



## WARRIORS WEEKLY

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### President's Message

Another good Sunday on the field.

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.

Ola to Ben Donaldson (Dad Stu is U16 Greens coach) and Will Harrison for their selection in the Australian U20 team to play in Argentina in June this year. Ben and Will were also in the Aussie side last weekend that beat U20 NZ 24-0! Both young men are local juniors and played plenty of club rugby at Nagle during their teenage years culminating in representing Randwick at the U16 State Championships in 2015. It is at this tournament that their talents were identified and they have swiftly moved through the development pathway all the way to Buenos Aires! Congratulations.

Finally, Happy Mothers' Day to all the mothers. What better way to spend the day than at the Rugby.

Good luck to everyone this weekend.

Craig Bell  
Randwick Warriors President

### Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)

Last weekend, Firsts Colts forged ahead with their unbeaten season with a dominant victory over Norths 50-18. Seconds lost but Thirds won.

Colts v Warringah this Saturday at Coogee Oval

### Randwick Rugby Grade

Grade took on Norths last weekend at Coogee Oval and came away with victory in all Grades with First Grade upsetting front runners Norths 32-23.

Grade v Warringah at Pittwater Rugby Park on Saturday.

## **Match Reports for 5 May 2019 – Round 4**

### **U13 Whites v Lindfield/Wahroonga won 47-5**

An early start and a chill in the air greeted the U13W squad last Sunday at Koola Oval, Killara in their E Div match. Maybe these factors affected the team as we were very slow to get into gear against the combined might of the upper north shore. After some excellent turnovers by our #7 Luca Whitaker and with the fingers warming up, we managed to hold the ball & play some rugby. Our try scoring prop Dante Macri opened the scoring, followed by #7 Luca Whitaker and then a classic half back snipe by Lorcan Jones to give us a lead at half time 19-0.

We started the second half with two quick tries to hooker Tyrone Lobo and a good backline effort for winger Kane McAuliffe to take a 33-0 lead. Unfortunately, some lapses in discipline resulted in a 5 minute period of defending our line and to our opponents credit they scored in the corner. Awakening from their slumber our team then decided to get back to playing some attractive rugby with tries on the back of good teamwork to Dante & recently converted forward Mackenzie Singh(#6). The final score at 47-5 a reflection on our dominance.

Highlights this week was an improved scrum, excellent defence especially by the forwards and some good movement of the ball to the wings in traditional "myrtle green" fashion. Good to see our goal kickers Sam O'Dwyer(#10) & Dante putting the ball between the posts. Our aim over the next few games is to straighten our running & improve the draw & pass.

Our standouts this week were :

3pt – Tyrone Lobo (hooker), backed up last weeks effort with excellent defence & damaging runs.

2pt – Luca Whitaker (#7), more turnovers than you could count on 2 hands.

1pt - Lorcan Jones (#9), quick to the breakdown, good passing & scored a good individual try.

### **U13 Greens v Newport won 10-0**

"you play the way you train"

We started the B Div game with no intensity or commitment !!!!! true the opposition was a capable team, with large forwards who persisted in slowing down the ball at the breakdown, and a back line that would not relent but we were our own worst enemies, by treating it like a training drill....not committing ourselves (and bodies) to the breakdown, continual lost possession, lateral running and poor execution in the backline.



0-0 at halfway mark, it was a game equally exciting and frustrating to watch. It has to be pointed out there are a handful of forwards who continue to set high standards Ollie Aboud, Luca and Oskar these boys are always in the thick of it, sometimes to their own detriment, if it were even a phrase in the 'rugby thesaurus' they penetrating the defence line too far, then yes they are guilty as charged ! All they needed was closer support to complement their work.

For the first time this season the inside backs found out what it was like to face off against worthy opposition. Either we dismissed their ability or over exaggerating our own, we genuinely struggled to make any penetrating runs for 40mins to make any headway. In previous games we threw the ball wide and found space to run, on Saturday, all we found was the shoulders of the Newport players to thump us in the contact!

When put under pressure we needed to adapt our attack and with 12mins left (with mouthguard firmly in place) it was the 'little maestro' Seb that came out with the big plays, defensively rushing up on his opposite 5/8 stifling their attack and from his own arsenal, unleashing a cross field kick to Noah was a game changer for us, executed to precision, it was only fitting that Noah was rewarded with this and the only other try on the day, both worthy of the highlight reel. Himself, Ollie Neat and Mitch are worthy of mentions, they were forever trying to get into the attacking game as well as repositioning themselves in defence, their work was the reason we kept them scoreless, oh and Tom FJ's great cover tackle on the right wing.

#### **U14 Whites v Forest White won 34-14**

Grey skies & drizzling rain met us for our E Div game on Sunday.

Forest from French's Forest came out fired up and scored next to the post in the first minute of the game.

With a couple of big boys in the forwards it looked like we were going to do it tough all day.

With greazy conditions we dropped a truck load of ball & this made the job of getting on top of the forwards even harder.

The forwards really dug in and their clean out at the break down was outstanding. This allowed our backs to spread the ball wide & with the pigs backing up we were able to cross the line a number of times.

Oliver K had his best game for the past couple of years & was outstanding in the tough stuff. Tommy G scores 3x tries & kicked a couple of goals & was unlucky not to get MOM. Special mention must go to one of the new boys, Georgie S, who trucked it up all day.

Up The Wicks

#### **U14 Greens v Drummoyne def 12-53**

Quite simply, the boys had a tough day at the office in this A Div match.

### **U15 v Chatswood won 31-7**

### **U16 Whites v Wakehurst won 21-5**

We are truly getting spoilt with all these home games of late. Congratulations on the win in this C Div match against a side that beat us in round 1 last year and took us out in finals footy.

Gabe Poidevin had a consistently solid performance this week nailing his job in defence, great solid ball carries and on point in our line outs. Alfie Carr, Hugo Normand and Giles Provost gave us 100% causing Wakehurst heart ache. Jack Kearney provided good service from half back and tackling those big boppers running over the middle. Charlie Worthington again great performance and Jacob Phillips scoring his first try of the season-Congratulations. Keep up the good work boys.

### **U16 Greens v Manly Vikings won 34-5**

Newly promoted Vikings took to the field in this A Div match with 2 or 3 extremely mature looking young men and it was clear that the Warriors had their work cut out for them. But our boys, with 3 and a bit seasons of teenage rugby under their belt, know how to tackle and front up physically every Sunday with Reeve Smith and Joel Caltagirone-Pantano standouts this time. So, unsurprisingly, the first half was a bit of an arm wrestle, which was punctuated by a try from fullback, Damon Askie, who is in red hot form, and a try in the left corner by speedy winger Adar Barhaim.

A feature of the Greens Team is its depth and so, when 4 fresh Warriors forwards came on at half-time, the Vikings had no answer in the second half. This, combined with a support play masterclass by No 10, Rasharyn Marr, led to four second half tries to centres Jack Hickey and Bradley King and two tries to debutant outside back, Braydon Jang, in his first game of rugby union – what a way to start his rugby union career!