



RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER

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MIDWEEK RUGBY

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RHS Rugby is excited to announce a two-year sponsorship partnership between Midweek Rugby and Dress-Smart Hornby. Dress-Smart Hornby is sponsoring gear for the 2nd XV including a training tee, wet top and beanie, and is also sponsoring rugby shorts to be issued to both the 2nd XV and Girls 1st XV to ensure a coordinated look for both these teams. This positive partnership is a two-year relationship which will see the two Junior Boys teams kitted out with the rugby shorts next year. A big thank you and welcome to Mike Smith and Dress-Smart Hornby.

2nd XV



The 2nd XV began its season with a morale boosting 17-6 win over St Thomas's Canterbury on Wednesday 8th. Although the 3 tries to none suggests a strong attacking game, it was their courageous defence that was most significant for the win. Mohsen Stirling, player of the day, lead by example with his strength and determination. However he was ably supported by all other players. This was an impressive effort considering they used all 28 players getting at least half a game each, bar one injury.

"The larger squad has demonstrated great commitment both off and now on the field this year, so we are looking forward to an enjoyable season of school rugby" said co-coach, Kelvin Eder. "It allows fringe players from the 1st XV to get more game fitness, plus the younger players can learn and show

their skills before they consider 1st XV honours in the future," Kelvin added. This team has been fortunate enough to gain a sponsor. The management and players are very grateful for the generosity of Mr Mike Smith of Dress-Smart Hornby, and look forward to representing the school in their team 'kit' with pride.

Pictured above is Jack Doody passing. #2 George Gardner, #8 Todd Couch and #1 Mitchell Ashwell. Mohsen Stirling at the back of the ruck.

Junior Rugby Development programme

With the start of the school rugby season, the Junior Development programme has finished until Term 4. Pictured are some of the boys awarded with their JRDP t-shirts at the end of Term 1. Congratulations to the boys for their motivation and commitment.

Junior Boys The final trial for Junior Boys was held Wednesday 8th. Teams have been finalised, and the two teams – Green and Gold – will have their first CRFU games next Wednesday 15th.

Girls 1st XV The girls travelled to South Hagley on Wednesday 8th for Girls Skills Day. Originally called "girls safety day" Girls Skills Day was introduced to ensure girls were being coached correct and safe technique prior to the beginning of their competition. It has developed into more of a skill development session by including catch and pass skills as well but the emphasis is still on coaching safe technique particularly in the tackle and contact area. The Girls have their first CRFU competition game next Wednesday 15th. As with the past two years, 5 keen rugby players from Kaiapoi High School will join the RHS squad.



PRESS CUP

Saturday 4 May 2013 RHS 1st XV v St Bedes College 1st XV @ Mandeville



It was always going to be a difficult challenge first up against St Bedes College and despite a solid start to the game by the Rangiora side St Bedes played with speed and power that soon found space and the try line.

Rangiora had several bright moments during the early exchanges and were close to securing first points testing the St Bedes defence which held strong.

St Bedes scored in quick succession after 12 minutes to take a 12-0 lead with strong running number 8 Moeaki Toma and halfback Angus Vincent making punishing metres down the blindside from the scrum.

A third try came from powerful openside flanker

Charlie Gamble who benefitted from a collapsed scrum to pick up loose ball and sprint under the posts to take the score to 21-0 after 25 minutes. As was becoming a theme of the game Rangiora worked hard to get field good field position only to turnover possession to some very strong and at time punishing tackling from St Bedes who then showed their ability to score from turnover. On the halftime whistle Rangiora had their best opportunity to score and were looking likely when St Bedes winger Henare Faithfull grabbed an intercept and ran 95 metres to add to Rangiora's misery.

Half-time 0-31 to St Bedes

This would be enough for most sides to throw in the towel but there is much more to this Rangiora team than the first half score suggests. They continued to work tirelessly and made the visitors work hard for points whilst coming close on several occasions to break the St Bedes defence themselves. St Bedes scored two very well worked tries throughout the half and at the death picked up a fairly soft try from a quick penalty to take the final score to 0-48.

For Rangiora Max Lines and Tom Taylor impressed at lineout time and number 8 Marcus Hendriks was again a handful with ball in hand. First -five Daniel Wills and 2nd Five Jag Love combined well to challenge the St Bedes line and both worked hard on defence. The players will learn a lot from this experience. The challenge is to put that learning into their play and to become better each week.

The challenge will now be to get up for game 2 against CBHS. The physicality and intensity of Press Cup rugby is new for most of this team and backing up week in week out is not easy. Fitness levels are very good across the squad so recovery shouldn't be a problem.

Final Score: RHS 0 St Bedes College 48



CBHS RUGBY FESTIVAL

Weather dominated the Rugby Festival with teams getting to play plenty of wet weather rugby.

Game 1 against Takapuna Grammar: Lost 24-19. The game was locked at 12 all at half-time. Both teams tried to play expansive rugby despite the conditions. Evenly matched sides with Rangiora almost scoring an equalizer at the end.

Game 2: Kristin College, Auckland. One way traffic with the Rangiora forwards far too strong for the opposition and playing sensible wet weather rugby were able to score steadily throughout to win 50-3. 2 tries each to Travel Tuapuata and Caleb Wunderink were highlights.

Game 3: Fielding HS (Hurricanes Region 1st X Champions for the last 4 years). A big game and a chance to measure up against a top side. Effort and physicality got 10 out of 10 but Fielding were too polished and applied pressure where it counted. 22-0 final score but lots of positives to come from this game and the experience.

Game 4: CHBS 2nd XV. RHS won 59-0. Marcus Hendriks was named RHS's Forward of the tournament, and Daniels Wills Back of the Tournament.



Thanks to photographers Fiona Brakenridge and Trudy McKay.

WHAT'S COMING UP



BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THE RHS 1ST XV ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION.

Don't miss out on this fun evening, which also raises funds for the 1st XV to compete in the Press Cup.

Tickets \$55 or a table of ten for \$500.

Contact: Sarah on sarah.davidson@rangiorahigh.school.nz
OR A 1ST XV PLAYER

Ohoka Rugby Football Club Presents

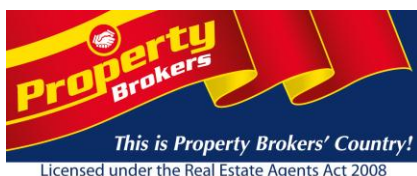
The Mandeville

Derby Race Night

Mandeville Sports Centre, North Canterbury

Saturday 11 May 2013 Door opens at 6.00pm

Come along and be a winner. Tickets: \$15 (includes a complimentary glass of wine). Food available to purchase. Contact: Lynda McCallum – 027 376 5654 Email: mccallum@scorch.co.nz



RHS 1st XV Player Profile



Name	Tom Taylor
Year	13
House	Sheppard
Preferred Position	Lock/Blindside
Previous Club	Ohoka
Rugby player you admire & why	Johnny McNicholl because he's such a good guy and he gives back to his fans.
Most memorable Rugby moment	Winning 3 championships with Ohoka
Favourite Food	Pizza shapes, mangoes and roast chicken
Favourite music	Jaz-Z, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Snoop Dogg, Foo Fighters, Hayley Westrena, Celine Dion
Other sports played	Basketball, cricket, touch, netball



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