



Shamrocks Junior Rugby Union



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School Holiday break...

Most teams are training this week, having next week off and returning the 2nd week of the School Holidays. Games resume on the 18th July – the last Sunday of the holidays, with all teams playing away. That weekend's games and locations will be emailed the week leading up to the games.

Shamrocks juniors on rep duty....

Wollongong Diocese Rugby Team

These three U 12s Shamrocks players were part of the Wollongong Diocese Rugby union team that won the NSW Combined Primary Schools (Mackillop) Rugby Union Carnival in Forbes, Country NSW, on 28/6/10. They were so outstanding on the day that all three were selected at the end of the carnival to try out for a spot on the NSW team in the possibles vs. probables match. Unfortunately they missed selection but are to be congratulated for being in the top 30 rugby union players for yrs 5 and 6 in all of NSW. It just goes to show what high standard of coaches we have at our club, especially Richard Aylett Shamrocks U 12s coach, as he was the Backs coach for the Wollongong team on the day. Congratulations and Well done to all!



PSSA Inter-school Rugby team

On a cold Goulburn morning, the PSSA rugby competition was held. There was success from a couple of Shamrocks boys with Blake Schoupp and Sam Ridgway, both getting into the South Coast squad

NSW Country representatives

Ben Ridgway, Gareth Thomas & Lochie King are currently in New Zealand, taking on the Kiwi's. More info and results as they come in...

Camp WARATAH...in Wollongong

Train at Camp Waratah in the School Holidays at Wollongong

Stars of the future will have the opportunity to be trained by the rep players of today with Camp Waratah launching across the July School Holidays in Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong and the Central Coast.

Camp Waratah is a brand new school holiday camp which will demonstrate the most up to date Rugby skills and drills, allow participants to meet and learn from the HSBC Waratahs players and coaches, and most of all, have fun.

Places are limited and registrations are filling fast. Don't miss out, book now at

<http://www.coursepay.com.au/nswrugby/events.php?etid=3399>

CAMP WARATAH

Age: 6-14 years

Cost: \$80

Time: 9am-3pm

What will be provided: Each participant will receive a cap, water bottle, and Rugby ball

Who will be there: Coaching will be provided by ARU Community Rugby Development staff, HSBC Junior Waratahs, HSBC Waratahs players and coaches.

Friday 9 July

Wollongong University, Northfields Avenue, Keiraville

Raffle at Bulli Workers Club

This weeks Raffle duties fall to the Under 16's followed by the Under 18's next week.

Let's get there parents...



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Match Reports

Under 12's

Shoalhaven 31 Def. Shamrocks 22.

We travelled to Shoalhaven with a depleted team as nine players were unavailable due to rep duties and other commitments. Many thanks to the under 11 boys who helped us out, namely Cooper Rostirolla Ryan Smith and Nicholas Cracknell. They performed admirably. Congratulations to all players who put in a whole hearted performance with the forwards constantly going forward and the backs running the ball well. The boys can be proud of their effort, especially as so many were playing positions they had never played before. The coaching staff and parents are very proud of your Shamrock spirit. Try scorers were Curtis Falkner 1 Rhys Robinson 1 Liam Rasch 1 Evan Jenkins 1. WELL DONE

Under 13's

Shamrocks 5 Kiama 17

With no support from the 12s and without Mitch, Pat and Cal - who withdrew at kickoff, after being sick all week, the Rocks were always going to have a challenge.

However the boys shaped up and again committed well in defence. Kiama got two early tries after we dropped off a couple of tackles but that was the end of their joy for the next 45 minutes.

Gang played excellently in the forwards and shut down Justice - the Kiama go to player - who even dropped the ball with the line open when heard Gang closing in on him.

Unfortunately we couldn't get any clean ball as Kiama constantly infringed and even came in to the rucks from our side

Ben kept his run of tries going scoring down the wing with Toby just missing the conversion.

The second half showed our heart with the players continuing to play good rugby and string phases together despite Kiama's best efforts.

The boys held their composure very well but could not turn it into a win this week with Kiama using their bench well.

Players player this week was Gang.

We are training this week but not the first week of the holidays then back into it in the second week

Under 14's

Shamrocks 24 – Shoalhaven 20

The Rocks 14's travelled to Nowra last weekend to take on Shoalhaven. The boys took a good approach into the game through their warm up period only to have a committed Shoalhaven forward pack get the better in the opening exchanges.

Before we knew it they had two quick tries and the boys found themselves in an unfamiliar position behind the uprights. It wasn't long though before they started to get their game going, responding with two tries and a conversion to take a narrow half time lead.

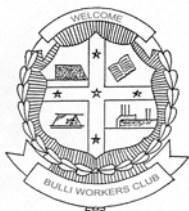
The second half didn't start well for the boys with Shoalhaven returning to the lead with a try straight from the kick off. Reuben Thompson then found some space to score a converted try before Shoalhaven scored again to take a one point lead with 10 minutes remaining.

The boys stuck to their guns and remained very committed at the breakdown. In the last 10 minutes they dominated their opposition forwards including a 30 metre driving maul to within a metre of the try line only to have it collapse. Responsibility for this went to Callum Corey who thought the 5 metre line was the try line. In saying that, he realised his error and presented the ball well to the back of the ruck for half Luke McKellar to take a sneaky run to a very narrow blind side, diving over just inside the corner flag for what would be the match winning try.

The final score was a 24-20 victory however the mental toughness of the boys to respond and come from behind in a match where they made plenty of errors early on was the best thing to come out of the day.

The 14's now have a two week break before tackling fellow competition leaders Vikings on 18 July. Training is on this Wednesday 6pm -7pm with no training next week. Training will recommence on Wednesday 14 July at the normal time of 6pm to 7:30pm.

Go the 'Rocks!!!



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