



WARRIORS WEEKLY

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President's Message

As you know the Warriors run the teenage boys Sevens programme for Randwick Rugby and the Director of our Sevens is John Kennedy. An email went out last week to all the teams' managers regarding Sevens. Expressions of Interest for Sevens are to be sent to your managers by Wednesday 24 July 2019.

Good luck to all the Warriors involved in Rep games over the July break.

The next official Warriors training is Wednesday 24 July 2019. Enjoy the school holidays.

Regards
Craig Bell
Randwick Warriors President

Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)

First Colts are still undefeated after downing Eastwood 76-7 at Latham. Seconds and Thirds also won.

This week v Southern Districts in the Shire.

Randwick Rugby Grade

Third Grade won v Eastwood, however the other grades lost.

This week Randwick play Southern Districts at Coogee, weather permitting.

This is the last home game for the season.

Match Reports for 30 June 2019 – Round 11

U13 Whites v Wakehurst won 31-27

Clear skies and a dry track for this week's must win E Div game against another in form team from the Northern beaches.

From the kickoff it was pleasing to see our forwards contesting every ruck and maul and dominate the play. Despite the possession some "white line fever" decisions blew a couple of opportunities before movement to the left flank saw our fullback Kane over next to the posts. This was followed by a good try to our fleet footed prop Dante, who for once only ran 20 meters rather than his season average 50 metres . At 14 - 0 and half way through the 1st half it was looking comfortable for the Wicks. The one thing that stands out in the E grade competition is that no team is ever out of the game. Our intensity at the breakdown dropped off and some vital tackles were missed, two quick tries to Wakehurst and we went to half time leading 14-12 but clearly in for a fight if we wanted to win this game.

The second half started the way the 1st finished and with our switch still at "off mode", Wakehurst again scored to take the lead. This stirred the Wicks back into action and a quick response from our boys resulted in a classic wingers try to Dylan in the corner. For the next 20 minutes the lead see sawed with our good teamwork resulting in a try to Luca being replied to by some one off brilliance by Wakehurst's speedy #10. With 2 minutes to go and Wakehurst scoring we were down 26-27 , the game was almost out of reach.... almost. Captain Sam's kick-off was superbly placed deep into the right corner and chased by a spirited team determined not to give up. Luca's tackle and steal gave us the ball and a chance, the backline was set and ready to pounce and then Krystian (#8) decided to pick and go on the blindside..... a try! We won on the bell 31-27.

A wonderful game of rugby from our boys. The heart medication tablets for the coaching staff and supporters ran out but the smiles at the end of the game as the song rang out was worth it. Our season is still alive, enjoy the break and see you all in a few weeks.

1pt - Macca(lock) hard to stop with the ball in hand, a courageous return after last week's scare with injury
2pts - Sam (#10) steered the team and made all the correct plays, his goal kicking proved the difference.

3pts - Luca (#7) text book tackles & turnovers from the kick-off , his last effort won us the game.

U13 Greens v Western Sydney Raptors won 44-5

A deserved win for the lads in this A Div match that sees us singing MacNamara's band !!

Although it was vastly improved we still need more work on defence and that is probably something that will be on-going work for the remainder of the season, as it showed on Sunday when done right and we commit to tackles, the ruck and maul the game is more enjoyable to watch and we allow our backs to have more space and time, not just to execute their plays but

also to give them the time to make crucial plays, and that showed on Sunday morning as their decision making (and execution) was spot on, with Seb launching 2 cross field kicks that resulted in terrific try to Jesse G.

Certainly seeing the ball once again get wide and in the hands of Jordan and Noah on the wing was really great to see and those 2 (as well as Jesse G and Tom FJ) didn't disappoint, when they had the ball in space they were exciting to watch, the next step we have to build into our game is 'as support' players giving the ball carrier options, we have found ourselves waiting/drifted to see what the ball carrier does, but what we need to do is give the ball carrier options for him to decide to use, in the backs that running different lines, switching inside – forwards getting in a in behind the ball carrier and call for the offload

As I said on the weekend, we can't keep making excuses for our losses, we all know the hurdles in front of our team but the fact is, it wouldn't have done us any good to romp through the B grade teams the way we were, and so for the betterment of our individual players and the team as a unit, we need to keep growing (literally would be good ?) and committed to the contact.

Special mention time... Jessie S having an enormous 1st half bagging 2 tries that helped set the stage for a more expansive attacking rugby, 'Flying' Flynn Whitby, he was a sight to see, on several occasions he literally bull-dozed his way through the Raptors pack and found himself tearing down the middle of the field much to the crowd (and his own) delight !

Callum 'the courageous' after 2 hrs sleep...(I should have asked why this was the case ?? but just assumed they party hard in the Stevens household) threw himself into the contact with no regard for his own wellbeing, it was Hooper-esque.

Luca at his devastating best with a couple of long range tries, Jesse G lifted for this one, he found his timing this game and injected himself into the backs at precisely the right moments Will T fancy footwork saw him leave the defenders clutching at air as he sailed over in the corner on halfway mark,

Hats off to the engine room once again – Tom J, Oskar, Luini and Max defensively brilliant, they did all that was asked of them to at the breakdown, despite the efforts of a few of opposing key forwards to try to unsettle the rucks with big clear-out, these boys kept low and strong over the ball and this needs to be acknowledged.

U14 Whites v Eastwood Central won 34-19

Sunday saw us play host to a fired up Eastwood side in this E Div match.

Being the first weekend of the holidays & a couple more boys injured saw us again struggling for numbers. Didn't help when Eastwood turned up one man short for the game. (To their credit a number of the Randwick boys turned their jumpers inside out & helped Eastwood to have 15 on the paddock)

Half way through the first half one of the Eastwood boys was injured in a heavy tackle and as a result an ambulance had to be called and the game moved to Nagle 2. We all hope the young Eastwood bloke is okay. Once the game restarted the Randwick boys ripped in & with a great display of Running Rugby scored some long range tries.

After half time the boys picked up where they had left off & ended up coming away with a hard fought 34-19 victory.

George S was again outstanding & received MOM honors. Tom G & George K stepped up & had good strong running games. Sammy scored a couple of cracking tries but almost gave the coach & supporters heart attacks. Enjoy the 4x weeks off boys & rest up.

U14 Greens (no game)

U15 v Narrabeen def 19-38

The 15's turned up for this A/B div game to face Narrabeen confident despite being without a number of key players who were either unavailable or injured.

The boys started the game in fine style running in an early try to Sam Walsh after some quick passing along the backline. The game settled into a tight battle with strong forward runs and backs kicking for territory. We went into the half with a 2 point lead after another try to Solomon Tuqiri.

Our boys were finding it a bit difficult to gel with so many positional changes particularly 5 players playing out of position in the backline meant that our attack & defensive structure wasn't as solid as it usually is. Narrabeen put on 2 quick tries in the second half and started to gain some ascendancy in the forwards. We scored another good try to Hayden Barton after multiple phases and some good support play but Narrabeen hit back with 2 more tries in the second half to end up 38 - 19 winners.

Our boys are keen to make amends next round with a full strength team and continue our push towards finals.

U16 Whites v Dee Why won 35-12

It was over the bridge for us again for this C Div game, second week in a row taking on a team that gave us some grief last year at their home ground.

Also for the second week in a row, Jacob Philips put our first points on the board dragging defenders over the line with him. Benji Greenstein's effective defence assisted in keeping the opponents score line to 0 up to half time.

Kye Xuereb very effective again this week with his line breaks and strong carries. With tries from Jack Hassanein busting through 3 defenders, Jack Kearney's intuitiveness taking a quick tap 15m out, Nick Elizondo at full back with his never-ending support play and Charlie Worthington kicking 5 from 5 capped off an outstanding gutsy performance from every single player this week.

U16 Greens (no game)