

February 6, 2003

Varsity A Squad 43 Elsie Allen (Santa Rosa) 3

What a first game of Rugby for all the parents new to the game to see! A very successful Parents' Day was followed an entertaining display of Jesuit running Rugby against a willing Elsie Allen team. Parents were able to see first hand the style of Rugby that hopefully their sons will be playing.

The first Jesuit try, in the sixth minute, displayed to parents the reality of what they had been practicing a short time beforehand.

A lineout win by Jesuit was followed by a succession of quick rucks before the backs drew and passed to send winger Eric Forner over between the posts.

Jesuit's ball control kept Elsie Allen on the defensive early. The constant pressure saw Elsie Allen give away a penalty. From the ensuing tap co-captain Louie Stanfill dived over for the try. As with Forner's try, Chris Sardon, Jesuit's Mr. Versatility, converted and Jesuit led 14-0.

Not to be denied, Elsie Allen fought back and launched a number of attacks on Jesuit's defensive line with their elusive full back causing some anxious moments.

Excellent counter-attack, much of it instigated by Sardon, saw Jesuit reassert authority. Twice Jesuit had the ball over the opposition try line only to be called back for not grounding it correctly.

Prop John Falatouese celebrated his first game of Rugby by crashing over near the posts to give Jesuit a 19-0 lead at half time.

Jesuit rang the changes at the break but the first half intensity was immediately maintained in the second half.

Weak side flanker Craig McCoy opened the second half scoring when he cleverly broke from a driving maul to dive over unopposed.

Replacement outside center Cole Valadez added another try after constant Jesuit pressure before winger Adam Mariani, in his first ever appearance, scored the try of the game.

Mariani, showing great anticipation, saw his opponent up too close and called for Collins to kick behind his opponent. Collins answered with a 30 yard "quarterback special" that Mariani caught at full speed and without breaking stride to race over for his first ever try.

Collins conversion made the score line 36-0 which was an unfair reflection on the efforts put in by the Elsie Allen team.

Livewire half back Billy Bittner celebrated his first game with the "big boys" by diving over from a tap after a penalty for the final try, which was converted by Eric Forner.

Elsie Allen selected Louie Stanfill and Adam Collins as their selections as Player of the Game but workaholic flanker Pat Ramos and Chris Sardon had outstanding games as well.

The "Bookends" - props Dominic Green and John Falatouese - had outstanding debut games while half Bittner, lock Paul Jesseman, center Steve Lewis and wing Eric Forner also played well.

One aspect that was most apparent is that the Varsity team of 2003 is capable of playing some very entertaining Rugby. The clashes with the big Grant team on Friday and Delta on Saturday (both at home) are greatly anticipated.

Jesuit 43 Tries- Forner, Stanfill, Falatouese, McCoy, Valazez, Mariani and Bittner Conversions - Sardon 2, Collins 1, Forner 1 Elsie Allen 3 Penalty goal 1

Coach's Corner

- What a start to the 2003 season! Over 40 interested parents attended the "Getting to Know Rugby Day". It was impressive to see so many parents in attendance and enjoying themselves. They also seemed to enjoy the three games that followed.

- The Varsity squad looked to have great depth as the two squads scored over 100 combined points in their respective games. The battle for positions in the starting Varsity 15 will be well and truly torrid.

- We will be using two squads again for this weekend. For the Grant game on Friday at 4pm we will use one squad while a different squad will represent the school on Saturday against Delta. Both games will be played at Jesuit. A Frosh/Soph game is scheduled for Saturday as well.

- Our Frosh/Soph squad amazes me. I spent Monday afternoon watching USA National hooker and old boy of Jesuit, Kirk Khasigian, put a forward pack through a quality scrum session. We have some talented lads coming through the program.

- While the forwards were working I caught up with some real back line talent working with Frosh/Soph head coach, Marty Popelka. I had the little black book and pen out very quickly. I can see no reason why Jesuit won't have quality teams for the next three years.

Keep enjoying the game

Coach Barry

Rugby Terminology and Explanation

Try = touchdown (5 points)

Conversion = point after (2 points)

Penalty goal = field goal (3 points)

Drop/field goal = field goal from general play (3 points)

Example:

Jesuit 43 points (7 tries x 5 points = 35 points)

(4 conversions x 2 points = 8 points) TOTAL 43 points

Elsie Allen 3 points (1 penalty x 3 = 3 points) TOTAL 3 points.

In touch = out of bounds

Touch line = sideline

In goal = in goal

Measurements of a Rugby field

From goal posts to goal posts - not more than 100 meters

From touchline to touch line (across the field) - not more than 70 meters

In goal area in depth should be between 10 and 22 meters long

* Each team is composed of 15 players

The forwards in a scrum

1. Loose head prop (to left of the hooker)
2. Hooker (between the loose head prop on his left and the tight head prop on his right)
3. Tight head prop (to right of the hooker)

4. Lock (usually packs in a scrum between the loose head prop and the hooker)
5. Lock (usually packs between the hooker and the tight head prop)
6. Weak side flanker (packs on the narrower side of the field)
7. Open side flanker (packs on the greater/wider side of the field)
8. Number eight (packs between the locks 4&5)

Backs

9. The half back (puts the ball into the scrum aka "feeds the scrum")
10. The stand-off (called fly half or five eighth as well) receives the pass from the half back
11. A winger (is the widest of the backs on one side of the field)
12. The inside center (usually receives the pass from #10)
13. The outside center (usually receives the pass from #12)
14. The second winger (is the widest of the backs on the other side of the field)
15. The full back (is the deepest of the backs, is the last line of defense and is used as an attacking player)

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers

-to the entire parent's that showed up and participated in the 3rd annual Parent's Day. Special thanks to the ladies that stepped up and scrummed down with the big boys.

Cheers-to all of the parents that have volunteered to help out this season so far. The list includes Mrs. Gamache, Welch, Ferro, Barrientes, as well as Mr. Parschall, Svetich, and, I am sure, others that I can't remember right now. Thanks to all of you.

Cheers - to our great videographer Jon Tesar and our great web meister Ed Davila. Their contributions are appreciated each and every day.

Cheers -Potentially to all of the parent's that will help with billeting the Kansas City Jr Blues rugby team that is visiting us next week. If you have room for players please contact Kathy Barrientes, our billeting chairperson, to offer assistance to her. Her phone is 530-756-3260 and her email is Ksbarrientes@ucdavis.edu.

JESUIT B'S ROCK ELSIE ALLEN

Feb 1, 2003

Jesuit HS The Jesuit Armada B sailed through port Elsie Allen and created a hurricane in their wake with a score line of 65-15. With their first outing under the belt, there is great promise amongst the 2nd XV and they will be pushing for starting positions. With lack of continuity due to a week at Kairos, the players showed their potential against one of the better teams from Santa Rosa. Jesse "the Dynamo" Dundon opened the scoring with the first of his 2 tries. "Sudden" Scott MacDowell then scored 2 back-to-back tries the second of which was a 50 yard weave through heavy traffic with defenders grasping at air. Forward Man of the Match David Read scored from a rolling maul with Mike Bier scoring after that on a nice run. The half closed at 38-0 for Jesuit. In the second half, Jon "The Russian Bear" Korakozoff scored off of a pass from Dundon, followed by Dane Drobny's first rugby try, Karl Secco's try from a long solo run, and Anthony Vitto's inaugural try from a Scott MacDowell pass. The team performed some nice rugby maneuvers that hopefully will build as we continue to practice and refine our skills. At the post game function, Elsie Allen chose David Read as Forward of the Match and Scott MacDowell as Back of the Match. Also deserving kudos was Jesse Dundon and Justin Sweeney for inspired performances. Cole Valadez stepped up as scrum half after injury to starter Nick "The Armenian" Cardin.

JESUIT B'S MAULED BY COUGARS

Feb5, 2003

Will Rogers Middle School A final score of 20-10 left the B Armada with future goals to repay the Cougars for the lesson supplied. With players recovering from Kairos and the Junior Retreat, there was a bit of lethargy on the field. After a slow start however, the Jesuit B's showed occasional flashes of brilliance but were never able to sustain them to score consistently. Jon "The Russian Bear" Korakozoff plowed through a host of Cougars to score for Jesuit first. Jesuit then played catch up with the Cougars as they piled on 20 points. Jesuit came roaring back at the end to make it 15-10 and then the Cougars answered with a long run at the end to make a final of 20-10. Back to the drawing board, but there is a lot to build upon. Jesse Dundon had another ferocious game and Alex Spinosa in his first action was excellent. Seniors Ryan Mahowski and David Grega had big games for the Big Red as well as Tyler Collins playing 3 positions on the day. Parents-Check the web site for up to date information and game schedules. As the season progresses we will get the information to you more conveniently and quickly.

Please bear with us. Parents-Friday Feb 14 -bring your sweetheart to the game vs. the Kansas City Jr Blues at 3:45 PM and watch the Red Armada take on the Blue Bombers from the mid west that are perennial National Championship participants. For Questions or Comments call 916-682-2858. Note to players and parents: we have temporarily run out of gear. It has been ordered and we will have it soon. Keep your cards and letters coming and we will get the apparel to you as soon as possible.

The Management