

Under 6/1's Rhinos 22 def Kellyville 16

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Under 6/2's Rhinos 16 def by Lalor Park 22

Wow, what an exciting game we had against Lalor Park. The boys & Casey lead by Captain Oskar played a fantastic game. Orlando was our player of the game with 2 brilliant Tries. Lincon, William & Thomas made a couple of great breaks, with Lincon & William also scoring a try. Jack and Llayton did some straight, hard forward running, and the whole team followed through tackling like their life depended on it. The team is forming up to be a great, hard working team which we will show in the games to come. Unfortunately we lost this one 22/16, but the boys & Casey will train hard and come back next week to have a win.

Thanks to our stand in coach Scott & stand in trainer Ben for doing a great job.

Under 6/3's Rhinos 20 def Wentworthville 4

The U6 (3) team followed up last week's narrow victory with an impressive 20-4 win over Wentworthville. There was obvious improvement in all areas in this week's performance. The most noticeable improvement was in the way the team organised their defensive line and the way the guys were leading with their shoulder in most tackles. The inclusion of Kyan Baff in the team enabled us to field a full team for the first time this season and his determined ball running and tackling was a valuable contribution to the team's performance. The Rhinos quick play of the ball caught the Wenty boys napping on a couple of occasions and Saxon Pryke & Tuffy Cunniffe took advantage of this by each scoring a great long range try. Joshua Findlay gave the opposition defence a headache with a bullocking run to cross the line for a well deserved try in a style which is fast becoming his trademark. Mackenzie Kurtz-Marshall worked hard around the ruck in both defence and attack making some valuable metres whilst denying the opposition of any easy yardage. Domonic Badiu tested the defence on more than one occasion with a combination of speed and deft footwork that left the opposition grabbing at thin air. He was denied a try on the bell because of a questionable handling error. Brigham Webster displayed the form that is making him such a crucial participant of this team. His work in defence frustrated the opposition while his sparkling footwork saw him cross for his 3rd try in two weeks. Tyson Pryke had the Wenty attack looking for him by the second half as he was launching himself like a missile at anyone who had the ball. This week however our man of the match award went to Tuffy Cunniffe who scored a great double and was solid in defence. A special mention for Saxon Pryke whose defensive effort was tireless. The team as a whole is showing tremendous improvement each week and their understanding of the game and their football skills are developing quickly.

Under 7/1s Rhinos BYE

UNDER 7/2's Rouse Hill 18 def by Winston Hills 30

Today just wasn't our day. If we had gone over the tryline as many times as the sideline we would have won by 100. But in saying that all the boys tried hard and they never gave up. A couple of stand out performances by Makkai and Tadhg who both scored tries with Makkai converting his. Man of the match went to Makkai who had an outstanding game in both attack and defence.

Michael
Manager

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UNDER 8/1's Rhinos 12 drew with Kellyville 12

This competitive game was a big improvement on the previous week and we walked away happy with progress and 1 point on the competition ladder. We had the lead early in the first period after some good leadup, Jordan opened the scoring with a hit n spin try from close range that was converted by Keahlan. Ethan later snapped up a loose ball and crossed in the corner, the try was converted by Savan. On each occasion Kellyville struck back soon after to keep the game in the balance. Bailey was outstanding in defence making 19 tackles and good metres with the ball beating several defenders and was rewarded with the first MOM for the season. Sam and Jordan both contributed with mistake free service in the ruck and made several tackles each. Keahlan and Harrison were busy pressuring the opposition and making stepping runs. Tommy made a couple of timely tackles to shutdown dangerous plays in our half. Jye had a busy 5 minutes taking us forward that led to Ethan's try. Savan and Will went close to making breaks on occasions whilst Cameron and Adam made valuable hitups to progress up the field. All in all it was a pleasing effort and leads into another 2 sessions of training to target areas to improve.

Under 8/2's Rhinos 0 def by Hills District 40

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Under 9/1's Rhinos 12 drew with Marconi 12

The second game of the season was played at Cavanagh Reserve, Lalor Park and was a hard fought tussle with the team that ran second in Division 2 last year.

The team took a different shape this week, as the coach wanted to look at how they reacted to playing in different positions and a different style. The biggest dummy half in U9 was Oscar Mezzomo who did the job well, and the team put their hands up and made a big effort against Marconi. Campbell Byrd got on the outside of the defence and went 50 metres to score, Connor Flahey split them again to put the Rhinos up 8-0. What became obvious is that with no goals to practice with, the goal kicking was ordinary. Marconi scored and converted, and game on. Jayden was not to be denied and scored from 5 metres out, and the Rhinos were up 12-6.

Possession became an issue and the team tried to kick for field position and looked ready to take the game, but a late try and goal to Marconi saw the game finish in a 12 all draw.

The most pleasing aspect of the game was defence where the Rhinos tackled well all game, Cooper Price led the way, backed by good efforts across the team. Emily Mooney played her role, constantly talking the team into position and ensuring any Marconi runners were herded to the sideline.

The team remains undefeated with the better teams in the division yet to faced, so training will concentrate on making sure we are ready to play these teams in the near future.

Rouse Hill Rhinos U9/1 – 12 (Tries: Campbell Byrd, Connor Flahey, Jayden Grieve) Marconi Mustangs - 12

Player Points :- Cooper Price 3, Connor Flahey 2, Campbell Byrd 1

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Under 9/2's Rhinos 18 def by Wentworthville 20

Well what an improvement the boys had a great start with all the ball in the first 10 minutes resulting in two tries to halfback Bayley Westcott-Lewis but unfortunately let Wenty back into the game with some slack defence when it was our turn to tackle. We must remember boys "One line Warren Ryan" if we wish be competitive. All the boys had good runs with Storm putting his hand up in the first half.

We had some good offloads which was impressive that drill on Tuesday must be working. Bayley then crossed for his third just before half time and went to the break 1 try in front.

A bit of a rev up at the all important half time break saw the boys come out firing in the second half. But with Wenty controlling the ball well, eventually they had to cross the line and they did twice. Kyle then scored a good try and kicked our first goal of the season. With 1 minute to go Jarrod dived over from dummy half but was ruled to have dropped the ball.

Bad luck boys but a good team effort maybe next week, I can feel something good is about to happen.

Man Of The Match : Jarrod McDonald-Gay

U 10/1's Rhinos 12 def by Parramatta City Titans 16

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U 10/2's Rhinos 0 def by CVD Cobras 28

All the boys knew what this team could do to them, after coming up against them in a previous trial game. So it was just a matter of whether they could repeat the GREAT defensive effort they produced last week. And they didn't let themselves down. At the start of the first half the biggest player from the opposition took his first of many hit ups & it took 10 of our lads to stop him, & stop him they did. Now it wasn't the fact that it took 10 of our guys to stop this human titanic, it was the courage & effort the boys displayed that they were prepared to play & defend as a team. Hit up after hit up the opposition threw some of the biggest ten year olds you've ever seen, first the titanic then a runaway Mack truck followed by Willie Mason. And to their credit the boys repelled every one of them. It was only through their little guys that had the score 8 nil at half time. But lads, we have to remember that this game comes with **TWO** halves & not one. A couple of misguided & dropped passes & a little bit of a relapse in defence proved that with every error we made the opposition scored points. Something to work on this week at training. Great first half effort by every single one of the boys & they all showed plenty of heart to stay with them in the second, but the small errors we made brought our opportunities undone as we pressed hard on the oppositions line. Also something to work on at training.

A fantastic defence & running effort by new comer Dylan won him the deserved Man of the match award (who scored his first ever try in last weeks game after backing up a charge by one of his forwards) Well done mate keep it up & im sure there will be more to come after that display. Typical hard straight up the middle chargers by our big boppers Zac & Taine proved their worth & in defence Zac pulled off a HUGE don't argue tackle against a much bigger opponent that shook the ground. Keep in mind that Zac is a big man himself so you can only imagine how big the other guy was. While some slick runs by speedster Luke P (last weeks man of the match & another first ever try scorer) proved dangerous when pressing their line. As always Nick & Brad are stalwarts in defence & are showing some skills in their attacking runs, Alex & Nathan have both turned a corner & are not only strong ball runners but strong defence players as well.

New comers to the club Caylim, Luke A, Riley W & Riley M are improving more & more in defence & attack are coming along strong with every game. Keep going guys. Riley G, also a new comer to the club is finding his feet extremely well at 1st receiver & we are very, happy with the way he is progressing. Doing a great job mate.

For the record, that titanic or Mack truck never crossed our line. Willie Mason did though.

Well done boys, great effort all-round but still some more work to be done.

Grant, Annemarie, Jamie, Jon

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Under 11/1's Rhinos 36 def Greystanes 18

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Under 11/2's Rhinos FORFEIT

Under 12/1's Rouse Hill 20 def Hills District 4

Well done boys, this was a big effort. This week due to some unfortunate circumstances we entered the field with 12 players only. The boys knew that a big effort and a lot of heart would get us across the line against the Cobras who had 16 players available on the day. We started strong crossing the line first with our first try-scorer for the second week in a row, Thomo. Luke 'TNT' and Kyle crossed shortly to send us in the break 12-0 up. The boys went back out there after the half time break in the state of mind that they needed to give everything they had for those final 25 minutes. Soon into the second half Daniel found the line and put us in the lead 16-0. With less than 10 minutes to go and defending 3 repeat sets on our line unfortunately Jake 'the dozer' was sent off for a high tackle. Down to 11 players the Cobras eventually crossed for their one and only try. It didn't take long for the boys to respond with a determined run by Troy who crossed over for the final try. Even though we were one short these young footballers worked together and for each other to the very end. The dozer had some devastating hit ups and Alan was offloading the ball in nearly every hit up. Support play by our hooker Stephen was outstanding and Clayton defended well out wide. Man of the match for the day went to Jon 'the instigator' for an outstanding performance and filling the big shoes of our unavailable captain Jake 'Hitman' Hendry. Best and fairest went to Cameron who played terrifically involving himself in every second tackle even though he was quite unwell. A special mention should also go to Jack Ford who defended well even with a heavily strapped ankle.

Under 12/2's Rhinos 6 def by Merrylands 40

On Saturday, the boys came up against a strong Merrylands outfit, going down 40-6.

Merrylands had some good individual players who took advantage of a staggered defensive line to pile on a lot of points.

With tries being scored in many of the defensive sets, the boys were starved of the possession they needed to counter-attack. I suspect that training this week will be tightly focussed on our defensive structure.

Brock was captain this game and led the way, topping both the tackle count and the hitups. Other top tacklers included Cooper and Alex followed by Partick, Liam and Kyle. Jarvis also showed solid improvement in his work rate. A few boys went a bit quiet in defense and they'll be encouraged this week to work harder for their team mates in the coming games.

There were not too many attacking opportunities, however the team looked good when it had the ball in its hands.

Tristo landed a nice try following a Cooper offload, and there were a number of other close calls that didn't quite go the team's way.

I think everyone agrees that if the boys can hold their line and guts out the defensive sets, then they have a real shot of posting a big score.

Points this week went to:

Cooper - 3

Tristo - 2

Mitchell - 1

James Pennings



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Under 13's Rhinos 8 def by All Saints 26

It's probably a game the boys would rather forget, we dropped the ball from the kick off and the rest is history. We can all have a bad day at the office so let's concentrate on what we did well. Remember game day starts at training what we practice there we will produce on the field.

Saying for the week: "Fear comes easy – Success you work for".

Phil

Under 14's Rhinos 20 def Mounties 10

Today's result shows just how close this competition is going to be and with Mountie's, Winsto and two other big guns in Cabramatta and Jnr Eels it will be very tight indeed.

You could sense the trepidation before the game when the giant Mountie's team emerged with one player built similar to a kelvinator fridge and watching him run was like seeing a safe rolling down a staircase. Our game plan was tailor made against a side this big and we punished them with our smart work from dummy half. A hostile home crowd made our job difficult and I reckon that mob would boo Santa Claus. Some exceptional players for us in this game and they helped get us on a roll. Nathan(Iron Man) Hudson was unstoppable and Joel(The Machine) Dyer tore into the defence every chance he got, he looked to be having more fun than a rat in a cheese factory while the cat was on vacation. Ryan(Sneaky)Harper and Justin(Laid Back) Baldwin were terrific both in attack and defence.

Once again the cornerstone of our victory was our solid defence and we are becoming a very tough side to score against. Our kicking game was much improved and our ball handling also improved on last week. In the last 10 minutes we began to paddle but fortunately so did they and our last 10/15 minutes is something that needs work and I think we have a fair bit to do because we are only at 60% of our potential and it's important to remember that winning a match only makes you champion for a week.

At the start of the year our aim was to develop a reputation as the toughest team in the competition and we are slowly getting there. We want the opposition to be scared to play us because once we have that aura we have sapped their confidence before the kick off.

Well done boys, a solid game against a talented and big side. Keep up the intensity and never ever give up.

Under 15's Rhinos 6 def by Wentworthville 40

What a gutsy effort by the boys. They won the Div 2 grand final last year and have now moved up to Div 1. They came up against some big gun Wenty forwards, but our boy's aimed up well. In a much tougher competition again it was our ball control which let us down. We have some new boys and we have not gelled yet. We are also missing a number of boys due to injury. The boys are still getting accustomed to the much faster pace of Div1. It was Hayden's first week back and he played well. Goughy and Blake Nichols were tireless as usual. Nathan moved to half back at late notice and tried hard all day. Ari again kept knocking the big guys over and Zack, a new to the team is improving all the time and went over for a try in which he had to work hard to get once he got the ball.

Even though we were beaten 40-6 the score did not reflect the effort put in. We just need to keep working hard and the effort will start to pay dividends.

Under 16's Rhinos 16 def by Cabramatta 40

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A Grade Rhinos Win by Forfeit