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Jesuit Slogs by Mother Lode

Rolling Hills Middle School 2-25-05

Mother Lode, an amalgam of Oakridge HS rugby and Ponderosa Rugby, battered and pounded the Marauders for 70 minutes but the Jesuit Ruggers wouldn't let it slip away, fighting back for a hard fought 21-13 win in El Dorado County.

With the law of offside suspended for the game, it was difficult to put the ball into play and the game was a series of rucks and mauls. Ted Watje kept Jesuit in the game with 2 penalty kicks. Colin Hawley had a try from a series of passes in the backs after a ruck near the goal line to put Jesuit ahead, but Mother Lode would not go away and tied it mid second half.

Although neither team could make much progress in the thick grass, both teams managed to score in the second half. Jesuit added 2 tries to take the lead and hold on until the end. Spirits ran high in a competition between league leading contenders but in the end respect was mutual for a game played hard by both teams.

Mother Lode chose Eric Fry and Sean McNamara as players of the game.

Jesuit 21

Trys: Hawley

Conversions: Watje

Penalty Kicks: Watje 2/2

Referee: Terry Gasgoigne

Jesuit 1-15: Colombero, Frandrup, MacKay, Watje, Murchison, Malim, Reed, Fry, Gamache, Floyd, Champion, Siegel, McNamara, Hawley, Taylor

Jesuit Tames the Lobos

Jesuit HS 2-26-05

Elsie Allen has won all of its games to date including the championship of the Try for Others Tournament in 2005. The competition in Sacramento showed that Elsie Allen is a well coached team but that there is still some fire power in the Valley.

The Black and White clad Lobos swarmed in the tackles but the bigger Marauders were able to make forward progress past the gain line repeatedly to keep the Lobos going backwards. Eventually, the defense cracked and Jesuit started to score. Using pick and drive as well as squeeze ball, the forward momentum gave opportunities. Mike Gamache, playing his best of the year, went weakside to break the ice with the first try of the day. Sean McNamara broke through the Backline for Try #2, followed by a great effort by Zach Reed down the blindside for a try. Eric Fry scored from a lineout play starting 15 meters from the try line and Ted Watje added another score for the Red and Gold Express.

The last 10 minutes went to Elsie Allen, scoring twice with rapid back play and great passing. The final was a well earned 41-16 win for Jesuit. At the post game function, Elsie Allen chose Eric Fry and Sean McNamara as players of the game.

Jesuit 41

Trys: Fry, Watje, Gamache, Reed, McNamara

Conversions: Floyd 3/6

Jesuit 1-15: Colombero, Frandrup, MacKay, Watje, Murchison, Malim, Reed, Fry, Gamache, Floyd, McNamara, Siegel, Godammune, Taylor

Referee: H. Khasigian

Attendance: 150

Scores - week of February 25th:

Varsity

Burbank 19-Davis 14

Cougar 17 Rio 14

Jesuit 21-Mother Lode 13

Vacaville 15-Del Oro 7

Jesuit 41 Elsie Allen 16

Junior Varsity

Christian Bros. 22-Davis 12

Jesuit 10-Mother Lode 5

Jesuit 10 Elsie Allen 24

Frosh-Soph

Del Oro 10 - Jesuit 7

Jesuit 28 Davis 19

Jesuit 20 Elsie Allen 14

The Alumni and College Report

By Doug Hamilton

In a match for collegiate bragging rights in the Capitol area Sacramento State defeated visiting UC Davis on Saturday, 24-18. The Aggies started out well, leading comfortably at the half but

three unanswered tries by the Hornets gave them the day. Sac's fall emphasis on conditioning seems to be paying off. In Chico the Stanford Cardinal suffered a similar fate as they saw a 10-5 halftime lead collapse as Chico State scored 24 points to win 29-10. St. Mary's College, easily the smallest school in the NCRFU 1st division, has all but wrapped up second place with a 34-11 victory over the Nevada Wolfpack in Reno. In non-league play Cal had their way with Arizona State as the Bears won by a 121-0 score. Louie Stanfill, Joe Welch and Andrew Lindsey started for Cal with Joe and Andrew among the many Bear scorers. Anthony Estrella came in in relief halfway into the second half as some of the Young Bears were given a taste of A-side action.

Meanwhile in Southern California the only certainty is that nothing is certain. Cal Poly, with no real hope of advancing to post season play, has come on strong in the last two weeks to play the spoiler. This past weekend previously unbeaten Long Beach State fell to the Mustangs.

Meanwhile San Diego State and UC Santa Barbara played to that most unwelcome of rugby finishes, a draw. The Arizona schools travel to the Central Coast this coming weekend. With the University of Arizona and Long Beach State each having one loss, and San Diego State and UC Santa Barbara each with a loss and a tie, Arizona's games against Cal Poly and Santa Barbara will each be crucial. This season Southern California has adopted a Super 12 scoring system where standings points are adjusted for statistical matters such as the number of tries and the margin of victory. With only one team advancing to the post season, and every one at the top taking their turn defeating each other, it will be an interesting finish in the Southland.

In Denver Regis took on one of Air Force Academy's lower sides. The military academies often field several sides, and frequently in multiple divisions. Regis proved victorious over the Zoomies JV's, but not before Craig McCoy gave his nose to the cause. Dan Propheter and Derek Siegel continue to star for Regis as well. The players had the opportunity before their match to watch Air Force's top team play the Super League Denver Barbarians.

The February issue of Rugby Magazine features an interview with Vassar's head coach Tony Brown who gives a proper nod to Frank Sharpe.

This weekend Cal will host Stanford in the rivalry for the Scrum-Axe. Chico State travels to Sacramento State in a match with third place up for grabs and Nevada and UC Davis will meet in Davis where the loser faces a real possibility of being eliminated from next month's territorial playoffs.

Marauders, let us know how you are doing on the pitch and off. Write to dragon1137@comcast.net. Please mention Jesuit Rugby in the subject line.

Jesuit F/S Over Devils

Pioneer Park 3/1/05

The Marauder Pups composed only of freshman took a good win from the Davis Rugby Club 28-19 under the tutelage of new coach Whit Poindexter. With F/S guru Marty Popelka in attendance, the newcomers shined in the mud to beat long time rival Davis in a battle of the future stars. Unfortunately, the roving reporter was absent and no lengthy report was filed.

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers-to Craig McNamara for his great efforts for the recent barbeques. Kudos also to his able assistants. The food was enjoyed by all. Thank you very much.

Cheers-to the many parents that have chosen to accompany the team to Washington for our Spring tour. It will be very helpful to have so many parents involved. All are looking forward to a great 4 days of rugby immersion.

Cheers-to Joe Androvich, '99 and former Jesuit National Rugby Champion, that made his refereeing debut on Saturday against Elsie Allen. Nothing but compliments came from the gallery. Congratulations!!

Aussie Watch-Guru Barry O'Connell is scheduled to land March 17 and he warns that hurricane warnings are in effect when he arrives as he can't wait to get to the field and start coaching.

Cheers-to Duane Heatherly of Anchorage, Alaska who recently purchased a XXL Jesuit Rugby Jersey to wear proudly in the Nation's largest state in honor of the 2004 National Championship.

Cheers-to indispensable Ed Davila that makes the club go with his never ending work on the website. Thanks for all that you do for us!!

Billeting

We are hosting Erindale from Canada on March 15,16,17 and offers for homes to billet are needed. Please contact Renate Fry, coordinator for the billeting, at renatefry@yahoo.com or 530-758-2928 for more information. The game vs Erindale is Tuesday March 16 so please step up for this interesting opportunity.

Upcoming Events-please check the website Sunday evening for updates on our always changing B and Frosh/Soph Schedule.

Friday 3/4

Vacaville at Jesuit; Varsity kickoff 4 PM; F/S to follow

B team at Rancho Cordova 4 PM kickoff (at soccer field near football stadium at Rancho Cordova HS)

Saturday 3/5

Open

Monday 3/7

Kickers and throwers 3:15 to 4:30 practice

Tuesday 3/8

B team at Rio Linda 4 PM kickoff;

Freshman game v CBS 4 PM kickoff at CBS soccer field

Sophomore game v Mother Lode at Oak Ridge HS 4 PM kickoff

Wednesday 3/9

Sophomore game v Del Oro 4 PM kickoff at LDS park in Penryn

Starting XV for Vacaville named:

Jason Law makes his varsity starting debut as does Brian French in the annual bruise fest against the tough Blackdogs from Vacaville. The Blackdogs dispatched Del Oro a week ago and look to make it 2 in a row this weekend. Jim Crenshaw will referee the match to be played at the Jesuit pitch with kickoff at 4 PM. Jesuit 1-15:

1 Columbero

2 Frandrup

3 McKay

4 Law

5 Murchison

6 French

7 Reed

8 Malim

9 Gamache

10 Taylor

11 Hawley

12 Puente

13 Siegel

14 Godamunne

15 Floyd

16 Misso

17 Harmon

18 Marsh

19 Nicodemus

20 Champion

21 Scott

22 Wegener

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