

Jesuit Rugby Newsletter: Vol.X No.1

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### Jesuit Success In Santa Rosa

Feb 18, 2006 - Lobodome, Santa Rosa,CA

The Lobos were snarling and barking and held hard on the leash, frothing at the thought of another meal of Marauders. The Red Armada was quivering with the anticipation of muzzling their intense rival. With no prisoners to be taken, no step backward allowed, the teams battered and bruised one another for the full 70 minutes with Jesuit prevailing 30-5.

Elsie Allen displayed a lot of urgency to rucks and breakdowns and had the edge in the ground game. Jesuit made use of their backline, constantly putting Tyler Siegel into space and deep forays into Lobo territory. Pierce Cooley and Siegel made use of their talented boots with strategic kicks to the Lobo deep three.

Elsie Allen's forwards produced some remarkable mauls, sometimes gaining 20 meters on the Jesuit forwards. Both sides were determined with the big forwards powering tight near rucks and it took some big hits from both sides to bring the big guys down.

Both sides found the game useful to work out kinks and expose needed areas of work in a relatively friendly game atmosphere. Jesuit expressed appreciation to Elsie Allen and their parents as they were exemplary hosts with a generous post game function of food and refreshment. The use of the Lobodome with its scoreboard and announcer added drama to the game.

Elsie Allen chose Tyler Siegel as Back of the Match and Joey Malim as Forward of the Match. Both sides thanked referee Joe Liesek for the game, his second of the day after refereeing Stanford v. Davis the same afternoon.

Jesuit 30

Trys:

Conversions: Watje 0/1; Siegel

Penalty Kicks: Siegel 1/1

Starters 1 - 15: Colombero, Puente, MacKay, Murchison, Watje, Sulzen, Marsh, Malim, Cooley, Floyd, Wegener, Reuter, Siegel, Willover, Champion.

Jesuit Rocks Rio Linda

Jesuit HS Feb 17, 2006

In the first league outing of the 2006 season, the Jesuit Ruggers fought the cold, the hail, and some rugged ruggers from Rio Linda on the way to a 43-7 win. Coach Sean Millard has had to reload after graduating much of last year's talented team. The Rio Lindans were willing but still needed more game experience to maximize their talent and size.

Evan Reuter produced a Jerome Bettis display of straight ahead running from his inside center position, pulling hordes of opposition to stop him. This left overloads for the other Jesuit backs to explore and score.

Jesuit Varsity II Stumbles at Vacaville

Feb 17, 2006 - Willis Jepson Middle School

A combination of a big and talented Vacaville team and some first half jitters put the Varsity II in a 20-0 hole at half time. Despite a strong and spirited second half by Jesuit, the Blackdogs of Vacaville earned a well deserved 27-0 victory on their home field.

Opening day for the fledgling Varsity II team was much anticipated with a strong week of preparation. The Varsity II had filled the league position abandoned by the withdrawal of the Fairfield Varsity team. It was viewed as a true opportunity for varsity experience for the Second XV.

At kickoff, Vacaville looked like the Monsters of the Midway with several players having NFL size. The Blackdogs displayed intensity to match their size and drove their big forwards at Jesuit time after time. This pressure seemed to unsettle the Jr. Armada and their rugby skills abandoned them temporarily. Multiple miscues and poor ball handling kept returning possession to Vacaville. The Red Armada made tackle after tackle but the Blackdogs ground out the yardage like a giant Caterpillar.

Just before halftime, the big hearts started to show. Jeremy Deterding planted the Jesuit flag and said "follow me, boys." Scott McFarland, Robert Calhoun, and Alex Ilium stopped everything wearing black and white and started Jesuit's drive forward.

At halftime, Coach Greg Joseph dissected the problems, provided solutions, and gave a mighty Vince Lombardi speech.

The second half was a different game. It was Jesuit that was constantly going forward with the skills and techniques of practice. Early on, Jesuit was at the 1 meter line but couldn't touch down; Vacaville escaping with a clearing kick. Most of the second half was Jesuit going forward with kicks through by Standoff Tanner Heaphy and long punts by fullback Tim Harris. After battling for 34 minutes to a 0-0 standoff with Vacaville and barely missing several scores, Vacaville scored on a broken play at the final whistle.

This game unveiled a Vacaville team with great size and many skills. This appears to be a quality team that should do well in league play. Both teams thanked referee Jim Crenshaw for refereeing an exciting, intense game played with sportsmanship by both teams.

The Vacaville Blackdogs chose Jeremy Deterding as Forward of the Match, and truly the Man of the Match, and Tim Harris as Back of the Match.

Jesuit 0

Starters 1 - 15: Deterding, McFarland, DeAnda, Bennett, Willmis, Lucas, Hernandez, Ilium, Stephens, Harris, Driver, Telford, Tucci, SantaMaria, Heaphy.

Jesuit B Shut Out Elsie Allen

Lobodome - Feb 18, 2006

A combined group of B and Varsity II players enjoyed a spirited game against the Jr. Lobos. The 34-0 score does not reveal the hard hitting and intense close in work performed by both teams.

Jesuit F/S vs. Motherlode

A split squad of Maurader youth travel to Oak Ridge High School to play Motherlode under the lights on Thursday February 9. Twenty eight players made the trek up the hill for some exciting, hard hitting rugby as is always the case when we play Motherlode. The first half ended in a scoreless tie as play went back and forth up the field with both teams threatening to score but being repulsed by hard hitting defense. Motherlode scored first in the second half after a series of drives opened up the Jesuit defense and allowed ML to break through the backline and score. The conversion was missed leaving ML ahead 5-0.

The back and forth continued following the score. Jesuit drove deep into to ML territory and when a clearing kick came to fullback Mike Bovill, he made ML pay with a nifty, shifty counter that saw him dot the ball down between the posts to tie the score. Sophomore Daniel Iritani, a hooker substituting as flyhalf, cleanly drilled the conversion to give Jesuit the lead 7-0. With the game winding down and Jesuit clinging to a 2 point lead, the young Marauders drove deep into ML territory. A Motherlode penalty twenty meters out directly in front of the goal gave Jesuit a

chance to stretch it's lead. Again Daniel Iritani was cool as ice in clearing the uprights to give Jesuit some breathing room with a 5 point lead. The final score was 10-5 in favor of Jesuit.

### Jesuit Freshmen vs. Diablo

Saturday February 11 was a warm sunny day as Jesuit hosted a young Bay area under 15 team from Diablo. They arrived a little late due to traffic and shorthanded due to injuries, so Jesuit loaned them a couple of players each half. this game was a breakout game for the young freshman team. Without the sophomores to guide them, they all stepped and showed remarkable skills for players with less than one month of rugby behind them.

Lock forward Henry Silva started the scoring off with what would be the hallmark of the day, a long scoring run. Rumbling 40 plus meters Henry dotted down to make the score 5-0. Auria Torshizi converted to make it 7-0. Play went back and forth with penalties and handling errors slowing down each team but Jesuit basically controlled the play. Sean Peterson broke off a long run shedding tacklers along the way only to be caught inside the 10 meter line but he offloaded to Daniel O'leary who went in untouched for the score. peterson then converted to make the score 14-0 Jesuit. Sean Peterson got a try of his own later putting Jesuit up 19-0. Diablo finally got up the "schneid" helped by repeated jesuit penalties near the goal line to draw within 19-7. Kevin Rich broke away for another fine Jesuit run to make the final score Jesuit 24-Diablo-7.

### Killer B's Play Exciting Brand Of Rugby

Jesuit 34 - Del Oro 19

In a hard fought game against Del Oro, the B's put on a display of 15 man rugby that showed that this team is going to be a very tough team to beat. After going down 7 points early on in the game due to some missed tackles the B's turned on the running power. After outstanding forward play with good ball retention the ball was spun wide to the backs and Evan Sheahan took the final pass to score under the posts. Then 5 minutes later some good interplay between forwards and backs with a final loop and a hard run into the corner allowed Tanner Heaphy to score a try. The halftime score was 12 - 12.

The 2nd half exploded into a try fest with 4 try's by the B's. These try's were the result of some very good forward play and some exciting running by the backs with good support of the ball carrier. The key however to this win was the unrelenting tackling by the B's and the continual clearing out by the forwards. They never allowed Del Oro and inch of ground.

Try scorers: Heaphy 2 tries

Sheahan, Zimmerman, Driver, Telford.

Conversions: Heaphy - 2

Varsity Red Shows Determination

Jesuit 12 - Mother Lode 10

The first Varsity Red game against Mother Load at Oakridge High School was a tough and bruising encounter. The bigger and more experienced Mother Lode team attacked from the opening whistle and never relented. There were a number of missed tackles by Varsity Red which Mother Lode took advantage of and ran in 2 tries, 1 which was converted before halftime. With the score 10- 0 to Mother Lode at the half, Jesuit was in for a long night.

At the halftime break captains Corry Nicodemus and Tim Harris pulled their team together and rallied the squad. It was a very different Jesuit team that took to the field in the 2nd half. There were no missed tackles but more importantly the ball retention and clearing out at the rucks was superb. This resulted in some very good ball for the backs which allowed them to run at the Mother Lode team at pace. Jesuits first try came from 3 good rucks and after the 3rd phase, the ball was spun wide to Telford on the wing who still had a lot of work to do. After a 35 meter run he scored in the corner brushing off 4 attempted tackles. Ten minutes later Corry Nicodemus, leading by example bashed his way through to score a hard fought try. With the scores level at 10 - 10 Harris had a difficult conversion kick to win the game. He did so with out any problems. Jesuit 12 - Mother Lode 10.

The Varsity Red squad showed a lot of determination coming back from the first half pounding. In fact they were over the try line on 5 different occasions in the 2nd half, but due to some technical difficulties and interpretations, 3 of these tries were not allowed.

Try Scorers: Telford, Nicodemus.

Conversion: Harris

Cheers And Jeers

Cheers-to all the varsity parents for the overwhelming support this year; the huge response for volunteers and constant good will.

Cheers - to Lisa Malim, Jim Watje, Justin Bennett

Scores: Sacramento Conference And Week Two Standings

Other Scores

Golden Gate 73 - Piedmont 0

Silicon Valley 39 - College Park 5

Windburg 5 - Santa Rosa 43

Peninsula Green 12 - East Palo Alto 34

Lamorinda 36 - Hayward 34

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