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THE SEAGULL FLYER

The latest news and updates from Brighton Seagulls J.R.L.F.C



SEAGULLS SAY CHEESE!!

This weekend we are back at Scarborough Park for team photos (except U10s who play away).

We look forward to seeing everyone's smiley faces!!



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TEAM PHOTOS

This Saturday we take the opportunity to have our team photos taken. The only team not at our home venue on the day is the Under 10 team. In this case we will arrange with our photographer Charlie for photos to be taken at a later date.

We suggest that all team Managers endeavour to have all team members arrive at the park 45 minutes prior to advertised starting time of their particular game. We please ask all parents to assist to allow these arrangements to succeed.

Cost of photos is :

Team photo \$20

Team photo + portraits (3) \$25

Orders taken on Saturday. Payment on Saturday or as soon as possible to your team Manager.

HOME GAME ROSTER 22nd AUGUST

Whilst the club realises the problems surrounding the requests concerning Covid-19 the club is still required to operate a canteen/ barbeque to enable us to both continue to raise funds as well provide facilities at our home venue. So again we plead for our parents where possible to support each team roster to allow our canteen and Barbeque to run smoothly and to avoid placing the pressure on too few of our volunteers as has been the case of late!

Ground Set up

7.00am: Committee & volunteers

Canteen / BBQ - 2 team volunteers for the canteen and 2 for the BBQ per time slot

9.00 to 10.00 : Under 8 Team

10.00 to 11.00 : Under 6 Team

11.15 to 12.15 : Under 7 Team

12.15 to 1.00 : Under 9 Team

1.00 to 2.00 : Under 11 Team

2.00 to 3.00 : Under 12 Team

Take down ground

Over 35 L'Tag & Volunteers

MATCH REPORTS

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

U6

Our Under 6 kids continued their progress with a mighty performance last Saturday against the Penshurst RSL Kookaburras!



Each week we witness a continuing improvement, both with tackling and running the ball. The shining star on Saturday was Muhhamed, displaying sharp, straight running and tireless with his excellent tackling technique bagging 2 tries as well. He was our Bay Vista player of the round.

Ali brought his radar with him this week and it eventually meant running in the right direction as well as rewarding him with 2 tries. Little Harvey, personality plus and enthusiasm to match was everywhere, he too getting a 4 pointer.

Xavier has come out of his shell and realising what footy is all about.

Maximus, showing that attention to training is paying off with another great display.

Lucas, 'Mr Everywhere' man was again ever present scoring 3 fine tries!.

Conner, bit by bit learning his footy and never shirking the task ahead.

Leonatis, arriving after his soccer game took the field and proved the asset he is, particularly with his strong defending.

Subaru, ever since he arrived continues his desire to learn all the skills and the results are there to see.

And finally Koby, he again put in, very busy and he is gaining quickly all the skills of the game.

These babies are the future of the Seagulls and they are in good hands and the proof is in the progress they are displaying with each game played.

U7

Report yet to be submitted.



Tries: Dennis 3, Aj 3, Luchiano 1, Natalea 1, Adem 1.

Converted goals: Dennis 1, Aj 1, Adem 1.

Despite the early start ,It was a beautiful sunny morning on Saturday at Evatt park Lugano for round 5.

Brighton Seagulls U8 wore ready to challenge Penshurst RSL team with full power and confidence.

At the start of the game we saw Adem, Hassan Noah and Luchiano doing some great runs and making up some good meters for the team.

Natalea was the first to score a try . Well done beautiful.

In defence Adem and Hassan Noah and Elijah were teaming up showing some great skills in tackling.

Dennis was also holding his position tackling and pushing players out of the sideline while quick thinker Aj took the advantage picking up the ball and scoring try.In the second quarter Adem quick steeping and fast running was getting the team closer again.

Elijah with full power was running and tackling wiping off players from the opposition while Dennis was showing off his new style in stepping and fast running scoring 2 tries , followed up with another 2 tries from Aj the machine. Our team was pumped.

Hamudi was there to support the team again and there was no mucking around with him he was tackling very strong and supporting the team in every way.

The 3th quarter was a pleasure to watch, our boys and girls were playing at their best.

Hamudi, Aj, Hasan Noah and Elijah teamed up in defence for every single tackle.it was our turn to play the ball when Luchiano put his angry face pushing players out of his way running across the field scoring try. What a game.

The last quarter we saw Natalea holding her defence position with all her strength and power pushing players out the side line.Penshurst players lost the ball 3 min before the finish when Hassan Noah picked up the ball but unlucky was pushed out. Adem and Dennis score one more tries each.

Great game and well done team !!! Thank you everyone for all the effort.

Player of the match Mouhammed Agha (from U7's)

U9 BYE



U10 Brighton Seagulls 34 v Penshurst 16

Tries to: Christian Matsas, Dylan Kovetski, Nathanael Tavana, Stelios Mougios (4)

Goals to: Christian Matsas, Nathanael Tavana, Peter Mallis, Romeo Nasr, Stelios Mougio



Saturday morning the U'10s were pleased that the rain had held off and that the game was going ahead having missed a game previously due to council closing grounds. HV Evatt park grounds were damp but the strong winds and sunshine made it perfect conditions for when the opening whistle blew.

Over the last 2 weeks of training, the U10's coaches have been building up the team spirit and excitement showing true hunger to play and win as the team played each other in training. Coaches also talked about the importance of setting achievable goals for game day, encouraging the U'10s to share these goals with the coach on game day.

With a full squad of 14 players the team had a few on the bench. Dylan was the first to show his spirit making a good run up the field with Romeo in dummy half, passing the ball to Greg who held the ball well as he was tackled by the Penshurst defence. Within the 3rd minute we saw Stelios break through and place the first points on the boards for the Seagulls. On the defence we saw Mateja hold up the Penshurst attack with a beautiful intercept from Christian who then passed to Nathanael. Tariq also showed he was keen to get up the field as he made some metres before being stopped. Lucca N attempting to power through with 5 players bringing him down. Mateja continued to show grit and eagerness as he ran really hard up the field to only be pushed out of play. This first playing quarter we saw great defence from all the players the score remained Seagulls 4 - Penshurst 0 at the first break.

2nd quarter similar to the first play we saw Stelios break through and score within 3 minutes with a conversion. Though in return the Penshurst team broke through our defence and scored with a conversion, they were finally on the score board. When the ball was in our possession we saw so many of the boys, Christopher, Dylan, Greg, Nathanael, Mateja and Romeo power through the defence. Though it was a play that Dylan made as he ran up the field this time passing to Christian who placed for a try and conversion, bringing us to half time with Seagulls 16 v Penshurst 6.

After a drinks break we had 3 fresh players on the field with Gabriel, Jazzie and Lucca B running on to play. Gabriel took on the dummy half role, seeing him try to stay close to the ball in play. Lucca B had a brilliant tackle of the legs seeing the Penshurst player stopped in their tracks as the team continued to show good defence with Christian, Romeo, Stelios and Tariq all making big tackles, this quarter. Two further tries were scored by Stelios and then Dylan with no conversions. Seagulls 24 v Penshurst 6.

The fourth and final quarter we saw Peter eager to get a run and show Penshurst how he can make some metres power up the field. Romeo and Nathanael showed strong defence with some big tackles though Penshurst did slip through and score with a conversion. It was then time for Jazzie to get the ball up the field which in that play of 6 we saw Nathanael score and Romeo convert. Followed with only a few moments as the final buzzer rang Stelios was over the line with Peter placing the final points on the board with his conversion, the final score was Seagulls 34 v Penshurst 16.

Congratulations to the Man of the Match awarded to Christian Matsas, who was commended by his Coaches for doing everything that was discussed in training and warm up, well deserved.



U11 BYE

Raine&Horne.
Rockdale

Tries: Hugh Somers, Jayden Rawson

Resuming after the washout, the mighty Seagulls Under 12's made their way to Cahill Park for a grand final rematch against defending Premiers, Arncliffe. Ready to test themselves against the best, our boys were looking to extract first blood in the fight for the 2020 title. But no one expected events to unfold as they did. What should have been the highlight to date of the Under 12's Rugby League season was instead marred by a shameful confluence of circumstances that commenced long before kick-off. Controversial if not criminal refereeing appointments and performance meant our boys would endure one of the most brutally unfair games of junior rugby league ever seen.

This is no ordinary dummy spit from a losing side. Consider this – the referee appointed was the brother of one of the Scots players and the son of one of the trainers. In itself that may not be a problem, but the ensuing 12-1 penalty count against us, combined with multiple dubious calls in the run of play to starve us of possession after hitting the lead early. The massive defensive workload finally took its toll with Arncliffe scoring a third try to put the game out of reach with just two minutes to go. In one sense it was heartbreaking to watch, but the effort from our boys in a game that clearly was already decided was the stuff legends are made of.

The game started and there was no inkling of what was to come. Receiving from the kick off, our boys worked their way down towards the Arncliffe line and started probing for opportunity. Our defence was sharp, and we had the best of field position in the opening exchanges. After 6 minutes Hugh Somers saw space and capitalised through a good individual effort and the Seagulls had taken off. 4-0.

We defended well in the next set and before long we were dominating field position. Arncliffe looked to be struggling, conceding two penalties, but their defence was scrambling well. Despite some strong line breaks through the Jake/Jayden combination they managed to keep their try line intact. It seemed to be only a matter of time though before they would wilt.

At the eight minute mark it seemed the imminent demise of Arncliffe was evident. It was time for corrective action. Enter the referee. From that point on he awarded 12 penalties to nil to Arncliffe – guaranteeing sustained periods of possession and ultimately field position to the Premiers. Four back to back penalties saw our boys forced to defend a big hard running pack without reprieve for the next six minutes. When we finally did get the ball, we were deep in our own half, with fatigue setting in and the length of the field to cover if we wanted another attacking opportunity. It was a big ask and while the boys worked hard, they were always in our danger zone. At the seventeen minute mark the pressure told with Arncliffe sneaking over from dummy half against some tired defenders. 4-4.

From the restart, our boys managed to get themselves deep into Arncliffe territory and looked set to strike back but fatigue hurts every aspect of football and poor communication and decision making meant we were unable to capitalise. Half time oranges were taken with scores locked up at 4 a piece.

The half time oranges did their job and our boys were on the attack again early in the second half. In the twenty second minute Jake "The Big Show" Kotevski took the line on and created a saloon passage for Jayden "Wonder Woman" Rawson to streak away for a 55 metre try. Again, we couldn't land the goal, but it was 8-4 Seagulls and it appeared that we were ready to bounce back after the penalty-a-thon of the first half.

But in every show the actors keep coming back. Jayden's try was the cue for act two and the referee immediately took centre stage again.

A six nil penalty count to Arncliffe in the second half was combined with multiple dubious decisions including two six to go calls where balls were kicked into players, starved us of possession and forced our boys to defend endlessly. As the clock wound down the fatigue levels increased exponentially but our boys kept on the job. Our three man tackles were working, big hits were being made and our one on one defence kept us in the game. But after 30 minutes Arncliffe managed to find the line and convert. 10-8 Arncliffe.

The longer the game went the more we found ourselves defending. When we did get possession, it was invariably deep in our own territory and the fatigue factor was clearly showing. Nonetheless the boys defence was keeping them in the game. We just need some field position and ball. A penalty could easily set us up for a barnstorming finish. But it was not to be. We hadn't received a penalty since our third set, and it was apparent that nothing was going to change.

With 2 minutes left on the clock Arncliffe were able to take advantage of some out on their feet defenders to score and convert for a full time score of 16-8.

While the circumstances and subsequent result were disappointing, no honest observer could do anything other than admire the effort, commitment and intensity of our defence. It was a truly super human effort from EVERY boy on the park and I have no doubt that while Arncliffe were singing their team song, their coaching staff were wondering how on earth they struggled for so long to get on top of us.

Jake Kotevski played a whale of a game taking the line on and positioning Jayden to break the line multiple times throughout the match. In defence he hit hard and regularly all day and really lead the on field effort of the team. 2020 has seen Jake take his game to a new level and his effort this week made him a worthy man of the match winner. Excellent game Jake.

Jayden Rawson wasn't far behind Jake. Both boys have really stamped their authority in the middle of the park in both attack and defence all year. Their work rate is phenomenal, their skills are subliminal, and their intensity is second to none on every play. Great work again Jayden.

Peter Kokontis played an important game for both himself and his team. Our last couple of outings against Arncliffe have been tough for Peter, often being forced sideways in attack and struggling for ball control. But Peter Kokontis 2020 is a different player. He started the match a little sideways in attack and was being targeted by Arncliffe, however as the game went on he rectified his attack angles straightening up and troubling their aggressive pack. A huge run through the middle (albeit sans shorts) almost broke the game back our way late in the second half. In addition, he maintained his high defensive work rate against the toughest of opponents and in fact remained on the field unchanged all game. Your progress this season has been incredible Peter and this week you showed you can match and best any opposition. Fantastic work Peter.

Hugh Somers has been a model of control and consistency all season and he was certainly "on" again this week. Smart running saw him trouble the defence a number of times and delivered our opening try. His kicking game was again very well thought out, roosting down field when necessary and giving us opportunities close to the line. Again, he managed to earn us a repeat set with his close kicking and as always his defence is the most reliable aspect of any part of our team game. You've been really impressive this year Hugh. Keep it up.

Mak Ilievski had a flawless game at fullback. Fielding kicks beautifully and doing his job in the defensive line early in the tackle count. Mak has been practising his handling and ball retrieval of his own volition in recent weeks and delivered the result on the weekend. Now looking more and more comfortable every week, Mak is reaping the rewards of hard work. Great to see you getting a return on your investment Mak. Excellent game.

Aydin Kocak entered the fray in the second half and showed he was more than capable of mixing it with the best. Always willing, big and strong, Aydin is starting to make some really good heavy contact in defence and always manages to attract multiple defenders with the ball in hand. Fast becoming an essential ingredient in our mix, Aydin is showing each and every week that he has plenty to offer and most importantly is delivering regularly. Really good work again Aydin. Each week you look more and more like a hardened veteran of the game. Well done.

Deyan Bugarcic was another injected for the second half in what is only his second game of the season. Coming off a good first hit out against Hurstville, Deyan was really impressive in his tackling making plenty of heavy contact and upping his work rate considerably. In attack he is another who runs straight and hard with a physique that lends itself to footy. Against the toughest pack Deyan made strong metres and attracted multiple defenders every time he ran. Your footy is really coming on well Deyan and at this rate of progress you could well be one of our most valuable assets should we make it to a third Grand Final appearance. Great work mate.

Josh "The Engine Room" Gauci and Abdallah Agha had their best games of the season to date. Both increased their work rates in defence and both looked to be ready for their hit ups throughout the game. Abdallah spent the day getting his body in front in defence and made some strong carries. Josh was starting to hint at his best form with some strong tackles and a hit up from the back fence. Both you boys have all the skills you need. Your involvement and ability to keep up with the play is now the determining factor in your performances. The last two matches have seen a much better commitment from each of you and it's good to know you are both heading in the right direction again. Well done boys.

Riley Matthews again delivered a never say die performance. Defending his backside off, chasing half breaks and looking to create opportunities for his outside men, Riley demonstrated – as he does every week – why he is our leader. It was a difficult game in attack for us, but Riley never stops probing and in different circumstances would no doubt have stamped his authority on the game. Another true captain's knock Riley. Excellent work again!

Hadi El- Hussein continues to impress out of dummy half. We saw a couple of his signature hits again in defence and he showed a willingness along with Hugh to try and introduce our new move “JJ” into our game. Watching Hadi play, it is impossible to know that he has had five years out of the game. Excellent work again Hadi.

The biggest shout out this week though has to go to Chaise Lio, Noah Williams, Abbas Saleh and Matt Martin. In a game where attacking opportunities were severely limited, our usually devastating outside backs found themselves rarely, if ever seeing the ball.

Nonetheless each and every one of these boys made their tackles in an unrelenting display of commitment to the team regardless of their individual opportunities. The last couple of weeks haven't been great for our outside backs in terms of attacking opportunities and it is a credit to these boys that they stick to their jobs so determinedly in defence. Fantastic effort from each of you and your team commitment is unquestionable. Thank you all for the job you did in a game that was not as much fun as we would like.

How a team loses often says more about their character than how they win. Saturday was testament to that. The defensive effort of the entire team was exemplary and showed a real resilience that few teams could emulate. Prior to this week, Arncliffe had not been contained to less than 36 points in attack all season. To have to make so many tackles for such a long period against the defending Premiers and never let the game get away from you was truly stunning. It was the most courageous defensive effort I have seen in junior league. If repeated regularly it will deliver a lot of wins against the odds.

In attack we tried hard but probably need to work on our play the ball speed and adapt to more intense defence from the top flight teams. Having said that even with a couple of areas to work on, I have no doubt a fair share of possession would have seen us home. There was plenty to like about your performance boys and you should all be confident knowing that when the chips are down, each and every one of you is willing to step up and fight for your team. The result was not what we wanted, but a prouder effort for your club could not have been asked for.

Kingsgrove this week will be another tough game but with the commitment we saw on Saturday, we can take them and regain our rightful place in the winner's circle. Incredible performance boys. I could not have asked for more.

Over 35's Leaguetag

Brighton Seagulls 4 v De La Salle 56

Report yet to be submitted.



Brighton Seagulls JRLFC



Draw Round 6 Saturday 22nd August

RamsgateRSL

Team	Opponent	Ground	Time	Sponsors
U6	Arncliffe Scots	Scarborough Park	9:00 AM	 INSPIRE • CREATE • DELIVER
U7	Arncliffe Scots	Scarborough Park	10:40 AM	
U8	Arncliffe Scots	Scarborough Park	10:00 AM	HARLOW SLOAN HAIR
U9	Kingsgrove Colts	Scarborough Park	11:40 AM	
U10	Arncliffe Scots	Cahill Park	10:20 AM	
U11	Arncliffe Scots	Scarborough Park	12:00 PM	
U12	Kingsgrove Colts	Scarborough Park	1:00 PM	
Over 35 Leaguetag	Kingsgrove Colts	Scarborough Park	2:00 PM	