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Press Cup Game 2: vs Roncalli Saturday 10th May



It was a very disappointed side that climbed aboard the bus for the return from Timaru to Rangiora. A very frustrating team performance with many players simply not bringing their best to the field of battle. That left a few brave souls trying to turn the tide of Roncalli attack and to get some control of possession. There were brief patches where the team clicked into gear and tries to Davey Mato and Ethan McDuff were the result of these. Unfortunately not able to compete at the breakdown with a dogged and determined Roncalli forward unit that was complemented by a skilful and busy backline. Roncalli enjoyed the better start as Rangiora gave away too many penalties conceding both territory and points on the

board. Slow to respond to the referee the team was on the receiving end of a yellow card with 2nd five Robbie Salton the recipient.

19-3 down going into the second half the side started well scoring within minutes of the restart a well constructed try scored by Ethan McDuff. Still frustrated by the lack of ball control and with Roncalli responding with further points of their own the cracks began to appear as players were feeling the game slipping and unable to respond. It was a mistake ridden second 25 minutes overall as the harder some tried the worse things seemed to get. Roncalli finished with a brace of tries securing a bonus point victory in style.



Roncalli were well deserved winners on the day with a slick performance and a lesson for Rangiora in game day commitment.

"There were some very disappointed boys today. An age old rugby lesson was hopefully learned in that you must turn up ready to play week in week out if you wish to be competitive in the big competitions. Easier said than done. We worked hard on this pre-season and it is frustrating for it to catch us out in just the second game after having played so well against Nelson College in Game One. This team has set high standards for itself and I am confident the boys will bounce back Wednesday against Lincoln" said co-coach Jim Gilbert



Player of the Day: Matt Cooke

Final score: Rangiora 15 Roncalli 40



Press Cup Game 3: vs Lincoln High School Wednesday 14th May

Wet conditions dominated this much anticipated fixture. The game between CRFU's two country schools was a close affair with Lincoln playing the tidier and smarter game in the wet conditions. They took a 13nil lead in the first 30 minutes through the impressive boot of their first five who kicked two penalties and a conversion as well as keeping Rangiora in the Rangiora half of the field for much of the half. The Lincoln forwards used their size to good effect in the wet and scored a classic wet weather try with powerful pick and go and channel 1 runners.



Rangiora was at times their own worst enemy by not recognising space and again guilty of giving away too many penalties. Playing a more ambitious game however did eventually pay off as space began opening up as the the game wore on. Fullback Lemuel Hill opened up the Lincoln defence from fullback on more than one occasion and the backline benefitted from the battle up front. Second half tries to Davey Mato and Ethan McDuff were well constructed and defied the wet conditions. The reliable boot of Scott Allin landed a sideline conversion to give Rangiora a 2 point lead with 6 minutes to play. The home

side were in control for much of the remaining minutes but Lincoln almost had the last say having gained possession and being awarded a penalty within kicking range on the last play. Luckily for Rangiora the kick went wide.

"Very good to get the win but we made it hard for ourselves at times today...proud of the boys for digging in" said Captain Luke Ellis

Player of the Day: Davey Mato

Final score: Rangiora 15 Lincoln 13

Next game: Burnside 2.00m this Saturday at RHS



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RHS 2nd XV vs Oxford/Woodend U18



A much anticipated match between friends lived up to expectations with a close battle with the Oxford-Woodend combined side. Both sides showed determination for the full 70 minutes and the 7 nil score reflected this. It was this determination that saw Player of the Day, Kerran Jenkins, score the games only try which he also converted. With Levi Beedles debuting at prop, it was encouraging to see the forwards stepping up to support him. They competed well throughout the first half, and it was from this good possession that allowed the half break from Jenkins, who drove himself the extra few metres to score.

The School side were more structured in their patterns and consistent than their opposition which was the difference in the end. In the backs, Brendan Maw had another busy game and Jenkins was solid in defence. Andrew McDonald, Louis James and George Howat were industrious forwards throughout. However it was the entire team's second half defence that was most pleasing, and maintains their unbeaten record after four competition games.

Player of the Day: Kerran Jenkins



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2nd XV QUIZ NIGHT: Monday 19th May 6.30 p.m.

All team places are now full for the Quiz Night next Monday, but if you would still like to donate raffle or silent auction prizes, please let Sarah know. Monteiths will be running their pizza and pint deal. Please be there by 6.30 for a 7.00 start.

GAMES THIS WEEK



This Saturday the 1st XV have a home game against Burnside High School, kick-off 2.00 p.m. The 2nd XV play Tinwald/Celtic at Tinwald, kick-off 1.00 p.m.

RHS 1st XV Player Profile: Scott Allin (Vice-Captain)



Name	Scott Allin
Year	13
House	Rutherford
Preferred Position	First-five
Previous Club	Saracens
Rugby player you admire & why	Dan Carter. He's been the most consistent first-five throughout his career. I admire his all round ability, he's the world best in this position.
Most memorable Rugby moment	Beating StAC last year.
Favourite Food	Sushi
Other sports played	Touch rugby
Interests/hobbies	Playing rugby, hanging out with the fellas and playing a bit of x-box.