



WARRIORS WEEKLY

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President's Message

They say "Two out of Three ain't bad". And that's what happened last Sunday with U15 and U16W becoming Premiers but U16G going down to Lindfield. Reports below.

So that's it. Season done and dusted. Ah, not quite. We now enter Seven Heaven as the 7's season hots up with training starting this week for tournaments next month and in October. Good luck to all those involved and thanks John Kennedy, our Director of Sevens, for his passion and commitment.

Regards
Craig Bell
Randwick Warriors President

Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)

Firsts and Thirds Colts unfortunately lost both GFs last Sunday at a packed Coogee Oval

Randwick Rugby Grade

Play Argentina on Saturday 7 September and Coogee Oval. Almost sold out. Get in quick!

Match Reports for 25 August 2019 – Grand Finals

U15 won v Narrabeen 40-10

Grand Final day for the U15's A/B1 div and we were up against Narrabeen a team who had a good season coming from near the bottom of the ladder but improving each week and posting some good wins along the way to make it all the way to the Grand Final.

We knew what to expect from Narrabeen having played them just before the semis, they have some good forwards and some quick backs, but we also knew that if we took it to them from the kick off and set the tone then we could build a good platform to work from.

After some inspirational pre game speeches from coaches, manager and trainers/dads that is exactly what happened, the boys were straight into it from the kick off and pressured Narrabeen into early handling errors. Our first try came early after some great play from Oscar Morgan (who had a huge game, his best all season) ripping the ball free in a ball and all tackle then breaking through 3 defenders to offload to halfback Tom Martin to score under the posts. The boys were so focused on playing a fast tempo game which Narrabeen struggled to keep up with, we also were hungry for the all and had the majority of possession which gave our backs plenty of chances to run various moves. Centre Grant Stein had a solid game drawing defenders and breaking tackles with some strong straight running, he combined well with Siteni Taukamo who went over after 10 mins for his first try and putting us 14-0 in front. A quick tap from a penalty saw Narrabeen switch the ball right then back to the left to just dive over in the corner. Oscar Morgan terrorised the defence again with some powerful running and he soon barged his way across the line as well. The boys continued to control the game both in attack and defence and our next try came from some individual brilliance from centre Siteni Taukamo who decided to run the ball from our 22 and after breaking through two tacklers he sprinted down the sideline, as the cover was coming across he kicked ahead and out sprinted two defenders to score his second for the game. halftime 26-5.

A brilliant first half from the boys.

The second half was much the same, Narrabeen did lift their intensity to try and stay with our boys and they managed to score another try after some good backing up but it was their last shot fired for the day and our boys took full control by keeping possession and running the ball from all parts of the ground and they were particularly solid in defence, we scored two more tries to halfback and captain Tom Martin who ducked and weaved through defenders to score and another to AJ Preketes who bulldozed a couple of tired Narrabeen forwards to dive over the line. He played the full 60 mins and was particularly strong all game whether it was from pick and drive or cleaning out at the rucks. Final Score 40-10.

U16 Whites drew v Easts 21-21

Well our local rivalry is certainly alive and well in this C Div Grand Final. Concord Oval was a fine setting for our grand final showdown, it was a sunny day and there wasn't a breeze. Easts kicked off and we were quick to get them down with their backs to our goal line. After 8 relentless minutes our forward pack coordination using a driving maul off a line out would get

Lachlan Demos comfortably over to give us our first try and Charlie Worthington converted from 4m in. After numerous penalties awarded to Easts they replied quickly with a converted try and 7 all would be the score going into the sheds at half time.

The second half was a battle of true defence for both teams with not much free room to move across the park, for either side but with some patience down the right hand side and sheer determination Jacob Phillips would burst through the line getting a try behind the sticks, 3 mins in-Charlie Worthington would easily convert this one. The battle continued with everybody on our team putting in, whole heartedly but Easts would even up the scores about half way into the second half. 11 minutes to go Jack Kearney would dash out from behind the scrum leaving Easts flat footed and get our 3rd try again behind the sticks and another easy conversion for Charlie Worthington would see us at 21 v 14. It wasn't over yet as Easts replied with a converted try only minutes later and the score line evened up which was indicative of the game. Joint Premiers!

Well done to you all. It's a testament to all your team work and the comradery you have formed throughout the season-Well deserved success.
Up The Wicks

U16 Greens lost to Lindfield 14-18

It was one of those days. We knocked on shortly after the kick off in this A Div Grand Final and things sort of didn't work out for us after that. The opposition scored a pretty soft try out wide, which was followed by us camping in their quarter for about 10 minutes and...we should have scored... but we didn't. It was one of those days. Then Lindfield scored again! 10 nil at half time.

It was do or die/season's on the line/don't leave anything out there talk at half time and the Warriors really came out attacking into the wind. Quick tap and a kick down field had Lindfield on the hop, then a charge down followed by a few passes and centre, Jack Hickey, was over.

And then Lindfield scored again!... and then kicked a penalty. 18-7.

We still had time but we were found wanting at the breakdown which led to crucial turnovers and penalties. We kept attacking, the ball went through several pairs of hands and then Clem Halaholo took a flick pass off Braydon Jang and ran over the line and beat not one, not two, but three defenders in the "in goal area" to score closer to the posts. Never seen that before, amazing stuff.

Then we ran out of time. The boys were disappointed but they needn't be. They had a great season and a 4 year journey from the U13 C Div in 2016. And the way they finished off the game with such a wonderful team try is the way they should be remembered.