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Jesuit Snares Cougars

Jesuit Pitch 3/2/03

The Jesuit Varsity seemed to turn it on against rival Carmichael institution, the Del Campo Cougars. With no mud to slog through, the fleet backs had their day to account for the victory.

Ian “the freak show” Forner opened the scoring from a ruck that saw handling from Conner Worden and Kellen Holmes to set him up. Forner then added a penalty kick to let Jesuit go ahead 10-0 early on.

Brian Gagliardi then sent a brilliant grubber kick through the Cougar backline that saw Evan Sheehan, Gagliardi, Worden, Trent “the franchise” Fischer handle the ball to let Cori Nicodemus score in support. Nicodemus scored again from a beautiful set up from flanker Nathan Esch who made a 40 meter break, drew a 2 on 1 with the full back and coolly passed off to Nicodemus in support for the try.

Kellen Holmes set up a series of phases that ended with Forner scoring again. Conner Worden scored from a maul and Jeremy Deterding touched down from a penalty play to make it 36-0. Just before the halftime whistle, Scott MacFarlane recycled the ball and sprinted 20 meters for a score.

It was a memorable half of rugby and wholesale changes occurred at the half time break.

Tanner Heaphy, just back from injury, went 60 meters for a score. Brandon Kraft, one of the upcoming Super Sophs, took a clearing kick, juked a couple of defenders, and offloaded to Brian Gagliardi for a try. Zach Kaufman made the last try for Jesuit that left the score at 63-10.

At the conclusion of the game, accolades were ubiquitous for the excellent refereeing of Mr. Jim Roberts. The Cougars chose Brian Gagliardi as Back of the Match and Sam Welch as Forward of the Match for Jesuit.

Jesuit 63: Trys-Forner (2), Nicodemus (2), Gagliardi , Worden, Heaphy, Deterding, Wegener, MacFarlane, Kaufman ; Penalties---Forner 1 from 1; Conversions—Forner 4 from 5; Heaphy 1 from 5

Jesuit 1-15: Deterding, Sehr, DeAnda, Barnes, Nicodemus, Esch, MacFarlane, Welch, Worden, Fischer, Sheehan, Holmes, Forner, Wegener, Gagliardi

Referee- Mr. Jim Roberts

Attendance: 115

PA Announcer—Dr. David Miller

Jesuit B's Topple Cougars

Jesuit Pitch 3/2/07

A memorable battle between evenly and keenly enthusiastic players marked the B battle for Carmichael supremacy. The Cougars snarled, scratched, and fought but found their match in the equally committed Red Armada from Jesuit.

Mixing experience with youth, the Jesuit B's dug out the ball from rucks, tackled like maniacs, and generally would not be overcome by the determined Cougars. Referee Jim Roberts let the players have their heads to produce a very entertaining and enthusiastic game between the closely matched teams.

For Jesuit, David MacKay opened the scoring from a long solo run of more than 50 meters. He followed that up shortly with a second try . Next Caleb Koehler put the Red Armada on the board. Spencer Mellon added a try and then Paul “ The Beast” Shannon went coast to coast on a 60 meter run to nail the victory.

The game was highlighted by multiple break away runs by ‘The Beast’ who had a field day on the pitch. In the post game function, the Cougars chose Spencer Mellon as Best Forward and Paul Shannon as the Best Back.

Jesuit 27:Trys-Shannon, MacKay (2), Mellon, Koehler; Conversions – O’Leary 1 from 5

Jesuit 1-15: Garcia, Shay, Ambrozzi, Mellon, Obana, Smith, Wilson, Silva, Shunta, O’Leary, Martial, Sparks, Shannon, MacKay, Boyer

Referee: Mr. Jim Roberts

Attendance: 70

PA Announcer: Dr. David Miller

CBS Sinks Jesuit Varsity II

Florin Reservoir Park 3/2/07

By Ryan DeMar

The Jesuit VII team ended up on the losing side of a hard fought match against a strong Christian Brothers team. In the first half the Christian Brothers forwards were quicker to the breakdowns and stronger in the rucks than the Jesuit pack. This forced Jesuit to play a defensive role for most of the first half. The Jesuit pack leaned on the strong running and tackling of 8-Man Bobby Shanahan and Flanker and “Forward of the Match” David Gonzales. Christian Brothers scored a try early but Jesuit was not discouraged. Halfway through the first half, sophomore standout and “Back of the Match” Danny Collins came in at Flyhalf and had an immediate impact on the game. He created space for the hard charging backs to run through which brought balance to the

game. The new backline tempo resulted in a Christian Brothers penalty which was converted to points off the foot of Fullback Beau Charter who had a good game at fullback. Christian Brothers came back and scored a try before the halftime whistle blew.

Halftime score Christian Brothers 10 Jesuit 3.

Jesuit started the second half strong with the first of two tries scored by winger Ryan Franco. Franco scampered into the corner on a weak wide move beating the defense and putting Jesuit in a good position to take the lead. Christian Brothers would not be denied and came back by scoring two unanswered tries before Ryan Franco put Jesuit back on the board with another weak side try. In an attempt to take the lead Jesuit pushed hard. Flanker and "Forward of the Match" David Gonzales showed good speed as he supported the pack and scampered in for the final try of the match. The points came too late as the final whistle blew and Jesuit fell short of the victory.

Christian Brothers 23 Jesuit 20

Frosh Cage Cougars

Will Rogers Middle School March 1, 2007

By David Miller

The first day of March saw the Jesuit Freshmen travel to Will Rogers Middle School to take on the Cougar RFC F/S team. It was a rough, tough affair that had a lot of hard hitting on both sides. There were plenty of penalties called as the players' enthusiasm often overwhelmed their discipline. Jesuit got on the scoreboard first, when "Jukin' and Jivin' " Jason Fry broke over for a try a mere 10 minutes into the game to give the young Marauders a 5-0 lead. A mere five minutes later "Jumpin Joe" Donaldson powered his way through half a dozen would-be tacklers to dot down another Jesuit try. Flyhalf DJ Fugina slotted the conversion to make it Jesuit 12 Cougar 0 at the 16 minute mark. The rest of the half was all Cougar. The Cougar 8 man caught the Frosh defense flat footed at a scrum taking the ball 25 meters to score. Jesuit 12-Cougar 5. Five minutes later, the Cougar outside center scooped a loose ball and weaved his way 55 meters into the Jesuit in-goal to touch the ball down between the posts making the conversion easy. The game was now tied 12-12. With 3 minutes to go in the half, the Cougars punished the Jesuit frosh

slotting a penalty kick inside the 22 meter line to give the Cougars a 15-12 lead at the half. The young Marauders came out refreshed and regrouped in the second half and dominated play for the next 15 minutes. The "Dynamic Duo" of Jason Frye and Joey Donaldson each scored again with on conversion to put the Red and Gold ahead 24-20 with under 20 minutes to play. The Cougars were aroused and rallied hard against Jesuit line, finally breaking through for a try to bring them within 4 points 24-20. Repeatedly the Cougars attacked Jesuit only to be frustrated by the Jesuit backs sure tackling. With the clock expired, the Cougars had one last go at the Jesuit tryline and a victory. The Cougar were attacking inside the Jesuit 22 meter line and Jesuit was playing a man short following a yellow card for tripping. Cougar charged repeatedly to no avail against the staunch Marauder defense. Finally a Cougar player was whistled for playing the ball on the ground. Jason Frye kicked the penalty to touch and the final whistle sounded. Jesuit Frosh 24- Cougar F/S 20.

Scores Around the World

Feb 28

Jesuit 24 - Golden Eagles 0

Mar 2

Christian Brothers 23 - Jesuit II 20

Jesuit 63 - Cougar 10

Mother Lode 5 - Lancers 0

Rio Rugby 19 - Davis 8

Vacaville 17 - Golden Eagles 12

Islanders 32 - Rio Linda 7

Jesuit B 27 - Cougar 12

Jesuit F/S 24 - Cougar 20

Elsie Allen 20 - Hayward 23

DeLaSalle 32 - Antioch 0

Lamorinda 41 - Piedmont 12

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers – To Louie Stanfill and Colin Hawley featured in the San Francisco Chronicle Magazine about their rugby exploits.