

Jesuit Rugby Newsletter: Vol VIII, No 8

Jesuit Bedevils Davis

Pioneer Park 3/12/04

Jesuit 54 - Davis 10

Jesuit continued its unbeaten run in the Sacramento Valley League with a commanding 54-10 over the Davis Devils in Davis on Friday. The win confirmed the greatly improved form of the 2004 Jesuit team.

Jesuit dominated the game throughout, ran to a 33-0 half time lead and was able to give some of its talented young players of the future a run during the second half.

This Davis side was the most inexperienced team the school has fielded but to its credit the Devils hung in during the entire game and were rewarded with the final two tries of the game.

It took Jesuit eight minutes to register first points, a try to much improved lock Craig McCoy. Jesuit launched a furious attack and won six rucks in quick succession. The Davis defense simply ran out of defenders and McCoy raced over unopposed for the try. With stand off Chris Sardon's conversion, Jesuit led 7-0.

The Three Musketeers set up Jesuit's next try. Chris Sardon made the initial break, center Eric Forner carried on the attack before winger Adam Mariani eluded his opponent to score a great try.

Full back Tyler Collins was instrumental in the next try when he made the first line break before linking with Sardon and hard working lock Eric Fry for a try that Sardon converted, giving Jesuit a 19-0 lead.

Center Eric Forner showed what great hands he has when he picked up a near-impossible pass around his boot laces, cleverly eluded the defense and raced in for the try that Sardon again converted.

Unfortunately for Davis its full back, under considerable pressure, lost the ball over his own try line and the ever present Sardon dived on the loose ball for the try. Sardon converted his own try to give Jesuit a 33-0 lead at the break.

Jesuit made a number of changes at the break to give its younger players in particular some valuable game time. The changes included the first appearance of freshman #8 Cori Nicodemus.

Forner opened the scoring in the sixth minute of the second half when he scooped up a loose ball and raced away from the defense to score. Jesuit's replacement stand off, sophomore Nate Floyd, neatly kicked the conversion for a 40-0 lead.

Eric Fry scored his second try midway through the second half and Floyd again successfully converted for a 47-0 lead. Replacement center Tyler Siegel closed out Jesuit's scoring with a powerful run of determination that took him over the Davis try line. New kicker, winger Jacob Scott converted the try for a 54-0 lead.

Davis, to its credit, took the game back to Jesuit and was rewarded when it crossed for the final two tries of what was an entertaining game, well refereed by the visiting referee from Minnesota.

Jesuit 1-15 Estrella/Misso, Reed/French, Sweeney/Nickerson, Fry, McCoy/Murchison, Loflin, Reed/Llewelyn, Lewis/Nicodemus, Bittner/Hawley, Sardon/Floyd, Mariani, McNamara/Siegel, Forner/Bier, Imwinkelried/Scott, Collins/Renda

Jesuit 54

Tries Fry 2, Forner 2, McCoy, Mariani, Sardon, Siegel

Conversions Sardon 4, Floyd 2, Scott

Davis Devils 10

Tries 2

Marauder B's in Stylish Win

Jesuit's talented B team followed up the Varsity XV's impressive win with a commanding 43-5 win over a willing Davis team in a most entertaining game well refereed by Norcal's Bruce Carter.

Full scoring details are not available but Jesuit played great running Rugby to lead 19-5 at the half time break and continued the good work for the whole game.

While the seniors in the team continued greatly to the overall performance, it was the form of the younger players that had the Jesuit coaches beaming.

Players such as sophomores Ted Watje, Alex Murchison, Kurt Frandrup, Tyler Siegel, Nate Floyd and Joe Casanova with freshman Cori Nicodemus and junior Jacob Scott ensure Jesuit of quality teams to come in the years ahead.

The ability of this team to recycle ball almost as well as the Varsity XV and to run the Varsity moves speaks volumes for the coaching being given these lads. Full credit to Coach Sir Andy, Andrew and Marty in particular for the preparation of our stars of the future.

Many will hopefully feature in the GAME OF THE SEASON on Friday. With the Varsity XV having the bye, the Jesuit coaches have arranged for a "Stars of the Future" clash on the Rugby Field at 3.00pm.

With none of the Varsity XV or senior players to play, the scene is set for the young bloods to step up and show all and sundry how many fine young Rugby players are waiting in the wings at Jesuit.

Jesuit 43

Davis Devils 5

Rugby around the World

Sacramento Valley Conference

Jesuit 54 Davis 10

Burbank 37 Oak Ridge 7

Grant 32 Vacaville 12

Ponderosa 30 Rio Americano 0

Burbank 36 Del Campo 22

Super 12

Results

Queensland Reds(Aust) 20 Auckland Blues(NZ) 3

Western Stormers(Sth Afr) 27 NSW Waratahs(Aust) 20

Coastal Sharks(Sth Afr) 36 Otago Highlanders(NZ) 35

Blue Bulls(Sth Afr) 32 ACT Brumbies(Aust) 21

Wellington Hurricanes(NZ) 42 Cats(Sth Afr) 25

Canterbury Crusaders, Waikato Chiefs byes

Points table

NSW Waratahs 16 Western Stormers 15 ACT Brumbies 14 Blue Bulls 13 Queensland Reds 10  
Coastal Sharks 10 Otago Highlanders 9 Wellington Hurricanes 9 Waikato Chiefs 8 Auckland  
Blues 6 Canterbury Crusaders 4 Cats 2

Next Round (home team first)

Highlanders v Cats

Chiefs v Crusaders

Stormers v Brumbies

Hurricanes v Sharks

Bulls v Waratahs

Reds & Blues byes

Super 12 Rugby is shown on Fox Sports World (Channel 613) at different times during the week

The Collegiate and Alumni Report

By the Intrepid Doug Hamilton

Alumni

Frank Sharpe is still at Vassar, enjoying the rugby scene in the New York area, that is when the weather allows. As we are experiencing an early summer in Northern California, it snowed in the Hudson Valley last week.

College

Cal seems to have ironed out the kinks and has its machine in good working order. The Bears defeated the visiting Sacramento State Hornets last weekend, 76-5. As in the past, the Cal coaching trust has used this match to feature Sacramento area players now on the Bears' roster. While Andrew Lindsey remains on the injured list, the match marked the return of Kyle Khasigian. Andrew was ably replaced by James Sehr who scored a try in the victory. Louie Stanfill also saw action. With the win Cal assures itself of yet another undefeated league season,

the top seed in the Pacific Coast RFU, and a home match for the first two rounds of the national collegiate tourney.

In Davis with second place on the line, the Aggies recovered from a sluggish first half to defeat the Nevada Wolfpack, 35-19. Pat O'Sullivan and Adam Collins excelled for Davis, who also have now assured themselves of a regional playoff spot. Nevada seems likely to finish third with two games to go, though a season finale against the Ags in Reno in two weeks should be an exciting game.

St. Mary's which had seemed destined to finish fourth faltered in Chico, losing to the Wildcats, 31-22. Chico struggled in the second period of most of its games earlier in the season, but turned it around in the second half of its games in the second half of the year to make the race for the fourth and final post season spot an exciting one.

Upcoming games this weekend include St. Mary's at Davis and Nevada at Sacramento State. Chico, Cal and Stanford have concluded league play for the year. That does not mean that rugby is over by any means. In Berkeley Cal hosts its annual invitational as the Bears take on UCLA on Saturday while San Diego State meets Washington in the other match. Winners and losers will meet on Sunday.

We can't write about you if you don't write to us. Send your rugby updates to [dragon1137@aol.com](mailto:dragon1137@aol.com). Please mention Jesuit Rugby in the subject line.

Eagles Soar against Jesuit

3/15/04 Del Oro HS

On Monday the F/S team traveled to Del Oro venue just off Hwy 80 and Penryn Road. We were able to muster two complete teams with a few reserves. Several of the sophomores showed at the game, which was welcomed.

The weather was a nice 80 plus degrees with a 5 mph wind out of the north and not a cloud in the sky. The playing field was level and lined. Quite a few parents and friends showed to watch the exhibition of this manly sport of rugby. Surprisingly the majority of players made it to the venue by 4 PM, the projected starting time. The referee was Jim Goddard and he worked well with the boys and called a good game. The kick off was at 4:15 PM.

Within five minutes of the kick off winger Will Wegner made a dash for the try line and made a score for 5, but the conversion was not made. With spirits high after scoring first the game went down hill from there. Del Oro scored twenty-two points in the first half. The second half wasn't very promising either. Del Oro scored twenty-four points in the second half making the final score 46-5.

Several times Jesuit held the off the offensive team at the five and ten meter lines and several times the Marauders were at the defenders 5 and 10 meter lines but just couldn't bring about a score.

All the coaches and referee had to agree this was a clean game and everyone played well. Referee Goddard was kind enough to critique the players by pointing out the weakness of the teams. This was helpful for our future training.

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers - to our new coach Andrew Acosta, recruited by Coach John Shorey to help with the backs. His only flaw is matriculation at that state school known as UCLA. We look forward to all of his help and input as we pursue the brass ring this year.

Help - for Sheri Lasher our billeting chairman. We have a team from Hawaii visiting on March 26 and she needs volunteers to help billet the players. Please give her a call at 916-487-8653.

Cheers - to Christina Shannon as she struggles bravely in the Principal's office to keep up with all of the schedule changes occurring during each week.

Cheers - to everyone that plans to put a sign up on the fence of the rugby pitch. The signs are used for athletic activities only and can be earmarked for the rugby team. Please call Ron Nocetti to place your order for this season at 482-6060.

Any questions, email management through the web site.