

April 10, 2003

Black Day at Burbank

Burbank 23 Jesuit 20

Jesuit may consider itself lucky to finish as close to great foe, the Islanders of Burbank, as the final score line indicates. Midway through the second half Burbank led 23-5 and only a whirlwind finish by Jesuit gave the score line any respectability.

The scene was set from the very first play of the game. The Burbank kick off was not fielded by Jesuit and found touch. From the ensuing lineout, Burbank crashed the ball to within five meters of the Jesuit line. This came from a Jesuit error and errors became part and parcel of the Marauder game from there on.

Burbank drew first blood when it kicked a penalty in the third minute but Jesuit replied with a neat try almost immediately. A back row scrum move saw powerhouse #8 Louie Stanfill charge over for a try.

After 26 minutes Burbank regained the lead in the simplest way imaginable. Jesuit won a scrum on its five meter line but stand off Adam Collins, in attempting a clearing kick, dropped the ball for the Burbank back rower to dive on for the try.

The score remained at 8-5 to Burbank for the balance of the first half.

Ball retention became an issue for Jesuit in the second half and the next two Burbank tries to give them an 18-5 lead came directly from Jesuit handling errors and poor ball control.

When Jesuit lost the ball in a lineout, Burbank took off and after great interchange passing crossed for another try and a 23-5 lead. Jesuit looked dead and buried but looks can be deceptive.

Finally deciding to control forward play, they began clearing out Burbank defenders and the backs saw quick ball for the first time in the game. Points followed.

Firstly Collins made amends for his earlier error by cleverly working the weak side to crash over under a wall of cover defenders. Unfortunately he could not convert from wide out but Jesuit had the scoreboard ticking its way.

Winger Derek Siegel was on the receiving end of quickly recycled ball and with the Burbank cover defense unable to reset in time was untouched as he crossed for the try wide out.

Again the conversion attempt from wide out was unsuccessful but Jesuit was now within eight points at 23-15.

Siegel was in the action again to score his second try in a short space of time when he powered his way through a number of Burbank defenders to cross wide out. Again, the conversion from out wide was unsuccessful but time had elapsed with Jesuit trailing by three at the finish 23-20.

Burbank led for much of the game and thoroughly deserved its win.

Co-captain Louie Stanfill was the absolute standout of the whole game. He played heroically with not too much support around him. Diminutive flanker Pat Ramos tried manfully but likewise found himself short of support when he needed it.

No back stood out with a number of them playing well in patches before making elementary mistakes that cost the team dearly.

Guest referee, Bruce Carter, the president of Norcal Referees, traveled from San Francisco to referee the game - something he did very fairly and squarely. His presence and that of touch judges, Matt Eason and Jim Crenshaw, ensured a game played with great intensity but without any incident.

Jesuit now looks for a hugely improved performance on Friday when it hosts Del Campo for the Carmichael Cup in what is the last game of the Conference season. The game at Jesuit commences at 4pm.

Burbank 23

Tries 4

Conversions 0

Penalty 1

Jesuit 20

Tries Siegel 2, Stanfill, Collins

Conversions 0

Penalties 0

Jesuit 1-15 Faletose, Dundon, Green/Karacozoff, Fry, Adams/Estrella, Jesseman/Lewis, Ramos, Stanfill Parshall, Collins, Lewis/Forner, Powell/Taylor, Bier/McNamara, Siegel/Walton, Sardon

The Carmichael Cup - Friday vs. Del Campo

At 4pm Friday, on the Jesuit Rugby Field, the Marauders and Del Campo Varsity XV's will meet for the Carmichael Cup. Traditionally this game is the last of the season and is between the two programs from the Carmichael area. All are welcome. A barbecue will be held during and after the two games - Varsity and Senior B.

Scores From Around The World

Super 12

ACT Brumbies(Aust) 55 Waikato Chiefs(NZ) 31

NSW Waratahs(Aust) 34 Canterbury Crusaders(NZ) 31

Western Stormers(SA) 27 Blue Bulls(SA) 24

Otago Highlanders(NZ) 22 Auckland Blues(NZ) 11

Wellington Hurricanes(NZ) 26 Queensland Reds(Aust) 23

Points Table

Team Played Points

Auckland Blues 6 25

Wellington Hurricanes 7 24

Otago Highlanders 7 22

NSW Waratahs 7 21

Canterbury Crusaders 6 21

ACT Brumbies 7 20

Western Stormers 6 14

Blue Bulls 6 12

Cats 6 11

Natal Sharks 6 11

Waikato Chiefs 6 8

Queensland Reds 6 7

B's Blast Rio

Rio HS 4/2/03

Making up for lost opportunities, the Battling B's gave no mercy to their neighbors with a 55-7 win on a local road trip. With a strong supporting cast from the A side, the original B's played one of the most flawless halves of rugby this year.

With many players providing their top performance of the season, it was difficult to separate out individuals. Eric "the Swift" Forner showed that he was back from knee surgery with breaks through the Rio back line. Alex "Chief" Kallergis was unstoppable as he ran over the Rio defenders. Ryan Malhoski led the charge as usual up front in the trenches. Chris Lundholm and Mike Renda has a lot of ball on the outside. David Read made the most of the lineouts with pinpoint accuracy in the throw-ins. Matt Nickerson continued his weekly improvement and Rick " the Lion Hearted" Lucas added flanker to his list of positions played.

Scoring for Jesuit were Eric Forner, Ryan Malhoski, Alex "Chief" Kallergis, DeLorean Walton, Ryan Florita, David "the Thing" Grega, and Jon "the Russian Bear" Koraczoff.

The entire team in the first half of the game was the men of the match. We look forward to meeting Rio in the B Championship tournament which starts April 21.

Jesuit 55 Lineup 1-15 Nickerson (Grega), Read (Soga), Estrella, Malhoski, Kallergis, McCoy (Sweeney), French (Koraczoff), Loflin, Bittner, T. Collins (Hawley), Lundholm (Mohr), Chappell (Forner), R. Taylor (Drobney), Longo (Vitto), Renda (Thompson)

Weekend Scores

Burbank 23 Jesuit 20

Vacaville 29 DelCampo 23

UC Davis 28 St. Mary's 31

UC Davis 32 West. Washington 7

Oakridge 15 Grant 12

Belgium 16 USA U-19 3

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers-to former Jesuit Rugby Captain Eric Miller. He has returned from 3 months in Australia and has decided to help with the Frosh/soph team for the rest of the season.

Notice!

All of the Canada information must be in by Thursday in order to ensure that it is proper for the Tour. Please contact us if you cannot get the information to us in time.

Alumni & College Report

By Doug Hamilton

The main event for NCRFU college rugby this past weekend was in Moraga where two teams from Northern California and two from Washington met to determine one spot in the USARFU Sweet 16. On Saturday the UC Davis Aggies had an easy time of it with Central Washington, which had been the top team from the Pacific Northwest, winning 30-7. In the second game the host Gaels defeated Washington State, 36-12. Sunday started with a consolation match between the Washington schools in which Washington State defeated Central Washington, 30-14. The championship game proved to be the most exciting game of the weekend as the Gaels started out strong and went into the half with a 21-12 lead. The Ags however, as they did in their regular season victory over St. Mary's, came out strong in the second and with about 5 minutes remaining they tied the game at 26 points apiece. A foul against UCD for unnecessary rough play off the ball gave the Gaels an opportunity to take the lead in the closing seconds and the Gaels kicker made the best of his chance to redeem himself for a couple of missed kicks earlier. The ball sailed between the uprights and the official blew full time. The Gaels won 29-26 and move on to the USARFU Sweet 16 as the No. 3 seed from the PCRFU. After a year it is déjà vu all over again as the Gaels will travel to West Point, NY where they will play Cal Poly and Army will play Virginia Tech. These are exactly the same two opening round matches that were held at the same location last year. Among those seen watching the championship match was a collection of Cal players including Jake Stanfill.

Meanwhile in Salt Lake City the host Utes had an easier time of it, as they opened up on Saturday with a 46-8 win over Chico State and followed that with a 67-12 victory over Washington in Sunday's championship match. The Huskies were coming off of a close 34-31 first round win over Nevada. Chico

and Nevada chose not to play a consolation match on Sunday. With the victory Utah earns the PCRFU No. 2 spot and will open up the Sweet 16 at Stanford against Harvard.

As mentioned here last week Santa Rosa Junior College won the PCRFU D-2 playoff and will travel to Huntsville, TX, to play in the D-2 Elite 8. There they will open against Sam Houston State, the host team, who earned the West RFU No. 2 seed in territorial championships held this past weekend in Dallas, TX.

There was a significant late season change in the Southern California RFU as the University of Arizona finished the season on a winning note creating a three way tie for first place among Arizona, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, and U.C. Santa Barbara. The tie breaking rules gave the top seed to Cal Poly and the second seed to U.C. Santa Barbara, which means that Santa Barbara will face Cal in Berkeley in the first game of the Sweet 16 and Cal Poly will travel to West Point, NY to take on St. Mary's College. The SCRUFU receives only two bids to the Sweet 16.

In NCRFU D-2 news, the game between the D-2 select side and Cal's reserves ended up with a 57-5 victory for the Cal reserves. Jim Orlando got the scoring rolling in the second half.

Another member of the Class of '02 has checked in. Jered Mathews writes from Germany where according to Jered "rugby doesn't really exist." He is planning on returning to the Sacramento area next year and hopes to play at CSU Sacramento.

Beyond college former Marauders Kirk Khasigian and Kort Schubert have been in England training with the Eagles. The national team faces its most ambitious schedule ever this year with its sight set on a World Cup berth in the fall. They will travel to Spain this coming weekend to meet Spain in the first of two matches to determine that last World Cup spot. This past weekend the Eagles finished a week of practice with a scrimmage against the Bristol Shoguns, one of England's and Europe's top club teams. The format allowed the Eagles to play a lot of reserves yet offered some starters an opportunity to get back into some action under competitive game conditions. While the Eagles lost on the day, 31-21, the game will hopefully be a good tune up for this weekend's match in Madrid.

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