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UC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND NINE: 1st XV v RONCALLI COLLEGE

Although Roncalli College from Timaru had not recorded a win they too had a tough draw to start their UC Championship season, so Rangiora wisely was not taking this encounter lightly. The fact Rangiora had not beaten Roncalli also added motivation to the local side.

The game started well with the determined visitors tackling strongly but Rangiora sensibly controlled play. A slick back move from an attacking scrum saw wing, Jayden Pearce, with enough space to run around to score for Patrick McCallum to convert. Soon after Rangiora confidently turned down three points to attack the Roncalli try line again. However infringements meant their gamble backfired and play return to neutral territory.



The game was then marred by a scuffle between teams, and the disruption saw Rangiora lose its momentum and a poor defensive line allowed the Timaru side to score an unconverted try. The game continued to lose structure with errors, infringements and poor decision making.

McCallum had kicked a penalty goal before number 8, Harley Robinson, added some energy to the attack, and clever work by him on the blindside of a scrum gave Jordan Gray space to score untouched. Unfortunately soon after Robinson had to leave the field with a broken collarbone as the first half ended at 15-5 to the home team.

Stern words at half time had Rangiora starting the second half as they had the first. Another penalty goal extended their lead to 6 points. And when McCallum kicked his fourth goal of the day, Rangiora had a little breathing space.

Roncalli were not finished and their determination was fueled by their second try late in the game. However Rangiora lifted themselves to control the territory and the match to hold on to win 21-15.

Louis James, Oscar Howat and Naaria Wilson-Bairds continued their good form particularly at lineout time and in the tackle. Robinson had returned to his bullocking ways until his injury. Kerran Jenkins took the gaps well early on, and Rhys Smith was tidy both in attack and in cover defense.



Their dominance at the start of both halves was the difference for Rangiora in the end. It would have been much easier for supporters and coaches if they had maintained that structured attack throughout. So after their third win, Rangiora are now focusing their attention on the vastly improved Christ College team on Wednesday afternoon. It will take more consistent performance to achieve back to back wins at their historical 'Upper' field.



Hell Pizza Player of the Day: Louis James

Principal's Pin: Jayden Pearce

Game this week: vs Christ's College on Wednesday 24th, at Christ's College, kick-off 2.30 p.m.



2nd XV/U18 vs Kaiapoi

The 2nd XV/U18 lost to Kaiapoi 0-39 in the first game of the NC U18 competition.

Hell Pizza Player of the Day: Nick Van de Wiel
(pictured below right)

Game this week:
vs Hurunui at Hurunui, kick-off 1.00 p.m.



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MIDWEEK RUGBY

Photos of the Gold team vs Ellesmere at North Hagley last week.



Results from Wednesday 17th June

Junior Boys Gold won 62-12 vs Ellesmere. Player of the Day Lachie James

Junior Boys Green lost 20-22 vs Barbarians. Player of the Day Rawiri Peita-Kingi

Girls 10s lost 21-35 to Hillmorton. Player of the Day Missy-Lee Hill

With the first phase of the draw complete, the Junior Boys teams have been split into two pools, Cup and Shield. Both Gold and Green have made the Cup pool, well done boys and good luck for Phase Two.

CUP POOL	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Bonus	Points
RANGIORA GOLD	5	5	0	0	244	33	5	25
LINCOLN RED	5	4	1	0	251	77	5	21
DARFIELD	5	4	1	0	224	54	4	20
RANGIORA GREEN	5	3	2	0	149	124	5	17
BARBARIANS	5	3	2	0	206	126	5	17
LINWOOD	5	3	2	0	145	147	4	16
ELLESMERE	5	3	2	0	116	145	3	15

The Girls narrowly missed making the Cup pool, and are in the second Shield Pool. There is a third Plate pool in the Girls competition. Well done girls, and good luck for your next few games.

Shield Pool	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Bonus	Points
ARANUI	5	3	2	0	178	154	5	17
RANGIORA	5	3	2	0	229	102	5	17
BURNSIDE	5	3	2	0	254	182	4	16
LINCOLN	5	2	3	0	163	202	3	11

RHS 1st XV Player Profile: Patrick McCallum



Name	Patrick McCallum
Year	13
House	Lydiard
Preferred Position	First Five
Previous Club	Ohoka
Most memorable Rugby moment	Travelling to Wales as part of the Ohoka U16 to play four games against Welsh clubs and schools.
Favourite Food	Meat
Other sports played	Tennis, touch, golf
Rugby player you admire most and why	Ben Smith, because he's such a good player



U15 Quiz Night fundraiser Monday 27th July

The U15 tournament team are having a Quiz Night on Monday 27th July at Monteiths, Rangiora to help with the costs of travelling to Nelson to play in the South Island Junior Rugby Tournament in early September. Tickets are \$10 head. Teams of 6-8 people can be signed up/paid for at the Payments counter in the Student Office or call/email Sarah on 0274 306 153 [/dd@rangiorahigh.school.nz](mailto:dd@rangiorahigh.school.nz)

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