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Pictured above: Joel Brooks and Henry Seavula in action in 1st Grade's 18-14 win over Parramatta at Concord last Saturday. The match was called to a halt by the referees following just 8 minutes play in the 2nd half due to the danger posed by lightening from the storms that swept across Sydney. The first time anyone can recall a game finishing in such a manner. See the Safety Code below:-

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| Lightning Safety Code | <p>(A) The Australian Standard on Lightning Protection is based on the 30 / 30 rule which recommends that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Play is stopped when the lightning / thunder ratio reaches 30 seconds or less.Play should not commence until 30 minutes after the last time lightning is observed or thunder is heard. <p>(B) If there is thunder and lightning the Referee and Team Officials must:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">ensure that the safety of the players, Team Officials, Match Officials and Team Affiliates is paramount at all times; andnot recommence a Match until it is safe to do so taking into account the 30 / 30 rule, the weather conditions and the condition of the ground and venue |
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Saturday 2nd May

Concord Oval

Loftus Street, Concord

4th Grade

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3rd Grade

Postponed

1.25pm

2nd Grade

3.00pm

1st Grade

Nepean Rugby Park No 2

Andrews Rd, Penrith

12.20pm

3rd Grade Colts

1.35pm

2nd Grade Colts

SHUTE SHIELD WEST HARBOUR 18 (Matt Coles, Rory Sidey tries Angus Le Lievre goal & 2 penalty goals) defeated PARRAMATTA 14

COLIN CAIRD SHIELD WEST HARBOUR 39 (Jono Midghall 2, Nela Manu, Graeme Kolomalua, David Lolohea tries Kiwi Kapene-Belcher 4 goals & 2 penalty goals) defeated PARRAMATTA 30

HENDERSON SHIELD WEST HARBOUR 52 (Wes Talanoa 2, Tommy Sawden 2, Stuart Raines, Sonny Satuala, Tom Lonsdale, Elijah Morisio tries Stuart Raines 6 goals) Defeated PARRAMATTA

HENDERSON CUP: WEST HARBOUR 31 (Chris Vea, Fraser Shaw, Nick Bruce, John Korosigasigare, Stewart Adams tries Brendan Rixon 3 goals) defeated PARRAMATTA 0

1ST GRADE COLTS: PARRAMATTA 35 defeated WEST HARBOUR 19 (Andrew Suamili, Shane Faau, Ola Moala tries Connor Moran 2 goals)

2ND GRADE COLTS: WEST HARBOUR 55 (Tonga Tangitau, Matthias Tutunoa Matt Thomas, Tyrrell Naleba, Mark Mc Dermott, Ola Moala, Austin Latu, Othello Heka, Wilson Faasalafa tries DJ Miller 4, Wilson Faasalafa goals) defeated PARRAMATTA 14

3RD GRADE COLTS: WEST HARBOUR 38 (Othello Heka 2, Ongolea Petelo, Vili Tupou, David Johnston, Eli Gooding tries Wilson Faasalafa 3, Paul Tau goals) defeated PARRAMATTA 12

UNDER 18: PARRAMATTA 19 defeated WEST HARBOUR 11

LEADING CLUB POINTSCORERS 2015

GRADE

| Points | T | G | PG | PTS |
|---------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| Angus Le Lievre | 5 | 13 | 10 | 81 |
| Kiwi Kapene-Belcher | 2 | 10 | 10 | 60 |
| Stuart Raines | 1 | 15 | 4 | 57 |

Tries

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Angus Le Lievre | 5 |
| Matt Coles | 3 |
| Harrison Orr | 3 |
| Dave Lolohea | 3 |
| Jono Midghall | 3 |

COLTS

| Points | T | G | PG | PTS |
|------------------|---|---|----|-----|
| Wilson Faasalafa | 1 | 7 | 7 | 40 |
| Tommy Sawden | 1 | 7 | 3 | 28 |
| Shane Faau | 5 | | | 25 |

Tries

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|----------------|---|
| Shane Faau | 5 |
| Ola Moala | 4 |
| Tyrrell Naleba | 3 |
| Othello Heka | 3 |

COMING MATCHES

Saturday 9th May
Saturday 16th May
Saturday 23rd May
Saturday 30th May
Saturday 6th June

Saturday 13th June

Rd 8 V's Easts Grade at Woollahra. Colts at Concord

Rd 9 V's University - Super Saturday at Concord

Rd 10 V's Manly - Grade at Concord, Colts at Manly Oval

Rd 11 V's Souths - Grade at Forshaw, Colts at Concord

SRU Wet Weather Weekend

NSW Junior State Championships (long weekend)

Rd 12 V's Penrith - Grade at Nepean RP, Colts at Concord



by Paul Cook –from www.rugbynews.net.au

The Build-Up:

West Harbour came into the game off the back of a narrow loss to Warringah, but a home clash against a side below them on the ladder offered a good chance to rack up their second win of the season. For Parramatta, it was all about getting their season back on track. Five defeats from five games was not pretty reading but the draw had pitched them against the big boys early doors. This was their day to turn things around.

The Breakdown:

West's held sway for the opening quarter, an early charge-down try to Rory Sidey and the boot of fullback Angus Le Lievre helping them to an 8-3 advantage. A couple of ill timed dropped passes cruelled the Pirates from building a bigger lead before bustling no.8 Matt Coles went over off the back of a scrum. But as the half wore on, the Two Blues warmed to the task and while failing to create much by the way of gilt-edged opportunities, did pressure sufficiently enough to milk the penalties that kept them in the hunt, 18-9, at the break.

The visitors returned with a flea in their ear and a greater physicality, and when they took advantage of West Harbour's self-imposed one man deficit for prop Nick Blacklock to drive over, it was game on. However, the rugby gods had other ideas, lightning initially forcing the players from the field with just under 35 minutes remaining, before a subsequent hail storm and deluge of rain led to the officials calling time with the result standing as it was when they

departed, 18-14. Wests claimed a precious, if hollow, victory as a result while Parramatta were left ruing what might have been.

The Wash-Up:

“I’ve never had a game cancelled since Under 7’s so it was an unusual predicament to be in,” said Pirates’ captain Tom Games at the final whistle. *“I think we still could have played but the ref was worried about the lightning. It feels empty, we wanted to try and kick on and get the bonus point but anything could have happened in that second half I guess, so we’ll take the 4pts.”*

“It’s a shame we couldn’t finish the game because I thought we were progressing to the point where we needed a bit more game time to put things into action but we’ll happily take away the win,” concurred West Harbour Director of Rugby, Joe Barakat, who saw promising signs, particularly in defence, from his side across the 45 minutes of action.

“Our defence is working really well, we’re knocking people over and we’re causing a lot of turnovers,” he enthused. *“They scored a try off a maul when we had a man in the bin but we’ve got to trust our defensive structures, which are working really well – people are working off their lines, people are staying in. We had really good shape out there today but we just dropped too much ball. Our decision making, execution and finishing probably need a bit more detail.”*

While the home side were happy enough to notch up another tick in the wins column, in spite of the anomalous circumstances, their opponents were left bemoaning the sheer misfortune of the weather’s untimely intervention. Wests will plead differently of course but the feeling within the Two Blues camp was that momentum had shifted firmly to their side of the ledger at the cessation of hostilities. They backed themselves to go on with the job and break their drought.

“We were flat in the first half, pretty ordinary, but we were still only 9pts down,” explains Parra skipper Andrew Cox. *“We got a rev up at half-time and we scored in that first five minutes of the second half and, I don’t know, it just felt like a game that we were always going to win, in my opinion. Wests are obviously going to say something different but I thought we were in control at that point and I always thought we were going to come home stronger.”*

“All the boys are pretty gutted with not finishing the game. If you lose, you lose but with 35 minutes to go and 4pts in it, it was anyone’s game,” Cox continued. *“Wests could have run on with it, you never know, but it would have been good to come back on Tuesday and play the last 35 minutes instead because that’s a long chunk of a game still to play.”*

He too was caught unawares by the officials’ ruling.

“I’ve never had a game called off so it’s a new one for me, I didn’t know that rule,” he admitted. *“You’ve got half an hour from the first lightning strike and if it keeps coming, the clock starts again. I think we got to 27 minutes and it kept going. The ref came in fairly early I thought, you have to wait for a storm to pass, but in the end they said there’s no lights here at Concord and we’ll probably end up playing in the dark by the time it clears so that was that.”*



Both sides lined-up in commemorative ANZAC jerseys to mark the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings – Photo: J.B Photography

His coach Gerrard Fasavalu however, was less amenable to the decision.

“I felt they could have waited a little bit longer but what do you do?” he fumed. “I think we’re in danger of becoming a bit precious, it’s just water. I’m a Kiwi so I was used to that weather every week – just play on! We had a roll on, they had one man in the bin and we’d started to get the flow of things and then this. Who knows what could have happened? Even if they’d rescheduled it for midweek, it’s one of the worst ways to finish a rugby game.”

His frustration was obviously amplified by the fact that he saw this game as a chance for his winless side to get something on the board and build a platform for the rest of the season. Performance wise, it was an improvement on previous weeks but the outcome left little in the form of crumbs of comfort.

“Our lineout was pretty good and our scrum was getting a lot more dominant, it was just the general play where we lapsed and they broke through,” Fasavalu continued. “I wouldn’t say they were more dominant in the first half, they just used the ball a lot smarter than we did and that’s where they capitalised, scored the tries and got their points. We can take a lot of positives but it’s the worst way to lose a game. We get a losing bonus point but to be honest, it’s irrelevant.”

A little over two weeks ago, the Pirates were pondering their own state of progress having gone 0 and 3 from their first three rounds under the auspices of a new coaching team, with Joe Barakat overseeing the rugby program at Concord Oval and Mark Gudmunson the 1st Grade coach.

But a timely win over Gordon in round four reversed their fortunes and led to a much improved effort against Warringah in round five, a game they could, and perhaps should, have won.

This win, fortuitous as it was, gave them a second victory that lifts them out of the bottom four. Tom Games agreed that while the early rounds were something of a slow burn, things appear to be gradually clicking under the new regime.

“We’ve made slow progress, we concentrated a lot on defence and maybe our attack was lagging a bit but we’ve been building up the basics of defence and set-piece and trying to add another layer of attack on to that solid base each week,” he explained. *“The old West Harbour would throw it about from everywhere but we don’t want to throw those fifty/fifty passes anymore and we knew Parramatta would just feed off our scraps so we made it a big emphasis this week not to be loose and give them anything.”*

“With Joe coming back our defence has been a lot better this year, we’ve got that attitude and we’re coming off the line and hopefully, we can keep it going for Penrith next week. If we can win that it will be three wins out of four and all of a sudden, we have a bit of momentum and a bit of confidence to work from.”

The passionate Barakat was certainly feeling happier with his lot after this one but he didn’t return to Concord to help Wests merely survive, he wants them, indeed expects them, to prosper. He has his sights set on bigger things.

“It’s a win but we have to come away with bonus points against teams like Penrith and Parramatta if we’re good enough and we should have been good enough today,” he reasoned. *“We have to get a bonus point next week against Penrith and then we take on Easts. To me, the next two weeks are pretty crucial to whether we stay with the pack or the pack leaves us behind.”*

Parramatta meanwhile, must lick their wounds and muster themselves for the visit of Warringah to Merrylands RSL Rugby Park this weekend. A tough draw hasn’t helped their cause across the first six rounds but Andrew Cox sees the next block of matches as absolutely vital if they are to kick on and get themselves in the mix for a finals spot come season’s end.

“This result has put us a step back but we’ve got to regroup and go again,” he affirmed. *“We felt really good coming into today’s game, that’s why I was confident we could do the job and I thought we could turn a page. I think there were a lot of positives to take from it. We had a few changes and I think the way we were going, we were starting to get on top and we’ve got to take that into Warringah next week, we can’t dwell on it.”*

“We’ve had a tough start to the year, we’ve played the top five teams on the ladder but arguably, these next four or five weeks contain games that if we can win, will get us back into that log jam in the middle, which was our goal. We’re starting to gel – we’re still way off the mark – but there are signs that it’s coming and the next month is going to be vital. If we can jag four or five wins by the halfway point of the season, we’re back in it.”

His pragmatic – and resolutely positive – coach hasn’t lost much sleep worrying about results. He’s more interested in process, the level of performance and the fact that the season is a marathon, not a sprint.

"I don't really look at the table," says Fasavalu. "We've had a rough start, I wouldn't put it down to the players we lost, I just think we've had too many lapses in concentration. It's about sticking to your structures and knowing what works and what doesn't work and getting a better understanding in terms of game sense, game knowledge and game awareness. We certainly didn't have that for the first couple of rounds and that's what really let us down. It's just the one percenters making the difference.

"Like anything, it's not how you start it's how you finish. It's no good getting out of the blocks first in a 400 metre race if the other seven guys smoke you on the inside in the last 50 metres. I'm not too concerned, as long as we're improving and we're working on what we need to work on and just tightening up in terms of our defence. We are a natural football team that can score tries but it's stopping them at the other end that has been our undoing."

He was also dismissive of the vagaries presented by the fixtures computer.

"You're going to have to play those teams anyway and you don't get better by playing teams that are lesser than you, you get better by playing teams that are better," he said. "I wouldn't be here if I didn't think we could turn it around. There's no point throwing your toys out in round six, we've still got 12 rounds left, we've just got to stay positive and keep working." If the Two Blues can somehow harness their coaches outlook on the game and imbibe his infectious positivity and belief into their play, rest assured, there are plenty more chapters to be written on their 2015 season



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ACTION FROM CONCORD OVAL V'S PARRAMATTA



Above: Angus Le Lievre and Bradford Kapa in 1st Grade's 18-14 win over Parramatta
Below: John Stapleton in 2nds with Jack Corry and Nela Manu in support.





Matt Thomas in 2nd Colts big win over Parra and Graeme Kolomalu crosses for a try in 2nd Grade.
Below: Stewart Adams and Brendan Rixon in 4th Grade's 31-0 win.



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DO YOU KNOW THE ASTERON LIFE COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR?

Calling the Australian Rugby community!

- Do you know a coach who has devoted years of service to Rugby in the community?
- Have you witnessed an individual giving up their time in rain, hail or shine as a coach?
- Or maybe there is a coach in your club who demonstrates passion, integrity, discipline, respect and teamwork?

The Australian Rugby Union and Asteron Life Insurance, naming rights partner of Super Rugby in Australia, are looking for the next Community Coach of the Year - and your help is needed. Now in its second year, nominations are open for the award, closing 10 July.

Rain, hail or shine the club coach is there, giving their all and expecting little in return. The Asteron Life Community Coach of the Year will be someone who celebrates integrity, discipline, respect and teamwork.

In 2014, Sila Tuagakava won the Community Coach of the Year award for his work as coach and community volunteer in disadvantaged areas of western Sydney. To celebrate his achievement and coincide with the launch of this year's competition, Qantas Wallabies Head Coach Michael Cheika paid a surprise visit to Tuagakava's club in Penrith to lead an impromptu coaching session.

The Asteron Life Community Coach of the Year was created to recognise the thousands of coaches who selflessly give their time to develop Rugby talent in their communities. Without these coaches, who forgo many of their weekends and nights to mentor our young players, our elite players wouldn't be where they are today. The winner will receive their award at the John Eales Medal on 27 August, winning a cash grant for their club and a special visit from the Qantas Wallabies Head Coach.

Mark Vilo, Executive Manager, Asteron Life said it was vital to recognise the value of community rugby. We are so proud of the Asteron Life Community Coach of the Year program and thrilled to support community rugby in Australia. Last year's community coach nominations were truly inspiring and this is a great way to recognise the hard work of coaches who give up so much of their time for the game – for today and tomorrow's players".

Qantas Wallabies Head Coach Michael Cheika has given his backing to the initiative: "This award is a fantastic opportunity for the ARU and Asteron Life to recognise the great commitment of our coaches within local communities. "During the week I was able to see first hand the passion of some of Rugby's local coaches in Western Sydney. It's these people who are the lifeblood of our sport. "This award is about celebrating the local unsung heroes like Sila, who never ask for anything in return and giving them something back for their contribution."

Last year's winner Sila Tuagakava demonstrated an incredible commitment as the coach of the Western Raptors Under 12s, Penrith District Junior Rugby Union Under 12s representative team. He also coached the Penrith First Grade Colts and was the Vice-President of the Western Raptors Junior Rugby Union Club.

Tuagakava said: "Working in Rugby is a passion of mine and to win last year's award was truly humbling. I do what I do because the community and all of the youngsters in those disadvantaged areas need a coach and mentor - someone to look up to and lead them on the right path. "I feel it's an incredible privilege for me to be that mentor and to help the community."

The winner of the 2015 Asteron Life Community Coach of the Year will show a solid demonstration of community Rugby contribution, a contribution to Rugby within their state/territory up to and including July 2015 and a demonstration of core values: Passion, integrity, discipline, respect, teamwork.

A panel, including Qantas Wallabies Head Coach Michael Cheika, will choose the final winner. To nominate for the 2015 Asteron Life Community Coach of the Year, head to: <http://asteronlifesuperrugby.com>

Asteron Life Super Rugby Round 12

Friday 1 May

Aquis Brumbies v NSW Waratahs

Where: GIO Stadium, Canberra

Time: 7:40pm AEST

Coverage: FOX SPORTS 2 & 2HD, 666 ABC Canberra & Grandstand Digital

Brumbies Ladder Position: 2nd (6-4)

Waratahs Ladder Position: 7th (6-3)

Broadcast Information: The Aquis Brumbies play at home this week against the visiting NSW Waratahs in a crucial Australian Asteron Life Super Rugby clash. Both sides will receive a huge boost with players returning to the starting line-ups, Sam Carter and Ben Alexander return for the Brumbies and Wycliff Palu will start for the Waratahs.

Saturday 2 May

Blues (NZ) v Western Force

Where: Eden Park, Auckland

Time: 5:30pm AEST

Coverage: FOX SPORTS 2 & 2HD

Blues Ladder Position: 14th (1-9)

Force Ladder Position: 15th (1-9)

Broadcast Information: The Western Force travel to Eden Park to face the Blues, with both teams looking to win for the second time this season. Scrumhalf Ryan Louwrens will make his Asteron Life Super Rugby run-on debut when the Western Force takes on the Auckland Blues at Eden Park on Saturday.

RaboDirect Rebels v Chiefs (NZ)

Where: AAMI Park, Melbourne

Time: 7:40pm AEST

Coverage: FOX SPORTS 2 & 2HD

Rebels Ladder Position: 11th (4-5)

Chiefs Ladder Position: 4th (8-2)

Match Information:

Rebels flanker Jordy Reid will make his first Super Rugby start for 2015, in one of two changes to the starting lineup to face the Chiefs on Saturday night at AAMI Park. Luke Jones returns after missing the bonus point defeat against the Waratahs at ANZ Stadium last weekend

Club Rugby:

The **Intrust Super Shute Shield** brings a full day of rugby action this Saturday. The game of the round features Gordon facing off against Southern Districts, which will be broadcasted live on 7TWO from 3.00pm AEST on Saturday.

In Round 8 of the **BLK Queensland Premier Rugby**, the game of the round this Saturday features Easts taking on Sunnybank at CP Bottomley Park at 3.20pm.

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OCEANIA RUGBY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DAY ONE POSTPONED

Congratulations to Cameron Orr who has been selected in the starting team for the Australian U/20's for the Oceania Championships. This is the lead in tournament for the Junior Rugby World Cup in Italy next month.

Day one matches of the Oceania Rugby Junior Championship have been postponed due to extreme weather conditions on the Gold Coast. With a severe weather warning of heavy rain and Gail force winds exceeding 90 km/ph expected, the decision was made in consultation with each nation to postpone Friday's matches until Saturday 2 May.

The matches will now stand as;

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| 1pm, Japan v New Zealand | Saturday 2 May |
| | 3pm, Australia v Samoa |

Oceania Rugby Championship Director, Wayne Schuster emphasised the importance of player safety.

"Naturally we are disappointed that there will be games today, however player welfare must always be our highest priority.

"The decision to postpone the matches had the full agreement of every participating nation and we look forward to starting the tournament once conditions are expected to improve on Saturday 2 May."

Australian U20's Head Coach, Adrian Thompson supported Oceania Rugby's Championship. "The decision made by Oceania Rugby to postpone the matches was made in the best interest of all players and as host union we welcome this decision.

"The Australian team will look forward to kicking off our campaign tomorrow when conditions are expected to improve."

Call for Nominations for the National Indigenous U18 Team to play at the Sebel ASRU Championships

The Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team Inc are calling for nominations from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Schoolboys to be selected in the National Indigenous U18 schoolboys team to contest the Australian Schools Division 2 Championships.

The online nomination form: <http://www.jotform.co/form/51181198783867> or via the following website: <http://www.lloydmcdermott.com.au/>

Nominations Close: 17th May 2015


The National Indigenous U18 Team participates at the Australian Schools Rugby Union Championships. The Championships will be held at St Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney Between 28th June - 3rd July 2015





Otto Wendt and Ola Moala on action for 1st Colts at Concord on Saturday.

| SHUTE SHIELD | | P | W | L | D | For | Ag | BP | Pts |
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| 1 | Eastwood | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 263 | 66 | 5 | 29 |
| 2 | Manly | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 228 | 80 | 3 | 27 |
| 3 | Randwick | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 207 | 117 | 5 | 25 |
| 4 | Northern Suburbs | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 207 | 111 | 4 | 20 |
| 5 | Southern Districts | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 211 | 123 | 4 | 20 |
| 6 | Sydney University | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 172 | 103 | 3 | 15 |
| 7 | Warringah | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 142 | 181 | 3 | 15 |
| 8 | West Harbour | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 94 | 137 | 1 | 9 |
| 9 | Gordon | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 102 | 146 | 3 | 7 |
| 10 | Eastern Suburbs | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 95 | 189 | 2 | 6 |
| 11 | Parramatta | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 78 | 230 | 2 | 2 |
| 12 | Penrith | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 35 | 351 | 0 | 0 |



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WORLD RUGBY

by Harry Kimble.

A new six nation Rugby championship is in the pipeline. Former Argentine halfback Augustin Pichot is the driving force to have an American six nations. At a meeting last week in Miami it was agreed in principle that such a tournament be formed but now the organisation is required. The nations to participate are Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, USA and Uruguay. Things to be determined are whether Argentina, Canada and USA would field top teams as they are much stronger than the other three and would Argentina play in the Rugby championship as well.

Whilst on the Americas, the final of the NACRA Championship division was played in Port of Spain. The home team, Trinidad & Tobago, played much better on the day than fancied Mexico who seemed to leave all the skills at home. T&T led 23-6 at the break and went on to an impressive 30-16 victory. In Montevideo, Uruguay had a break in the South American tournament so arranged a friendly against a US Select team to trial new prospect. Unfortunately, this night night game backfired when the US Select won, 13-3. Another team that left all its skills at home was Brazil when the team travelled to Chile for its CONSURA clash. The Condors completely outclassed Brazil to win 32-3. This leaves Chile behind Uruguay with Brazil and Paraguay bringing up the rear.

Round two of the Asian Championship was played in Hong Kong where the locals took on Korea. The game was virtually over by half time when Korea, led by a brilliant display by fullback, Jang Seong-Min, who scored two tries led, 25-7. Hong Kong fought back to narrow the gap but it was too much, too late, as Korea, who scored 5 tries to 4, withstood the resurgence to win 33-26.

Meanwhile, over in Europe games in the various division 2 continued. In the 2A group, the final round of the 2014-15 matches were played. Switzerland and Malta, both with two wins met in Valletta. It was a close game but a penalty goal was the difference as Switzerland prevailed 23-20 over the local Malta side. The other match pitted undefeated Czech Republic against winless, Israel. Against all expectations, Israel led 17-6 at half time but the Czechs fought back but not enough to win and had to settle for a 26 all draw. This was Israel's best performance in this division since promotion this year. The draw allowed the Czech Republic to win this year's 2A division with Switzerland in second place. Malta, Croatia and Israel followed in that order for 3rd, 4th and 5th places.

It was a local derby in the only 2B division game. In Vilnius, Lithuania hasted its neighbours from Latvia. There was no neighbourhood love as Lithuania handed out a 7 try to 1 shellacking to the hapless visitors and a 46-11 score.

It was all a lot closer in the two 2C division games. In Odense, Serbia scored 3 tries to 1 but the penalty count kept the local team, Denmark in striking range. However, Serbia kept its winning margin with 25-22 victory. Denmark remains without a win whilst Serbia moves to third place with two victories. In Vienna, Austria took a surprising 8-0 lead after 20 minutes against the division leaders, Slovenia. An upset was on the cards but a try in injury time allowed Slovenia to slide past Austria, 17-16 to keep on top of the table.

What is interesting is that Turkey played at home in Antalya on Anzac Day to neighbouring Bulgaria for a 2D division encounter. It was 13 all at half time but Turkey snuck home, 28-26, scoring 3 tries to 2. Some clips of the game may be seen by clicking on this site:- <http://www.dha.com.tr/dhavidoeogaleri.asp?vid=918205> In the other 2D meeting, Bosnia & Herzegovina in Zenica hosted Finland. Bosnia maintained its undefeated position scoring 4 tries to 1 to win, 29-7. Bosnia remains on top of the table with the other four nations, Finland, Bulgaria, Turkey and Norway, recording one victory each.



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WEST HARBOUR JUNIOR ACADEMY 2015

Congratulations to the following players that have been selected for the West Harbour Academy 2015. The squad has been training under coaches Bill Bell and Ian Westwood and will undertake a 12 day tour to Fiji in November/December..

John-Wesley Boath Moananu
Luke Collins
Deon Evans
Robert Faasi
Wesley Faupula
Pillimi Felila
James Filihiahekava
Lisiate Tre Finau
Esei Haangana
Simione Kauvesi

Klausmann Steffany
Mosese Lata
Austin Latu
Tuitavake Manoa
Luke Manuel
Ryan McDermott
Franele Betham-Misa
Etimoni Pahulu
Recardo Palu
Cayden Paul

David Kim
Joshua Pele
Tepuna Tamarua
Naime Tau
Paul Tau
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Shadow Players:
Jimi Valu
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The 2014 Junior Academy team at a training session in Levuka (Fiji) in December 2014



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M4 East midway tunnelling point identified



WestConnex Delivery Authority (WDA) has confirmed the location of the M4 East midway tunnelling point at Cintra Park, between Parramatta Road and Gipps Street, Concord. The midway tunnelling point will be a construction compound for tunnelling work to be carried out towards Homebush and Haberfield.

WDA consulted with the City of Canada Bay Council and local sports clubs to develop a proposal for new sports fields and amenities at St Lukes Park. Relocating the local hockey field has been a key priority. WDA will be delivering a new improved field as well as upgraded amenities such as new player facilities and lighting towers directly across the road in the St Lukes Park precinct.

You are invited to call in at any time during the Drop In Information Sessions to learn more:

Location: Club Burwood RSL, Level 1, Dome Room, 96 Shaftesbury Road Burwood.(Free parking is available)

Date: Friday, 8 May 2015

Time: 11am-2pm and 4.30pm-6.30pm

All three shortlisted tenderers identified Cintra Park hockey field as the preferred site for the midway tunnelling point. The choice of Cintra Park eliminates the need for residential property acquisition for this construction and tunnelling site, provides direct access to Parramatta Road for the removal of spoil, and ensures local streets won't be impacted.

The M4 East comprises twin tunnels, three lanes in each direction, which will be built along the Parramatta Road route from Homebush to Haberfield. The project is six kilometres in length of which five kilometres is tunnels.

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