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Marauders Overrun The Ponderosa

Jesuit 58 Ponderosa 10

Jesuit 03/07/03

The much improved Ponderosa Bruins found the going tough when they met with a determined Marauder bunch at the Jesuit Field on Friday.

Jesuit, 31-0 winners over Oak Ridge in the first round of Sac Valley Conference play, again indicated that they will be a handful for all teams with a polished performance against the Bruins.

With a tough game coming up the next day against Southern Californian champion, Loyola, the following day, the Jesuit coaches rested power forwards Louie Stanfill, Dom Green, John Faletoses and Pat Ramos.

This gave the likes of Kevin Adams, Ryan Fry, Dave Griga, Craig McCoy and Anthony Estrella the chance to get valuable playing time and all used the opportunity to their advantage.

It took Jesuit a little time to get into gear as Ponderosa supplied stubborn defense early and it took ten minutes for co-captain and stand-off Adam Collins to cross for the first try. With Chris Sardon's conversion Jesuit led 7-0.

Workaholic flanker Joe Welch crossed for the first of his two tries before try-scoring machine winger Adam Mariani scored two tries in quick succession.

Ponderosa launched a series of attacks on the Jesuit line and was rewarded with a successful penalty to make the score 22-3.

Welch crossed for his second try and Mariani for his third just before half time and Jesuit went to the break leading 34-3, a score line that flattered Jesuit somewhat.

Flanker/hooker Jesse Dundon opened the scoring for Jesuit in the second half when he again appeared in support at a crucial time to dive over.

Not to be outdone, Ponderosa threw everything at the Jesuit line and were rewarded with a try after receiving a penalty on the Jesuit five meter line. When this was converted Jesuit led 39-10.

Ponderosa looked like scoring again and it took some solid Marauder defense to keep the Bruins at bay.

Sophomore Sean McNamara, one of a number of sophomores to see action in the Varsity XV this season, flashed through into the Ponderosa backline to grab an intercept pass and race over for the try. Sardon converted and Jesuit led 46-10.

Winger Derek Siegel powered his way over for a well deserved converted try while prop Dave Griga finished the scoring when he crashed over from a ruck close to the Ponderosa line.

Referee Ray Schwartz, who did a fine job, whistled full time when Chris Sardon's conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

Jesuit 58

Tries Mariani 3, Welch 2, Collins, Dundon, McNamara, Siegel, Griga

Conversions Sardon 4

Ponderosa 10

Try, conversion and penalty

Jesuit 1-15: Adams, Fry, Griga, McCoy/Malhoski, Estrella, Dundon, Welch, Jesseman Parshall/Bittner, Collins, Mariani/Chappell, Lewis/McNamara, Sardon, Siegel/Bier, Leatherby

North Beats South for Bragging Rights

Jesuit 27 Loyola (Los Angeles) 10

Stanford 03/08/2003

The scene was set! A multi-million dollar Rugby facility at Stanford University , million dollar weather and two Rugby fifteens just waiting to get stuck into each other. It was going to be all action - and nobody was disappointed.

Loyola, the champions of Southern California, took on Jesuit, 2002's Northern California's top team, on a magnificent putting green surface on opening day at the brand new Rugby facility.

Loyola came to play and play they did early - bustling Jesuit into errors and capitalizing on these mistakes to run up an early 10-0 lead that took Jesuit by surprise.

Loyola's tough, hard nosed pack refused to take a backward step, dealing out some hefty tackles to the Jesuit big men. After an early penalty in the seventh minute, Loyola charged to a 10-0 lead with a great solo try by one of its centers.

He left a number of would be Jesuit defenders in his wake as he jinked and stepped his way over for a fine try. The conversion made it 10-0 and Jesuit had to come back with some answers.

Jesuit stuck to its running game and big men led by captain Louie Stanfill and "Bookends" John Faletoesse and Dom Green gradually got Jesuit back into the game.

Loyola had difficulty re-setting its defense after a number of quickly recycled Jesuit rucks and sophomore Sean McNamara, playing for the first time on the wing, neatly went around his opponent for the first Jesuit score.

Another newcomer Robbie Chappell playing on the other wing also for the first time was rewarded for his aggressive chase game when he followed a John Parshall kick over a ruck and forced an error from the Loyola full back.

From the ensuing melee, Chappell grabbed the ball and powered his way over for the try. With the conversion unsuccessful, Jesuit and Loyola were tied at 10-all at the half time break.

Jesuit's second half was a display of powerhouse Rugby with its big pack asserting its authority on the game. It again was Stanfill who inspired the Jesuit team. Fielding a kick inside his half, he swotted aside defenders before linking with the lanky Paul Jesseman.

The two exchanged passes as they raced 40 meters down the left touchline before Stanfill took the final pass for Jesseman to race over. Again the conversion was from the touchline and was missed but Jesuit led 15-10.

Loyola was having difficulty getting into Jesuit territory and Sean McNamara scored his second try after half back John Parshall took a quick tap and spun the ball quickly to McNamara who outpaced the Loyola defense to score. Full back Derek Siegel's conversion was successful and Jesuit led 22-10.

The fearless workaholic flanker, Pat Ramos, ended the scoring with a piece of clever individual play. He fearlessly charged down a clearing kick by Loyola and neatly grounded the ball in the in-goal for the try and a final score line of 27-10.

In the set pieces, Jesse Dundon hooked smartly, taking at least four tight heads (scrums when the opposition puts in the ball) while Paul Jesseman disrupted much of the Loyola lineout ball. Number eight Louie Stanfill was Man of the Match - making long, powerhouse runs and setting up his supports by staying on his feet. Half back John Parshall again had a dominating game. His ability to vary play kept the Loyola defense very unsettled.

Most agreed that the Loyola team was as tough a team as any Jesuit has met so far in the 2003 season.

Jesuit 27

Tries: McNamara 2, Chappell, Stanfill, Ramos

Conversions: Siegel 1

Loyola 10

Try, conversion, penalty.

Jesuit 1-15 Faletese, Dundon, Green, Jesseman, Adams/Estrella, Ramos, Welch, Stanfill, Parshall, Collins, McNamara, Lewis, Powell, Chappell, Siegel/Bittner

Battling B's Invade Rio

Rio HS 3/5/03

It took second half heroics but in the end, Red was a more dominant color than green. The Battling B Marauders expanded a 7-0 half time lead to a 34-0 win in the second half of a very exciting and closely matched game.

With Jesuit holding close to 85% of possession in the first half, the high seas exploiters were not able to put a lot of points on the board, mostly due to tenacious Rio defense. Captain Ryan "The Polish Express" Malhoski got Jesuit its only first half points with a quick tap from a penalty and a rumble over the line before the Rio defense could react.

In the second half, after some words of rugby wisdom from Guru Barry O'Connell, the Jesuit Armada B got a heavy wind behind them for strong sailing. Jon "the Russian Bear" Koracozoff sighted land for the Marauders, followed by Robbie Chappell and then 2 Gary Longo scores from multiple quick taps. Heads up play by Longo and great vision from Tyler Collins, our standoff, got the Armada into comfortable open water to spin the ball and give our backs running lanes. Sophomore Mike Gamache scored last with a nifty pass to his wing position. It was his first B try and he was honored to "shoot the boot" after.

The stalwart defense was solid, producing another shutout and presenting the opportunity for many offensive thrusts into Rio territory. Rio chose Andrew "Mammoth" Booth as best forward and Billy "Yappy" Bittner was chosen best back. Sideline observers couldn't help but notice that others turned in fine games. Notable was the attacking runs of Ryan "the Accelerator" Taylor, the constant pressure from Brian French, and the steady improvement of Colin Ferro. Greg Loflin looked good in his first rugby

action since wrestling ended and the heavy pounding runs of Adan Brewer wore the Rio players down over time.

Congratulations on a good win over a fine opponent. Rio gets a rematch in 2 weeks at the Jesuit pitch. No doubt they will be looking to even the score.

Jesuit 34

Trys: Malhoski, Longo (2), Gamache, Chappell

Conversions: MacDowell 1/2; Mooney 1/2; Tesar 0/2

JESUIT B'S SNARE BRUINS

Jesuit HS 3/7/03

The Ponderosa Bruins found the going tough in Carmichael today and went down 42-3 to the Battling B's of Jesuit. In a shortened game due to lighting, an improved emphasis upon continuity served the Jesuit Armada well and gave them many opportunities for scores.

Karl Secco opened the scoring with an end run, followed by a Tyler Collins try and then, not to be outdone, a Mike Morrison 60 yard sprint with 4 Bruins in pursuit. Jon "the Russian Bear" made his weekly score as he and Eric "Too Much" Tesar took turns bulling the ball past Ponderosa. Anthony "the Mayor" Vitto scored just before halftime, inching ahead of the Bruin defense.

In the second half, Eric Fry got on the board from close in work and Andre Anderson was the end result of a perfect backline move with hands through the backs, the fullback "Yappy" Bittner in, and then 2 on 1 to Anderson down the sideline to put the ball under the posts. The passage of play could have been used as an instructional video on back play. Soph Mike Gamache stole a Bruin pass in mid air and streaked for a 40 yard score to end the scoring for the Red Flotilla.

At one point in the game, the B's had 7 continuity passes in succession to bring a large grin to the face of Coach Andy Peszynski. The new emphasis on continuity will be a continuing theme for the remainder of the season.

Ponderosa chose Tyler Collins as best back and the entire forward pack as best forwards. Also garnering accolades were Mike Morrison with a fine distributing game from a new spot at #13. The front row of Eric Tesar, David Read, and Jon Koracozoff made their presence known throughout the game. Sophomores Brian French and Greg Loflin were impressive and Colin Ferro had some moments on kickoff returns.

Jesuit 42

Trys: Secco, Collins, Morrison, Koracozoff, Vitto, Fry, Anderson, and Gamache

Conversions: Mooney 1/8

Referee: Ray Schwartz

Tightheads: Read 4

Lineup 1-15: Tesar (Nickerson) Read (Soga), Koracozoff (Ferro), Booth (Fry), Nowinski (Llewellyn), Secco (French), Mooney, Hackard (Loflin), Longo (Cardin), Collins (Gamache), Mohr (Anderson), Valadez (Drobney), Morrison (Casanova), Vitto, Florita (Bittner)

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers: To an "anonymous" coach who donated new stands for the parents to watch their progeny at the Jesuit pitch during rugby season. Thank you very much for a sorely needed addition to the field.

To Coach Tim's new assistant Tee handler-in-training, a young Marauder to be in about 7 years with English blood lines.

Cheers: Cheers to Carlos Estrella and his Australian associates at Stanford. The eerie sound floating across the magnificent Rugby pitch there whenever Jesuit scored was different. Yes, it was the sound of a didgeridoo, the Australian aborigines traditional instrument. Coach Barry was seen wiping a tear from his eye.

Still desperately needed--- a scoreboard volunteer and volunteers for the Banquet. Please call 682-2858 or email through the web if you can help.

Many cheers to our superb webmeister Ed Davila who keeps the communication lines humming.

Jeers: To the Frosh/Soph game correspondent that has been absent and has failed to provide coverage for the last games. Parents please find him and get him (or her) on the job. Contact Coach Marty Popelka for further information.

Rugby Around The World

Six Nations

Round 3

England 40 Italy 5

Ireland 15 France 12

Scotland 22 Wales 17

Points Table

Ireland 6

England 6

France 2

Italy 2

Scotland 2

Wales 0

Super 12

Round 3

Auckland Blues(NZ) 39 Canterbury Crusaders(NZ) 5

Otago Highlanders(NZ) 29 Blue Bulls(SA) 22

Waikato Chiefs(NZ) 43 Queensland Reds(Aust) 27

Wellington Hurricanes(NZ) 33 Western Stormers(SA) 18

Cats(SA) 34 ACT Brumbies(Aust) 32

NSW Waratahs(Aust) 49 Natal Sharks(SA) 36

Points Table

Blues 15

Highlanders 13

Waratahs 10

Bulls 10

Crusaders 10

Chiefs 6

Hurricanes 6

Stormers 5

Sharks 5

Brumbies 4

Cats 4

Reds 1

This week

Crusaders v Chiefs

Brumbies v Stormers

Sharks v Hurricanes

Waratahs v Bulls

Cats v Highlanders

Local Scores 3/9/03

Jesuit 27 Loyola (LA) 10

Jesuit 58 Ponderosa 10

Jesuit B 42 Ponderosa 3

Jesuit B 32 Rio B 0

Jesuit F/S 12 Rio F/S 24

Burbank 46 Del Campo 29

Grant 24 Davis 17

Oakridge 24 Vacaville 7

Jesuit B 39 Oakridge 27

Jesuit F/S 45 Oakridge 12

The Collegiate and Alumni Report

By Doug Hamilton

The Northern California Rugby Football Union regular season schedule is winding down as St. Patrick's Day approaches. In fact in the First Division three of seven teams, Cal, Nevada, and Stanford have completed their league schedules, but each is looking towards post season playoff games.

Cal traveled to Chico last Saturday to meet the Chico State Wildcats. The Bears again sprinkled the starting lineup with reserve players as they seek to develop their depth heading into the post season. Chico, which lacks a regular head coach and is coached by a committee of four seniors gave the Bears a game as it was not until the final second of the first period that the Bears were able to take the lead for good. Eventually Cal won, 41-20 with Andrew Lindsey and Jim Orlando scoring. The Bear B side had an easier time of it, winning 55-5. With the victory Cal finished the regular league season undefeated for the eighth consecutive year. They will receive a bye in the PCRFU territorial playoffs and host an opening round of the USARFU Collegiate Tourney which begins over Easter weekend.

In Moraga the St. Mary's Gaels and the Sacramento State Hornets played a very close first half before St. Mary's opened it up in the second period to win 47-17. The Gael reserves were also victorious in an exciting 34-22 win. Across the Bay in Palo Alto in a match viewed by many current Jesuit players and

fans, Stanford ended the regular season with a six game rugby festival to officially dedicate its new rugby field and clubhouse. In the men's A match the Cardinal defeated UC Davis, 23-13 while the Davis B side beat the Stanford Business School, 31-20. The Stanford B's finished the day with a 14-0 win over a team made of players, mostly reserves themselves, from Jesuit and Loyola High Schools. At the end of the weekend, the Gaels had clinched sole possession of second place and an opportunity to host one of the two PCRFU territorial playoff tourneys on April 5th & 6th. Nevada, whose league season ended the previous week is currently in 3rd and Stanford is 4th. Davis, Sacramento State and Chico are in a three way tie for fifth place and the last playoff spot.

Santa Rosa Junior College has made a race of the Division 2 season with its second consecutive lopsided victory. They followed last week's 108-0 victory over UOP with a 64-0 shut out of USF. Also in the second division UC Santa Cruz defeated Cal Maritime Academy 28-19 and the Banana Slug B's were 15-0 victors over the Fantome reserves. In the far north Humboldt shut out a road weary San Jose State team, 44-0. All was not well for the Lumberjacks however as off of the pitch the results of two earlier games were reversed by the league due to eligibility issues. Humboldt, instead of being undefeated at 5-0-0 and in a tie for first place finds themselves in third place at 3-1-0 behind Santa Clara and Santa Rosa. Only two teams from the NCRFU second division will advance to the territorial playoff which will be held the last weekend in March in Northern California.

Meanwhile in the Southern California Rugby Football Union the big news is that Cal Poly SLO lost their final league match to UC Santa Barbara, 17-5. With both teams finishing with identical 7-1-0 records, the Gauchos will earn the top seed and the Mustangs will have the second seed. As a consequence of eligibility violations by a Southern California team in last years' collegiate championships, this year the second place team in the SCRUFU will be seeded at the 16th spot. That means a first round game in Berkeley against top seeded California. This not only changes Cal Poly's prospects, but may effect Cal's ability to play a significant number of reserves in the first game.

This weekend the East Bay will host some of the best college rugby in the USA, beginning on Friday at Moraga with the first Pat Vincent Cup. Pat Vincent played for the famous All-Blacks of New Zealand and in the 70's and 80's was instrumental in developing rugby at St. Mary's as well as starting the local men's club, the Olde Gaels, and organizing the NCRFU. The first Pat Vincent Cup gets under way this Friday with Loyola Marymount University and St. Mary's College taking the Jesuit vs. Christian Brothers friendly feud onto the pitch, followed by Utah power BYU playing Nevada. On Saturday the losers will meet in a consolation game followed by a championship match. As the Pat Vincent Cup is finishing in Moraga the Cal Invitational will be starting over the hill in Berkeley. In the first round games Southern California co-leader Cal Poly SLO will take on last year's national runner-up Utah followed by Cal playing Southern power Clemson. On Sunday there will be a consolation and championship game. Utah enters the tourney coming off a loss to their traditional rival, BYU. Jesuit will be well represented in both events as

there are Marauders playing for Cal, Cal Poly, St. Mary's, Nevada and LMU. Ryan McCoy writes to say that he is looking forward to traveling north with his LMU club to see former Jesuit classmates in Moraga. Also in NCRFU Division 1 action, Davis and Sac State, which last year met to determine second place, will be meeting this weekend in Davis just hoping to keep their territorial playoff hopes alive. In Division 2, UC Santa Cruz travels to Humboldt State while Santa Clara hosts San Jose State in a South Bay clash.

While it may sometimes read like it, this column does not write itself. To keep the Jesuit rugby following aware of your printable comings and goings, e-mail: dragon1137@aol.com. Include something about Jesuit Rugby in the subject line. Go Big Red!

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