

# **CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS**

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# **BLACK BOOK**

## **THE FAMILY CLUB**

**All your Team Reports, Club News &  
Information**

**ROUND – Juniors 3 ~ Seniors 4**

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Steve Liddy, Dave Whetu, Brett Barns

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PEOPLE FOR ANY HELP OR INFORMATION**



# Club News



April 2008

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## Trainers & Coaches Taping & Strapping

Upon request look what we have arranged for you, limited spots so secure your place fast.

**Date:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 08

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Cronulla Caringbah Sharks Club House

**What to bring:** Scissors, pen/paper and a roll of 40mm rigid tape.

Note: Please shave your ankle before you attend



**What will be covered:** Taping and strapping techniques for ankles & hands.

**Who can come:** Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC Trainers and Coaches (must be at least 16 years of age)

**Presenters:** Dr David Hansell from Southern Chiro & Physio (Sponsor of our 12A)

*Also our very own Vaughnny will be there to assist!*

**RSVP:** Text Cath on mobile 0430 078 289 by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May if you want to come

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## Players 3..2..1 Votes

All coaches and Managers - Please email all Players 3-2-1 votes to Pam Whetters [buzzwoody@optusnet.com.au](mailto:buzzwoody@optusnet.com.au) after each game.

Please state what team and round the points are for. These votes are tallied at the end of the year and this determines the Best and Fairest awards for the season,

**Wet Weather Line 9710 0105**



# Club News!



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## **Coaches and Trainers**

The club has recently put many club coaches and trainers through the compulsory courses required to be a club coach and trainer. Please be aware that the club pays for the coaches and trainers to attend these courses each year. It is important that all our volunteers coaches and trainers are appropriately trained.

## **Equipment**

The club has recently purchased new equipment including an electric pump, senior tackle bags and bump pads. Equipment is expensive to purchase so please treat with respect. We also provided our mini teams with reward ribbons to hand out to players weekly.

## **LOST!!**

Over the off-season we were fortunate enough to get a grant from Telstra. We received a portable shade tent, 2 large drink containers and 2 first aid kits. This equipment is available for all teams to use however it is important that it is always returned immediately. Already one first aid kit has gone missing. Can who ever borrowed it please return to the club immediately. This equipment is for all club members to borrow, it is NOT for one teams use.

## **Training Allocations**

Please stick to your allocated training times. Field space is limited especially over the next few weeks whilst junior rep teams are still training. Please support other coaches by ensuring your team respect others training drills and space.

## **Coaches Course – Level 2 coming up in May**

Level 1 next course in St George District on 29/30 April and 5/6 May, phone Cath on 0430 078 289 for more details. Trainers All trainers must have qualifications and be wearing the ORANGE trainers shirt issues to your team. Managers - Sign On Sheets Please ensure the sign on sheets are completed correctly and signed by trainers, referees and ground manager at the end of the game. Please supply one touch judge. We do not want to lose points for incorrect completion of forms.

## **Club News – cont...**

### **REBEL SPORTS MVP PROGRAM –**

When you purchase anything from Rebel Sport – quote club our number – **034871**. If you quote that number when buying at rebel, you get a **5% discount** and the Club gets a **5% credit**. We have already generated credit – so it is well worth saving something for yourself and getting some well needed money for the club.



On top of the above program that runs all year – Rebel are offering MVP card holders 20% discount for one day only!

**20% discount – Thursday, 24/04/08 – 9am – 9pm!**

### **Black Book Reports / News**

This 'little black book' is put out each week, and is available in your team's 'slot' each Thursday afternoon – your Manager or Coach will hand them out. Match reports are written up each week for all to see how their fellow players are going. The kids love to see their game talked about – so please make sure someone in your team is sending them through! Reports are to be e-mailed to Julie McKinnery at [djmjmckinnery@optusnet.com.au](mailto:djmjmckinnery@optusnet.com.au), by lunchtime Monday after the game. If you don't have e-mail, give me a call on 0400 001330 and we can arrange another way of delivery. If your game was forfeited or deferred, please advise of this also.

Weekly game times are printed at the front of the book, in case of any late changes, please confirm the times and venues with your coach.

Any other news that you think might interest the Club Members – please also send it through.

Sponsors are advertised weekly in here – so please check them all out and support them like they are supporting our teams.

We will also post the Black Book on our website – go to:

**[www.cronullacaringbah.com.au](http://www.cronullacaringbah.com.au)**

## ROUND: Juniors 3 – Seniors 4

| Team                           | Playing       | Time  | Venue        | Duty        |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Saturday, 26 April</b>      |               |       |              |             |
| 6 Red                          | St Pats       | 10:45 | Sutho Oval   |             |
| 6 Green **                     | De La Salle   | 9:00  | HOME         | 8:00-9:00   |
| 6 Blue                         | De La Salle   | 9:00  | HOME         |             |
| 7 Blue **                      | Como          | 9:45  | HOME         | 9:00-9:45   |
| 8 Hammerheads                  | Engadine      | 9:45  | Anzac        |             |
| 8 Reefs                        | Yarrawarra    | 9:45  | Yarrawarra   |             |
| 8 Mako                         | De La Salle   | 9:45  | HOME         |             |
| 9 B **                         | St Josephs    | 10:30 | HOME         | 9:45-10:30  |
| 9A                             | Yarrawarra    | 10:30 | Yarrawarra   |             |
| 10 B **                        | St Josephs    | 11:30 | Sutho Oval   |             |
| 10A **                         | De La Salle   | 11:25 | HOME         | 10:30-11:25 |
| 11 B **                        | Bosco         | 12:20 | HOME         | 11:25-12:20 |
| 11 A2 **                       | St Josephs    | 1:15  | HOME         | 12:20-1:15  |
| 11 A1 **                       | De La Salle   | 2:10  | HOME         | 1:15-2:10   |
| 12A **                         | Aquinas       | 3:05  | HOME         | 2:10-3:05   |
| 13 B                           | De La Salle 2 | 2:50  | Captain Cook |             |
| 14 B                           | BYE           |       |              |             |
| 14 A                           | Bosco         | 1:20  | Boystown     |             |
| 15 B                           | De La Salle   | 12:40 | Captain Cook |             |
| 15 A                           | Menai         | 2:45  | Akuna Rd     |             |
| <b>Seniors Sunday 27 April</b> |               |       |              |             |
| 17 (1)                         | Sutherland    | 3:00  | Sutho Oval   |             |
| 19                             | Gymea         | 12:15 | Akuna        |             |
| 21                             | Mascot        | 1:30  | Waratah      |             |
| A Res                          | Menai         | 3:00  | Akuna        |             |
| A Grd                          | Como          | 3:00  | Skylla Bay   |             |

**\*\* Minimum Duty Sides requirements....**

3 people canteen

3 people BBQ

1 person Ground Manager/field

**\* First duty side sets up field; last duty side plus last team playing help pack up fields**

**NB.** Please confirm all game times & venues with your Coach / Manger  
games are subject to change – especially early in the season.

## 6 Blue

|                |                  |              |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>COACH</b>   | Shane Weatherill | 0414 421 261 |
| <b>MANAGER</b> | Elenore          |              |
| <b>TRAINER</b> | Russell Bowden   | 0406 382 974 |

### Round 2 -vs- Aquinas – Won 12 – 8

Good work boys on another strong effort particularly in defence. We spread quite well and only let in 2 tries when we lost concentration and were talking to each other. Everyone ran well in attack with 3 good tries to Will. Great runs from Mitchell, Bryce, Cameron and Blake got us down the right end of the field. We could have had a couple more tries if we put the ball down over the right line, we will practice scoring a bit more. Good defence led by Lucas and Ricky and supported by Lachlan kept their score down.

*Shane and Russell*

## 8 Reef

|                |              |              |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>COACH</b>   | Nikki Durant | 0413 826 905 |
| <b>MANAGER</b> | Hayden Berry |              |
| <b>TRAINER</b> | Luke Tonkin  |              |

**Round 1 – -vs- Gymea Gorillas** – What a great start to the season for our new team! After only one run together in the St Christopher's trial last week the boys immediately started to form some good partnerships across the park. They were keen in attack all game and showed some good goal line scramble to keep the opposition scoreless. It was also nice for Nikki to get her first win as coach – well done boss!

Playing with only the bare minimum eight players in the team they all showed good fitness and kept going for the full thirty minutes. That fitness is going to be important as the season goes on given our lack of reserves. Our man-of-the-match this week went to Liam who chipped in with two tries and showed some great defense. I think he's going to be one of our real speed men this year and when he gets in space he'll be hard to run down.

Jake contributed with some nice support play during the game and was always there to backup the runners or help finish off a tackle. Max was able to take advantage of two quick dummy half runs on the last tackle, one of which led to him scoring a try and the other with him going into touch just short. Max was also the only one who managed to convert his try this week though several of the others went close. I always love to see the way they line up the ball & measure their run ups just like their goal kicking heroes!

Simon captained the team this week and defended well throughout the game and was always one of the first up, getting to the opposition ball player and driving them back. He also contributed two tries with a couple of long-range efforts.

Zane showed some good defense and had no fear in getting down to clean up the loose balls and winning us some valuable possession in the process.

Cooper probably scored one of the tries of the game taking the ball deep in our own end he set off on a meandering run. Despite teammates, parents and coaches screaming for him to pass (it was only the first tackle) he had the confidence to back himself and stepped and charged his way to the line for a well deserved try.

Darren while one of the smallest guys on the team showed lots of heart getting into everything - helping out his mates.

Angus was strong in attack all through the game making good metres every time he got the ball. He's going to be causing defenses problems all year with his big fend and heart to match.

Let's work hard at training this week, listen to what Nikki and Rob have to say and turn up ready to play in our next game.



**COACH  
MANAGER  
TRAINER**

Nikki Durant  
Hayden Berry  
Luke Tonkin

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## **Round 2 -vs- St Pats – Lost 34 - 6**

What a difference seven days makes. This week we came up against a well-drilled St Patrick's team in our first home game of the season. From the start we were under pressure with a try scored from almost the first play.

The boys regained some pride in the second and third periods where some better running and more solid tackling managed to prevent a rout. We also managed to get a bit more passing into our game as the match went on with a few good offloads keeping us moving forward.

Max worked hard out of dummy half all game and managed to pull off some good last-ditch tackles.

Angus was solid again this week he always made the most of the runs he had and showed good ball security in the tackle.

Jake got our award for effort this week. He was in there trying his hardest in both attack and defence – enjoy the milkshake!

Zane and Darren worked well through the middle with a couple of line breaks to get the team up the right end of the field. Zane also managed to slot over the conversion of our try – good kicking mate!

Simon was the only try scorer this week managing to get behind the up-rushing defence and make a quick sprint to the line.

Cooper made good metres with the ball and was involved in a couple of good tackles in defence that stopped breakaways developing into tries.

A big rap this week for Liam he started the game with an injured toe but still turned up to play so he wouldn't let his team down. Looking forward to seeing you back in a couple of week rested and ready to show some more of that blistering pace.

As we spoke about after the match we took out of this game what we put in at training. What we need more than anything is to play as a team, not as individuals. No matter how good we are as individual players if we don't support our teammates and work together to win we can't be effective.

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# 8 Mako

**COACH** Mark Nott  
**MANAGER** Hayden Berry  
**TRAINER** Luke Tonkin

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## Round 2 -vs- Aquinas – Won 52 – 8

The boys today again showed the opposition that if you don't move up in a straight line of defence, you will surely get beaten! Though Aquinas scored first, due to us not moving up, we soon hit our straps. With great backing up and attacking flare we had the opposition on the back foot.

With everyone in the team helping out with scoring tries and converting goals, there was one player who was outstanding. Our Man of the Match for his great efforts was Benny Highfield. He was everywhere in defence and all over the park in attack.

Guys we are really playing well as a team with some great tackling and running manoeuvres coming together. There is some good on field talk as well. If we keep this up we are surely going to be a real force in the year to come.

Let's get to training & keep up the great teamwork. See you there.

*Mark*

# 9B

**COACH** Luke Anderson  
**MANAGER** Matt Whetters  
**TRAINER**

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## Round 2 -vs- St Joeys – Won 24-4

Another convincing win boys as soon as we spread the ball they couldn't stop us. Once again the forwards of Big Nath, Cal, Riley and Cameran lead the way with some great runs. Just like the last game Jackson and Tyler lead the boys around the park very well.

When we got the ball to the Back line some fantastic runs from Dilan, Ryan Tynan and Victor. We still have got plenty of work to do at training but we are on the right track.

Man of the match went to Cameran and Tyler

*Matt and Luke*

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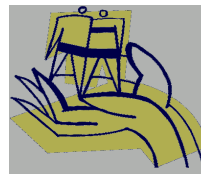
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| <b>TRAINER</b> | Jim Castles 0403 766 673 & Todd Newton 0425 341 902 |              |

**Round 2 -vs- Bosco – Won 30-6**

Well a much improved performance this week from the boys. After a week of hitting tackle bags and hit shields our defence certainly showed the improvement that it needed to after last week's poor showing. The boys were ready and up for the game, and we never really looked like getting beat. Bosco didn't even get a chance to see our territory until the second half.

Although we were missing our regular halfback, Kurt Anthony stepped in to play half for us and did a fantastic job in getting our runners going, organising the plays and putting in some clever kicks. Well done Kurt. James Russell also played very well around the ruck, and that was the platform for our win. James put through a brilliant little grubber kick which sat up for Toby Price to run on to at pace for a brilliant, and almost undefendable try. Certainly the try of the season so far!

Speaking of tries, our try scorers were Finn Anthony with a great opportunistic try, Toby Price with 3 - the one mentioned above and 2 run-away solo efforts, Nicholas Gillard with an elusive run to the line, Lachlan Smith who got the ball and just decided he would score, no matter what was in front of him and Matt Nakkam who barged his way over the line and then kicked our first goal for the season.

Our award winners were Finn Anthony with a brilliant man of the match performance, James Russell who played well in attack and defence, Alex Clarke who is getting more involved all the time - keep going Alex, and Kurt Anthony for a great all round game. 3 points to Finn, 2 points to Kurt and 1 point to James. Special mention also goes to Lachlan Smith for another great, and tough performance, Jarrod McKinnery who did everything but score 2 or 3 times, and Scott Cowper who once again came up from the B's to play for us, and once again stood tall throughout the game. Also a warm welcome to Billy coming up from the B's to play with us full time.

The night before the game our Manager Greig Ashworth was rushed to hospital with Appendicitis, our thoughts and best wishes go out to you Greig. Get well soon.

Well played boys, and the good news is there's much more room for improvement left in us yet.

*Rod*



**COACH** Simon Boylan  
**MANAGER** Wendy Russell  
**TRAINER** Brett Barnes

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## **Round 2 -vs- Aquinas – lost 28 – 0**

We knew this was going to be a tough game and I was really proud of the boys today, particularly the second half. I think it is fair to say that the score was not a true indication of this game. It was 18 – 0 at half time, with 2 of their 3 tries coming as a result of hard runs from close to our line, and us not moving up in defence. The half time score was a result of their field position which came about from them doing two things better than us – hitting the ball at speed in attack and moving up fast in defence.

We managed to keep them scoreless for almost the entire second half. At one stage late in the second half, we received some field position and looked like scoring on several occasions.

Unfortunately, we were unable to get over the line and with no reserves left and 2 kids out there injured, we let in 2 tries in the last 3 minutes to blow out the scoreline.

As I said after the game, I didn't see any more individual talent on the other team that what we have. Aquinas wins games with fast defence and good running. These are things we can achieve if we put our heads down at training instead of mucking around so much. Let's really put in some effort guys and try to reach our potential.

Special mentions today to Reece who played exactly the game I'm looking for from our outside backs and Amo, Adam and William whose combined defensive efforts saved several tries.

The Good – An (almost) flawless second half defensive effort.

The Bad – the lapse in concentration in the last 3 minutes

The Magnificent – I know it was against the rules, but.....Amo's try saver in the far corner. (don't try this at home folks – shoulder charges are illegal and you WILL end up getting hurt).

*Simon*

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### **Round 2 -vs- Bosco – Won**

A big win against a side up from the B's. Bosco came out hard against our boys but we soon took control and put on some well crafted tries.

The best thing about today was our execution of plays. If we can do this against the better sides we will be in for a great season. Super games from Thomo and Tyler both showing their skills knowing when to pass and when to run. Terry did a good job for us at halfback in the second half and Shannon was again strong making some big tackles.

Jarrold scored 2 tries and with more work at training is going to get better and better. Great win for the 11B's today playing with only 10 players. Boys we need to get a couple of more players into the club for the 11B's.

Ask around over the holidays. See you at training,

*GH*



**COACH  
MANAGER  
TRAINER**

Dean Smith

0407 933 528

Well done to the boys this week for a tough and hard-earned win against Engadine. I was especially impressed with their efforts as we only had 10 players on the field for the entire game. (we are still short of players so please encourage anyone interested to come along to our next training session).

The first half saw the team come out strong in attack with some great runs from the front rowers, Tyson and Logan. Connor and Jayden continually side stepped and broke the defensive line, to both score great tries. In the second half the guys went defensive to maintain the lead and some great tackles were made by all, especially Riley who was determined to tackle the biggest players who came near him. We will now be working on spreading out on the line in both defence and attack.

Everyone worked hard for the win and now we have to work even harder to make sure that we keep doing it.

Well done boys! everyone had a great match.

*Nathan*

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**12A****COACH** Scott Porter  
**MANAGER** Kathy  
**TRAINER** Gary / Shane

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**Round 2 -vs- Bosco – Lost 46 – 0**

Well boy's, playing last years grand finalist was always going to be tough and by the end of the game we had received a footy lesson. The lesson was everything is done quickly with hard running, backed up with strong, enthusiastic defence.

So, once we start getting these simple things in our game, we will be a far better footy team, and we will achieve this.

As far as the game went, individually I thought Lachlan put his hand up and made some good runs and his defence was good. Also Leon tried hard in defence and made some strong runs with Sam showing the only way to tackle the Bosco runners was around the legs – well done mate.

So lets work hard at training and improve in some simple areas of the game and we will turn this game into a positive.

*Scott***13B****COACH** Dean Smith  
**MANAGER**  
**TRAINER**

0407 933 528

**Round 1 -vs- Aquinas Colts – Won 50-0**

A great start to the season with a convincing win. We have been training well and have to keep doing that as we all know it's a long year. Welcome to our new players and their families I am sure you will feel welcome as we have a great team and great parents.

MAN OF THE MATCH: JACK DA VANZO.

**Round 2 -vs- De La Salle – Won 28-4**

Another good effort today with us getting the points. I know if we listen at training and do what's asked we will be very hard to beat. We are starting to play more like a football team. We will definitely improve each week and our defence and combinations will only get better.

MAN OF THE MATCH: CAMERON BRUCE

*Dean*

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9501 2445**Round 2 -vs- Gymea Gorillas 3 – Won 16 - 4**

Absolutely superb!

The boy's started much more positively this week and even though it is only the second round, they knew it was one they needed to win to keep in step with the front runners. The first half was a torrid affair with us holding very little possession due to some dropped ball and silly penalties. What it did show is that defensively our team has made huge leaps in just a week. At one stage we had several consecutive sets of six thrown at us and managed to only concede four points in that half and eventually the hole game. Stand out defensive displays from Jacob, Joe & Luke on larger opponents were a highlight of the game. Jacob's dummy half runs into a solid opposing forward pack were also inspirational and maintain our forward momentum when needed.

The second half started the same way as the first, but the discipline and fortitude displayed earlier was rewarded with a great try by Blake that levelled the scores. Delroy converted with a fine kick that put our noses in front with fifteen to go. From that point the team (and supporters) shifted up a couple of gears that created numerous line breaks and further displays of solid defence. This laid the platform for Joe & Tane to cross the line late in the game and score two great individual tries, with Delroy adding the extras on the final siren.

I have mentioned previous individual efforts, but in all, the whole team should be congratulated for a courageous, committed and hard fought display of football. In the end we ground the opposition down, eventually dominated all aspects of the game and realistically, could have run in a few more tries if time allowed.

The talent and fighting spirit is definitely within the team, so with commitment at training and on the field, we should see great things in 2008.

Tries: Blake Suann, Joe Kane, Tane Mountian

Goals: Delroy Matthews x 2

Wayne

# 15A

**COACH  
MANAGER  
TRAINER**

Joe Lichaa  
Grant Drinkwater / Michelle  
Noel

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## **Round 2 -vs- De La Salle – Lost 12 - 34**

Tries; Eronny Mareko, Guy Meogrossi Conversion; Michael Lichaa, Cameron Paddy  
Top Tacklers; Luke Brown 13, Guy Meogrossi 12

A disappointing loss to a strong DeLa Salle team. The first half was pretty much even with DeLa getting a "let off" try from the ref in the final minutes of the half after he had quite clearly called "held".

Unfortunately De La forwards beat us in the 2nd half which left the halves crowded without room to move. There was too much "one out" running and ball handling errors. A lack of depth in our attack and some severe defensive lapses let De La get away from our grasp.

There were some standout performances however with Luke Brown tackling really well to be this weeks top try scorer. Guy Meogrossi also showed real spirit and determination in the second half tackling anything that moved and running hard.

There's a long way to go in this comp yet. I remember we beat De La first game of the season last year 24 -0 only to end up with them winning the GF. Let's work hard and aim to be at the top when it counts!

A big thank you to Matt Petrie from the 15B's for his great effort playing on the wing!!

## **Round 3 -vs- Engadine Dragons – Won – “Revenge of the Pink Tutus”**

Tries; Michael Lichaa 1, Joseph Drinkwater 1, Brad Anderson 1  
Goals: Michael 1. Penalty Goal: Cameron Paddy 1

One week is a long time in Rugby League and the same team that lacked self belief last week against De La Salle scored a convincing victory over the Engadine Dragons forcing more than a one Dragon player to eat his "pink tutu" comment about our forwards who hit hard all game.

A special mention to the Michael Lichaa, Jeremy Saville, Tom Fry and Joseph Drinkwater who backed up after a tough Cronulla Sharks Junior Development Squad game on Friday defeating the Far Western Academy of Rugby League, 44 -0. These players were instrumental in that win and contributed heavily in beating an over-hyped Dragons outfit on Saturday at Como.

Joseph opened our score against the Dragons with a good barging try in the corner. A short time later he snuck a pass in to Michael who scored close to the same spot. Michael also kicked a very important conversion from the sideline. In the second half Brad came flying off a backline movement, side-stepped, palmed off one player and raced over to score a decisive try with about 10 mins left in the game.

Scott Sorenson was strong at the back, with great takes and sterling runs through the middle. Cameron Paddy timed a few nice offloads and kicked a good penalty goal to put the game out of reach of the Dragons. Tom Fry did some solid centre field runs.

Saturday's game was a real team effort that was not without errors, but was a very important victory. Thanks to Robbie Nathan from the U/14's for his assistance filling in for us in the backs. Also to Paul Riley and Rob Nathan (Snr) who assisted with a great "warm up" session prior to the match. Much appreciated guys. Thanks for your support! As always thanks to David Fry for the video.

*Grant Drinkwater*

# 15B

**COACH** Rick May  
**MANAGER** Allison  
**TRAINER** Noel

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## Round 2 --vs-- Menai – Won 32 - 6

A great team effort today beating last years premiers. After losing our captain (Jack) in the opening minutes of play we had to make a few positional changes, Michael hooker to wing, Jeremy Hahn wing to fullback, Joel second row to hooker. It could have been easy for the boys to lose the plot, to their credit they stuck to the game plan and went on to record a very convincing win.

Minimising our mistakes (a big turn around from last week) we were able to build pressure and forced Menai into mistakes to go in at half time leading 16 to nil. In the second half we dominated. Menai did not look like scoring and only did by way of a lucky bounce of the ball which we had covered. Boys we can't rest on our laurels as one win doesn't make a season, there is still a lot of hard work to be done, and that starts at training.

Thank you to Alison (manager) and Noel (trainer) for taking on these roles.

See everyone at training.

*Rick*

# 17A

**COACH** Barry Russell  
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**TRAINER** Darren McKinnery

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## Round 3 -vs- De La Salle – Won 50 – 8

A vast improvement from the previous week.

The boys responded well with a positive attitude at training – which shows on the field.

Everyone played a vital part in this great win over our rivals De La. However, there is still a lot of improvement in the side for us to challenge the top sides of this comp.

We still need to learn that you have to be ruthless in defence and really hammer home how committed you are in defence.

Just remember boys that defence is all about attitude. Overall a pretty good effort, so lets all get to training and keep our positive frame of mind.

*The Phantom*

# 21

**COACH** Craig Miller  
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## **-vs- Gymea – Won 44-8**

We went up against Gymea with a few changes to last weeks side and came away with an easy win. With some new combinations in the starting side and off the bench it was pleasing to see everyone play well. While Gymea never threw the towel in we dominated the first half to pretty much put the game out of reach for them.

Through this period we were all over them in attack, catching them out wide and up the middle but we didn't look as slick as we could have. Again our defence held for long periods but our intensity was not as good as it should have been as we let them make a few breaks which should have been shut down earlier. The support play and backing was better than last week as we had spoken about improving this area of our game as well as numbers in the tackle.

Coming out in the second half saw us bomb up to 5 tries in the opening 15 minutes with passes being pushed and overplaying our hand when plays weren't on. We then settled down to more constructive attack and defence which again resulted in points on the board and less mistakes.

All in all we won by a large margin but all the guys know they could have performed better and I'm sure with the size of the squad and talent we have that once we get combinations and patterns of play down pat that we can really play some good footy.

Players Player. Adam Bouris

Supporters Man of the Match. Wade Cains.

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# A Grd

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## **Vs Engadine - defeated 28-26**

New Coach; New players; New attitude but same old lack of discipline.

Inability to stick to the game plan, failing to complete sets, conceding far too many penalties gave the opposition a much deserved win.

"Deserved win" you say. Yeah, that's right. Their ability to "unsettle" your play overshadowed the much skill and talent that you as a team possess.

Boys, we must remain focused on the job at hand for the entire game not be drawn into unnecessary conflict by your opponents.

Keep it simple get the small things right and success will ultimately follow.

In saying that special mention goes out to a number of players who improve with every game. Wes Guthrie, Marlo Crean, The Cassidy boys, Mick Beare, Ben Robinson and Jay Thomas.

Undoubtedly 'Man of the Match' was Matt Emery (Jersey No.3 not 4) who took on the work of a forward twice his size in hitups and defence. Great effort.

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