

Under 6/1's Rhinos 18 def by Wentworthville 26

We played Wenty this week and did well to be in the lead for most of the game. Two late tries scored by Wenty put them in the lead to win 26 to 18.

The boys had a hard time tackling one boy who was more than double their size, but they kept trying and at times would bounce off him, but they didn't give up ! At training this week we will be doing tackling practice on the dads !!!

In attack the boys kept Wenty on their toes, gaining good yards with some great runs up the middle.

Try scorers this week were Jordan Faleono with 2, Riley Price with 1 and Kaia Gate scoring a try and also converting a goal.

Player of the week went to Joshua Coinakis for his tackling and his hard running and the encouragement award went to Harrison Perkins for his good runs.

We didn't get a win this week, but I was very impressed with the way the boys played !

Paul

Under 6/2's Rhinos 12 def by Rhinos 32

This week was all ways going to be a tough game, against Rouse Hill 6/3's. They got away from us, winning 32 to 12.

We were lead out by Captain **Will**, who did an amazing job, scoring all 3 tries.

The boys & Casey, played really well this week, putting the things they learnt from training into practice. **Jack** made a fantastic run from half way, all the way to the try line, shame it wasn't our try line, but he turned in time and ran back to the middle of the field and was tackled. He was so proud of himself, it was his biggest run to date.

Casey, Orlando & Ben made some great line breaks, running straight through the middle of a strong, tough defensive line.

Thomas & Lleyton well wat can I say, every week they turn up and give 100%. They tackle, they run and they just love playing footy.

Our man of the match this week went to **Ethan**. He showed that by focusing his energy into his footy, he is quiet the little all rounder. All ways there ready to tackle, and even made some great runs.

It is so good to see our team, coming together, and the good sportsmanship is a real credit to our coach and our trainers.

Keep watching this space, I'm confident a win isn't to far away.....

Under 6/3's Rhinos 32 def Rhinos 12

The Rouse Hill U6 (3) team took on the Rouse Hill U6 (2) team in an inter-club challenge. We went into the game expecting some fierce competition from these guys as they have spent the first few weeks in division 2 and would be used to coming up against some strong sides. This certainly turned out to be the case and early on the scoring went tit for tat. I don't think that this was our most focused effort this season but a great individual performance from Kyan Baff put us on the right side of the ledger. Kyan was dynamic with the ball in hand, his speed and strength enabled him to cross for a hat trick of tries and his defence, especially out wide was solid. Joshua Findlay backed up his performance last week with another fine effort. His heavy defensive work in the centre was the highlight of his performance topped off with good metres gained when we most needed them. Dominic Badiu was again outstanding using his trademark fend to good effect but most impressive was his determination to move us forward, the combination of these skills saw him put the ball over the line for a well earned try.

Tuffy Cunniffe again contributed to the points and it has become almost easy to overlook his performance's because of his consistency. He really gives it all and we rely on him to hold our defensive line together on the outskirts, a tough job especially on the weekend! Brigham Webster must have rockets in his boots, another double this week may well have him leading the points scoring table. This young man has an uncanny ability to find the line and they're always pretty to watch. Mackenzie Kurtz-Marshall had his best game this year delivering some good ball from dummy half as well as working hard for valuable metres. His ball security was much improved this week and he is developing a well rounded game. Tyson Pryke threw himself into the mix at every opportunity, he seems to thrive on a good challenge. Some gutsy defence helped our cause but a little too much activity off the ball detracted from his overall game. Saxon Pryke played a strong game for us again. He is a real work horse always looking to be in the action and turning in some impressive defensive stats. His leg drive, once held was a feature of his game this week. He also scored a good try for us. It was good to get a win this weekend but unfortunate it had to be against our own club. Final score Rouse Hill (3) 32 Def Rouse Hill (2) 12. Well done guys let's keep it going!

Matthew Pryke
Manager

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Under 7/1's Rhinos 14 def by Wentworthville 38

What a tough game! Against a much bigger and faster opposition the boys and girls in this side played extremely well. Two of the three tries were scored from tap offs showing what we are capable of when given a little room to move. Highlight of the day was when a rehearsed tap move saw Lolly run the field to score. Other try scorers were Samuel and Wildman, with Samuel converting a goal. Sorely missed Coach Dom and his son Will. Come back asap. A big thank you to Mick who did a fantastic job as the coach on the day, I have to say the "Lolly Machine" set play looks awesome on video replay!!!

Under 7/2's Rhinos 14 def by Canley Heights 38

The boys were outclassed today by a better side but to their credit they never gave up. The oppositions points boosted by near faultless goal kicking. Our boys came up short many times close to the line by great defence which could have changed the game. All three of our tries came from Tadhg, who is starting to rack up a bit of a tally. The boys are just starting to get some good combinations going so hopefully next week when we play our first game at home we can bring home the points. Farewell to Dylan Edie who is moving back to QLD. Hopefully he can slot into a team up there without too much trouble.

Michael
Manager

Under 8/1's Rhinos 4 def by Wentworthville 12

The first period began with a series of completed sets as both teams defended well until Ethan opened the scoring with a great tackle busting run from midfield. Wenty retaliated with a quick try to go into the break with a 6-4 lead. The 2nd period was full of defensive highlights as the rhinos repelled the opposition time and time again. Jye led the team up with great enthusiasm, Jordan set the tone with several big hits amongst his 11 tackles whilst Tommy and Ethan made super tackles to save a couple of tries down our left flank. Bailey kept the opposition quiet on our right side for the first 2 periods and topped the tackle count with 12. Adam, Harry, Sam and Lachlan contributed in the pack and were amongst several gang tackles. Unfortunately the game slipped away in the 3rd period with 1 of the opposition players scoring 2 sizzling tries and saving 3 of our breakaways. Our attack was very encouraging with good service from Lachlan, Sam and Will and we had good team support with about 20 offloads during the game. Savan made 2 long runs that included great "in and aways" to sneak down the right side, with 1 run going very close only to be run down by the speedster. Will also made an excellent sweeping run down the right side only to meet our nemesis just before the tryline. Keahlan had a busy game and was in a good position to receive several offloads and made stepping runs in traffic. A very pleasing game and we're working closer to our first win of the season.

Under 8/2's Rhinos 8 def by Fairfield United 40



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Under 9/1's Rhinos 30 def Wentworthville 12

The first game in a revamped Division 2, across the field was a much bigger and formidable Wentworthville 2 side, the 11 players took stock and kicked off.

First tackle went to Cooper Price who felled the first big runner and the game was on, good strong front on defence was shown with Oscar and Koby prominent. Our Top Gun was back on the field and Emily Mooney took off and landed in the corner, and after practicing our kicks this week Joel Mercer landed the goal.

Some end to end action, saw the Rhinos gain possession 10 metres out and Cooper side-stepped through the defence and dived over under the posts. Ben Blanchard converted and Rhinos were up 12-0. Wenty then hit back as their big runners took advantage of our sideline error and we were pulled back to 12-6.

Half time came and went with the coaches asking for a big second half effort. Emily went in again outpacing the defence and Campbell Bird converted, a just reward for some good running up the middle.

The team lifted with Brayden Dollery following on previous efforts with strong cover defence that stemmed some raids. Joel Mercer was active and clever at first receiver and Bronzen showed that his nickname "the Axe" was there for a reason, playing from marker he gave Wenty no peace and shut them down constantly.

Joel threw a 20 metre spiral cut out pass (a la Jarryd Hayne), which Brayden caught on the fly and went over, only for the referee to call it forward. The spectators thought it should have counted, as it was a spectacular play. Joel made amends by outwitting the defence to score twice and the Rhinos ran out 30-12 winners, converting all their tries in a hard working display.

The team needs to focus for every game as we have a basic 12 man squad. The new training facilities are a great boost and we would like to thank the committee for the hard work they undertook to make this ground available for all the teams. Let's make Rhino Park a special place.

Rouse Hill Rhinos U9/1 – 30 Tries: - Emily Mooney 2, Joel Mercer 2, Cooper Price Goals: - Joel Mercer, Oscar Mezzomo, Ben Blanchard, Campbell Byrd, Bronzen Lizano-Huia) **Wentworthville -12**

Player Points: - Brayden Dollery 3, Bronzen Lizano-Huia 2, Emily Mooney 1

Under 9/2's Rhinos 18 def by Hills District 24



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U 10/1's Rhinos 4 def by Cabramatta 6



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U 10/2's Rhinos 12 def by Hills District 26

The pressure was right on us from the kick off. Losing control of the ball just doesn't help our cause, as we camped down our part of the ground for 18 mins of the allotted 20 mins of the first half. And the first opportunity when we did manage to get past the half way line the boys scored through the quick thinking effort of Riley (rock star) Williams who made a darting run from dummy half to cross the line for a deserved try. Converted by (cool hand) Luke Passmore. Their defensive effort in the first half was top shelf stuff as we went to the break 10-6 down. Some quality running from Caylim Phan, Nick Fox, Luke Azzopardi, Alex Arrezza & Nathan Lacey saw us going forward & pick up some good yards in the second half. Brad Hosler who decided to run the ball on the fifth crossed over to bag himself a well deserved four pointer. Conversion Taine (train) Davis. Riley Greenland, Riley Moynihan, Dylan Macdonald & Luke Passmore are all showing tremendous skill, grit & tenacity as they continue going forward in their first season with the Rhinos. Well done guys. Strong runs from Zac Rowe manage to soften up the opposition while Taine (captain for the day) was at his damaging best as he sent Hills district players scattering like ten pins from his typical Rhino runs to bag himself the Man of the match award. Great defensive effort in the first half to keep them to 2 tries and even though we did pick the intensity in the second half we're still having difficulty in our defensive line, spreading out & moving up in one line. We have start to put together a full 40 min game & not just producing one top quality half & losing focus in parts in the other half.

A lot more work to be done next week at training guys.

Grant, Ann Maree, Jamie & Jon.



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Under 11's Rhinos 24 def Marconi 12

Best game all year and not a better way to christen the new jerseys as well as the new oval with this convincing win. The first half was a real arm wrestle with the the rhinos drawing first blood with a try to our big forward Sean, the team showed exceptional online defence to hold the opposition to just 6. In the 2nd half the game was torn apart with 2 quick tries in 5 minutes followed by a great try to our newly appointed fullback Caine to wrap up the game. Its great to see the team starting to bond and it was a pleasure to watch the boys play what was there best game this season, there will be more of these games to come.

3 points Caine - slotted into fullback well, scored a great try and defended well on the line

2 points Tristan - great defense all game. also great service to the halves from dummy half

1 point John - Slotted into the halves well, got really involved and was a hassle to the opposition defence all game

Under 12/1's Rhinos 16 def Wentworthville 8



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Under 12/2's Rhinos 20 def by Canley Heights 22

Saturday saw the Under 12/2s play their first game at the new home ground coming up against a big Canley Vale outfit. In an exciting game the boys were very unlucky to go down at the bell 22-20. Parents and supporters were treated to an excellent game. The team came out fired up and focused, with the first tackle setting the tone for the rest of the game. Training through the week has been about defense and attitude, as well as working for each other. They did this in droves with the stat's showing the highest work rate for the team in any game so far. Top tacklers of the week were Brock with a massive 27 tackle effort, followed by Alex and Jack H. Other players coming up with new PBs in their tackling stat's were Kyle, Cooper, Liam & Tristo. A big improvement was the defensive line on the edges with Adrian, Jarvis, Josh and Jack X working hard through the sets. We saw two debutants this week, with Matt joining us from the under 11s and Will playing his first game after switching from Union. Matt punched above his weight, providing some good starch in defense and getting involved off the bench. Will put in a stellar debut, with 14 tackles including a try saver on a player twice his size, as well as 6 runs with a brilliant individual try. Liam, Cooper and Jack H made some barnstorming runs, with Jack H getting 2 deserved tries. Mitch offered great support and constantly troubled their bigger guys with his speed, also getting a try. Our little titan, Isaac also came close to scoring but just missed out through some heavy defense. With the scores tied up at 18 all toward the end, Tristo landed a high pressure conversion from outwide to put the team in front for the first time this year 20-18. Unfortunately, they put one try back on us in the dying moments. Well played everyone.

3 pts - Brock 2 pts – Jack H 1 pt - Alex

Under 13's Rhinos 24 def Parra City Titans 18

It was a rusty start as we dropped the ball at kick off and had to defend our line. Then the Titans dropped the ball and things started to flow our way. Alex scored our first try and this put our team on their front foot. Tyler defence was excellent tackling the Titans biggest player who was injured and had to be taken off. The game did not go all our way as the Titans clawed their way back with a nail biting finish. A good effort boys.

Message for the week: **If you're not making mistakes you're not trying!!!**

Phil



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ELGAS

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Under 14's Rhinos 50 def Kellyville 10

The cold weather slowed our tribe a little at the start of this game and it is hard to get suited up on the oval as opposed to using dressing sheds. It was so cold out there I am sure a saw a flasher showing a lady a snapshot.

We conceded the 1st try today which is very unusual for us but 6 penalties in the 1st 8 minutes was going to lead to a try eventually and after 31 tackles in a row, Kellyville scored a try and good luck to them but I am convinced there was too much complacency on our part and we deserved to get scored against. After dropping the ball on tackle 2 from the kick off we never got the ball again for 9 minutes so our defence was solid. Our boys were captained today by Ryan(Sneaky) and he played a captains knock in attack and defence. We had several good performers as the score would indicate but our best on ground was John(Saba) who, despite 10minutes in the naughty corner, dominated the Kellyville side in all aspects.

Once again Phil(The Big Easy), resplendent in a painted on beard and moustache was a huge hit. A barnstorming try under the posts and held up for another. Phil is very hard to tackle and runs a bit like a safe rolling down a staircase. Our gutsy halfback, Drew(Mr Slick), had one of his best ever games and his kick move from the scrum went within an inch of a try. Sean(Refs are people too) had a blinder and when we get him out of stepping back into the ruck he will be better again. Good kicking game from Aaron(The Whippet) who is finally getting the message to grubber kick in attack.

We had a little 1st in junior football today as we found our 1st paid Under 14s player. In one of the most bizarre things I have seen, Kellyville scored a try and Mat(The enforcer)Danalis attempted a tackle to prevent the try which he missed but then let out a cheer. It wasn't until he was replaced that he pulled a \$50 note from his sock and told us he had found it on the grass when he tried to complete the tackle. After that it was hard to get the boys to look at anything but the grass and even our trainers were hanging around on the ground. At this stage of the year we are going OK but looking to improve. We dominate with our defence and the heart of any champion football team is built around defence. Craig, Trevor, Steve and I will continue to do all we can to get these boys over the line and remember boys, 'every day, every match, you must play like an unknown to prove yourself.'

***Very special mention to the 16/s who I watched fight back from 22-8 with 9 minutes left and convert from the sideline after the bell for a 24-22 win. A truly memorable game and full of the spirit of never giving up.

Under 15's Rhinos 4 def by Greystanes 18



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Under 16's Rhinos 24 def Wentworthville 22

It was an extremely hard day of football and to grind out a win coming from 10 points down with 6 minutes to go made for an extremely exciting game. The boys met a quality football team in Wentworthville, who were not afraid to run the ball. Despite coming last on the ladder, that position does not reflect both the style and quality of football they played on the day. The rhino's went to half time down 6-4, and trailed Wenty all game. But the tenacity of the boys and never give in attitude then turned the game around. With 2 minutes remaining and behind by 4 points, we crossed right in the corner, to level the scores at 22 all. With a conversion required from the sideline to win, this is never easy. Ahmed stepped up to convert right on bell and we claimed the 2 points for a win with a 24-22 score-line. The win is a positive, but we made life exceptionally difficult for ourselves. We allowed the opposition to get continual 2nd phase play of every hit up, and our defence was undisciplined and scrappy. I can't take away from the boys a win, but we have the talent to keep a side like Wentworthville scoreless and to rack up more points than we did on Saturday. A special mention to Dylan and Riley who not only worked in the halves perfectly, they lifted and led the team to the win. Both of them defended all day and it is that leadership on the field that gave us the final result.

Sincere condolences to Ahmed and his family on the passing of his Uncle on Saturday, it was a courageous effort for him to turn up and play, and fitting that he snatched the 2 points right on the bell.

The team will agree we have a lot of work to still do, but we also have a number of key players out with injury to return over the next 4-6 weeks.

Thanks
Adam