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Press Cup Game 13: vs Timaru Boys' High School, RHS, kick-off 12 noon

Timaru Boys' High School remain an outside chance to make the top four in the Press Cup after a shaky but important 22-18 win over a well-drilled Rangiora side.

With three minutes left it looked like a strong nor'west wind and a plucky Rangiora side might have undone TBHS, but a last-gasp try to first five Nathan McCloy secured the win and the important bonus point for four tries.



Playing at RHS, the visiting side TBHS began brightly with a try but Rangiora battled away into a stiff wind and scored with a simple blindside move between No 8 Davey Mato and halfback Craig Stockwell.

TBHS replied when their No 8 drew in the Rangiora wing and passed to score and make it 10-5. Rangiora then had a period of sustained attack as the team played cleverly into the wind and kept the ball in hand. Stout TBHS defence held RHS up over the line three times before the pressure told and fullback Lemuel Hill scored to tie the game.

With five minutes left in the half, TBHS turned down an easy shot at goal and it paid off when their fullback made an excellent solo run to score and give TBHS a 15-10 lead at the break, but it didn't look enough given the strong wind.

The second half became an arm wrestle as Rangiora played the percentages and TBHS showed plenty of determination in defence but struggled to get the ball or any territory.





Rangiora finally tied the game after stretching TBHS out wide and wing Ethan McDuff scored to level the scores. Soon after a penalty was converted by Scott Allin to give Rangiora the lead (18-15). Rangiora continued to apply pressure but Timaru were determined to keep their top 4 chances alive. As the wind subsided they were able to work their way onto to attack. Despite some outstanding defence the pressure eventually told and with three minutes to play the try was scored.

Full time: Rangiora 18 TBHS 22

Next game is Ashburton College, at Allenton RFC, Ashburton kick-off 12 noon

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Principal's Pin: Craig Stockwell

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GAMES THIS WEEK

This Saturday the 1st XV play Ashburton College at Allenton RFC, Ashburton, kick-off 12 noon, while the 2nd XV play in the North Canterbury U18 Final against Hurunui at Loburn, kick-off 12.30 p.m.



2nd XV vs Hurunui

It was not so long ago Hurunui beat our 2nd XV 61 nil, so this must win match was a big challenge. However the optimistic attitude of the team created an air of excitement in the pre-match warm up. Injured captain, Andy McDonald, contributed well to the build-up and his team responded. His senior players were leading by example.

The windy conditions and bright sunshine had the 2nd XV digging deep in their first half performance. In his best game of the season, Bailey Mechen scored early, but the school side was still eight points behind at half time. However, the forwards were matching their larger opposition, and backs continued to look dangerous. At the break the motivation and belief was still high, knowing the sun and wind was now their advantage.



This belief, with a solid forward pack and intelligent play from the inside backs, saw the Rangiora High boys dominate the second half. Tries to Mitchell Ashwell, Jordy Siu and Ben Wicksteed accumulated 17 unanswered points, rewarding the team's consistent effort. Siu's try was a great example of the intensity the players had brought. He received the ball about 20 metres out from a clearing kick and ran with such purpose the defenders did not react fast enough.

It really was the complete team effort that we have waited for all season. Although George Howat deservedly won Player of the Day, it was everyone's contribution across the park that won this match. A pleasant surprise was the result also won them the Rick Moore Challenge trophy off the previously unbeaten Hurunui side. This win has set up a repeat encounter with the same opposition in this Saturday's Under 18 final at Loburn. Obviously Hurunui will be hurting from this upset but this 2nd XV team are now well aware they are capable of doing it again.



Final score: 24-13.

Player of the Day: George Howat.

Thanks to Lisa Sim for these photos.

Pictured to right: Callum Henderson and 2nd XV manager Penny Henderson with the Ric Moore Challenge trophy, which now rests with RHS for 2014.



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2nd XV vs Kaiapoi High School

Last Wednesday saw our 2nd XV with a second chance for 'silverware' with a shield semi-final against Kaiapoi High. The Rangiora side dominated most facets of the match but struggled to string their final passes together. Two long range tries by Kaiapoi from 2nd XV mistakes had them surprisingly ahead on the scoreboard. Fortunately, in the last 15 minutes the earlier dominance prevailed and Rangiora High ran out winners.

Tries went to Louie James, Harley Robinson, Ben Wicksteed and Kotaro Shimoda. Brendan Maw kicked the sole conversion. Jacob Pepper-Edwards, George Howat and James continued their consistent form, and Robinson led the charge from Number 8 after losing captain, Andy McDonald early in the game. Josh Sim continually disrupted the Kaiapoi lineout. Shimoda, a Japanese International student tackled well in his first match with us. Both halfbacks, Luke Gold and Deaven Clarkson cleared the ball well. Brendan Maw, Kerran Jenkins and Wicksteed finished the game well on attack.

Final score: 22-12 Player of the Day: Josh Sim

Junior Boys

Green vs Gold is always going to be a big game with both Rangiora teams wanting to win. Both teams threw everything into the game, after bragging rights over their mates. It was 7 all at half time. In the second half Green showed they wanted it a little more and came away with the win 22 - 7.

Both teams are in semi-finals against Lincoln this afternoon.



Green Player of the Day: Josh Duckworth

Gold Player of the Day: Angus Mitchell

Thanks to Sara Sorensen for these photos

GIRLS

The girls learnt a few harsh lessons from a very well-oiled Burnside High School team. A well-deserved win to them and the Girls will have to bounce back from this today.

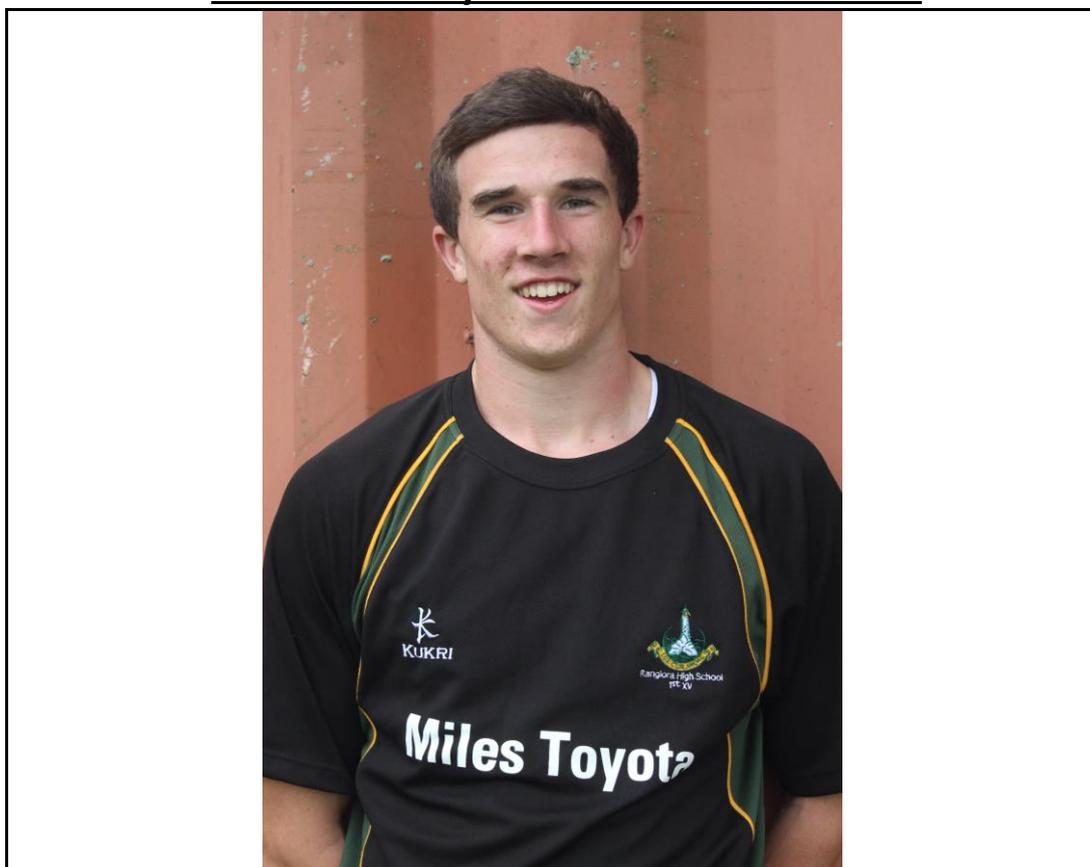
Final score 96-7.

Sole try and conversion to **Kaylee Tavendale**.





RHS 1st XV Player Profile: Robbie Salton



Name	Robbie Salton
Year	13
House	Sheppard
Preferred Position	Second-five eight
Previous Club	Saracens, Ashley
Most memorable Rugby moment	Scoring a try in the final against Hurunui in 2012
Rugby player you admire most	Ryan Crotty because of his good running game and ability to break the line.
Favourite Food	Sushi and Mum's cooking
Favourite music	Hip hop, reggae, R n B
Interests/hobbies/other sports played	Weightlifting, hunting and fishing, touch, social netball, training



FINALS DAY - 9TH AUGUST 2014

ASHLEY RFC - LOBURN DOMAIN



LUISETTI SEEDS NORTH CANTERBURY DIVISION 1 – FINAL

Ashley v. Glenmark 3.00pm Lob Lwr 1 G Cate



Waimak Real Estate Player of the Day Match



MIKE GREER HOMES NORTH CANTERBURY LTD DIVISION 2 – FINAL

Hurunui v. Woodend 1.00pm Lob Lwr 1 A Stead

MIKE GREER HOMES NORTH CANTERBURY LTD DIVISION 2 RESERVE – FINAL

Cheviot-Glenmark v. Saracens 1.30pm Lob 4 D Clark

METRO COLTS - FINAL

Glenmark v. Christchurch 2.00pm Lob 5 K Hancox

MIKE GREER HOMES NORTH CANTERBURY LTD U18 - FINAL

Hurunui v. Rangiora HS 12.30pm Lob 5 G Dunseath

MIKE GREER HOMES NORTH CANTERBURY LTD U16 - FINAL

Ashley v. Kaiapoi 12.00pm Lob 4 D Chinnery

MIKE GREER HOMES NORTH CANTERBURY LTD U14½ - FINAL

Ashley v Saracens 11.30am Lob Lwr 1 J Legros

MIKE GREER HOMES NORTH CANTERBURY LTD U13 - FINAL

Ashley Green v. Ohoka 10.30am Lob 5 R Lane

MIKE GREER HOMES NORTH CANTERBURY LTD U11½ CUP - FINAL

Amberley v. Hurunui 10.00am Lob Lwr 1 L Brine

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