



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 27th April 2023



From the Junior Coordinator

Below you will find the draw. Please take notice of your team's venue and timings. If in doubt, trust Rugby Xplorer.

Week 1 Wrap

It was great to welcome Junior Rugby back to Yoku Rd last weekend, and it was even better to see everyone rip back in. Across the board, the standard of rugby played both home and away was excellent – it was a true testament to the time and effort our coaches put in.

We have received more junior training shirts in sizes 5-6 and 7-8, so if your child missed out initially, come down to the Merch shed and you can collect their shirts.

The BJRU were very slow in releasing the draw last week, so I wanted to thank you all for your patience – I was equally as frustrated as you but we made it through the first week and we're hoping that in future weeks we receive the draw on a Wednesday evening at the latest.

Rugby Match Day

This is the scoring and administration application that is used by teams throughout the year to score matches. The How-To document is attached at the end of the Newsletter. If you have any concerns regarding the app, please reach out to me ASAP and I will assist where possible.

Friday Training

Trevor Gillmeister and his team will be running a tackling clinic for U9s tomorrow evening from 6:00pm-7:30pm. I encourage all players and coaches to attend – The Axe is full of knowledge, and his clinic is a fantastic way to improve upon technique and confidence.

Coaches and Managers Polo

Each team has two coaches and managers shirts set aside for collection. If you are the coach or the manager of a team please come and collect your polo shirt. Teams will not be given more than two shirts, so please confirm within your staffing unit who will collect the shirts.

Sideline Bibs

The BJRU will drop off the 2023 sideline bibs on Friday. I will be stationed at the Merchandise shed, can you please ensure your team's manager comes and collects them for the weekend.

Junior Parent Corporate Tent – 29th April

All Junior Parents are invited to come and experience our corporate tent package this weekend against Easts. We have reserved a sideline area for viewing and there will be pizza and alcohol available for purchase. We'll also have a Carnival Slide available to keep the kids entertained, so come down and enjoy the 1st XV atmosphere at Yoku Rd.

1ST Grade Ball Support

Chasing 4 players to assist with Ball retrieval during 1st Grade this weekend. Email interest to juniors@gpsrugby.com.au and meet at Merch Shed at 2:50pm.

SATURDAY FIXTURES U6-U9

Home Games				
Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Field Allocation
Saturday 29th	8:00 AM	U6 GPS Maroon	U6 Wests Harlequin	GPS Field 1A
Saturday 29th	8:00 AM	U6 GPS Gold	U6 GPS Green	GPS Field 1B
Saturday 29th	8:00 AM	U6 GPS Grey	U6 GPS Blue	GPS Field 1C
Saturday 29th	8:00 AM	U6 GPS Orange	U6 GPS Navy	GPS Field 2A
Saturday 29th	8:40 AM	U7 GPS White	U7 GPS Green	GPS Field 1A
Saturday 29th	8:40 AM	U7 GPS Orange	U7 GPS Navy	GPS Field 1B
Saturday 29th	8:40 AM	U7 GPS Silver	U7 GPS Gold	GPS Field 1C
Saturday 29th	8:40 AM	U7 GPS Blue	U7 Wests Harlequin	GPS Field 2A
Saturday 29th	8:40 AM	U7 GPS Grey	U7 GPS Maroon	GPS Field 2B
Saturday 29th	8:40 AM	U8 GPS Blue	U8 GPS Grey	GPS Field 2C
Saturday 29th	8:40 AM	U8 GPS Gold	U8 Wests Harlequin	GPS Field 3A
Saturday 29th	8:40 AM	U8 GPS Maroon	U8 Ipswich Rangers White	GPS Field 3B
Saturday 29th	8:40 AM	U9 GPS Blue	U9 GPS Maroon	Field 4
Saturday 29th	9:20 AM	U9 GPS Silver	U9 Wests Harlequin	GPS Field 1A
Saturday 29th	9:45 AM	U9 GPS Gold	U9 Wests Harlequin	GPS Field 1A
Saturday 29th	10:10 AM	U9 GPS Silver	U9 GPS Gold	GPS Field 1A
Away Games				
Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
Saturday 29th	10:50 AM	U9 Easts Green	U9 GPS White	Easts Rugby Union
Saturday 29th	9:10 AM	U8 Kenmore Black	U8 GPS Green	Kenmore Rugby Union
Saturday 29th	10:00 AM	U9 Kenmore Black	U9 GPS Green	Kenmore Rugby Union

SUNDAY FIXTURES U10-U16

Home Games

Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Field Allocation
Sunday 30th	8:30 AM	U10 GPS Gold	U10 Kenmore Black	GPS Field 1
Sunday 30th	8:30 AM	U10 GPS White	U10 Wests Green	GPS Field 2
Sunday 30th	8:30 AM	U11 GPS Grey	U11 Brothers Green	GPS Field 3
Sunday 30th	9:20 AM	U12 GPS Maroon	U12 Brothers Navy	GPS Field 1
Sunday 30th	9:20 AM	U12 GPS White	U12 Ipswich Green	GPS Field 2
Sunday 30th	9:20 AM	U12 GPS Green	U12 Sunnybank Green	GPS Field 3
Sunday 30th	10:20 AM	U13 GPS Blue	U13 Wests Green	GPS Field 1
Sunday 30th	10:20 AM	U13 GPS Green	U13 Redcliffe Red	GPS Field 2
Sunday 30th	10:20 AM	U14 GPS White	U14 Everton Park Blue	GPS Field 3
Sunday 30th	11:20 AM	U16 GPS Blue	U16 Easts Gold	GPS Field 1
Sunday 30th	11:20 AM	U14 GPS Blue	U14 UQ Jr Heavies Maroon	GPS Field 3
Sunday 30th	11:20 AM	U14 GPS Green	U14 Wests Green	GPS Field 2

Away Games

Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
Sunday 30th	8:30	U10 Logan Saints	U10 GPS Green	Logan City Rugby Union Club
Sunday 30th	8:30	U10 Easts Maroon	U10 GPS Blue	Easts Rugby Union Club
Sunday 30th	9:20	U11 Norths Blue	U11 GPS Blue	Norths Brisbane Rugby Club
Sunday 30th	9:20	U12 Norths Blue	U12 GPS Gold	Norths Brisbane Rugby Club
Sunday 30th	9:20	U10 Brothers Gold	U10 GPS Orange	Brothers Rugby Club
Sunday 30th	9:20	U11 Easts Silver	U11 GPS Maroon	Easts Rugby Union Club
Sunday 30th	11:20	U11 Brothers Gold	U11 GPS White	Brothers Rugby Club
Sunday 30th	11:20	U16 Sunnybank Green	U16 GPS Green	Sunnybank Rugby Union Club
Sunday 30th	11:20 AM	U15 Redlands	U15 GPS Blue	Redlands Rugby Union Club

Important Season Dates

Round Number	U6-U9		Round Number	U10-U16	
1	Saturday	22-Apr	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	Sunday	23-Apr
2	Saturday	29-Apr	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	Sunday	30-Apr
3	Saturday	6-May	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	Sunday	7-May
4	Saturday	13-May	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	Sunday	14-May
5	Saturday	20-May	1	Sunday	21-May
6	Saturday	27-May	2	Sunday	28-May
7	Saturday	3-Jun	3	Sunday	4-Jun
8	Saturday	10-Jun	4	Sunday	11-Jun
9	Saturday	17-Jun	5	Sunday	18-Jun
10	Saturday	15-Jul	6	Sunday	16-Jul
11	Saturday	22-Jul	7	Sunday	23-Jul
12	Saturday	29-Jul	8	Sunday	30-Jul
13	Saturday	5-Aug	9	Sunday	6-Aug
14	Saturday	12-Aug	10	Sunday	13-Aug
			Semi Finals	Sunday	20-Aug
			Preliminary Finals	Sunday	27-Aug
			Grand Finals	Sunday	3-Sep

Saturday Field Layout



Age Group Coordinators

Age Group	Name	Email
U6	Fraser Brydon INTERIM	juniors@gpsrugby.com.au
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U8	Steve Davison	stevedavison1978@gmail.com
U9	Grant Halyday	grant@a2accounting.com.au
U10	Scott Oakhill	scottoakhill@gmail.com
U11	Matt Siveter	msiveter@gmail.com
U12	John Sneddon	jsneddon@shandtaylor.com.au
U13	Gary Waldon	77gwaldo@gmail.com
U14	Kam Aldridge	kam@cardionexus.com.au
U15	Nick Styman	nick.styman@hotmail.com
U16	Justin Clarke	jclarke@bne.mcgees.com.au

McDonalds Newmarket Player of the Match

The McDonalds Newmarket Player of the Match vouchers arrived this afternoon (Thursday 20th). U6-U9 Teams can collect these vouchers with their kits tomorrow evening. I ask that team managers/parents/coaches take a photo of the McDonalds Player of the Match so we can feature them weekly in the Junior Newsletter and recognise those players who had a blinder!





AUSTIN GIVEN – U9 WHITE



HENRY VOSS – U8 SILVER

PLAYER OF THE MATCH SPOTLIGHT



CHARLES GERMON – U6 GOLD



ROY FERGUSON – U6 ORANGE

Training Allocations U10 – U16

TEAM	DAY	TIME	FIELD ALLOCATION
U10 BLUE	Wednesday	5:00-6:15	1A
U10 GOLD	Wednesday	5:00-6:15	1B
U10 GREEN	Wednesday	5:00-6:15	1C
U10 ORANGE	Wednesday	5:00-6:15	1D
U10 WHITE	Friday	5:00-6:15	TRIANGLE
U11 BLUE	Wednesday	5:00-6:15	2A
U11 GREY	Wednesday	5:00-6:15	2B
U11 MAROON	Wednesday	5:00-6:15	2C
U11 WHITE	Wednesday	5:00-6:15	2D
U12 GOLD	Wednesday	5:30-6:45	3B
U12 GREEN	Wednesday	5:30-6:45	3C
U12 WHITE	Wednesday	5:30-6:45	3D
U12 MAROON	Wednesday	5:30-6:45	3A
U13	Wednesday	6:30-7:45	FIELD 1
U14	Wednesday	6:30-7:45	FIELD 2
U15	Wednesday	6:30-7:45	FIELD 1
U16	Wednesday	6:30-7:45	FIELD 4



Training Allocations U6 – U9

TEAM	DAY	TIME	FIELD ALLOCATION
U6 BLUE	Friday	5:00-6:15	1A
U6 GOLD	Friday	5:00-6:15	1B
U6 GREEN	Friday	5:00-6:15	1C
U6 GREY	Friday	5:00-6:15	1D
U6 MAROON	Friday	5:00-6:15	4A
U6 NAVY	Friday	5:00-6:15	4B
U6 ORANGE	Friday	5:00-6:15	4C
U7 BLUE	Friday	5:00-6:15	2A
U7 GOLD	Friday	5:00-6:15	3C
U7 GREEN	Friday	5:00-6:15	2C
U7 GREY	Friday	5:00-6:15	2D
U7 MAROON	Friday	5:00-6:15	2E
U7 NAVY	Friday	5:00-6:15	3A
U7 ORANGE	Friday	5:00-6:15	3B
U7 SILVER	Friday	5:00-6:15	2B
U7 WHITE	Friday	5:00-6:15	3D
U8 BLUE	Friday	6:15-7:45	1A
U8 GOLD	Friday	6:15-7:45	1B
U8 GREEN	Friday	6:15-7:45	1C
U8 GREY	Friday	6:15-7:45	1D
U8 MAROON	Friday	6:15-7:45	2A
U8 SILVER	Friday	6:15-7:45	2B
U9 BLUE	Wednesday	4:30	Field 4
U9 GREEN	Friday	6:15-7:45	3B
U9 GOLD	Friday	6:15-7:45	3C
U9 MAROON	Friday	6:15-7:45	3D
U9 ORANGE	Friday	6:15-7:45	STAR
U9 SILVER	Friday	6:15-7:45	TRIANGLE
U9 WHITE	Friday	6:15-7:45	2E
ALL ABILITIES	Friday	6:15-7:45	FIELD 4

TEAM	DAY	TIME	FIELD ALLOCATION
PONY CLUB U4	Friday	4:45-5:30	GPS BOWLS CLUB
PONY CLUB U5	Friday	5:30-6:15	GPS BOWLS CLUB

2023 Canteen Roster

If you are new to GPS you are probably unfamiliar with how busy the canteen can be of a Friday evening training session. To help with managing through all of the hungry patrons, we ask that each team volunteers 4 helpers on your assigned evening to assist with the dinner rush. We ask that you wear covered shoes and do not allow your children to enter into the canteen with you.

Date	Day	Team	Time	Staffing
School Holidays				
28-Apr	FRIDAY	U7 GOLD U8 GOLD	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
5-May	FRIDAY	U7 GREEN U8 GREEN	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
12-May	FRIDAY	U7 GREY U8 GREY	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
19-May	FRIDAY	U7 MAROON U8 MAROON	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
26-May	FRIDAY	U7 NAVY U8 SILVER	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
2-Jun	FRIDAY	U7 ORANGE U9 GOLD	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
9-Jun	FRIDAY	U7 SILVER U9 GREEN	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
16-Jun	FRIDAY	U7 WHITE U9 MAROON	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
School Holidays				
14-Jul	FRIDAY	U6 BLUE U9 ORANGE	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
21-Jul	FRIDAY	U6 GOLD U9 SILVER	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
28-Jul	FRIDAY	U6 GREEN U9 WHITE	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
4-Aug	FRIDAY	U6 GREY U8 BLUE	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required
11-Aug	FRIDAY	U6 MAROON U8 GOLD	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:30	4 Volunteers Required 4 Volunteers Required

2023 Season Objectives

1. Provide a safe and positive environment for players and patrons

The new clubhouse has been completed which will provide world class office, toilet, gym and changeroom facilities for both players and patrons. This project was the culmination of a lot of hard work from a variety of people to ensure that the GPS Rugby Club remains one of Brisbane's premier Rugby locations. We pride ourselves on the inclusive nature of the club and are proud to offer girls and boys rugby, as well as pathways for All Ability participants and those wanting to get-into rugby.

2. Provide support for coaches and managers.

We have put together a panel of experienced coaches that will provide new coaches and those wanting to develop their coaching the guidance to achieve this. Under the guidance of our Director of Rugby we aim to improve the experience of coaching and managers for those involved in the club. During the year there will be opportunities to undertake coaching courses as well as coaching engagement nights to reflect on practices and how we can get the best out of the players.

3. Improve on-field results

With improved coaching and well trained players comes better results. Numbers for registration continue to grow and it looks like we will have a strong pool of players. In our U12-U16 age groups we will look to properly grade those players who want to compete in the higher divisions, as well as providing an opportunity for players who do not want to grade.

4. Connect and support the local community

Our Pony Club and All Abilities programs continue to be a hit down at GPS, in 2023 this will be no different. If you're looking for a change of pace on a Saturday morning, I encourage you to come down and watch our All Abilities side take on our Colts, Grades and Womens team throughout the year. You will also find our players involved in McHappy Day and supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities, as well as helping out generally around Ashgrove.

Height 4 Hire, GPS Rugby Club Principal Partner.



GPS Rugby Club Rugby Match Day Guide

1. User Permissions

All Coaches and Managers must register through Rugby Xplorer in order to receive access to the Scoring App – Rugby Match Day

All participants (players and officials) must be registered in Rugby Xplorer to be involved. Coaches will be required to be smart rugby compliant and be registered and selected on the match day app. Xplorer will also be used to publish the draw and score matches (for insurance purposes).

I will assign each team with a manager and coach via Rugby Xplorer Admin to be able to enter team lists and score during matches. I cannot assign you unless you have registered – and in turn you will not be able to stand on the sideline in 2023, if you have not registered and do not hold a current SMART Rugby qualification.

2. Entering Team Lists

Each team will have pre-selected players available to select from to enter your Team Lists. It is important when entering team lists into Rugby Match Day that only the players who will take the field are recorded on the team lists. This is firstly for insurance purposes, but will ultimately aid the BJRU in confirming which players have played the required number of games for finals.

To enter your team list for the Round, click on the relevant fixture. Example: GPS vs Wests Round 4, Saturday 22nd April

The screenshot shows the Rugby Xplorer app interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the 'RUGBY XPLORER' logo and a green checkmark icon. Below the header, the text '2023 STORELOCAL HOSPITAL CUP' is displayed with a white downward arrow. The main content area has a light grey background with the heading 'Upcoming Rounds' and 'Round 4' below it. A fixture card is shown with the following details: on the left, the Wests 1st Grade Men logo (a bulldog in a circle); in the center, the venue 'Sci-Fleet Stadium', the time '03:05PM', and the date 'Sat, Apr 22'; on the right, the GPS 1st Grade Men logo (a shield with 'GPS' and '1875' text) and a blue right-pointing arrow.

Team Officials need to enter both Players and Team Officials, as seen below:

The screenshot shows the 'GPS 1ST GRADE MEN' team page. At the top, it says 'RUGBY XPLORES' with a green checkmark. Below the team name, it states: 'You must submit a team official for each of the following roles: Coach, Team Manager'. There are two main sections: 'PLAYERS' and 'TEAM OFFICIALS'. The 'PLAYERS' section has three dropdown menus: 'Select a player', 'Select a position', and 'Shirt #'. Below these are two buttons: 'Captain (C)' and 'Vice Captain (VC)'. At the bottom of this section is a green 'Add' button. The 'TEAM OFFICIALS' section is currently empty. At the bottom of the screen, there is a yellow 'Clear All' button, a blue icon of two people, and a green 'Submit' button.

This screenshot shows the same team page but with the 'TEAM OFFICIALS' section expanded. It has two dropdown menus: 'Select a role' and 'Select a team official'. Below these is a green 'Add' button. At the bottom of the screen, there is a yellow 'Clear All' button, a blue icon of two people, and a green 'Submit' button. Below the 'Submit' button, it says '22 Players Added'. At the bottom of the screen, there is a list of players with columns for name, role, and count. The first entry is 'JOHN DOWNES' with the role 'Loose' and a count of '1'. There is an 'X' icon to the right of the count.

3. Recording Scores, Movements, Injuries and Cards

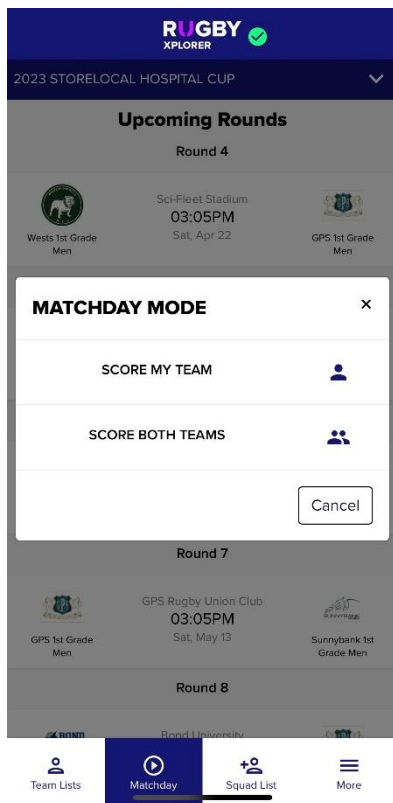
All methods of scoring must be recorded through the Match Day app. Where possible the time of the score should also be recorded. To begin scoring for the match, click on the fixture → score for my team → to score for the 1st Half click “1st Half”, at half-time confirm the score by clicking “2nd Half”. Then proceed to score for the 2nd Half. At the conclusion of the match, approach the opposition manager and confirm the score with them. If there is a discrepancy between scores, approach the referee to confirm. All match disputes can be lodged from within the app.

Any substitutions that are made throughout the match, must also be recorded through the app in real-time. Please ensure you are keeping up to date with substitutions made. To record substitutions, click on the “Movements” tab. Unless a substitution is made expressly to replace a player who cannot return to the field due to injury, all substitutions should be “tactical”.

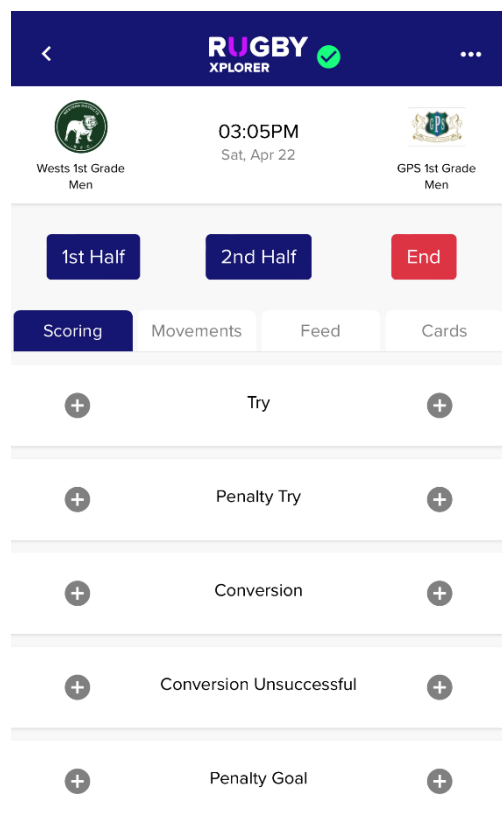
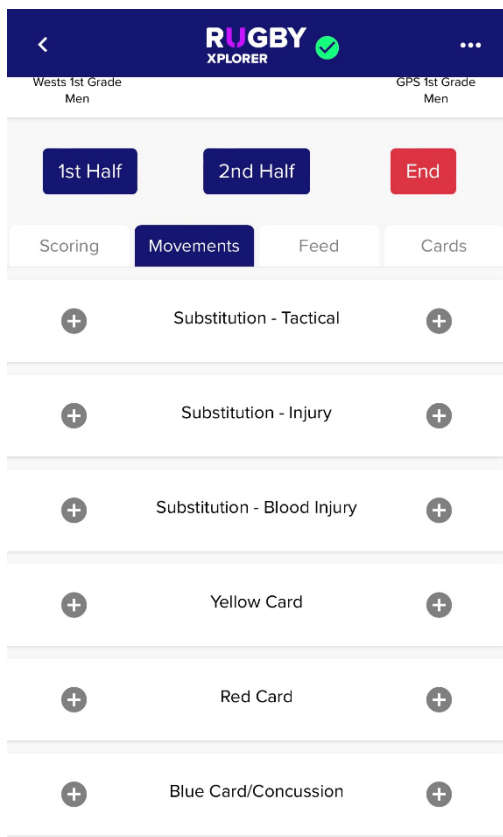
All yellow, red or blue cards must also be recorded on the Rugby Match Day app in competition matches in 2023. These can also be recorded under the “movements” tab.

See below for examples:

To Begin Scoring Click 'Matchday' then, 'Score My Team'



To add all scoring plays and record substitutions and foul play and injuries click 'score' 'movements'



Junior Results U10-U16 Sunday 23rd April

Team	Opposition	Score
U10 BLUE	U10 NORTH LAKES LEOPARDS	10-10 DRAW
U10 GOLD	U10 EASTS SILVER	7-0 WIN
U10 GREEN	U10 BROTHERS GREEN	27-17 WIN
U10 ORANGE	U10 EVERTON PARK BLUE	36-24 WIN
U10 WHITE	U10 IPSWICH WHITE	60-0 WIN
U11 BLUE	U11 SUNNYBANK BLACK	62-0 WIN
U11 GREY	U11 WESTS GOLD	17-26 LOSS
U11 MAROON	U11 NORTH LAKES LEOPARDS	0-33 LOSS
U11 WHITE	U11 KENMORE BLACK	15-17 LOSS
U12 GOLD	U12 REDLANDS	62-0 WIN
U12 GREEN	U12 NORTHS BLUE	41-26 WIN
U12 MAROON	U12 SOUTHS BLACK	5-15 LOSS
U12 WHITE	U12 BROTHERS SILVER	22-14 WIN
U13 BLUE	U13 SOUTHS WHITE	46-0 WIN
U13 GREEN	U13 UQ JR HEAVIES MAROON	5-26 LOSS
U14 BLUE	U14 HELENSVALE HOGS	7-25 LOSS
U14 GREEN	U14 NORTHS BLUE	5-48 LOSS
U14 WHITE	U14 WESTS GOLD	19-36 LOSS
U15 BLUE	U15 WESTS	7-29 LOSS
U16 BLUE	U16 EASTS BLUE	40-15 WIN
U16 GREEN	U16 BROTHERS WHITE	31-5 WIN