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Club Captains Corner

I thought I should take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who haven't yet met me or those who have forgotten my name. Please come up and say hello at training or at the game if you haven't already done so!

Playing away at Knox was always going to be a tough start to the season, especially considering the warm weather and our less than ideal pre season trials. But it turned out to be a good day for the scarlet men, with firsts and fourths getting wins up and thirds fighting hard for a draw. In the other grades, twos were very competitive and will rue a couple of defensive errors, whilst fives I'm sure will hit their straps shortly. Colts need to work on their communication in defence but this will come as the combination grows.

Away from the field we have a full social calendar this year with the next events listed below. I encourage everyone to come along to these as you will get the most out of your time down at the Dirty Reds by meeting people from all grades and of all ages.

This week we have Colleagues at home which will again be a tough round. So make sure you put on your red colours and support the teams before you as well as backing up for the grades above.

Good Luck!!

Nathan 'Naked' Landrey

Upcoming Social Events

12 April – 'Welcome to PJ Gallaghers Irish Pub'
Cnr Lyons & Victoria Rds
Starts after Sports Club post match speeches

12 May – 'Veterans & Sponsors Day'
Drummoyne Oval
From 11.00am (5th grade kick off)

Rodger Ramjet

The Rodger Ramjet is an award given to the player who makes the most embarrassing mistake on or off the pitch from the previous weekends game.

This week special mention must be given to Chris Apasali from 1st grade – even though the Dirty Red pack had pushed Knox well over the try line (some say towards the dead ball!!), Chris managed to knock the ball on over the line instead of simply grounding it.

However, the award must go to Damien Macaulay from 3rd grade – after some intensive speed and sprint training in the off season, Damien hit a massive hole and thundered through it looking a sure thing to score. Then out of the trees, a sniper cut Damien down with only one player to beat!! Congratulations on being this weeks 'Rodger Ramjet'.

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Due to your ongoing support and affiliation with NSW Rugby Union, we are pleased to offer all NSW Suburban Rugby Clubs a special discount to the HSBC Waratahs V the Highlanders on the 21st April, and HSBC Waratahs V the Chiefs on the 27th April.

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Match Reports

14th April 2007 vs. Knox Old Boys

Firsts: Drummoyne 13 – 8

Drummoyne First Grade welcomed back the majority of their players from last year's successful Kentwell Cup team in a replay of the 2006 Grand Final. An extremely tight game which matched the new form-fitting jerseys saw only one try scored by each side. Despite 2 yellow cards, Drummoyne managed to hold out a hard finishing Knox and win the contest 13-8 due partly to wing Gareth Kelly's effort in cover defence. Flanker and Club Captain Nathan Landrey scored Drummoyne's try early in the first half during an industrious effort, and another may have been scored had Flanker Chris Apasali not dropped the ball cold while attempting to score a push-over try. No. 8 Trent Tapp provided excellent lineout ball in a bruising contest while Captain Craig 'Stumpy' Martin provided high-quality service playing behind a big forward pack who never took a backward step. Unfortunately the win was marred by star fullback Willie Teo breaking his leg in a sickening collision with a Knox player.

Seconds: Knox 24 – 15

A lack of cohesion allowed the 2006 Burke Cup Premiers to build an early 10-0 lead before Second Grade clawed its way back into the match, eventually losing 24-15. Captain and prop Alissi Elaeo lead from the front and consistently broke the gain line with strong running while his fellow front-rower Scott Williams scored a first half try from a tap move close to the Knox line. A clever box kick from Adam 'boo-wok' Dillon in the second half allowed fly-half Matt Pride to dive on the ball like a cup cake to score a try which closed the gap but was not enough in the end. The Drummoyne forward pack had the ascendancy over their opposite pack in all facets except the lineouts due to damaging running and tackling by lock David Makalio and flanker Dusty Elsom.

Thirds: Draw 6 – 6

In a tight game where no tries were scored, Third Grade drew the match 6-6. The lineout was well served by lock Peter Ouitmaa while flanker David Farrington was tireless around the pitch. Wing Trevor Rangel and UK Hooker import Mark Rylance were also busy in a game where defence dominated. Damien Macaulay scored all his teams points and may have scored a try had he not tripped over himself while making a break close to the Knox try line.

Fourths: Drummoyne 10 – 0

Some enterprising attacking play saw Fourth Grade fullback Peter Coupe and new wing recruit Alex Farani score all the points in a good first round display where Drummoyne won the match 10-0. Drummoyne's lineouts were dominant due to the jumping of lock David Smith who was also prominent around the field. A typical busy effort by recently naturalised Australian hooker Alex 'Anvil' Perkins ensured the Knox forwards never had the ascendancy throughout the match.

Colts: Knox 69 – 0

Encouraging signs from the Colts who were beaten by a well drilled backline and larger Knox forward pack, unfortunately mistakes and lack of cohesion allowed the opposition to control the match.

Fifths: Knox 12 – 7

Playing against a large Knox front row, Drummoyne Fifth Grade scored a bonus point in a 12-7 loss. Fly-half Darren Shields and flanker Wayne Ford were prominent throughout a game where tries were hard to come by. The early kick-off and some after affects of former club captain Colin Baggott's wedding the night before were not believed to have contributed to the loss.

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