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RUGBY REMEMBERS

1st XV in final pre-season game

"A good time for a wake-up call" was how co-coach Kelvin Eder described Rangiora's 1st XV loss to Lincoln last Saturday.

Coaches and players were confident following a good pre-season, so to see how little there is between playing to your ability, and not performing was the lesson to take home.

A good start with two penalties to Rhys Smith, were hindered by a Lincoln try through some lazy defense. However at 7-6, Rangiora High felt set to dominate. Unfortunately Lincoln's confidence grew and two further tries followed before half time. The 19-6 was not reflective of the gap between the two teams, but did highlight how costly two or three errors can be at that level.



The second half was a tighter battle with both sides scoring a try each. Rangiora's from an uncompromising charge from Fletcher Newell from a tap penalty. Patrick McCallum converted to finish with a 24-13 score line.

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"The most disappointing fact was that we became individuals playing against a team today" said Eder, "and this has not been the case in our other matches. The team should still be confident. They are aware of what they have achieved previously, and now know what happens when you don't deliver week in and week out."

It will not get any easier for the boys from Rangiora against last's years champions, Christchurch Boys' High, this Saturday at CBHS, kick-off 2.45 p.m.



Meanwhile in Methven...

In its first competition game this season, Rangiora High Under 18 played Methven-Rakaia. After an early try to Josh Sim for the school side, the bigger boys from the combined side took it to the younger opposition.

Methven-Rakaia continued to play to their strength with mauling play throughout the game. The RHS boys defended well in parts but struggled to change the game plan as they were being well beaten in certain areas. During this time the home team had scored three tries.

However RHS began to grow in confidence.

Jared Cox was directing play well at first five, and one of his evasive runs resulted in a valuable try before half time. It took some time

for the RHS boys to realise that their advantage lay in their fitness and to shifting the ball out wide. Their second half tries were scored wide on the left flank.

Methven-Rakaia did manage to score again, but the comeback was enough to secure a 22 all draw for the school team.

Try scorers were Sim, Cox, Harrison Proctor and Dylan Cameron. Zack Kenny also kicked a conversion.

Kotaro Shimoda was a busy openside flanker, and Deaven Clarkson and Cox were effective as inside backs. However it was an overall team effort that allowed the deficit to be closed up by the end.

Overall it was a good first 'hit out' that they will build on for their next game away to Malvern Combined.

They then defend the Ric Moore trophy against Hurunui on Wednesday evening, 29 April, at Mandeville.



CHBS EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL

After their earlier win over Timaru Boys', the Rangiora boys used an extended squad to play three games in the CBHS Rugby Festival over Easter.

First up, they ground out a close win of 8-5 against Wanganui High School, with a well taken try to Nick van de Weil, and penalty to Patrick McCallum. Rangiora felt it was the stronger side but could not get away from its solid opposition.

Their second and biggest challenge was Napier Boys High which, despite the 19-5 losing score line, was an even contest. Two 'soft' tries in the first half were not indicative of the solid defense of the RHS team. Their determined approach was illustrated by long periods keeping Napier scoreless, and Kerran Jenkins' try after relentless pressure of their own.



"Our smaller forwards were courageous and they can take great confidence from this performance" said forwards' coach, Marty Ashby, "We now know our young pack can match anyone at this level".



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The final match of the festival saw a comfortable 22 nil win over CBHS 2nd XV. By scoring four tries, to Bailey Mechen (2), Kerran Jenkins and Travel Tuaputa, the backs rewarded the forwards' for their efforts over the weekend.

It was exciting to see the growth in confidence over the two days with the good finishing by these outside backs.

Hell Pizza Players of the festival were Oscar Howat (forwards) and Rhys Smith (backs).



TAURANGA BOYS' COLLEGE/MOUNT MAUNGANUI TRAINING CAMP

Following this tournament, a large squad also travelled to Tauranga to face yet another North Island opposition with a big reputation, Tauranga Boys' College. However once again this team has showed a lack of respect for such reputations and led the Tauranga Boys' team with less than 15 minutes remaining. Unfortunately a late yellow card for a red zone infringement allowed TBC to finish stronger and take out the win by 38-24. Louis James, Hamish Richardson, Jared Cox scored tries, and Kerran Jenkins also scored his third try in four days. Patrick McCallum converted two. Fletcher Newell's courage under fire was recognized with the Player of the Day award.



While in Tauranga, the players continued with a training camp for the remaining days. Some fitness work including runs up Mount Maunganui, more team trainings (alongside the Women's Sevens team) and many team building activities has formed a close group of boys determined to perform at their best in 2015.



"The teams and management would like to thank all our supporters through recent fundraising events for our pre-season trip" said Kelvin Eder, co-coach, "It was a very busy few days up north but thoroughly enjoyable with a grateful well-behaved bunch of boys".

We would particularly like to acknowledge the support of the following businesses who helped our players get to the Mt Maunganui training camp.

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Pictured above 1st XV Coach Marty Ashby presenting manager Kerry Sullivan with the trophy for being the top scorer at the Ten Pin Bowling.

The Whittakers chocolate milk was a big hit with the boys.



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MIDWEEK RUGBY

The Girls 1st XV attended the first of two highly valuable Skills Days run by the CRFU at South Hagley. Meanwhile, the two Junior Boys teams – Gold and Green – played against each other at RHS. Having just been selected, this game was to ensure the teams were fairly evenly matched, and with 3 tries all at half time, they are looking that way.

Coaches Mr Harrison and Mr Gebbie commented on the wealth of talent in these two teams, and on the excellent support provided by the Year 12 Assistant Coaches, Korbyn Gray, Luke Gold, Louis James, Cam Lynskey, Jacob Pepper-Edwards and Kyle Williams.

A big thanks to Greg Eder for refereeing this game for the Junior Boys.



Sign up now for the annual RHS Rugby Quiz Night

There are still team spots left for the RHS Rugby Quiz Night on Monday 11th May at Monteiths, Rangiora. Tickets are \$10 head. Teams of 6-8 people can be signed up/paid for at the Payments counter in the Student Office or call Sarah on 0274 306 153.



Parents and friends of RHS Rugby - diary Saturday 6th June for the 1st XV Dinner and Auction.

Guest speaker for this year is All Blacks Forwards Coach Mike Cron.

This is a hugely popular event and a fun night out.... tickets available now from RHS 1st XV players or by email: dd@rangiorahigh.school.nz

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