



WARRIORS WEEKLY

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President's Message

Last Sunday all teams were again at Nagle and some outstanding rugby was played.

This week, special mention of our Whites teams. All Whites teams have solid numbers, strong cultures and are very competitive on the field and so, congratulations to all involved.

We now enter Massive May, which is a very busy period of the season leading into the State Championships. So good luck to all teams this weekend and over the next few weeks.

Finally, it is Super Saturday at Coogee Oval v Norths. First Colts kick off at 1:30 and First Grade after that.

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Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)

On Anzac Day Firsts Colts continued their winning form, dominating Easts 52-19, however the other two Colts teams were defeated.

Randwick Rugby Grade

Amazing scenes down at Coogee Oval v Easts on Anzac Day with the Full House sign going up. Absolutely packed.

The home crowd brought First Grade home in a massive upset 23-15 with two former Randwick Warriors, Christian Poidevin and Zac Carr, playing starring roles. Third and Fourth Grade got up but Second Grade went down.

Super Saturday at Coogee Oval v Norths this weekend

Games at Nagle this Sunday

Both 13s teams and both 16s teams as well as the U14 Whites

Match Reports for 28 April 2019 – Round 3

U13 Whites v Hunters Hill won 17-14

A challenging game for the boys this week with school holidays limiting us to a squad of 16 against a team that had won their first two games. The boys were still in holiday mode for the 1st half of this E Div game with the opposition's larger forward pack dominating in the set piece and making easy ground against our defence. After an early try to Hunters Hill it didn't look promising as our forwards struggled to hold their ground. Fortunately, our defence on the try line held out for remainder of the half and we went to the half time break down 0-7.

After a good chat at half time a rejuvenated team took to the pitch in the 2nd half determined to start going forward and challenge the opposition. From the kick-off our hooker Tyrone Lobo started the comeback with a try and a good conversion from Dante Macri that had us back at 7-7. Our forwards then stepped up and with some excellent defence as they took on their much bigger opponents with some text book tackling. With the improved defence came better rucking and mauling, finally we started to get some clean ball and movement to the backs. Dante Marci then produced a brilliant 40m run down the right wing to beat 3 defenders on his way to try #2 and a lead of 12-7. The game had definitely changed but unfortunately some ill discipline cost us some back to back penalties and a sin bin, the result was a try to Hunters Hill putting them back in the lead. To the boys credit they got back into stride and once again took control of the game. After some nice movement through the hands our fullback Kane McAuliffe scored in the right corner.

The final result being a win 17-14, it wasn't pretty but it did prove that the team does have a fighting spirit. Well done boys, with the full squad available I'm sure this team will be a force in this competition.

Our standouts this week were :

3 pt - Krystian Gardiner(#8), some determined running with the ball and excellent defence, wasn't fazed by the size of the opposition.

2pt – Max Craven(#6), one of the reasons we turned the game around was his defence especially in the 2nd half and work at the breakdown.

1pt - Tyrone Lobo (hooker) excellent defence and a good individual effort to score a try.

U13 Greens v Central Eastwood won 84 – 0

As these lopsided results keep coming in, it seems inevitable that there is a 're-gigging' of the comp. As I mentioned to the boys yes they are playing good rugby but it will be hard to improve unless we are play against equal opposition.

To our credit though on this day with the score blowing out like it did in this B Div match, where other teams might started to show-boat and get a bit loose around the field, our lads were still able to keep structure and control the game throughout by always committing to the breakdowns and supporting the ball carrier closely.

Again the score sheet shows (well early on at least) exactly how to score tries, apply pressure upfront commit the defence, then throw the ball wide for the outside backs to finish it off, on this occasion it was Noah on the right wing with 4 tries to his name, all finished off with his usual precision and pace.

Match highlights... jeez so many to mention, Tom Johnson's in an away around a winger, Cooper bursting to the line to once again get on the scoresheet, Seb using the big 'don't argue' fend to burst through the back line, Tanner with "length of the field" front rowers try, the tight five Evan, Luini, Max and Flynn continually charging at the defence with not a care for their own wellbeing, Ollie with more steals than D. Pocock, Luca, likened to the Greek god "Lucacles", where mere mortal boys would take a tackle drop and place, he bounces off their entire pack before being felled, jump to his feet (to almost do his own clear-out) pick up the ball and set off for the try line!

What was good once again was trying different combinations in the forwards and particularly in the backs and still seeing quality execution of plays with good handling despite being out of position (Laurence, chiming in out wide in backline from fullback would be something he hasn't been used to but showed he can mix up with the best of them)
Next game is the top of the table clash with Newport Breakers, so we need to be switched on for this one!

U14 Whites v Easts won 47-5

The Build up for this mighty local clash had been off the charts. With Randwick 1st Grade smashing the Beast on Anzac Day @ Coogee it was now time for the mighty Whites to step up. Everyone in rugby knows there is no love lost between Randwick & Easts on the field. They were coming to our ground & the boys were pumped.

Due to the school holidays, Easts turned up to Nagle in this E Div match with only 11x players. We lent them 4x players and the game was on.

With all the player changes the game was a bit of a struggle but with some typical Randwick running rugby, the Whites were able to dominate field position & score some outstanding tries.

In all 16x of our 20x boys played for the opposition with one of our boys (Tommy G) scoring Easts only try. The boys should be commended for this.

It was great for the boys to finally get a run and to come away with a 47-5 win over our arch rivals. George & Peter had outstanding games but it was our little Capt Ollie C who came away with the chocolates for his massive defensive effort.

After the win we celebrated as a team at the coach's house with a Swim & Pizza. Mums & dads had some fun too. Go the Whites

U14 Greens v Hills won 47-12

We arrived at Nagle Park for this A Div game to the news that the Hills "Speed-Star" was out, you could sense the mood lift in the player - had we arrived with attitude?

The game kicked off and the Warriors were hard on attack, big bustling runs from Archie McAnally, Asha TeRata and Lachlan Grant had us on the front foot. A well-executed short side play had Zac Safarti in for his first and then Archie stormed over with a damaging run, 14-0 seemed like a good start. Hills hit back with a few missed tackles giving them a sniff, half time and it was 14-5.

The second half started brilliantly with outstanding play from Daniel Wright, including a individual try and two try assists. The team stuck to a game plan and showed what they can do when they put their minds to it. Zac Safarti scored 3, Daniel Wright 1, Archie McAnally 1, Max Tanner 1 and Connor McCleary supported brilliantly for his try. It was the best team performance of the season with all players doing their job for the success of the team. Final score 46-12.

Would the Speed-star have made a difference.....NO.....Did we have attitude?YES

Up the Wicks

U15 v Shoremen def 19-24

In our first game back from the Easter break this Div B U15s game we were at home to The Shoremen (a mix of Mosman, Hunters Hill & Drummoyne).

The game was an arm wrestle from the kick off with both teams affected by the dew on the ground and making quiet a few handling errors.

The Shoremen managed to keep our boys pinned in their own half for the majority of the first half and capitalised with 3 tries to get out to a 17 point lead. We managed to gain some composure and some good running rugby from Randwick saw Siteni Taukamo race away down the sideline for a try late in the first half.

The second half belonged to our boys with some good effective tackling and strong ball carrying from the forwards as well as our backline asking a lot of questions of the Shoremen defence: 2 converted tries, one each to AJ Preketes and James Eveleigh put us in front by 2 points with 10 min left.

Unfortunately two further Randwick tries went begging with simple handling errors and an open line in front. The Shoremen capitalised on an error in our half to reach the lead late in the game. A tight game that went the way of the Shoremen 24 - 19.

The boys played really well particularly in the second half and had there been more time on the clock I'm certain we would have come out on top, a good effort all round particularly

considering the boys were up against a 12 - 1 penalty count on the day. With more discipline at training and in the first half of our games we will have a good season.

U16 Whites v Dural won 24-22

We let in a try early on in the piece in this C Div game, giving the visitors the early advantage. As a team we communicated well and broke down the opposition's pod style of attack throwing everything at them and eventually Sam Carr scoring a try to put us on the score board. With a relentless effort from Hamish Caple , Jack Garrett and Lachlan Demos moving off the line in unison meant we prevented the visitors from making too many meters in the first half. Jack Hassanein, Oisin Casey and Jacob Phillips had their first game of the season and all played extremely well.

It was pretty much even pegging throughout the whole game with Dural making very few mistakes leaving us with not as much possession as we would like. Later on in the second half we looked doomed with Dural pounding us at the wrong end of the field but we gallantly hung in there and got out of that corner.

At the end of the game we kicked to our attacking end and from a line out with 1 minute on the clock, spread the ball across the field and Sam Carr once again crossing the line to level up the scores to 22 all - Charlie Worthington converting after the bell 7 meters in from the side line. A true nail biter.

Great effort boys- A game where you all put in and a game you should all be proud of.

U16 Greens v Lindfield def 14-27

The boys ran on the field against last year's premiers with a tough 2018 Semi final loss still fresh in their minds.

And WOW!, both teams started where they left off last year. The physicality of the A Div match was a sight to behold. The Coaches could not be more proud of the boys.

Randwick Warriors dominated territory in the first part of the match which resulted in a score by hooker, Darcy Sullivan. Enterprising play by the team, particularly no 10 Zac McConnell, brought us close a few times but we just couldn't convert the opportunities. On the flip side, the big boys from Lindfield rumbled through for two first half tries.

The second half was dominated territorially by Lindfield, which resulted in two more tries to Lindfield. The highlight of the half was a fifty metre intercept try by Darcy Sullivan. Yes he is a hooker but runs like a backrower, but just don't tell him that.