



WARRIORS WEEKLY

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President's Message

A very interesting weekend of teenage rugby with some very competitive games.

A special mention this week goes to the U13 Green team, which has competed very well over the last two rounds in A Division against some very big opposition. Inspirational stuff.

It's a great to see the Club's App on fire. A big thank you to our Social Media Co-ordinator, Mark Elizondo (son, Nick, in the U15 Whites) for volunteering his time and effort.

And just a reminder that the local derby v Easts is on this **Saturday 21 May** – all Grades and First Colts at Coogee Oval.

Enjoy the holidays.

Craig Bell
Randwick Warriors President

Randwick Rugby Colts

Last Saturday, many Colts played on the hallowed turf of Coogee Oval for the very first time!

They celebrated by dominating Warringah in all three grades with some wonderful Randwick Running Rugby.

Even better news for the District is that over a third of this year's Colts played Sunday Teenage Club Rugby in the Randwick District during their rugby journey. An excellent conversion rate.

First Colts play at Coogee Oval before First Grade this coming Saturday, with Seconds and Thirds at Latham Park.

Randwick Rugby Grade

First Grade had a tough day at the office against last year's Premiers, Warringah. I'm sure First Grade will make up for it against local rivals, Easts, this weekend at Coogee Oval

- Gates open – 9.00 am
 - 4th Grade – 9.20 am
 - 3rd Grade – 10.30 am
 - 2nd Grade – 11.50 am
 - 1st Colts – 1.25 pm
 - 1st Grade – 3.10 pm

Nagle Games This Week

No games due to school holidays.

Match Reports for Round 2 – 15 April

U13 Greens v Western Raptors – won 20-19

It seemed like Ground hog Sunday as another scorching hot day and massive opposition met the U13 Green as they arrived at Nagle Park on Sunday. With only 18 players of the squad available it looked like we were in for another tough game in A Div and the Western Raptors did not disappoint.

The Warriors started well with great service, plenty of go forward ball and some great skill led to a cracking Max Tanner try. Yet again our defence was challenged with a few hard runners causing us drama. We let in 2 easy tries and the Raptors looked set to break our hearts as Canterbury had done the week before. Solid forward play, some quick ball and even quicker thinking led to an outstanding try scored by Keehan Abrahams. This was quickly followed by a sharp penalty kick by Daniel Wright and we should have been home and hose.....oops we stopped tackling again.....and in they went for another try.

With our backs against the wall and a few sore boys we worked into the attacking zone and finished the game with a fantastic try to Phoenix Johnson, set up by his little partner in crime Darcy Stanfield. What a great way to finish the game and notch up a hard fought win! Well done to all and especially to the players who played 50 minutes in the heat. We are in the running to shake this competition if we keep working hard and keep improving. Tries to Max Tanner, Keehan Abrahams and Phoenix Johnson, 1 conversion and 1 penalty to Daniel Wright.

U13 Whites v Ryde defeated 0-57

Despite the final score, the team actually played 10 times better than week 1. We won our scrums, line outs and own ruck ball and our backs hands were very slick. It was only our tackling that let us down and the boys will need to work on the old fashioned notion that " they can't run without legs".

Declan was the man of the match and Olly Costello, Fynn McAusland and Will Hickey have a good combination brewing in the backs. Onwards and upwards!

U14 Greens v Blacktown

At home for this first time this year against a very big unit, our A Div team really put in a performance to make you proud going down 25 to 12 to Blacktown.

We were down 9 players from the normal squad and got off to a slow start with Blacktown scoring 3 tries to lead 15 nil. We then settled into some good Rugby with the forwards led by Henry Handford and AJ Preketes taking it right up to their opposition. Special mention also to Jasper Jarvis for his rock solid defence to stop the Blacktown backline in its tracks on several occasions. This fired up our backline with strong running by Baxter Seinor and Oscar Morgan resulting in a late try in the first half to Baxter making the first half down 15 to 5.

Vili's chat at the break worked and the forwards started to get over the top of their rivals to get the crowd going. An inspirational try to Oscar Morgan followed and converted by David Whitehouse closed the gap

to 15 to 12 and it was game on. Some very physical Rugby followed with the boys putting their bodies on the line. Despite Blacktown finishing the game with 2 late tries it was still a great effort by the boys. Special mention to the Whites players Jack McIntosh, Logan Wright, Tom Martin, Isaac Dunn, Oliver Morahan for backing up, playing 2 games on Sunday.

U14 Whites v Newport

An excellent turn out (only 2 players not available) from this team in this difficult round shows how much they are enjoying their Rugby and it showed out on the field with a very solid win over Newport 24 to 17 in C Division.

A great start to the game again with the forwards winning and securing plenty of ball with Isaac Dunn leading the way after missing Round 1. At full back Luke O'Donnell made two great try saving tackles to keep Newport try less. Both props Jacob Bowen and Bobby Morris then gained plenty of metres up the middle to set up the back line and they dominated with three tries one each to Tom Martin, Jack McIntosh and Luca Derbyshire with 2 conversions to Tom to lead 19 nil at the break.

Newport came out firing in the second half and with our team down to 14 players (one yellow card) they put on a couple of tries. Our boys rallied and with a late try to Jacob Bowen they secured the win to make it 2 wins from 2 Rounds.

U15 Greens v Lindfield

Due to 10 players being unavailable because of holidays and injury, the Greens unfortunately had to forfeit their A Div game.

U15 Whites v Wakehurst

Our round 2 C Div game saw us up against Wakehurst. With standout performances from Benji Greenstein who made an impact in attack with a couple of effective runs, JJ Ajaka who attacked and defended strong and Charlie Worthington who is always elusive with ball in hand.

We certainly put it to the opposition and the win didn't come easy for them. With 15 minutes to go we clawed back to a 5 point deficit and it looked like we were in the race but it wasn't meant to be. There are a lot of positives that we can take away from this game to work with moving forward for our round 3 game back at Fortress Nagle. Also, thanks to the 5 transferable Green players who put their hand up for the Whites. Go the Warriors!

U16 v Newport

The mighty Warriors were ready but unfortunately, due primarily to the holiday period, Newport forfeited.