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Carmichael Cup to Jesuit

Will Rogers School 4/2/04

Another strong first half put the Jesuit Armada on strong seas and led to a 33-5 win to take home the annual Carmichael Cup. Del Campo stormed back in the second half and made life difficult but the damage had been accomplished already.

Eric Fry started with a try from a ruck followed by a PK by Chris Sardon to put Jesuit out front 8-0 early on. Kenny "Bullwinkle" Imwinkelreid scored after a penetrating run by Tyler "Silent" Siegel and was followed by another Chris Sardon penalty kick to stretch the lead to 16-0. The forwards controlled a series of rucks followed by a Chris Sardon pass to Tyler Siegel for a score. Billy Bittner then got on the board from a nice pass from Adam Mariani to close out the first half 30-0.

In the second half, Del Campo stiffened and controlled the ball keeping the Armada off the scoreboard. Jesuit only managed a dropkick while DC scored a nice try to finish 33-5.

Referee Ray Thompson received universal praise for his outstanding effort on the day. Tyler Siegel was chosen Best Back by Del Campo and Paul Jesseman was chosen Best Forward.

Del Campo has completed its season while Jesuit plays a tough Ponderosa team on April 8.

Jesuit: 33

Scoring: Fry, Imwinkelreid, Siegel, Bittner

PK: Sardon 2/2

Conversions: Sardon 2/4

Dropkick: Sardon 1/1

Referee: Ray Thompson

I-XV: Estrella, Read, Sweeney, Fry, Loflin, Llewellyn, Reed, Jesseman, Bittner, Sardon, Imwinkelreid, McNamara, Siegel, Mariani, Taylor

Bench: Nickerson, Casanova, Kallergis, Columbero, McCoy, French, Gamache, Cooley, Renda, Collins, Bier

Jesuit FS Win Battle of Carmichael

Wednesday March 31, 2004 Jesuit vs Del Campo F/S at 4:30 PM

The Jesuit F/S members were divided into two playing teams to accommodate all the players. Team #1 was selected for this challenging match and Team #2 will play on 4/1/04 at Rio American.

Team #1 consisted of 29 players and were divided in two teams and sharing the halves of the game. The first score of the game came from prop #3 Vincent Nunez who plowed through several opponents for the try. The conversion was made and made the score 7-0. A short time later Del Campo scored their own try and conversion for a tie game.

Inside center Justin Powers received a kicked ball from Del Campo on the 15 meter area and ran for another try and the conversion was made making the score 14 to 7. Outside Center Jay Tucci intercepted a Del Campo pass around the 10 meter line and ran in the try zone for a try and another conversion.

Del Campo came back and scored their own try and no conversion making the half time score of 21 to 12 for Jesuit.

The second half brought in the remaining half of the F/S team. Del Campo was quick to put another try on the board and completing a conversion. Score 21 to 19, putting pressure on the tyros of Jesuit. Young Elliot Telford, #5 Lock, received a pass and ran for 22 meters for a try and setting up a conversion bring the score to 28 to 19. Del Campo was quick to score again and failed in the conversion for a score of 28 to 24.

Prop Vincent Nunez again received the ball at the 15 meter line and powered in the try zone for another try, his second of the game. The conversion by Tim Harris brought the score to 35 to 19 for Jesuit. Del Campo showed they were not down and out, they scored again with a follow up conversion and resulted in the final score of Jesuit 35 Del Campo 31.

Neighborhood Battle is a Split

Here are the high lights for the game 4/1/04 with Rio Americano played by the F/S team #2 at the Rio venue. The game was played in three twenty minute segments to enable all the participating F/S to gain playing time.

The game started at 3:45 PM with a kick off by Rio and it was ten minutes before the first try was scored by Alex Murchison and a conversion by Ted Watje. Rio came back and evened the score and that was the only scoring in the first segment. The teams seemed well matched at this point.

The second segment produced two scores and one conversion, by Rio, making the score: Jesuit 7 and Rio 19. Jesuit came back and scored another try and a conversion, both by Ted Watje. Rio was able to score again without a conversion making the score at the end of the 2nd segment: Jesuit 14 Rio 24.

The third segment of Jesuit players held Rio scoreless, but were able to score another try by Pierce Cooley and the conversion by Watje making the final score: Jesuit 21 and Rio Americano 24.

Selection for the best forwards were Sean Gay and Zeke Sulzen and for the best backs were Trent Fisher and Ethas Champion-Fritz.

B Side Game

The follow up game with the JV of Jesuit vs Rio Americano JV started at 4:55 PM. The first score was by Collin Holly with a conversion by Pierce Cooley. Rio came back and make an interception for a try and a conversion.

Jacob Scott received the ball out of a scrum and was able to score a try and a conversion by Pierce Cooley add another seven points to Jesuit's side.

Jesuit came back with a try scored by Julian Colomberia and a conversion by Jacob Scott making the score: Jesuit 21 Rio 7. With a good hand off form Holly to Spencer Puento was able to mark up an additional score and a conversion by Jacob Scott. Score: Jesuit 28 Rio 7.

In the second half Rio was able to score out of a scrum form the 5mm line and was able to convert bringing the score to 28-14. J D Demichi was able to score out of a scrum at the 22mm line to bring the score 23 to 7 in favor of Jesuit. Rio came back and was able to score a try form the 5mm line and made a conversion adding another 7 points to their score. Later in the game Spencer Puento blocked a kick by Rio, it rebounded into the try zone and was downed by Spencer Puento for a final try with no conversion making the final score: Jesuit 38 and Rio 21.

Rio team captains selected Joe Casanova the best forward and Collin Holly the best back.

The Collegiate and Alumni Report

By Doug Hamilton

This past weekend teams in the Pacific Coast Rugby Football Union met in playoffs to determine the territorial representatives for the USA Rugby Football Union's Collegiate Championships. In Division I the regular season champion of the Northern California RFU, California, earned the

Pacific Coast's top seed as well as a bye for the regional playoffs. The remaining two spots for the "Sweet 16" were decided on the pitch between teams from the Northern California RFU, the Pacific Northwest RFU, and the Utah RFU.

The USARFU has changed its playoff structure to avoid mandatory Sunday matches, thereby paving the way for the participation of Brigham Young University, this year's Utah RFU champion. The new policy required that the tourney to decide the territory's No. 3 spot be changed from a Saturday-Sunday format to a Friday-Saturday schedule. As the NCRFU's third place team, the University of Nevada hosted that tournament. In opening rounds Nevada defeated Oregon State, 26-15, while BYU won easily over Chico State, 48-17. On Saturday Oregon State won the consolation match over Chico, 33-21, while BYU stepped up its game, beating Nevada by a convincing 66-22 margin.

Meanwhile in Portland in Saturday's first round host Washington defeated St. Mary's for the second time on the season, this time by a 42-36 score, while UC Davis won over Washington State, 58-18. In Sunday's games, the Gaels won a close 18-16 match over Washington State while Davis ended Washington's season with a 34-14 win. The Ags move on as the territory's No. 2 seed. Cal hosted Southern California power Cal Poly, but with the playoffs looming in two weeks, the Bears used the match to test their reserves, in the end conceding the unofficial state collegiate championship to the visiting Mustangs, 58-18. Joe Welch and James Sehr were among the eleven sophomores and freshmen who started for Cal on the day.

In Division 2, where only one team from the territory advances to what is a national tourney of eight teams, Humboldt State and Santa Rosa Junior College traveled to Orem, UT, the home of Utah Valley State College. In the first round games Santa Rosa defeated the host Wolverines, 42-17, while Humboldt ran away from Western Oregon, winning 76-0. Utah Valley won the consolation game, 34-7, while in an all Northern California final Humboldt defeated Santa Rosa, 28-16 to advance to the national D-II tourney.

Scores for Interest

Oakridge 21 Vacaville 5

Elsie Allen 86 Tam Union 15

Golden Gate 45 Piedmont 6

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Playoffs start April 17, watch next week's News for the brackets.

The Management