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Marauders have a Devil of a Time in Davis

Jesuit 13 Davis 7

The word was out that the Davis Devils was the team to beat in the powerful Sacramento Valley League and on Friday in Davis they proved just that.

Jesuit escaped with a 13-7 victory in a game that could have gone either way. Davis applied the pressure on Jesuit from the opening kick-off and the ferocity of the early clashes set the tempo for the whole game.

Jesuit had the better of the first five minutes but the first raid by Davis into Jesuit territory brought them seven points from a converted try.

A clever kick ahead by Davis was fielded by the Jesuit full back. He thought that he was in goal and grounded the ball. Unfortunately he was still in the field of play and a Davis players following through gathered the ball and dived over for the try.

Jesuit hit back three minutes later when a clever loop by stand off Adam Collins led to an overlap. Winger Adam Mariani, probably Jesuit's best player on the day, scored in a most unique manner.

Tackled, he finished on his back just short of the try line but had the presence of mind to reach back over his head to ground the ball for the try. The conversion was unsuccessful and Davis led 7-5.

Jesuit could not find its rhythm and play moved from one 22 to the other without a point being scored for the remainder of the first half.

Jesuit coughed up the ball at the resumption of play and that seemed to set the scene for the balance of the game - there were errors galore.

Prop and one half of the "Bookends" , Dominic Green broke the deadlock and put Jesuit into the lead for the first time when he secured the ball from a ruck and crashed his way over for a try between the posts. The conversion was unsuccessful but Jesuit now had a three points lead at 10-7.

The only other score of the second half was a penalty by Derek Siegel to close out the scoring at 13-7.

Davis can be well and truly happy with their performance. They applied relentless pressure to Jesuit and was unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions.

Flanker Jesse Dundon made his first full appearance for the Varsity XV when Pat Ramos was forced out through injury and displayed considerable skill.

Jesuit will be looking for a much improved performance on Friday when it plays its first League game against Oak Ridge 4pm at Jesuit.

Jesuit- Faletese, Fry/Adams, Green, Estrella, Adams/McCoy, Jesseman, Dundon, Stanfill, Parshall, Collins, Mariani, Lewis, Powell, Leatherby/Bier, Siegel.

Jesuit 13 Tries - Mariani, Green

Penalty - Siegel

Davis 7 Try and Conversion

Marauder B's Avenge Loss to Cougars

After stewing for two weeks, the second wave of the Jesuit Armada returned the favor to Del Campo, defeating them 22-7 on the Jesuit pitch. The crew was focused on the victory and enjoyed the outcome.

Eric "Too Much" Tesar saw his first action of the season after returning from a football injury to open the scoring. He followed up shortly after with his second try by crashing through several Cougars for the score.

Drew Bishop scored off a nifty blind side move before Ryan "The Polish Express" Malhowski broke free and sprinted (at least it resembled sprinting) down the sideline before sending a bullet-like pass inside to Scott McDowell.

McDowell carried it a further 40 meters downfield before executing a neat two-on-one pass to a streaking Jesse Dundon who dived over between the uprights. It was a world-class try and deserved the ovation it got.

Both teams played very well and will meet again later in the season.

Jesuit:- Nickerson/Korakozoff/Ferro, Read/Smith, Tesar/Arrietta, Llewellyn/Falvey, Malhowski, Bishop/Mooney, Dundon, Hackard, Bittner, Morrison/Tyler Collins), Vitto/Mariani, Bier, Drobny/Valadez, Florita/Lundholm, McDowell/Barron/Forner.

Jesuit 22 Tries:- Tesar 2, Bishop, Dundon

Conversions-Mariani 1/3, Bier 0/3

Referee Mr Dan Ingoglia

Marauder B's Top Davis

Pioneer Park, Davis February 21, 2003

The second flotilla of the Jesuit Armada took on a spirited Davis side and was happy to come away with the win. Davis sported some big "units" that thundered down the field and required three or four Jesuit defenders to stop them.

The Armada had to call on the air artillery to find a crack in the Davis defense. Although the first half team played well, it was the second half squad that proved strong and resilient and played exceptionally well.

Three sophomores - Sean McNamara, Christian Warne and Eric Fry- did well in their B team debuts and we can look forward to more good Rugby from these three as the season progresses.

Through excellent support play, winger Scott "The Gunslinger" McDowell scored the first two tries. The first involved a kick from stand off Tyler Collins that was fielded by Anthony Vitto on the wing. Vitto kept the play moving by firing a pass to McDowell who too it in for the score.

McDowell then followed a great run and read from Tyler Collins who split the Davis defense and then ran through them finally passing to the "Gunslinger" who was in close support for the try.

It was a world class try with two great individual effortsthat received an ovationfrom the crowd of parents on the sidelines.

Billy "Yappy" Bittner quick tapped his way to a try with a heads-up play. Sean "The Marauder Missile" McNamara literally streaked by and through the Davis defense for the last try to close out the try scoring. Nick Mooney added a conversion for Jesuit's 22 points.

The game was played in excellent spirit and was a test of evenly matched teams. Referee Matt Eason was excellent and newcomer referee Stevenson was mentored by referee Eason and did a fine job.

Davis chose Sean McNamara as the best back and Jon Korokozoff as the best forward. While all the B players turned in good performances, special mention should go to Tyler Collins, Billy Bittner, Eric Tesar and Eric Fry.

Jesuit:- Korokozoff/Ferro, Read/Soga, Griega/Nickerson, Malhowski/Fry, Tesar/Warne, Mooney/Tesar, Bishop/Appleblatt, Hackard/Nowinski, Bittner/Florita, T.Collins/Morrison, Vitto/Thompson, Florita/Drobny/Bier, Valadez/McNamara, Lundholm/Mohr, McDowell/Lucas.

Jesuit 22 Tries:- McDowell 2, Bittner, McNamara

Conversions-Mooney 1/1, Tesar 0/2, Morrison 0/1

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers - to the generous Mrs Nickerson who brought drinks and fruit for the players on Saturday in San Jose and again on Monday in Orinda. Thank you very much.

Cheers - to Dr David Miller for his generosity that bought the team six (6) new contact suits that will help immensely to protect the players as we practice hard for the season. We appreciate your help.

Frosh/Soph Hit Their Straps

Jesuit Rugby Pitch

Jesuit 35 Del Campo 5

Rugby is so popular with our younger players that the school is able to field three frosh/sophomore teams.

Earlier in the season, the Frosh/Soph team suffered a loss to Del Campo at Del Campo and eagerly awaited the return game at Jesuit.

Jesuit produced a sparkling display of running Rugby as the team headed off to a 35-5 victory.

A number of long range team tries were scored. They featured excellent support play and an advanced understanding of the game. Center Sean McNamara was the player of the match, making many long penetrating runs and featuring in some bone-jarring defense. Varsity center Steve Lewis' title as Toughest Defender in 2003 is certainly under threat from McNamara.

The Frosh/Soph Fleet continued its good form when the combined second and third teams ventured to TAM Union on Saturday for a game. A squad of 25 travelled for the game and was pitted against a team that had players from all groups up to seniors playing.

Jesuit played some fine Rugby, losing narrowly 14-7 to TAM Union.

The Frosh/Soph program, under Head Coach, Marty Popelka, is flourishing. All coaches should be congratulated on the accelerated learning that is going on in the area. Our "pups" are the future of Jesuit Rugby.

The future of Jesuit Rugby over the next few years looks assured.

Rugby Around The World

Super 12

Round 1

(Teams from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa)

Canterbury Crusaders(NZ) 37 Wellington Hurricanes(NZ) 21

ACT Brumbies(Aust) 22 Queensland Reds(Aust) 19

Otago Highlanders(NZ) 29 Waikato Chiefs(NZ) 16

Auckland Blues(NZ) 31 NSW Waratahs(Aust) 18

Blue Bulls(SA) 34 Cats(SA) 26

Western Stormers(SA) 40 Natal Sharks(SA) 16

Six Nations

Round 1

England 25 France 16

Italy 32 Wales 23

Ireland 35 Scotland 6

Round 2

England 26 Wales 9

Ireland 37 Italy 13

France 38 Scotland 3

Progress Points

England, Ireland 4

Italy, France 2

Scotland, Wales 0

