



# RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER

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## UC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND TEN: 1<sup>st</sup> XV v CHRIST'S COLLEGE

It was a very sticky field that greeted Rangiora High's 1<sup>st</sup> XV to play Christ's College last Wednesday. However the pre-match warm up showed great intent so coaches Marty Ashby and Kelvin Eder were quietly confident of another upset after their 2014 win.

Within minutes Rangiora had a 7 point lead when Rhys Smith cleverly countered from Christ's College kick, and numerous exchanges eventually had Patrick McCallum diving in at the corner. His sideline conversion lifted his team even more and it was 'game on'. McCallum followed this soon after with a penalty. Not only had Rangiora put points on the board, they were very strong in the tackle.



However this start from the visitors also spurred Christ's College as well. Their continued possession and territory eventually broke Rangiora's defence and Christ's College scored out wide. They then converted two penalties before half time to lead 13-10.

The intensity continued in the second half and both teams exchanged further penalties until with just fifteen minutes remaining Christ's College broke through the midfield, and good support play had them score under the posts. The battle continued and Rangiora had some good attacks but could not finish this time. A final try out wide in the final play by the home side saw the final score stretch out to a flattering margin. Final score 28-13.

"Ironically we played much better than our win last win, but for a loss" said Eder. "If the break had gone our way with fifteen minutes to go the result would have been much different".

Co-Captains Jordan Gray and Matt Cooke were inspirational. Both were exhausted at the final whistle. They were ably supported by their forward pack. The Rangiora backs looked likely but apart from the first try just couldn't get over the line. Patrick McCallum controlled play well in difficult conditions, and Jack Howe was hungry when he had the ball. Rhys Smith also continued his tidy form back at fullback.

Rangiora play Timaru Boys' High at home this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.







**Hell Pizza Player of the Day:** Jordy Gray

**Principal's Pin:** Tamatoa Tangimetua

**Game this week:** vs TBHS at RHS, kick-off 12 noon

## 2<sup>nd</sup> XV/U18 vs Hurunui



The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV travelled up to Culverden to play Hurunui, with a loss 22-38.

**Hell Pizza Player of the Day:** Cole Munro

**Game this week:** vs Ashley/Oxford at RHS, kick-off 1.30 p.m.



## MBC EXCHANGE

### U15

As a part of the build up to the U15 tournament RHS played Marlborough Boys' College. It was a real battle in the first half with Tom Lindsay scoring the first try of the match, half time RHS was down 12 5. Second half was a different story with the Marlborough big forward pack getting them on the



front foot. Ben Gibbons and Ben Spark were the stand outs in the RHS pack and Josh Reihana had a really strong game in the mid field.

**Player of the Day:** Ihaka Abramam (*pictured above*)



## 2nd XV



RHS 2<sup>nd</sup> XV came out firing against a strong Marlborough Boys' team. The RHS Forwards really dominated the early parts of the game through Josh Sim, Justin Paulsen and Josh Duckworth carrying big. Fletcher Newell and Sam Lewis made sure that RHS had a great platform to start from. Stand-outs in the back were Jared Cox and Tamati Reihana. Marlborough came back in the second half and the game finished with Marlborough attacking the RHS line but the RHS defence held and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV manage to pull off a great win 15 10.

**Player of the Day: Sam Lewis**




## MIDWEEK RUGBY



A huge thanks to R.J Preston Ltd Farm Accountants for their sponsorship of smart new training tops for the Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XV. These have arrived in time for the Girls Rugby Festival in Oamaru next week. Good luck to the Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XV for this.



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## Results from Wednesday 24th June

Junior Gold lost 31-43 to Darfield

Player of Day: Lachie James

Junior Green lost 17-31 to Lincoln

Player of Day: Euan Richardson

Girls lost 27-40 to Forward Foundation

Player of Day: Livvy Hill



*Pictured above and left: Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XV in action against Forward Foundation in Hagley Park*

*Pictured below: Junior Boys Gold vs Darfield*





## RHS 1<sup>st</sup> XV Player Profile: Matt Deaker



Name	Matt Deaker
Year	13
House	Ngata
Preferred Position	Lock
Previous Club	RHS, Ashley, Saracens, Woodend
Most memorable Rugby moment	Playing for the Ashley U16s
Favourite Food	KFC
Other sports played	Hunting, Touch
Rugby player you admire most and why	Richie McCaw

## **U15 Quiz Night fundraiser Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July**



The U15 tournament team are having a Quiz Night on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Monteiths, Rangiora to help with the costs of travelling to Nelson to play in the South Island Junior Rugby Tournament in early September. Tickets are \$10 head. Teams of 6-8 people can be signed up/paid for at the Payments counter in the Student Office or call/email Sarah on 0274 306 153 [/dd@rangiorahigh.school.nz](mailto:dd@rangiorahigh.school.nz)

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