



RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER



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PRESS CUP

Saturday 2 June 2012

Round 5 – Press Cup

RHS 1st XV v St Bedes College 1st XV

Final Score: RHS 3 SBC 53

It was always going to be a test of character taking on the 4 time Press Cup champions. After last weeks close loss to CBHS the St Bede's team were fired up and keen to make a statement in the first home fixture at St Bede's for 2012. There was a big crowd and fine weather for this fixture and the first half was an enthralling encounter. It's hard not to go past the 'David and Goliath' story as the big Bede's pack dominated possession and gave their backs front foot ball and following a series of strong forward surges a slick backline



spread the ball wide and outflanked the scrambling Rangiora defence. The Rangiora side were not phased at this and set about defending with a ferocity not seen this season from the green and golds. The defensive effort was enough to unsettle the St Bede's side and they were forced into uncharacteristic mistakes and repeatedly turned over possession. The Rangiora side were not able to hold onto the ball for long enough to apply any offensive pressure themselves. The one venture into the home sides half resulted in St Bede's conceding a penalty rather than give up their tryline. This was converted by fullback Cameron Millward. St Bedes had the weight of possession which ultimately lead to 2 more tries before the half-time break. 17-3 halftime.



The second half started as the first, however, Rangiora were starting to see more of the ball and continued to disrupt and force St Bede's into turnovers. Injuries and fatigue began to take their toll on the gutsy RHS side. Although determined to keep the defensive effort up and with few opportunities in possession the defences began to crack. St Bede's were certainly not going to show mercy once this occurred. The final ten minutes saw a try flurry and the score blew out to 53-3 following a quick sequence of 4 tries against an exhausted and battered RHS team.

'The score blow out was unfortunate but a reality of the power and pace that a team like this can unleash. The defensive courage and commitment from the boys was excellent but at the end of the day there was a distinct size mismatch up front. We matched them for about 60 minutes and then it became a very difficult task' Coach Jim Gilbert

'If we can bring the same physical commitment to the game next week then we have every chance of putting a winning performance up against an in form Ashburton College side' Captain Kori Jones

Next game: Saturday 16th June vs St. Andrew's College at St Andrew's College



Miles Toyota



Midweek Rugby

RHS Girls 1st XV in their game against St. Margaret's College. RHS won 27-22.



Junior Boys Gold play Darfield, winning 58-0. Gold are yet to have points scored against them this season.





This week's profiled 1st XV player (page 4) is Sam Brakenridge, pictured here painting his original artwork that sold for \$530 at the 1st XV Dinner auction.

Sam's painting going under the hammer



We would like to say a big thank you to the following businesses that supported our 1st XV Fundraising Dinner and Auction on Saturday 19th May.

Particular thanks to Polly and Ratu Mato for the donation of the generous Cook Island prize package comprising one week's accommodation at the Muri Beach Lodge, a Captain Tama cruise, and a Pacific Resort Cultural Evening and Dinner

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- Sam Brakenridge – artist
- CRFU



Please support these businesses as they have supported the 1st XV.

Also, thanks to Dave Nicholas from MoreFM for being our wonderful MC for the night, Richard Loe for his entertaining words, and Richard Leech from Rural Livestock for his excellent auctioneering.



RHS 1st XV Player Profile



Name	Sam Brakenridge
Year at School	12
House	Rutherford
Preferred Position	Lock
Previous Club	Ohoka
Rugby player you admire & why	Brad Thorne because he is a fully committed player who puts 150% into every game
Most memorable Rugby moment	Scoring two tries in the U16 finals last season and being selected for the RHS 1 st XV
Favourite Food	Ribs
Favourite music	Drum and Bass
Other sports played	Spear Fishing
Interests/hobbies	Hunting, Fishing, Diving – both free diving and scuba, Bone Carving, Painting
Other useful info...	Taking Rural Studies and Ag Science, love working on the farm and would be keen to work on a high country station when I leave school.



Don't forget our Facebook page – check out the latest photos. Thanks to Trudy McKay and Fiona Brakenridge for their professional photos.

RHS 1st XV would like to thank both Lyn Sparks and The SportShop Rangiora for donating the 2012 match balls.

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