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### The Classic Clash In Carmichael

Here we go again!!! The Battle of the Titans; the Rock and Rolling Islander Magic match up with the cool and programmed Marauders of Jesuit. As always, the game is for all the marbles; the winner takes the top of the pool in playoffs; the winner has to be considered a contender for Nationals.

There are problems galore with a muddy field, the rainy windy weather, and the health of the players. But who knows---Roll the Dice!!

The Irresistible force is the Islanders that have scored 322 points ( over 53 points per game) against the Immovable Object at Jesuit that has only allowed 7 points in 6 league games. Something has to give and only time will tell.

If you never never go, you'll never never know. Be there to see it all happen: Friday March 31 at the Jesuit Pitch 4 PM kickoff. There have been many classic games in this rivalry, but this could be the biggest of them all.

### Jesuit Frosh/Soph Strike Gold In MotherLode

March 23, 2006 Oak Ridge HS

The Young Mauraders traveled up the hill to Oakridge High School for a game under the lights against the always physical MotherLode team. The game started quickly with both teams moving back and forth around mid field trading take aways. Eight minutes into the game Jesuit drove near the ML goal where Big Joe "Fish" Johnson took a pass and powered through the Motherlode backs to get the first score. Ryan "Sly" Slionowski cooly converted to give Jesuit a 7-0 lead. Again the team moved back and forth through the mid field area probing the defenses and creating turnovers from the opponents slow ball. Eighteen minutes into the game Jesuit again drove into ML territory where a series of drives pulled int the ML defense. The ball was passed through the backs and ended up with winger "Sly" Slionowski who raced 25 meters into the goal. With Slionowski unable to convert the tough angled kick, the young Mauraders lead 12-0. MotherLode was not to be denied when a few minutes later the determined men from the foothills drove deep into Jesuit territory with a nice set of phases. Suddenly they broke though the defense and dotted down in the try zone. The successful conversion cut the lead to 12-7. The rest of the half was scoreless with both teams showing determined defense in repeling the others attacks.

Nursing a five point lead entering into the second half again both defenses bent but did not break as MotherLode and jesuit fought back in for in a series of attacks and counter attacks. Ten minutes passed before Jesuit was able to break through and get some breathing room on the score. Jessie (James) Becerra broke through the ML defense and scored. The missed conversion left the score 17-7. That was enough to win as the Mighty Red defense kept Mother Lode out of the goal for the rest of the match.

## Varsity II Turns on the Afterburners

Jesuit HS March 23, 2006

The rain had stopped, the sun was shining and the Jesuit Rugby field was in great condition for a full strength Jesuit Varsity II team to tackle the Del Oro Varsity Rugby Team, and the team did not disappoint. Playing their brand of running rugby, the Jesuit II's ran in 10 unanswered tries to win 56 - 0.

The game started in dramatic fashion with the ball being swung out to the wing almost immediately and Ben Markham rounding his opposite number without any problem to score the first of his 3 tries. His second try was followed 3 minutes later after some great running by the forwards led by Jeremy Deterding.

The whole week the forwards practiced rucking and it showed. Good loose ball was won on numerous occasions and the back line reveled in the abundance of possession. Towards the end of the 1st half Tanner Heaphy saw that there was an overlap from 3rd phase ball and the ball went through 3 sets of hands to give debutant Evan Sheehan a bit of space on the wing. He did not disappoint and went flying in for a well worked try.

On the stroke of halftime Ben Markham scored his 3rd try and probably the best of all the tries. The ball was carried for 50 meters with skillful inter-passing between backs and forwards. The ball was passed to Zach Kaufman who burst through 2 tackles and looked as if he was going to score, but with 1 defender hanging on to him he passed to an unmarked Markham on his outside who dotted down. This epitomized the team's unselfish display that day. Everyone played as a team, it did not matter who scored.

Heaphy opened the 2nd half with 2 tries. One from a very good dummy and inside break and one from a kick and chase. Chris Willover, who was having a very strong game at inside center, decided that it was his turn to score and once again from good loose ball won by the forwards, he slashed through the Del Oro defense to score Jesuits 7th try.

At this stage the backs had scored all 7 tries as a result of the abundance of good ball that was being won by the forwards. The forwards decided to get into the act as well with the last 3 tries being scored by Michael Miller, Jeremy Deterding and Scott Macfarlane.

This was a very good game for Jesuit II as they played unselfishly and as team, both on defense and attack.

Team:

Deterding, MacFarlane, Deanda, Willmes, Welch, Steeb, Marsh, Fugina, Worden, Heaphy, Sheehan, Willover, Kaufman, Markham, Harris, Fisher, Calhoun, Zimmerman, Lucas.

Tries:

Markham x 3. Heaphy x 2, Sheehan, Willover, Deterding, Miller, MacFarlane

Conversions: Heaphy x 2, Willover

Ryan DeAnda

Ryan DeAnda charges through Davis on the way to a 23-17 upset of the Blue Devils

No Brotherly Love Shown

Jesuit Rugby Field, March 24 2006

Jesuit's Varsity XV tuned up for Friday's clash with the Islanders by crushing a willing Christian Brothers team 67-0 on a wet Jesuit Rugby Field. From the opening kick-off, Jesuit showed no compassion for the Brotherhood as it piled on five first half tries to lead 33-0 at the break.

Jesuit began with a committed rush and it took just four minutes before flanker Joey Malim swooped on a loose ball at the back of a CB lineout to race over unopposed. With a neat conversion from stand off Nate Floyd Jesuit had a 7-0 lead after only four minutes.

It took just two more minutes before the Jesuit backs executed a neat looping backline move that saw center Evan Reuter race across for a well executed try. Again Floyd was accurate and Jesuit led 14-0 after only six minutes.

Jesuit kept the better than a point a minute rate going when heads up play by half back Pierce Cooley saw him steal the ball from behind the CB scrum and, to the amazement of the CB players, dot the ball over the line. With Floyd's conversion Jesuit led 21-0 with only 12 minutes elapsed.

Floyd, seemingly tired of just kicking conversions, decided to get into the try scoring column. A CB turn over, saw Jesuit attack the try line. Tyler Siegel showed great skills to keep the ball alive and feed Floyd who dived over. Floyd broke the sequence of successful conversions by narrowly missing but Jesuit's lead was 23-0.

Reuter closed out the scoring for the half after Jesuit fielded a poorly directed clearing kick by CB and quick passing saw Reuter over for his second try. With Floyd's conversion, the teams went to the break with Jesuit ahead 33-0.

It took just six minutes of the second half to get the score board ticking again and it was Floyd again who scored. CB again turned the ball over and Jesuit swooped. Reuter in particular did well to keep the ball alive, carried the ball up field and finally sent Floyd over. A successful conversion took the score to 40-0.

Lively winger Will Wegener scored next with a display of strength to weave his way through tacklers and dive over in the left corner for a great try. Three minutes later Pierce Cooley was in for his second try when he slipped down an unguarded weak side to score.

Jesuit rang the changes and the game lost some of its shape and the scoring rate slowed somewhat. Not to be denied, Reuter decided that he would get his name twice more on the score sheet through innovative quick thinking. Siegel converted the second of these tries for a 62-0 lead.

Replacement center Zach Kaufman rounded out the scoring by scoring with just four minutes remaining. Jesuit would have been happy with a very tradesman like performance. The scene is now set for the Islander game.

Jesuit 67

Tries: Reuter 4, Cooley 2, Floyd 2, Malim, Wegener, Kaufman

Conversions: Floyd 5, Siegel

Christian Brothers 0

Jesuit 1-15: Columbero, Puente, Mackay, Watje, Nicodemus, Ilium, Malim, Law, Cooley, Floyd, Wegener, Siegel, Reuter, Gagliardi, Champion

Bench: De Anda, Deterding, McFarlane, Murchison, Sulzen, Miller, Heafey, Willover, Kaufman, Markham, Harris

SVHSRC - Varsity Records and Standings Through 3/24/06

The Alumni and Collegiate Report

By Doug Hamilton

The Cal Rugby team began its Spring Break by traveling to Vancouver, British Columbia to meet the University of British Columbia on the second leg of the annual home and away competition between the two schools. Armed with a seven point lead from their earlier match played at Berkeley in February, Cal needed a win, draw, or loss by seven or fewer points to retain the modestly named World Cup Trophy which is awarded to the winner of the series. With less than seven minutes to go in regulation time, thanks in part to a try by Andrew Lindsey, the Bears led the Thunderbirds by a score of 15 to 10. Cal takes justifiable pride in its play in the second half, but on this day it was the hosts who came up with something extra as the game wore down, as UBC scored three unanswered tries in the final six minutes, converting two of them, to take the game and the 2006 World Cup by a final score of 27 to 15. In addition to Andrew, Eric Fry, Louis Stanfill and Paul Jesseman saw action in the match.

On the following Monday the Bears were to play the University of Washington on the return trip to California. Paul Jesseman was part of a largely reserve side that started the match against a Washington team that has been struggling this season. Seven minutes into the match, with Cal leading 5-0, Cal Head Coach Jack Clark pulled the team off of the pitch and abandoned the match for what the Coach termed "safety concerns."

In league action in Northern California's first division, UC Davis defeated rival Sacramento State, 27-19. With a win over Chico State St. Mary's would secure second place in the league, however the Gaels approached the game with a long list of injuries and some real difficulty practicing over the last few weeks as the rainy weather has left the Gaels' pitch a soggy swamp at best. While St. Mary's fortunes have declined over the season, Chico State has improved with

each game and Saturday was no exception as the Wildcats defeated the Gaels 40-23. The wins by Davis and Chico leave the Aggies in second place, followed by Chico State in third and St. Mary's in fourth. Sacramento State and Nevada are currently tied for fifth and Stanford has finished the season in seventh place.

Derek Siegel handles the kicking chores for Regis University and had three conversions in Regis' recent 21-14 victory over the Air Force Academy's D-II side.

Sean McNamara is in his first year at Georgetown and is playing on the team's A-side. He had his first A-side try this past weekend as Georgetown defeated St. Joseph's of Pennsylvania, 47-12, in the quarter finals of the Mid-Atlantic RFU D-II playoffs.

When Joe Androvich is not studying law at the University of San Francisco he is officiating rugby games. As a referee Joe was recently promoted in grade to C-2, allegedly bypassing C-3. Congratulations to Joe.

League play concludes this weekend with Cal playing Chico State and Sacramento State hosting Nevada in a match for fifth place. It is not only league placement that is at stake but there are important playoff considerations riding on the outcome as well. The winner will have to travel no farther than Davis for the territorial playoffs where they will play Washington State on the following Saturday afternoon. The loser on the other hand must travel to Provo, UT and face BYU on the following Friday evening. As indicated, Davis will host a play off round while St. Mary's will travel to Washington.

Let your classmates know how you're doing. Write to the Alumni & College Report at [dragon1137@comcast.net](mailto:dragon1137@comcast.net). Please include the words "Jesuit Rugby" in your subject line

Rugby Around The World

Super 14 - Round 7

Results

Hurricanes(NZ) 23 Sharks(SA) 17

NSW Waratahs(Aust) 43 Auckland Blues(NZ) 9  
Cheetahs(SA) 10 Queensland Reds(Aust) 7  
ACT Brumbies(Aust) 28 Waikato Chiefs(NZ) 26  
Highlanders(NZ) 16 Cats(SA) 14  
Blue Bulls(SA) 30 Western Force(Aust) 21

### Standings

Waratahs(Aust) 28 (7)  
Hurricanes(NZ) 28 (7)  
Crusaders(NZ) 27 (6)  
ACT Brumbies(Aust) 23 (7)  
Blue Bulls(SA) 19 (6)  
Cheetahs(SA) 18 (6)  
Highlanders(NZ) 17 (7)  
Chiefs(NZ) 12 (6)  
Sharks(SA) 12 (7)  
Stormers(SA) 9 (6)  
Auckland Blues(NZ) 8 (6)  
Queensland Reds(Aust) 7 (6)  
Cats(SA) 5 (7)  
Force(Aust) 0 (6)

( ) indicates number of games played

### Six Nations

Fifth and final round

Scotland 13 Italy 10

France 21 Wales 16

Ireland 28 England 24

Final standings

France - 8 (Six Nations Champions)

Ireland - 8 (Triple Crown Champions)

Scotland - 6

England - 4

Wales - 3

Italy - 1

Norcal High School

Hayward 36 Lamorinda 19

Live Oak 32 Peninsula Green 0

De La Salle 43 Marin 10

Elsie Allen 20 Sonoma 10

Sonoma 20 Santa Rosa 5

Elsie Allen 46 Rancho Cotate 0

Aptos 14 Los Altos 12

Rio Americano 29 Cougars 20

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers - to Bob Davies for the compendium of photos from our games. I hope you enjoy the ones in this newsletter. Thank you for the added dimension to the newsletter.

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