



## WARRIORS WEEKLY

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### **President's Message**

This week is the last round before the July break. And then only 3 rounds after that before the Finals. How time flies!

Good luck to all the boys this weekend.

Craig Bell  
Randwick Warriors President

### **U20 World Cup**

Last Sunday, the Junior Wallabies went down to the reigning World champions, France, in an absolute nail biter, 24-23.

We couldn't be more proud of our two local juniors, Will Harrison and Ben Donaldson, for their efforts in Argentina. They will be back playing for Randwick next week.

### **Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)**

First Colts overwhelmed Wests last week. Seconds and Thirds had a bye.

V Eastwood at Coogee Oval this Saturday

### **Randwick Rugby Grade**

First Grade beat Wests 51-22 and all the other grades won.

They play Eastwood at Eastwood this Saturday

## **Match Reports for 23 June 2019 – Round 10**

### **U13 Whites v Forest def 17-24**

Brimming with confidence and a (rare) full squad, we headed north on Sunday to the wilds of French's Forest for a tough clash with Forest, who had been in decent form recently. The boys went out strong in the first 10 minutes, clearing rucks with speed and efficiency, getting good ball movement in the backline and dominating the scrum. This was rewarded with a try to Luca Whitaker and things looked good. The next 5-10 minutes was a back and forth affair with neither side giving any quarter in this E Div match.

And then..... the switch just turned off. All of a sudden, Forest was dominating the ruck, possession and ultimately the scoreboard, scoring three tries before half time and another one within minutes of the second half kicking off. It looked like it was going to be one of those days.

And then..... the switch turned back on again! All of a sudden, the Warriors were back, clearing out rucks, driving ahead and playing rugby again, with another try coming to Luca Whitaker under the posts, quickly converted by Billy. Within minutes we were at it again, and after some great forward pick and gos the backs took over with a sweeping movement that culminated in a cracking ball from Mitch that saw Kane sprint away down the sideline and score in the corner.

Here we go. Randwick was firing and confident, Forest was reeling knowing they had become the hunted. But alas, it was not to be. Unfortunately Macca went down with a neck injury at the 21 minute mark and could not be moved from the field. With that, the game was called and with it went our chance to secure a famous draw. (However lots of perspective here, it all doesn't matter really, the main thing is that Macca ended up being OK.)

Points this week:

- 1 point to the K Man Gardiner – constantly working hard in and around the ruck
- 2 points to Jamie – played fearlessly in what was easily his best performance in a Warriors kit
- 3 points to Peter F – a non-stop presence in the tight stuff, constantly trucking the ball up and striking fear into the hearts of the opponent

### **U13 Greens v Penrith RSL def 5-56 (A Div)**

### **U14 Whites v Dural def 22-24**

Sunday saw us pack the lunch & compass again & head out to the country setting of Dural.

With a much bigger pack Dural got early dominance in the set piece & put a couple of tries on in the first half of this E Div match.

The Randwick boys struggled at the breakdown and had lost their urgency to compete.

A couple of tries by Xavier kept us in the contest but Dural were far more committed & deserved the close fought win 24-22. Our first loss of the season.

Man of the match by a country mile was George S who tried his heart out all day. Outstanding effort

**U14 Greens (no game)**

**U15 (no game)**

**U16 Whites v Wakehurst won 35-14**

With a grim weather forecast predicted we were forced to relocate our Div C game to enemy territory and we did so without hesitation. We kicked off early on in the piece with savage strike power up the middle. Jacob Phillips with some big hit ups would capitalise early putting a try on with only 3 mins gone. Our quick consecutive pick and drives from Baxter Flynn and Hamish Caple continually sucking in the opponents combined with quick ball movement provided us with ample room on the outside edges for both Kye Xuereb and Vong Rath to score tries for us out wide.

Till the bitter end, to their credit Wakehurst fought hard. With some aggressive over the ball work from Gabe Poidevin in the second half ensured we retained adequate ball possession to complete the job.

Keep up the good work boys.

**U16 Greens v Blacktown (deferred)**