



## WARRIORS WEEKLY

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### President's Message

Last Sunday we had 4 of our 7 teams at Nagle for the Semis.

U15s and U16 Whites got up in absolute nail biters, U16 Greens dominated their match and the U14 Whites were gallant in their defeat to a much bigger team. Congratulations to all for their efforts.

Grand Finals this week on Sunday 25 August:-

- U15 v Narrabeen at Cliff Oval, Wahroonga, 1:00pm
- U16 Whites v Easts at Concord Oval, 10:00am
- U16 Greens v Lindfield at Concord Oval, 1:00pm

We would like to have as much support as we can get. And don't worry, you can still catch the First Colts at Coogee if you hot foot it straight after the last Warriors games!

Regards  
Craig Bell  
Randwick Warriors President

### Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)

Firsts and Thirds Colts are in the Grand Finals at Coogee Oval this Sunday 25 August.

### Randwick Rugby Grade

Unfortunately the last remaining grades bowed out of the Finals Series last weekend.

## Match Reports for 18 August 2019 – Semi Finals

### U14 Whites v Dural def 17-39

Last Sunday saw the u14 Whites play Dural for a spot in the E Div Grand Final.

The Wicks got out to a great start with a couple of great backline moves that resulted in tries.

The Dural team was almost twice as big to a man & our plan to run them around for the whole game was working a treat. At half time it was 12-5 to the good guys.

From the first play in the second half we were able to rumble the ball up the blind side & Tommy G burst through their whole forward pack to score. Things were looking good.

Unfortunately that's where the good news ends.

The Dural side seem to grow another pair of legs & our concentration & structure fell apart. They ripped into us & dominated the final 20 minutes. Final Score 39-17.

Chiller Waugh was the standout on the day and was presented with the Game ball.

We've had a great season & finished 2nd in the regular comp. The boys need to be extremely proud of their efforts.

I'd like to thank Damo for helping coach the boys & Jo for managing us all.

A massive shout out to all the Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Brothers & Sisters who have supported us through the year & we look forward to you all returning next year

Up the Wicks

### **U15 won v Chatswood 26-22**

Semi final time for the U15's in this div A/B1 clash against Chatswood, a team we have shared the spoils with throughout the season and we were expecting another tight encounter.

The first ten minutes were an arm wrestle with both forward packs sorting each other out before sustained pressure saw our boys work downfield and hammer away at the Chatswood goal line, they eventually cracked and Henry Handford dived through two defenders to score.

Chatswood struck back soon after from a quick tap and spreading the ball wide to find some space and going over in the corner.

Their forwards and backs were combining well and after some continued pick and goes they scored again from a ruck close to our line. Right on halftime they kicked a penalty goal to go to the break up 17 - 5

A slick backline move saw Grant Stein race away for a try soon after halftime. Chatswood hit back again to make it 22-12.

With time running out our boys stepped up intensity both in attack and defence, halfback & captain Tom Martin pounced on a loose lineout and raced away untouched to score. He followed this 5 minutes later with another piece of individual brilliance by taking off from the base of a ruck and weaving past 3 defenders and sidestepping the fullback to go in under the posts.

We hit the lead but the final 5 minutes saw Chatswood awarded a number of penalties which got them in a position right on our line, they pounded our goal line for 5 minutes but our defence was epic and a knock on from Chatswood right on full time saw our boys run out 26 - 22 winners and into next week's Grand Final.

### **U16 Whites won v Vikings 26-24**

Randwick 26 V 24 Vikings / Cougars JV (Seaforth)

What a cliff hanger in this C Div match. Conditions weren't the best as it was a very windy / blustery day for footy. Thanks to Kye Xuereb got the first points on them within 5 mins scooting around the left hand side for a try. In the first half Seaforth were ferocious at the breakdown and we were against the wind so they used this against us stealing the ball, kicking over our heads and keeping us in our red zone for lots of the first half. Louis Clech in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute managed to get us closer with our second try but we were still behind as Seaforth would capitalise with 3 tries during this half.

Coming from behind into the second half Seaforth would score once again putting us further behind and it looked grim until 6 minutes to go Jack Hassanein would grubber kick a loose ball down our end, Sam Carr regathered and we worked our way down the field till we got 10m out, fed the ball through the hands right across to Rhys Johnson who would score our 3<sup>rd</sup> try which would bring us to within 7 points-Charlie Worthington successfully converted to bring us to 5 points behind. For the final 5 minutes it seemed like an eternity was spent defending our half but special mention to Lachlan Demos, Jack Garratt and Gabe Poidevin, we regained possession with 2 minutes to go, fought our way back down the field, played with patience till Hugo

Normand took it over for a try 3 meters in from the sideline to even up the score to 24 all with 30 seconds on the clock. And on the final whistle Charlie Worthington successfully converted dead centre between the sticks.

We never gave up even when points and the clock was stacked against us-Well done to everybody on a great comeback. Looking forward to the Grand Final next week.

### **U16 Greens won v Camden 54-7**

The beauty of Rugby Union is that you don't have to hand the ball over to the opposition after 6 tackles. So a dominant side can keep the ball as long as they want and this was the case last Sunday for the U16 Greens in its A Div match.

With an unusual Winter nor'easter behind our backs, we kicked off to Camden into their half and that is basically where Camden stayed for the entire half. Astute kicking from Klayton Thorn pinned the opposition in their half and we fed off their mistakes to score 4 unanswered tries by centre Jack Hickey, winger James Elfes, fullback Adar Barhaim and prop Reeve Smith. Position and Possession. It's a simple game, particularly with the wind at your back.

But not so simple turning into the wind in the second half. Tactics had to be altered: keep possession and work their big forwards around. What followed was the best half of running rugby that this Warriors team has played since they formed 4 years ago. Superb support play combined with attacking intent, the Warriors were determined to keep the ball above ground with passes, offloads and pop passes. They were basically saying to the opposition: "You want a breakdown? Well, we're not going to give you one!" Full credit here to our tight five who were playing eyes up footy looking to pass the ball to a player in a better position rather than simply running into defenders. This allowed the team to unlock the mid-field allowing the likes of backs Aaron Dimovitch, Jack Hickey and Braydon Jang to run riot.

Now for the Grand Final at Concord!