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Press Cup Game 12: vs St Bede's College, Mandeville 26th July, 12.30pm

This game was moved late in the week from St Bedes to Mandeville due to the fields at St Bedes being unplayable. St Bedes are looking to lock in a semi-final berth and having lost to CBHS a week earlier were expected to come out of the blocks hard.



No amount of pre-game discussion could prepare the Rangiora side for the onslaught and they were caught chasing the game after St Bedes score three unanswered tries to go 17 points ahead in as many minutes. Determined to get in the game the Rangiora forwards began to secure and control ball. A brief period on attack resulted in a yellow card to St Bedes #7 for cynical foul play and this gave the opportunity needed for Rangiora to go on attack.

Shortly after an attacking scrum saw the ball played blindside and in form winger Travell Tuaputa ran hard at the line carrying two tacklers to score the opening try.

From the kick off it was clear that Rangiora were back in the game despite the score. Following a very good period of attack and a clever break by Scott Allin the forward onslaught at the line was finished off by winger Ethan McDuff. The conversion from Allin gave us the half-time score of 17-12 to St Bedes.

Half time: Rangiora 12 STBC 17

Full of confidence Rangiora continued to pile on the pressure. They defended strongly as St Bedes tried to regain ascendancy and quickly turned defence to attack with good counter rucking and turnover ball. A series of kickable penalties were declined and reward followed as Number 8 Cam Dyer drove over the line from an attacking lineout to level the scores 17 all. The conversion missed by a whisker and the game went up a level as both sides desperately chased the victory.



St Bedes bigger pack eventually began to take its toll as Rangiora legs tired and fatigue was a big contributor to St Bedes scoring the game breaker with ten minutes left to play. There were certainly opportunities for Rangiora to hit back in the ensuing exchanges but to no avail. St Bedes had the final say with a bullocking run to their big #8 adding the final say for the scoreline.



It was disappointing to have come away with no points and the disappointment of letting the game slip was evident throughout the squad.

It is a clear sign of the progress we have made this season that we have pushed the big three sides Nelson, St Bedes and CBHS. It wasn't that long ago that we would be satisfied with keeping the scoreline under 50!

Full time: Rangiora 17 STBC 27

Next game is Timaru Boys High @ RHS,
12pm KO, 2nd August



**R.J. Preston Player of the Day: Harry Retallick-Brown
Principal's Pin: Davey Mato**

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Thanks to Trudy McKay <http://trudymckayphotos.wordpress.com/> for these photos.

RHS 2nd XV V Oxford-Woodend

The pre-match talk suggested the 2nd XV were well prepared for this significant encounter with Oxford-Woodend. Having beaten them twice, the fear factor was put to bed, so a motivated School side should have had no problems securing a Finals spot.

"We needed to play the game in their half, and hang on to the ball when we had it. It was a game where we needed to front up physically, and didn't" said Kelvin Eder, Coach. "I don't think I communicated the plan well enough".

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This lack of competitiveness in the forward pack, plus too many handling errors in the backline attacks, saw Rangiora High struggle to patiently build phases to score points. A try following some individual skill by Brendan Maw had the 2nd XV undeservedly ahead at half time 7-5. Their superior fitness had them set for a good second half finish, but it was Oxford-Woodened outmuscled, outpassioned and outplayed a lethargic opposition.



An intercept try by Josh Sim had the School side within striking distance near the end, but the expected lift in energy was with the local side again. A lack of urgency in defence saw Oxford score again to win comfortably.

Player of the Day Louis James and Josh Sim, our two smaller forwards, were the pick of the forwards, while wing Jack Howe showed some steely resolve on defence. Otherwise the rest of the team showed glimpses of their skill and attitude but without consistency over the 70 minutes.

If this side can put the disappointment behind them, they are good enough to beat Hurunui on the day, and win back the Finals spot we believe is deserved. It has been a good first season in the Under 18 competition, but it would be that much more successful to make that Grand Final.

Final score: 12-22

Player of the day: Louis James

Thanks to Lisa Sim for these photos.



GAMES THIS WEEK

This Saturday the 1st XV play Timaru Boys High School at RHS, kick-off 12 noon while the 2nd XV follow on with a home game against Hurunui, kick-off 2.30 p.m.



MIDWEEK

With patchy grounds last week, both the Girls Tens and the Junior Boys Green games were cancelled. Junior Boys Gold played Linwood at home, and posted a score of 82-7.

Player of the Day: Daniel Macdonald





Thanks to Sara Sorensen for these photos of the Gold team.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following **RHS Rugby** players who have been selected for North Canterbury representative teams:

North Canterbury Colts
Thomas Harrison, Davey Mato

U18

Luke Ellis, Mohsen Stirling, Oscar Howat, Connor MacKinnon, Ryan McCallum, Matt Cooke, Cameron Dyer
Craig Stockwell, Scott Allin, Harry Retallick-Brown, Hadrian Jackson, Lemuel Hill, Travel Tuaputa,
Brendan Maw

U16

Todd Couch, Jordan Gray, Jared Cox, Hamish Richardson

U15

Jacob Pepper-Edwards, Lachlan McKenzie, Kyle Williams, George Blyth, Luke Gold, Mark Rankin

U14

Fletcher Newell, Fraser Philip, George Prain, Ben Gibbons, Angus Mitchell (Vice-Captain),
Jordan O'Hara, Harlem Brown

U13

Tom Lindsay, Jack Churchill, Rian Sorensen, Ben Spark, Anthony Tavendale

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Match report from annual 1st XV Quiz Night

This was a much anticipated fixture with many sides having met early in the season. The ground conditions at Monteiths were superb and it was set to be a good game. Keen to repeat their victory, one team had boosted their squad with an overseas player, and put everything into their performance. It was a much higher standard of play than the earlier occasion, with many teams playing a more street wise game to absorb the attacking pressure of the "Qatar Crushers".

A brief lapse in concentration again proved the downfall of the SLT team "BTB" as several teams quickly notched up points, with others picking up the intensity and focus. Happy to concede penalties, other teams were not able to complete some very bright attacking plays.

Midway through the second half the game was in the balance, but a concerted period of play by several teams caught the rest napping and took the score for the top teams well ahead, with the rest left chasing bonus points for their efforts.

As is often the case, play turned in favour of the side in front and despite continual attacking pressure from "7 Up", the defence of the "Qatar Crushers" held strong to prevent them from scoring the bonus point, despite coming agonisingly close on a number of occasions. A last play on the Sport round finished the game with "Qatar Crushers" winning on 92 points, "7 Up" in second place on 91, and third to the BOT team "After 8s" on 82 points.

'It's great to see the team get a reward for their efforts. Often we are the authors of our own demise but today the team kept its focus and didn't let up for the entire Quiz' team member Gilbert commented.

There were positive steps forward in play from many teams, but with little reward aside from the fries and raffle prizes. Work rate and determination were evident and the challenge now is to carry that standard through to the next Quiz Night. It is a cliché but it doesn't get any easier.

Luke Ellis, Davey Mato, Travel Tuaputa and Jordy Gray tackled the opposition well to sell raffle tickets. Well done to the boys for hosting the evening.

Player of the Day: Matthew McCallum-Clark for Last Man Standing

Lucky Ticket: Mike Calley

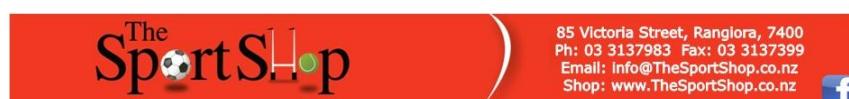
First Team to get Ponderous Puzzle: McCallum's team



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Porters Ski Area
McDonalds Rangiora
Monteiths Rangiora



RHS 1st XV Player Profile: Craig Stockwell



Name	Craig Stockwell
Year	13
House	Lydiard
Preferred Position	Halfback
Previous Club	Woodend Scorpions
Most memorable Rugby moment	Playing against my old school Shirley Boys High School and winning
Rugby player you admire most	Jimmy Cowan
Favourite Food	Mum's roast
Favourite music	Reggae
Other sports played	Touch, indoor netball

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