



## WARRIORS WEEKLY

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### President's Message

Nearly all our teams will be at Nagle on Sunday 11 August, so that will be our annual Super Sunday where we support the Kids Cancer Project with a Crazy Hair & Sock Day. Details below.

Our Presentation Day is on Sunday 20 October 2019 at a time and venue to be announced.

Good luck this weekend.

Regards  
Craig Bell  
Randwick Warriors President

### Crazy Hair & Sock Day

It's time to colour the Warriors from head to toe for the Kids Cancer Project!

We are asking players to go silly with socks to raise awareness and funds for children's cancer research by supporting **Crazy Hair & Sock Day on Sunday August 11**. Socks for the boys to wear during their game will be on sale through managers for \$15. Coaches, managers and supporters are asked to go bonkers with colourful bouffants and pop a gold coin in the fundraising tin. Funds raised by Crazy Hair & Sock Day go toward childhood cancer research to improve treatments and find a cure for the disease that kills more Australian children than any other.

### Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)

Firsts overwhelmed Norths last week 59-0. Thirds won but Seconds lost.

That is the second consecutive undefeated minor premiership for Firsts having amassed 917 points in 17 games and 244 against. Seconds came sixth and thirds came third

Firsts (3pm) and Thirds (9am) play in Finals at Coogee Oval this Saturday 10 August while Seconds play at Chatswood Oval on Sunday at 1:30.

### Randwick Rugby Grade

First Grade won on the bell against Norths. Second Grade won while Thirds and Fourths lost.

All grades apart from First Grade are in the Finals Series over the next few weeks.

## Match Reports for 4 August 2019 – Round 13

### U13 Whites v Hunters Hill/Ryde def 10-41

Result – Loss 10 to 41

Round 13 was a must win game and with that in mind our boys ventured out to Ryde Oval for this E Div game last Sunday for game #3 of the season against a hot HH/Ryde. With a win a piece in previous 2 games we knew our boys were in for a tough game. Our tactics were simple, keep it tight in our forwards , stop their fast guy & tackle their big guys.

From the kick-off it only seemed a matter of minutes before the fast guy had the ball in his hands.... try to Hunters Hill. Fortunately, our plan to play it through the middle then kicked into play and on the back of some good defence and excellent work at the breakdown the Warriors forwards took control. Our open side flanker James Fragias fuelled up from the extra powers of his injured brother Peter then put us on the board with a well worked forwards try. We were back in the game. It was obvious that defence was going to be the key to our success and again through some fearless defence we were putting the bigger opposition pack on the back foot. Sadly ,Tyrone Lobo (#2) after putting in a classic grass cutter on one of the big guys injured his arm & had to leave the field. Their fast guy scored again before James crossed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> try, we were still in the game but getting low on numbers as the injuries started to mount. A try to the opposition coming into half time had us down 10-17 at the break.

Not often you finish a match report at half time but let's say the second half didn't go to plan and the opposition ran out well deserved winners. The boys spirit in the second half without reserves and with players out of position was exceptional. Our chances of making the semis are very slim but mathematically possible. The good news is the last competition game is against Easts and we will have no trouble getting the boys up for this one.

3pts - James Fragias ( #7) – an energetic performance , not fazed by the size of the opposition.  
2pts – Darby Hindmarsh ( #6) – tackled his heart out.  
1pt – Tom Schall (#5) – by far his best performance of the season.

### U13 Greens v Blacktown def 0-45

Round 13 Blacktown

result: Loss 45-0

It felt like Blacktown was our 'one that got away' I know the scores don't show it (although they are coming second in the comp) we showed great promise at the start of this A Div game, I know what you're thinking here he goes again with the rant... our boys played such good rugby but just couldn't compete against a bigger team and that's the only difference. But this game WAS different the first 15 minutes were fantastic, we had a full 15 (unlike last time) and Blacktown we're trying to keep up with us. We were strong at the breakdown stealing possession and were tackling hard and low in the backs, Tas and I felt like we were holding out until they would tire a bit so we could release our attack ....and then the little injuries and soreness come into the fray.

With a bench thinner than dental floss, we were barely left with keeping 15 on the field and to be honest 5-6 of them told me before the game they were noooo good, worse than that they lucky to be even vertical and out of the house let alone throwing themselves at larger bodies carrying a ball for 50 minutes. So it as a real gut wrenching to see the walking wounded and try and motivate them to keep going, they had every justifiable excuse not to be competing but they still did.

Play of the day time, Blacktown had just scored and James Nester had put his tough little body on the line a bit too much and was in agony behind the posts telling me he couldn't walk because his shin was too sore, I was taking him off when looked up and saw the ensuing kick-off and his limp gradually got less and less as he started to chase his team mates and waved me off, fortunately/unfortunately the kick landed with a kid named Junior (who played like a senior) and had dissected our kick chasers and was only left facing a recently "resurrected" Nester, who wasn't having any of this !! He threw himself once again low and hard at the player and they both dropped like a sack of potatoes (Irish pun intended). The end result was our brave hero James was left a little worse for wear with a upper spine injury that thankfully only requiring some r'n'r and with thanks Paris (Medic) on duty and all those parents who hung around to provide support. It was an anxious wait for the entire extended (Randwick) family til we heard he was all clear and we are breathed a sigh. We will definitely miss James for our last game.

The only 2 words I could say to the boys after the game was 'thank you' I could really see it in their faces that they wanted to do well but there was just too many reasons why they couldn't lift when needed (and I get that, I do)

Jordan, Jesse, Will, Tom J, Callum, Luca, Cooper you boys showed great grit to stay out there against your bodies wishes and Ollie A (??) as always setting the standard of excellence, and was well supported by Luini, Flynn, Jed and Oskar, and I can't discount the courage shown by Laurence and Seb who were played above their stature and finally it was easy to spot the 3-4 tries saved by the wingers Noah and Mitchell reading the play and rushing up to shut down their attack at just the right time, and even Name Withheld contributed in the forwards and also off the bench (oh, am I reading off the line-up again, sorry)

Last comment would have to go down in the Play of the YEAR category for us on Sunday, we had the enormous pleasure of having one of our teammates (and greats) of Randwick Juniors

come to see us play – who the boys always hold close to their hearts and take it on themselves to honour during the State Championship for the past 2 years – Hugo Kulcsar.  
We have missed you enormously on the field, for the past 14 months not just for your cheeky grin but for your energy, tenacity and pure determination, and to see you continue to inspire us through your battle is testament to your character and the mark you have left on your local junior teammates and opponents.  
Thanks for coming to see us Hugo and we can't wait to see you again in the Myrtle Green

Last game will be part of the carnival of Randwick Jnr rugby at home Vs the Vikings – ONE LAST LAP AROUND LADS !!

Thanks  
Kurt and Tas

### **U14 Whites v Forest won 27-17**

Tough game for the boys on Sunday against Forest. After a great start to this E Div match with 3 Randwick running rugby tries, we let Forest back into the game with tries from crafty kicks. At one stage the game was 20-17, but in the end we prevailed with a classy try to Oliver K, which Tommy G duly converted, 27-17 to the good guys!

Man of the match went to Finn M who carried the ball hard at inside centre, passed wide when he needed and tackled strongly. With a bye this week the boys are now looking forward to the semi's having finished second on the table for the regular season.

### **U14 Greens – no match (A Div)**

### **U15 v Petersham def 5-19**

The U15s met with Petersham for this B1 div game with the previous weeks come from behind win still fresh in the boys memories and looking to notch another win against an evenly matched team.

With our squad down 10 players due to rep duties and injuries they knew it was going to require a big effort to get up in this game.

The early stages were a grind for both teams with neither dominating in the forwards or backs but it was Petersham who scored first.

We applied more pressure in the forwards by contesting more ruck ball and pretty soon we leveled the game with a try to Fletcher Bessant thanks to some sustained possession and support play.

The game remained 5 - 5 until the final 5 mins until Petersham snuck in a couple of late tries to make the final score 19 - 5.

The defensive effort shown by the boys was awesome particularly in the 2nd half when they drove Petersham back from 1 metre out from the Try Line to the Quarter line. Grant Stein also made one of years best tackles stopping a backline move in its tracks. The boys know they are definitely capable of reversing the result if we meet again in the finals.

**U16 Whites v Easts def 7-22 (C Div)**

**U16 Greens won on forfeit v Lindfield (A Div)**