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UC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND FOUR: 1st XV v Shirley Boys' High School

Round 4 brought Shirley Boys' High to meet Rangiora High 1st XV at home in front of the CTV cameras last Saturday. Shirley had already beaten St. Bedes' and Marlborough Boys' Colleges in earlier matches so they were yet another strong contender for the home side.

A strong defensive effort early allowed Rangiora to defend its line and respond with an attack of its own which resulted in three points from Patrick McCallum's boot. Soon after Shirley responded with a good



blindside try, and another soon after from a scramble in the sou'west corner. However for some time after the Rangiora boys continued to withhold the Shirley side who were dominating possession. Occasional ventures into the opposition's territory by the local side were unrewarded. Ironically Shirley's only other first half points came when speedy wing won the race to a very effective clearing kick from a turnover in their own 22.



Shirley Boys' were forceful in the early moments of the second half and two converted tries put any hope of a comeback out of Rangiora's reach.

Rangiora made a number of changes throughout the second half to re-energise their side after being well behind in possession and territorial. This was very effective as Shirley only manage 5 more points in the final thirty minutes, and just reward for Rangiora's determination and fitness. The score of 36-3 reflected the dominance of Shirley throughout the game but failed to recognise the resistance the Rangiora side had put up for the full 70 minutes.

Naaria Wilson-Bairds earned Player of the Day for his physical approach. Oscar Howat again tackled himself to a standstill. George Gardner and Josh Duckworth had their best performances this season. Rangiora's backline defense continued its progress with little penetration from Shirley's fancied backline. Hamish Richardson distributed well and heroically saved a certain try in his cameo.

They head to Lincoln High this Wednesday to continue the traditional rivalry between North Canterbury and Ellesmere sides.







Hell Pizza Player of the Day Naaria Wilson-Bairds

Principal's Pin Rhys Smith



2nd XV/U18 vs Waihora

The 2nd XV/U18 had another win 34-17 against the Waihora side at Tai Tapu last Saturday.

Player of the Day: Deaven Clarkson

Game this week: vs Lincoln at RHS, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Pictured below the 2nd XV in action last Wednesday at College Day. They came 1st.







QUIZ NIGHT MATCH REPORT

There have been a range of winners over the past few years, so this match was shaping up to be a must-win for several teams. The optimistic attitude of all the teams created an air of excitement in the pre-match warm up with tough competition for the Last Person Standing prize, eventually being shared by Ryan McCallum and Nigel Lavender. The 1st XV boys contributed well to the buildup with the selling of raffle tickets.

Technical difficulties meant a delayed kick-off but then competitive conditions and bright minds had all teams digging deep in their first half performance. In their best game of the season, the Bright Sparks scored early, but many teams were falling behind with points by half time. The Bridesmaids were matching their larger opposition, and Knobs and Knockers continued to look dangerous. At the break the motivation and belief of all teams was still high, many knowing that doubles points still to play was their advantage.

This belief, with a solid pack and intelligent play, saw the Rangiora High teachers/SLT dominate the second half. Some unanswered points were accumulated, rewarding the team's consistent effort. SLT was a great example of the intensity the players had brought throughout the night, playing with such purpose the defending teams did not react fast enough.

It really was the complete team effort that Let's Get Quizzical have waited for all season with their first place. Maxwell Fails Again came in second, with Tuahiwi Taniwhas maintaining their form from last season in third place.

This win has set up a repeat encounter with the same opposition at the next Quiz Night. Obviously some teams will be hurting from this upset but others will be well aware they are capable of winning it again.



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Thanks to the following businesses for supporting the Quiz Night last Monday.





Pictured above the Girls 10s in action last Wednesday at College Day. They came 3d.

Saturday 6th June

The annual 1st XV Dinner and Auction is to be held at Kaiapoi Working Mens Club for the first time this year. We are very excited to have **Mike Cron** as guest speaker and are looking forward to a fun and successful evening.

We have some amazing raffle and auction items for the night – these will be run in next week's newsletter.

Tickets are still available for \$55 or tables of ten for \$50 - if you would like to purchase a ticket for this annual event, please contact Sarah on 0274 306 153.



DVDs of CTV-televised matches are available for \$29.95 by contacting CTV on <u>enquiries@ctv.co.nz</u> or MaryAnne on 03 377 7033. The 1st XV game vs Shirley Boys High School is now available for order.





RHS 1st XV Player Profile: Kerran Jenkins







John and Betty Ashby Rob and Jillian Yates



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