jack**, if you want to see a little guy with a lot of guts and glory you can't go past Jack. He tackled the biggest kid on the other team single handed it was amazing to watch and we couldn't go past him for our **Man of the Match Trophy**.

So yes, we lost by 2 points but we played right till that buzzer sounded and another few seconds on the clock and it could have ended very differently.

**Well done Rhino's lets have a great one next week when our coach Scott is back!**

## Under 6/3's Rhinos 24 def Hills District 22

The Rhinos (24) took on The Hills (22) at Wrights Rd and as expected it produced a quality match. The Hills took the lead early but the boys fought back with two tries in succession. We were unable to hold onto our lead when the Hills struck back late in the first term and we went to the break all squared up at 8 apiece. Unlike last week we managed to remain focused in the second period and the defensive effort of both teams was exceptional with the Rhinos being the only team who managed to post a try. The stage had been set for a thrilling final period and it did not disappoint. The Rhinos snuck out to a 8 point lead but some errors crept into our play as a result of some adventurous play. The Hills were able to capitalise on this and over ran our score with two tries one of which was converted, giving them a two point lead. From here the score see-sawed until they posted a try with 1min 30sec to go. After the attempted conversion it left us with 20sec on the clock to save our undefeated run this season. Tuffy was able to take advantage of some confusion at the re-start and ran in for the winning try as the full time hooter sounded. All of the boys contributed in this win, tries to Saxon Pryke (3), Brigham Webster, Kyan Baff and Tuffy Cunniffe saw the scoreboard tick over but some great ball running by Josh Findlay, Dominic Badiu and Tyson Pryke gave us the field position to be able to strike. As mentioned previously all of the boys tackled well but special mentions for Saxon Pryke, MacKenzie Kurtz-Marshall and Brigham Webster! Well done guys, but we will need to improve in all of the key areas if we are to get up again next week!

Matthew Pryke  
Manager

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## Under 7/1's Rhinos 24 def Hills District 4



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## Under 7/2's Rhinos 14 def by Cabramatta 16



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## Under 8/1's Rhinos 16 def by Parra City Titans 32

The pre-game warm up was very lack lustre as the boys were still feeling the effects of a gruelling gala day the previous Sunday and the pre planned bench rotation was thrown into chaos as 4 or 5 boys volunteered to start on the bench. Titans gained the first possession after a tricky hard to handle kickoff (without a kicking tee) and they scored within 2 tackles. We responded with a good rugby league try as Harry stepped left and right and popped a nice pass to a trailing Keahlan who made a b line for the corner, Tommy converted. Titans then skipped to a 16-6 lead after 10 minutes. The boys decided to emulate the titans kickoff and we failed to make the 10 so a good onfield lesson was learnt to practice a few tricks before applying in the game. We struggled against a fast moving defence early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period but still maintained contact via a twisting lunge over from Jordan who ended up putting the ball over the back of his head with 2 hands to score. The Ref got fed up with the offside and gave us a couple of penalties but we were unable to bridge the gap at the end of the period to be 22-10 behind. In the third, Titans scored early and we came back with a nice effort to Harry who was rewarded after a sweeping run that outpaced defenders (Harry was away earlier in the game but got called back as we got a penalty for offside). In the end Titans had earned a comfortable victory after some rock solid defence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period when we had a few cracks at them.

Tommy was again at his spoiling best as the opposition broke clear and just when the coach's head was about to drop, the long go gadget arm (and claw) appeared and collared the titan to save yet another try. Savan also made some handy tackles around the legs to cut the opposition down in dangerous situations. Bailey still suffering from Sunday made some outstanding runs whilst Adam and Ethan again gave us good metres on early tackles. Jye had his best defensive game of the season with some good aggressive low tackles and a nice run as well up the middle. Lachlan continued his running form and was himself collared a couple of times close to the try line. Sam guided the troops, made some nice tackles in our end and knocked over a conversion whilst Jordan, Keahlan and Harry bagged tries. Our next game is against Mounties with whom we had a draw in a previous contest so we will endeavour to post a win on the last game of the year.

## Under 8/2's Rhinos 20 def by Wentworthville 38



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## Under 9/1's Rhinos 46 def Canley Vale 6

This was a crucial game for the Rhinos, the only team to convincingly beat them, and for the first time a full complement of players. The Kookaburras played with only 9 players, which did not help their cause, but that would not have stopped a runaway Rhinos team. Emily Mooney again led the way in tryscoring, after some good breaks from the lead runners, Emily went around the opposition and scored in the corner. Jayden Grieve was again on form, scoring from 10 metres out and the roll was on, Tries followed from Oscar with his trademark in and out, Joel Mercer from close range and Connor Flahey backed up a hit and turn from Noah Osborne to take the offload and score with an outstretched put down.

In the second half Emily went from goal line to goal line from a kick off, bursting through the line and outpacing the cover. Campbell Byrd picked up a loose ball as the hooter sounded and sprinted 50 metres to reward him for a great game.

Special mention to good defensive work from the whole team, making sure the big Canley Vale players gained no momentum, with a couple of grass cutting tackles from Bronzen highlighting the efforts.

The team is assured of second place after the weekends results and will need to maintain this effort to get a chance to gain the rewards they have worked so hard for. That extra work at training is certainly paying off, well done.

Go Rhinos

**Rouse Hill Rhinos U9/1 – 46** Tries: - Emily Mooney 2, Jayden Grieve 2, Oscar Mezzomo, Joel Mercer, Connor Flahey, Campbell Byrd  
Goals: - Joel Mercer, Emily Mooney, Jayden Grieve, Campbell Byrd, Connor Flahey, Aaron Simpson, Brayden Dollery **Canley Vale**

**Kookaburras 6**

Player Points: - Campbell Byrd 3, Noah Osborne 2, Jayden Grieve 1

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## U 10/1's Rhinos 32 def Merrylands 12

This week we came up against Merrylands and the boys stuck to the game plan creating a great win. They are starting to support each other and play as team which is great to see. It was game where we were able try some new things and they worked well. The bad news we are sitting in fourth place with Canley Vale which means this week is a must win against Cabramatta and then more than likely looking at a mid week play off with Canley Vale so this week is a must win.

Good luck boys!

## U 10/2's Rhinos 14 def by Wentworthville 16

It was a game that we needed to win to have any chance of a spot in the semi finals. With Wenty getting out to an early lead the boys remained composed & stuck with what they knew best. Using their big boppers to soften the defence & to gain some valuable metres then going to their speedsters Luke P, Luke A & Alex to step their way in & around the lagging defence. A fine solo effort saw Luke Passmore scoot over & convert his on try to level the score. With Wenty scoring soon after, the game was still there for us to take. After some solid lead up work by Man of the match Taine & his partner in crime Zac the boys got themselves on a role which aloud Dylan to crash thru for a well deserved four pointer, 10 all. With their tails in the air & their confidence growing the longer the game went on, the boys started playing some enterprising footy, passing the ball around & backing each other up saw Brad score out wide to for a 14 – 10 lead. With less then 2 minutes on the clock Wenty got thru our defensive wall to level the game & convert to take what ever chance we had to see another semi final. As heart breaking as it was the lads busted their gut & put everything on the line to win the game. They ran hard, defended strongly & they never gave up. A whole hearted effort, be proud of this game boys your all winners in our minds.

Grant,Ann-Maree,Jamie,Jon

## Under 11's Rhinos 18 def by Parra City Titans 30



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## **Under 12/1's Rhinos 38 def Blacktown PCYC 18**

Today was a big day for the team as a win equals a minor premiership, this was something not spoken about at the beginning of the season. Our main goal was to make the semi-finals. This was a massive improvement on previous weeks with the first half of this game being the best the boys have played as a team all year. There were minimal errors on our behalf, giving the side great field position on every set which they are finally learning to capitalise on. We defended the minimal sets well and attacked with class to put the points on. The team was looking sharp and undeniably the dominating team. So we headed to half time in front 26-0. Second half was a different side. It was like as though for the first 10 minutes we were having a cat-nap and couldn't remember how to defend. Before we knew it Blacktown put three quick tries on us with the score changing to 26-18. The boys were starting to dig themselves deeper and deeper into a hole which was going to be difficult to get out of. The momentum had shifted. The boys finally picked themselves back up and stopped the opposition's big boy from running through us. Our flamboyancy had disappeared and went back to our grinding out the win phase. We managed to put on three late tries to secure the win 38-18. All in all this was a good effort and when we were on our game we showed some team brilliance and class. Try scorers today were: Luke 'TNT' 2, Thomo 'the brain', Jono 'Raging bull', Jake 'Hitman', Angus 'Mr Safety', Clayton 'Millsy' and Stephen 'Mr Consistency'. Man of the match and 3 points went to a well deserved Jake 'the dozer' Yates who had some barnstorming runs and kept his cool when the opposition was in his face. 2 points and best and fairest went to Jono 'Raging Bull' for his constant effort in defence but also his ball playing in attack including some busts himself. 1 point this week has been awarded to everyone for their attitude on the park to not once engaging in with the opposition's dirty play. Well done boys you are now the minor premiers in the under 12 div3 for 2010. This is well deserved.

Coach Rob

## **Under 12/2's Rhinos BYE**

## **Under 13's Rhinos 6 def by Wentworthville 28**



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## **Under 14's Rhinos 28 def Hills District 8**

Well, what is there to say about this win. We reserved our best defensive game all year for the right end of the season and hopefully we can now carry that into the big matches. In a stunning 1<sup>st</sup> half effort the Bulls never crossed halfway while in possession and we had them looking upstream all day.

Nathan(Iron Man) was so ferocious for us that I am sure his mum had to feed him with a sling shot as a baby. A comprehensive win against a semi final team but we did put some ball down and had a few tries disallowed. I don't think I have ever seen a team hit as hard as we did and you could see the Hills boys turn it up early in the day. The secret scrum move worked a treat but Sean(Refs are people too) was called off-side after a brilliant chase for a try. Sean's defence was exceptional today and no-one got away from him. Aaron(Whippet) had clearly his best game of the season both in attack and defence and halfback may be his best spot.

It has been a bit tough on the coach with a couple of close losses and I have really had just one friend, my cat. The cook has been mad at me and I told her a man should have at least two friends, so she bought me another cat!!!

I was very impressed by Joel(The Destroyer) and a super game from Drew(The Gun). It is the only game all year where I reckon the points could have gone to any player and I was very proud of all the boys BUT!!!!, guys you have to learn not to have a crack at the ref and cut out any swearing. Swearing does not make you tough nor does it make you a better player, it doesn't help your team, it hurts them so from here on, NO SWEARING, the ref was very tolerant with you but they won't all be like that. Remember the old saying, You can say something to popes, kings, prime ministers and presidents but you can't talk to referees. In the next war they ought to give everyone a whistle and a pink shirt. Seeing Daniel(The Bullet) back after hols was great and his run down the sideline for a try was superb.

Corey(The Cannibal) had another blinder and scored a fabulous sideline conversion however he was injured late in the game and may only be a spectator for the rest of the year. Nathan(Iron Man) suffered an injury as well but hopefully he will be back next week. Tough luck for both of these warriors but we will push on. Boys, you should hold your heads high, your effort was totally dominant.

## **Under 15's Rhinos 22 def Marconi 12**



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## **Under 16's Rhinos BYE**

## **A Grade Rhinos LOSS**