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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Season 2010.

Well that's what we gave Beecroft on Saturday! Well done across all grades, it's just the start we needed but I'm sure no one is under any illusion about what has yet to be done to reach our true potential. Our preparation was far from ideal and it showed but we take the wins, recognise the plusses but we must continue building from here.

For those of you new to Drummoynes Rugby, welcome! You come to the club as we begin our 137th season of rugby. For those of you who are returning for another season, it's good to have you back.

Last Saturday we had another example of racial abuse coming from the opposition sidelines. There is a "zero tolerance" for this kind of behaviour throughout the rugby world and to the credit of Beecroft in this instance their President was quick to address the situation, including full apologies all round. However I would stress that should this occur again, the correct action is to alert the referee and not to respond directly to opposition players or spectators? Referees will intervene, if alerted, and can have the offenders removed from the game or the sideline. It's a hard call in the heat of the game but it is the only way we will get this unacceptable behaviour driven out of the game.

In the same way, any kind of abuse from the sideline or on the field is unacceptable, especially if directed against a match official. Again, often easier said than done but remember none of us have ever seen referees change a decision when challenged on the field and abuse from the sideline is more likely to work against rather than for!

Like always, it's your individual and team commitment that will deliver over the next 20 weeks or so. We want nothing less than Grand Final wins and the Club Championship as our shared objectives across all grades. The efforts you put in now will make that an attainable objective. Let's face it, winning on the field makes it a lot easier to be winners off the field!

"Dirty Red Rugby" is still about the game for the games' sake. We set out to play competitive winning rugby so you can enjoy yourselves on and off the field.

Have a memorable season.

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Club Captain's Corner

It is an honour to be chosen as the 2010 Drummoynes Rugby Club Captain and I will have big shoes to fill as Nathan Landrey has done a fantastic job over the last 3 years. Welcome to all the new players to the club, you have joined a club with a proud on field history and active social life off it, so try to get involved in as much as you can.

Well done to everyone who played against Beecroft, a clean sweep of all grades was a great result after a disrupted preparation over the last couple of weeks. There were plenty of positives to take from the Colts, who even though they went down, showed a lot of potential and an improvement over this stage last year. An early thank you to the Club Coach Nathan Wicks who has been working tirelessly during the off season to get the club prepared for the start of this season.

Special mention to Chris Pegler who scored the try of the round, catching a mid field bomb from Dave Zwart before breaking 3 tackles on his way over the line. Ryan Holloway's hit on his opposition winger to stop a potential try was also a highlight.

We are hosting Lindfield this Saturday in our first home game of the season, followed by speeches at P.J. Gallagher's straight after the game. Then kicking on into the night. P.J. Gallagher's are our major sponsor and have been fantastic sponsors for many years, so the more people who get up to PJ's after the games, the more we repay their support. This will be a great opportunity to get to know new and old members of the club off the rugby pitch.

The next major social events coming up are Ladies Day on the 8th of May, when we will be hosting St Ignatius Old Boys and the annual Harbour Cruise on the 15th of May after the Mosman away game. More details will be posted on the website (www.drummoynesrugby.com.au) and the Facebook fan page ([Click here to become a fan](#))

See you on the pitch,

David (Mewslie) Mew.





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Match Reports & Results:

Drummoynes vs. Beecroft 10th April 2010 at Headen Park

1st Grade – Win 29-27

Drummoynes 1st grade got the 2010 season off to a good start with a come from behind win (29-27) against Beecroft at Headen Park. Beecroft continually kicked deep behind our backs, using their speedy wingers to put pressure our players retrieving the kicks. They successfully kept us pinned in our own half, which was aided by our poor kicking game and inability to hold the ball for long periods. Beecroft scored with a kick and chase and with a further two penalty goals, led 11-0. Drummoynes finally gained some field position and put together several phases to score a converted try (7-11). Beecroft hit back soon after to go to the break with a 7-16 lead.

After the break, Drummoynes narrowed the gap with a converted try (14-16). Both sides battled hard during the 2nd half, with Drummoynes squandering a couple of chances close to the line through some poor handling and decision making. Drummoynes conceded a try and two penalty goals, but managed to score a try and kick one penalty goal to take the score to 22-27 with not much time on the clock. Drummoynes started to make some good breaks and found themselves deep in Beecroft territory. Some tight and disciplined forward play saw the Reds finally crash over for a try that tied the game 27-27. In what seemed an eternity, winger Tagi Isaia kicked the goal for a hard fought win. Points

Points:

3-Tuainafua Veiru; 2-Chris Newton 1-Tagi Isaia

Tries: Terry Langi, Tuainafua Veiru, Tagi Isaia, Chris Newton.

2nd Grade – Win 13-0

After a disruptive lead up to the game with some late withdrawals due to injury and the general poor attendance at preseason training we wanted the boys to grind out a win and this is exactly what we did.

An early penalty goal from Freddo saw us go 3 nil up early. A brilliant bit of work down the blind side from Jesse and Dave resulted in a 5 pointer to give us an 8 nil lead at half time. On a sweltering day in Beecroft our big forward pack struggled to get around the park in the second half but a good team try was finished off by Steve "I have no teeth left" Ashton to close off the game at 13 nil.

Highlights were:

- The defense - including the last trial that is over 2 hours of football where the boys have not let in a try!
- Luke Byrnes' work rate was phenomenal and earned him 3 points.
- The scrum and rolling mauls were great. Perko's efforts in the engine room saw him get 2 points.

Points:

3 Luke Byrnes; 2- Alex Perkins; 1- Liam Harnett & Villi Isaia

Tries: Steve Ashton, Jesse Milford





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3rd Grade – Win 18-11

A superb tight five performance! Domination up front was the key to this gritty win. Brilliant displays from Big Phil at loosehead were complemented by the skilful ball skills and artful line out throwing of hooker Ben Sykes. Not to be outdone tight head Big Gav crashed over from 1 meter out!!! How dare a winger try and stop a well crafted and patient try. At least from the clubs point of view he had scored so we are all saved the sight of nude Gav doing a lap, at his pace that could have been a half hour eye sore!!

One could talk endlessly about the skill shown in the scrums, how the Drummoyne pack sensed the weakness of the Beecroft scrum and constantly gave the 2nd and 3rd shove! Constantly proving they are made of the right stuff for the tight stuff. Watch out 2nd grade!!

Then there was the lineout's! WOW! Beecroft had the Drummoyne boys for height, what else did they have.... NOTHING! With smaller men the boys from 3rd grade were able to secure good clean ball for the backs to hopefully drop it so there could be another dominating scrum!

Clearly with such an awesome platform set it was in the cards that the good men were always going to win, and true to form they did. 18-11.

Oh yeah and the Pegler try, has this correspondents vote for try of the year!!!

Points: 3- Ben Laupepe; 2- Lamoe Milford; 1- Dave Zwart
Tries: Gavan Hassett, Chris Pegler

4th Grade – Win 22-11

To use an old footy cliché "it was a game of 2 halves.

We won the game in the first half running uphill. The forwards had dominance at both the scrum and breakdown and the backs tackled their hearts out to keep a determined Beecroft from getting away from us (they know what it is like to run uphill in the second half).

At half time the guys knew that if they applied themselves as well as they had done in the first half they would run away with the game and that is exactly what happened! We took control of the ball for long periods which enabled us to sustain pressure on the opposition.

Special thanks to the boys who backed up from 5th grade, they were an integral part of our win!

Finally, a word of caution. It is always great to start the season with a win but we will not be there at the "business end" of the season unless we start getting to training on a regular basis. WE TRAIN TUESDAY AND THURSDAY, AND IT IS NOT OPTIONAL.

Baggsy and Patos

Points 3- Richard Jobson; 2- Junior Stowers; 1- Craig Douglas + Joe Careso
Tries: Matthew Pride, Junior Stowers





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5th Grade – Win 28-10

Much anticipation surrounded the opening clash of season 2010 & it was up to the mighty Breakfast Club to get the Drummoynes Dirty Reds off to a winning start. Talk on the street raised questions as to whether 5th grade's "rock-star" backline were past their prime, or whether they could mix it with the up & coming whipper snappers of Beecroft.

From the kick off Drummoynes work-horses dominated the breakdown & delivered clean ball for the veteran backline. This formula resulted in most of the first half being played inside Beecroft's half. Several scoring opportunities went begging before 30:1 shot, half-back Adam "Riddel" Dillon, proved the bookies wrong & scurried over the line for the opening try of the 2010 Dirty Reds season. With aspirations of moving to half-back some day, Benn Sykes scored a clone try of Piggy Riddel's earlier effort. Drummoynes went to the break 14-3 up.

The second half saw the pigs continue to provide quality ball for the backline to send the ball from wing to wing, with the back three of Bing Lee, Chicken Coup, & Ryno Holloway proving hard to contain. A beautifully worked "Red" ball saw Moey cruise past several defenders, untouched, to score under the posts, while some enterprising play found Johnny Wright near the right wing for the bonus point try.

In true 5th grade fashion, the coveted "pink socks" award provided great amusement for players & spectators alike. Damien "T-Rex" Macaulay's flawless goal kicking display was not enough to save him from earning the pink socks. T-Rex's arms were not long enough to save him from being fended off by Beecroft's 4ft fly half as he cruised over for Beecroft's only try. This effort was backed up by Damo passing the ball directly to Beecroft's halfback & dropping the ball as he dived over for a try.

Points: 3- Zane Marsh; 2- Adam Dillon; 1- Matt Pride
Tries: Adam Dillon, Benn Sykes, John Wright, Michael Moses

Colts - Lost 38-12

What can one say? Burger ran out with his jersey tied behind him in a small, what can only be called reverse chick, knot and it was all downhill from that point on. Just too hard to recover from there.

Some highlights to take away from the game were our attitude in defeat. We never gave up and continued to compete at every contest. Not much more can be asked.

We need to commit to training together on Tuesday and Thursday nights to really give this competition a shake up.

Points:3- Chris Rheinberger; 2- Daniel Carrington-Parker; 1- Tyrone Parcel
Tries: Tom Williams, Jake Kelly





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“Sideline Sniper sees & hears all”

Who are the 4th and 5th Grade members that are delighted that Canterbury has stuffed up the Drummoyne Jersey order and included a number of dainty pleat skirts in the delivery????
Keep your eyes peeled for any suspicious looking Drummoyne spectators sporting hairy legs and schoolgirl-esque skirts. Photos to be supplied shortly

Did Wes get the hair wash as threaten by Mrs Wes????

