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UC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND SEVEN: 1st XV v St Thomas of Canterbury College



It was a confident Rangiora 1st XV that visited St Thomas of Canterbury College last Saturday. They had progressed well through the season and recent wins against Lincoln and Ashburton meant this match was predicted to be an even contest.

In a first half that saw numerous errors from both sides, it was the St Thomas team who managed to string a series of phases together, leaving space on the blindside to score the only first half try out wide. The home side had made most of the attacking play, although Rangiora were slightly ahead territorially through their regular tactical kicking. So both sides went to the half time break knowing the team that lifted their energy and became more accurate with their skills would take the game.

And this was exactly how the rest of the game played out. Rangiora's tactical kicking became less effective with a poor defensive line and improved evasive running from St Thomas's back three. The counter attack often had STCC back in Rangiora's territory and the pressure took its toll, with the victorious side scoring three second half tries to win 24 nil. Unfortunately the visitors hardly threatened the scoreboard at all.



Louis James and Oscar Howat tackled all game for Rangiora. Jordy Gray, Ben Wicksted and Travel Tuaputa tried hard to ignite something in the backs but little worked for them.



"The rest of the team seemed tired today. It may be mid-season blues but we dropped our standards terribly. The quality of rugby was not up to UC Championship level and for that we got punished" said coach, Kelvin Eder. "As All Black Coach, Steve Hansen once said we will 'flush the dunny and move on' from that one."

Rangiora host Roncalli this Saturday, followed by a midweek encounter with Christ College; certainly winnable games if they can return to their earlier form.



Above: Rhys Smith
Left: Matt Deaker



Hell Pizza Player of the Day: Ben Wicksteed

Principal's Pin: Travel Tuaputa

Game this week: vs Roncalli College at RHS, kick-off 12 noon.

2nd XV/U18 vs Methven/Rakaia



The 2nd XV/U18 lost to Methven/Rakaia 14-32 in the play-offs

Hell Pizza Player of the Day:
Josh Sim (*pictured left*)

Game this week:
vs Kaiapoi at RHS Kick-off 1.30 p.m.



Right: Vaughn Atkins-Percasky





Above: Korbyn Gray

Top right: Dylan Cameron

Bottom right: Tom Pascoe



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MIDWEEK RUGBY

It was another great Wednesday for midweek teams on June 10th. Junior Boys Gold won 65-7 vs Aranui. Player of the day: Angus Fletcher. Junior Boys Green won 34-32 vs Kaiapoi. Player of the day: Zane Carter. Girls 10s won vs Riccarton by default

1st XV Dinner and Auction

In addition to the amazing Cook Island holiday profiled in last week's newsletter, the recent 1st XV Dinner and Auction had fantastic support from a wide range of businesses, both local and national. Thanks to the following: **Rangiora Jewellers** **Loburn Furniture**





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