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Marauders Sail into State Final

Jesuit 41 Los Altos 0

You did not really have to be Einstein to predict a Jesuit v Burbank clash for the State Championship on Saturday and that is the way it all panned out.

Both the Sac Valley teams had dominating wins over their opponents from the Bay Area to qualify - Jesuit beat Los Altos from San Jose 41-0 while Burbank beat Lamorinda 46-3 in the semi-finals.

The victory showed the value of the recently completed Seattle/Canada tour with the Jesuit team match-fit and ready to fire.

Los Altos came to play but made some early errors and paid dearly for these mistakes. A couple of early penalties took Jesuit to the Los Altos try line where another quickly taken penalty saw powerhouse lock John Faletoese charge over from the tap move.

Adam Collins conversion was true and Jesuit led 7-0 after six minutes of play. Jesuit continued to apply the pressure and it was the "Captain Carnage" Louie Stanfill who scored next again from a quickly taken tap kick.

Jesuit had Los Altos on the back foot for much of the first half and some excellent interchange passing saw center Zack Powell crash over for a try and a 17-0 lead after only 18 minutes of play.

The determination and speed of flanker Pat Ramos paid dividends when he chased a clever chip ahead and won the 30 meter race to the ball lying in in-goal for the try that was converted by Adam Collins.

Stanfill closed out the scoring for the first half with his second try and a 29-0 lead for the Marauders at the break.

Jesuit rang the changes in the second half and the result was a disjointed twenty minutes of play with no points being scored and few patches of exciting Rugby being played.

The changes in the front row had some effect when Jesuit won two tight heads in succession. From the second Stanfill powered his way over for his third try and a 34-0 lead.

It was a case of best till last when Delorian Walton scored the try of the game. Given little room to move on the left wing, he weaved, squirmed and stepped his way past at least five defenders before outpacing the defense to score beside the posts.

Adam Collins took the score to 41-0 with his successful conversion and the almost annual meeting with Burbank to decide who goes to Dallas for the Nationals 16-17 May.

Los Altos voted Adam Collins and Captain Carnage as best back and best forward. Flankers Robbie Chappell and Pat Ramos deserve special mentions for huge amounts of constructive work done while Ryan Taylor in his first game at full back with the Varsity XV showed talent and a cool head under pressure.

Jesuit 41

Tries Stanfill 3, Falatoese, Powell, Ramos, Walton

Conversions Collins 3

Los Altos 0

Jesuit 1-15 Estrella, Dundon/Adams, Green/Griga, Faletoesse/Malhoski, Kallergis/Fry, Chappell/Jesseman/Loflin, Ramos/French, Stanfill/McCoy, Parshall/Bittner, Collins A/Powell, Lewis, Powell/Siegel, Walton, Siegel/Bier, Taylor

The Battle Of The Giants

High School Rugby's Most Talked About Game Saturday at Sac State 3pm.

It's almost an annual event now - the State Championship game between Jesuit and Burbank to see who travels to the Nationals in Dallas in two weeks time.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the battle is on again. The interest in the game is amazing - on the recent tour of Washington and Canada, a number of Canadians asked when the "big" game was on.

And again, it should be a mighty clash. Burbank won the League game 23-20 after jumping to a 23-5 lead and having to withstand a whirlwind Jesuit finish.

So come along and see one of these two fine teams take another step towards Dallas and a National Championship. The pity is that both teams deserve to be at the Nationals as both would rank very highly nationally but only one goes from our region.

Karacozoff Passes Ball-Coaches Pass Out

Coach Marty and Coach Barry both collapsed to the ground with shock midway through the second half of Jesuit Varsity B team's excellent win over Rio Americano at the Jesuit Field on Thursday.

Coach Marty could be heard muttering "I don't believe it. I just don't believe it!!" while Coach Barry was heard to say "Thank goodness Coach Fred is not here. It may have just been too much for him altogether".

Now what was the cause. The impossible had happened. We were all sure that this event would never happen but happen it did. The Russian Bear, Jon Karacozoff, passed the ball to a support and one of the truly great waits of Jesuit Rugby was over.

Jesuit won a game of classy ball movement 41-12 and the good news is that all coaches are slowly recovering from acute shock.

All Jesuit Teams into Finals

Varsity B and Frosh/Soph into Finals

All four Jesuit teams (Varsity XV, Varsity B and Frosh/Soph Red) have all advanced to final play-offs of their respective competitions.

As mentioned above the Jesuit Varsity XV meets Burbank tomorrow (Saturday) at Sac State at 3pm with the winner advancing to the Nationals in Dallas two weeks later.

The Varsity B team, through its great 41-12 win over Rio Americano and an even more stunning win by 61-10 over Del Campo, now meets Oak Ridge on Wednesday afternoon at Jesuit in the Sacramento Valley Championship game.

The very promising Frosh/Soph Red team is also through to the Championship game after a powerhouse 45-5 win over Del Campo last weekend. On Monday afternoon it will again meet Del Campo for the title.

Jesuit's second Frosh/Soph team, Gold, also went through its pool undefeated after downing Rio and a gallant Del Oro team. Unfortunately there is no championship game for Division 2 of Frosh/Soph but the team and coaches can be very proud of their performances.

Rugby Around The World

Super 12

Round 9

Auckland Blues(NZ) 25 Coastal Sharks(SA) 16

Queensland Reds(Aust) 41 Golden Cats(SA) 13

Blue Bulls(SA) 32 Canterbury Crusaders(NZ) 31

Western Stormers(SA) 24 Waikato Chiefs(NZ) 23

Otago Highlanders(NZ) 45 ACT Brumbies(Aust) 19

Standings (with two rounds to be played)

Auckland Blues 39

Wellington Hurricanes 34

Canterbury Crusaders 31

Otago Highlanders 27

ACT Brumbies 25

NSW Waratahs 22

Blue Bulls 21

Western Stormers 18

Queensland Reds 17

Coastal Sharks 17

Waikato Chiefs 16

Golden Cats 12