

January 28, 2004

## Jesuit Season Commences with an Impressive Victory

January 24, 2004

UC Davis

Jesuit 28 UC Davis C Team 10

On a muddy Russell Field at UC Davis on Saturday, the Marauders of Jesuit gave clear indications that the 2004 team will be good following its classy 28-10 win over the Aggies' C team.

Despite the treacherous conditions and a penalty count of 20-3 against them, the Marauders produced some flashes of brilliance and were able to produce some running Rugby that led to well-deserved tries.

Rangy #8 Paul Jesseman opened the scoring for Jesuit in the third minute when he picked up the ball at the base of the scrum in his own half and accelerated past the surprised Davis defense to run some 60 yards to score.

Standoff Ryan Taylor converted and Jesuit had a handy 7-0 lead that became 14-0 after winger Mike Bier finished off a classic backline move to race over wide out for the try.

Again Ryan Taylor converted the try but the Aggies replied ten minutes later with a try of their own. Aided by a series of penalties near the Jesuit line, the Aggies were rewarded when one of their muddled forwards dived over. Jesuit led 14-5 at the break.

Once again the Aggies scored an unconverted try after a succession of penalties on the Jesuit line. With the score now 14-10, it looked as if either team could win the game.

Jesseman put Jesuit further in the lead when he fielded a poor Davis clearing kick and ran 20 yards through some flimsy Davis defense to score his second try. This time full back Tyler Collins converted the try for a 21-12 lead.

Jesseman began and ended the scoring for the game when, shortly before full time, he ran from the back of a scrum and crashed through a needle-eye opening for his third try. With Taylor's conversion, the entertaining game ended 28-12 to the Marauders.

Man of the Match for Jesuit was Eric Fry who was originally selected as lock but played most impressively at prop. He backed up his aggressive running with some deadly tackling.

In the forwards, Justin Sweeney played well at hooker while big men Anthony Estrella, Andrew Booth and Alex Kallergis ran the ball up aggressively while Steve Lewis looked at home playing weak side flanker.

The experiments in the backline with Ryan Taylor at stand off, Tyler Collins at full back and Adam Mariani at outside center worked well. Returnee Ken Imwinkelried looked to have improved his game considerably while in Ireland.

UC Davis players and referee/coach Ray Schwartz proved great hosts in what was a much-needed first-up game for Jesuit.

A number of Jesuit players took the opportunity to stay and watch Coach Barry's UC Davis team beat Stanford by 59-0.

Players now prepare for the vital intra school game on Friday when hopefully all prospective players will have the chance to show their improved talents from 2003.

Jesuit (1-15)

Anthony Estrella, Justin Sweeney, Eric Fry, Alex Kallergis, Andrew Booth, Anthony Kesich, Steve Lewis (c ) Craig McCoy, Paul Jesseman Billy Bittner, Ryan Taylor (vc), Mike Bier, Sean McNamara, Adam Mariani, Ken Imwinkelried, Tyler Collins.

Bench:- Mike Renda, Christian Lundholm, Zac Reed, Anthony Vitto, Mike Morrison, Ryan Florita, Tom Holzmann

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Tries Jesseman 3, Bier

Conversions Taylor 3, Collins

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This Week in Rugby

Tue-Thu Practice as normal 3:15pm sharp to 5:00pm sharp

Fri Full intra-school scrimmage 3pm on the Rugby Field.

Sat The annual Parents Day at 10.00am followed by B and FS games vs. Fairfield RFC with kickoff at 12 noon.

Intra School Scrimmage

All Rugby players who wish to be considered for the Varsity XV for 2004 should make every effort to play in Friday's game at 3.00pm.

Jesuit has some very talented younger players who will have the chance to push their claims in this game. With the change to the process for going to the Nationals, every game we play is virtually a Championship game. We must get our Varsity XV up and running as soon as possible.

Spectators are most welcome at the game.

## Cheers and Jeers

Jesuit alum were here, there, everywhere on Saturday but most were to be found playing at St Mary's and UC Davis. Playing in the Cal vs. St Mary's A game were - Kyle Khasigian, Louie Stanfill, Andrew Lindsey, Joe Welch and James Sehr for Cal while Kevin Adams, Joe Midtyling, Pat Follett and Matt Leatherby played for St Mary's in a game won by Cal 51-10.

Over at UC Davis, Adam Collins, John Parshall and Pat O'Sullivan helped UC Davis to its 59-0 win over Stanford.

Please get you requests for warm ups in the next week as we have to order them due to the long manufacturing time required.

The Management