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THE SEAGULL FLYER

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SEAGULLS BACK HOME

Last weekend we were back in Scarborough Park, and wasn't the weather cold!!!

Thankyou to our players, parents and volunteers for helping make the team photo's run smoothly.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our football season is gradually entering the final phase with four weeks of normal rounds to go. In a normal season this would in fact be Grand Final Week for junior league's competitive grades! In this, a very unusual year, the last weekend of September will be reserved for grades Under 9 and above to play a grand final play-off between the first and second placed teams.

I must thank our Committee Members, volunteers and parents who have performed wonderfully when requested in providing the time and effort that has enabled us, in somewhat trying times, to complete the Club's obligations with so far 3 home day programs. We will have one more day at Scarborough Park on Saturday 12th September and I trust that, that support again can be relied upon.

Some teams have survived through this season with reduced numbers due to the uncertainty of these times and we thank you all, players and parents alike for providing that extra effort to allow us to put teams on the field each week. Hopefully we can look forward to a more relaxed 2021.

In closing I would like to thank all our Sponsors for staying loyal in these trying trying times, without you all the going would certainly be difficult. I would ask our members where it is possible, to return the favour and support our Sponsors.

Your President....

Bruce Hartley.

MATCH REPORTS

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST

U6

Report yet to be submitted.



U7

Report yet to be submitted.



U8

HARLOW SLOAN
HAIR

Tries: Aj 3, Elijah 1

Converted tries: 2

On Saturday morning in freezing cold conditions we played at our home ground at Scarborough Park. U8 boys and girls team were taking the team photos before the game. We started off the game with team defence and well Improved spreading out and holding position.

AJ , Hamudi, Hassan Noah and Elijah did great runs and great tackles holding positions on the left wing followed up by Aj's first try. Arncliffe Scots team was already showing signs of frustration due to us scoring try. Our team was just warming up.

Brighton seagull team was very confident in their defence . Luchiano , Adem and Natalea teamed up playing dummy half when Luchiano had a very good run pushing players out of his way.

Adem was also showing off his fast running but unlucky got pushed out. There was lots of improvement in tackling skills and quickstepping from Hassan-Noah well done buddy.

In the last 2 quarters Dennis was clocking up metres bringing the team closer but unlucky he lost the ball.. Elijah the little bullet through the whole game was constantly tackling from start to finish scoring an awesome try , well done Elijah.

Our girl Natalea was supporting the team in every way possible with great running and defence ☐

Thank you again Hamudi for helping out..

Arncliffe Scots team gave us a tough challenge , it was a great game.

Thank you parents for volunteering on the day (Angelo,Sam & Christine) ☺

U9 Brighton Seagulls 28 v Kingsgrove 48



Report yet to be submitted.

U10 Brighton Seagulls 42 v Arncliffe 24

Tries to: : Christian Matsas, Christopher Mougios , Mateja Majonovic, Romeo Nasr, Stelios Mougios (4)

Goals to: Christian Matsas, Dylan Kotevski, Luca Barbarto, Romeo Nasr, Stelios Mougio

Forecast for this Saturday was for very cold winds, fortunate that the sun was shining brightly making it ideal conditions for football.

Arncliffe started with a good run, scoring the first try moments into the game though this was a wake up call for us as the team then got there game into sorts getting the ball across for the Seagulls first points of the day.

The U10's team definitely showed improvement this week with offloads, intercepts, hard tackles and strong defence resulting in a win with the final score 42 vs 24.

Congratulations to Jasmine Gauci the Most Value Player of the Day.



U11 Brighton Seagulls 10 v Arncliffe 34

Raine&Horne.
Rockdale

After a 2 week break it was time for the mighty Seagulls to take up the next challenge that was to be presented to them, Arncliffe Scots.

This would be a battle of David and Goliath. With the boys from Arncliffe looking more like the bouncers at the pub and our boys looking more like their actual age, the game would prove to be a defining moment in our season. As a team the boys could either open the gate and watch the other team run riot or stand up for themselves and put up a fight.

With the fresh haircuts and the gel flowing the boys were in fine spirits during the pre-game photos and looked energised and ready during the warmups.

Boots and finger nails check and we were ready to rock. We knew the game plan Arncliffe would bring and from the get go they didn't disappoint. "Give it to the big kid" they screamed and that they did. Good on them for playing under 6 footy, unfortunately not developing any skills for their team other than running over the top of kids half their size.

After conversing with the coach on the sidelines I could see they would be keeping the game plan simple.

To our teams credit they gave it everything they had. Was it intimidating for them yes (you try and tackle a kid that is the size of your dad), was it physically tough yes, did they ever give up, NO!

As a coach I couldn't be prouder of how they all dug in and gave it their all. Let's not forget we have lost our two biggest kids and had 3 under 10's playing in our team to help make up the numbers.

Although we didn't get the win on this occasion we moved a whole lot closer to making it happen next game around. This was by far the best game we have played as a team. We knew that ball movement would win the game and not individuals and from that we threw caution to the wind and let the ball sing. If we can build on that for the next game we will give ourselves every chance of beating our next opponents. And while every other team is relying on individuals we will rely on our whole team.

A champion team is worth a lot more than a team of champions. Onward and upwards this week boys, we are so close and I can feel the first win coming.

Tries: Jake Kotevski (2), Aydin Kocak, Haddi El-Husseini

Goals: Jake Kotevski, Chaise Lio, Mak Ilievski

After a controversial loss to Arncliffe in round 5, the mighty Under 12's returned to a sunny Scarborough Park to take on another of the premierships heavyweights, Kingsgrove.

Two suspected fractures incurred at training by Matthew Martin and Noah Williams necessitated some changes to the line-up and the call up of Adam Bourke from the under 11's. But if there were any issues lingering in the psyche of the boys, or confusion created by our growing injury toll, they were rapidly eliminated in another excellent defensive performance.

The boys got off to a steady if slightly flat start. Our tackles were being made but there seemed to be a lack of intensity in our defensive effort. In attack we were casual with the ball pushing passes and conceded two early turnovers in the opening exchanges.

While it wasn't a sterling start, the boys showed once again their continued growth and maturity as a football team, rectifying their game with minimal intervention from coaching staff. Hugh Somers took control of the game from first receiver and got invaluable support from Jake "The Big Show" Kotevski, who as usual was on from the get-go.

The improved ball control and field position finally delivered rewards when Jake managed to score after some consistent strong running. His conversion saw us head to the 10 minute drinks break up 6-0.

The match remained an arm wrestle with our forwards working hard to ensure our defence wasn't breached. An attacking kick from Hugh nearly saw another try posted but we were unable to ground the ball. At half time it was 6-0.

It wasn't our best half of football but the ability of the boys to right the ship in the run of play was a good sign and pointed to what might come in the second half.

The second half performance showed the size of the gulf between the teams. A strong kicking game from Hugh coupled with some really tough forward play saw us rapidly gain the ascendancy in the second half. It was just 6 minutes into the half when Jake crossed for try number two. Chaise added the extras and it was 12-0 Seagulls.

Four minutes later we were attacking the Kingsgrove line and Aydin Kocak showed his strength and determination crashing over from close range with four defenders on him. Mak Ilievski took his first conversion attempt of the season and added the extras for an 18-0 lead. The boys looked firmly in control and Kingsgrove were struggling to get any decent field position with the ball. The Seagulls defence was relentless, and we seemed set for our second shutout of the season.

In the thirty eighth minute Hadi El-Husseini continued his stellar return to footy with a smart dart to score from dummy half. The final 22-0 score line was a real statement from the boys who had only once before beaten the Kingsgrove boys.

With a nil score line its always fair to say that the boys were strong across the park and that was certainly the case on Saturday.

Hugh Somers delivered a real halfback's game. His kicking in general play was spot on. A near miss for a try and a repeat set showed his attacking kicks were on a string. His kicks into the wind for field position were excellent. Add to that an exceptional running game that delivered valuable metres throughout the match. His passing game is one of his strengths and he created two opportunities out on our left wing that we were unable to capitalise on. As always Hugh drives the defensive line on the left and this week was no exception. A near perfect halfbacks game earned Hugh our man of the match award for the week. Well done Hugh.

Not far behind him were Jake Kotevski and Hadi El - Hussein. Jake backed up a man of the match performance the previous week with another tireless and skilful 40 minutes this week. His running game was excellent, delivering two tries and his defence is second to none in both work rate and toughness. Jake is having a whale of a season and looks set to remain "The Big Show" against any opposition. Great work Jake.

Hadi El-Hussein continues to impress in his return season after 5 years away from the game. Thrust into the dummy half role, all season his defence has been exemplary. Hadi has been working on his passing to noticeable improvement and this week showed he still has an eye for opportunity. Like Hugh Hadi found opportunities for easy metres from dummy half all day and capped off his strongest all round performance yet with a smart try in the dying stages of the game. Excellent work Hadi!

Riley "Tooves" Matthews is starting to look more and more at home in the five - eighth role. Always a leader in defence and managing our right side all year beautifully, this week saw Riley more inclined to probe in attack. Previously an opportunistic dummy half, Riley is being asked to transform into a play making five eighth. Every week he shows improvement in his attack and this week hinted that he might just be about to break a game wide open for us. Great work Riley, keep it up.

Aydin Kocak and Deyan "The Ball of Steel" Bugarcic stood tall against the established Kingsgrove pack. Aydin is really using his size and strength to good effect with the ball, but most importantly has built a strong technical defence meaning his opponents feel every tackle. Given he maintains a high work rate, Aydin is proving to be a real force to be reckoned with on field. It was a big performance from a big man and his ability to sniff out a try almost every match has made him a key part of our team. Excellent work Aydin. It's hard to remember you have less than a season's worth of games under your belt!

Deyan is stepping up each week. His defence improves every game. His work rate continues to climb, and his running game is uniquely effective. Deyan made a number of strong runs, carrying three and four defenders regularly. Another who came to the game late, Deyan is really starting to play to a higher level each week. Great work Deyan!

Saturday's game was an important one. We needed to respond to our loss against Arncliffe. We needed to cement a spot in the top two. Both objectives were achieved. But the big news of the match was this - The Engine Room is back and firing on all cylinders! Josh Gauci returned to his best on the weekend. Plenty of punishing hit ups. Plenty of defence. And a return of the big hit! It was great to see Josh back playing to the high standard we have come to expect from him. Your timing is impeccable Josh. With a tough draw to finish the season and a necessity to finish in the top two if we want a shot at the title, Josh couldn't have returned to form at a better time. Good work Josh.

Mak Ilievski had to move to the centres for the match as injury took its toll. After playing exclusively at fullback and warming to the role well, Mak had to play in the left centre position. His work in attack was highly impressive in a day where forwards dominated. Mak did well to find himself on the end of two passes from Hugh before positioning his winger for a try scoring opportunity. One dropped ball and some good defence stopped us from converting but Mak showed excellent instincts out wide. In addition, his defensive work out wide was excellent. Great job Mak.

Peter "The Galloping Greek" Kokontis has really shown how far his game has evolved. After a strong start to the year against lesser opponents, the last two weeks have seen him confronted by the best two forward packs in the competition. If these last couple of games were a test, Peter would score an A+. Defensively Peter combines with Jake and Jayden to really stiffen up the middle of the park and his ball carrying has reached a new level. Among our most consistently high performers Peter is showing his value to the team week in week out. Great work Peter!

Once again the ball didn't find its way out to the right very often – something that has to be fixed – meaning Chaise Lio and Jordan Postin were not getting opportunity in attack. It was a day of defence for both of them with Kingsgrove repeatedly attacking the right wing. Chaise as always was on hand to shut down any raid and protected his winger like a body guard. The 0 score line owes as much if not more to Chaise's efforts than any other defence on the park. It's time for the boys to repay his outstanding efforts in defence with some good clean ball. Really important work Chaise and Jordy, under less than ideal circumstances.

Abbas Saleh continues to fight a mystery stomach complaint and this week was desperately unlucky not to convert two chances courtesy of Mak. Nonetheless his defence stood up out wide keeping our line in tact throughout the match. In attack Abbas was cut down just short of the line after excellent support play. Still trying to discover his health issues, Abbas has shown the heart that makes him such an important part of our team. Well done Abbas. Hopefully you'll get to the nub of the problem soon and you can get back to your healthiest. Jayden Rawson was another forced to change positions due to injury, moving to full back for the match. Jayden fielded the ball well throughout the match and defended both in the line and at fullback. There were plenty of fine touches with the ball as we come to expect from Jayden and he along with Mak proved their utility value to a team under pressure. Great work as always Jayden.

Adam Bourke heeded the emergency call and agreed to play up for the day. Guarding our right hand touchline in the second half, Adam worked well with Chaise to keep the Colts scoreless. In defence he was more than willing, and we will have no hesitation should we need troops in calling him up again. Excellent effort Adam and thank you for your much needed help. Good work!

Abdallah Agha is getting more involved each week. This week we saw a few more hard straight runs and a willingness to make his tackles. It was his best effort for the year and he is a boy with plenty more to offer. Heading in the right direction now, Abdallah looks set to hit his peak at the right time of the season.

Across the park the boys showed a real commitment to the task at hand. Seeing them recognise their shortcomings and successfully rectify them in the run of play was really impressive. After just five games we have managed to keep two teams scoreless and have only conceded five tries for the season. The win confirmed our boys as outright second on the ladder and still on track for a third grand final appearance.

Excellent day in the office boys. Penshurst this week gives us a chance to introduce our new players to the game and do a bit of work on our attack. 4 from 5 now. This week lets go to 5 from 6. Great job.

Over 35's Leaguetag

Brighton Seagulls 12 v Kingsgrove 74

Report yet to be submitted.



Brighton Seagulls JRLFC



Draw Round 7 Saturday 29th August

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Team	Opponent	Ground	Time	Sponsors
U6	Kingsgrove Colts Blue	Renown Park	9:50 AM	 INSPIRE • CREATE • DELIVER
U7	Renown	Renown Park	10:40 AM	 Club England & RSL
U8	Kingsgrove Colts Red	Renown Park	9:50 AM	HARLOW SLOAN HAIR
U9	Penshurst	H.V Evatt Park	9:50 AM	
U10	BYE	BYE		 SINCE 1993
U11	Hurstville	Bexley Oval	11:40 AM	
U12	Penshurst	H.V Evatt Park	11:40 AM	
Over 35 Leaguetag	Renown	H.V Evatt Park	12:40 PM	