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President's Message

A highlight last week was the Randwick Junior Academy Lunch with 290 people packed into the Coogee Legion Club to hear some great stories, eat some wholesome food and donate money to the Academy.

The Academy, founded in 2013, is a Summer programme focussing on skills and fitness, and has already produced players who have gone on to represent Australia at Schoolboy/U20 level and also Randwick at First Grade level.

The Warriors have certainly benefited from the Academy as our boys are always very fit coming into the regular season.

Craig Bell
Randwick Warriors President

Randwick Rugby Colts

Bye weekend last weekend but the action continues against Manly at Manly this weekend.

Congratulations to Will Harrison who is now in the South of France representing Australia at the U20s World Cup. It is great to see such a dedicated and talented local junior being recognised at national level.

Randwick Rugby Grade

Bye weekend but its back to the hallowed turf of Coogee Oval v Manly this weekend.

Nagle Games This Week

11am – U15 Whites

Match Reports for Round 5 - 20 May

U13 Greens v Penrith def 12-39

Another sunny winter's day met the lads on Sunday with the Warriors looking set to take on Penrith on our home track in this A Div clash. We started with a hiss and a roar with Archie McInally and Kyle Wickett carrying hard and getting us great go forward. Outstanding phase play and our try scoring machine was in again, what a great start!

Unfortunately things went downhill after this! Jesse Gordon, Bryce Munright and Ben Finegan all gave it a crack but we failed as a team to tackle! Final score 39-12 (Max Tanner 2 tries and 1 conversion) We

will keep working on it! We will get better! We move up in a line and chop tackle the big lads from out west. We will get better!

U13 Whites v def Rocks Barbarians 0-44

Sunday saw us travel to sunny Carlingford (West) to play the Rocks Barbarians in this C Div game.

The game started at a ferocious pace with both teams throwing everything, including the kitchen sink, at one another. In the 1st Half The Barbarians raided our line with 2x long range tries & just before the half time break, with the Wicks hot on the attack, snatched an intercept & ran 80 metres to score under the posts.

At Half time we were down 17-0 but still in it. The forwards had taken control of the breakdown & we were pumped for the 2nd half to start. Unfortunately we soon had the air let out of our tyres with the Barbarians scoring with their first touch in the second half & Things just got worse from there.

The team in the break had forgotten to tackle & except for about 6-8 of the boys no one appeared to want to be there. Barbarians made us look pedestrian & ran out winners 44-0 in the end.

Tommy G, Byron A & Josh K all had outstanding games with Tommy G taking out man of the match honours with some barn storming runs & a couple of massive hits.

U14 Greens v Sylvania def 10-36

The U14 Greens faced the second of the top 2 x A Div teams in 2 weeks down at Sylvania.

Right from the kick off our forwards applied pressure to the opposition controlling the rucks and making ground through great forward rugby. We were impactful at contact led by AJ, Henry and Brayden who kept charging all game, giving us the go forward for our halves Tom and Baxter who are developing a great combination. Tom in particular tackled the bigger boys, made some good individual runs and also served his backline well, paying off by scoring a try himself in the first half. At oranges we were down 5 – 12.

We started the second half well in the forwards and with some very good tactical kicking to drive Sylvania into their half. Sylvania then found the line twice with 2 tries to their exceptional fullback who proved very difficult to stop with room to move. We then got going again with a try to James Kotis in the corner to close the gap to 10 points. Two late tries to Sylvania blew the score out in what was another fantastic effort for our Greens.

U14 Whites v Drummoyne def 19-45

The U14's Whites turned up to Nagle in this B Div match confident after their unbeaten run so far this season, and playing Drummoyne, a team we have had success against previously.

We were dealt a bit of a blow in the lead up to the game with 4 players either unavailable through injury or promotion to the Greens team and this was amplified when we lost another 4 players just prior to kick off, being down 8 regular players was going to be a challenge but the boys were still confident. This left us with only 13 and as such had to borrow 2 players from Drummoyne.

Drummoyne scored a few quick tries in the first 10 mins but to their credit the Whites fought back and got themselves into the game with some solid forward play and strong ball running and we went into the halftime break 28 -14.

Having no reserves took its toll on the boys and Drummoyne surged further ahead with a couple more tries in the second half. The Whites got one back late but the game was out of reach by then. The boys were a little disappointed to have suffered their first loss but there was some real pleasing phases of play to be proud of during the game as well.

Some standout performances from Fletcher Bessant who ran the ball strongly all game pinched some important turnovers at the ruck and powered through the Drummoyne forwards to score 2 of the whites tries. Miles Minto again ran strongly at fly half and created headaches for the defence, his one on one tackling was also a feature. Same goes for Jack McIntosh who ran some great lines and made numerous line breaks one of which resulted in a try. Kitone Mahe had some big runs through the middle of the Drummoyne forwards and tackled strongly all game.

U15 Greens v Lindfield def 10-17

Leafy Lindfield was our destination last Sunday and our boys really turned it on against last year's A Div Premiers. In fact, since the team was promoted to A Division at the beginning of the season, the Warriors have really played some wonderful rugby to demonstrate that they belong.

Quick taps and running rugby were the order of the day and the Lindfield team was not comfortable at all. Rasharyn Marr, at fullback, mesmerised the opposition with his unique stepping and Damon Askie ran amok out wide as he ran in the first try.

Brumbies option 2 short ball to Damon at 13, and he was in again for a blistering 40 metre try to start the second half. In the last 5 minutes the team desperately tried to score an equalizer but just couldn't get over. While all the boys were gutted, our coaches looked at each other with a wry smile and a nod to say "things are looking real good, don't you worry about that".

Special mention this week to second rower, Spencer Kapos, whose work off the ball with second and third efforts has been outstanding. Another example of how more rugby at club level to compliment school rugby can bring out the best in players.

U15 Whites v Hills won 36-10

Congratulations boys on your win.

We came out this week in this D Div clash and applied pressure right from the get go. We had some new blood in the team: we welcome Max Corrigan and twins Ryan and Kai Paterson who have slotted right in like they have been with us since round 1.

Things we did well last Sunday, in the first half, in attack we got the ball out wide quickly creating opportunities across the park. Jack Kearney retrieving the ball in sometimes difficult circumstances at the breakdown and Charlie Worthington drawing in the opposition and releasing the ball fast through the hands.

In the second half Hills spent a lot of time with the ball at our end, we defended relentlessly with big efforts from the likes of Alfie Carr, Giles Provost and many others protecting our goal line with intent.

Congratulations once again and it's great to see the comradery that exists and see you all working hard for one another. Onwards and upwards.

U16 v Collaroy def 0-20

This was the team's first game in B Div after being promoted but unfortunately Collaroy were the better side on the day.