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## JUNIOR PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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2003 will go down in the record books as one of the most successful ever for Oatley juniors. To have two premiership winning teams, one team as joint premiers and three teams unfortunately beaten in grand finals says a lot for the Rugby skills of our children and for the time and effort put in by our coaches managers and parents. Not since the mid 1960's has the Club had as many winning teams and the Under 14's winning margin of 24 points was the greatest winning margin in the Club's history.

On behalf of the junior executive I'd like to thank all Club members for their help in ensuring such a great year and the Clubs well being. A lot of people put a lot of energy into the Club and we are beginning to reap dividends.

As usual there are many people that I need to thank. Without John Francis and Kerry Smart, the junior Club would struggle to exist. The amount of work these two do is unbelievable and I would like to see some of their workload shared amongst other Club members next year. From packing and towing the canteen, to ordering gear, to attending Southern Zone meetings to being the most efficient Registrar in any Rugby Club in the city. Thank you both so much for your tireless work and support throughout the year.

Ian Swane has done another great job in rallying our minis. Seeing the level of organization down at Evatt at 8am for home matches is very pleasing as it means I don't need to be there quite as early! Ross Bernays virtually single handedly took over the management of our premiership winning Under 16's girls team, as well as coaching and managing our Under 19's team. Both these dedicated Clubmen are also referees and their time is greatly appreciated by both our Club and also Southern Districts Referees Association.

I believe the standard of the newsletter this year has been exceptional, and for that we can thank Jodie and Todd. It was so refreshing to have two totally new Club members this year come up to us at the beginning of the season and volunteer to do the newsletter, coach and manage the Under 7's and Todd has already offered to be our Minis Co-coordinator next year and also to head a sponsorship drive. Thank you both so much.

As mentioned earlier, the standard of Rugby played this year by our boys was truly sensational. Every one of our teams went into the finals series with a realistic chance of winning. Not many Clubs could boast that. Our Under 6's and 7's were competitive all year and our 8's topped off the season with a gallant draw against Burraneer in the final. Unfortunately the 9's were beaten by a very strong Canterbury team on Gala Day.

Our teams competing in Southern Zone competitions, Under 10's to Under 15's did the Club proud. The 10's played strongly all season but unfortunately just didn't fire in the semis that really mattered. The Under 11's had a similar story - finished in 6th place and made the grand final of the "B" division but also fell at the final hurdle.

The Under 12's had a stunning year, going through the pool rounds undefeated, stumbling in the major semi final against South Coogee. They crushed their nemesis Eastgardens in the final but fell again to a very big South Coogee team in the grand final. They will take away a lot of experience from this season and give the comp a real shake next year.

What can I say about our Under 13's and Under 14's? Both teams played an incredibly high standard of football all year, resulting in both teams being undefeated premiers. The Under 14's also won the Kings School tournament for a second year running. The entire Club are extremely proud of your achievements throughout the season.

Although technically not juniors anymore, the Under 19's, plagued with injury for much of the season battled to a well deserved third place in their Sydney wide competition...

This was the first year that Sydney Juniors have run an Under 16's girls competition. Thanks to Ross Bernays, who spent many hours marketing the local schools to drum up interest, Oatley and Sylvania combined to form a team that proved to be virtually unbeatable. Their opponents came from as Rooty Hill, Penrith and Epping, to name a few. During the season a few girls from Kogarah High joined our team so we decided to call the team Southern Zone. The girls played some very outstanding football and speaking from experience, you didn't want to hold the tackling bags when they were in full flight! Their season ended in glory when they won the inaugural competition.



## JUNIOR PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont...

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This was also an important year because The St George Masonic Club became the junior club's main sponsor. On behalf of the Club I'd like to welcome them on board and thank Paul O'Connor, Kerry Mather and Geoff Sims for making us feel so welcome. We've enjoyed many functions in the auditorium over the years, from trivia nights to black tie dinners and presentation nights and we look forward to cementing a relationship for many years to come. I encourage Oatley Rugby Club members to join as a social member and take advantage of the facilities the Club has to offer.

Of course there are many other sponsors to which we are indebted. Mazda Australia have been a great supporter of junior Rugby in Australia for many years. Austen Jewellers have been a very generous supporter of Oatley Rugby for many years and to the individual team sponsors, we are also very appreciative of your financial support.

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of coaches and managers that work tirelessly to ensure a safe environment in which our children can enjoy playing their Rugby. Please support them in any way you can. They are worth their weight in gold.

I would be remiss not to thank all our very dedicated players who play their hearts out, week in week out. Where would we be without you? Finally, to the parents who act as a free taxi service and are constantly encouraging and helping develop our players, we thank you too.

I hope you all have a safe and prosperous Summer and that Australia can keep the World Cup where it belongs!. I look forward to seeing everyone back in late January for another year with Oatley Rugby.

**Richard Sheahan**





## JUNIOR'S STATISTICS

Under 6's	2003			Club Total		
	Matches	Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Nicholas Bennett	15	0	0	15	0	0
Zachary Brown	16	0	1	16	0	1
Matthew McDonald	15	2	3	29	18	0
Jared McLachlan	16	12	2	30	2	0
Jake Powers	14	1	4	23	0	0
Edward Rawlings	16	0	0	16	0	0
Jonathon Ryan	16	16	0	16	16	0
Karaitiana Sa'u	14	9	0	24	3	0
Alex Sherman	16	18	3	16	18	3
Gabriel Suter	12	8	1	22	18	0
Dane Stephens	16	7	0	16	7	0

Under 7's	2003			Club Total		
	Matches	Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Thomas Rawlings	13	5	4	13	5	4
Jarryd Bradley	13	14	10	41	41	14
Jack Armstrong	12	11	8	12	11	8
Tommy Poko	13	4	3	22	4	3
Rohan Willis	9	22	14	9	22	14
Brad Grady	12	1	0	12	1	0
Dean Manousiadis	12	1	1	12	1	1
Jake Mills	13	0	0	13	0	0

Under 8's	2003			Club Total		
	Matches	Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Thomas Adam	13	1	0	13	1	0
James Brancourt	13	0	0	26	4	1
Chris Chant	14	0	0	28	0	0
Nathan Doherty	10	1	1	39	34	8
Tim Dunn	9	0	0	36	4	7
Luke Garaty	12	2	6	25	10	7
Ethan Graham	14	2	11	59	8	22
Tamati Haimona	14	26	6	14	26	6
Kyle McLachlan	14	4	0	44	12	5
Sam Puckett	14	14	0	14	14	0
Hami Ruru	11	0	0	11	0	0
Nathan Shaw	13	1	1	41	1	1
Troy Simpkin	14	1	0	14	1	0
Oliver Trakiveikato	10	8	1	31	31	5
Liam Whiteman	13	0	0	26	4	1

Under 9's	2003			Club Total		
	Matches	Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Benjamin Swane	16	1	1	61	39	14
Bilal Elbatoory	17	3	0	33	9	0
Charles Dwyer	13	0	0	52	6	6
Elijah Suter	13	1	0	52	9	1
Hayden Farrell	13	4	2	40	26	10
Jacob Steed	15	2	0	15	2	0
Jake Collett	15	0	0	35	0	0
Jayden Wilkinson	16	0	1	71	3	18
Mark Turner	4	0	0	54	8	5
Matagi Sa'u	15	8	0	30	16	0
Louis Sobb	14	1	0	14	1	0
Matthew Rawlings	16	3	0	16	3	0
Tuti Haimona	16	5	1	16	5	1
Samuel Kefford	16	8	2	77	58	15
Scott McDonald	6	0	0	50	14	15
Stephen Crawford	17	25	4	30	31	5



## JUNIOR'S STATISTICS cont...

Under 10's	Matches	2003		Matches	Club Total	
		Tries	Goals		Tries	Goals
Joel Brymer	12	0	0	12	0	0
Brendan Carmichael	15	1	0	62	2	0
Andrew Challinor	14	1	0	47	5	0
Tane Connolly	15	8	0	15	8	0
Emanuel Comino	14	0	0	81	20	9
Samuel Cutrupi	14	0	0	85	23	3
Asdrubal Fernandez	15	1	0	30	4	0
Simon Galluzzo	15	2	0	15	2	0
Travis Green	16	11	3	28	24	6
Bradley Horn	13	0	0	57	2	1
David Horton	13	0	0	47	5	2
Valentin Howard	10	0	0	28	0	0
Harrison McGlone	5	0	0	5	0	0
Guy Megrossi	12	0	0	28	16	4
James Palmer	14	0	0	14	0	0
Kurtis Patterson	15	5	8	31	32	17
Andrew Sharp	14	1	0	26	5	0
Dominic Simpson	15	0	0	24	0	0
Scott Sorenson	14	19	8	29	53	13
Adam Thompson	14	1	0	46	8	2
Kieran Thompson	13	1	0	33	2	0
Nicholas Walters	13	0	0	33	4	0

Under 11's	Matches	2003		Matches	Club Total	
		Tries	Goals		Tries	Goals
Kyle Bottomley	14	0	0	14	0	0
Ryan Copper	14	3	0	95	17	2
Michael Crawford	14	1	0	28	2	0
Gareth Deacon	14	0	0	14	0	0
Connor English	8	0	0	8	0	0
Assem Ewais	14	3	0	42	8	0
Adam Garaty	14	0	0	62	0	0
Jarrold Gollins	13	0	0	56	0	0
Nathanual Hebbard	12	1	0	40	4	0
Kevin Hodgson	14	5	0	48	20	9
Wystan Hubbard	14	0	0	14	0	0
Jake Kefford	11	1	0	110	26	3
Adam Kepreotes	14	4	15	14	4	15
Tom Mackie	14	0	0	14	0	0
Jai Marsh	11	0	0	11	0	0
Sione Masima	10	2	0	39	16	0
Michael Peake	14	2	0	14	2	0
Timothy Smart	14	3	0	111	38	7



## JUNIOR'S STATISTICS cont...

Under 12's	2003			Club Total		
	Matches	Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Scott Booth	15	3	0	15	3	0
Nicholas Boskett	15	1	0	80	5	3
Ben Brooks	15	1	1	59	34	6
Nelson Dale	15	12	0	15	12	0
Ryan Emery	16	3	5	32	3	5
Kurt Gainsford	15	2	0	49	4	0
Rohan Graham	14	5	0	122	84	2
Marcus Heather	16	0	19	27	2	33
David Horsley	15	3	0	86	17	0
Dawson Jones	16	4	0	16	4	0
Steven Kalaguragic	13	4	0	70	64	3
Jack Lauricella	16	1	3	116	13	21
Aaron Malouf	14	2	1	77	19	15
Daniel Malouf	16	3	3	76	19	43
Noel Mason	12	0	0	12	0	0
Kieren Meti	15	0	0	15	0	0
Sebastien McCulloch	11	0	0	110	2	1
Mitchell Reece	16	0	0	91	1	0
Taylor Ringland	15	16	0	30	31	0
James Ritchie	12	7	0	130	31	24
Bernadette Smith	6	0	0	16	1	0
Anthony Tsathas	11	1	0	24	2	0
Matthew Williamson	16	2	0	16	2	0
Tom Willis	15	2	2	18	2	2
Peter Woollett	13	2	0	113	12	1

Under 13's	2003			Club Total		
	Matches	Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Peter Burns	13	4	0	25	4	0
Nick Commin	14	14	1	27	19	1
Shaun Crowe	12	0	1	12	0	1
Brett Emanuel	12	1	0	72	15	0
Peter Francis	14	0	0	121	50	10
Ben Galluzzo	14	0	0	27	0	0
Jarrold Green	13	0	0	51	0	0
Austen Lavelle	14	1	0	73	2	4
James Mackie	14	2	0	14	2	0
Mark Mariner	10	0	0	21	1	0
Jordan McCulloch	11	0	0	106	4	12
Wiremu Nukunuku	10	1	0	10	1	0
Henare Nukunuku	10	0	0	10	0	0
Tim Quirk	14	0	0	26	0	0
Matt Robertson	12	0	0	12	0	0
Tommy Ryan	12	0	8	70	57	34
Sam Scully	1	0	0	59	25	2
Mika Semi	11	3	0	11	3	0
Tyler Spitz	14	9	19	62	75	33
Michael Taufa	10	1	0	21	2	0
Soatame Taufa	14	6	0	36	15	1
Afusipa Taumoepeau	14	35	7	126	140	18
Matthew Winchester	13	10	0	13	10	0





## JUNIOR'S STATISTICS cont...

Under 14's	Matches	2003		Matches	Club Total	
		Tries	Goals		Tries	Goals
Paul Anning	11	2	0	13	2	0
Darren Bradley	13	2	0	43	7	0
Michael Caudre	11	2	0	40	7	0
Hugh Deasey	12	1	0	39	1	0
Mitchell Emery	#16	2	14	46	21	17
Richard Filihia	#10	* 3	0	10	3	0
Bryant Hall	11	2	0	109	36	3
Christopher Holland	11	2	0	112	41	0
Robert Horne	10	8	0	132	118	17
Timothy Lancken	10	4	0	122	12	8
Jesse Lauricella	#15	0	0	139	11	1
Royden Marsh	12	6	0	25	15	1
Jordan Minty	12	0	0	12	0	0
Rocky Momo	7	1	0	7	1	0
Rory O'Brien	#15	*18	0	42	36	0
Eric Park	12	7	0	26	9	0
Robert Sheahan	11	3	39	150	138	149
Luke Smart	10	1	0	151	24	13
Chase Stanley	11	22	0	37	76	2
David Streamer	12	0	0	110	2	2
Havea Taufa	10	7	0	32	31	0
Micah Watene	7	2	0	20	5	0

#includes matches for U15

\*includes tries for U15

Under 15's	Matches	2003		Matches	Club Total	
		Tries	Goals		Tries	Goals
Chris Bernays	14	0	0	71	0	0
Calvin Charleston	13	10	1	18	12	1
Vichara Edirisinghe	12	0	0	19	0	0
Alex Galluzo	14	0	0	39	1	0
Jeremy Graham	9	0	0	111	22	10
Scott Gray	12	3	0	51	8	0
Ryan Griffiths	13	0	0	98	5	5
Nick Hetaraka	14	4	2	14	4	2
Nick Kassis	13	0	0	28	1	0
John Kite	8	4	0	8	4	0
Ashley Mironow	12	1	0	12	1	0
Patrick Moran	11	0	16	111	17	38
Charles Morgan	13	0	0	13	0	0
Wayne Polutele	7	0	0	7	0	0
Dean Rapana	14	0	0	19	0	0
Trent Rowley	6	0	0	6	0	0
James Rowsell	9	0	0	20	0	0
Thinesh Sevraju	9	0	0	19	0	0
Robert Streamer	14	2	0	111	20	0
Dale Sullivan	11	7	0	32	29	4
Mitchell Temaipi	12	1	0	141	67	3
Robert Temaipi	10	1	0	150	46	1



## UNDER 16 GIRL'S REPORT

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I write this report with a feeling of gratitude knowing that I have been privileged to share in one those sporting experiences that stays with you forever.

This year the SJRU launched its inaugural girl's competition. Oatley joined with Sylvania and Easts to play as a combined team under the banner of Southern Zone. Fourteen girls represented the Zone with nine of them coming from Oatley. A couple of the others are from local schools as well. The competition was played on a seven-a-side basis with nine regulars forming the core of the team.

With our preparation limited to one training session, we went to the first gala day at Evatt Park with some trepidation. Those concerns did not ease when we saw the size of the other teams and found out that some had a good deal of school experience and had been training for a couple of months.

However, the signs of success were there from the start. The way the girls applied themselves to the learning process was excellent and they improved with every drill they did.

We were told that Rooty Hill was the team to beat and right to the end they were still expected by many to win the competition. For some reason we went through the competition fairly well unnoticed, quietly getting on with the job. At the first gala day we won our three games including victories over Rooty Hill A's and B's. A great start but unfortunately, we did see the darker side as well, experiencing the results of poor technique and reckless disregard for the safety of others displayed by some of our opposition.

We then ventured to Rooty Hill. To play who? Rooty Hill, of course. This time we allowed ourselves to be intimidated and suffered our only loss of the season. We regrouped after that experience and our superior technique really showed out. Halfway through the season, after the developmental processes had been completed, we moved to a full-blown competition.

We came up against our nemesis Rooty Hill in the first round and beat them 8 tries to 4. We rolled quite easily through the next couple of games without much trouble. However, we still had to beat Penrith in the last game otherwise we would have finished second on percentages. Penrith as well as Rooty Hill could have won the comp. at that stage.

We prepared for the game like a grand final. A quite strong Penrith outfit tried to muscle us out of the game but with superior technique, commitment and discipline, we ran out winners 35-nil. The scoreline was more indicative of the way that played than a lack of ability of our opponents.

Our game plan was simple - strong technically correct defence, run on to the ball, good clean out, maintain possession and put continuous phases together until we scored. And importantly, not to pick up any bad habits from the boys.

Like anything else in sport, the girls did well because they listened and were committed. In particular, their defence was outstanding, they continually pulled off memorable tackles that any player would be proud of.

My thanks to Les Townsend, Sarah Roxborough and Andrew Kirby. It was a real team effort. But most importantly, thanks to girls for putting in the effort that allowed us to share in a great experience.

### "FORTUNE FAVOURS THE BRAVE"

*Gemma-Lea Miimetua* - An outstanding athlete, lead the team well in attack and defence. Stood out as the best player in the competition.

*Ashleigh Miimetua* - A strong defender who was a handful for the opposition every time she got the ball.

*Shamee Malouf* - Great in tight. Took the ball forward with strength and displayed strong commitment when we were under pressure.

*Isabelle Malouf* - A tough customer who kept coming back for more all the time. Good across the ground well and a strong defender.

*Kristy Phillips* - A big improver and regular try scorer late in the season. Continually found holes in the defence around the rucks and mauls that lead to tries.



## UNDER 16 GIRL'S REPORT cont...

*Sarah Guthridge* - Another big improver. Sarah got better with every game. Backed up the ball carrier well and scored plenty of tries as she became more confident.

*Stephanie Shaw* - Our pocket rocket. An elusive runner and great defender. Constantly pulled off copybook tackles that would stand out in any level of rugby.

*Cassie Toumolupe* - One of our youngest players. Ran straight and hard and kept the team going forward. Constantly worried the opposition when she had the ball in her hands.

*Renee Rapana* - Another youngster who joined the team late in the season. Put on some big hits and took the ball up hard.

**Ross Bernays**

Played  
10

Won  
9

Lost  
1

For  
425 (85 tries)

Against  
170 (34 tries)





## UNDER 6'S REPORT

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The under 6s had a great season with all the boys showing fantastic improvement and lots of enthusiasm. The boys scored 73 tries and by the end of the season were playing some terrific Walla rugby. The team did not make it through to the semi finals but gave a very good account of themselves against the winners and the runners up of the under 6 competition on gala day.

All the boys in their own way made significant contributions to the success of the team. The player profile for 2003 records some of the individual highlights:

*Dane Stephens* - an enthusiastic player in both defence and attack, scored 7 tries and was playing with a lot of confidence by the end of the season particularly in attack.

*Nicholas Bennett* - improved considerably over the season and made one of the season's best try saving tackles with a full-length dive.



*Zac Brown* - one of the team's younger players. Zac improved all season by the gala day he was one of the main ball carriers with plenty of bustling runs up the middle. Zac's defence was characterised by his charging up the middle to intercept the attacking player from the ball take.

*Gabriel Suter* - a great season from Gabriel scoring 8 tries and showed plenty of commitment in defence. Gabriel played particularly well on the gala day scoring a very good try in a tough match.

*Karitiana Sa'u* - played very well during the season particularly in attack, scored a great length of the field try on gala day. Karitiana also showed very good improvement in defence. Karitiana scored 9 tries for the season.

*Jake Powers* - one of the keenest and most determine players on the team. Jake chased the action all season and scored a well-deserved try early in the season. Jake with out doubt was the team's best goal kicker. Jake kicked 4 goals the highest tally in the team.

*Matthew McDonald* - one of the big improvers of the season and will develop into a good player in the future, scored 2 tries (including one memorable try in the corner) and kicked 3 goals. Matthew was a very persistent tagger and showed plenty of determination in chasing the opposition players.

*Edward Rawlings* - one of the younger boys on the team who improved as the season went on. Edward provides plenty of support and encouragement to the boys both on and off the field.



## UNDER 6'S REPORT cont...

*Jared McLachlan* - had a very good season capitalising on his experience gained in 2002. Jared scored 12 tries, kicked 2 goals and excelled in tagging saving a good number of tries with his cover defence.

*Alex Sherman* - was one of the best and most consistent players of the season, scoring 18 tries and 3 goals. Alex also contributed well in defence making some very good tags both in the ruck and in cover defence.

*Jonathon Ryan* - a very good player in both attack and defence, played consistently all season and was one of the teams star players. Jonathon scored 16 tries for the season including 4 tries on the gala day.

Congratulations to all the boys on a wonderful season. It was a pleasure to coach the team and I hope that the team stays together as I am confident that all the boys can contribute to achieving outstanding success in the future.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted in the administration and management of the team, in particular Jim Sherman and Arthur Brown assisting in coaching the boys and Vince Ryan, Keith Bennett and Bernadette Stephens for the help they provided in organising the boys and setting up the fields.

Thanks  
Glenn





## UNDER 7'S REPORT

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What an honour & privilege it was to be the manager of the Oatley Under 7's.

As a manager and assistant coach you strive to be a good communicator, teacher, disciplinarian and friend and you assist because you want to achieve the thrill of imparting knowledge and seeing that knowledge being transformed into play on the field. I think it is correct to say that this year I learnt more from the children than they learnt from me. The sheer enjoyment, skill level, attitude and just playing the game in the true spirit of friendship and sport reminded all parents why we all enjoy getting up early on those cold winter Saturday mornings in anticipation of what brilliance the children were going to produce. And brilliance they produced every week.

Please let me introduce to you the Oatley Under 7 Champions of 2003:

*Rohan "give me the ball" Willis*, was a natural on the field always being there to finish off with a try. Rohan's work rate was second to none and his vision and speed created so many opportunities and tries. I don't think that there is one field that we played on that Rohan didn't cross the try line.

*Jarryd "the Patriot" Bradley*, well there are not enough superlatives to describe Jarryd's abundance of pure natural ability, determination and speed. Jarryd was lethal in both attack and defence. Jarryd's play left the spectators, opposition and teammates in awe of his brilliance.

*Tommy "the hit man" Poko* is one of the most determined athletes that I will have the pleasure to watch. Tommy consistently moved the ball forward at crucial times in the game with sheer determination and precision in technique. Tommy definitely added the technical starch in the midfield and will be our lethal weapon next season.

*Thomas "the iceman" Rawlings* was a tower of strength in both our defence and attack. Thomas would move forward quickly to diffuse the opposition attack and when running with the ball use his killer sidestep to leave everyone standing, heads turned and watching Thomas going in under the posts.

*Jack "the speedster" Armstrong* is a smaller version of Matt Rogers (except Jack can defend). It is just pure poetry in motion when Jack runs with the ball down the sideline past the opposition. His speed off the mark bamboozled most opposition and Jack punished teams by scoring his fair share of tries.

*Brad "cool hand" Grady*, inaugural year at Rugby and playing up a grade, improved with every game. Brad was always involved in every chance we had to score and moved quickly to defend our line stopping numerous tries with his determination and skill.

*Jake "the smiling assassin" Mills* was courageous in our midfield. This was Jake's first attempt at football and what a success he proved to be. Jake consistently improved with every game and his enthusiasm and ear-to-ear smile was contagious.

*Dean "let me at 'em" Manousiadis* was the most enthusiastic player I have ever seen. His tagging and sheer determination was a pleasure to watch. Dean's skill level improved dramatically as his self-belief grew. It simply is amazing what confidence does to a player.



## UNDER 7'S REPORT cont...

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*Billy "Mr Dependable" Manousiadis* was the rock that our defence was built on. He was the wall that frustrated every opposition all year. His defence all season was perfect. Billy set the benchmark for what others will try to emulate in defence. He was simply outstanding.

In summary, first time Rugby players such as Brad, Jake, Dean and Billy performed above and beyond our wildest expectations and the other players all developed their skill and understanding to a whole new level. With coach extraordinaire Brendan at the helm the team played every game with gusto, style, grace and they exemplified the true spirit of sportsmanship and enjoyment of the game as individuals but best of all they all played as a team of champions and even though we didn't make the finals, the 2003 Oatley Under 7's are our Champion TEAM.

See you all for tackle practice early next season.

Todd





## **UNDER 8'S REPORT**

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### **GALA DAY 2 - Oatley Under 8's Joint Premiers!**

What a great day for all involved. But especially for the boys who lifted themselves when it mattered most. It was a particularly awkward day with our first game at 8am followed by a break and a nervous wait until our second game at 10.

The early start didn't seem to suit us. We were expecting an easier time than the last week with 2 "easy" games. Our first game against Burraneer Blue was on that we would rather forget. After taking an early lead, we relaxed and struggled for the rest of the match, eventually giving away a late try that was converted. The final score was 7 - 5 to Burra. With Burra Gold thrashing Canterbury, it now meant a nervous wait for the outcome of the Burra Blue v Canterbury match. If Canterbury were beaten then it would be an all Burra final no matter the outcome of our final match.

Luckily for us Canterbury won, which meant a win would get us into the grand final. At 10 o'clock, we kicked off against Blakehurst in a match that we had to win. Blakehurst showed early on that they weren't going to give up easily but the longer the match went, the stronger we got. Sam was continually breaking the line and the rest of the team was back to their brilliant support game. Oliver finally got going as did Luke and Kyle. The mistakes were kept to a minimum and great defence was shown by Thomas and Tamati. By half time the game was virtually wrapped up, but to their credit, the boys kept the pressure up to run out convincing winners 38 - nil.

### **THE GRAND FINAL**

This was it - a game against our arch rivals Burraneer Gold who had the support of not only their parents, but also the Burra Blue team as well as several other Burraneer sides. The boys also had to contend with 15 minute halves for this match. The match was hard fought from the opening whistle. The Burraneer boys also wanted to win and the quality of Rugby from both sides was exceptional.

After some fantastic pressure, we were rewarded with the opening try of the match by our captain Tamati. This provoked Burraneer into an all out assault on our defences. Burraneer are a very big side and threatened to overpower Oatley.

Two quick tries and in no time, we were behind 12 - 5. It was at this point that Kyle pulled off 2 magnificent tackles. If not for these, we would have been too far behind at half time to get back into the match.

The boys were inspired and at the start of the second half, played their best Rugby of the season. It was a fantastic half with play going from one end to the other. Burraneer made the mistake of concentrating much of their defence on our two great running players Sam and Tamati, allowing Thomas to pick up a loose ball and run some twenty metres to score a fantastic try, which was duly converted. 12 all with 5 minutes to go!

Burraneer were desperate and launched a length of the field attack, which led to a converted try. We were 19-12 down with only 3 minutes to go and most of the under 8's were out on their feet. It was then that the boys dug deep refusing to let Burraneer have any space. With 90 seconds to go, Tamati broke through the Burraneer defence and scored a brilliant individual try. We were nervous....but we shouldn't have been. Ethan kicked the conversion to earn us the draw. It was agreed between both teams that the premiership should be shared after such a fantastic game of junior Rugby.





## UNDER 8'S REPORT cont...

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For this game, the points were awarded as follows:

Chris, James, Ethan, Tamati, Sam, Luke, Kyle, Liam, Thomas, Nathan, Oliver and Try 3 points each.

A special thanks to all the parents, You are a fantastic group of people who made the job of managing and coaching and enjoyable experience.

See you all in the under 9's.

Tim and Rodd





## UNDER 9'S REPORT

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The U9s had a fantastic year. Their record was 12 wins and 1 draw out of 17 games during the season, plus 6 out of 9 games in 7-a-side comps, and 2 out of 2 at the Football Stadium. Gala Day saw us get to the Grand Final and though we didn't play our very best, we kept the dominant Canterbury side to 5 tries to 2. Canterbury played extremely well so our performance was quite good and showed how much we have closed the gap since last year. This was further emphasised when they beat us in the Canberra 7's by only 2 tries under controversial circumstances.

The boys were a delight to coach, supportive of each other, no matter what their ability, and bonding together as a team of real mates. This showed as they learnt not to play as individuals and start playing as a team. Forwards combined in rucks and mauls. Backs ran together passing the ball. Both backs and forwards supported each other, knowing their jobs and with experience continually improved throughout the year. We had the Canterbury coach saying 'What a well drilled pack of forwards', and a Burraneer coach saying 'How well we handle and use the ball'. The boys can be very proud of their efforts and improvement throughout the year.

*Bilal Elbatoory:* Another great season, Bilal is a good defender, a strong runner and continually gets involved all game. He listens and carries out instructions and has a great future with his attitude and ability.

*Tuti Haimona:* Tuti slotted well into the team for his 1st year with Oatley. He loves to get the ball and uses a lot of determination to the rip the ball out, or pick up a loose ball and make swerving incisive runs. He improved throughout the year making several breaks and linking up to pass to his outside backs, becoming a great team player.

*Matagi Sa'u:* Matagi has all the skills; able to pass, offload, tackle around the legs and tie up the opposition in the mauls. He is strong, dominating the rucks and ripping the ball from the opposition. A fantastic year and a great attitude to the game and his teammates.

*Hayden Farrell:* Hayden loves to get his hands on the ball and run. He does this very well and his tackling continues to improve making a valuable member of the team. With the larger field next year, Hayden should get the room he needs to run and set up others.

*Jake Collett:* Jake has had a terrific year. His involvement, tackling, running and forward play has improved tremendously. I don't see anything but further improvement as he has a great attitude and gives his best.

*Stephen Crawford:* Stephen is a dynamic player who looks for and takes every opportunity. No opposition backline got moving due to his "in your face" defense and other breaks were cut down by superb around the ankle tackles. His defense was matched by his attack using his pace and determination to score 25 tries and plaudits from opposition coaches. A terrific year.

*Jacob Steed:* New to rugby this year, Jacob struggled early to get involved but was found to be an exciting runner scoring tries later in the season. He was good at halfback as well and has tremendous potential with more experience.

*Sam Kefford:* Sam has been our saviour in cover defense, stopping many opposition breaks and backs this up with good runs and solid control of the ball when tackled. He topped off a good season with a superb game in the Grand Final. Another who will enjoy the open spaces of a larger field next year.

*Charles Dwyer:* Charles' defense has been an outstanding feature of his game. A solid player who just needs some more experience and opportunity to show his attacking flair, which the bigger field next year, should offer.

*Louis Sobb:* Louis is keen to be in the physical side of the game, enjoying tackling and being in the forwards. A good 1st year especially not having played rugby before, always making the most of his opportunities and will be a big improver as he gets more experience.

*Benjamin (George) Swane:* Being our smallest player, making some comparisons with George Gregan helped boost Ben's confidence to see him ripping players out of mauls, make some good tackles and score a try. A good distributor at halfback and has the ability to improve.

*Jayden Wilkinson:* Following early retirement of our previous hookers (Mark & Scott), Jayden stepped into the role and excelled. His winning of the ball in the scrums was 2nd to none and he backed this up with terrific tackling and running, always involved in the forward play. A terrific season.



## UNDER 9'S REPORT cont...

*Matthew Rawlings:* New from NZ, Matthew also slotted terrifically into the team. He brought plenty of enthusiasm and often showed how to drive into the rucks and mauls. A strong, consistent player who mixed well with the other boys and rewarded late in the season with much of the captancy as he led by example.  
(Missing from photo)

*Elijah Suter:* Elijah is a strong forward with heaps of ability. His tackling is terrific and always breaks tackles with his strong runs. Fitness may test him next year, but his presence can be inspirational and he shows captancy potential.

*Scott McDonald:* Scott only got to play 6 games before an old injury ruled him out. He was always strong in these games and we hope he recovers well to rejoin the team in the near future.

*Mark Turner:* Unfortunately Mark left us after 4 years of rugby. He only managed 4 games early in the season before circumstances prevented him continuing.

The season could not have been so good if it wasn't for the parents who got the boys to training and the games. Attendance was great. Special thanks to Ben Horne and Brendan Rawlings in helping out at training, and to Mel McDonald and Duncan Crawford for their efforts as manager. The 7-a-side competitions, the games at the Football Stadium and the team BBQ were enjoyable get togethers outside our normal games. The boys were a credit to their parents, the team was a credit to Oatley rugby and I look forward to next year hoping the whole team returns to enjoy playing rugby together.

**Coach Brian**





## UNDER 10'S REPORT

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After finishing the season in 3rd position, our first semi final was against our old nemesis Canterbury. From previous encounters we know that these match's are always a hard and tough and this one certainly lived up to its reputation.

From the kick off Canterbury had our boys under immense pressure where they were able to e force some errors that resulted in them scoring two quick tries. After making some adjustments to the team with replacements noticeably the attitude of the team changed. What followed was that our boys began to take the fight to Canterbury and play some attractive physical Rugby. With every minute going by the team grew in confidence, which was ultimately reward when Scott Sorenson was able to elude the opposition and score under the posts.

Down 12 to 7 at half time, our boys began the second half with more determination, enthusiasm and focus than in the first. It was evident as Canterbury were somewhat rattled and now they were ones making errors. As our forwards muscled up and took t he fight to theirs, Oatley begun to dominate the rucks and mauls which enabled our back line to move the ball and gain metres of territory. Consequently, with that amount of possession both Scott and Kurtis took their opportunities and scored 2 well-earned tries.

Leading 21 to 12 with five minutes to play, the Oatley boys had the game in the bag. However, it was not to be as the "Gremlin's" of luck had come back to haunt us at the wrong time, and allowed Canterbury to score another 2 tries of which one was scored after the siren had sounded. Therefore Canterbury wins 22 to 21.

Our next assignment was the following Saturday at Evatt where we were to play the in form side of Saints. Though we had beaten them through the year, Saints had developed and grown into a well-drilled and organised side. This was apparent as from the blow of the first whistle, our boys were immediately put under pressure which resulted into to many mistakes, thus giving the opposition plenty of possession which ultimately lead to tries. Unfortunately, for our boys lady luck had totally abandoned the side for the day, though they battled on valiantly our lads were beaten in their elimination semifinal. Special mention has to go to Scott Sorenson, Guy Meogrossi and Emmanuel Comino for their commitment and courage throughout the game.

Richard





## UNDER 11'S REPORT

For the second year running the under 11's have finished the season at the top of Pool B with 6 wins, 5 losses and 1 draw. It could have been a place in the semi's, as Burraneer Blue also had 6 wins, but their added advantage of 2 byes and our final 2 games forfeited by our opponents did us no favours. Considering we had 11 new players join the returning 9 from last year, this is a great result. Most of these new boys had not played Rugby or League before and with 6 of them in the backline the inexperience at times showed against the established sides in our comp. However the old hands and the new quickly became one, eager to play the best Rugby they possibly could, this evidenced by the commitment to train hard Wednesday nights. Yes everyone, we're the ones who turn out the Evert Park lights.

When it comes to commitment no one knows the meaning of the word better than Manager Peter Garaty and Co coach Phil Gollins. An outstanding job yet again gentlemen! Thanks also to regular dads, Wayne, Peter J, Duncan and Dean for your valuable assistance at training.

Playing most of the stronger teams at the beginning of the season was tough introduction to the running passing game for our new boys but we were able to register many solid performances which gave us much encouragement for the games ahead and the blow out scores of the past were a thing of the past. Our set pieces were yet again right up there with the best but in loose play we were at times a little disorganized. Our speedy backs have talent to burn but our ball skills and alignment will improve with experience.

Great form at the Southern Districts Trails saw Assem and Kevin bolt into the rep. side and Ryan Copper just sneak in ahead of Tim. All of our Oatley boys made it to the final cut and should trail again next year as I can assure you the final selections were very close. An opening for 2 more players in the Rep Team gave Timothy and Adam K. a second chance and they grabbed it with both hands. We finished the State Champs equal forth but got bumped out of the semis on for and against by one point. This was a wonderful experience for the boys, parents and coaches to make new friends compete at a higher level and help forge new communication channels between the Southern Clubs.

Burraneer Gold came into the semis confident they could do better than their 3-0 loss to us during the season but ended up going down 19-0, a score that I think flattered us. Unfortunately it was the only game we had in 5 weeks before meeting a battle hardened Clovelly in the Pool B Grand Final.

The boys started the Grand Final well, with the half time score at 7-5 to Clovelly. But the lack of match play soon became evident as Clovelly began to push the score line out capitalizing on our higher error rate to run out winners 24-5. Most gratifying though was to see our boys slug it out to the end and have the forwards shoving the Clovelly pack backwards right up to the whistle.

There are only 2 teams that get Grand Final Medals and you boys were one of them, so hold your heads up as you are a credit to your club.

Boys, you have been committed, willing and a pleasure to coach. A team that has developed so much from the squad we began with in March. I wish you well with your summer pursuits and hope you return to the Oatley Club in 2004.

### **Tony Hodgson**

*Kyle Bottomley* - A new recruit to rugby, Kyle's height proved to be a real asset to the team in the second row and in contested line outs. His performances improved each week as he came to grips with the basics of the game and his confidence grew. A very encouraging first year in rugby, that shows promise of good things to come.

*Ryan Copper* - A non-stop second rower who once again led the forwards by example in both attack and defence. Never gave less than 100% every match. Ryan had an uncanny ability to secure turnovers of possession and was a constant threat to the opposition when contesting rucks and mauls.

*Michael Crawford* - Michael is a tenacious defender with a deceptive turn of speed who played at both wing and fullback during the year. His runs from broken play continually put the opposing teams on the back foot and his never say die attitude in defence was probably the most reliable of any player in the side.

*Gareth Deacon* - In his initial year with the club and rugby in general, Gareth showed good improvement throughout the season. Playing as a flanker he tackled well and was one of the most energetic team members. Continually put much bigger opposition players to the ground and relished any opportunity to attack.

*Connor English* - A representative soccer player who joined us in the second round to experience the thrill of the running game. Connor played on the wing and was eager to learn and get involved in play at every opportunity. He was enthusiastic in both attack and defence and we look forward to him further developing his skills next season.

*Assem Ewais* - Has once again proved to be possibly our most damaging runner of the ball and ferocious tackler, who secured his place in the pack at hooker. Whenever the chance arose to have a run, there were not many defences that could hold him, especially close to the line. A vital player in the team's continued improvement this season.

*Adam Garaty* - Adam continued his development into an extremely capable and reliable rugby prop forward. Always in the thick of the action at rucks and mauls, he continually took the ball forward to set up his team mates. One of the key members in a very formidable pack, that was rarely outplayed during the season.



## UNDER 11'S REPORT cont...

*Jarrold Gollins* - Consolidated his position in the forward pack at No. 8 with some strong performances during the year. Always looking to take on the opposition in attack and set up play in the rucks and mauls. His punishing defence in tight often shut down opposing teams attacking opportunities. Has a totally fearless approach to his rugby opposition.

*Nathanual Hebbard* - Due to a lack of front rowers at the start of the season, Nathanual accepted the challenge and developed into a very competent prop with a strong running game and effective defence. This season has seen a great improvement in his focus, commitment and technique on the field. A valuable team player and asset to the side.

*Kevin Hodgson* - An exciting runner of the ball with blistering pace and an elusive swerve, who this year returned to his favoured position of fly half. Kevin was always quick to take advantage of any half chances in attack and provided good service and support to his outside backs. He was always scheming to add a little variety to the attack.

*Wystan Hubbard* - Another new player to the side this year, Wystan quickly fitted into the team and consolidated his position in the centres with determined running in attack and solid defence. His kicks in general play often had the opposition back pedalling. A fine young talent with loads of potential who improved with each match.

*Jake Kefford* - Season 2003 saw Jake celebrate his 100th match for Oatley which is a fine achievement in itself. Jake started the year at half, but an early season injury later saw him return to the side in the centres where his speed and determination proved invaluable. Jake's experience and skills are a valuable asset to the side.

*Adam Kepreotes* - A versatile backline player with speed to burn, Adam proved his worth to the team by playing centre, wing and fullback during his first year of rugby. He was a valuable addition to the team who ran with great determination when in possession. His effective cover defence and reliable goal kicking were a distinctive feature of his play.

*Tom Mackie* - A rookie flanker, whose strength in attack and defence proved to be very deceptive for our opponents. On numerous occasions he punished bigger rival players with bone crunching tackles which often left them dazed. Keen to show his attacking talents, Tom always made the most of his chances in possession.

*John Mallitt* - John alternated between prop and second row during the season and devastated opposing forward packs with very determined running and good turn of speed for a forward. He thrived on the close action in the rucks and mauls and locked up rival attacking opportunities with effective defence.

*Jai Marsh* - He may be one of the smaller players in the side but Jai definitely has one of the biggest hearts. Always ready to put his body on the line when called upon to defend and very enthusiastic with the ball in his hand. Jai enjoyed success on the wing with his straight hard running and good support play.

*Sione Masima* - A very competent player in all phases of the game, Sione added the description of utility player to his rugby talents. His uncompromising and rock solid defence and strong running around the rucks and mauls were a feature of his play during the year. He played reliably at flanker, half and centre.

*Michael Peake* - Another new player to the club, Michael played the early season in the outside backs before securing his position at half. From there he came to grips with the basics of the game and provided good service to the backs with a determined and positive attitude to the game. Never far from the action in attack or defence.

*Ryan Scott* - A very keen and enthusiastic convert to the game who enjoyed the wing and fullback positions. Always keen to get involved in the action Ryan showed elusive pace and good anticipation skills in his cover defending. A very pleasing performance in his first year of rugby which shows considerable promise for the future.

*Timothy Smart* - Another player who this year smashed the 100 match barrier, Tim made the transition from centre to flanker and utilised his speed to great advantage. Always in the thick of the action, skirting the rucks and mauls he would often emerge and punish the opposition defence with his elusive running. His defence as always was first rate.

**Tony**





## UNDER 12'S REPORT

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If one word could summarise Oatley's under 12's rugby season 2003 it would be persistence. The team showed persistence in effort at training and had a more mature attitude to both training and the games, than in previous years. The team maintained a happy and healthy balance between the forwards and backs, which is reflected in our great for & against point score.

The dedication demonstrated by the private school contingent and their parents to play two games of rugby on a Saturday and drive all over Sydney with minimal time between games. (The question is how good would team have gone if all our players were take to the field fresh?)

Other advantages from a persistence approach to our rugby were 15 wins, a minor premiership and a grand final appearance. This year the boys demonstrated a cohesive and co-operative approach; having happy campers makes the management job almost a pleasure.

We had a large squad of 22 players which I thought at the beginning of the season was too many players, but both Mario and Rod rotated the players well and to maximum effect. Given injuries and outside of rugby commitments the squad size worked out perfectly.

Our experience from last year's final series, showed us how you can receive the rough end of a pineapple from other teams who know how to work the system to their full advantage. But as minor premiers, Oatley got to call the shots, and just said no to the requests for changes to playing times and venues from the same teams which rorted us last year.

Stand out team performances were without doubt our three wins over Eastgardens. Up until this year Oatley had not beaten Eastgardens; all our encounters have been very close with less than a try separating all our games. Playing Eastgardens is also a character building exercise as they have a 'win at all costs' type attitude which extends to high tackles and the occasional use of the elbow.

One of my most memorable moments from the season was Rohan's try against Eastgardens at Evatt Park, this was a tremendous individual effort which saw Rohan sprint 40 metres. Rohan's try helped to establish our dominance over Eastgradens this season.

### Player Profiles

*Scott Booth* - Had a great debut season, he is a real speedster with sharp reflexes which saw him bag a hand full of tries. Scott also pulled off one of the best one on one tackles of the season against a player twice his size. Would like to see Scott hit the weights and packed off to his grandma's to get fattened up during the off season.

*Nicholas Boskett* - has been in the team for ever and loves his rugby. He is tough hardworking toiler with excellent anticipation, his strengths are his support play and good work feeding our successful line outs.

*Ben Brooks* - adds a strong physical presence to our back line. Ben's rugby strengths are that he is an all-rounder, he has sound hands and electrifying acceleration, and provides a touch of instinctive genius to the side in both attack and defence.

*Nelson Dale* - enjoyed his first season at Oatley, surrounded by good players he showed what a rugby super star he is. I believe his time at the Royals in an un-competitive team has assisted him with refining his rugby skills. Nelson is our "go forward" man who nearly scores a try a game, and is also a solid defender. Nelson displays real passion for his rugby.

*Ryan Emery* - A good second rower, who can also play in the centres. Ryan combines speed and strength to create havoc in attack, a willing runner. A strong defender who makes his presence felt. Also possesses a good kick in both general play or for goals.

*Kurt Gainsford* - a regular muscle man and delightful kid, built with aerodynamic (skinny) legs, has the acceleration to capitalise on inevitable chances out wide. He has a powerful weight to size ratio and will take them on up the centre. A noted improver over the season.

*Rohan Graham* - a talented, reliable team contributor, is a polished attacking link also a noted tackler. Rohan is well respected in the team and the tougher it gets on the rugby field the more he enjoys it.

*Marcus Heather* - has kept improving since his arrival at Oatley. He has an exceptionally high work-rate and is a rugged enforcer, able to dominate the ruck area in both attack and defence. Just ask any of the Menai forwards who were lucky enough to play against Marcus twice this season. Marcus does not only exist to scare other team's forward packs he is also a very accurate goalkicker, kicking a total of 19 goals for the 2003 season.

*David Horsley* - a worthy winner of last years Mazda medal, continued to improve this year. Lanky long-striding forward with an extremely high work-rate. Great strength and stretch enable him to create chances, from his many line out wins. Always tailing in support and a very reliable defender who makes his presents felt.

*Dawson Jones* - was a quiet achiever during the season scoring a handful of tries, which demonstrated his determination to get to the try line. Adaptable backline player with safe hands and sound defence, a welcome new addition to the team.

*Steven Kalagurjevic* - has a never say die attitude to his rugby. Steven is a very classy back with sound hands and electrifying acceleration. Provides a touch of instinctive genius in both attack and defence.



## UNDER 12'S REPORT cont...

*Aaron Malouf* - has matured as a rugby player this season and is looking to promote the ball. A dynamic brave player who has the ability to cover a wide range of positions. Aaron is deceptively strong, always backs up the ball carrier and is a good low tackler. An ankle injury has hindered Aaron all season, without the injury I am sure it could have been the year of Aaron.

*Daniel Malouf* - Is an extremely good utility player with positional changes from fullback/centre and wing. Daniel has had a great year which saw him doing some excellent defence. Daniel enjoyed nothing better than bustling opposition players over the sideline.

*Seb McCulloch* - a back rower who always gives a wholehearted effort and always plays to his full potential. Played some of his best rugby this year, goes about his work without fuss and can always be relied on to put in the hard work.

*Jack Lauricella* - our regular halfback this year - Jack has matured as a player who has had an excellent year on the field. The boys picked Jack as Vice Captain this year, which he filled extremely well.

*Kieran Meti* - is one of our new players this year and has fitted into the team very well. Kieran enjoys his position in the forward pack, he is Mr. Dependable and Reliable always there at there break down. Kieran is a good solid player.

*Mitchell Reece* - must be the smallest Hooker in Rugby - Mitchell has a "Never Say Die Attitude". He simply enjoys playing Footy too much to say No. With his good turn of speed - Mitchell enjoys running around the bigger slower forwards.

*Taylor Ringland* - was voted in as Captain this year by the boys. He plays a true Captain's game always there to have a run and doesn't back off in defence. With 14 tries for the season was our top try scorer. Taylor work rate even makes his old man look good.

*James Ritchie* - was missing in the finals due to injury. He works extremely well with Steven in the backline, strong quick aggressive runner who takes a power of stopping. James really improved over the season and was playing his best rugby and would have been very useful against the bigger Eastern Suburbs team.

*Matthew Williamson* - is a new boy to rugby this year, his natural athletic ability and his determined streak makes Mathew chase every opportunity on the field. This was evident in the tries he scored this year.

*Tom Willis* - played five eight for most of the year and filled in at fullback when required. Tom is a player who has the speed and ability to play anywhere on the Paddock.

*Peter Woollett* - provided important depth as a front-rower, unable to train with the side, he has done well playing predominantly off the interchange bench. A rugged bookend that thrives in the tough exchanges, and noted for his low error rate.

**Jeff Reece**







**DAVID HORSLEY**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-BREAKAWAY

**DAWSON JONES**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-CENTRE

**NELSON DALE**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-SECOND ROW

**ROHAN GRAHAN**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-BREAKAWAY

**MARCUS HEATHER**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-PROP

**MATTHEW WILLIAMSON**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-WING

**AARON MALOUF**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-HOOKER

**KURT GAINSFORD**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-WING

**DANIEL MALOUF**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-FULLBACK

**NICHOLAS BOSKEY**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-PROP

**MITCHELL REECE**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-HOOKER

**JAMES RITCHIE**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-CENTRE  
 FAV. PLAYER WENDELL SAIB

**STEVEN KALAGURGEVIC**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-INSIDE-CENTRE

**SEB McCULLOCH**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-SECOND ROW

**TOMAS WELLS**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-FIVE-EIGHT

**PETER WOOLLETT**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-PROP

**JACK LAURICELLA**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-HALFBACK

**RYAN EMERY**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-CENTRE-BACK

**KIERAN METI**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-PROP

**SCOTT BOOTH**



YEAR 2003  
 CLUB-OATLEY U 12'S  
 POSITION-WING



## UNDER 13'S REPORT

### *Undefeated Premiers*

This outstanding bunch of young men can be extremely proud of their season - for their parents and supporters definitely are very proud. It is not just for their victories but for the great spirit that they showed. Everyone was made welcome and included - they encouraged each other.

We amassed 576 points for and only had 140 points scored against us. At the end of the competition rounds we had a for-against differential of 405. The next three teams had differentials of 220, 274 and -46. The boys truly deserved their premiership. We played our grand final opponents Burraneer 3 times for 3 wins and scored 109 points to 63 against them. In the Grand Final they had 75% of the possession but we defeated them 24 to 20. To be the best team on the day you have to show more than attacking flair. Our defence was outstanding - offensive tackles and great scrambling. It takes 15 players to keep the other 15 from scoring. Burraneer were an excellent team and very well drilled but Oatley grit and never-say-die spirit beat them.

But a plea guys: let's not rely on the "never-say die" spirit quite so much - to let the other team get up by a point with 5 minutes to go and then score the winning points with 2 minutes left. It's lucky that there were any parents with hearts still ticking. You owe your supporters big time - there had better be a lot of doctors and other medical professionals come from your ranks to treat all the ulcers, hair loss, vocal chord and heart damage that you caused. Reflecting on the whole season, probably 75% of the points scored against us were scored in the first 15 minutes of each game. More passionate starts with constant controlled aggression need to be our aims for next year... and especially aggression at the breakdown to win the ball.

The family spirit of Oatley Rugby was exemplified in the 13's. No-one contributed more to this than Kerry Lavelle, our 'manager extraordinaire'. Her organisation and energy in being our "team mother" as much as our manager was shown in so many ways:

- \* taking the jersey washing upon herself more times than not;
- \* our pre-season training and pizzas at Wanda;
- \* the film and pizza night at Bankstown (with all this pizza we should have had all the Italiano passion of Campo !);
- \* our holiday training sessions with BBQs ... her taxi service ... and on the list goes. Boys, don't take generosity like this for granted. You have been blessed with what you have been given.

We had a very loyal band of supporters: parents, grandparents and friends. Thank you to all who help set up for and manage the games and training: John Francis, Blair Commin, Murray Green, Greg Mackie, Keith McCulloch, Paul Quirk, Pete Robertson and Steve Spitz; to Greg Crowe for sharing his great rugby expertise at training and matches; to Dan Taumoepeau for his wisdom at half time talks; to all those who worked in the canteen.

At the club level, Richard Sheehan, John Francis and Kerry Smart have done an outstanding job in keeping our team and club running. A special tribute is deserved by John, who coached the boys for many years. Our overnight to the Francis' "country property" at Kangaroo Valley was again a highlight of the bonding that goes to build a team.

*Peter Burns* - Burnsy is developing into a fine winger with great determination and speed. Always smiling, his dry sense of humour keeps things in perspective.

*Nick Commin* - If you could bottle strength, determination, rugby-sense and consideration and ferment the mix, you might get close to our dynamo number 8: his long, weaving runs and bruising defence were outstanding. Nick was one of our main game-breakers.

*Shaun Crowe* - An elusive runner with a beautiful pass, his low tackles and persistence made Shaun a very valuable utility back: half, centre or wing. He reads a game very well.

*Brett Emanuel* - Played half-back and wing; Brett has continued to develop as an all round footballer. He is a tenacious tackler and made many breaks from the scrum-base.

*Peter Francis* - The 'quiet achiever', Pete has been a captain who has led from the front. He was seldom seen for long in the open because he was always near first to the breakdown and straight down to business - inspirational.

*Ben Galluzzo* - A terrier in the rucks and maufs and was often our best at winning the loose ball. A very capable hooker, Ben contributed much to our scrum being so strong.

*Jarrold Green* - Gives 100% and is developing an aggressive approach to his flanker role. He put his body on the line many times during the season. Jarrold competes very well as a lineout jumper.

*Austen Lavelle* - A very solid prop and was the centrestone of our very strong scrum. Austen did clever work at the front of our lineout and is developing as a strong runner, often tidying up loose ball and setting the backs running.

*James Mackie* - Our most adaptable player, being capable at flanker, centre, wing or hooker. James even packed into the second row for us. He is developing a strong defensive game and speed in attack which led to his tries. A good lineout thrower.

*Mark Mariner* - A very strong defensive winger, Mark surprised quite a few opposition backs with magnificent tackles. His dare-devil leap through the air in the grand final was typical of his aggressive approach to the game.

*Jordan McCulloch* - Another one of the pillars in our strong scrum, Jordan's fitness and strength have developed considerably. His strong catch and run in the grand final is typical of his important contribution to our premiership.



## UNDER 13'S REPORT cont...

**Wiremu Nukunuku** - The bigger of the "terrible twins", a strong runner and a bruising defender. Wiremu has very good ball skills as well as being an excellent bustler. More fitness and his 'in-your-face' approach will be even more valuable.

**Henare Nukunuku** - The other half of the "terrible twins" is a tremendous spoiler of the opposition's ball. His good ball skills won the ball for us many times. More fitness and Henare's aggressive approach will make a big impact.

**Tim Quirk** - An important member of our tight five, Tim's strength and tenacity are developing. He is a strong tackler whose low tackles can drop anyone. Tim can be confident in his ability to make a great contribution to the team.

**Matt Robertson** - Another one of our players who can really be "in-your-face" and is developing the controlled aggression and confidence to really bustle an opposition. Robbo did a good job as flanker or hooker and lineout thrower.

**Tommy Ryan** - A very capable full back with excellent attacking flair. It was not Tommy's best season for injuries but as he 'bulks up' that will hopefully improve. Some very good defence including one big hit on a certain Easts blonde.

**Sam Scully** - Limited appearances for us this season - but what a difference Sam makes! Look forward to having him back.

**Mika Semi** - Excellent bustling of the opposition half and a tenacious spirit made Mika a most valuable player. He is fast and has a beautiful pass, fitting in anywhere in the backline.

**Tyler Spitz** - Magnificent defender who has developed a truly attacking style of defence. He is a quick thinker who drives the players around him with his example and his encouraging words. Tyler's strength to weight ratio is amazing as is his tenacious spirit.

**Soatame Taufa** - Great contributor to our team, Soatame moved unselfishly from centre to flanker where his size, speed and aggression had a big impact on other forward packs. Once his hot button is pushed, Soatame is unstoppable.

**Michael Taufa** - Always smiling, Michael is a very strong defensive winger who has cut short many opposition attacks. Coming back from injury, Michael played extremely well in the final series.

**Sipa Taumoepau** - Sipa's contribution to the team is inestimable: for not only did his great strength and speed make him the standout player in the competition, his inspiration of the others has helped them to develop as better rugby players. He exemplifies controlled aggression in his play.

**Matty Winchester** - Great speed and elusiveness were Matty's hallmark from the start (takes after his mother). All Burra could talk about after our first meeting were his two intercept tries. He reached a peak in the grand final with his defence and hunger for the ball.

Southern Districts Reps: Nick Commin, Peter Francis, Austen Lavelle, Tommy Ryan, Mika Semi, Tyler Spitz, Soatame Taufa and Sipa Taumoepau

The thirteens are a great team: outstanding players relied on and needed the developing players - and so it should be. No-one knows who the outstanding players will be in five or ten years time... but we look forward to seeing all these players develop further into excellent rugby players and fine people. They have made a great start.

**Tom Ryan**  
2003 Coach





## UNDER 14'S REPORT

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The 2003 season was a good one for the team from the point of view of results and more importantly for player development.

Results were very solid - becoming the undefeated premiers and winning the national ten-a-side championships at the Kings school for the second successive year.

Just six players represented Southern Districts in the NSW State Championships, fewer than in past seasons, but they formed the backbone of the team, which took out its fourth straight title and remain undefeated.

New players to join the club this year were Jordan Minty, Richard Filihia and Rocky Momo, coupled with the welcome return of Paul Anning and Eric Park. The players fitted in well with the rest of the team and our style of play. Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to Rocky as his family moved to Queensland during the season.

This year was particularly hard for our team to continue developing skills and strategies from 2002. The season was continually disrupted with two byes, a cancelled round due to wet weather and two school holiday breaks. At one stage we did not play rugby for four weeks coupled with a heavy training schedule for those players involved with league, school Union/League and representative training. The Oatley training runs unfortunately did not always see a full compliment of players. Thank you to those boys who consistently showed for Wednesday training and gave their best.

The quality of the opposition (or lack of) brought some disappointment to some of the matches. Those against Sylvania were the highlights of the competition as they provided Oatley with the toughest games. In fact we only just squeezed in with a win in the dying moments of the second game!

Once again the team chosen to represent the U14s at the Kings' Tens did our club and themselves proud. They performed well above the standard of the other teams in the tournament and gained respect from spectators and officials through their behaviour and 'professionalism'. It was truly a team effort, however saying that, special mention should go to Rory who received the U14 'Back of the Tournament' award.

From experience we knew injuries would start to affect the players, and we would be relying on the depth in the team. It seemed that each week someone was out with the flu or more serious injuries. Micah only played 5 games during the year due to a concussion received in the State Championships; Luke was sidelined till June with a back problem, then a fractured finger and toe; Christopher continued his bad run with a broken wrist followed by a fractured finger; Robert S. broke his wrist; Robert H. had shoulder troubles; Royden was plagued with knee worries; Chase was out with a thigh strain and Michael suffered calf muscle cramps; Jesse received a bad head clash; Mitchell had a beauty of a black eye for weeks and Havea missed the Grand Final due to an ankle injury. I am very glad to say that none of these injuries was caused during an Oatley rugby match, all during League or school commitments; except of course coach Steve Hall who suffered a depressed cheek fracture during training.

The boys, or should I say young men, still have that something special that makes them a team, the camaraderie and passion to win is always evident. They appear to enjoy not only the game of rugby but also each other's company. I hope, and will encourage, this to continue in the seasons ahead.

One of the highlights for the year was our "trip" to the Bledisloe Cup game at the Olympic Stadium. We treated the guys by using some of the money they won at the Kings' tournament to buy tickets. The entire team was able to attend as well as the coaches, manager and a few dads. In our Oatley tracksuits the team made an impressive sight but unfortunately for us the 'Aussies' in our team were outnumbered by the 'All Blacks'. Eric, who I was 'fortunate' enough to sit next to, mustn't have seen any of the game as he kept up a continual barrage of witty comments. The bus trip home was also very memorable, indeed the whole bus was kept entertained until we alighted at Roselands. Even though the Wallabies lost it was truly an enjoyable evening and the boys have voted that we will attend next season's fixture.

Looking ahead, 2004 promises to be an exciting season for our team. Next year we will be entering the Western Zone competition. Each week will be interesting, playing new teams, visiting new fields and meeting stronger opposition.

The representative season will also take on a new dimension. An U15 Southern Zone team is picked from (Easts), Randwick and Southern Districts. Southern, Northern and Western Zone teams then attend a weekend camp where professional coaches take control of the teams as they 'play off' and from then an U15 Sydney team to play Country is selected. Even though we will be in the Western Zone competition we still belong to Southern Districts and as such still represent them. Hopefully many of our players will have the opportunity to be involved in these representative teams.



## UNDER 14'S REPORT cont...

Of course the team is not run by one person alone, in fact it takes many to achieve the result. Kerry as manager does all of the 'dirty work'. She's good at it because she has had 23 years of experience looking after delinquent boys and she loves bossing people about. If it wasn't for her the players would probably be running onto the wrong field at the wrong time with their shirts untucked and not signed on. Thanks Kerry.

Mike Holland and Steve Hall are the real coaches of the team, they do all the hard yards, (and sometimes take the hard knocks). Thanks guys for the time and effort you give to the team. David Deasey and Mick Bradley help to keep the wheels turning along with all the parents who shuttle the players to and from training and games.

One last thank you to the parents and spectators at our games; our good behaviour and positive encouragement of our players does not go unnoticed by our opponents!

**Bruce Smart**





## UNDER 15'S REPORT

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It was a rebuilding season for the U/15s, as we were desperately short of players with only two weeks prior to the start of the season. Thanks to a lot of work by the committee and friends we were able to recruit a number of new players to compliment our existing team, many whom have been with Oatley since the U/6s.

To finish 3rd this season was a good result, and with a little bit of luck we could have made the grand final. We had many good wins throughout the year but more pleasing was to see the general improvement and maturity by all the players.

The team also had a number of representative players, with Robert Streamer, Robert and Mitchell Temaipi and Dale Sullivan all Representing Southern Districts and then Southern Zone. Streamer who played his 100th game for Oatley this year, was selected Southern Districts player of the tournament and Dale Sullivan was rewarded for his excellent season by being selected for Sydney U/15s. These four as usual had great seasons.

All the new players fitted in well and made great contributions to the team, and for several. it was their first season of Rugby. To Nick, Charles, John, Sam and Ashley: we hope you will all be back next season.

Jeremy and Robert made a great commitment backing up after school football every Saturday, as did many of the boys who played League. Chris Bernays was our captain, always enthusiastic about his team mates and received many compliments from the referees.

The whole team would like to thank Bruce and Kerry Smart for organising their players and the U/14s players for supporting us over the last couple of games. We had up to seven players out due to injury and illness and without their support we could not have fielded a team.

Phil Griffith did the hard work as manager and Ross Bernays and Chris Graham made sure we had a touch judge. Patrick covered for me when I was not available and did a great job even having to put with dad as coach.

I am sure if we can give our best effort next season the reward you guys deserve is achievable.

Congratulations to our award winners,

Also, a congratulations to Robert Streamer - 100 Club Games

### Major Point Scorers

Calvin Charleston - 12 tries

Dale Sullivan - 7 tries

Patrick Moran - 16 goals

Nick Heteraka - 4 tries 2 goals

**Peter Moran**

Coach



## OATLEY JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB AWARDS 2003

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### UNDER 6'S TEAM AWARDS

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Best Player	- Jonathon Ryan
Top Try Scorer	- Alex Sherman
Best Defence	- Jared McLachlan

### UNDER 7'S TEAM AWARDS

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Most Valuable Player	- Jack Armstrong
Best and Fairest Player	- Thomas Rawlings
Most Improved Player	- Dean Manousiadis

### UNDER 8'S TEAM AWARDS

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Best Forward	- Sam Puckett
Best Back	- Oliver Takiviekata
Coach's Award	- Ethan Graham
Mazda Best and Fairest	- Tamati Haimona

### UNDER 9'S TEAM AWARDS

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Most Improved Player	- Jake Collett
Best New Talent	- Matthew Rawlings
Outstanding Defence	- Bilal Elbatoory
Mazda Best and Fairest	- Jayden Wilkinson

### UNDER 10'S TEAM AWARDS

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Most Improved	- Andrew Challinor
Best Defender	- Kurtis Patterson
Player of the Year	- Scott Sorenson
Mazda Best and Fairest	- Tane Connelly

### UNDER 11'S TEAM AWARDS

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Most Consistant Back	- Wystan Hubbard
Most Consistant Forward	- Nathaniel Hebbard
Coach's Encouragement Award	- Jarrod Gollins
Mazda Best and Fairest	- Assem Ewais



## **OATLEY JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB AWARDS 2003 cont...**

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### **UNDER 12'S TEAM AWARDS**

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Parents Pick	- Taylor Ringland
Most Improved	- Ryan Emery
Best Back	- Steven Kalagurjevic
Mazda Best and Fairest	- Nelson Dale

### **UNDER 13'S TEAM AWARDS**

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Rookie of the Year	- Mika Semi
Best Forward	- Nick Commin
Best Defender	- Tyler Spitz
Mazda Best and Fairest	- Peter Francis

### **UNDER 14'S TEAM AWARDS**

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Players' Player	- Michael Caudre
Most Valuable Player	- Havea Taufua
Coach's Award	- Timothy Lancken
Mazda Best and Fairest	- Darren Bradley

### **UNDER 15'S TEAM AWARDS**

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Best Back	- Dale Sullivan
Best Forward	- Mitchell Temaipi
Coach's Award	- Alex Galluzzo
Mazda Best and Fairest	- Robert Streamer

### **UNDER 16 GIRL'S TEAM AWARDS**

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Most Committed	- Sharnee Malouf
Most Improved	- Sarah Gutteridge
Mazda Best and Fairest	- Gemma-lea Miimetua





## HALL OF FAME

### *Junior Player of the Year*

1987	Chris Wing
1988	Martin Allen Ryan Coates
1989	Matthew Battishall
1990	Aaron Curry
1991	Nathan Kjoller
1992	Jonathan Moody
1993	James Horne (U7)
1994	Andrew Norris (U9)
1995	Pauliasi Taumoepeau (U9)

In 1996 Walla and Mini Player Awards introduced

1996	Jonathan Sheahan (U10)
1997	Matthew Macris (U12)
1998	Atelea Vea (U12)
1999	Ben Rowsell (U14)
2000	James Terrey (U14)
2001	Saone Polutele (U16)
2002	Robert Horne (U13)
2003	Afusipa Taumoepeau

### *Junior Clubman of the Year*

1995	Alex Leighton
1996	James Lazarus
1997	Andrew Green
1998	Mitchell Temaipi
1999	Mitchell Owen
2000	Matthew Egan
2001	John Francis
2002	Ian Swane
2003	Chris Bernays

### *Walla Player of the Year*

1996	Andrew Moran
1997	Rohan Graham
1998	Steven Kalagurgevic
1999	Christopher McArthur
2000	Emanuel Comino
2001	Sam Kefford
2002	Nathan Doherty
2003	Jarryd Bradley

### *Mini Player of the Year*

1996	Ryan Bowring
1997	Grant Batty
1998	Robert Horne
1999	Tyler Spitz
2000	Rohan Graham
2001	Timothy Smart
2002	Scott Sorensen
2003	Stephen Crawford

### *Junior Goalkicker of the Year*

1996	Dean Owsnett
1997	Ben Rowsell
1998	James Horne
1999	Daniel Malouf
2000	Robert Sheahan
2001	Robert Sheahan
2002	Robert Sheahan
2003	Robert Sheahan

### *Junior Supporter of the Year*

1997	Helen Green
1998	John Francis
1999	Ross Bernays
2000	Kerry Smart
2001	David Clulow
2002	Chris Howard Valentin Howard
2003	David and Kerry Lavelle



# OATLEY JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB HONOURS

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## SOUTHERN DISTRICTS REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

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### UNDER 10'S

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Adam Thompson  
 Andrew Challinor  
 Brendan Carmichael  
 Tane Connelly  
 Kurtis Patterson

### UNDER 11'S

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Jake Kefford  
 Ryan Cooper  
 Assem Ewais  
 Timothy Smart  
 Adam Kepreotes  
 Kevin Hodgson

### UNDER 12'S

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Jack Lauricella  
 Taylor Ringland  
 Marcus Heather  
 Nelson Dale  
 Aaron Malouf  
 Tomas Willis

### UNDER 13'S

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Afusipa Taumoepeau  
 Nick Commin  
 Peter Francis  
 Austen Lavelle  
 Tommy Ryan  
 Tyler Spitz  
 Soatame Taufu  
 Mika Semi

### UNDER 15'S - INCLUDING SOUTHERN ZONES

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Mitchell Temaipi  
 Robert Temaipi  
 Robert Streamer  
 Dale Sullivan (also the Sydney team)

### NSW PRIMARY SCHOOLS (PSSA) DISTRICT TEAM REP

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Nelson Dale

### COMBINED INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (CIS) DISTRICT TEAM REP

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Steven Kalagurgevic

### 100 MATCHES FOR OATLEY RUGBY JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

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Under 11	Timothy Smart	(111)
Under 11	Jake Kefford	(110)
Under 12	Sebastian McCulloch	(110)
Under 13	Jordan McCulloch	(106)
Under 14	Bryant Hall	(109)
Under 14	David Streamer	(110)
Under 14	Robert Streamer	(108)



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