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Jesuit is 2003 State Champion

Siegel scores in last play of game and Jesuit is Dallas-bound for Nationals

Jesuit 17 Burbank 12

Sac State - Saturday 3 May 2003

The very large Jesuit contingent of supporters leapt for joy as winger Derek Siegel dived over in the last play of the game to score the match winning try, gaining for his team a 17-12 victory over Burbank and a trip to Dallas/Fort Worth for the National Championships.

The Jesuit supporters were well aware that time had almost elapsed when, with Jesuit pounding the Burbank line, outstanding flanker Joe Welch burst from a ruck, passed to Siegel who had too much pace for the Burbank defense to touch down wide out.

Veteran Del Campo coach, Joe Cavallaro, called the game one of the best play off games ever - a pulsating affair played at an unbelievable speed for 70 minutes. The ball just kept on going from side to side and end to end as each team took its turn in applying relentless pressure.

Though both teams made a number of handling mistakes with a slippery ball, the sheer ability of both teams to keep the ball alive made it a great game to watch.

It was the Jesuit defense that carried the day for the Marauders. A number of pressure turnovers meant that Jesuit had to tackle for long periods of time and tackle they did. The great attacking team that Burbank is, could score only two tries during the game, a testimony to Jesuit's defense.

The traditional Burbank haka before the game raised the temperature considerably and the early clashes were tough and hard nosed. Burbank's big men pounded the Jesuit ball carriers early and a number of turnovers eventuated.

This meant that Burbank had the better of play early and threatened the Jesuit line on a number of occasions. As happened all game, they were met by tough, resolute Jesuit tackling.

The expected high scoring game never eventuated. There were only two tries scored in the first half to take the teams to 7-all at the break.

Burbank drew first blood when a promising charge by the Jesuit forwards was halted by a dropped pass. As so often happens, Burbank swooped on the loose ball and flung it wide where its big center sliced cleanly through a Jesuit defense that had not had time to reset for the try.

With the conversion Burbank led 7-0 mid way through the first half. The score stayed that way until almost the last play before half time when Jesuit retained possession to launch a volley of attacks inside the Burbank 22.

Flanker Joe Welch, who had an outstanding game, led charge after charge at the Burbank line and it was he who eventually burrowed his way over through a crowd of defenders. With Adam Collins deadly accurate conversion the game was tied up at 7-all.

Just as they had started the first half, Burbank began the second half like a tornado. They threw everything at Jesuit and the storming start produced the desired effect for them. A not well placed kick was caught by Burbank in midfield and they immediately launched an attack down the right wing.

Play switched sides several times with the Jesuit defense racing to cover one Burbank sweep after another at them. Finally it was just too much and a Burbank forward burrowed over for the unconverted try and a 12-7 lead.

It took Jesuit less than five minutes to reply and it was powerhouse winger Derek Siegel who supplied the dramatics. With Jesuit hard on attack the ball came quickly from a ruck to Siegel on the wing.

He had a little space to work in but got outside his man and fended off the Burbank fullback with a great straight arm to race over for the try. Unfortunately Adam Collins attempted conversion shaved the upright and the score was locked at 12-all.

The last 20 minutes of the game was all drama. First one team then the other looked like scoring only to have its efforts thwarted through great defense.

Twice Burbank looked set to score but couldn't get the ball down while Jesuit lost the ball forward twice over the try line, once had a player put a foot into touch as he dived over and twice had players over the try line only to be driven back into the field of play by ferocious Burbank defense.

With five minutes to play, Jesuit narrowly missed a penalty attempt that may have won them the game and it looked like extra time would have to be played until the dramatic return to center stage of Derek Siegel.

As already mentioned, Siegel was on the receiving end of a Joe Welch pass and he powered his way past his opposing number to dive over for the match winning try to the absolute delight of the army of Jesuit supporters present.

It was generally agreed that it was the fastest moving final that the oldest of old timers had seen. The ball simply did not stop moving. Many spectators complained of being totally exhausted after watching the dramatic length of field sweeps by one team then the other.

It was Jesuit's hard-nosed defense that carried the day. Burbank, usually scoring about eight tries a game, could manage only two on the day. The hard work on defense late in the week at practice had paid dividends.

Flanker Joe Welch, back from a personally successful tour with the USA Under 19 team at the World Cup in France had a brilliant game. He harasses anything and everything in a black jersey.

Bench forwards Robbie Chappell and Ryan Fry were dynamic when let loose. Chappell may have set a Guinness Book of Records record for the most number of tackles made in ten minutes on a Rugby field.

Wingers Derek Siegel and Delorean Walton had outstanding games while sophomore full back Ryan Taylor showed his undoubted class in only his second game in that position.

"Captain Carnage", #8 Louie Stanfill, had an outstanding game in defense but found himself almost "double teamed" in attack and found progress forward difficult. Jesuit also did not have the services of outstanding prop Dom Green through a hamstring injury.

Jesuit 17

Tries Siegel 2, Welch

Conversions Collins 1

Burbank 12

Tries 2

Conversions 1

Jesuit 1-15 Faletese, Dundon, Adams/Fry, Estrella/Fry, Kallergis/Adams, Ramos/Chappell, Welch, Stanfill Parshall, A Collins, Lewis, Powell/McNamara, Siegel, Walton, Taylor

Marty's Mighty Men Win Frosh/Soph Championship

Jesuit overpowers Del Campo in awesome display

Jesuit 47 Del Campo 0

Jesuit Monday 5 May 2003

The very talented Jesuit Frosh/Soph Red team topped off an outstanding season with a commanding 47-0 win over Del Campo in the Championship game at Jesuit on Monday.

Del Campo played some high quality Rugby, particularly early on, but found progress against a swarming Jesuit defense very hard work. The hard nosed Jesuit tackling forced a number of Del Campo handling errors and the Marauders capitalized almost every time.

It was dynamo flanker Caleb Jue who scored the opening try through his sheer willingness to get involved in everything that happens on a Rugby field within reach of him.

After a series of raids on the Del Campo try line Jue managed to crawl between legs for the first try of the game. Nate Floyd's casual conversion made it 7-0 and it was not long before Man of the Match, whirlwind Eric Fry, after a quick tap, threw his long arms out to place the ball over the try line and the lead was 12-0.

Del Campo continued to take play up to Jesuit but handling errors kept on coming for them. Brian French scored the next try after the ball skewed out awkwardly from a Del Campo scrum and he was ever alert to snatch up the ball and dive over. Again Nate Floyd powered over the conversion at the lead was 19-0.

Again Del Campo bravely attempted to run the ball from behind their own try line but the bold move failed and Jesuit center Mike Gamache was on hand to ground the ball. Again freshman Floyd converted and the teams went to the break 26-0 in Jesuit's favor.

Shortly after resumption, #8 Greg Loflin scored Jesuit's first try of the second half when he proved to be too strong for the defense and crashed over for the try. Ted, the second of our great freshman goal kickers of the future, kicked a towering conversion and Jesuit led 33-0.

The quick thinking of scrum half Pierce Cooley brought the next try and again it was from a Del Campo scrum. Again the ball came suddenly out the back of the scrum and before the Del Campo scrum half could get to it, Cooley had snatched up the ball and dived over for the try, which Ted again converted.

Pierce finished the scoring himself by grabbing a second try when he took a quick tap and scored before the Del Campo defense could react. Nate Floyd added the extras and Jesuit had retained the Frosh/Soph championship 47-0.

It would be unfair to pick out individuals as so many players had great games. Congratulations to all players and mercurial head coach Marty Popelka and chief side-kick Mather Kearney on producing a team that should ensure that the Jesuit Varsity XV's of years to come will be outstanding successes.

Jesuit 47

Tries Cooley 2, E Fry, French, Gamache, Loflin, Jue

Conversions Floyd 4, Ted 2

Del Campo 0

Jesuit 1-15 Taylor, Frandrup, Welch, Marzall, Murchison, E Fry, Jue, Loflin, Cooley, Hawley, Burkey, Gamache, Puente, Floyd, Reid

The Collegiate and Alumni Report

By Doug Hamilton

The USARFU Collegiate season came to a close this past weekend, but what an end it was. Silicon Valley was the site for the finals for both D-1 and D-2, for both men and women.

On Saturday in San Jose Radford defeated University of Northern Colorado 32-22 for the D-2 Men's title while Dayton was a 40-20 victor over the University of Northern Iowa to win the women's D-2 championship.

Farther up north on the campus of Stanford University the D-1 semi-finals were underway. For the women, Air Force defeated Penn State 12-10 and Illinois beat UC San Diego by a convincing 56-20 margin. In the first men's semi-final Army, who had defeated Harvard earlier in the season, fell one point shy in the rematch as the Crimson advanced to the finals with a 27-26 win. With the Harvard win, Jesuit was assured of a presence in Sunday's final with Jeff Reiman wearing the Harvard colors. The BIG story of the tournament, if not of the entire season, was the last game of the day as Air Force, the last team

other than Cal to hold the title, shocked and awed the Bears, 46-28. Cal lost to a US college team for the first time since 1996, and for the first time since 1990 Cal would not win the title.

In consolation play on Sunday, Army found out what it is like to face the Bears after they have been disturbed as Cal soundly defeated the Cadets, 75-3. Jake Stanfill scored for the Bears in the match. Congratulations to Kyle Khasigian who took the pitch both days, 11 weeks after suffering what was thought to be a season ending leg fracture against UBC. Penn State won the women's consolation match with a 19-12 win over UCSD.

Sunday belonged to the Air Force as both their women and men won titles. The women were 17-15 victors over Illinois while the men defeated Harvard 45-37.

While the season may be completed on the pitch, so long as there are publishable stories to report, this column will continue. Send your post Jesuit rugby news to [dragon1137@aol.com](mailto:dragon1137@aol.com).

Oakridge are B Champions

May 6,2003 Oakridge HS

The Battling B's from Jacob Lane were overcome by a determined group of Oakridge Trojans who wrested the B crown from the Marauders for the 2003 season. It was a battle of Grecian proportions but the home crowd held strong in the end and won 19-10.

With the game postponed twice and the venue changed, the B's were somewhat disoriented and let Oakridge get out to a 2 try lead. Ryan Malhoski led the B's with 2 trys primarily on individual effort to keep it close, but the Trojans scored with no time left to seal the fate of the Marauders.

Large efforts were seen from Eric Arrieta, Mike Bier, and Billy Bittner. In the end, Oakridge chose David Grega as best forward and Billy Bittner as best back in the game.

The game opened with Oakridge strong in the back line and preventing Jesuit from running wide. Often with the ball on the wing, there was nowhere left to run and the ball turned over. The Trojan back 3 had a good day and did not mishandle any of the probing kicks from the Jesuit halfbacks. Billy Bittner chased down a blocked kick but was short about 3 feet from the Oakridge goal to put Jesuit in front.

It was a good effort all year with many of the B's moving up to help the Varsity. Overall congratulations on a fine season and wait until next year!!

Jesuit 10

Trys Malhoski 2

Jesuit 1-15 Grega, Bishop (Arrieta), Nickerson (Koracozoff), Booth, Malhoski, Secco, French, Loflin, Longo (Bittner), T.Collins, Lundholm, Valadez, Morrison, Bier, Renda, Mooney, Gamache

Referee Ray Schwartz

Rugby Around The World

Super 12-Round 10

(second last round)

Auckland Blues(NZ) 33 Golden Cats(SA) 9

Canterbury Crusaders(NZ) 51 Western Stormers(SA) 13

NSW Waratahs(Aust) 27 Otago Highlanders(NZ) 23

ACT Brumbies(Aust) 35 Wellington Hurricanes(NZ) 27

Queensland Reds(Aust) 22 Coastal Sharks(SA) 13

Blue Bulls(SA) 29 Waikato Chiefs(NZ) 26

Points table with one round to play

(Top four qualify for play-offs)

Auckland Blues 44

Canterbury Crusaders 36

Wellington Hurricanes 35

ACT Brumbies 30



Otago Highlanders 28

NSW Waratahs 27

Blue Bulls 26

Queensland Reds 21

Western Stormers 18

Coastal Sharks 17

Waikato Chiefs 17

Golden Cats 12

2003 National Championships

Fossil Ridge High School, Fort Worth, Texas

Draw (as interpreted)

Friday 16 May 2003

Quarter-Finals - Tier A of the top eight teams

(Tier B also has 8 teams - both are knockout formats)

11.00am Wilmington (Mid-Atlantic) vs. Westerville (Mid-West)

11.15am Jesuit (Pacific) vs. Penn (Mid-West)

12 noon Highland High (Pacific) vs. Lake Highlands (West)

12.15pm Kent (North-East) vs. Xavier (North-East)

Semi-Finals

6.00pm Winners of first two games meet

7.00pm Winners of second two games meet

Saturday 17 May 2003

Finals

10:00am 7th and 8th positions in Tier B play off

8:30pm Championship game

Jesuit Squad to travel to Fort Worth

Kevin Adams Steve Lewis

Michael Bier Greg Loflin

Billy Bittner Gary Longo

Robbie Chappell Ryan Malhoski

Adam Collins Adam Mariani

Tyler Collins Craig McCoy

Jesse Dundon Sean McNamara

Anthony Estrella John Parshall

John Faletese Zack Powell

Eric Forner Pat Ramos

Brian French Mike Renda

Eric Fry Chris Sardon

Ryan Fry Derek Siegel

Dominic Green Louie Stanfill

Dave Grega Ryan Taylor

Colin Hawley Delorean Walton

Paul Jesseman Joe Welch

Alex Kallergis

Some interesting observations:

Of the 35 playing members in the squad 21 players will be returning in 2004 and 6 will be available for selection in 2005.

That is the depth you look to develop in your Rugby program. Already two sophomores in Ryan Taylor and Sean McNamara featured prominently in the great State Championship win over Burbank.

And Coach Barry sings the praises of our freshman group - the most talented Rugby playing year he has ever seen at Jesuit. The future certainly looks bright for Jesuit Rugby.

Cheers and Jeers

Cheers to Billy Bittner for his election as next semester's senior class president

Cheers to Jon Koracozoff for his election to the student council, which obviously does not involve getting anywhere on time or on the correct day.

Note

The banquet is tentatively scheduled for Wed May 28 at 6 PM. Please mark your calendars. Any one that would like to volunteer for help should call Lynda at 682-2858.

Any player that has not picked up his team t-shirt, other gear, or has lost and found items please be at the field on Tuesday at 3:15 PM as we will distribute all remaining gear at that time. Come one and come all.

Any comments or questions please contact 682-2858.

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