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### Jesuit Varsity Tames Cougars

The Cougars came out breathing fire and brimstone and Jesuit soon realized that it had battle of considerable proportions on its hands. And when the Marauders lost a player to a red card early they knew it would be even tougher.

Matters were compounded when Jesuit lost its #10, #13 and #15 to injury midway through the first half. It would now take a great team effort to pull off a victory and it was a great team effort that the Marauders produced.

The game ebbed and flowed in the first half with teams taking turns to launch attacks on the others try line. Both teams gave up turnovers but Jesuit's ability to capitalize on these turnovers proved to be the match winner.

Two tries in the first half came eventually from Cougar errors and with one try being converted Jesuit held a 12-0 lead at the break.

It was the Cougars who supplied the pressure early in the second half but again untimely turnovers allowed to launch concerted attacks on the Cougar try line. Two tries came again as Jesuit continued to take chances on offer and build a final winning score of 22-0.

There was much to like about the Jesuit performance. The scrum was solid, Jason Fry domination of the all lineouts was masterful while the backs, cleverly organized by Grant Penney, produced many exciting raids.

Jesuit 22 Tries 4 Conversions 1

Cougars 0

Jesuit: Wilson, Hollis, Esch, Graves, Chipman, Poindexter, Penney, Fry J, Bush, Colwell, Fry C, Wallace, Donaldson, Casanova, Himmelmann, Torres, Chaconi, Cowie, Heath, Magnani, Rockwell, Lief, Welch, Hollis, Brown

Varsity B In Dynamic Form

In a game shortened to twenty minutes by rapidly fading light, Jesuit's varsity B team turned on powerhouse Rugby, scoring at more than a point a minute as the team ran in four tries in a commanding 24-0 victory over a willing Cougar team.

Outstanding support play saw the Marauders keep the ball alive time and again. Half back Mark Kuppenbender thrilled the crowd with one breathtaking run, sidestepping ten Cougars, five Marauders and the referee twice in the process.

Congratulations to all players and coach Greg Joseph on this most impressive effort.

Jesuit 24 Tries 4 Conversions 2

Cougars 0

Jesuit: Cowie, Hollis, Leif, Breault, Rockwell, Celli, Lagomarsino, Brown, Kuppenbender, Heath, Dan, Chacon, French, Bos, Carlson, Torres, Welch, Hanson, Costan

Marauder Sophs Rock Granite Bay

In an entertaining, quality sophomore game between two talented teams, Jesuit's Gold sophomore team survived a second half onslaught from a focused and determined opponent to record a 19-10 win on the Jesuit Rugby Field.

The quality of the game suggests that both teams have a bright future given the ability of players on display in the game. Jesuit took control for much of the first half to race to a 14-0 lead at the break but was outscored two tries to one in the second as teams took turns in launching attacks on the opponents try line.

Leading the charge for the Marauders was the dynamic Pat Barrientes who proved a handful for the Granite defense. He had great support from Casey Reilly. The elusive Will Lagomarsino featured with a number of withering, side-stepping runs.

The game was excellently refereed by Jesuit legend, Louis Stanfill and both teams appreciated having a current USA international willing to travel to referee a sophomore game.

Jesuit 19 Tries 3 Conversions 2

Granite Bay 10

Jesuit: Too many players to list.

Sac Valley Conference Results

East

Jesuit 22 - Cougars 0

Granite Bay 19 - Sierra 14

West

Vacaville 50 - Lancers 17

Dixon 15 - Islanders 7

Christian Bros 73 - Rio Linda 0

## Collegiate

California 78 - Davis 6

Jesuits: Eric Fry, Colin Hawley and Blaine Scully did not play for Cal as they will be part of Wednesday's game. The likes of Brandon Kraft, Tyler Collin, Danny Collins, Ryan De Anda, Jeremy Deterding however did grace the Davis Field.

## Wednesday at Witter Field

California v University of British Columbia

## Six Nations Round 2

Wales 31 - Scotland 24

France 33 - Ireland 10

England 17 - Italy 12

## Points

France 4, England 4, Ireland 2, Wales 2, Italy 0, Scotland 0

## Next Week

Wales v France, Italy v Scotland, England v Ireland

## Super 14 Round 2

Blues (NZ) 19 - Highlanders (NZ) 15

Reds (Aust) 41 - Crusaders (NZ) 20

Cheetahs (SA) 25 - Sharks (SA) 20

Chiefs (NZ) 72 - Lions (SA) 65

Hurricanes (NZ) 47 - Force (Aust) 22

Bulls (SA) 50 - Brumbies (Aust) 32

Stormers (SA) 27 - Waratahs (Aust) 6

### Would You Believe

A score line of 72-65!!! A basket ball score – no, it was a Rugby score from the Super 14 on the weekend between the Gautang Lions from South Africa and the Waikato Chiefs from New Zealand. The teams contain a number of Springbok and All Black players. It was reported that no player was injured while tackling who's surprised!

Seven times Super champions, Canterbury Crusaders of New Zealand, were unbackable to beat the Queensland Reds but crashed to a 20-41 loss to a reinvigorated Reds team in one of the biggest upsets in Super 14 Rugby.

How punishing is to play a season of Super 14 Rugby! Imagine playing 13 games in 14 weeks against teams made up of huge forwards and powerful backs, many of whom have played for their country, with only one week off in fifteen! The battering to the bodies defies belief.

There he was – a USA international refereeing a sophomore game between Granite Bay and his alma mater. The sounds from his whistle at the start of the game suggested it had a bad dose of indigestion. Fortunately his old Jesuit coach Barry was on hand with a functional one in his pocket. Louis definitely has a future as a referee after his playing days are over.

### Refereeing Decision

During the Varsity game with the Cougars an interesting refereeing decision came up. Jason Fry elegantly “flew” to win a lineout. Unfortunately his lifters kept him up in the air too long and we were penalized. Yes, lift him but then get him back to the ground without any undue delay.

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