



RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER

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PRESS CUP

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RHS 1st XV vs Shirley Boys High School, Mandeville

It is often a challenge for a team to back up a big performance and so it proved on Saturday with the side struggling to get out of first gear against Shirley Boys. The energy of the previous week was missing in the first spell despite a very bright start with a well constructed try to winger Travel Tuaputa within 3 minutes of the kick-off. From then on it was all Shirley Boys for the remainder of the first half. A converted try and a penalty gave Shirley the scoreboard advantage with a late penalty to Rangiora's Scott Allin closing the half-time deficit to 8-10. It was a frustrated team that knew they were not playing well.



The second half started poorly for Rangiora as Shirley continued their dominance in possession and territory quickly adding to their score sheet with a converted try and a well taken penalty to fullback Brydon Stewart-Martin (who kicked 2 penalties and 2 conversions).

This seemed to sting the home side into action and hard working lock forward Max Lines bullocked his way to the line, closing the deficit to 13-20. The Rangiora side were starting to maintain possession better and despite losing in form centre Jag Love to injury late in the first half were still looking dangerous out wide. Several attacking opportunities were shut down

well by the hard working Shirley defence. The game turning break came from fullback turned centre Cameron Millward (pictured above) who set his winger Louis Herman-Watt on a run down the sideline which led to 2nd five Daniel Wills to collect the last pass and out sprint the defence to score. Scott Allin calmly slotted the conversion from the sideline to even the score up at 20-20. With momentum now with Rangiora it was Millward again who broke through the Shirley defence and this time ran 60 metres to score himself. The conversion was close but unsuccessful and with a 5 point lead it looked like Rangiora would continue to apply pressure and close out the game. In this competition however teams do not give up and it was Shirley who finished strongly and were ultimately undone by desperate and dogged defence by Rangiora.





FMG Player of the Day went to halfback Craig Stockwell (pictured with Cameron Dyer on right) who had a great game behind a pack that was often on the back foot.



The **Principal's Pin** was awarded to Cameron Millward for his excellent work on and off the field throughout the week.

It was a flat performance for much of this game and the forwards battled to control a physical Shirley pack. The team showed great character to dig out the win. That is a big step forward for us and to have beaten Shirley Boys for the first time since joining the Press Cup is very pleasing.

Final Score: RHS 25 Shirley Boys HS 20

Next Game: vs Burnside HS, kick-off 2.45 p.m. @ Burnside HS

MIDWEEK RUGBY



This week both the 2nd XV and Girls 1st XV head to Burnside Park on Wednesday 12th for the annual, much-enjoyed CRFU College Day Tournament

2nd XV play:

- Ashburton 10.00 a.m.
- Cashmere 11.00 a.m.
- Bye 12.00 p.m.
- Ellesmere 1.00 p.m.
- Geraldine 2.00 p.m.
- Finals 3.00 p.m.

Girls 1st XV play:

- Geraldine 10.30 a.m.
- CGHS 11.30 a.m.
- Westland 12.30 p.m.
- Semi Finals 1.30 p.m.
- Finals 2.30 p.m.

Junior Green travel to Darfield to play Darfield High School, and Junior Gold have another home game, this week against Cashmere High School.



RHS 1ST XV PLAYER PROFILE: Orlando Brown



Name	Orlando Brown
Year	13
House	Ngata
Preferred Position	Wing
Previous Club	Saracens
Rugby player you admire & why	Maa Nonu because he is an inspiration to young players
Most memorable Rugby moment	Running down the side line and scoring a try
Favourite Food	Everything
Favourite music	Reggae, Rap, R and B
Other sports/interests	Touch, football, sports, eating food, hanging out with friends

