



WARRIORS WEEKLY

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President's Message

No round this week because of the NSW State Championships. Good luck to the boys in the Randwick Rep teams: U13 (Maitland), U14 (Orange), U15 (Concord) and U16 (Narrabeen).

For those who are not involved in the Rep weekend, head down to Coogee Oval on Saturday for the round against Randwick's arch rivals, Sydney University.

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

U20 World Cup

Local juniors Will Harrison and Ben Donaldson took the field in Santa Fe, Argentina v Italy on Tuesday this week coming away with a win 36-12. Well done Will and Ben.

Next match in their pool is against Ireland on this Saturday followed by a match v England on Thursday.

Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)

First Colts remain unbeaten after overwhelming Parramatta 68-22 last Saturday. Seconds won but Thirds lost.

Randwick Rugby Grade

First Grade won comfortably 50-12 and all other grades won.

Match Reports for 2 June 2019 – Round 8

U13 Whites v Blue Mtns def 10-34

Loaded with a full tank of fuel , suitable winter clothing and google maps, it was off to the foot of the Blue Mountains for our round 8 E Div game.

With Injury and illness decimating the squad of 24 to 13 we arrived to find the temperature was a balmy 20 degrees, no need for the beanies or the new Randwick coaches jackets. Due to our low numbers, our opponents kindly provided us with 2 extra players and, after some pre match experiments, a small forward pack and backline of outside backs was assembled on the ground. The rumble from the home teams dressing room could be heard down on the Nepean River as our opponents took the field. If you're wondering if Big Foot exists he and his slightly smaller siblings play for the Blue Mountains U13 team.

From the kick-off it was clear our boys were in for a tough day. After 12 minutes we were down 0-22 primarily on the back of a few tries to their big guy. To our boys credit they chased him all the way to the line and attempted to slow his progress. Unfortunately, he was injured in a our brave attempt to stop his last try and left the field. The game changed! The balance of the 1st half was all RANDWICK as the forwards started to secure the ball and allow the backs to play some rugby. Stand in #10 Kalani scored out wide and we went to the break down 5-22.

Spirits were high at half time but unfortunately our opponents scored twice early in the second half to put the game out of reach. Despite the odds our boys keep competing and were rewarded with a second try to Kalani.

Well done to all the players, every one of them played to their potential and beyond. The next time we play the mountain men with a full squad it will be a closer contest. The final score 10-34 didn't reflect the wonderful spirit of the team. We look forward to the second half of the season when the majority of the squad is hopefully available and we can get back to playing in our positions.

The chocolates this week went to:

1pt - Kalani #10. Ran and tackled all game and rewarded with 2 tries.

2pts – Kane #15. Fearless elusive running from fullback and didn't miss his tackles.

3pts - Max Craven . A real captain's knock, ran hard , good defence and contested every breakdown.

U13 Greens v Blacktown def 10-50

The Japanese use the same word for crisis and opportunity, and on Sunday in our A Div game, we were facing a GODZILLA of an 'opportunity'!!

Saturday morning we were content in knowing that we had 18 players....come 7pm we had 11-12 !!

After a quick check of the rules folder and discussion with the opposition... 11 vs 11 it was !

The boys started out a little shell shocked but once again were able to control a lot of the phases against... something different not just a larger forward back but a larger back line too. With the thanks to some of the most eager cover defence I have seen on the rugby pitch, and a great try that say nearly everyone handle the ball right on the halfway mark we found ourselves only 19-10 down and very much in the contest.

I guess the halfway mark was a bit of a turning point....and let's get this in perspective, we are a small skilful team that has enormous team spirit that has seen us beat a lot of good teams but when it comes to facing up against whole teams that are head and shoulders above our boys,...and then we handicap ourselves even more by having less players on the field, plus Blacktown having what looked like a full NFL special teams bench.

But as we all witnessed from the sidelines and even the ref commented " those boys just would not give up!" And that sums up U13 Randwick team, that will put them in good stead for many years!!

Ok, a few highlights....

Marcus a special mention here, he came on the field late in the game, despite injuring himself the day before, true he was hesitant but couldn't bare to sit back and watch, and so mustered up his courage to get out on the field and help out amongst the ruff-stuff, BIG credit mate, the boys really appreciated it.

Will Reay, that was a man of the match performance !! Thrown into the playmaker role at the 11th hour not only showed he was capable of taking the attack to the Scorpions but for one of the smallest on the field was a solid boulder in defence with maybe 1 missed tackle all day (and that was cos he was bumped by a scorpion support player.)

Mitch Chen proving his strike power once again to be a deserved try scorer, he put his body on the line on more than 1 occasion in kick chase as well as in defence.

ALL the forward pack get outstanding... all 6 of you take a bow !! for the huge amount of coverage they had to make all morning and then be so solid in the tackle to stop their opposing pack.

Luca (from wing fullback on the day!), always doing what Luca does week in week out, dangerous with the ball, never giving an inch, he chased down and stopped 4 CERTAIN tries singlehandedly.

Tom FJ again, showing all the skills just when we needed him, was able to smother attack and barrel much larger players into touch and (once again) got on the scoresheet.

Although..... in the end, the motorway tolls were the big winners, now let's all rest and recoup for the state champs....Maitland here we come !!

U14 Whites v Dee Why won 41-0

Sunday again saw us travel to Dark side of the Northern Beaches & this E Div game was played on a field that resembled a drought stricken paddock near Moree. (More dirt than grass).

The first half was very scrappy & the boys were very hesitant to get stuck in at the breakdown. I think most were still asleep or dreaming of playing fortnite. At half time we lead by about 15-0.

At the break the boys were met with a rev up from the coaches & it seemed to work.

The clean out was on song, the aggression lifted, passes stuck & the boys ran hard. Talk about a tale of 2x halves. Randwick Running Rugby was back.

Bede, George S & Chiller worked hard all day, Charlie found second gear, Jack had his best game in Randwick colours but the man of the match went to Tom W who ran hard & defended well. Great effort boy.

We have this week (long Weekend) off with the State Champs on.

Damo & I would like to wish our White boys (Tommy G, Bede, George S, Jack, Kane, Xavier, Ryan & Cooper) who are heading to Orange for the reps the best of luck. Rip in boys. Just remember to do your best & enjoy the experience.

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U14 Greens v Western Raptors def 14-53

The Greens took on the Raptors in this A Div match at Nagle.

There were plenty of boys unable to play because of injury and so the Greens were really up against it versus a very confident Raptors.

However there were special mentions with forward Ashar Te Rata really aiming up, halfback Phoenix Johnston giving excellent service and the talented no 10, Daniel Wright, causing headaches for the opposition in attack.

U15 – bye

U16 Whites v Gordon Barbarians won 54-19

Randwick Warriors U16's Whites made the journey out to Lindfield Oval to come up against the 7th placed Gordon Barbarians in this C Div match.

Randwick Warriors were quick to strike after the kick off with Charlie slicing through some disjointed defence, off the back of some excellent forward momentum in the previous phases. Unfortunately, the opposition managed to respond quickly with 3 quick tries due to some clumsy errors and back to back infringements at the breakdown. However, Randwick managed to strike back towards the end of the first half with a clever pick and go from Baxter on the 22 exposing some weak defence in and around the ruck to stay in touch on the score board.

The second half was a different story with Randwick taking control of the game with some excellent forward momentum from players like Jack Garrett, Benji, Joe and Alfie who were looking to take the ball forward off Jack Kearney with straight running through the middle, which enable the backline to get on the front foot, resulting in consecutive tries scored out wide by Jacob and Numa.

Randwick Warriors fought hard throughout, and Hamish sealed the victory with a try under the sticks late in the second half to finish the game winners.

U16 Greens v Lindfield - deferred