

Under 6/1's Rhinos 22 drew with Cabramatta 22

As it was our first competition game for some of our new Rhinos and the first game in first division for the others, to have a draw with Cabramatta was a great result !

All the boys got in there and tackled hard, we got away to a good lead with some great tries by Kaia Gate (2), Harrison Perkins, Joshua Coinakis and Jordan Faleono.

It was very hot and with no subs to allow the boys to have a rest, Cabramatta scored a try in the last minutes that made it a 22 all draw.

Kaia was player of the week with some try saving tackles on the big Cabramatta boys and Jordan Faleono received the Encouragement award.

Great game by all the boys, looking forward to the rest of the season.

Paul Coinakis

Under 6/2's Rhinos 14 def by Guildford 34

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Under 6/3's Rhinos 24 def Kellyville 16

The U6's team 3 enjoyed a 24-16 victory in round 1 over Kellyville. The boys were not intimidated at all meeting the high profile, well supported, all girls Kellyville team on their home turf. For Mackenzie Kurtz-Marshall, Joshua Findlay, Dominic Badiu and the Pryke brothers Saxon and Tyson it was their rugby league debut. They all did us very proud working hard as a team. Joshua and Dominic both scored exciting tries running the length of the field. Saxon also crashed over the chalk for a try. It is the second season for Brigham Webster and Tuffy Cunniffe. Their experience certainly showed with Brigham scoring an impressive double and Tuffy putting the game beyond doubt by being on the end of a great team try. All the boys defended valiantly against a well drilled outfit determined to take home the points. A special mention should also be made for the great job debutant coach Shannon Marshall did guiding the boys around the park.

Matthew Pryke

Under 7/1s Rhino 18 drew with Wentworthville 18

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UNDER 7/2's Rouse Hill 30 def 18

Congratulations boys for a solid first round win. The 30 – 18 win was made up of 7 tries and one goal.

A good team performance with 6 different try scorers. Jacob 2 and 1 each to Noah ,Jackson , Brayden, Makkai and Rory, who also kicked a great goal.

Michael
Manager

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UNDER 8/1's Rhinos 0 def by Cabramatta 52

Unfortunately we were out classed by a speedy and mistake free Cabramatta side. We didn't move up in defence, gave the opposition too much room to move and missed too many tackles with jersey grabbing. We did improve our ball handling from the previous trial game and most of the boys stayed away from the sideline, so there were some pleasing parts to the game. Our focus at training this week will be moving up, Tackling from the side and around the legs.

Under 8/2's Rhinos 6 def by Parramatta City Titans 24

Great effort from all the boys considering 6 out of 11 players it was there 1st official game. All boys tackled their guts out especially Mitch(11 tackles),Lachlan(10 tackles)and Aboodie(9 tackles).Pretty hot conditions so well done in defence boys.

We had a lot of positive play in attack some really good runs from Evan,Taj and Ethan got us some good field position but the boys got to learn to convert field position into points. Connor,Jake and Aaron were big improvers from there trial form and Josh and Damon directed play well around the park. It's only round 1 so we will get better as the year goes on.

Our points came in the 2nd period with when Lachlan made a slicing 30 meter run down the sideline to score with Evan kicking the goal which got us back to 8-6 but a drop ball from the kickoff allowed Parra to increase the lead straight away.

Well done boys bring on round 2!!!!!!Cheers Coach Rob!

Under 9/1's Rhinos 46 def Parramatta Junior Eels 0

An excellent team effort for the first competition game of the year, after playing top of the table Division 1 sides in the trials the team took the field ready to play.

The kick off saw our very own Kobey Lacey in his first year of football catch the ball and run in the only way he knows , straight. That set the tone for the game, with Oscar Mezzomo and Kobey running hard the team followed.

First try of the year was scored by Ben Blanchard, who saw space and the try line and went over untouched. The team has to be praised for following their instructions and playing with structure, we can expect a good season if this continues.

Special praise to Connor Flahey, after 2 weeks of sickness and unable to train, he arrived determined not to let the side down and played an important part in the victory. , and even when forced to the sideline breathless took a drink then turned around and went back to help his team.

Bronzen "the Axe" Leizano-Huia patrolled the ruck and gave the Junior Eels no peace and soon got on the tryscorers list. Our other 3 players new to league did extremely well, Aaron Simpson carving them up for 2 tries, Brayden Dollery flashing in for his and Campbell Byrd diving over the line for the last try of the game. Jayden Grieve continued his dynamic form, scoring 3 tries and is hard to stop from 15 metres out with his

trademark in and out causing the Junior Eels all sorts of problems. Joel Mercer and Cooper Price tackled themselves to a standstill and each made a couple of breaks that had the crowd on its feet, but this was a team effort that got its reward.

Tries :- Jayden Grieve 3, Aaron Simpson 2, Bronzen Leizano-Huia 1,
Oskar Mezzomo 1, Brayden Dollery 1,Ben Blanchard 1,Campbell Byrd 1

Goals :- Joe; Mercer 1, Ben Blanchard 1,Kobey Lacey1

Man of the Match Points Jayden Grieve 3 - Ben Blanchard 2 – Brayden Dollery 1

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Under 9/2's Rhinos 8 def by Canley Heights 32

Our 1st round proved tough, but well done to all the boys in what is a very NEW team!!

The boys didn't stop all game, a great first half try by Harrison Gray and a second half try to Kyle Bradwell. We need to tackle tackle tackle which will improve over the coming weeks. Well done again boys..... Lets Go Rhinos!!!!!!!

Man of the match Bayley Westcott-Lewis

U 10/1's Rhinos 12 def by Winston Hills 28

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U 10/2's Rhinos 14 def by 26

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Under 11/1's Rhinos 14 def by Hills District 22

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Under 11/2's Rhinos FORFEIT

Under 12/1's Rouse Hill 10 def Hills District 6

Well here we are again for another season of footy and what a way to start. This game was a real test of character for these boys. Not only did we play with no reserves in the middle of the day's heat but we found ourselves down 6-0 after the first 5 minutes. However after a slow start to the game the boys tackled their hearts out to hang on and go into the break down 6-0. With only 13 players available the task of performing better than the first half was always going to be a tough one, but still possible. In the second half the boys came out like a new team, they were running onto the ball and trying their set plays and before we knew it the Bulls defence cracked open and Thomo was over for try no 1. Alan converted and the game was now level at 6-6. However it didn't take Thomo too long to find the line again with some great hole running. Unfortunately due to the wind the ball blew off the kicking tee making an unlucky miss for Jake 'Hitman' Hendry. The boys were then on the back foot with a couple of busts by the Bulls getting them down into our 20 metre zone. However with pure determination, under 10 minutes on the clock and 36 tackles in a row inside our 20 the boys hung on for the victory. These boys were not going to give up and showed true Rhino spirit on the park. Man of the match went to Thomo who played out of his skin for his first ever comp game. All in all boys every single one of you showed what you can really do if you give that little bit extra. Well done boys.

A special mention goes to Jake Hendry as his grandma only 2 days previous to the game sadly passed away. He was still determined to play and managed to top the tackle count making close to 60 tackles. Well done mate I'm sure your nan would be proud of you.

Coach Rob

SCHAWK!



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Under 12/2's 10 def by CVD Cobras 44

The Under 12/2s had their first hit out against the Hills Bulls at Crestwood Oval on Saturday. In an exciting game, the boys played well, however were unable to overcome an early deficit with the game finishing 28-16.

The emphasis at training has been on attitude in defense, working for each other and keeping a strong defensive line. This was certainly one of the big improvements over earlier trial games and the boys should be congratulated for taking much of their training onto the paddock this week.

Top tacklers of the week were Cooper & Tristo, followed closely by Alex and Brock. Alex played an inspirational Captains knock with some strong tackling and hit-ups, as did Brock who could be heard from the sidelines calling his team up in defense. It was very encouraging to see the spread of defensive work across all the players in the post match statistics.

Mitchell was prominent in attack, making short work of the defense in some high traffic. His two tries were well deserved, the first a show of individual skill and the second from good support to our playmakers. We also had some powerful running from Jarvis, Jacob, Liam and Jackson H, with one of his runs producing an exceptional long range try. There are some great skills there and with some more training, we have no doubt that the boys will be soon executing some exciting team plays.

We are very happy with all the boys effort, particularly some of the newer kids who haven't played much league before. As we take the stat's during the game we'll be letting them know when they hit a new personal best.

Great team effort guys. We can't wait to see what you can do against Merrylands next Saturday.

James Pennings

Under 13's Rhinos 28 def Mounties 8

There is nothing like starting the season off with a win. Mount Pritchard forwards were very big and our boys did a great job to contain them. Our ball handling was a little scratchy at times handing over possession and putting pressure on ourselves. Our forwards are playing great football with good runs by Tyler and Robert and excellent defence by Ethan and Alex. Dekoda was very consistent on the day taking out Man of the Match. Our backs are starting to work together and their defence and attack is improving. Boy's congratulations on your first competition win and good luck for 2010.

Saying for the week **"You are only as good as your last game"**.

Regards

Phil



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Under 14's Rhinos 26 def Winston Hills 4

Today saw the grudge match of the round with our Rhino men coming up against the side that knocked them out of premiership contention last year. The Tigers were fired up and tried some very dubious tactics with their elbows and knees in the early stages which saw them penalised heavily. The Rhinos soaked up the pressure and then started to punish the tigers with brilliant defence which resulted in the tigers not making one clean break for the entire match and looking upstream all day. The tigers trembled when Phil(The Big Easy)Price ran at their line and on one charge he was heard to say 'In Japan, they worship bodies like mine' Our gang tackling was nothing short of painful to the tigers with huge hits being pulled off by Nathan(Iron man)Hudson, Joel(The assassin)Dyer, John(Dr. Death)Caristo and the Bear. We were able to capitalise on our defence with some devastating running from Corey(The Cannibal)McKay, Sean(Refs are people too)Woodhouse and The Whippet who was great in his first real hit out since injury last year. It was a very physical game between two sides that clearly are not on each others Christmas lists but there is violence in football, it's supposed to be a contact sport but in reality it's a collision sport.

The marker defence of the Rhino men was 1st class and backed up by ground eating dummy half bursts. At the last minute we had to throw our winger into hooker but Justin(laid back)Baldwin was sensational all day for us. We never had a bad player on the day with the whole team performing well. So, we will keep training hard and working on our punishing defence because no-one is looking for a cheap win, you can fight your sister for that. Well done boys.
3pts. Sean Woodhouse. 2pts. John Caristo 1pt. Joel Dyer

Under 15's Rhinos 6 def by Canley Vale 40

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Under 16's Rhinos 6 def by Merrylands 16

Wow, what can you say about this gutsy effort. Merrylands came 2nd last year and should be up in Div 1, not only was that enough to worry about but four of our strike weapons were unable to play due to rego issues. Our team comprised Div 2, and Div 3 players from last year and a very skinny bench. True to say, we were entitled to be mercy ruled by Merrylands and that was the expected result from most of those at the ground. What they didn't count on was the bravest effort by a group of boys that I have ever seen. Now I am not saying that football is more important than school studies, except that it's pretty hard to get a crowd of people to watch an examination and on this day, football ruled.

Our Rhino heroes owned the day and at halftime we led 6-0 and you could hear the Merrylands coach from 100metres away. Sore and wounded we took the fight to Merrylands again in the 2nd half and it see-sawed from end to end. Every one of the boys put their bodies on the line with enormous defence. I am not going to mention any player by name because that would not be fair to the lot of them who deserve our admiration. The beauty of a game of football like this is that you are sometimes called upon to do something beyond your capabilities...and you do it.

With 2 minutes remaining we were down 10-6 and we crossed their line but dropped the ball over it. Merrylands ran a late try in as the bell rang and sealed the result. I am not exaggerating when I say that some of our boys played better than they ever have and the effort had some of them in tears after the game. It is easy to say you are proud of a team but the Coach, Paul and Dennis were overcome with respect for what these young men had just done. The boys have laid a brilliant foundation on which to build their season and I for one have never seen as big an effort as today's.

3pts. Ryan Hooper. 2pts. Matt Sultana. 1pt. Dylan Leyshon

A Grade Rhinos 22 def by Lalor Park 32

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