

WARRIORS WEEKLY

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President's Message

Last Sunday was a welcome return from holidays. The boys clearly had been itching to play because all Warriors teams that played came out on top on the field playing some very enterprising rugby.

Another mention this week of our Round 13 **SUPER SUNDAY** on **12 August 2018** when all Warriors teams will play at Nagle Park, the home of Randwick Warriors Rugby. On that day there will be a major fund raising drive with a Raffle and, wait for it, CLUB MERCHANDISE on sale! On that day we will be selling Warriors Caps for \$20 and Warriors Water Bottles for \$5.

And just as importantly, Super Sunday will be the day we support the charity **The Kids Cancer Project** and its Crazy Hair and Sock Day. More info next week on that.

Craig Bell Randwick Warriors President

Randwick Rugby Colts (U20)

Last weekend saw Randwick Colts play the local derby v Easts with all Colts teams victorious. Firsts Colts put 62 points on Easts. Is it the hottest team in the Southern Hemisphere at the moment?

This week another important game against Sydney Uni down at Coogee Oval for Firsts Colts at 1:25pm on 4 August 2018. Other Colts at Latham.

Randwick Rugby Grade

Tough round for Grade v Easts with only Fourths getting up in a tight contest.

Next game v Sydney Uni at Coogee Oval on 4 August 2018.

Rep News

Congratulations to Clem Halaholo, Klayton Thorn, Kayde King, Damon Askie and Ethan King for being selected in the NSW Waratahs U15 Gen Blue Squad.

Also congratulations to Kai Roberts and Talanoa Penitani who were selected in the U14 Sydney Team to play Country this weekend in Tamworth.

Nagle this Week

10am U13 Whites 2:30pm U14 Green

Match Reports for Round 11 - 29 July

U13 Greens won v Blacktown 36-12

Big game this week against Blacktown in this A Div clash with the boys playing well as a team in windy conditions.

Lucas Young was the pick of the forwards and Dan Wright was pick of the backs!

Try scorers - Matteo Cleverley, Lucas Young, Zac Sarfati x 2, Archie McInally, Conor McCleery. Conversions - Daniel Wright x 3

U13 Whites won v Lindfield 22-5

Last Sunday saw the Randwick Whites play the Highlands @ Koola Park in the E Div match.

After a month without Rugby the team started slow allowing the Highlanders to score their 1st and only try of the game.

In tough conditions with (wind & dust) on the extremely dry pitch the boys dug in and really stepped up.

The backs moved the ball well & executed some crisp plays unlucky not to score on 4-5 occasions with the final pass not sticking.

The forwards dominated the scrums & our line out work is starting to pay off.

Declan, Byron & Tommy were the standouts in the forwards with Ollie, Fynn & Ryan having solid games in the backs. Tommy just pipped Declan for Man of Match honours.

Great team effort on the day to chalk up our 1st Win of the season 22-5.

Awesome rendition of McNamara's band was in full song.

U14 Greens won v Dural 17-10

The Greens team played their A division catch up game on the previous Wednesday night against Dural @ Nagle. It was always going to be a close match after the hard fought 10 – 5 loss in Round 3 at Dural. The contact early was hard and fast with both sets of forwards testing each other out. After an early try against the run of play by Dural our forwards led by Kai Roberts rallied together and showed how much they have improved, good clean ball to the back line resulted in a try to James Kotis out wide to level the scores at 5 – 5. We then rushed our play a bit to come up short a couple of times and went into the break 5 all.

At the break coach Vili spoke about executing our plays and being patient it would happen for us. We came out confident early in the second half with our forwards driving through Dural, a try by Rodney Blake gave us the lead we needed, converted by Baxter we led 12 - 5.

Dural came back hard as expected with a try, unconverted to make the score 12 – 10 to set up another close finish. The play was tight with each team trying to get on top of the other. Dural received a penalty late in the game in front of posts, a rush of blood by the Dural hooker who took a quick tap and ran into our determined forward pack who then won a great turnover. Under pressure on our own line our back line excelled with a clearing kick into the Dural half, Siteni came bursting through stealing the ball and running across the try line to win the game 17 - 10.

Outstanding finish by the team who are now closing off their matches well.

U14 Whites won v North Rocks 31-26

The Whites team played hosts to the big North Rocks B division team @ Nagle looking for a turnaround from the Round 6 away clash. Bolstered by some support from the Greens team the Whites came out firing with two tries one each to Rodney Blake and Jasper Jarvis both converted by Miles Minto.

North Rocks came back hard with their big forwards charging up the middle sometimes taking 4 to 5 Whites to pull them down. Proving too hard to hold out, North Rocks managed to score two converted tries late in the half. We then managed a superb counter attack with a 40m individual try to give Rodney Blake his second. We went to the break leading 19 – 14.

The second half became very physical with North Rocks coming back full of steam. Brayden charged up the middle to match the opposition then we went try for try with Jasper scoring his second try and Fletcher Bessant flying down the sideline to score. North Rocks scored two late tries to close the gap to 5 points. The boys held on gamely to win 31 – 26.

U15 Greens won v Blacktown 47-24

We have had some great tussles in A Div against the Blacktown Scorpions and so this was much anticipated particularly as we were welcoming many boys back from injury.

The first half was highlighted by some long range tries: the first from Damon Askie, our star fullback, who burst through the line off a set play called "Leaguie"; and the second to Darcy Sullivan who superbly supported Clem Halaholo's magnificent break down the sideline.

Inside centre, Kayde King, is earning a reputation for some pretty stunning solo tries and he didn't disappoint in the second half. Taking on the line at half way, he beat six "would be defenders" as he stepped, jinked, spun and accelerated towards the tryline with arm raised in triumph.

At the end of the day the game was won with some great defence, pressure and patience. Special mention to the tackling technique of Michael Hill and the performance of half Klayton Thorn who dominated the opposition no 9.

U15 Whites won v Dee Why 34-12

Another beautiful day greeted us after our extended school holiday break for our fixture against Dee Why in this D Div game.

With a bit of rust showing we didn't get the start we were after and let DW score a converted try. The rust continued to hamper us as our lack of ball control was evident with numerous turnovers letting DW control the tempo of the game. We finally got into our work which ended with our strong Argentinian and crowd favourite Nicco scoring in the right corner. We scored again before the half with another of our new recruits Vong showing some real pace to finish off some lovely lead up work. We headed into the half up 10-7.

After some straight talking at the half the boys came out with a lot more intent. We carried well and our ruck ball at times was exceptional. We started to build our phases and our newest recruit Clinton stepped up to again finish off some beautiful lead up work to score on debut. We continued to control the game with ball in hand and our defensive pressure, which led to our little general Charlie W showing some real class with a deft chip which he regathered to score. We again marched down the paddock with purpose showing incredible skill with our offloads to end up with another try going to Rhys after a nice pick and go off the ruck.

Dee Why tried to lift their game and to their credit continued the fight. The game ebbed and flowed and our defensive pressure forced errors in which we capitalised on. From a solid scrum, which it performed well all day, our backline opened them up with our little maestro Charlie W scoring again.

Dee Why to their credit climbed back into their work again and scored to give us our final score of 34-12. A great game lads, we are still most definitely a work in progress but we have everything we need in the cabinet to make the pointy end of the season fruitful.

Up the Wicks!!

U16 (B Div) won v Hawkesbury on forfeit