



No.3
30 June 2008

SCRUM

Team Updates - Saturday 28 June 2008

U7 Blue 60 played Rolleston Black 40 Coaches: Murray Shipley/Rod May, Manager: Nick Greenslade
Played Rolleston Black at Rolleston in the rain and cold, again!! The kids had a great game and there was some awesome running, try scoring and ripping being done by both teams. Player of the Day - Will Greenslade (3 tries), Most Improved - George Ridgen who is improving week to week - George scored 1 try and had 2 great runs. Ripper of the day was Tom Shipley who is also playing some great rugby. Keep up the good work kids :) U7 Blue do not have practice on Thur 10th July as there is no rugby on Sat 12th July. Next practice will be on Thur 17th July and our next game is on Sat 19th July.

U7 Red 45 played Rolleston Blue 40 Coaches: Ross McGuckin/Jeremy Tod, Manager: Jane Logan

U8½ Blue 30 played Red 35 Coach: Matthew Brett-Kelly, Manager: Steph Neuzte
Mate against Mate,.....the Blues vs the Reds,.....this was Bigger than The State of Origin....this was...the "STATE OF DARFIELD" and what a spectacle. It was a titanic tussle between two evenly matched sides. There were skills of the highest calibre on show & some of the best tries you could ever see. Tackles, talk about tackles - some of the best bone crunching, jaw smacking, rib tickling tackles to be seen. The Blue boys played out of their skins & never gave up - I congratulate you for that. To the Reds, well done lads, you played as a team. Player of the Day - Cameron "Skyscraper" Carter - he ruled the lineouts & got around the park well. Coaches pick - Roy "Muscles" McCaughan for having one of his better games ever. Well done you two. Try scorers - Dominic "Bullet" Brettkelly (4), Tim "Slick" Hauschild (2). Watch this space for the return match - it will be bigger than China. Go the BLUES!!!

U8½ Red 35 played Blue 30 Coach: Craig Bampton, Manager: Kathryn Bampton
This game was played in fine competitive spirit. After forty hard fought minutes there was only one try in it. The boys scored their best team try for the season, with the ball passing through many hands before the try line. Great team effort. Player of the Day: Regan Redmond, Coaches Pick: Devon Crequer.

U10 Comb 20 played Leeston 10 Coaches: John Ludemann/Mike Hennessy, Manager: Lisa Tuhill
Darfield combined played Leeston, winning 4 tries to 2. An excellent team effort with both forwards and backs contributing in extremely wet, conditions. The team gave its all for a full 50 minutes, and the coach couldn't be prouder! Team Awards: Fair Play award - Harriet Evans, Tackler of the Day - Joe Rawson, and Player of the Day - Tuku Thomas for an all round good game. A special thanks to Stu McLachlan, the Leeston referee, for his fair and consistent decision making on the field.

U11½ 0 played Prebbleton White 27 Coach: Charlie Buttle, Manager: Yvonne Smith

U13 62 played Southbridge Comb 10 Coaches: Terry Ashby/Dudley Cridge, Manager: Gary Walker
Played at Kirwee in very cold conditions. We struggled to get 15 players due to injuries, which meant a big effort from everyone playing - with no reserves. The score doesn't really give credit to the Southbridge team who played well & are a good team. Max Snook & Shane Brooker put in good effort to play the whole game. Back of the Day - Devon Ashby, Forward of the Day - Max Snook, Player of the Day - Ford Kerr & Andrew Walker. Many thanks to Kirwee rugby club for hosting us.

U14½ 24 played Waihora 31 Coaches: Peter Wise/Brent Blakely/Scott McIlroy, Manager: Brent Chamberlain
Waihora started well with 2 quick tries. We were slow to get into the game but soon showed the talent in our backs when we had the ball. In the second half we fought back showing our potential, but unfortunately ran out of time. Ezra Duncan played very well both on attack and defence to earn him 'Player of the Day'. Shaun Beattie had his usual strong game to earn him "Back of the Day". Tom Searle worked hard all game to earn him "Forward of the Day". A special thanks to the St Johns personnel who are present at all games at Darfield, unlike other clubs who often don't have them present. We are very fortunate to have to have such high quality St Johns volunteers supporting our club. Many Thanks!!!!

U16 (Springston) 15 played Prebbleton 0
The team spent the first half defending, but in the second half they were camped on the Prebbleton line. A very evenly matched game - played in a lot of mud.

U18 0 v Celtic 17 Coaches: David Stokes/Max Williams/Graham Taylor, Manager: Chris Davies
We struggled into a driving southerly rain with 14 players for most of the first half, trailing "top of the table" Celtic 7-0 courtesy of a penalty try. Second half the boys showed heaps of spirit & commitment by defending their line, keeping Celtic to a very respectable final score. Player of the Day = Aaron Taylor. PS: Shout out to to all Mums - PLEASE make sure you pack a mouth guard for the wee fellas as we had three players without them last week which meant they couldn't take the field until they could find one?????

Team Updates - Saturday 28 June 2008 (cont.)**Colts defaulted to Saracens**

Coaches: Kerry Pauling/Sean Cocoran/Dave Pitkethley, Manager: Earl Browning

Travelled to Rangiora and unfortunately had to default to Saracens/Woodend due to only 11 players turning up to play, so looking forward to a home game this Saturday against College Old Boys, and having most of our students back from holiday. Have some injury problems at present but hopefully will be back to near full strength this week.

Div III 0 played Hornby 8

Coaches: Jeff Strowger/Mark Stanbury, Manager: Pete Thomas

Once again a tough game and the weather did not help, at the end it was like playing in a pond at minus 10 degrees. Because of injuries and work commitments the game also saw the return of Coach Jeff and Hitman Dave Beatty to the game. Although the boys lost they showed true team spirit and pride in the Darfield jerseys. Player of the Day Arnie Rothwell.

Div I 36 played Southbridge 0

Coaches: Grant McIlroy/Shane Dickson, Managers: Alannah Bell/Cory Sanders

After the hammering we got from Southern last week, the team had to re-think its approach for the Southbridge game at home. Changing team patterns at this stage of the season wasn't going to be easy, but the boys understood we had to change our style of play, and to the teams' credit it worked, comming away with a healthy 36-0 win in once again appalling conditions.

Draw for Saturday 5 July (at time of printing)

Div I v Leeston Comb @ Dunsandel
 Div III v Prebbleton @ Prebbleton
 Colts v College Old Boys @ Darfield
 U18 v Oxford
 U16 v Burnham @ Darfield
 U14½ v West Melton @ West Melton
 U13 v West Melton @ West Melton

U11½ v Bye
 U10 Comb v Duns/Irwell @ Kirwee
 U8½ Red v Bye
 U8½ Blue v Kirwee @ Kirwee
 U7 Red v Springston Black @ Darfield
 U7 Blue v West Melton White @ Darfield

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If you miss getting your copy of the newsletter, copies can be found in the clubrooms on a Saturday or you can check out the club's website www.darfieldrugby.co.nz which also has a copy to view.



Watties Volunteer Coach nominations are now being sought for coaches of club or school level (not at a representative level).

Nomination forms available at the clubrooms, or go online at www.watties.co.nz to make your nomination. **Closes 10 July 2008.**

\$\$ REMINDER

SUBS ARE NOW WELL OVERDUE
 Please see Pauline Browning or
 John Ludemann ASAP to pay this

Club Draw Sat 5 July - \$100

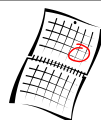
Club Draw Sat 28 June
\$350 - Blair McIlroy (Div I) congratulations

For all registered players and social members
 Drawn in clubrooms at 6pm each Saturday
 Must be present to claim prize!

'Contributor of the Week'

Sat 28 June

Simon Lee
Thank you

Dates To Watch Out For!

- **Fri 25 July**
U8½ Disco (fundraiser) - primary school age down
- **Sun 3 August**
Div III Golf Tournament (fundraiser)
- **Sat 9 August**
Ellesmere Finals Day – competitive grades @ Darf
- **Sat 16 August**
Ellesmere Finals Day - JAB
- **Sun 17 August**
DRFC Junior Prize Giving
- **Tue 26 August**
Annual General Meeting
- **Sat 30 August**
DRFC Prize Giving @ Hornby WMC