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President's Message

Some really good games last Sunday and it was encouraging to see the newly promoted U13 Greens compete well in A Division.

During the week, the U16s took great delight in helping out the Randwick Magic Girls in a semi-opposed training session. (photo on Instagram and Team App). The Magic team is off to Amsterdam for an international tournament. Good luck Magic!

This year we are having a year long Raffle to raise funds for the Club with prizes to be drawn at the Presentation Day later in the year. If you can donate a prize, please contact Joe Craven on 0449 021 975. The Warriors will also be at Coogee Oval on 8 June 2019 for the game against Sydney Uni selling the raffle tickets.

Craig Bell
Randwick Warriors President

Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)

In good news for the Wicks, considering the great numbers at training, the Club fielded a 4ths Colts v Manly.

On the field, Firsts Colts, without two of their big ball carriers, came back to earth with a thrilling win against Manly 42-35. The other Colts won.

A bye this Saturday.

Randwick Rugby Grade

First Grade continues to defy expectations with a wonderful win at Coogee against Manly, one of the competition's heavy weights. Second Grade won, Third Grade lost and Fourth Grade drew.

A bye this Saturday.

Match Reports for 19 May 2019 – Round 6

U13 Whites v Hunters Hill/Ryde def 10-40

A reality check for the boys last Sunday in their E Div game at Nagle. Having played and beaten this team only 3 weeks earlier, our attitude was a little too relaxed and within 1 minute the opposition was in for a try. The boys awoke from their Sunday slumber to respond almost immediately with a good try to our galloping prop Dante. The balance of the 1st half was then played mainly in our opponents red zone but unfortunately lapses in concentration resulted in dropped ball at crucial times allowing our opponents off the hook. Despite the advantage of playing the game in the opposition's half we then started to miss some tackles resulting in a couple of long range tries to their rangy centre . At half time we were down 5-19 but still in the game.

In a mirror performance of the 1st half we had a try scored against us from the kick-off. Once again it was a long range effort from a missed tackle. To the boys credit they continued to battle away with a try to outside back Oscar giving us some hope of a comeback. Unfortunately the 1st half issues of dropped balls & missed tackles continued, and coupled with some injuries, it just wasn't going to be our day. The final score of 10-40 wasn't a true reflection of the effort put in by the team and better performances await.

3pts – James Fragias . #7 Tackled his heart out, ran hard and straight and always contesting for the ball.

2pts – Sam O'Dwyer - Solid effort at #10, his best game of the season.

1pt – Christian Elfes - Prop, always in the action.

U13 Greens v Western Sydney Raptors won 31-24

It seem like everyone has an opinion on our U13's Warriors Green team, despite conversations had with the powers that be about round 6, it turned out that it would be our 'official' A Div debut (even though we had played an relegated A Div team last week). This week the opposition definitely had some size about them but, undeterred the lads took the field with their heads high expecting a physical encounter, and they got one.

Most of our tacklers were guilty early on, of trying to wrap up the ball and not commit to low tackle (not you Ollie Aboud...never) and unfortunately this only enable their bigger boys an extra 5 metres through the contact, and worst still, it guaranteeing their recycled ruck ball because they could easily clean out jogging forward vs our pack back-peddling with no chance to get around gate in time...but this was only some instances and despite these, we certainly didn't relent and made them work for most of their metres.

There were moments in this game where we really stood up and showed what we were capable of as a team.

I'm talking the stolen line out ball against the throw (their weak lineout, that some of the boys observed during the warm up), and then the ball spread wide with simple hands through the whole back line resulting in another superb try finished my Mitch in the left corner, it doesn't get any more perfect than that !!

The backs unloaded all their moves with vast improvements on previous weeks, (Dave/Tas must be commended here.) Other highlights, Mitch jinxing/stepping through multiple defenders proving hard to bring down and Seb....pretty much everything he did was special, the expectation of a 5/8 is to create tries by skill, deception and execution, you DO NOT expect him to do all that...THEN be right there to receive the last pass to finish what he started !! (And tackle like a 6ft back row!) Tom FJ and Jesse S. standing out against their more sizable opposite centres, Luini and Max VB forever giving in defence and setting a high standard for the tight five. But for mine the 2 standout forwards on Sunday that deserve special mention are Oskar and Will, both playing like they were possessed!! We're almost pushing teammate out of the way to get into contact, it is amazing watching them refining and improving their skills week to week.

The scoreline once again didn't really show how we outplayed a much bigger team, we could/should have really put more points on them but we were starved of any ball for the last 10 mins by silly 'infringements' that ultimately led to them scoring, not us.

The highlights reel, already pretty full but this rounds play of the week goes like this ... we had only just got the possession back from a kick on the halfway and then from the base of the ruck Laurence puts up a box kick into clear space, how he had the foresight to know this, I don't know but his quick decision making was spot on.

So many people came up to me after the game, not just our own parents/spectators but from those that came early for the U14&15's and other club/academy coaches, all of them glowing in their respect for the way our boys played...skill, teamwork, commitment and that Randwick flair (that thing that makes any play 'possible' when you all commit to it)

Anyway I'm waffling now, next week is a step up again, but I look forward to seeing what the boys will bring.

U14 Whites v Drummoyne won 24-7

Sunday saw the Top of the table clash between the only 2x unbeaten teams in the E Division Comp.

During the warmup the Randwick boys were a little nervous after the Drummoyne coach sent his much bigger team for a lap around Nagle 2. Both teams were eyeballing each other trying get an edge.

Right from the kick off the Wicks boys ripped in, & after winning the ball at the breakdown, went wide & scored in the corner. Tommy G converted from the side line & after 2 min it was 7-0 to the good guys.

The rest of the half saw our much smaller forward back dominate the breakdown & out muscle their opponents. Drummoyne didn't like it. A couple more great tries saw Randwick go into the break 19-7 up.

As expected Drummoyne came out all fired up & threw everything (including the kitchen sink) at the Randwick boys in the second half. The boys backed themselves & each other & kept Drummoyne scoreless in the second half whilst Bede was able get across the line for a great meat pie.

Outstanding efforts today from Will W, Little George, Sam J, Jonas, Xavier, Oliver C & Bede. MOM award went to Bede who was both outstanding in Attack & Defence.

Randwick ran out winners 24-7 & moved into 1st place on the ladder.

U14 Greens v Blacktown drew 19-19

Another tough and physical battle for the U14 Green team against Blacktown in this A Div match.

With only 16 players we started the game well with barn storming runs from Archie and Asha, finished off in style by Kurtis and Archie as we went out to a 12-0 lead. We scrapped hard in defence but lacked the size to compete with the Blacktown boys pick and go. Phoenix scored a great try on the back of excellent ball movement but we lacked discipline and desire to complete the game. Final score 19 All.

U15 v Burraneer won 38-12

Our 15's made the most of being back at Nagle on Sunday for this B Div game after a couple of away games.

Confident after winning both of these away games, we put some early points on the scoreboard. Our forwards got the better of the big Burraneer boys and controlled possession to give us opportunities that resulted in tries to Siteni, AJ, Xavier and Ed. Defence was also strong where we held the opposition scoreless in the first half resulting in a 24 nil lead. A very strong first half effort.

We picked up where we left off with a fast start in the second half, our forwards continued to dominate and with space Siteni scored two brilliant tries to put the game beyond doubt. We then gave many players the chance to try some new positions and, although Burraneer scored two late tries, we ran out easy winners. The team is improving every week and looking forward to the rest of the season.

U16 Whites v Manly Vikings/Seaforth Cougars won 38-10

Blessed with another sunny day at Nagle being our second Div C contest against Vikings for 2019.

The tone was set early and we scored a try in the first 3 minutes between the posts. Collectively our ability to communicate with one another generally has improved 10 fold since the beginning of the season. We're backing each other up, supporting one another in attack and defence and as individuals backing up after each play. This show of maturity, strong team culture along with our positive work ethic is giving us our success to date in this division and has placed us 2nd on the ladder only 1 point behind the table leaders.

Keep up the good work boys.

U16 Greens v Southern Barbarian won on forfeit – A Div