



Bro News May 2011

Presidents Post

We're now over halfway through the season, and if you haven't been keeping track of the scores, we're doing pretty well. We're currently sitting on top of the Club Championship, 1st Grade are sitting on top of their points ladder, and second grade are coming a close second, with third grade not too far off the pace.

Given our success so far this year, it's worthwhile remembering we need to keep up attendances at training and making ourselves available on game to ensure we hit our targets for the year.

That being said, it's time to revisit those goals we set at the beginning of the year and keep them in mind as we head into the back-end of the season.

- Brothers Rugby Club Sydney to win the 4th Division Club Championship in 2011
- to have all three grades appear in the finals series, and to ensure at least two of those teams appear in their respective Grand finals
- to have 2 teams win grand finals

These goals are achievable on our current path. They will take continued commitment of all involved in the Club, whether they are players, coaches or administrators. I know after meeting with some of the key coaches and administrators in the club earlier this week that they will be doing all within their power to ensure we hit these targets later in the year; the rest is up to you, the individual player and club member.

To ensure your place in the finals series, players need to be qualified by playing at least 8 rounds during the season. The only way to do this is to play more games, enough said.

One last note, Tom has promised the Orchard will put on a keg if we take out the Club Championship by the end of the next round against Merrylands (played on 16 July). What more motivation do you need?

Scott James

BRCS President

Club captains report.

Rugby on and off the field is going gang busters..... The first's, and seconds steady at the top of the ladder thirds are kicking around fighting for a semi spot and all the injured players are doing their bit to make complete asses of themselves, on the drink.

Special mention going to the flying Half Irish, half Asian winger Jonny Gavin (yes that's right what a mix),for scoring probably 7 million tries in the last few games and forcing his way back into the first grade team. Well done SANTA! Also Hans and Billy, have been playing extremely well and have also both been close or have had, first grade call ups.

Off the field, the SUPER SPERMS are doing their bit. With new babies to the Winston's and the McIntyres.

Also off the field the chats wood police are still putting together the pieces of what happened to RON BURGENDY, YOGY and BOO BOO and some weird alien blue hand prints, left everywhere throughout Chatswood.

Tour has had a deposit put down. This mean we have paid for 15 people. If the numbers rise above 15 this is fine, but the longer we leave it, the more it's gonna cost. So within the 15 there are 5 spots left. To secure your spot you need to get to me \$100. That locks you in and happy days.

Tour is:

CAIRNS 2nd Sep-5th Sep \$650 all up(at the moment). My contact details 0412 482 916

With everything going good on the field, we need to make sure we don't forget our sponsors, who have stuck by us over the last few years. The numbers have been shrinking each week after games and this will need to change. We have a few events coming up, so we ask you, First grade through to thirds and through the injured list, to get on down there and watch the rugby and have a few beverages.

Cheers and good day,

Pauly G "Pierre"

Up Coming Social Calendar Events

Saturday 18th June – Social Olympics @ The Orchard. Starting at 7.30pm

Saturday 25th June - Ladies Day

Saturday 16th July – Veterans Day and reunion

Saturday 20th August – 2011 Presentation Ball, Harbour View Hotel, North Sydney

For all things Social, visit the social page on the website

Brothers 5 Merrylands 45

We really did get blown away early in the game however we cannot expect to start games well if we so disorganised before we go on. We were really scratching to find a team to run on and had to call upon Scott James & Dave Taylor to help out in the front row and Niall ended up playing two games and Charles and Mick Summers had to back up.

I will take this situation up with team at training and individually but the bottom line is if you are not there by 12.30pm you are late.

After we settled down mid way through the first half we started to get back into the game and scored a good team try.

Score got away in the second half as the tackling became less effective. I think a few of us were finding the pace of the game a bit tough and I encourage everyone to get to training to assist with fitness.

Some positives to come out of the game with some players putting in a big effort. I thought Pat Gortley had his best game for the club and Niall and Charles Kilby never gave up trying.

Good to see Dave Wightly back from injury

Although the score was not pretty I am confident that we will be competitive come semis. The club and 3s in particular have been hard hit with injuries and the week off has come at a good time.

Brothers 0 Petersham 12

Always going to be a difficult game due to injuries and unavailability of player on top of this a ground change due to disappearance of goal posts (I thought I'd heard it all) and then we had no ref. - thanks Mick Bird for filling in.

It was a case of all hands on deck as we struggled to get 15 on the field.

Game was even throughout and we had our chances. There first try was scored halfway through the first half and was converted.

We had our chances in the second half and pressured their line for a long period and I thought we had to score but not to be.

After expending all our energy they scored a late try against the run of play.

The game saw the return of Christian Logue to the club and Buzz's son who is still at school had his first run with the club - thanks for helping out Gerard.

Niall had a great game at the unfamiliar 5/8 position and Charles Kilby and Andrew Simpson and Gerry Shannon played strongly. Unfortunately Gerry received a cut to the eye which required 6 stitches.

Best news is game was treated as a bye and we picked up 5 comp. points.

Brothers 17 Mac. Uni. 7

Well played 3s

Like most clubs we are stronger at home and we were able to select a competitive side with 4 reserves.

1st half was mainly played in Unis territory with 5/8 Tom Burns controlling territory. Our forwards were stronger than their opposition and our points came from that dominance.

2nd half was a similar affair with Brothers holding good field position however Uni had a young quick backline that gave us trouble when they had position. A try to the Students with about ten to go caused some anxious moments and it took a determined defensive effort to hold them out towards the end of the game. Our cause was not helped by the yellow cards to Coops and Opie. I know the ref was struggling but at the end of the day it is all about discipline.

Strong games by Coops Gerry Opie and Charles. Also Ben in his return after injury.

Game also saw Simmo back for 1st run of the year and Niall had his 1st win with the club - still waiting on the pints.

Brothers 10 St George 12

One that got away against the competition leaders.

As the score suggested a very close affair with a simple shot at goal missed early on being the difference on the score board.

Opposition had a mobile team that liked to counter attack. Earlier on our kicking was not well directed and St George ran in two tries via some quick backs.

Once we start to control ball better and got our forwards into the game we looked a lot better. Also our defence picked up. We finished stronger a could have won.

Although a lose we should take some comfort from the fact we were so close to the side that would appear to be the team to beat in the comp.

Thanks to Dave Taylor and Scotty for helping out.

Gerry Charles and Brownie played well.

Ian Meers

Coach

Coaches Reports: 2nd Grade

Okay, a combined wrap up for Second Grade. Home game against Macquarie Uni, everything went well and there can be no denying we were lucky to have Darren playing at No. 10. As I said on the day though it's games where we are out in front that we have to learn to seal off and not give a chance for anyone to come back at us.

Against St George at Carr's Park, not too bad and Enda led from the front and had a great game in the forwards, reminded me of my playing style in the glory days, at least that's what I like to think. Brothers v Rouse Hill, the game of the day, in fact the only game of the day.

Now, Merrylands at Holroyd, we had some substantial players away for this one and it did not help us at all. But taking nothing from Merrylands, they out toughed in the first half and we attempted to strike back in the second half but with no luck Hans Krenmayr and Charles in the forwards and Mick D in the backs had very good games. Ball retention and tackling somewhere mid torso continue to be a problem. Funny thing though, watching the 1st Grade game Tuesday night I think I did see some of the Merrylands Second Grade out there, talented bunch that they are, anyway they were better and won.

Training starts at 7.00PM not ten past or twenty past seven.

Glen

Coaches Reports: 1st Grade

With 6 rounds to go the boys are sitting on top of the comp 10 points clear.

Our best rugby is still ahead of us and it will require a real squad effort to continue the good work while we strive to win the comp

I am supposed to write a few words about each game to entertain those who have not graced the sidelines as yet, unfortunately my memory has been substantially damaged due to the off field recovery practices of this club.

We have a few injuries to report, Keith or was it Kevin kitchen injured his knee jumping into a water hole he thought was 6 foot deep only to discover it was only 30cm deep. Kevin is due to undergo surgery to his knee in the next few weeks and is out for the season we are considering it a lucky

injury as he usually tries to land the well known kitchen glider/plane head first. Best bets has a wrist injury which is not rugby orientated and he will be out for a few weeks while that recovers. While on the topic of best bets or should I say Boo Boo, or should I say Priscilla Queen of Spring Hill, has been very active in his antics so as a side to this report we will have the Priscilla Diaries see below.

Our two front rowers dancing with the stars Nichols and Usain Bolt-Sachs are attempting to outdo each other with their ball playing skills, rumor has it they have also have compact mirror in their kit bags and keep turning up to training with jerseys with the number 10 on the back. I apologies ahead of Veterans Day to all the veteran front rowers out there, times have definitely changed.

Capt underpants has been up to his old tricks, with have found out he has a fetish of dressing up as Yogi Bear. More than once I have had reports reach me on a Sunday of a rather worse for wear Yogi Bear posing for photos/threatening to rip people's heads off within the near the vicinity of the Orchard. On this matter I raise a serious note of caution; apparently this particular Bear believes he is immune to the normal laws of the land "because I'm a bear it doesn't count" so if encountered please approach with caution or at least a beverage. Our intrepid capt also headed up or representative contingent as NSW Subbies capt, rumor has it not only did he managed not to be sober at any stage of the trip but I have photographic evidence that Yogi/Underpants found himself short when frequenting a Gay bar in Brisbane without his Bear suit so with his never say die attitude he decided it was best to go topless. By the way Yogi the Orchard would like you to return the ash tray, coasters, salt and pepper shakers, glasses and table numbers you decided to sneak into your bear suit.

Paul Gibbs or Pupa Smurf as we all know him now, decided he would paint his face blue without checking the instructions first. With a christening on Sunday and a new job to start on Monday he was happy to find the paint would not come off and for three days he resembled the incredible hulk. He the ashamedly swore of the drink for 4 weeks, needless to say a week later I received a phone from the smurf informing me he had already fallen off the wagon and know instead of a green face he had a Dunlop volley indented in his fore head form an altercation with a group of people he did not know or why he was actually involved in the fracas. When I asked was he intoxicated the phrase "couldn't even scratch myself was mentioned".

Also while on the subject of bus trips don't think I didn't see the numerous examples of cowardice from those people who tried to escape from the back window of the bus rather than take their fine, led by non other than 2nd grade assistant coach Mick "Junior Brute" Williams.

We also had a visit from Ron Burgundy needless to say he was first to be refused service at The O and sent packing at 10.30pm. The OC then received a phone call from Ron's better half at 1.30am (just like to mention here that I took myself home early to avoid having to write about myself) asking where he was as Ron's phone had turned up at Chatswood Police station minus Ron. After an extensive search of the 10m surrounding my house I called the search off and declared Ron officially missing. Happy to say Ron found his way home by 3.30am unaware of how he got there where he had been or what had happened to his phone. Hope the knee operation goes well Keith.

On a serious note congratulations to Matt, Emily and Eliza McIntyre for the birth of baby Chloe. We are also happy that the birth also coincided with the disappearance of Alan from the Hangover from the club.

Keep up the good work everyone long way to go yet.

Where do we start?

I introduced Best Bets to you all in the previous match report and I have to say his activities since then have led to the creation of his own news piece.

As we know his main form of entertainment is creating bets where the loser is usually subjected to some sort of strange ritualistic torture. Capt Underpants was his latest victim after chancing his arm at another side line conversion bet at training, all I can say is some people couldn't eat their sausage sandwich afterwards. We then proceed to the mysterious wrist injury that has now become a broken wrist, playing while injured at times at the help of our resident GP Tony Daly aka "the chemist" Best Bets certainly showed plenty of courage, which also shown throw on the bus trip when dressed as Boo Boo he allowed himself to be examined by Dr Cullimore (I might add without a glove), we did point out this was indeed an invalid examination as Francis was dressed as a doctor not a vet.

Boo Boo also managed that night to not only undress in the Orchard but also while ordering KFC on the way home by which time the excuse of "where else would a bear keep his wallet" was running a bit thin, the KFC staff obviously got their own back with a dodgy burger which obviously led him to projectile vomit in the shower on the way home.

I have to say I do admire his tenacity, not to be out done Boo Boo/Best Bets headed up to qld for rep duty with capt underpants, Buckets here by known to everyone as "Stealth" due to his ability to fly under the radar, and Darren "Halligan" Firman. Not known for his ability to consume large amounts of alcohol successfully he still threw himself into the job at hand. Unfortunately not far from their temporary home on Spring Hill was a Gay Bar. Now before I get attacked by the politically correct Nazis I am not homophobic which can be attested to by Pupa Smurf and in fact the Dwarf from our recent trip to Thailand. The bar was always going to be the last stop home for the boys, it was just unfortunate for Boo Boo/Best Bets and now aptly named Priscilla that I have photographic proof that a certain bar man was kissed with tongues in the chance of a cheaper drinks. Capt underpants was unaware at the time as he was to busy dancing with his shirt off.

Credit where credit is due, even looking like he was about to die due to alcohol poisoning and with a broken wrist Boo Boo took to the field for the first half against Merrylands and played well pulling off a great try saving tackle and scoring a try himself before collapsing at half time

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Sponsors – See our support for 2011

The Orchard Tavern Chatswood is a long and Proud Sponsor of Brothers Rugby Club. They have a great food and beverage menu and are open late most nights.

Pop in for a drink after each game to pay back a long standing supporter of the club.



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Raffle - Update

Those that have been getting out there have found the selling of their raffle tickets has gone well. To encourage you to sell more, the person that sells the most tickets will win **\$500 CASH**. So get selling those tickets. All funds raised goes back into the club.

We have managed to secure Flight Centre as a major sponsor for 2011. As well as being a major Sponsor, Flight Centre has donated a fantastic 1st prize for us to raffle off this year. The committee worked hard to secure a 2nd and 3rd prize that is worthy of being paped with this prize and special thanks must go to Bill James, Vinny McCartney and Dave Bullard in their work in securing these prizes.



You are encouraged to sell and buy as many tickets as you can. Remember this is all for the good of the club. If you do not have a book to sell, see Matt or Scott. The prizes are:

1stPrize: 2 Category A tickets to Aussie
Vs Ireland in Auckland
 2 Category A tickets to Aussie
Vs USA in Wellington
 Flights Sydney to Auckland
 4 nights in Auckland
 Flights Auckland to
Wellington
 4 nights in Wellington
 Flights Wellington to Sydney

2nd Prize: 2 Category B ticket to Aussie
Vs Ireland in Auckland and a \$200 Flight Centre
voucher (to go towards travel, accommodation
etc)

3rd prize: \$350 Aria Restaurant voucher

Apparel

We have just a few hoodies and fleeces left. Be in quick as there are limited sizes. These will be on sale for \$50 each home game. Come up to the canteen to see if there is one available in your size

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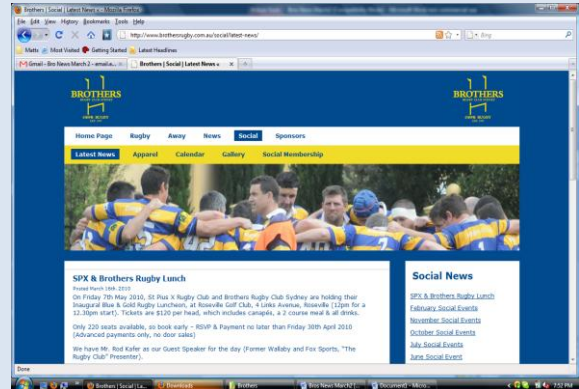
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Website

Members of the Brothers Rugby Committee have been working really hard to have the website looking swish.

Here is where you will find all the new, information, contacts, fixtures and of course your very own Bro News.



Check it out and save it as a favourite

<http://www.brothersrugby.com.au/home/important-updates/>

Subbies Wine Club

Welcome to the Subbies Wine Club an exciting new partnership between Subbies and My Wine Warehouse. This is a great opportunity to purchase good quality wines at great prices whilst supporting your local Subbies Club. A percentage of each sale is donated back to Brothers when you nominate us as your nominated club.

We look forward to your support of this initiative and welcome any feedback you might have. It's also worth noting that Subbies is now on Facebook and Twitter @subbiesrugby. Don't forget the results and tables of every Subbies game every week is posted on-line www.rugby.net.au by 6pm match night.

Go to: <http://www.mywinewarehouse.com.au/articles.php?id=7>

Player profile

Full Name: John George Nichols



Specs: About 182cm and 114kgs

DOB: 30/12/82

Position: TH prop

Most respected opponent: Tim Sachs when he was at the 'Illawarriors"!!!!!!

Best game you ever played: every game

Any strange pre-game rituals: I've started eating sausage sandwiches before games this year!

Quick Fire Questions:

Holden or ford? Ford

Blonde or Brunette: both

Cheese or chocolate: blue vein!!

Boardies or Speedos: boardies

Star Trek or Star wars: both are gay

Would you eat a horse? Only if it minced into a sausage

Last book you read? Never learnt to read

If you could have one super power for a day what would it be (invisibility, immortality, x-ray vision, super strength, flying) -flying

3 famous dead or alive people you would invite to a dinner. Horse sausages would be on the menu and it would be any past or present playboy bunnies

Bro News – It's Your News

Hatches

Craig and Leanne Thomas had little Mia Nicole on 12 April .



On June 1st Matt and Emily McIntyre welcomed Chloe in their family. Chloe is adored by her big sister Eliza



Another hatch recently was Max Winston. Enda and Darleen had little Max on June 3rd. Max is the 2nd boy for Enda and Darleen and the youngest of their now 4 kids.



Matches

Over the Queen's Birthday long weekend love must have been in the air, with Tom and Ash getting engaged as well as Paul and Tara.

Congratulations

If you have any news of hatches, matches or dispatches and would like to share them with the club please email secretary@brothersrugby.com.au