

Stars of the Future Shine

If Jesuit had any concerns about the quality of teams in the years to come, these fears should have been dispelled after the inspiring "Stars of the Future" game at Jesuit on Friday afternoon. The Stars of the Future certainly did shine and there were many stars in Jesuit Rugby's Milky Way.

The two teams - The Magic Jerseys and the Varsity Jerseys - were made up of a mix of juniors, sophomores and freshmen while no Varsity regular players nor did any seniors (with one exception) play in the game. The two teams were coached by the Varsity XV, who was split for the occasion. The game was certainly a success.

The senior coaches were present and all except Coach Barry were somewhat taken aback by the quality of play and of players. Some players had as few as two practices under their belts before they played in this game.

Varsity opened the scoring after three minutes when Varsity bench center Tyler Siegel produced a dazzling 40-meter run through a bamboozled Magic defense to give the varsities a 5-0 lead.

In the tenth minute center Matt Lehmann, only at Rugby for just over a week, tied the score at 5-5 after a weaving 30 meter run through the Varsity defense to score a great try. The Varsity coaches certainly took note.

The Varsity took a 12-5 lead when recent find in winger Frankie Lesui, set the crowd alight with a swerving run down the left touchline before racing around to score between the posts. The try was converted by lanky lock Ted Watje.

Almost at half time, Varsity bench half back/stand off Colin Hawley tied the score at 12-all when he touched down after a series of backline loops had worked splendidly. Hooker Kurt Frandrup amazed the large crowd when he casually converted the try from the touchline.

The half time talks by coaches were frenetic and many of the coaches were feeling the pressure as they tried to exhort their charges to better performances.

Matters had become serious when, to regain the lead, the Varsities resorted to Ted Watje taking a successful shot at goal from a penalty and a 15-12 lead. Referee, Coach Dave Miller, who did a great job, was receiving more "help" from sideline coaches than ever heard before at a Jesuit game.

The game looked to be heading Varsity's way when Watje scored a great try after getting outside the Magic defense and outpacing the cover defense for the try. With his successful conversion the Varsity led 22-12.

"We need some Magic" became the catch-cry and Magic we did get. Just as Anthony Estrella and his band of Varsity coaching warriors were looking pleased with themselves, freshman lock Robert Wilmes scored a fine support try for the Magic and the score now stood at 22-17.

Stand out flanker, sophomore Zeke Sulzam tied the score at 22-all when he powered his way over the line after his team had pounded the Varsity try line for some period of time.

Coaches of both teams became more vocal (if that was possible) as we came to the last five minutes. Magic just kept working their magic and soon the ball was again close to the Varsity line.

As the full time hooter sounder, the goal kicking hooker (one out of three isn't bad for a hooker) Kurt Frandrup barreled his way over for the match winning try. His team had woven its magic on the game 27-22.

In teams that had so many good players, it is hard to single players out but for the Magic, backs in soph center Justin Powers, half back Mike Gamache, full back Jacob Scott and Matt Lehmann had fine games. Kurt Frandrup, Zeke Sulzam, freshmen Robert Wilmes and Cory Nicodemus were the picks.

Varsity had stars in stand off Pierce Cooley, half back Matt Klopfenstein, center Tyler Siegel, winger Frankie Lesui and wing Jonathon Tucci in the backs, while Ted Watje, Matt Mackay, Julien Colombero and Michael Phillips looked Varsity players of the future in the forwards.

Coaching Oscar goes to Brian French for his role as the irate touch judge with lethal weapon (his touch judge flag) in hand. Nobody was safe down his sideline! Players - maybe now you understand what your coaches go through during a game.

Following the success of this game, Jesuit intends to hold a "Stars of the Future" game with only freshman and sophomores playing in the near future. Keep posted for that one.

Magic Stars of the Future 27

Tries Matt Lehmann, Colin Hawley, Robert Wilmes, Zack Sulzam, Kurt Frandrup

Conversions Kurt Frandrup

Varsity Stars of the Future 22

Tries Tyler Siegel, Frankie Lesui, Ted Watje

Conversions Ted Watje 2

Penalty Ted Watje

March 22-Jesuit vs Del Oro at Jesuit

This is the second F/S game with Del Oro High School this season and after being defeated by a wide margin in the first game Jesuit was more than ready to show their improved skills.

It was agreed to play three twenty segments in order to play all the Jesuit players.

Del Oro kicked off at 4:35 PM and the teams started playing hard right away. At 4:40 PM Sophomore Mich DeAnda received the ball and was pressured by Del Oro players and he kicked the ball forward. He immediately sprinted forward and recovered his own kick and scored the first try of the game. No conversion was completed.

Del Oro kicked off again and after several plays the ball went back to Del Oro. In a heads up burst of speed, Jonathan Tucci intercepted a Del Oro pass at about the 10 mm line and ran for the second try of the game. No conversion was completed leaving the score at 10 -0 for Jesuit.

Shortly after Del Oro made a try and completed the conversion bringing the score to 10-7.

Improved ball handling skills, by Jesuit, were obvious and at the last few minutes of the first segment of play, Feisty scrumhalf Conner Worten received the ball, evaded a few Del Oro players, and scored another try for Jesuit. The conversion was not completed keeping the score at 15 to 7 for Jesuit.

In the second segment of the game, with the second team continuing the fight, it was an even match up with Del Oro holding their own and displaying good rugby playing skills. Del Oro scored a try bringing the score to 15-12. Jesuit wasn't to be out done, so Joey Bauman scored another try for Jesuit for a score of 20-12, with no conversion, at the end of the second segment of play.

The third segment of the game, with the third team of F/S, was another even match. Del Oro was able to score again and were able to complete a conversion to bring the score to a very tight 20-19 game in favor of Jesuit.

The pressure was on the young tyros of Jesuit and they really held their own in a see saw game. With less than two minutes Patrick Beebe burst through Del Oro defenses and scored another try and was able to make the conversion registering the final score at 27-19 for Jesuit. This was a well earned and hard fought game that brought much satisfaction for the F/S team.

Rugby Around The World

Sacramento Valley League

Burbank wof Rio Americano

Davis 27 Oak Ridge 10

Del Campo 32 Vacaville 17

Ponderosa 27 Grant 12

Standings

1 Jesuit 4 0 0

2 Burbank 5 1 0

3 Del Campo 4 1 0

4 Ponderosa 3 1 0

5 Grant 2 2 0

6 Davis 2 3 0

7 Oak Ridge 1 4 0

8 Rio Americano 1 4 0

9 Vacaville 0 5 0

Super 12 - Round 5

ACT Brumbies (Aust) 33 Western Stormers (Sth Afr) 15

Canterbury Crusaders (NZ) 36 Waikato Chiefs (NZ) 27

Otago Highlanders (NZ) 29 Cats (Sth Afr) 17

Blue Bulls (Sth Afr) 38 NSW Waratahs (Aust) 27

Coastal Sharks (Sth Afr) 21 Wellington Hurricanes (NZ) 20

Queensland Reds, Auckland Blues had byes Standings

Standings

Blue Bulls 18

Waratahs 16

Stormers 15

Brumbies, Sharks, Highlanders 14

Reds, Hurricanes 10

Crusaders 9

Chiefs 8

Blues 6

Cats 2

This week

Hurricanes v Blues

Chiefs v Waratahs

Crusaders v Highlanders

Stormers v Bulls

Brumbies v Reds

Sharks and Cats have byes.

Six Nations

Second last round

France 31 Scotland 0

Ireland 19 Italy 3

England 31 Wales 21

Standings

France 8

Ireland 6

England 6

Wales 2

Italy 2

Scotland 0

Final Round 03-27-04

France v England

Ireland v Scotland

Wales v Italy

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers and a Huge Thank You- to the volunteers that offered to house the players from Hawaii. Thanks to Shari Lasher for organizing everyone. Thanks to Renate Fry, Dionne Collins, Tina Casanova, Marian Demichei, Becky Read, and Marjorie Booth for their assistance with the players.

The Collegiate and Alumni Report

By Dynamic Doug Hamilton

Alumni Report

From the beautiful Colorado Rockies comes word of the further adventures of Dan Propheter and the Regis University Rugby Club. This past weekend Regis traveled to Chadron, NE where they pitted their speed and high altitude training against the brawn of three of the area's teams. In short order Regis shut out South Dakota State, 14-0, Wayne State (NE), 17-0, and host Chadron State, 28-7. Dan's defensive play in the first two games earned him praise from Regis coach Dan Hatstrup, and to prove his versatility, Dan scored a try in the Chadron match.

College Report

Things are winding down in regular season play in the Northern California Rugby Football Union College Divisions. In Berkeley Cal again won it's own Invitational, defeating UCLA, 83-11, on Saturday and Washington, 71-5, in Sunday's championship. James Sehr and Louie Stanfill saw action in Saturday's preliminary, with James getting a try. Sunday's final saw Jesuit players Kyle Khasigian, Joe Welch and Louie Stanfill with playing time with Louie scoring once and Joe scoring four times.

In regular league games, UC Davis continued its surge with a convincing 60-5 rout of the visiting St. Mary's College Gaels. Like Cal, Nevada played twice over the weekend defeating Chico State, 46-22, in Reno on Friday night, and then traveling to Sacramento on Sunday where they defeated Sacramento State, 30-17.

League play wraps up this weekend with Sacramento traveling to St. Mary's and UC Davis going over the Sierras to take on Nevada. While the playoff teams seem set, this weekend is all about positioning and whether or not teams will travel to Washington or stay in Northern California for the Territorial playoffs the following weekend. The second and fourth place teams will travel to the Pacific Northwest where they will compete against the first and third place teams in that league, while Northern California's third and fifth place teams will remain in Northern California (or Nevada) where they will play in a tourney with the top team from Utah and the second place team from the Northwest. USARFU schedules have been changed this year so that no games will be required to be played on Sunday, thereby allowing Utah champion BYU to participate in the national championships for the first time.

Looking at the games this weekend, a UC Davis victory, tie or a loss by less than 16 points will assure the Aggies of second place and a trip to the Northwest. Reno would need to defeat the visitors by more than 16 points to finish second, otherwise they will end the league season in third. In Moraga a St. Mary's victory, a tie, or a loss by less than 16 points will send the Gaels to

the Northwest as the league's fourth place team, and keep Chico in Northern California as the fifth place team. A Sacramento State win by more than 16 will give Chico the fourth place position and put the Gaels in fifth. As the league regular season champion Cal receives a bye for the territorial playoffs. That does not mean that the Bears will be resting this weekend as they head across the border to Vancouver, B.C., where they will conclude their annual home and away with the University of British Columbia. Cal needs to defeat the Thunderbirds by more than four points to retain the "World Cup" Trophy.