



# RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER

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## UC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND THREE: 1<sup>st</sup> XV v St. Andrew's College

The form team of the UC Championship, St Andrews, were on fire in the first ten minutes of its encounter at Rangiora High School last Saturday. Two tries, one from slick passing to create an overlap, and a second from pick'n'go attack close to the line, gave 'STAC' an early 14 point lead.

However the local side were not going to let this game get away from them and it took some time before the visitors could score again in the first half. An improved defensive line, plus some good lineout contests had Rangiora with more possession and territory.



Soon after half time Rangiora again attacked strongly into STAC territory but were unfortunate not to come away with points that would have given them with the extra confidence needed. The game continued with an even battle, but St Andrews' speed out wide saw another try plus a barging run from their big Number 8 ended the game at 31 nil.

Although it is their third loss, Coach Marty Ashby said "We are definitely on the up. The tough early draw has been challenging but if we maintain this standard of rugby, the results will come. This competition is not unlike a marathon, and we think we are tracking well for the rest of the race. We are picking all three of our opponents so far will make the top four".



Matt Cooke led the charge back, and was ably supported by Player of the Day, Oscar Howat (*pictured left*). Young prop, Fletcher Newell, was strong in the contests, as was Naaria Wilson-Bairds. Five eighths, Patrick McCallum and Rhys Smith's inside defense has improved significantly to frustrate opposition. Hayley Robinson continues to be the side's most effective ball-carrier, but Travel Tuaputa and Bailey Mechen were also determined bringing the ball back from the back. All were influential in the turn around after ten minutes.



This Saturday's home game against Shirley Boys' High is another important step, and can be seen on CTV at 12.30pm on Sunday.

**Hell Pizza Player of the Day** was Oscar Howat  
**Principal's Pin** went to Fletcher Newell (*pictured below*)



### Games this week

**1<sup>st</sup> XV** vs Shirley Boys High School at RHS, kick-off 1.00 p.m.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XV/U18** vs Waihora at Tai Tapu 3, kick-off 1.30 p.m.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> XV/U18 vs Ashley/Oxford

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV/U18 had another successful defence of the Rick Moore Challenge Trophy with a 41-19 win over Ashley/Oxford on Saturday at Oxford.

**Player of the Day:** Harri Proctor



*Above: Justin Paulsen, Louis James and Cole Munro*



*Above: Josh Sim*



## Midweek Rugby

Yesterday the Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XV and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV played in the annual CRFU College Day at Burnside Park.

Pictured right is the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV who beat Darfield 7-0 in the final to win the Senior Boys 15s. Congratulations boys.

Pool game results:

RHS 7 - Westland 5

RHS 14 - Middleton 0

RHS 12 - Geraldine 0

**Player of the Day: Jared Cox**



RHS Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XV also had a very successful day, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Girls 10s with a definitive 55-0 win against Papanui. Awesome result girls.

Pool game results were:

RHS 55 - Geraldine 0

RHS 10 - Lincoln 10

RHS 0 - Motueka 45

**Player of the Day: Brianna James**

**Congratulations** to Kaylee Tavendale, the Girls Captain, for gaining a trial for the Canterbury Women's team! Good luck Kaylee.

The Girls will be playing 10s as they start the competition next week, and have a home game against Darfield.

The two **Junior Boys teams** played an internal game, with a lot of absences due to camp. They are looking forward to kicking off the CRFU Midweek competition next week with games against Cashmere High School (Gold, at Cashmere) and Lincoln High School (Green, at North Hagley).

A huge thanks to **Glen Dunseath** for refereeing this game for RHS.

## 1<sup>st</sup> XV Dinner Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

The annual 1<sup>st</sup> XV Dinner and Auction is to be held at Kaiapoi Working Mens Club for the first time this year. We are very excited to have **Mike Cron** as guest speaker and are looking forward to a fun and successful evening.

**Tickets are still available** - if you would like to purchase a ticket for this annual event, please contact Sarah on 0274 306 153.



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## RHS 1<sup>st</sup> XV Player Profile: Jordan Gray (Co-Captain)



Name	Jordy Gray
Year	13
House	Sheppard
Preferred Position	Halfback
Previous Club	Ashley
Most memorable Rugby moment	Beating Christ's College on Upper last year
Favourite Food	Sushi
Other sports played	Touch
Rugby player you admire most and why	Craig Stockwell – he taught me everything I know.

