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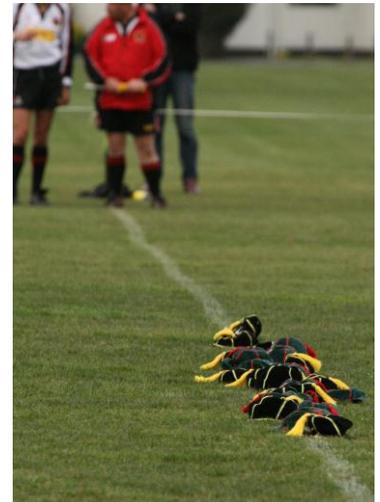
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RHS 1st XV vs Lincoln High School 1st XV @ Lincoln HS Saturday 3 August 2013

After last week's poor performance against TBHS and a soul searching week of training Rangiora were intent on returning the intense physical approach to their game. They started strongly against a determined and equally as committed Lincoln side. Early exchanges went Lincoln's way on the scoreboard as they played a smart territorial game with a strong wind advantage through the first half. 2 penalty goals gave Lincoln an early 6-0 lead and Rangiora were challenged to stick to their game plan and patiently work toward scoring opportunities. Several were created but staunch Lincoln defence prevented Rangiora crossing the line.

Eventually, following a forward surge, Prop Makea Tupa bullocked over for the first try of the game. This was converted by centre Jag Love and Rangiora took a slender 7-6 lead into the second half.



Playing with the wind in the second spell it was Lincoln who were forced to do the lions share of defending. They were able to create opportunities when they had the ball and Rangiora were tested on their line several times. The line was held but another kickable penalty gave Lincoln the lead again. With the Rangiora backs giving the ball more air the gaps began to open and centre Travel Tuaputa broke the line with several strong runs with the play of the day seeing him cut through the Lincoln defence and sprint 50metres for the match winning score. This was converted by Scott Allin. Rangiora dominated

the late exchanges but were unable to breakdown the dogged Lincoln defence.

This was a quality game from both teams and the win sets up a semi-final game against Waimea College for Rangiora in Nelson this Saturday

Final Score: RHS 14 Lincoln HS 9

This week the team travels to Nelson to play Waimea College.





FMG Player of the Day went to Fullback Lemuel Hill who had a very busy and effective game working hard off the ball to give the backline some good attack options. The Principal's Pin was awarded to Connor MacKinnon for his excellent work on and off the field throughout the week. Both boys are pictured here with Luke Ellis (centre), Captain for the game.



MIDWEEK RUGBY

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2nd XV

After playing St Thomas's twice this year, each team winning once, this was always going to be an exciting game. Rangiora learnt from the last game that if they started well and fronted up in the forward pack that they could win this game. The team tackled their hearts out in the first 10mins of the game and this built some pressure on St Thomas's. RHS managed to get down the field from some good kicks from Jordan Gray and Rhys Smith. From a strong scrum 10 metres out RHS put together a great backs move that saw Ben Wicksteed go over in the corner from a brilliant pass by Josh Pellet. For the rest of the half RHS kept tackling and managed to stop St Thomas's a couple of times when they got very close to the line. 5 - 0 at half time.



In the second half it was much of the same with Orlando Brown and Matt Cooke doing a lot of tackling. RHS built pressure and managed to get a penalty close to the line and Connor MacKinnon drove over to score. The final try was from Wiremu Puhā-Tirikatene, and he and Hayden Trail, who had an outstanding game, were the Players of the Day. Final was 17 - 0.

RHS now have a home final against Cashmere this Wednesday.



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GIRLS

The Girls 1st XV played CGHS at home last Wednesday and put on a performance that has improved every fixture against this strong team. Pictured to the right is Tyler Courtney.

Player of the Day was Erin Mitchell. Final score: RHS 0 CGHS 29

This Wednesday the Girls play a Shield final against Avonside at RHS.

JUNIOR BOYS

Junior Gold came up against Area Schools, who won 40-12, and Junior Green had a home game against Cashmere, winning 25-17. Pictured below is Hamish Richardson from the Green team.



This leaves a Shield final for the Green team against Area Schools at Wylie Park Kaiapoi this Wednesday.

Thanks to Kate Rowe for these photos.

Pictured to the right is Jack Topp, Liam Rowe (tackling) and Dylan Cameron.





MATCH REPORT

The 3rd annual 1st XV Quiz Night was held last Monday 5th August. This tournament, with 14 teams competing, is a highlight of each season, and with 8 rounds, gives all players the opportunity to show their abilities as they compete for a starting position. Pre-match warm-up was focussed and sticking to his game plan, Richard Lines dominated and controlled possession to be the Last Man Standing.

Going into the competition, the favourite was *Sharon's on Time* due to their place at top of the table from the previous season. With all teams proving to be competitive, the scores were fairly close at half time, and with bonus points up for grabs, the game was anyone's.

The second half was equally tight with *The Goon Squad* threatening with a strong running game. Following a disappointing performance last season, the SLT team of *Come in #45's* preparation for this game was good and the players responded well to the pressure put on them by the coaching team. After some prolonged attack they emerged dominant and were able to cross the line and convert for a well-earned victory. Despite some dogged defence, *Dead Wood* was unable to capitalise. They threw everything at the game and were unlucky not to score. Held up over the line and frustratingly close, it was ultimately the SLT's defence that determined the final result, with *Dead Wood* having to settle for second on the table, their Captain commenting "We put everything into this and came up short. The competition threw up new challenges and the intensity means you cannot lose concentration for a moment".

Although last year's champions, *Sharon's on Time* had the better of the territory over the first half, they struggled to convert opportunity to points and slipped down the table leaving the field wide open. *The Goon Squad* finished strongly in 3rd place, only a point behind 2nd on the table, and close behind, evenly matched in terms of ability and intent, were *Borderline* and *The Ring-Ins*.

Thanks to all the supporters of this event - over \$1700 was raised towards Press Cup costs - and we look forward to a rematch next season! Special mention should be made of the 1st XV players who attended. Not only did their appearance in their #1s look sharp, but their training paid off with strong sales of raffle tickets, Captain Brandon Wentworth commenting "The boys worked hard and we got the result we wanted".

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