

Jesuit Enjoys Bonanza On The Ponderosa

Undefeated Marauders Take Sac Valley Title

Jesuit HS April 8, 2004

The Jesuit Marauders finished the 2004 Sacramento Valley League in style and undefeated following a commanding 39-11 win over a gallant Ponderosa team at Jesuit on Thursday.

A depleted Jesuit team indicated that it has depth this season as it withstood a tough first half against a robust Ponderosa team and may have been a little lucky to hold a 13-8 lead at the break.

In unseasonably hot conditions, Jesuit's fitness and superior ball retention eventually wore down the men from the Ponderosa.

From the opening kick-off it looked as if Jesuit had a fight on its hands as Ponderosa launched some aggressive attacks on the Jesuit line and put first score on the board in the sixth minute with a neatly taken penalty goal.

Tyler Collins, shifted to inside center for the game, leveled the scores with a penalty before #8 Paul Jesseman slipped through some flimsy Ponderosa scrum defense to score a neat try. Backs Man of the Match, outside center/full back, added the conversion and Jesuit led 10-3 after twenty minutes.

The Ponderosa forwards were still causing problems for the Jesuit pack and the visitors scored a powerful try through some aggressive running by its forwards. The conversion was unsuccessful but Jesuit led by only 10-8.

Another Eric Forner penalty on the stroke of half time extended the marauder lead to 13-8, a score line that somewhat flattered Jesuit.

Wanting to finish the regular season undefeated, Jesuit lifted the performance rate considerably in the second half. The irrepressible flanker Zack Reed scored shortly after play resumed and when Jesseman took advantage of a fine run by Tyler Collins to score a try that Forner converted, Jesuit had extended the lead to 25-8.

Collins run featured three straight arms that left the three Marauder defenders sprawling on the ground. It capped a much improved game from him.

The Jesuit ball control took its toll on the Ponderosa defense and as Jesuit launched a series of raids on its line, the Ponderosa defense found itself short and lock Eric Fry was on hand to plunge over.

Jesuit made two sweeping runs downfield and replacement full back Mike Bier was on hand to cross for the final Jesuit try.

Given the absence in the backs of Taylor, Mariani, Sardon, McNamara and Bittner and in the forwards of captain Lewis and Kallergis, Jesuit was rightly proud of the squad that played the game.

Zack Reed was outstanding; Eric Fry as usual was everywhere while Joe Casanova and Brian French made auspicious debuts in the front row. New half back Mike Gamache had a good game while Eric Forner showed his undeniable class again.

Jesuit now prepares for the first of the play-off games for the Norcal Championship, at this stage against Lamorinda in what should be a great game.

Jesuit 1-15 Estrella/Nickerson, Read/Casanova/French, Sweeney/French, Fry, McCoy/Loflin, Llewellyn, Jesseman, Gamache, Cooley, Imwinkelried, Collins, Siegel/Morrison, Forner, Dimitri, Renda, Forner/Bier

Jesuit 39

Tries Jesseman 2, Reed, Fry, Bier

Conversions Forner 3, Collins

Penalties Collins, Forner

Ponderosa 11

Tries 1

Penalties 2

The 2004 NorCal Playoff Brackets

Final Standings for the Sacramento Valley High School Rugby League

1. Jesuit 8-0

2. Burbank 7-1

3. Del Campo 5-2

4. Ponderosa 3-3

5. Davis 3-4

6. Oak Ridge 3-4

7. Grant 2-6 suspended

8. Rio Americano 1-6

9. Vacaville 0-6

The Alumni and Collegiate Report

By Doug Hamilton

Alumni

Kort Schubert is playing club rugby in England where his Northampton Wanderers are facing the Harlequins II team in a two game playoff for championship of England's A league.

## College

Two teams who had hoped to be in the Sweet 16 met over the Easter Holiday as St. Mary's College traveled to Oklahoma where they played the University of Oklahoma. The Gaels finished strong, scoring 31 points in the final twenty minutes, but it was not enough to overcome a 40 point Sooner lead and in the end Oklahoma won 52-43. Earlier in the tour a similar closing frenzy gave the visitors a convincing 53-36 victory over Oklahoma State.

This coming weekend marks the Sweet 16 in USARFU Collegiate D-I rugby. Northern California teams in the tourney include California and UC Davis. The Bears will host a regional in which they will take on Bowling Green in the first round while Purdue plays the University of North Carolina in Saturday's other match. Winners and losers will meet on Sunday. Meanwhile in West Point, NY, the University of California will take on the military academies as UC Davis meets Navy and host Army plays UC Santa Barbara. There will be two separate pools playing in Colorado Springs at the Air Force Academy. In a Friday-Saturday pool BYU will play Norwich Academy while Cal Poly-SLO will meet Texas A&M. On Saturday and Sunday host Air Force will meet Tennessee and Ohio State will play Penn State. The winners in each pool will advance to the Final Four to be held in Palo Alto two weeks later.

In Division II only 8 teams play in the National Playoffs which will be held this year in Nashville. It will again be California public schools against the military academies as Humboldt State meets the US Coast Guard Academy in an opening round game. Two rounds will narrow the Division-II field to two finalists who will meet in the D-II championship to be held in conjunction with the D-I Final Four in Palo Alto.

## Playoff News

First Round---Diablo (Contra Costa #2) at Jesuit (Sac 1) Jesuit HS Monday April 19, 2004 5:15 PM

Diablo preview: The mighty Diablo team really won the Contra Costa league with a 22-22 tie with Lamorinda and scored more tries in the game than Lamo. They also scored higher in head to head games vs. De La Salle. However, the teams decided to resolve the situation with a coin toss which Lamorinda won. Diablo was impressive at the Referee's tournament in late March, scoring 3 quick tries on Burbank

in the tournament. They feature an Islander style with great athleticism, continuity and passing skills. They are coached by Barry Welsh, an Englishman that holds a professorship in astrophysics at UC Berkeley (I kid you not!-he is a real life rocket scientist!). If you check their website you will find some eye popping scores. Diablo will be tough, big, and physical and Jesuit will have its hands very full with this excellent team.

## B and FS News

We would like to have pool play completed next week and have the play-off games the following week. This way everything can be completed by May 1st, the date of the F/S All Star Game.

Reminder:

### B side Tournament Pool

#### Pool A Games:

1. Rio 1 v 2
2. Del Oro 2 v 3
3. Jesuit 3 v 1

### Pool B

4. Del Campo 4 v 5
5. Oak Ridge 5 v 6
6. Davis 6 v 4

### F/S Tournament Pools

#### Pool A: Pool B:

1. Jesuit Red 4. Davis
2. Del Campo 5. Jesuit Gold

### 3. Del Oro 6. Rio

Please play the games in any order that fits your schedules.

#### Cheers and Jeers

Cheers-to Coach Barry and Jesuit Rugby Alums Damon Doykos and Chris Osegueda. They meet in the first round of the Sweet 16 at West Point on Sat April 17 when UC Davis takes on Navy. Jesuit cannot lose on this one! Jesuit Alums Josh Rojas at Navy and Anthony Andrews from West Point will be there cheering on their respective teams. Of course, General Leo Brooks, the Commandant of West Point, a Jesuit alumnus, will oversee the proceedings.

Cheers-To Craig McCoy and Colin Ferro who will enroll and continue their rugby careers at Regis University next fall. They will join Derek Siegel on the rugby team to make a trio of Jesuit stars at the disposal of Head Coach Dan Hattrup. Coach Hattrup is reputed to be the happiest man in Colorado at this time.

#### Rugby around the World

##### Super 12 - Round 7

##### Results

Auckland Blues(NZ) 22 NSW Waratahs(Aus) 17

Coastal Sharks(S Afr) 42 Cats(S Afr) 28

Wellington Hurricanes(NZ) 29 Queensland Reds(Aus) 12

Canterbury Crusaders(NZ) 47 ACT Brumbies(Aus) 28

Waikato Chiefs(NZ) 36 Otago Highlanders(NZ) 31

Blue Bulls, Western Stormers byes

## Points Table

Brumbies 25

Crusaders 19

Stormers 19

Sharks 19

Bulls 18

Waratahs 17

Hurricanes 17

Chiefs 17

Highlanders 17

Blues 12

Reds 10

Cats 3

## This Weekend

Blues v Bulls

Brumbies v Highlanders

Reds v Stormers

Sharks v Crusaders

Cats v Chiefs

Waratahs, Hurricanes byes

Remember - some of the above games can be viewed (live or delayed) on Fox Sports World. If you want to see quality Rugby, Super 12 is as good as it gets.

Super League - Round 8

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NSW Waratahs, Wellington Hurricanes byes

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Queensland Reds 11

Cats 7

This Week - Round 9

Blues v Stormers



Sharks v Chiefs

Reds v Bulls

Waratahs v Hurricanes

Cats v Crusaders

Brumbies, Highlanders byes

Note for Playoffs

All Jesuit fans please wear red rugby apparel to the game on Monday and all players wear their jerseys to support the team. Come out and see the new "Magic II" jerseys on display for the first time Monday.

Any questions email the website or call 682-2858.

Players see Vern McCarthy at school for gear and t-shirts Monday.

The Management