



Saturday 14 May 2016

ISA Round 3

- 13s v SACS 9.30am
- 15s v SACS 10.30am
- 16s v SACS 11.30am
- 1st XV v SACS 12.30pm

At Sydney University

Prep Rugby

- Under 10s v St Ives 9.00am (H)
- Under 11s v Trinity 8.45am (A)
- Prep 1st XV BYE

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ISA Round 3 v St Andrews College

Saturday 14th May

At Sydney University

Prep Rugby

Under 10s at home

Under 11s at Bressington

Prep 1st XV Bye

RUGBY CONVENOR

Senior Rugby Results vs All Saints College

CCGS 1st XV 19 lost to All Saints College 22

CCGS 16s 34 defeated All Saints College 33

CCGS 15s 5 lost to All Saints College 50

CCGS 13s 21 lost to All Saints College 33



Last Saturday we travelled our longest trip of the year to play All Saints College in Bathurst. The weather was fine, warm and sunny which was in contrast to normal Bathurst days in mid- May. It is a huge challenge to travel for four hours in a bus and play your best rugby, but I couldn't have been more proud of the general effort of the whole playing group on the day. The boys represented the school with great pride on and off the field.

The 13s are growing as team every time they take the field. They played some wonderful attacking Rugby but defence let them down too many times and just went down gallantly to All Saints College in a close high scoring match. The 15s were hit a little by illness but the boys who turned out for CCGS and did the school proud. They competed well in all aspects of the game and it was the two fast, athletic players from All Saints College that did the damage in the end. The 16s came out of the blocks fast in their game taking an early lead but their opponent lifted to take a late half time narrow lead. Both teams continued with attacking endeavour in the second half matching each other on the scoreboard. With a minute to go CCGS earned a penalty and kicked a late Penalty goal right on full time to take the points. Well done boys.

The 1st XV will rue many missed first half opportunities they created so well, being held up over the line at least six times through the first half. All Saints College grew in confidence and on their first trip downfield they scored. Game on. CCGS took a narrow lead into to the break and the second half was an absolute battle as both teams threw everything into the contest. All Saints College clawed their way back into the match and it was 19 all with minutes to play. Without the ball, CCGS worked valiantly in defence, but unfortunately, gave away a penalty at the ruck which was in kicking range. Unnerved the All Saints College kicker stepped up and slotted the goal and All Saints had stolen the match to win by three points.

This Saturday we travel to Sydney University to take on St. Andrew's Cathedral School. Good luck to all teams and work hard at training this week on those key areas.

CCGS 1sts XV

CCGS 1st XV 19 lost to All Saints College 22



Four hours on a coach is never an ideal way to prepare for a game, especially one which was going to prove difficult and maybe a defining point of our season. However, we started strongly with some aggressive running and quick play of the ball across the field. Direct running by several players led to our first try when Toby Dickinson broke through the line to score to the right of the posts in the third minute. Fionn H-F successfully added the conversion to see us leading by 0:7. More direct play and continued straight running by the backs saw us create several more chances only to thwarted by simple errors on the line. Forward passes, white line fever and some poor decision making being the key issues. Finally, our pressure and superior play saw us extend the lead when Luke McGuinness crossed the line with Fionn unable to add the conversion in the 23rd minute. This saw us with a 12 point lead and All Saints reeling from our continued assault. However, as we know, games and luck can turn very quickly, in the 27th minute, we were asked to defend for the first time in the game and several missed tackles allowed the opposition to attack our line. They punched through and brought the score line to 5:12. From this point on we lost our momentum and All Saints saw their chances improve.

Half time came and we talked about our simple errors, slow play of the ball at the breakdown and general lethargy in movement towards the end of the half. The second half was a real arm wrestle with the two teams trading tries (Harry Spencer finishing a quick penalty tap in the left corner and Fionn H-F adding the conversion) to see us holding our slender lead. In the 18th minute, All Saints scored again to level the scores. Their tails were up and we were fighting to hang on. The pressure told and in the 32nd minute, All Saints kicked a penalty that saw them complete a comeback that no one would have contemplated after the first 25 minutes.

A tough one to take boys but it is a great lesson on the importance of clinical finishing and how games can change with confidence.

See you at training and **DON'T FORGET YOUR JERSEYS (CLEAN PLEASE)**

Phil Eades (Manager)

CCGS 16s

CCGS 16s 34 defeated All Saints College 33

CCGS went into this match on a high after last weekend's win. The game was played on a very fast track that was heavily bathed in sunshine. CCGS made a confident start. An early try to Tom Herron which was converted by Mikai Mare made the score 0 – 7. The CCGS forwards soon started to get on top of their smaller opponents. Strong runs by Tim Scarr, James Trethewy and Harry Brown broke down at vital stages due to a lack of continuity skills. Strong rucking and mauling started to take its toll on the All Saints pack. Further sustained pressure from CCGS on the All Saints try line led to James Stimpson taking the ball up vigorously to cross the line making the score 0 – 12. However, some dropped balls, missed tackles and poor positional play by CCGS allowed All Saints back into the game. Tim Bennet's try just before halftime meant that All Saints would take a small lead into the break 21 – 19.

In the second half CCGS were immediately on the attack. Fine runs again from James Trethewy and Tom Herron followed up by some accurate passing from Harry Hughes enabled James Bishop to cross for CCGS fourth try and increase its lead to 21 – 26. Two tries against the run of play kept All Saints in the game late in the second half. CCGS continued to attack and sniping runs by Harry Hughes resulted in CCGS fifth and final try, Mikai Mare kicked his fourth try conversion for the match to take the score to 35 - 33. With All Saints leading by two points in the last minute they gave away a penalty for not rolling away in the tackle. Mikai Mare stepped up to take a high pressure goal kick and give CCGS the victory after a very tense and exciting game.

Scorers: Tim Herron, James Stimpson, Tim Bennet, James Bishop, Harry Hughes; Mikai Mare 1 penalty goal and four conversions.

Paul Daly (Manager)



CCGS 16s



CCGS 15s

CCGS 15s 5 lost to All Saints College 50

This was always going to be a hard game. The distance of travel and the fact that we were 3 players down. The opposition started with a bang and before the boys knew it they were really out of this game. However it is easy to dwell on negatives, so I would rather look at and concentrate on the positives. Our only try scored by Mackenzie Holden resulted from a phase play after a successful passing of the ball right across the field. So well done backs. This caught the opposition and exposed their line and our boys made them pay. This showed the opposition that they couldn't let their guard down or we would attack. This was predominately a defensive game for us and many players tackled and defended against players well above their own weight.

I rarely single out individuals as the game is a team sport but it would amiss of me not to mention Ethan Fischer and Jake Kemps try saving tackles. Running down their opposition and taking them across the side line. There was a 15 minute period in the second half that saw the opposition held off our line. This displayed the courage fight that our boys have. This valiant effort was not unnoticed by the crowd. You fought to the end never giving up. You should not be hard on yourselves for the loss. Take heart and rally. Train hard and with a fully committed team this result will be different the next time we meet this team.

Bil Kensey (Coach)



CCGS 13s

CCGS 13s 21 lost to All Saints College 33

Today was the team's second game, and through the week we tried to cram as much into training as we could. One major objective we have been working on, is tackling. The game was not our best defensively. However, at some point each member made at least one effective tackle, which is a really good start, but this just needs to become more consistent. Through our weakened defence, the opposition used one very quick player to run through our defence. This is one thing which we will work on this week at training. Once we had the ball, we manage to keep a hold of it, though rucks were a little scrappy, but that's to be expected this early in the season. There was one player that really stood out for the whole game, and put in his all, scoring two tries, and making many key runs and tackles; our little half back. I'm hoping through the next few games each player will put their all into the game, as there is a lot of potential in this team.

Line outs were great this week, as we also changed a lot up positionally, which shows the boys have listened. We will be able to start doing some tricky plays with the progress they have made. Scrums were excellent on Saturday, we physically won every scum and each member of the forward pack should be proud. We were particularly pleased with the back row who made some great runs down the blind side off the back of the scrum. Backs today were not at their best, however there were a few moments where they really had some great runs gaining a lot of ground. It was wonderful seeing the ball getting out to our wingers.

The team has a lot to work on this week, mainly tackling, rucking and positional movement, but both coaches are looking forward to unlocking the potential of this team.

Blake Berczelly (Coach)



Prep Rugby Convenor

Well done to all teams for their start to the Prep Rugby season. A particular mention to the Under 11s who have won their two rounds by beating St Ives Grammar by more than 80 and following that up with an impressive victory against Redfield College on the weekend.

CCGS has been lucky enough to have the NSW Rugby Union Development Officer – Mr Michael Burgess coming in for 3 sessions. He spent Friday afternoon with the Under 10s during Prep Sport and is doing the same with the Under 11s this week. The Under 12s will be training with him this Wednesday afternoon. On behalf of our players and coaches I have thanked Michael for his time. The sessions have been extremely beneficial to the players and coaching staff.

Round 2 Results

Under 10s were defeated by Waverly

Under 11s defeated Redfield College 36 – 7

Prep First XV were defeated by Mosman Prep

Round 3 Fixtures

Prep 1st XV – Bye Round

Under 11s – Playing Trinity on Bressington 1 - 8:45am kick off

Under 10s – Playing St Ives Grammar on CCGS Rugby 2 – 9:00am kick off

All the best for the weekend,

Luke McLoughlin

CCGS Prep 1st XV

Loss to Mosman Prep

Last Saturday the Prep First XV played at the lovely Balmoral Oval in Mosman. Everyone was really excited for the game. We kicked off first to Mosman and they scored early. Sadly, our defence was not as good as it probably should have been early on. We missed simple tackles that we should have made. Soon though, we steadied our play and struck back with a try to Alex Simos. Unfortunately that was the only try we scored although Alex came very close again in the second half. Mosman scored a number of tries and were too fast for us at times. We lost the game but everyone had a fantastic and fun experience. We had no reserves and Mosman had a lot so we did well but probably got too tired. A lot of really good things happened at Mosman on Saturday and we will use these again next time we play.

Match Report by Alex and Mathew



CCGS Under 11s

CCGS 36 defeated Redfield College 7

(Tries; A.Deacon 3, H.McGarry, W. Funnell, M.Reiss Goals A.Deacon 3/6)

I was very proud of the whole team on Saturday as they delivered another outstanding performance. Redfield were a very good side, however, our first half effort offered the opposition very limited ball. As a result our 26-0 half time lead was a great platform going into the second half. In the first half, our set piece dominance was extraordinary - the scrummaging was pure poetry in motion, with us winning all lineouts and scrums, 5 tight head scrum wins in the first half, and 7 tight head scrums in total, before the opposition finally called for uncontested scrums. We won all our lineouts, with the line out calls and throws being spot on. An amazing performance from Shamus Betts and Paddy Hingerty who executed the hooking duties perfectly throughout the game.

Aiden got us on the board early with another trademark driving run, followed by a spectacular try in the corner from halfback Harrison. Aiden would make it a double and with Will's try and bullocking runs through the midfield, the game looked like it could have really opened up. However, despite their lack of ball, Redfield to their credit kept on getting up and were making it a contest with their commitment in defence.

The second half ebbed and flowed as Redfield were able to secure more ball. Our boys were guilty of pushing passes and we lost a little bit of discipline conceding quite a few penalties. Despite holding a good lead, the determination from Grammar not to let the opposition score is another credit to how the team performed. There were many great efforts and a few try saving tackles on our line to keep Redfield at bay. Harro in one huge effort of strength somehow held a Redfield player up, and Aidan and Ben combined to make a great try saving tackle. Our aggression around the ruck and fringes continually cut the Redfield supply lines as they looked to move it wide and to their backline strength. Noah, Darcy and Logan terrorized the Redfield backs with some big impact tackles. After some sustained possession, Redfield were finally able to break through and score.

The Redfield try spurred them on, however Grammar responded, and went then went up a gear. After holding Redfield for another period, Grammar were able to secure and better control possession again, and our forward drives, backline raids and rolling mauls got us back on the front foot. As a result Michael was able to find some space and scored a great try under the posts, and to finish off, Aiden made it a consecutive 3 try performance scoring after a brilliant steal off a Redfield forward.

The confidence in the team is growing and hopefully we can keep the momentum going into next week's match against Trinity College.

Jason McGarry (Coach)



CCGS Under 10s

CCGS 0 lost to Waverly 68

This was our first home game for the year, hosting Waverly College who travelled from the Eastern Suburbs on a gorgeous Saturday morning. In this match we met a team that is at another level of schoolboy rugby. The sheer size, speed and skill development of the opposition made this game a walkover for Waverly.

Far from being disappointed the boys should be extremely proud of the never say die approach they gave to the game. Right from the kick off it was great to see Ethan commit himself to catching the ball and getting involved. Isaac never stopped trying if he had a chance, repeatedly running at a really strong defensive line. Casper again led from the front trying every trick he could think of to get us into the game.

What was really pleasing was seeing boys put into practice the valuable skills that they learnt at the Waratahs coaching clinic on Friday. Tom put his body on the line in defence and at the ruck doing his best to clean out, setting a great example he was supported by Jack V and Oscar.

However, the player who stood out for special mention, probably the smallest player on the field was Harry. His tackling was immense, his chasing committed and his running with the ball excellent. What was so impressive was Harry's application of the skills he has gathered over the last few weeks.

Thanks to Potts and Bilsons for halftime fruit.

We are going to work on teamwork this week and put in another improved performance.

Steve Mudge (Coach)



Round 3



CCGS Team	Opponent	Venue	Time
1st XV	SACS	Sydney University/St Andrews Oval	12.30pm
16s	SACS	Sydney University/St Andrews Oval	11.30am
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