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President's Message

Despite what the papers say, the Warriors found community rugby alive and well in Western Sydney last Sunday with the well organised Blacktown club hosting our U13A and U15A Div teams at Seven Hills. Pleased to say that both our teams came away with inspirational victories against much bigger opponents.

Re-grading of all age groups has taken place but we won't have a draw for this Sunday's matches until this Thursday. Please be on the lookout for messages from your managers as to the time and place of your match.

Randwick Grade and Colts do not have a match this weekend. Grade host Manly at Coogee Oval the following week on 26 May 2018.

Craig Bell
Randwick Warriors President

Randwick Rugby Colts

First and Seconds Colts had big wins last weekend against Norths and so they continue to lead their competitions undefeated.

Randwick Rugby Grade

All grades were competitive v Norths at Coogee Oval last Saturday with 2nds and 4ths winning.

Nagle Games This Week

To be advised. The draw post re-grading will be published on Thursday.

Match Reports for Round 4 - 13 May

U13 Greens v Blacktown won 24-19

Another tough game against big opposition in A Div last Sunday but the Warriors arrived with a different attitude and a better mind set.

The game started with a great team try scored by ever improving winger Max Tanner and we looked like the team we could be! Great ball movement, strong carries and we were rolling! Opps! one silly mistake and we let them in for a try, handing them some belief and are we in trouble here? NOT this week, the attitude fronted up as did some solid defence and ground our way to half time.

Three more good tries, one showing Liam Ross's great speed, and we were out to a 24 -5 and the gates should have opened for a big one! Another Opps! or two as we let the big ball carriers get into us and the defence seemed to drop off, bit trouble! No not this week, some good tackles amongst the bad ones and we held onto a 24-19 win. Plenty of more tackling practice required! Tries to Max Tanner (2), Liam Ross, Matteo Cleverley and two conversions to Daniel Wright.

U13 Whites v Mosman def 12-26

On Sunday we trekked north to the tough streets of Mosman for this C Div match. The team was going to stay at Josh's "weekender" over there but the East Wing was under construction so unfortunately that was a no go.

Anyway, a few brave mums made the trek on Mothers' Day, despite it being about 2 degrees with 140 km winds. I hope none of them had hair appointments that morning.

The first half saw the home team use the wind to its advantage, they no doubt had honed their skills whilst windsurfing and sailing 20 foot skiffs at Balmoral. We couldn't get out of our quarter and suffered 3 quick tries.

After a rocket at half time, we managed to score two tries to one with big Tom crashing over along with Ryan, whom out sprinted their entire back line to score in the corner. The forwards played a much better game with a pick and drive strategy working with the wind at our backs. Josh , Xander, Charlie and Byron lead the way with strong clean outs and runs.

The back line were more direct this week and it showed. Fynn McAusland was the standout with his aggressive defence.

In the end we run out of time to score a few more and narrowly went down 26 - 12

U14 Greens v Penrith def 5-41

We had first use of Nagle against last season's premiers and State Championship winners Penrith on Sunday in this A Div clash.

It was a great opportunity to test how far we have come as a team in the last 12 months and the boys did us proud. Penrith have a well drilled forward pack that we held for most of the game. AJ again led the way and was supported by all his forward mates. We battled hard with the Penrith backline which is almost unstoppable on the wings. We moved up when we had to and defended strongly: Baxter, Siteni and Tom all made it difficult for Penrith. However after 4 tries to the Penrith wingers, we were down 26 nil at the break.

We then showed why we are a different team holding the opposition to 15 – 5 in the second half with some great forward play resulting in a try to Ayden Diffin, this guy really puts in every week and it was great to see him cross the line. The end result being 5 – 41.

U14 Whites v Forest won 29-16

We arrived for this C Div match to find the kick off time had changed but this didn't phase the Whites and thanks to all parents for being early to the game (against the original time) as we managed to run on with 13 players.

A great start with 3 early tries to Jack, Ed and Oliver only to let in 2 late tries to Forest, which saw us led at the break 19 - 12. This team is really coming together with strong efforts from our new recruits: Fletcher and his straight running and Miles with his quick hands combined with last season's Warriors led by Jasper and Jimmy in his favourite role at half back.

In the second half both Ed and Oliver made it 2 tries each for the game and what was also pleasing was the defence with Josh, Michael and Vincent all showing their commitment. We always had the game in control and went on to win 29 – 16. Undefeated in 4 starts with a likely move to B Div, the boys can look forward to lifting their game this season.

U15 Greens v Blacktown won 32-21

After a fairly jovial warm up, with only one on the bench and running into a stiff southerly, the coaches had no idea what was going to happen when the whistle blew to start this A Division game.

Well, what followed was pretty awesome I must say. After some very impressive pick and drive from all the forwards including Reeve Smith and Joel Caltagirone-Pantano, and after some clever blind side forays by scrum half Klayton Thorn and left winger James Elfes, the Warriors had put 3 tries on the shell shocked Scorpions.

The team used the wind very well in the second half with some nice raking kicks from our fullback Damon Askie to pin the Blacktown team in their own quarter. 3 more tries followed as our impressive centres Bradley King and Jack Hickey fed off fly half Jack Harms, who must be, pound for pound, the best tackler in the competition.

U15 Whites v Wests def 14-17

We didn't win, but what a cracking display from the boys in this C Div game.

Wests came to Nagle on Sunday expecting an easy game against the bottom of the ladder Randwick but their plans didn't work out. Wests quickly put 3 tries on us but that was it for the rest of the game from them. We quickly got our act together and ran them over and back across the park, frustrating the hell out of them in what were difficult windy conditions.

With some massive hits in defence from Ollie Bakker causing them to spill the ball on a number of occasions and Jack Garrett a force in our scrums, the larger forward pack from Wests went on the back foot. The Warriors let them know that their game against us was not going to be the walk in the park (Our park) they expected. Charlie Rich was outstanding in attack scoring our 2 tries, and in defence, where he found nerve endings to niggle in Wests that they didn't know they had.

U16 v Hawkesbury won 43-12

The 16s played at home for the first time this season in this C Div clash and came away with another great win of 43 to 12. The weather gods did not shine did on us and the umbrellas had to come out, but the boys put on a great show for all the mums for Mother's Day. The boys are now looking forward to a challenge of being in B Div now and I am sure they will all put in 110%.