

## Under 6/1's Rhinos 18 def by Parra Jnr Eels 30



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## Under 6/2's Rhinos 24 def by Blacktown PCYC 28

This week saw us up against PCYC and we knew it was going to be a fast game with a couple of their speedsters in their team. Our little bunch of Rhinos gave it their all, matching the opposition try for try the whole game, unfortunately the bell went just before we could claim the draw.

Man of the Match this week went to Thomas, who was a tackling machine out there, best defence from him this year.

Orlando, Will, Ben, Lincon and Ethan were attacking all game with great runs, spotting the gaps and putting their foot down. Casey, Jack and Lleyton were all so strong in defence with each of them doing some awesome tackles.

Our little rhinos are improving every week and are a joy to watch as they always have fun out there whether it is a win or lose. Keep training hard kids, because we all can see how much you all have improved...Go the Rhinos...

## Under 6/3's Rhinos 18 def Fairfield Patrician 16

We certainly met our match on Saturday against Fairfield Patrician at theirs. Our kids worked hard for their victory with only 7 players all game. Our opponents were equally strong in their defence and had a couple of really talented little playmakers. Fairfield Pats certainly should be commended for such huge heart for a very small club. The score was point for point all game with the score 12 all after the second ten. Another stellar performance by Saxon Pryke who scored the first 3 tries. Our dominance was sealed beautifully by Brigham Webster who scored our final try (in the final nailbiting 10 mins) and then successfully converted his own try. Just sensational! Well done to Uffy Cunniffe, Mackenzie Kurtz-Marshall, Kyan Baff, Josh Findlay and Tyson Pryke for giving it your all when it was needed most. Even the ref passed comment at full time on how much he enjoyed the game and was very impressed with the level of skill for an under 6 match. Final score was Rhinos 18 def Pats 16. Was just one of those magic games when rugby league is definitely the winner.

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## Under 7/1's Rhinos 0 def by Wentworthville 28

Another fantastic effort from everybody today. Our defence was again fantastic and improving all the time. Tom, Riley and Sticks were great in defence. Connor again leading the communication in defence and moved up fast. Zac, Wildman and the unit ran the ball up hard and straight with Lolly, Will and Sam moving the ball wide with good running. Jy and Tye had an awesome all round game in attack and defence.

1 point to Tye for his consistent efforts, 2 points for Tom for his vast improvement in defence and 3 points and Player of the Match to Sam for again an amazing effort with fantastic running in attack and a huge tackle count as well. Well done.

Thanks to all parents who helped in the canteen/ BBQ and who went to the trivia night.

Well done Rhino's.

Dom.

## Under 7/2's Rhinos 6 def by Hills District 56

## Under 8/1's Rhinos 20 def by Marconi 26

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## Under 8/2's Rhinos 22 def by Fairfield United 36

## Under 9/1's Rhinos 34 def Wentworthville 0

What can we say about this game, a team effort underlined by determined defence and an even display across the field. Played at Ringrose Park it was an advertisement for junior football, with few errors, good support play and kicking and passing that was impressive for this age group.

The team has always been able to run and attack, but the defence on the day was a reward for the efforts made, The Wenty team had speed and size and were held at the line several times with very determined team tackling. Oscar pulled off the tackle of the day, a covering tackle on a player that looked certain to score with the tackle bringing the crowd to its feet as the ball was knocked free in the collision. Joel Mercer and Ben Blanchard deserve special mention for the way they came off the line to slow down the run from the big Wenty forwards, this hard but often unnoticed work contributes so much to the team defence, well done.

Our Zip Zip man, Aaron Simpson has a first half rest, then came onto the field to score 2 flying tries to push the result beyond doubt. Impressive first half running from everyone, with smart plays from Ben Blanchard, Jayden Grieve and Oscar Mezzomo getting 4 pointers, and our Top Gun, Emily Mooney zoomed around the opposition to score another flyer.

Our goal kicking practice is starting to pay off, with 5 conversions and the last one from Bronzen hitting the black dot.

Every team member deserves a mention for a great effort, and we welcome Noah Osborne for his first ever game, some handy runs and tackles from Noah who played his part. A great effort everyone, you showed what the Rhinos can do.

**Rouse Hill Rhinos U9/1 – 34** Tries: - Aaron Simpson 2, Emily Mooney, Oscar Mezzomo, Ben Blanchard, Jayden Grieve Goals: - Joel Mercer, Ben Blanchard, Campbell Byrd, Koby Lacey, Oscar Mezzomo **Wentworthville -0**

Player Points: - Emily Mooney 3, Jayden Grieve 2, Connor Flahey 1

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## Under 9/2's Rhinos 14 def by Hills District 18

This was a game of two halves in typical Under 9's fashion whoever holds the ball wins the game. Our boys have been practicing their offloads for weeks now but we don't need to do it every time we have the ball. Hills got to a 10 nil lead at half time we were tackling quit well, but nobody was making any ground up the middle. Halftime was good to us, hills came back out with a quick try early but that was it the rest of the game was the RHINOS holding the ball running like they wanted to score. Harrison Grey had a awesome 50metre run from our try line then Kyle backed it up with a 40 meter run unfortunately got pinged for a Foi Foi MOIMOI play the ball by the ref. We were down in their half and we then tackled our hearts out. Kyle then crossed for a try and converted 14-6 Couple of minutes later Storm found the white strip and the Rhinos were on their way back 14-10. We had a roll on Liam had a charge and with 3 boys on him he offloaded to Bayley who scored in the corner 14-14 Noosh didn't want to kick so big Tom lined up looking like Jamie Soward best goal kicking routine ever but unfortunately just went under the cross bar. With 2 minutes to go we had a knock on and had to hold them out with the bell gone we just couldn't keep them out any longer and one of the bulls boys scored a try fully stretched out to reach the stripe. All the boys tried their hardest this week and it was a nail biting finish which is good for all the parents.

We are improving each week and the boys are enjoying their time together hope fully next week will be a cracker with a win for the 9/2 Rhinos.

Man Of The Match: 3 points Harrison Grey turned the game around with his big run and ran hard all day when ever he touched the ball.

## U 10/1's Rhinos 16 def Winston Hills 6

This week saw the team come up against Winston Hills Tigers who WEREundefeated until they came up against the Under 10'1 Rouse Hill Rhinos!!!

The boys went into this game with the right attitude to play as a team and played to the game plan that was set out by Coach Brian J Winston Hills had great defence and our bigger boys were finding it hard to break that line. About the 10<sup>th</sup> minute we scored a great try with Jack putting the ball over the line. The try was converted by Will and we continued to lead most of the half at 6-0. Two minutes before half time our defence let us down and they broke our line and scored which evened out the score to 6-6 at half time.

In the second half we decided to keep turning Winston Hills around and put the ball down in their half and the breaks came our way with a few knock on's by Winston Hills and great kick chases by our team. The second half was all Rouse Hill with another try by Jack closely followed by Rhett. The boys then knew they had to keep their line solid which they did with great defence. I am sure Winston Hills had the attitude to go the whole season without a loss but the determination of you boys shows that you can beat any team in this competition.

To the boys, you have to continue to turn up with the same attitude and determination for the rest of the season and you will go a long way in this competition.

Rouse Hill 16 defeated Winston Hills 6 – GOOD WORK BOYS



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## U 10/2's Rhinos 16 drew with Canley Heights 16

It was a closely contested game. Canley Heights put the first points on the board. The boys were always attacking led by Zac who was pumping his legs hard. Great runs by Caylim, Nathan, Taine, Nick and Alex. The boys were taking the ball up the middle and when they did go wide, Riley Moynihan saw his chance and scored his first ever try. Going into half time Canley Heights were leading 10-6.

In the second half we finally got ahead when Brad and Luke P scored. Our defence was good with some awesome tackles by Luke A, Dylan and Nick. We just have to be mindful of the penalties being given away for high tackles. Canley Heights scored again and for the last 5 minutes it was 16 all

Thanks to Riley W who turned up to support his team as he has a fractured thumb and could not play.

Remember it is not whether you win or lose a game it is how you play the game.

Grant, Annmaree, Jon and Jaime

## Under 11's Rhinos 20 def Hills District 18



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## Under 12/1's Rhinos 20 def Mounties 18

Fortunately enough this week we managed to get away with another narrow win. Even though this has been one of the least convincing wins this season this has given the team a great chance at finals footy this year. However a lift in the team attitude and performance will be needed if we are to overcome the undefeated 1<sup>st</sup> place Greystanes side this week. The boys started slow this week letting in a try within the first three minutes and soon realised this was going to be a tough battle. We responded quickly with two quick tries only to let the opposition right back in the game with two more tries putting them in the lead 14-12 at half time. After a stern half time talk the boys headed back onto the field fired up and ready to play. Two tries in the first 10 minutes gave us a 20-14 lead which we held until the last two minutes when Mountie's scored out wide and an unsuccessful conversion keeping us the leaders 20-18 until the final whistle. Even though nothing seemed to go our way today we managed to slip away with the two points again. Try scorers today were Jake 'Hitman', Thomo, Alan and Troy 'the terrier'. Conversions were made by Alan and Thomo. Man of the match this week went to Daniel 'Whiz kid' who saved us on many occasions as a last line of defence. Best and fairest this week went to Stephen 'Mr Consistency' for his superb performance at hooker completing the whole game whilst battling through sickness. Well done boys, lets put aside this week and look ahead to Greystanes.

Coach Rob



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## **Under 12/2's Rhinos 44 def Canley Heights 18**

The team travelled to Smithfield this week to play Canley Heights, a team that beat them narrowly the first time they met. After a shaky start, the boys showed great resolve to come away with a massive and well deserved win 44-18. With the home team posting the first three tries in identical set plays, team supporters were getting a little concerned on what might happen. Once we got the ball, our new recruit Frank got the ball rolling with a great show of speed to post the first try. You could see the boys lift their heads after this. Seven more tries followed, with Will getting 2, Frank getting 2 more and Brock, Tristo & Liam bagging 1 each. Practising conversions before the game also seemed to pay off with the team collecting 5/7 from some tough angles. Jack H, Jack X, Frank and Brock were strong in their running out of our own half, and on the back of this we started to see what our halves could orchestrate. Apart from the early lapses, defense was solid with our leading tacklers being Brock and Kyle. What was particularly pleasing was the commitment in defense right up until the final whistle even though they were a huge way in front. Congratulations boys on your debut win and the beginning of your run to the semi-finals!

3 pts - Frank 2 pts - Liam 1 pt - Matt

James Pennings

## **Under 13's Rhinos 28 def Canley Heights 18**

CONGRATULATIONS BOYS! Another win, Now hide because here comes the coach!

It seems the broken glass & commitment has turned to porridge and dentures and I think somebody has a spare key to the angry pills. (Enough said?).

A lesson learnt for our young heads. We have fallen for the oldest pitfall in sporting history. NEVER UNDER ESTIMATE A TEAM WITH FEWER PLAYERS.

Unfortunately the sudden growth of Shannon's grey hair today automatically produces pain and suffering at training. Good luck!

Enough of that back to the highlights.

The parents had the keys to the commitment jar and it was all hands on deck, willing or not. Egg & bacon sandwiches, touch judges, flat whites and the urgent race to replenish the bread stocks. TOP JOB!

The trainers yet again on call to motivate and hydrate the troops, unfortunately the poor touch judges were overlooked again, I believe for poor flag work? (Tough Call!). Call the video referee? Who was present preserving another moment in the history of our children's sporting success. (I think the boys are a little camera shy?).

All in all the boys never fail to excite the crowd and with even some of our smallest bodies showing the biggest hearts & commitment taking on the larger & runaway opposition.

Keep it up boys you never cease to amaze us, let's start thinking towards next week's job, Well done.

Quote of the week – If you can laugh together you can work together!



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## **Under 14's Rhinos 32 def Cabramatta 7**

It is a long way from Cabramatta to the Rhino Graveyard and the trip home when you get spanked must seem even longer. A tough fought 1<sup>st</sup> half of footy saw our Rhinos only lead 12-7 at the break but the cause of the problem was not Cabras play, it was our mistakes which kept the score close. We coughed up the ball 4 times on the first tackle and kept sending written invites to Cabra to get back in it.

Clearly desperate and concise coaching instructions were needed at the break and the answer was easy, we gave the boys 3 lolly snakes each instead of 1 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half was a different affair with our boys steamrolling their way to victory and crossing the stripe 4 times. Fair to say that Cabra outweighed us but a fat man is no good in battle because he can neither fight nor run away. A few years ago the parents of a 2 metre child weighing 80 kilos would hide him in the cupboard, now they ring a football club. Two of our players were outstanding today and they shared man of the match honours. Best game all year for Corey(The Cannibal) and Keegan(Kegs). Both led from the front and were virtually unstoppable. I was very happy to see the boys stick to the game plan and on more than one occasion our safe sets got us 80metres with Cabra looking upstream. The passes were crisp and short which I love because the longer the pass the less chance of it being caught. Big games from Ryan(Sneaky) and Nathan(The Animal). Thanks to Aarron(Whippet) for taking the field injured. A very impressive game from Drew(The Organiser) saw us heading in the right direction from most plays.

Our aggressive style is still working with the aim of our game not being to convince the opposition how tough we are but to convince ourselves how tough we are. Every day, every game boys, you must play like an unknown to prove yourself. Once again defence was the key to our success and there really are only 3 important things in football, Tackling, backing up and Tackling. I was very proud of our bench players today, it is hard to stay focused while waiting your turn. As a coach one of the toughest things is keeping the reserve team happy, the 1<sup>st</sup> team are always happy because they are in the 1<sup>st</sup> team. Anyway, the dream is still alive. Keep it that way!!!!

## **Under 15's Rhinos 24 def by Mounties 38**



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## **Under 16's Rhinos Forfeit to Cabramatta**

## **A Grade Rhinos No result received**



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