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Division 1 NSW Suburban Rugby Semi Finals at David Phillips Field

A few words from the President.

Saturday saw 4th Grade' season come to an end. .But heads high they never gave up right to the final whistle and were oh so close more than once in the second half. ,

As we head for the Grand Finals with 1's and 5's, reflect on where we were a year ago – we spent the last weeks of the season fighting off a relegation scare and we missed out totally on the Grand Finals. This year we have finished comfortably at the other end of the table and had four grades out of six looking like candidates for the semis.

With two grades taking our colours out on Saturday I just want to encourage as many of you as possible to be there – there is nothing more encouraging for our players on the field to see that Dirty Red Army in full support. Let's make it another day to remember – win lose or draw we are there and lets be there in club colours and in force. -

See you all on Saturday!

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Club Captains Corner

A wet, muddy pitch and a howling wind were not enough to discourage the three Dirty Red semi-finals teams who took on Colleagues and Knox. In an extraordinary result, Fifth Grade drew with Colleagues for the third time this year, with every match decided by a kick on the bell. Thankfully our boys had sewn up the Minor Premiership last week in the second drawn result with Colleagues and progressed to the Grand Final. Fourth Grade showed they have a lot of work to do, but at least they have another shot this weekend. First grade have progressed to their fifth Grand Final in seven years, which is an amazing feat by any standard. Fourth Grade unfortunately went down 20-13 to Mosman in the final last Saturday, but put up a heroic fight which should be congratulated.

This Saturday, **Fifth Grade** will be playing their Grand Final at **number 2 field at T.G. Milner Oval, Eastwood at 10am. First Grade** will be playing at **3pm on the main oval.** Entry to the ground is \$15 and Dirty Red temporary tattoos will be available for purchase at the ground, so get your friends and family into red kit and make sure the Dirty Red Army is in full swing for our teams on Saturday! Win or lose, we will be heading to P.J. Gallagher's after the First Grade game to celebrate the day.

The **Presentation Day** will be held at the **Drummoynes Sports Club on the 25th of September from 12pm.** Lunch will be \$25 per person and team photos will be \$35 each. The player annual awards will be given out and we will celebrate the season that has just completed.

David "GF" Mew





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1st Grade Semi-final WON 17-11

Drummoynes progressed to the Kentwell Cup Grand Final with a hard fought 17-11 win over Knox Old Boys in the Major Semi-final.

A boggy pitch ensured the game would be tight as the top two teams clashed at David Phillips Field, with a powerful northerly wind giving Knox the advantage in the first half. Drummoynes were camped in their own territory for most of the first half as the clearing kicks would not travel more than twenty metres. Despite the territorial advantage and some ill-discipline by the Dirty Reds, Knox could only manage a single penalty goal in the first twenty minutes. Once Drummoynes eventually secured enough possession to relieve the pressure, a clearing kick was charged down and Knox scored next to the posts, but were unable to convert, giving them an 8-0 lead.

Drummoynes finally got out of their half and kept the ball tight, with phase after phase of forwards hitting the ball up and despite tough Knox defence, the forwards inched towards the line and eventually scored a try when winger Willie Teo dove from the base of a ruck and touched the ball down on the try line under the posts. A late penalty goal to Knox gave them an 11-7 lead at half time.

Running with the wind in the second half, Drummoynes played field position by kicking to the corners. This tactic allowed them to dominate territory throughout the half and take the lead when centre Chris Newton broke through multiple tackles before crashing over the line for a converted try. Tagi Isaia kicked a further two penalty goals to take the score out to 17-11. Knox threw everything they had at Drummoynes in the last twenty minutes, but the defence held firm and they were denied any more scoring opportunities. The win sees Drummoynes advance to the Grand Final in two weeks at T.G. Milner Oval, Eastwood on the 18th of September.

In other grades, Fifth Grade drew against Colleagues and progressed to the Grand Final due to them securing the Minor Premiership last week. Fourth grade lost 15-0 to Colleagues, so they will face Mosman this weekend for a chance to play in the Grand Final.

Tries: Willie Teo, Chris Newton

Conversions: Tagi Isaia 2





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4th Grade Final report v Mosman

Not the way we wanted to end a fine season for 4th grade, going down 20 to 13 to Mosman.

We were asleep for the first 15 minutes of the game and Mosman ran in 2 easy tries. This galvanised the team and we responded with some outstanding forward play and ball running that led to 2 excellent tries of our own, unfortunately too late to overcome the early damage.

While disappointing that we fell one game short of our ultimate goal, the team should feel proud of their achievements this year. Finishing second in the competition reflects the dedication and commitment of the team. Well done to all!

Our objective must be to finish one better next year !!

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