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Marauders Strike Gold In El Dorado

On a cold, uninviting day in the El Dorado Hills, the Marauders of Jesuit made it two wins from as many starts when they beat Oak Ridge Trojans 33-0 in a game that never rose to any great heights.

Oak Ridge provided stern opposition and made the Marauders fight for every point. Jesuit, under this pressure, was a little disappointing and will be looking for considerable improvement before Saturday's game against archrival, the Islanders of Burbank.

It took ten minutes for Jesuit to register a point, a penalty goal from stand off Chris Sardon. Chris Sardon. It was eighteen minutes before hard working flanker Zack Reed scored the first try of the game.

After Jesuit moved play deep into Oak Ridge territory, Reed suddenly burst from a ruck, ball in hand, and scooted twenty meters to score.

Big #8 Alex Kallergis, who had an outstanding game in attack and defense, notched the second try for Jesuit after 25 minutes when he pounced on a loose ball near the Oak Ridge line and dived over for the try.

Though Jesuit led 15-0 at the break there was not much to like about the performance. There was little of the rhythm normally associated with Jesuit's running Rugby style. The wet ball led to many handling errors that jolted play too often.

Kallergis opened the scoring in the third minute of the second half after some rousing lead up play by Jesuit. Looking more focused in the second half, the Jesuit forwards strung together a series of ruck wins.

Eventually Oak Ridge simply ran out of defenders and Kallergis was on hand to score his second try. A penalty kicked by Adam Mariani stretched the lead to 23-0 before Sardon scored an interesting try.

A kick ahead by Jesuit from deep in its territory was mishandled by Oak Ridge. Jesuit further toed the ball downfield and Sardon won the race to the ball that was lying in the Oak Ridge in-goal for the try.

Lock Paul Jesseman closed out the scoring when he pounced on a loose ball five meters from the Oak Ridge line and crashed over for the try.

Jesuit 1-15 Estrella, French, Fry/Sweeney, Booth/Fry, Jesseman, Loflin/Lewis, Reed, Kallergis, Bittner, Sardon, Renda/Forner, Mariani/McNamara, Forner/Mariani, Imwinkelried, Collins

Jesuit 33

Tries Kallergis 2, Reed, Sardon, Jesseman

Penalties Sardon, Mariani

Conversion Sardon

Oak Ridge 0

Referee Kat Todd Schwartz

B's and Frosh/Soph Victorious

After several weeks of soggy practices and game postponements, Jesuit's tyros on the Freshman/Sophomore team were more than ready for a game of rugby with Del Campo High

School's F/S team at their venue, the Will Rodgers Middle school. The field was less than ideal because of the wet condition, but it was playable.

The many Jesuit supporters at the game were entertained by what appeared to be an aquacade at the south end of the field. There was approximately three inches of standing water in this area. This, however, did not dampen (no pun intended, not) the spirits of either team.

Rugby is a very popular game at Jesuit, which is a credit to all the past coaches and past players who played so well and hard over the last several years. The point to be made is over sixty freshmen turned out for the sport, plus approximately twenty five sophomores.

To accommodate Jesuit's philosophy that every team member will play, four squads were formed to play this game divided into four quarters. The first five minutes of the game produced a try with no conversion for Jesuit. There were numerous seesaw battles going back and forth across the field. But, at the end of the first half, Del Campo scored two trys with one conversion making the score: Jesuit 5 - Del Campo 12.

During the half time break Jesuit was able to analyze their performance and sally forth into the second half with a new vigor.

Del Campo was able to score again with no conversion. The determined tyros of Jesuit said that's enough. They took the battle to their opponents and with improved ball handling, tackling and rucking were able to score three hard earned trys bringing the final score to: Jesuit 20-Del Campo 17.

During the game there were too many outstanding plays and runs to give all the individuals the proper credit, but a couple names come to mind such as Zeke Sulzen, Pat Beebe and Tim Harris. I hope it will suffice to say the Jesuit tyros played as a TEAM.

Del Campo displayed their mettle and proved they were worthy opponents in the true spirit of Rugby and we salute them.

This was a hard played game giving the parents and visitors many anxious moments, thus earning them a well deserved Aqua vitae when they returned to their domiciles.

QUESTION: What is an Oxymoron?

DEFINITION: A rhetorical figure in which incongruous or contradictory terms are combined.

EXAMPLE: "Oxymoron"-Removing the Ten Commandments from the courthouse while making people swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth on the Bible in court rooms.

Rugby around the World

Super 12-Round 2

ACT Brumbies(Aust) 68 Cats(Sth Afr) 28

Blue Bulls(Sth Afr) 40 Wellington Hurricanes(NZ) 19

Queensland Reds(Aust) 39 Waikato Chiefs(NZ) 25

NSW Waratahs(Aust) 48 Coastal Sharks(Sth Afr) 14

Auckland Blues(NZ) 38 Canterbury Crusaders(NZ) 29

Western Stormers(Sth Afr) 46 Otago Highlanders(NZ) 25

Points Table

NSW Waratahs, ACT Brumbies 10

Western Stormers 9

Blue Bulls 6

Highlanders, Reds, Blues 5

Chiefs, Sharks 4

Cats 2

Hurricanes, Crusaders 0

Collegiate Division 1

UN Reno 59 Sac State 12

UC Davis 31 Chico State 17

St Mary's 33 Stanford 12

Cal 43 UN Reno 22

UC Davis 47 St Mary's 7

Invitational

University of British Columbia 18 Cal 14

High School

Jesuit 33 Oak Ridge 0

Burbank 39 Vacaville 3

The Collegiate and Alumni Report

By the Intrepid Doug Hamilton

In Northern California D-1 Collegiate action California traveled over the Sierras to take on Nevada on the Wolfpack's all weather turf. The visitors went out to a 24-3 half-time lead, only to have the hosts scramble back to make the game close before Cal scored several quick tries, eventually winning 43-22. Andrew Lindsey, Louis Stanfill and James Sehr all saw first side action for the Bears.

While Sacramento State had a bye, their pitch did not get the weekend off as poor field conditions in Moraga and Davis forced the Ags and Gaels to move their match to Sacramento State. The match began as a very close contest with the score tied 7-7 after 30 minutes, and the Ags leading 21-7 at the half. Davis owned the second period however, scoring 26 unanswered points to win convincingly, 47-7. Pat O'Sullivan was instrumental in the win. In other D-1 action, visiting Chico defeated Stanford, 24-12.

It was a battle of undefeateds in D-2 as host Santa Rosa JC defeated UC Santa Cruz, 30-20.

Down south UC Santa Barbara learned what St. Mary's learned over the last two years. Cal Poly SLO may overlook you once, but they have long memories won't look past you a second time. Last year the Gauchos upset Cal Poly in their regular season match, though a tie breaker gave Poly the better seed in the USARFU Sweet 16. Last Friday, in the 2004 meeting the Mustangs won a convincing 43-7 victory over the visitors from the coast.

In the NCRFU D-1 this coming weekend, St. Mary's travels to Reno, Sacramento travels north to Chico, and Cal crosses the Bay to visit Stanford.

Keep the readers up to date on your post Jesuit rugby life. Write to "dragon1137@aol.com"
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Cheers and Jeers

Cheers-to Sir Andy Peszynski for his sterling guidance to the B and JV teams. He has lead them to victory on their last two outings and the future looks bright. Now if he would only speak proper English.

Cheers- to Commandant Carl Kuehn and wife Eleanor that have taken over the much of the administrative duties for the FS team as well as continuing the Commandant's coaching activities with the group. The mob that now numbers 160 members thanks you much.

Don't forget: Jesuit v. Burbank at the Jesuit Pitch 4 PM Friday. It doesn't get any better than this.

The Management