

Saturday 4th June 2016

ISA Round 6

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Senior Rugby Results vs All Saints College

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What a magnificent day it turned out to be for CCGS Rugby last Saturday. All Saints College returned the 4 hour bus trip to us and found the travel a bit of a challenge as our teams remained unbeaten through the grades.

The 13s have improved dramatically this year in all aspects of play and are now learning how to close out games which they completed successfully on Saturday. The 15s never gave up in their match against previous unbeaten opponents. The play from both teams was aggressive all match, with play swinging from end to end. The two teams could not be split at full time and the match ended in a draw. Well done boys, you have been threatening a big match all season and you almost took down the number one team. The 16s started shakily, but fell into normal rhythm to lead from start to finish in another closely fought match. The 1st XV got out of the blocks well in their match scoring some wonderful length of the field tries to take a big lead in at the break. The boys were guilty of taking the foot off the throttle in the second half allowing All Saints to score two well structured tries. CCGS was able to put two extra tries on to run out deserved winner 47-19.

Last Saturday, Fionn Henderson-Foley, Luke McGuinness, Harry Fortey (Opens) and James Stimson (16s) represented ISA at NSWSRU trials in Sydney. The matches were played in atrocious conditions but all our boys played strongly for the association. Congratulations to Fionn who has been selected into the ISA 2nd XV Squad to play AICES at Knox Grammar School this Friday. James will represent ISA on Saturday and Sunday at the NSWSRU 16s trials, a team coached by our very own Mr Kensey. We wish both boys the very best in the matches.

This Thursday, the 1st XV and 16s will travel to Hunter Valley Grammar School to play in annual games day. You might remember it was washed out at CCGS last year. Good luck to both teams.

I wish you all a very relaxing and safe term 2 break and I look forward to seeing you all on the sidelines again next term.

Link to ISA Rugby page for the results table:

<http://www.isa.nsw.edu.au/winter-sports/rugby/>

CCGS 1sts XV

CCGS 1st XV 47 defeated All Saints College 19

In the first round of the competition, we travelled the 4 hours down to Bathurst to play All Saint's College. We started well but left 30 points at the line which cost us the game. On Saturday, we had a point to prove!

All Saint's showed no signs of weariness after the coach journey up and started the game well. We defended fiercely and continually knocked the opposition back. In the 8th minute, Toby made an outstanding break down the middle of the pitch and looked certain to score only to be hauled down 10 metres short of the line. Ever aware of his surroundings, he saw Nic follow up with some excellent support and popped the ball up allowing Nic to cross under the posts. A successful conversion by Fionn saw us lead by 7:0. Stuart Brown played the game on the wing and proved to be our version of the All Black's legend that is Jona Lomu. He repeatedly caused problems for the opposition either on the wing or down the middle as he chased the ball. Through a good steal of the ball at the breakdown and another break by Toby, Stuart racked up a brace in a 5 minute spell of great counterattacking rugby. With Fionn successfully converting both, we were in a commanding position of being 21:0 up. Things got better, Stuart involved again with a lovely run and the ball moved wide to Harry Luke on the right wing saw him finish well to extend the lead to 26:0.

In the first game, we were found wanting in defence a few times and again, All Saint's scored with their first sustained attack at the line, 26:7! However, we didn't fall into the decline that could have followed as Stuart AGAIN, proved merciless in his treatment of his opposite number as he completed his hat-trick just 2 minutes later. Fionn successfully converted to finish the half 33:7.

At half time, we spoke about choosing to play attacking rugby in the second half and rely less on defence and counter attacking. Unfortunately, penalties and some cheap turnovers meant we were defending for the majority of the second half.

All Saint's pushed early in the second half and due to a cheap turnover, crossed the line after 7 minutes. The y added to their tally 5 minutes later with a try down the left wing. This left the score at 33:19. Pressure on, we needed to prevent the bonus point that they would earn with a fourth try! A turning point, ill discipline from All Saint's saw us raise our game and an excellent chip and chase from Toby and conversion from Fionn saw us extend the lead to 40:19. With 2 minutes remaining, Fionn scored after quick play from a line out and converted his own try to end the game 47:19.

Some fantastic counter attacking play this weekend boys BUT life is far easier if we control the game from the opposition half.

Congratulations to Fionn, Luke and Harry F who represented ISA on Sunday.

Phil Eades (Manager)



CCGS 1sts XV



CCGS 16s

CCGS 16s 23 defeated All Saints College 15



CCGS went into this having not played a match since the 28th of May. The forecast was for rain but the clouds stayed away and CCGS was looking forward to playing some running rugby. As per usual CCGS made a slow start and we took too long to get into the game. An early try to All Saints put us well and truly on the back foot. However, the CCGS forwards soon started to get on top of their much larger opponents. Strong runs by Will Bastick and Tom Herron helped to bend All Saint's defensive line and our backs started to get some ball which led to Oliver Hicken scoring CCGS first try of the match. The try was converted by Mikai Mare and the score was 7 - 5. Strong tackling, rucking and mauling by Tim Bennet and Tom Herron well and truly swung the momentum of the game into CCGS's favour and just before halftime Tim Scarr crossed the line for our second try and Mikai Mare converted the try, taking the score to 14 - 5.

After the break All Saints came out running. It was not until 5 minutes into the second half when Tim Scarr crossed the line for CCGS second try and this gave us a 14 point lead which All Saints were always going to struggle to come back from. Further fine runs from James Trethewy and Mikai Mare followed up by some accurate passing by the backs enabled James Trethewy to cross for CCGS third try. Further sustained pressure would see James Bishop score CCGS's final try of the match. A poor defensive read by CCGS led to a final try against the run of play for All Saints but it would be CCGS that would hold on for their fourth win of the season 26 - 12.

Paul Daly (Manager)

CCGS 15s

CCGS 15s 12 drew with All Saints College 12

Well now we know what this team can do. This was a very hard game to play given the thrashing we had received when first we met, but with all our players there on the park, the opposition were in for a good game.

It was a very tough struggle in the first half and the opposition posted the only points to lead 7 nil at half time. This told our boys that they were in this game and they lifted. The hard training and “malcomes” that they have to complete, has taught this side discipline and given us fitness. These two elements were the turning points in this game. Our side gradually broke down the opposition and Huwan was able to punch through and score our first try. The game then became a seesawing match and to our team’s credit we continued to take and give back what the opposition gave out. They managed to score again but the boys retaliated quickly and scored again.

To finish with a 12 all score line which was indicative of the game. We now know that we are capable of winning this competition, but we will need to commit to the training sessions because All Saints will go home and now know what CCGS is capable of. So we need to prepare ourselves as well. We will be in the finals and if we continue to play like today we could just be the premiers.

A great game.

Bil Kensey (Coach)

CCGS 13s

CCGS 13s 27 defeated All Saints College 14

What a fabulous match after a lengthy break from games due to poor weather and the June long weekend. The boys dominated from the outset, making their tackles and winning the contest at the breakdown. Last time we played All Saints, we were quite poor and ended up being punished by one player, who the players found difficult to tackle. On Saturday, he was barely sighted and this was due to the huge improvements in defence and commitment to do our best as a team. The forwards were outstanding on the day. Jack put in a man of the match performance with hard running and never give up defence. The remaining forwards banded together and showed terrific body height at the breakdown. The backline was a little quiet in attack in the first half. This was due to poor handling, but this improved significantly in the second half.

There were numerous raids down the flanks following excellent passing, running and support. The opposition tackled strongly up until the last 15 minutes. At this point, the boys had won the battle up front. That being said, they did close within one point, midway through the second half. From here the boys showed us what they could do, running in two more impressive team tries. We managed a 30 point turnaround from our last match against All Saints. Tom and I look forward to what the boys can do from here. Keep up the fitness over the holiday break.

Blake Berczelly (Coach)

Prep Rugby Convenor

Prep First XV lost to Redfield 31 – 17

Under 11s defeated Redfield 36 – 5

Under 10s – washed out

- Round 8 on the 23rd of July sees all Prep Rugby playing home. It will be a big day at CCGS with senior rugby also playing at home along with a host of other sports.
- Please also note that team photos are also scheduled for this round.
- Early next term we are aiming to enter 2 teams into the Catholic and Independent Schools 10 aside Gala Day.

Best of luck to the Under 11s who are playing a friendly match against Terrigal Public School this Friday.

Well done to the 11s and Prep First XV who both played Redfield College. While both teams played well, we need to make a special mention to Mr Jason McGarry who refereed two games. While it is the opposing team's responsibility to assign referees, Redfield College were let down by a local referee who didn't show up for the games. Many thanks to Mr McGarry who stepped in and officiated both games. The Rugby President from Redfield College passed on this thank you...

'A huge thank you to the parent who refereed the U11s and U12s fixtures on Saturday. He obviously did a sensational job and our parents are extremely grateful for his efforts.'

Luke McLoughlin



Prep 1st XV

Lost to Redfield 31 - 17

On Saturday we travelled to Redfield College to play another fun game of Rugby. The game started well for us, as we made some strong defensive efforts to keep Redfield from advancing the ball. Our team was solid in our green wall and kept possession through many good phases of attack. Unfortunately though, Redfield scored the first try of the match through their very tall fast player who had a sidestep that was hard to defend against. Soon after, we scored our own try when Aidan Deacon from Year 5 crashed over for us. We scored again soon after to take the lead when Alex Simos quickly chased a Matt Banovich attacking kick and he kicked again before snatching the ball from the fullback's hand and scored under the posts. We were now leading the game and looking strong. However, their fast player again made a long run and Redfield took the lead before half time.

In the second half we defended better. The game remained close for a long time. We scored again when Oli Rogers dashed to the right corner after some solid play from our players set up an opportunity. We lost our way soon after, and became too negative when things were not going how we would have liked. We need to remember to stay strong and keep each other strong when it gets challenging. A highlight of the second half was the cover defence of Alex Pulbrook at fullback who was able to bring down some big players one on one. Redfield scored two more tries before the final whistle. We had a lot of fun again and enjoyed playing Redfield because we scored three tries and were able to make some really good runs through the middle of the field.

Match report by Spencer Holden and Oli.

The Prep First XV would like to thank Jason McGarry who chose to get our game going and referee when the designated referee was unable to attend. Jason did an outstanding job after refereeing the game prior! We are very thankful and very impressed! A big thank you to Aidan, Will Funnell and Shamus Betts who played in our game to help when a few of our players were away. Very well done. Thank you to Harry Atherton who ran water for us !!! We were very thirsty thanks Harry!



Prep 1st XV

