



RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER

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UC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND SEVEN: 1st XV v Ashburton College

With the sun shining, the crowd gathering and the CTV cameras rolling, Rangiora High hosted rivals Ashburton College. Face to face hakas highlighted the passion both teams had brought to this traditional encounter, but it was Ashburton who started the game with the first points.

The first ten minutes were played at a fast pace, but it was a simple passing move from a tap penalty that allowed an Ashburton midfielder to bust a tackle close to the line and score. A similar defensive lapse further out soon followed and the Ashburton first five was allowed to step through a slow reacting Rangiora cover defense for the visitor's second try. Not an ideal start for the home side at 12 points behind.



Some attacking play from Rangiora spurred the team on and repeated penalties ended when a quick tap by captain, Jordan Gray had him scoring near the left upright (*pictured above*). The conversion by Patrick McCallum cut the deficit further. Another attacking move out wide saw Jayden Pearce free to run, and good support saw Kerran Jenkins diving in at the corner (*pictured left*). McCallum's sideline conversion, and a handy penalty soon after had the local side ahead 17-12 at half time. This reflected the turn-around in the dominance up front and their strength out wide.

Rangiora returned just as motivated after the break. More possession allowed them to continue the pressure on the Ashburton line,

which was rewarded with a bullocking try for Josh Duckworth after another quick tap, this time from Harley Robinson. Second half substitutions from both sides took some time to settle and Ashburton forwards came back strongly. With little to lose, they threw the ball around a lot more and a break from deep in their half had Ashburton fullback finish off with a good try. At 24-17, the next team to score was very significant to the outcome.



Fortunately for the local supporters, Robinson responded first with a try from another pick'n'go situation. This was followed with some good vision from Gray and Jenkins scored again after chasing delicate box kick into space. This gave Rangiora a handy lead with little more than 10 minutes remaining.

The Mid Canterbury side did manage to score again late in the match, when good support play from their lock and captain rewarded him for a solid performance.

For Rangiora, Louis James, Robinson and Naaria Wilson-Bairds were tireless for Rangiora. Wilson-Bairds played himself to a standstill, and was strong on the kick-off receipts. Gray and McCallum (*pictured below*) continued the development of their inside combination by controlling play well, along with Jenkins' outside them in his twelfth 'cap' game. Out wider, Travel Tuaputa was again dangerous with ball in hand and Bailey Mechen tackled very well.



Above: Bailey Mechen and Harley Robinson



Hell Pizza Player of the Day: Louis James

Principal's Pin:
Kerran Jenkins

Game this week: vs St Thomas's College at STC, kick-off to be confirmed.

2nd XV/U18 vs Kaiapoi



The 2nd XV/U18 lost to Kaiapoi 5-36 in a tough game.

Hell Pizza Player of the Day:
Dylan Cameron

Game this week:
vs Methven/Rakaia at RHS
Kick-off 12.00 p.m.

Left: Zack Kenny



2nd XV against Kaiapoi

CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to **Mr Josh Harrison** and the following ex-RHS 1st XV players who have been named in the NC Senior Representative Development Rugby Squad for the inaugural trip to Brisbane, Australia in July:

Ollie Ashby

Freeman Eder

Hadrian Jackson

Max Lines

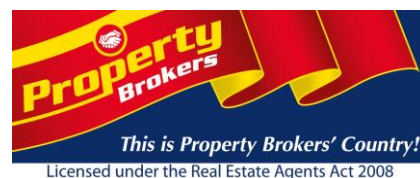
JASON RYAN COACH/PLAYER SCRUM UPSKILL SESSION

Southbrook Park - 7.00pm - Monday 15th June

Jason Ryan will deliver a Coach/Player Scrum Upskill Session this coming Monday 15th June at 7pm at Saracens RFC. Jason is Forwards coach for Canterbury ITM as well as having scrum Coach roles with the Black Ferns and NZ U20s.

The plan is for it to be held indoors as Jason will do a PowerPoint/video presentation and then work with a forward pack. The session will be 60-75mins in duration. This is expected to appeal to all forward coaches from Div 1 down to U14.5 at least. Players, particularly front rowers and locks with these grades are also encouraged to attend.

Thanks to Wayne Marsters for facilitating this opportunity for North Canterbury rugby.



1st XV Dinner and Auction

Thanks to all those who supported the 1st XV Dinner and Auction on Saturday night. Over 230 people attended this annual event, held for the first time at the Kaiapoi Club, and MC'ed by Andrew Gebbie. We were extremely lucky to have Mike Cron as guest speaker, and he did a wonderful job of answering the questions put to him by Brian Hays, and also giving the boys some words of wisdom.



The major auction prize was a Cook Islands holiday package, kindly supported by the Edgewater Resort and Spa, Air Rarotonga and Captain Tama's Lagoon Cruises. This package was won by Rob and Jillian Yates, long-time sponsors of the 1st XV. Rob is pictured below on stage with Tamatoa Tangimetua, Strickland Tangimetua and Travel Tuaputa. Before auctioning off the holiday package, Strickland entertained the audience with his rendition of "Roimata" while Tamatoa and Travel acted out the song.



Thanks to the auctioneer Mark Woods from Peter Walsh & Associates (*pictured right*).



The boys did the school haka to thank Mike Cron.



MIDWEEK RUGBY

It was a very successful Wednesday for midweek teams on June 3rd, with wins all around. The Girls 10s won against Lincoln 67-0 with Cameo-Rose McAlister as Player of the Day, Junior Boys Green beat Linwood 45-34 with Jayden Tutbury as Player of the Day, and Junior Boys Gold beat Darfield 24-14 with Chris Reihana Player of the Day. *Pictured below the Green team in action.*



ASSOCIATE REFEREE EDUCATION COURSE

North Canterbury RSU is holding an Associate Referee Education Course in North Canterbury on **Wednesday 17th June**. If you are interested in being upskilled to act as a Club Referee, with an emphasis on the U11.5 and U13 grades, then please sign up through your home club or contact Ross Dixon on admin@ncrsu.co.nz. The course will be approximately 2.5 hours, with further details to come.

John and Betty Ashby
Rob and Jillian Yates

