

March 06, 2003

First Half Blitz wins Initial Varsity League Battle

Jesuit 31 Oak Ridge 0

Jesuit's 2003 Varsity XV Invasion was launched in impressive style when the Marauders came out with guns blazing against the Oak Ridge Boys, racing to a match-winning 24-0 lead at half time before finally winning 31-0.

As often happens the score line is deceptive. Jesuit did not dominate the first 35 minutes of play but once again showed that it has the ability this season to score points against teams through a variety of ways. Oak Ridge is a very presentable team that will cause many a problem for other sides during the League season.

Pat Ramos, one of Jesuit's two "Mr Perpetual Motion" flankers, opened the scoring when he supported the charging "Bookend", Dom Green, to dive over wide out for the try. Stand-off, Chris Sardon, back from a broken hand, converted with an excellent kick from the sideline.

Jesuit led 7-0 after five minutes and extended the lead to 12-0 following a powerhouse driving maul. Jesuit won a lineout 15 meters from the Oak Ridge line and the whole pack drove the ensuing maul to the Oak Ridge line. A perfect roll-out saw captain Louie Stanfill dive over for the try. Sardon's conversion attempt from the sideline shaved the left upright.

In the 20th minute with Jesuit pounding the Oak Ridge line, Dom Green darted weak side from a ruck and was unstoppable from close range. Again the conversion was unsuccessful but Jesuit looked comfortable leading 17-0.

The best was yet to come! Though the much improved Adam Mariani scored the try, it was full back Matt Leatherby's try. Leatherby fielded a wayward Oak Ridge kick on half way and counter attacked.

With great sense of where space was, he jinked his way past half the Oak Ridge team before off loading to the flying Mariani who had come from the right wing to score in the left corner of the field. It was a great try in anybody's language. With Sardon's conversion - again from wide out - Jesuit went to the break leading 24-0.

The second half was a total disappointment with stoppages one after the other preventing any continuous Rugby. Our match video, again splendidly presented by coach Jon Tesar, showed that only 15 minutes of Rugby was played in the 35 minutes that elapsed.

The match finished with Jesuit being awarded a penalty try for frequent offenses by Oak Ridge close to their own line. Sardon converted to end a game of two contrasting halves.

Oak Ridge chose second Bookend, John Faletese, as best back and Chris Sardon as best back. Sardon's fine game and excellent goal kicking gives the Jesuit coaches a dilemma. Co-captain and long serving stand-off Adam Collins did not play but will have to be included in Friday's team to meet Ponderosa.

Beside the Oak Ridge best players, the three Jesuit "scrappers" (Ramos, Welch and Dundon) played very well. The running games of "Bookends" Faletese and Green improve with each game. Full back Matt Leatherby, playing his first full game in his "old" position was dominant.

Jesuit 31

Tries: Ramos, Stanfill, Green, Mariani, Penalty try

Conversions: Sardon (3/5)

Penalties: Sardon (0/1)

Oak Ridge 0

Jesuit line-up (1 to 15) Faletese, Dundon, Green, Jesseman, Adams/Estrella, Ramos, Welch, Stanfill Parshall, Sardon, Mariani, Lewis, Powell, Siegel, Leatherby.

Other Varsity XV scores:

Burbank 35 Davis 0

Grant 12 Del Campo 5

Vacaville 56 Ponderosa 5

B's Blank TriValley

Jesuit HS 3/1/03

The Reserve Marauder Fleet shot holes in the side of the TriValley side to the tune of 44-0 on the day. With the Battling B's getting a full run, several players had huge games to lead the flotilla by the enemy. It was a perfect day in Sacramento for the 3 Jesuit teams to play this day.

Richard "The Lion Hearted" Lucas opened the scoring off of a pick and drive resulting from strong runs by Eric "Too Much" Tesar and Christian Lundholm. Matt Hackard had a heads up pick and drive for a try

after great passing from Tyler Collins and the backline. Billy "Yappy" Bittner and David Read each scored from subsequent opportunistic play.

In the second half, scampering Christian Lundholm made two consecutive tries, the first off support of Tyler Collins after his midfield weaving run, and the second after another pass from Tyler Collins. Jon "The Russian Bear" Koracozoff was the recipient of a fortuitous pass after a phase started by Ryan "The Accelerator" Taylor and Colin Hawley on the far side of the field. Yappy then closed the scoring with a quick thinking quick tap.

It was a strong effort by the entire team, but several players had standout afternoons. Sophomores Brian French and Ryan Taylor looked very comfortable at the B level. David Read was a whirling dervish around the field in one of his best performances. Matt Hackard owned the lineouts and kudos to Richard Lucas for his try saving tackle late in the game that kept TriValley off the board. Christian Lundholm was looking for work most of the afternoon and the ball kept finding him for big runs.

TriValley should be complimented for a strong effort and they showed that they will have a strong team in the future. TriValley chose Adan Brewer as best forward and Yappy Bittner as best back. Congratulations.

Jesuit 44

Tries Lucas, Hackard, Read, Bittner (2), Lundholm (2), Koracozoff

Conversions: Collins 0/1, Lundholm 0/2, Mooney 1 for 4, R. Taylor 1/1

Referee: Crispin Cooke who did a great job.

Lineup 1-15: Brewer (Sweeney), Read, Tesar (Koracozoff), Malhoski, Llewellyn, Mooney, French (Appleblatt), Hackard, Bittner, T. Collins (Hawley), Falvey (Clancy), Valadez, R. Taylor, Lundholm, Lucas

Jesuit B's Scuttle DeLaSalle

Jesuit HS 3/1/03

It took a mighty second half effort, but the Battling B's ended with a flourish to overcome the determined DeLaSalle side 50-19 today. With the score 17-12 at half, and Jesuit leaking water from several direct hits by the opposition, the Marauders had to dig deep to pull the game out. To their credit, they lifted themselves by the bootstraps to finish with strong rugby in the second half. DeLaSalle was intent upon winning and had great spirit that they brought to the field in the first half. Jesuit was on

its back foot as it was 12-12 until late in the first stanza and the DLS sidelines were cheering the house down.

Alex "Chief" Kallergis got the boat righted with strong running and a "take-charge" attitude. Michael Bier scored first and then Ryan Taylor tallied to tie in the first half. Ryan Florita on a long run gave the Marauders the lead just as the half ended. With some refocus at halftime, "Chief" opened the scoring, followed by another Bier try and one from prop Eric Arietta. Drew Bishop then did a perfect 2 on 1 draw and pass to Michael Bier for his hat trick of tries. Falvey closed out the scoring with great support and try after a long Gary Longo run.

Rightfully, Gary Longo and "Chief" Kallergis were chosen best back and best forward. Also noteworthy was that Mike Morrison had one of his best outings and Ryan Florita had some flashy moments.

In just their first season and in only their 2nd game, DeLaSalle will probably be a powerhouse in the future if they continue to develop from this current good form.

Jesuit 50

Tries: Bier (3), R. Taylor, Florita, Kallergis, Arietta, Falvey

Conversions: Bier 1/2, Kallergis 4/6

Referee: Mather Kearney, who gets better with each game.

Lineup 1-15: Nickerson (Arietta), Soga (Sweeney), Ferro, Booth, Kallergis, Secco, Nowinski, Bishop, Longo, Morrison, Vitto (Hawley), R. Taylor (Drobney), Chappell (Gamache), Bier, Florita (Barron)

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers-- To Debbie Stanfill who quietly helps set up and take down the sideline markers and flags after all of the games. Thanks very much and congratulations on the curly hair.

Cheers -- To Walt (Mr. BBQ) Malhoski, Mr. Secco, and the other helpers including Sue Gamache, for the food and drink after the games on Saturday. Judging from the 300 hotdogs eaten it would have appeared to be a success. Thank you

Thanks--To Kevin Fleming and the grounds keeping crew for a great field and for the sidelines ropes put up for the league game and Saturday's games.

Desperately Needed--Someone to volunteer to handle the scoreboard chores (or organize people to do it in your place). Just like on the field, we need continuity with the only rugby scoreboard in our league and union.

Cheers - To our mighty Frosh/Soph teams. They are truly "The Entertainers" of Jesuit Rugby 2003. Head coach Marty and his entourage have done a mighty job. We can't wait to see how good some of the boys will become in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Cheers-To Fr. Kevin Leidke, the rugby chaplain, that provides sports related scripture and gospel to the players prior to our games; putting them in the correct frame of mind. Thank you for your time and effort.

Please-Check the web site for On the Docket weekly (usually out Monday night) for the updated schedule of games and activities for the week. Things change as we try to schedule games for the hordes of players wearing red and gold.

The Collegiate and Alumni Report

By Doug Hamilton

It has not been a good time for Scots and rugby. The Scottish national team is 0-2 after two rounds of play in the Six Nations Tourney, and in this column a writer named Hamilton referred to Ryan McCoy of LMU as Ryan McGill. Apologies are offered to Ryan. Nonetheless the column finds itself in good company as both the Cal Rugby website (since corrected) and the student newspaper, the Daily Cal, referred to the first A side experience of one James Sayer, presumably Jesuit's own James Sehr.

Cal came to Sacramento and used the opportunity to show case some Sacramento area players who have thus far been used mainly in reserve. As mentioned James Sehr played his first A side game, coming into the match in the second half at flanker. The Bears defeated the Hornets, 54-10, including a try by Andrew Lindsay. James was not done for the day as hooker Joe Androvich left the B game with an injury and James replaced him as well. The Cal reserves shut out the Hornets, 72-0.

At Stanford the St. Mary's Gaels overcame a 13-5 half-time deficit to defeat the Cardinal, 34-20. St. Mary's B's had an easier time of it with a 31-10 victory over the Stanford seconds. Jesuit grads Pat Follett and Joe Midtyling continue to earn praise from the Gael coaching staff. Pat scored 2 tries the previous

week in a Gael B-side victory over Nevada, and was on his way to a third when he suffered a hamstring injury that has forced him to the sidelines. Joe plays open side flanker for the second side where he all too often takes the hits for the Gaels.

In other D-1 action the host Nevada Wolfpack defeated Davis, 34-32, while the Davis reserves won 34-12.

In D-2 Humboldt State won the battle of the undefeateds with a 10-5 victory over the host Santa Clara Broncos. Santa Rosa JC overwhelmed UOP, 106-0, while Cal Maritime defeated USF 31-10 and the USF B's won their match against the Maritime B's, 10-5.

Nationally the USARFU honored Northern California with not one, but two venues for the Division-1 Sweet 16 to be held April 19-20. To no one's surprise Cal will host one pool while Stanford will showcase their new facility as well by hosting a second pool. The other two pools will meet at the Air Force Academy in Colorado and at West Point. Additionally both the Men's and Women's D-1 Collegiate Final Fours will be held at Stanford on the first weekend in May. For Northern California teams the playoffs will begin with the territorial playoffs on the first weekend in April, with four teams meeting in Utah and four in Northern California to determine two spots in the Sweet 16. The top team in Northern California, whoever that may be, earns a bye. The territorial playoffs for D-2, which will determine the lone PCRFU spot in D-2's Elite 8 will be held in California as well.

Rugby need not end with college as many players go on to play in men's club leagues. Two former Jesuit players are now playing at the top level of men's club competition, and are using that experience to ready themselves for an ambitious schedule with the US national side, the Eagles. Kirk Khasigian is playing in Southern California for Belmont Shore and Kort Schubert is with Olympic Club in San Francisco. While both Kirk and Kort have been playing with the Eagles for some time, Kort's Jesuit and Cal classmate Chris Miller joined the Eagle player pool last summer and earned his first "cap" in the Eagle's Salt Lake City victory over Chile. The Eagles have a rough schedule this year as they hope to qualify for the Rugby World Cup to be held in Australia next fall.

This weekend will see St. Mary's hosting Sacramento State, UC Davis traveling to Stanford, and Cal heading to Chico. In D-2 Cal Maritime visits UC Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa JC hosts USF, and San Jose State makes the long trek to Humboldt State.

The following weekend the Bay Area will host some of the best college rugby anywhere outside of the Collegiate Championships. In Berkeley on Saturday and Sunday Cal will host the Canterbury Invitational with last year's national runner-up, Utah, as well as Cal Poly SLO and Clemson. On Friday and Saturday the first Pat Vincent Tourney will be held in Moraga with St. Mary's, BYU, Nevada and LMU.

Please update all of your alumni information to Mr. Hamilton at [Dragon1137@aol.com](mailto:Dragon1137@aol.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday March 10 -- 3:30 at the Rugby Pitch-School photos of the team. Mr. Tesar will also take individual shots. Varsity for video review to follow photos.

Saturday March 15-B team to Santa Cruz to take on Skyhawk Conference Titan St. Lawrence Academy Varsity team. Make plans now for the trek. We will play at UC Santa Cruz with provisions to follow the match.

Ripley's "Would You Believe?"

Coach Barry and Coach John looked at each other during the B game last week. Where did that voice come from, they asked each other? The voice that was calling out "Get them out of here", "It's a one, Jesuit, it's a one".

The voice came from the very bottom of a mass of humanity - at least eight players were lying on top of the original ball carrier in a ruck. But despite being "invisible", the voice could still be heard barking out orders.

Who owned the voice and was the original ball carrier? Now you know why Billy Bittner is known as "Yappy".

Rugby Around The World

Six Nations - is played every second week. Round three will be played this weekend.

Super 12

Round 2

NSW Waratahs(Aust) 48 Cats(SA) 36

Bulls(SA) 46 Wellington Hurricanes(NZ) 34

Canterbury Crusaders(NZ) 34 Queensland Reds(Aust) 6

Otago Highlanders(NZ) 41 Western Stormers(SA) 17

Natal Sharks(SA) 25 ACT Brumbies(Aust) 17

Auckland Blues(NZ) 30 Waikato Chiefs(NZ) 27

Progress Points

Crusaders, Blues 10

Highlanders, Bulls 9

Waratahs, Stormers 5

Brumbies, Sharks 4

Chiefs, Hurricanes, Reds 1

Cats 0

(Four points for a win, a bonus point for scoring four tries or being beaten by seven points or less)

Weekend Scores

Jesuit 31 Oakridge 0

Jesuit B 44 TriValley 0

Jesuit F/S 64 DeLaSalle 12

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Vacaville 56 Ponderosa 5

Grant 12 Del Campo 7

Burbank 35 Davis 0

Proposed Itinerary for Easter Tour 2003

Jesuit Rugby Seattle/Victoria Invasion April 14-18



Monday April 14

Leave Sacramento for Seattle

Game A and B v. Kent Crusaders

Overnight in Seattle

Tuesday April 15

Spend day in Seattle

Game A and B v. Budd Bay in Olympia WA

Return to Seattle after game

Wednesday April 16

Travel to Victoria Island

Overnight in Victoria

Thursday April 17

Sight seeing in Victoria

Game A and B v. Shawnigan Lake School

Overnight in Victoria

Friday April 18

Return to Seattle

Good Friday service in Port Angeles,

Return Seattle to Sacramento

Please contact LYNDA KHASIGIAN ASAP at 916-682-2858 to advise of your availability for the tour. Parents and fans are welcome to join us on the tour depending on space availability. We will have a provisional cost to you in the next few days. Players need to advise of tour plans immediately for planning purposes.