

Petersham Junior Rugby Club

2016 Season Report





Petersham Junior Rugby – Y2016

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President Report

by Adam Dunn

Watching nearly 170 Junior Shammies in their 'Super P' training shirts this year was a sight to behold. Ivan, our Sydney University Development Officer remarked how incredible it is to see the kids, kitted up and having such fun at training, and told me he sees this nowhere else. Well done to all. Can we get to 200 Junior Shammies in 2017?

Welcome Day was not so welcoming with torrential rain, monsoonal winds and waterlogged Shammies toughing the conditions out to pick up some kit, say G'day to mates new & old and enjoy a soggy bread roll and snag.

We played games near and far and across the weekend, sometimes twice. We had wins and some losses, a few maroon and blue tears.... but way more smiles. I love the diversity of people and characters in our club and what they bring to the fabric of this great club. Petersham Rugby is what you make of it and I encourage everyone to make a contribution, you'll get a lot more out, than you put in.

23 of our Shammies represented Sydney Uni in the State carnivals. Not only did they hold their own, playing with real heart and spirit, I was proud and humbled by the reports I received of how our little Maroon and Blue champions played and represented the club. I get to coach the u/12 Sydney Uni rep team and have heard first-hand how well behaved and talented our kids were. A massive thanks again to Dave 'Lennie' Lenehan & Richard Kew from Platinum Direct Finance and Platinum Fleet who picked up the \$100 rego fee per child for the families.... Bravo!!

Without the support of our great partners Wests Ashfield, Platinum Direct Finance, McGrath Leichhardt & our new partner West Village Petersham, we simply could not provide what we do for our kids. Whether that be reduced registration fees, the best kit in rugby, coaching courses to help our coaches become better and keep our kids safe and build their confidence. None of this would be possible (without \$500 registration fees). Please take the time to review what these partners would like of us and how you can support their businesses. This really is so important and a West Ashfield membership fee (\$13 for 5 years with \$10 voucher), or buy your next car or organise Finance through Lennie will save you money and help the club out more than you know.

To our Coaches & Managers: You are fantastic. Until you take on these roles you have no idea how much effort goes into this. The effort is very much appreciated by parents and the Committee. We are all volunteers, no-one is paid and we do it for our kids and their friends.

To the Committee: Again, there are no paid positions, aside from a few beers at the West Village to galvanise our thoughts during meetings. You guys are wonderful and I personally cannot thank you enough. This year, with the likes of Sarah, Dave, Rob, Kristin & Stu on the committee, It has been my most enjoyable year. Julie came on board this year and has agreed to take on the Marketing & Communications role to better inform you of what's going on as a club and to help set the teams up for success in 2017

Now we are always up for doing things better and take on new ideas!! Mums, Dads and Carers - please let your managers know if we can do anything to make your time at The Shammies more enjoyable.

How lucky are we? Great kids, committed coaches & managers, wonderful families that support us and we get to play the best game there is for the best club in the world! We'll do it all again next year so keep an eye on Petersham Shammies on Facebook for all the latest news. We will be having a few off season gatherings, so keep an eye out for the notices.

We are the Shammie Boys (& Girls)....

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Adam Dunn.

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Secretary Report

Sarah Pinchbeck

On behalf of the entire Committee, I'd like to thank all of our wonderful Coaches and Managers who have supported our 13 Junior teams this year. Your passion and support each and every week for the past 6 months has been relentless. Walking around Camperdown oval on a Tuesday night you can hear the excitement in the kids voices – well done to all the coaches who keep them focused on rugby. I really don't know how you do it!



Parents a massive THANK YOU to you. We love the way you cheer and help the players understand what it means to be a great Rugby player, to be strong, to be brave and play as a team by supporting your mates. We hope you've enjoyed your Rugby Season! And to the 167 registered Players this year – WELL DONE!

All of you are champions and we hope you've all enjoyed playing Rugby with your mates. Each Saturday morning we had 9 minis teams proudly scoring tries in maroon and blue at St Lukes. Friday nights our U11s and U12 Blue tackled ferociously and played their hearts out around Sydney and Sunday mornings it was our U10s and U12 Maroon teams who ran, passed, tackled and scored!

We are extremely proud of the way our teams conduct themselves on and off the field and look forward to seeing you all at Camperdown in our wonderful new facilities in 2017.

Warmest wishes
Sarah

Treasurer Report

Dave Lennox

Season Y2016 was a strong year financially for the club, following up on top of excellent groundwork from last year.

- Generated a strong surplus ensuring we have a buffer for next year
- We received a record level of registration fees and sponsorship
- We spent a record level of \$\$ on gear so that families received MORE for your registration \$
- Introduction of the Wests Village Friday Meat Raffle, which raised nearly \$6k in profit – enormous thanks to Gary McGregor for developing this initiative, we are very thankful
- The first time we have offered a \$ contribution to team dinners



The surplus has given us the flexibility to think about what resources the club requires as it continues its strong growth path. We look set to have our first U13's team next year, which is a huge development for this young club.

Our aim is to ensure that extra funds generated goes towards nurturing and improving the culture of the club. We want the kids to get more, we want the parents to get more and we want to increase the opportunities for everyone to get to know each other on and off the field.

An enormous thanks to our valued sponsors – Wests Ashfield, Platinum Direct, Shad Hassen from McGrath and West Village. Their contribution is critical and much appreciated. All of us can help our club by using their goods and services. All these businesses are top shelf community businesses that could and should benefit from our support.

A huge thanks to the sponsors, the players, the parents, the managers, the coaches, the Committee and to Adam and Sarah as well. As a club community you can all have faith that the Club is healthy and looking to continue building a strong future.

Cheers
Dave



From the sidelines...

by the players and parents

"It was great to see the progress Kobes made in a season, he's made loads of mates and has had a great time; he's been telling all his school friends he only plays rugby now! It's a great way for the family to start the weekend'."

Oli (u6 dad)

"The dedication of the parents, coaches and administrators flows over to produce energetic and enthusiastic players'."

Nick (u7 dad)

"A massive thank you to the coaches for looking after our boys. They are a very respectful, strong, male influence for our kids. Thank you to the managers who keep us sane and organised. We're really proud to part of the club."

Carina (u9 mum)

"Petersham has a great community feel. The boys are a great group and the coaches go out of their way to make sure the boys not only learn but have fun."

Sally (u9 and u12 mum)

"Even though it's our first year, we have been made so welcome that we feel like we have been a part of this team forever and can say that we too don't think of ourselves as newbies!!!

I'm not sure who is more disappointed that the season is over - the twins or Robert and I !!

We feel very lucky to have been part of such an amazing team and look forward to next year (even the early Sunday starts!)

Sam (u10 parent)

"Rugby has provided a positive, healthy, stimulating outlet for my boy this year. I'd highly recommend it"

Jonathan (u9 dad)

"I just think that Petersham Junior Rugby is such a friendly community. Everyone's welcome plus we love our coaches Martin and Rom"

Robyn (u9 mum)



"The croquembouche is mysterious. It is not something that you can teach or show. It's the co-existence of symphony and cacophony – a rambling alchemy of all the senses. I prefer the non-tower version (the towers are for pretenders). I welcome anyone from the club to join me in the kitchen..."

Lee Oddy (u10 and u12 dad)

"What I like most is watching the kids play purely for the love of the game ."

Troy (u7' dad)

"The coaches and volunteers are so dedicated and the club kit is awesome'."

Kandace (u7 mum)

"This is my 5th year and easily my favourite. I love the training and the games. My favourite part is forming a circle with my team mates and singing the song after a good win."

Jack (u10 player)

"I like stealing the ball off the other team and winning!"

Mannix (u9 player)

"Shammies Junior Rugby is all about the kids learning and having a great time fun in a family atmosphere!"

Emma (u6 and u7 mum)

"I like playing with my friends, and tackling. I also like the sausages after the game"

Kobi (u6 player)

'Whoever had the idea of bringing out chocolate cake at full time is a genius!! I think the disappointment of defeat was quickly replaced by the prospect of cake. The way to mend a kid's heart is through their stomach. Such a fun season, can't wait for the next one (particularly to find out what comes after the croquembouche)

Frances (u10 mum)

"We all shed a tear after the last game, some openly and some secretly, and I think it was largely due to the fact that we wouldn't be seeing you lot for some time now. We feel blessed we have met such lovely people and that Siaoasi was surrounded by awesome boys and mentored by an amazing coach."

Viki (u10 mum)



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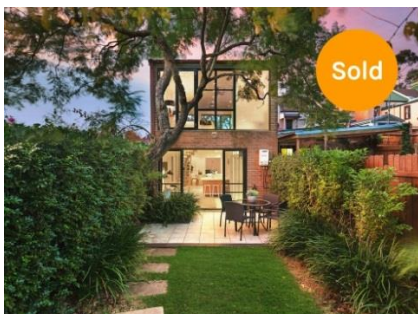
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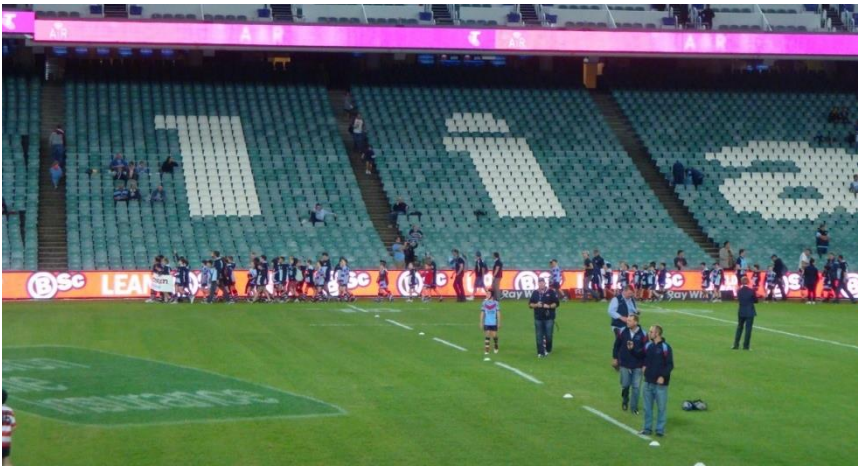


1883 winners

The Club is proud to introduce this award. It is awarded to the players that the coaches deemed to have epitomised the spirit of Shammies Rugby. They play and train their hardest each and every week and always put the team ahead of themselves. Congratulations to these players..

Team	Player	Team	Player
U8 Blue	 <p data-bbox="566 562 694 591">Sam Rudd</p>	U10	 <p data-bbox="1230 546 1390 611">Hugh Crakanthorp</p>
U8 Maroon	 <p data-bbox="566 947 726 976">Florence Ata</p>	U11	 <p data-bbox="1230 947 1358 976">Lipina Ata</p>
U9 Blue	 <p data-bbox="566 1294 694 1404">Samuel Gimenez-McAlpine</p>	U12 Blue	 <p data-bbox="1230 1328 1444 1357">Thomas Maclean</p>
U9 Maroon	 <p data-bbox="566 1693 694 1758">Campbell Skuodas</p>	U12 Maroon	 <p data-bbox="1230 1715 1390 1744">Billy Graham</p>





Representative Rugby Selections

Sydney University District Representative Players

Each year a number of Shammies players are selected to represent our Club as part of Sydney University Representative teams that participate in competitions against other districts. Our congratulations go to the players who represented us proudly and with distinction.

U10	U11	U12
Joshua Chen	Frankie Davies	Reuben Palmer
Fletcher Gill	Oscar Greville	Sam Roediger
Owen Lenord	Finnley Harding	Thomas Maclean
Andrew Lyons	Lipina Ata	Conor Dunn
Siaosi Mahe	Eric Carney	James McGregor
Maddox Oddy	Joshua Cartwright	Jonas Cook
	Ryan Palmer	Kyle Ritchie
		Edson Whattam
		Oliver Clark



2016 NSW State Rugby Championships

U10 Sydney University Juniors





BACK ROW L TO R - Joshua Chen, Siaosi Mahe, Atieli Nau, Mark Bailey (Mgr & A/Coach), Paul Dagarin (Coach), Anthony Prior (Trainer), Marcus Duggineni, Owen Lenord, Andrew Lyons


FRONT ROW - Daniel Taylor, Fletcher Gill, Jonas Bailey, Maddox Oddy, Simote Moala, Billy Dagarin, Max Moore, Louis Prior, Bill Smith, Lochlan Bell, Kahlaiyat Tatana





The 100 Game Club

The 100 Game Club is for players and coaches that have represented Shammies for at least 6 seasons. New members to this special group are noted below. Shammies warmly acknowledge the contribution made by them. Their enthusiasm, loyalty and dedication is the bedrock of the Club and is appreciated by all.

Year	Players														
2015	<p>Bertie Alcock Will Burraston James Crawford Tom McLean Harry Russell Tommy Treharne</p> <p>Coaches – Michael Crawford, Nik Treharne</p>														
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Lipina Ata



What do you remember about your first season?

How small I was and running around.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

The people are very nice and playing with my friends.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

None.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

David Pocock – he is an inspiration to me. I like his tactics and the way he plays the game.

Any advice to younger players?

Don't eat too much before you play – you will get sick!



Nils Bacic



What do you remember about your first season?

How much smaller I was then compared to now.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

Getting to tackle people

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

No

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

Usain Bolt (he's fast) and Jonathan Thurston

Any advice to younger players?

Use your shoulder to tackle!

Ben Brown



What do you remember about your first season?

Seeing Jimmy who I went to preschool with.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

Hanging out with my mates.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

None.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

PJ Yun, my personal trainer at Camperdown Fitness.

Any advice to younger players?

Remember to have fun.

Eric Carney



What do you remember about your first season?

Getting our medals from the inner west cup at the end of the season.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

Playing with my friends.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

I normally kick around the rugby ball and tap it up. I also tape my wrists.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

Bernard Foley – he is a really unselfish player.

Any advice to younger players?

Just enjoy rugby when you are playing because it is a good sport.



Joshua Cartwright



What do you remember about your first season?

It was fun. I really wanted to get into tackling though because we were just playing touch.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

How great the players work as a team.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

I tape my socks.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

Bernard Foley – he inspires me to want to practice kicking and try to get better.

Any advice to younger players?

Keep playing and stick with rugby.

Frankie Davies



What do you remember about your first season?

FUN.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

The Community.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

Slap Someone Up Side The Head.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

Tatafu Polota-Nau.

Any advice to younger players?

Keep Your Eyes On The Game.

Oscar Greville



What do you remember about your first season?

My elder brother holding the ball above his head while he ran through the opposition and scored a try.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

The history and the friendships

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

I used to walk across to the bakery to buy a shepherds pie for breakfast the morning of the game.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

George Gregan – for reasons I'd rather not explain ...

Advice to younger players?

Keep on playing and enjoy the moment as you will create memories both on and off the rugby field which you will treasure for the rest of your life.



Finnley Harding



What do you remember about your first season?

Winning our first game.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

The fantastic team spirit.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

Listening to music.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

Johnny Wilkinson: best kicker and resilient.

Any advice to younger players?

Train hard and enjoy the game.

Siaosi Mahe



What do you remember about your first season?

I made some good friends, Tommy Treharne and Oscar Greville are still good friends.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

The players are fun to be around and I like singing the Shammie Song. I'm proud to be a Shammie.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

I say a prayer.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

I'm lucky I have lots of relatives who play rugby and I like them all but my favourite is Tatafu Polota Nau because he is a great hooker and always gets into the ruck.

Any advice to younger players?

Listen to your coach and don't muck around at training.

Kye Martin



What do you remember about your first season?

Not knowing what to do.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

Making and playing with new friends.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

No not really.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

Izzy Folau he some times play my position and he is an awesome player.

Any advice to younger players?

Always know your going to make a tackle.



James McGregor



What do you remember about your first season?

I broke my arm.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

Friends

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

Relax

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why

Bernard Foley because he reads the game well.

Any advice to younger players?

Enjoy it!

Maran Petkovich



What do you remember about your first season?

I remember it being just like touch football.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

Good coaches, good team mates and lots of fun.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

Bite down hard on my mouthguard.

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

Israel Folau because of how successful he has been at switching codes.

Any advice to younger players?

Train hard, play hard and run hard!

Harry Stephens



What do you remember about your first season?

Nothing – photos didn't bring back any memories.

What do you enjoy most about Petersham rugby?

Having fun and playing rugby.

Do you have any habits you follow before a game?

Eating sourdough with peanut butter for brekky (and trying to avoid wearing my headgear!)

Who is your favourite sports person in the world and why?

Israel Folau – because he broke the NSW try scoring record against the Western Force.

Advice to younger players?

If you train hard it pays off.



U6



U6 Age Group Report

Shaun McKnight and Kate Savage (Coaches) + Rob Nicoletti (Manager)

The very start of the season saw lots of new faces and enthusiasm amongst the Under 6 group of players and parents. We started off with 2 teams led by both new and experienced coaches meaning a huge learning curve for some and reinforcement for others. Saturdays saw a settled combination of sides and training on Tuesdays saw the kids train as a group creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The players displayed a mix of enthusiasm, tears, confusion and talent but always lots of improvement each week. Simplicity is always key in this age group and once the coaches worked towards simple fun, the players responded making both Tuesday night training and Saturdays a joy to be a part of. Throughout the season the skill level improved creating some surprising tries and phenomenal tags. By the end of the season all players were engaged in the game, having fun and finally running in the right direction!

The keen interest and enthusiasm shown by our coaches and parents was appreciated by all. Shaun McKnight volunteered to run the 6's age group training. He and Kate Savage did an amazing job as the Blue team on field coaches. Ben DiQual was "voluntold" with great delight to run the Maroon side games. His early departure saw Matthew Travis and Frank Rego stepping up to the challenge. To all the parents who helped throughout with training, oranges, chocolates, subbing players, jerseys and bathroom breaks, we thank you very much!

It has been a pleasure to meet everyone and be involved with this group in 2016. Have a safe, fun summer and looking forward to watching our Shammies develop in 2017!



U6 Shammie Blues Report

The Blues are a lively bunch of lads, they have all, always played as a team. Fantastic kids who help each other when one of them is down, and a real pleasure to hang out with every week.

THANK YOU also to all the parents. What a fantastic bunch of people! A special thank you to Sean for stepping up and coaching so often, and Giles, Brad & Nadine for turning up in their runners and getting stuck in on training days. It's been a blast!



Player Profiles

Sam Cameron

Sam and his skullcap are a familiar sight racing down the sideline. Always keen for the ball, he's got a great grasp of the game, is very focussed, consistent and such a great player to have on your team.

Eamon Turner

Eamon always has a plan. Often tactically deciding to play in defence, he's always on and watching what's happening and focused on how to get the win. He's always watching out for his team mates too and will never leave a man down.

Kobi Hetariki

Kobi can get a little distracted, but when he's focused he's on fire! A fantastic defender, and fast as lightening, if he's got someone in their sights they're going to get tackled! One to watch!

Kobi Vickery

As the other half of 'The Kobi's', this Kobi can get a bit distracted too and started off keener to run around the field and play with his team mates than to grab the ball, but as the season has gone on he's got better and more confident, even scoring a couple of tries and putting in some great tackles.

Cooper McKnight

Cooper has been getting better and more involved as the season has gone on, and over the past few weeks he's really come out of his shell and gives it 100% at every game. His 'man of the match' performance was brilliant.

Freddy L'Estrange

After initially growing tired of a full game, Freddy has now found his focus and throws himself all into the game. He still likes to have fun and play with his team mates but when he's focused he's not afraid to put in the tackles and get in the thick of things!



Jack Putter

Wow, look at him go! His enthusiasm for the game and his secret moves have really paid off and he's a powerful winger and leading try scorer. Even putting his hand up to play for the opposing teams and U7's when needed. Watch this space!

Lawson Gill

Our little tough nut. Never afraid to put himself in the thick of the game, when he's focused he's a hard one to tackle...in fact he rarely stops until he's at the try line!

Ruairi Rafferty

Keen on the defensive position, but also as our tallest player when he gets those legs pumping he can find the corner when he needs to!

Bronte McKnight

Our team mascot and little trooper. She comes to every game dressed ready to play and makes sure she has time on the field each week. Next season she'll be ready to go!



U6 Shammies Maroons Report

The Maroon team are an enthusiastic group of young men who always had a smile on their faces. They played rugby with great enthusiasm and enjoyed the success of each week.

Thank you to Ben, Matt and Frank for their efforts throughout the season. Thank you to all the parents in whatever way we all shared the duties. And most importantly thank you to the kids for being a fantastic bunch!



Player Profiles

Nate Travis

Nate did well getting involved early in the season to finish a great team contributor. Upon watching his veteran father play the game, his favourite tactic became “going to ground” to confuse the opposition. This enthusiasm quickly transformed into taking the ball up to the opposition and scoring multiple tries for his team during the season.

William Di Qual

Will’s shy start to the season was made up with a strong participation to the game before his departure mid-season to the States. Strong defence was his key ability, stopping the opposition in their tracks as they tried to gain ground. But Will’s favourite move was eating oranges at half time with a big smile on his face.

Julius Rego

A new entrant to it all, Julius was keener to run around the field and play with his team mates than to grab the balls and run. However, promise was shown in the first game, with him scoring a try for the mighty Maroon Shammies. Am sure he will be looking forward to the next season, as he improves his rugby skills.

Archie Sabbadin-Wells

The Sabbadin-Wells brothers are a force to be reckoned with. Archie’s famous “Campese” side steps, floored the opposition as he dashed in and out, sometimes running backwards to give the opposition a chance. However, as the season went on, Archie swapped the side step in favour of charging forward to score tries for his team.

Lui Sabbadin-Wells

Lui’s magical defence was able to stop the advance of many competing teams. Not only was he tireless in stopping them, but also worked hard in his attack. Initially the sidelines were blurred but as the season went on, moving forward and staying in field became an art. These 2 brothers will have a lot to offer next time we see them on the field.



Harper Menniti-Hancox

A passionate player of the game, Harper was always ready for a game of rugby even if it was to help the opposing team without enough players. A good all rounded player, he can attack and defend making him a great asset to the Petersham under 6 Maroons. No doubt as time goes on, we will see him evolve into a great Shammie, driven by his love of the game.

Tom Nicoletti

A rugby star in the making, Tom's cool and calm approach to rugby is his unique trait. A star on the wing, he can take the ball up the sideline, whilst the opposition dive at him, to score a try with ease. But Tom also enjoyed chilling out at half time, munching on oranges and taking his time to hit the rugby field to bolt down the sideline for another try.

James Graham

A keen sportsman, James was a team player to the Maroons Shammies giving it his best during the games. A good attacker and defender, a mid-season injury (arm break) did not even stop him from returning back to the game to support his team mates. A gem to watch out for next season!

Angus MacAuslan

As a 3rd generation rugby player, Angus showed us what he was made of by chasing down the ball and opposition. Once the cylinders were fired up, Angus wasn't afraid to attack or defend, even if it meant he would get a little bump at the end of it. He made sure that the MacAuslan name is carried on in tradition.

Noah Zoud

Without doubt, one of the great try scores in the under 6 Shammie Maroons. Noah was always keen for the ball and when he got it, ensured that it ended up over the try line. Dancing in and out of players on the field was always a pleasure to watch. With his skills there is only one way, and that's up.





U7



Petersham Junior Rugby 2016

U7 Age Group Report

**Jason Lenord, John Kilkenny and Peter Lloyd-Jones (Coaches)
Kristin Taylor (Manager)**

The Shammies U7s were divided into Blue, Maroon and White once again. Numbers were just enough for 7 per team, meaning everyone got at least a full match every week, and some boys backing up for 2 games.

With our masterful Manager Kristin Taylor, and with the help of John Kilkenny (JK) and Peter Lloyd-Jones we took on another year of shaping these boys into future Rugby greats.

Many of the boys backed up from the U6s and were looking to consolidate what they learnt the year before. Gone were the day dreaming antics and playing in the sand. These boys meant business! Training started with a 400m sprint around the oval, to some old favourites such as Sharks and Octopuses, and some basic drills including passing, scrums, line-outs, and their first taste of tackling.

Trainings always finished strongly with a 20 minute game, half of the boys wearing their shirts inside out. The game at training was always taken seriously, with notable acts of commitment by Sam de Alwis and Aiden launching themselves at the tenacious Leo Riley-Smith, at times yet to realise we are not quite playing tackle.

Our dreams of not having a coach on the field with the boys by the end of the year haven't quite reached fruition yet but steady progress has been made, particularly in the defensive areas of the game, with a few of the teams forced into having to hand the ball over after 5 minutes of not being able to break our line.

What has been great to witness this year has been the ability of the boys to sharpen up their sportsmanship towards the other teams and, in particular, towards each other, and are now moving closer and closer towards playing as a team. Hopefully these friendships they are forging with each other will continue to grow as they move through the age groups.

I look forward to next year and seeing the boys develop their games.

2016 Awards – spread across the three teams

- **Tarzan's grip award:** Leo Riley-Smith
- **Try scorer of the year award:** Tom, Leo or Sam. Definitely Tom if we are going by figures from Tom.
- **Best defender of the year:** James Gormly, Noa Stanley and Javier Kilkenny
- **Future referee's scholarship:** Rhys Lenord
- **The missile (awarded to the boy who sacrifices his body for the good of the team):** Shared between Aiden Lee and Sam De Alwis
- **Rookie of the year:** Ezekiel Barros
- **Mark Taylor award for Most Chewed Mouthguard :** Declan Cohen (Again for the second consecutive year). This award may well end up being the Declan Cohen award
- **Award for number of times asking for kick off or tap-off.** Dead heat between everyone!!

Many thanks to all the parents for continuing to support this great club and helping out whenever needed.

Jason Lenord
U7s Blues coach



U7 Blues Report

by Jason Lenord

I, along with JK have had the pleasure of coaching the U7s Blue team on the weekends. They are a great bunch of boys who try their best and are really developing well. The smiles on the faces of the boys who make a great run down the sideline to score a try or make a great individual tag is great to watch.

In particular the U7s Blues' swarming defence has left the opposition at sixes and sevens. All the boys love to run the ball, and sometimes even run it forwards. The end of the match is eagerly anticipated with the promise of a snake and also who will get the man-of-the-match award.



Player Profiles

Rhys Lenord

(Michael Hooper) Coach's son. What more can I say. Equal Best player in the team. Tenacious defender. Loves running sideways. Red haired makes it easy to spot from the sidelines (good for rep selection). Loves offering advice to the referees regarding their interpretation of the rules. (Bad for rep selection).

Javier Kilkenny

Coach's son (Richie McCaw, or, given his South American mop of hair and ability to glide effortlessly with speed across the field I would equate him to Juan Martín Hernández, Nickname: El Mago (The Magician) or The Maradona of Rugby, Fullback/Centre for the Argentinian rugby team.. other Equal best player in the team. Javier is the flamboyant player of the side and most likely (only) player in the U7s to become an All Black. That's right, All Black. Has made his choices early in life and has spent the entire season sitting on the sidelines while reflecting on said choices.

Levi Mikhiel

(Tevita Kuridrani). Poached from the NRL at the end of last season, Levi has made the switch to rugby with apparent ease. A promising young player for the future.

Giovanni Briguglio

(Valerio Bernabo- Lock for Italy). Giovanni brings a bit of culture to the side, tries to take the field wearing his scarf, and I believe he has a coffee every morning for breakfast before school. Loves running onto the ball at speed and can chase down any opponent, when he wants to! Not afraid to voice his opinion.



Noa Stanley

(Matt Giteau). Noa is the business. Fast on his feet, always looking for the scoring opportunities and putting people through the gaps. Quiet achiever

James Gormly

(David Pocock) Spent most of last season in rehab for a broken elbow and has come back with a vengeance. Exceptional defence and loves running the ball up the guts. Another quiet achiever

Edward (Woody) Morgan

(Dane Haylett-Petty) Loves having a crack at it. Gets the ball tucked under the arm and goes for it. One to watch for 2017. Gives lots of input at team meetings.



U7 Maroons Report

by Saturday on-field coach Dave Lennox

It was a pleasure to be involved with such a good natured and enthusiastic group of kids. From the first game it was clear that the group were enjoying each other's company and would be a strong force on the field. The group was a mix of speed, defensive determination, skill, and general on-field awareness.

As the season progressed, it felt that the group needed more challenges. So we added a few things to both their attack and defence, just to give them more thinking to do.

In attack we introduced the 2-pass-rule (and some weeks 3) and also the 3-try-max rule. In defence, we introduced the 'back two', a 2nd line of defence with two kids alternating time at the back. In any case, some teams found it difficult to get through us to score their tries, which was really pleasing as this required long periods of concentration holding the other teams out, occasionally for 20+ tags.

This was a terrific mix of kids and I believe all of us (the kids and the parents) had a great time watching them play and enjoy themselves. Bring on Season 2017!!



Player Profiles

Declan Cohen

A very determined player who turns up ready to play every weekend. Handy in both attack and defence, he is a strong all-rounder with good skills who is very hard to chase once he reaches top-speed.

Sam De Alwis

Sam is an excitement machine. He moves like a panther and has the ability to change his angle of running without losing any pace, which leaves the opposition grabbing air. I think we could count on one hand how many times he got tagged this year. A strong understanding of the game and a highly entertaining player to watch.

Aiden Lee

Aiden is built for rugby. Powerful, fast, low centre of gravity and no sense of self-preservation. Halfway through the season it was clear that 'tagging' was no longer enough and he started using his arms and shoulders, at times making quite an impact. He will thrive in the heavier workload required with tackling and will spend a good chunk of his life in the middle of rucks and mauls.

Tom Lennox

A smart player who aims to make an impact in every game and loves being involved in every aspect of rugby. A good skillset and awareness of results in Tom making a strong contribution every week. Definitely ready to make the progression to the tackling game next year.



Billy Nicoletti

Billy was a pleasure to have on the field as he is genuinely keen to improve his skills each and every week. As the season progressed, he led the way in terms of his passing and general ball distribution. An excellent listener, he is going to get better and better.

Joel Salter

Joel improves with every game he plays and once he pins his ears back he left defenders behind. He runs a good straight line and found the try line regularly throughout the year. A good team player that was always listening and responding to the coach's request.



Otis Simington

A quiet but confident, well-liked and respected member of the side. He was often underestimated by the opposition, leading to him making long fast runs, often leading to tries. A very pleasant kid who was happy to do anything that was asked of him. One to watch in future seasons for sure!!

Alex Travlos

Another great listener who was one of the best improvers throughout the year. He is a smart defender who thwarted many opposition attacking raids by moving up very early in defence to make his tags. He loves getting his hands on the ball and is a genuine team-oriented player. Will be an asset again next season.





U7 White Report

Shammies under 7 White Team had a great year. It has been a privilege for me to coach the kids, preside over their weekend matches and watch them grow as individuals and a team. I have seen them develop on the foundations laid last year and have genuinely enjoyed the experience on the way. All the boys were itching to get some contact this year and thankfully they kept the aggression in check (mostly). Due to the departure of a key player during the season we were often aided by volunteers to make up numbers from other teams. These honorary white players were greatly appreciated and thanks to those boys who came back for a second game (Tom, Javier, Sam, Aiden, Rhys and any others I have forgotten).



Player Profiles

Liam Waterworth

Liam took on the role of winger a lot this year – although I get the sneaking suspicion he might want to play as a half back one day. Liam is dangerous when he hits his stride and sees open ground in front. He has an excellent step and is always keen to get involved in the game. Liam has scored some excellent tries and doesn't mind throwing a big dive in at the end to dazzle the crowd.

Riley Wilson

Riley rose to the occasion in his debut year in rugby and stepped up to become a solid defender. He works well with his team mates to hunt opponents and has found his confidence in running the ball up.

Ezekiel Barros

Ezekiel is another rookie in the game they play in heaven and he has firmly grasped the bull by the horns. His pace and willingness to get involved left many a team's defensive lines shaking their heads in disbelief. His move from AFL was a wise one and we hope it is permanent. I think he grabbed more tries than I had hot dinners this season.

Leo Riley-Smith

Leo is at home in the center of the action and his nous on the field promises a bright future ahead. With the tenacity of a Tassie Devil, once he gets the ball and sees the line he is hard to stop. Later in the season Leo developed a sort of shimmy of his head and then he would step and double step. I am still trying to work out whether this is a passing phase or a future mannerism he will carry forward.



Owen Lloyd-Jones

Owen has developed a bit more speed this season and is keen to run the ball up straight and hard. Picking up on loose ball from the “ruck” and driving forward leads me to think he may have a future as a flanker. His unselfish play later in the season has set up a few tries as he runs forward to draw defensive lines in and spreads the ball wide. I think he even got a couple of meat pies himself through the season.

Ollie Kelso

With his pace and agility Ollie continued to dazzle the opposition this year. Like a whirling dervish when he gets going there is no stopping him. I look forward to seeing him harness and channel his boundless energy next year.





U8

U8 Age Group Report

Simon Teong and Ryan Swerdlow (Coaches / Managers)

The 2016 Season for the u8's had a great start, with 20 players registering to allow us to run two teams.

Tackling was introduced this season and every player showed enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Every player gave their best effort during the season. Both of us were impressed with the effort from everyone!!

This year Petersham U8's took on 3 Drummoyne teams, 2 Wests teams, 2 Balmain teams and Canterbury. We were able to run out a full contingent for every game and where required, the kids readily backed up for another game, which really highlighted their eagerness, which was great to see.

Our early games were fantastic and the running skills from both teams were evident, with all players showing keenness to run with the ball in hand and target the try line. As coaches, we looked to mix the skill set across the two teams, so everyone could participate equally and learn from each other as the season progressed.

The passion for rugby was wonderful from all our players. The development during the season was evident watching our last few games. Our objective at the start of the season was to focus on tackling and this became our sole focus all season, as we looked to bring all players up the curve, by building their confidence and providing repetition in training to show they could make a tackle when they believed in themselves.

As the season progressed we found this approach was working and the tackling definitely improved, a great example being the third last game when the two teams played each other. There were a lot of after game comments regarding how well all had tackled given they knew each other. This highlighted the training over the year and shows that the basics are there and will develop as the players confidence does in years to come.

Toward the back of the season, another area emerged we needed to do more work on and that was at the breakdown. As other teams in the competition developed strongly in this area during the year, we found that their sole focus on disrupting the breakdown and looking to secure or steal the ball from us, were very effective and often saw us chasing break away runners. Toward the end, our new focus on this area started to show some great results and this is something that will be a key focus for the u9's next year.

In attack we continued to work with the players not to overcrowd each other on the field, share turns, always run forward, secure the possession and where possible, start to think about passing the ball. This was a constant strong point for both teams and we were really happy with their progress.

To all the parents, who were tremendous support for the kids, we hope that you are as proud of the teams and each of the players as we are. Thank you for all your assistance and words of support throughout the season.

We hope to see as many of you as we can next year! Thanks again to everyone for making the 2016 Petersham U8's season a special one.

Best in Rugby
Ryan & Simon





Player Profiles

Florence Ata

What a season from Flo, one of the strongest players in the u8 competition this year, both in attack and defence. Flo loves to get the ball in hand and take on the other team, often finding her way to the try line with evasive steps and angled running. In defence she was fearless, always putting her body on the line to make some explosive hits, many receiving cheers from the crowd watching. In 2016 we saw the Australian Women's Rugby Sevens win gold in Rio. In 2028 I think we may be seeing someone we know in that Team. Great season Flo, congratulations.

Max Blombery

Max came into his own this season, enjoying the physical aspect of tackling and getting into the rucks and mauls to get his hands on the ball. He was a great listener and we could tell he thoroughly enjoyed the team aspect and training/playing every week. He has found his calling in regard to a high work rate at the breakdown and his solid build will bode well for his future as a definite power house front rower or number 8.

Jack Cooper

Jack slotted into the u8's with ease this year and was a conscientious team member at both training and on game day. He quietly went about learning the trade, working hard at training and honing his tackling skills which in turn developed his confidence during the season. By the end of season, Jack was keen to be part of all aspects, scoring tries when available, making cover tackles using his speed and securing the ball at the breakdown as required. Well done Jack, a great first season with the Shammies.



William Chanter

Will was another of our quiet and determined team members, who developed well during the season. As his confidence grew, he became more active in contact, his tackling improved and he was keen to get the ball in hand for a run. Another good listener, he was a pleasure to coach and watch develop over the season. Looking forward to seeing Will continue his development in rugby as he will continue to improve in the future.

Eddie Harding

Eddie had a great season and was a pleasure to coach as we watched his skills develop. His attitude to the game was fantastic, his happy personality infectious and his confidence when running the ball and in defence was a pleasure to watch. Strong on the ball and a player who enjoyed the competition at the breakdown, Eddie has the makings of a great back rower in the future. Well done Eddie.

Elijah Hassan

Elijah had another solid season with the Shammies. One of the smaller players in the team, he bounced back from some big hits during the season and showed his strength of character and quiet determination. With lightning feet and a great step and swerve, he has the makings of a great winger. Congratulations on another solid season Elijah.

Milo Hershman

For his first season, Milo made quite an impression on the u8's competition this year. Whilst juggling his soccer games as well, Milo always made a fantastic impact, both at training and on game day. I am disappointed I missed the game he scored 6 tries (sorry mate), but enjoyed every moment of the others he regularly scored when he burst through the defence and ran the distance. Tackling also came naturally to Milo and he was often seen delivering a perfect "chop tackle" around the waist when he brought down the opposition. Congrats on a great season Milo, we are thinking next year, rugby can take preference over soccer....ha!



Jasper Jones

Another great season from Jasper. He turns up every week, ready to give his best, whether it's at training or on game day. He is eager to learn the game and is always thinking about his own play and how the game develops in front of him. A great runner with the ball, his best work was often done at the breakdown where he would hold up the opposition to create a maul, win our team the ball, or secure it from the opposition. A solid defender who is working on lowering his tackles, Jasper will be an asset to any Forward pack as his rugby career develops.



Liam Lenord

Another great season from Liam, this one being his fourth with the club. He was the quiet and mysterious leader this season, often taking charge on game day and leading from the front. He scored numerous tries, made fantastic cover tackles in the last line of defence and simply ripped the ball from the opposition to run away and score when he decided the time was right. He was easily one of the fastest players in the u8 competition and was always a pleasure to coach. Thanks for a great season Liam and we were thrilled to watch some of your best rugby this season. (Liam also played one game in the u9's and scored a double!)

Callum Pynt

It was great to see Callum's rugby skills develop this year and his confidence improve as he focused at training and wanted to improve his own skills. His ball running and passing improved dramatically from last season and he did not shy away from tackling and continually giving it a go, both at training and in the game. Well done.

Jonty Robinson

Jonty was one of our most independent team members this season, who always saved his best rugby for game day. Often training at this own pace during the week, when focused, he would show his skills on a Saturday, actively trying to win the ball at the breakdown, having a great run swerving through defenders or making a solid "chop tackle" in defence. Look forward to seeing his skills develop further in the future.



Samuel Rudd

Head and shoulders above most other players Sam has some issues getting his body height down. However that didn't stop him running away for a try on multiple occasions. He has solid game awareness often making covering tackles. Always attentive at training a pleasure to coach Sam had a great season with the Shammies this year.

Dashiell Ryerson

Dash started the season a few weeks in and looked shy and innocent. He quickly shed that and started to join in with his fellow team mates, keen to run the ball at training and on a Saturday. He also showed skill at training in the clean out and got involved in the breakdown and helping other team mates tackling on a Saturday.

Mitchell Smit

Mitch showed great enthusiasm for rugby this year at training, always keen to learn and showing improvement. When he was close to the action either at training or on a Saturdays he always had a go with the ball in hand or trying for a tackle. Towards the end of the season we were pleased to see Mitch in the middle of a few rucks and Mauls.

Oskar Swerdlow

Oskar is a seasoned rugby player this being his fourth season. He appeared to enjoy every aspect of the game this year, both in attack and defence. He quickly adjusted to tackling and often went low, looking to deliver the perfect "chop tackle", which he achieved on more than one occasion. Toward the end of the season he excelled in the ruck and maul, actively cleaning out and looking every bit the future back rower. Congrats on another great season.



Willem Teong

A seasoned player now Will was skilful in attack this season scoring on plenty of occasions even sneaking a few down the blindside. He has true game awareness and looks to make the most of this every time he has the ball in hand, finding weakness in the defensive line. Will is a true back and likes to stay out of the thick of it but made a few great tackles this season. Another solid season from Will a real pleasure to coach.

Adam Wilkins

Adam played up a grade this year. He didn't look out of place at all and showed great concentration at training and often asked some very good questions about the game. Always keen to run the ball and make a tackle or get involved in the breakdown. Really looking forward to watching Adam progress in his rugby career.

Jemima Zoud

Another great season from Jemima this year, she stood out with her high work rate and enthusiasm. She had no issue fending the opposition off and scoring the odd try and was very keen to tackle or get in the thick of it in a ruck or maul, often being our best in that area of the game. A pleasure to coach, we enjoyed watching her develop throughout the season.





U9

Petersham Junior Rugby 2016

U9 Age Group Report

Martin Davies, Rom de Alwis, Dan Waterworth (coaches) and Julie Wheway (manager)

As happens each year 2016 saw a farewell to some old faces and the introduction to Shammies rugby for some new ones for the Under 9's. As a club we are very fortunate to have kids playing who advocate to their friends to come and join up and enjoy rugby with us.

In 2016, we had a squad of 24 players who we divided into two teams, Maroons and Blues. The teams were divided along the same lines as last year – two teams of roughly equal capabilities with friends and schoolmates playing together where possible.

As a squad, we had a very successful Under 8 season and as coaches we probably expected to carry that success with us into Under 9's. The implication of the extra players on the pitch and a year more maturity meant that the game changed a great deal between 8's and 9's though and our early season wasn't as successful as we might have liked. However, the boys worked hard and kept their heads up and as the season progressed, the results flowed, leaving both teams in the top half of the draw if the results were to be tabled.

We've attempted to play nominated positions this year and have challenged the kids to take on more leadership within their teams, which resulted in a seamless transition when the coaches were banished from the field at the mid-point of the season. This was a great relief to the coaches who were probably more nervous than the kids in the end!

It's a reflection on the kids and their attitude that they responded in the way they did and we're very impressed with their attitude and the improvements made throughout the squad. They should all be very proud of their achievements this year and we look forward to the continued development that Under 10's will bring.



U9 Blue Report

By Martin Davies

The Blues were a mixture of old and new faces this year, with some boys playing their 4th season with the Shammies and some their 1st. We had very strong forwards, excellent inside backs, great pace in the outside backs and the best cover defender in the competition.

The boys played each week with great spirit and determination, their parents and club should be proud to be represented by players of such integrity and commitment.

The early season struggles were more representative of the coaches than the players and once the coaches established drills and tactics to counter the skills and training of their opposition, the boys began to get the results their efforts deserved.

TEAM AWARDS

- **Best Player** - Max Kelso
- **Most improved** - Noa James
- **Best and Fairest** - Lucas Kohen & Spencer Davies





Player Profiles

Dominic Cheng

Packs enormous strength into a relatively small package, Dom is our first choice hooker for the Blues. He hooked the scrums and threw our line-out whenever he was on the field. His ball carrying and defence is strong and his clean out and support play excellent. A man of few words, he has grown into a very effective communicator on the field.

Jasper Cohen

Jasper has the most fluid running style and uses it to great effect to get outside his man. His defence this year has been a revelation and he is working hard at the clean out when needed. Scores freely and looks a natural winger for the future.

Oscar Cummins

Oscar has gained a great deal of physical strength and confidence in himself this year and his game is showing the benefits. Works hard around the field in defence and support and provides a different point of attack for the back line. His tackling has improved fantastically and he is a focused and thoughtful player on the field.

Oscar Dance

Our halfback and captain for the Blues, Oscar is a knowledgeable footballer and great leader around the field. He communicates with the referees well and organizes the team very effectively. Has had some excellent runs with the ball this year and he will defend against anyone reliably. Oscar addressed a mid-season glitch in confidence and came back to the quality of play we have come to expect.



Spencer Davies

Spencer found his physical confidence this year and his defence has grown to be fantastic, regularly scything down much larger players. Plays back up halfback and hooker or plays the fly half/inside centre channel. He carries bravely into contact and lays back very well for good continuity. Scored a few tries with typically mazy runs but has been seen bumping defenders off this year as well.

Samuel Gimenez-McAlpine

Sam is a very strong individual and props one side of our scrum beautifully. He epitomizes the spirit we want to see on the field and keeps on going all game. Has been seen carrying most of an opposition team down the field with the ball in hand and scored some wonderful forward's tries. With his speed and power Sam looks destined for the back row and with the increased numbers in Under 10's will get a run at number 8 next year.

Noa James

Noa plays rugby with absolute commitment and determination. He's one of those players who flicks a switch when he walks on the field. Noa has shown excellent improvement in all aspects of his game and is as ferocious a competitor on the field as he is a nice guy off it. Combines beautiful footwork and speed in attack with great defence and slots into halfback when required. Will have to wait a couple more years, but when we get to field flankers, the 7 is his.

Aston Lebler

The leader of our forward pack, Aston props the other side of our scrum. Like his partner in the front row, Asto is a very strong player, loves the contact and can carry the opposition with him ball in hand. After a summer of cricket last year he came back with great hands and can pop a great pass out of contact. He has worked hard on his cleanout this year and is strong in the tackle, he is learning when to hold his passes and has grown into a very hard but disciplined footballer.



Max Kelso

Player of the year for the Blues, without Max we would be seriously down on attack. He has a great eye for the ball and scores freely against all but the best teams. This year Max has been working on passing and has put some other players away with some beautiful ball. As a team we'll need to work on our one on one defence for next year and Max is no exception, but with a few tweaks he'll be an excellent competitor in the centres for years to come.

Lucas Kingham

New to rugby this year from soccer, Lucas had a lot of ground to cover to learn the intricacies and physicality of rugby. He has done tremendously well to adapt to the contact game and will benefit from the experience of his first season. He has worked hard on his breakdown this season and is working on his tackling. Next season we hope to see more of Lucas running with the ball on a more open field so he gets to experience the open running rugby game that will suit him better than the tight game we're having to play in under 9's.

Lucas Kohen

Lucas is a devastating runner, fantastic at the breakdown and technically the best cover defender we see in this competition. He runs great lines, has excellent body position at the breakdown and is consistently among our best on field. As the season has progressed he has gained maturity and has grown into a leader on the field through his actions. When Lucas plays well he lifts the other boys with him with the confidence he gives them. We look forward to seeing him running from fullback in broken play over the next few years to really showcase the player he is.

Jonny Nolan

Jonny loves playing rugby with the Shammies and is growing in confidence over time. This season has been tough one with the nature of the contact the boys have had to make and be subject to and that can be a bit daunting to some of the smaller kids. Jonny is learning to take and make the contact and has made good progress with his defence this season. He is working consistently in support at the breakdown and is an enthusiastic and popular player in the squad, enjoying the camaraderie the team and rugby gives him.



U9 Maroons Report

by Rom de Alwis

The Mighty Maroons had a fantastic season this year as they negotiated the IWMC competition with some great running rugby. Coming up against Balmain in the initial games eased us into our season and from there the team were able to lift off and match it with the best.

Facing Drummoyne this year showed the team that to be successful the break down was going to be essential. Some hard lessons were learnt from the initial games, which enabled the Maroons to come back at Drummoyne in the return games later in the season. The Maroons were able to blow one of their teams off the park, much to their surprise, and were more than competitive with their other team.

Against Wests, the powerhouse of the IWMC U9's competition, the Maroons were able to keep with them in the first half only to falter over the line near the end, but the game was highly entertaining, with lots of terrific running rugby on display.

The Maroons' magnificent defence this year when combined with their newly learned clean out skills was a thing of beauty and opposing teams were often amazed at how the Maroons were able to turn over ball and score points. After almost every game I had the opposition coach commend the team on how well we played the game (with some saying we were the best they had played). It is a great credit to the team that they were able to take skills from the training paddock and then execute them on game day seamlessly. Maroons, I'm so proud of you - you all had a brilliant season!

TEAM AWARDS

- **Best Player** - Hugh Trafford-Jones
- **Most improved** - Henry Lacey
- **Best and Fairest** - Ben Wilson & Zeke de Alwis





Player Profiles

Oliver Boulos

With fantastic speed and acceleration Ollie was able to bend opposition defence lines with ease. He never gave up the chase in defence, always pushing the opposition to make the last pass. In the ruck he was able to win plenty of ball for maroons.

Zeke de Alwis

With his trademark hard hitting defence, Zeke left many attackers battered and bruised and was able to nullify most opposition attack. With ball in hand he showed great evasive skills to score plenty of tries and was the master of escorting many an opposition player to the sideline.

Ewan Gleeson

“Gleeso” put his hand up to play hooker this year and was able to control the set piece to perfection. Strong in the tackle Ewan was also a master of the ruck earning many maul turnovers for the maroons. At the breakdown he enjoyed the pick and drive and relished the clean out.

Henry Lacey

Pound for pound the strongest and hardest hitter of the maroons forwards. Henry only started playing rugby this season but played like he had been with us since the beginning. He loved the tackle contest and would throw himself into defence. With ball in hand he would rarely be stopped, leaving defenders in his wake.



Finn Meisner

Mr Jet Boots, Finn's low and strong running style was terrific to watch. He busted many a tackle to the try line and kept the maroons in the contest during the season. A natural ball runner, he loved using the open space to his advantage.

Cooper Scelzi

With an excellent running style, Cooper would always punch the maroons up the field. He showed great power to help the forwards dominate the ruck.

Xavier Schmidt

The quiet achiever, Xavier showed great strength to break tackles and bust defences wide open throughout the season. His backline defence kept the maroons line intact. He relished the physical stuff sometimes even seeking it out as he kept the maroons always moving forward.

Campbell Skuodas

The smiling assassin, Cam was the ultimate team player who put everything into the game. He is well on the way to becoming a magnificent 2nd rower. His strength at the breakdown helped the maroons turn over some great ball. He stole many metres in attack with his quick thinking and put the team in some great field position.

Hugh Trafford-Jones

The hard hitting, strong running captain of the maroons showed how to lead on the field with his actions. Impossible to be held in the tackle he showed great speed and skill to evade many a defender and score a ton of tries. His unrelenting "never give up" attitude always kept the maroons in the hunt.

Mannix Ung

Mannix was a dynamo this year and was able to play either back or forward with ease. With a deceptive running style that always broke the first tackle he was always there in support, either at the ruck or in defence. He stole plenty of ball from the opposition and consistently put the maroons in a fantastic position.



Tom Waterworth

A wily halfback in the making, Tom was able to regularly snipe from the back of the ruck and put the maroons in a great position up field. His dependable service from the base of the ruck provided the team with a fantastic platform.

Hayden Wilson

Hayden was able to effortlessly move from the backs or forwards to fill any position. An excellent half back in the making, he loved throwing cut out passes to keep the opposition guessing. In defence he would always put his body on the line to stop defenders in their tracks.

Ben Wilson

The colossus of the Maroons forward pack, Ben smashed and bashed his way forward for the maroons and barged over for many great tries. His break down and clean out work with his two other front row partners was a thing of beauty to watch.





U10

U10 Age Group Report

Ben Stephens (Coach) and Dave Lennox (Manager)

2016 looked promising from the start with a balance of old heads and new ones keen to join the Under 10's. From the first training session it was obvious that there was a lot of enthusiasm to play our first year of competition rugby and that there were also the skills to back it up.

From the first game the boys showed that they have the makings of a great team. The coach's fear of not being able to adapt to playing the full length of the field was quickly dismissed as they ran in more than 10 tries on their first outing to win handsomely and eventually get promoted a division after 4 games. The winning trend continued and after 7 rounds we were undefeated in our division. This trend was halted by the top of the table team Wests, who gave us our first (narrow) defeat. We were lucky enough to play the rest of the regular season without a loss and ended up 2nd on the table going into the finals.

As the confidence and skills improved throughout the season, the reason for the team's success was due to the team work that was being produced. The forwards have excelled by showing their support in the ruck and general fight for possession. The backs have been passing along the line and finding the gaps in general play. All players on the field have a genuine thirst for improving their skills and helping each other succeed.

A narrow loss in the first semi-final was a tough end, but takes nothing away from the season we enjoyed. The respect and politeness that every single boy has shown myself and each other throughout the season makes my job easy. I have never heard 'thank you' as much as I do on Tuesday nights and Sunday mornings. Whenever one of the boys scores a try, kicks a goal or makes an effort in anything they do, there is genuine support and encouragement shown from their team mates. There are lots of laughs and fun along the way and I hope that all the boys enjoy it as much as I do.

The team is anchored by the parents and the fact that every single family (siblings included) is willing to help out and support in any way that is required. The kids are simply a reflection of their parents, who are not only polite but a lot of fun to be around. Thanks to everyone involved - I am already looking to next season.





Player Profiles

Aston Pynt

Rarely seen due to him usually being in the middle of the ruck, Aston uses his natural strength to drive over and secure the ball. A friend to all on his team and kind of heart, this is never seen by the opposition!

Brendan Bennett

With the size and strength of a bull and a hunger for the ball, he happily takes it to the opposition head on. The 'prankster' of the team, although you wouldn't know it when he is on the paddock.

Hugh Crakanthorp

A rugby brain exceeding his years allows Hugh to always position himself effectively to ensure that possession is secured and games are won. A true team member who puts his heart and body on the line every week.

Fletcher Gill

The animal instinct is strong in this one. Always motivated and striving to win, he is always first to the breakdown, to take the tap and to generally 'take it up' to the opposition. Take him off and his first question is 'can I go back on now'.

Jack Lennox

When the confidence is strong, Jack will take it to the best of them. With ball in hand he uses his strength to bust through the opposition and make valuable yards. A winger at heart, but a skilled forward in all other ways.



Riley Davison

Anyone watching Riley would think he has been playing for years. His commitment to his role in the tight five by always clearing out, knowledge of the game and facing up to any foe make him a valuable member of the team.

Andrew Lyons

The agility of Andrew shows in his game every week. Quick to pick up the ball, find a gap and tackle anything that is put in front of him. A truly versatile player that every team needs and every team wants.

Siaosi Mahe

The step, the swerve, the speed, he has it all. Siaosi shows his natural ability every week on the paddock and has the passion and drive to make it happen. Give him space and he's off – and always with a smile on his face.

Maddox Oddy

The boy tackles like a man possessed and will take on any challenge. A natural playmaker who can see the play before it happens and has an amazing right boot to boot. A little cheeky, yes, but plays a great game.

Ned Wadland

Year one as a rugby player and has really found his calling. With some great handling skills, Ned has managed to make his mark as an illusive ball runner that can also tackle as good as anyone.

Harry Stephens

With the ability to always find a gap and make ground from anywhere on the paddock, Harry is becoming a very illusive player who is eager to get on the paddock every week. Step, pass and tackle are all part of his everyday skills.

Owen Lenord

With ball in hand and a little space, no one can catch Owen. From looking at this calm mannered outside back, you would think nothing of it, but give him the ball in hand or if a chase is on, you would back him to score a try every time.

Julius Otunuku

They say actions speak louder than words and not a truer phrase could be spoken about Julius. For his first year playing rugby he has shown he has it all. Strength to bust through, speed to burn and the biggest smile on the paddock!



Maran Petkovich

A true utility player who is happy to play any position and will excel at it. A strong ball carrier and fierce competitor for the ball in all situations. To see Maran charging at you would be a scary sight for most men.

Jules Holland

A player who has come leaps and bounds at the back end of the season, Jules has hidden speed that is just waiting to be unleashed. With ball in hand he has shown he can swerve and avoid the opposition in any situation.

Harry Wadland

A character as entertaining as his brother and determination to match the best. For a new rugby head, you would think that he has been playing for years with his vision to read the play and react in a split second.

Josh Chen

The quiet achiever who not only has the speed and strength to break through and breeze past the opposition, but also has the defence of a brick wall. Whether in attack or defence he is the one you want in your back line.

George Cook

Although one of the most polite people you will ever meet, he is always keen to get into the thick of the action and never takes a backward step. Always one of the first to clear out, he is a true team player and a true gentleman.





U11

Petersham Junior Rugby 2016

U11 Age Group Report

Michael Chanter (Coach) and Lani Frew (Manager)

Our season started with a video message from Michael Cheika for our first game who said “All right, here I am supporting the Shammies for tonight’s match Under 11’s versus Canterbury. All the best lads and enjoy the game.” It seemed to lift the team as each member contributed significantly to start the season with a great win. This first game also set the tone for the season ahead for a fantastic supporter base in parents and friends – some obviously very passionate with lots of positive coaching from the sidelines!

The diversity of the Friday night comp – 12 teams (although they all seemed to be called Clovelly or Coogee!) - provided some amazing moments (and wins) as well as some challenging ones (and losses). What remained consistent throughout the season though was the strength of each boy’s character and passion for playing their best and working hard for each other for the full 40 minutes.

The U11’s saw individuals and teamwork grow as the season went on as well as the development of a strong, committed forward pack who often set great platforms for our centres to bust through the gain line and deliver the ball to our dynamic backs. Parents and supporters were spoilt with some amazing rugby, particularly try saving tackles and really physical games where our boys held their own in every time.

We had a number of highlights throughout the season including four of our boys making the squad for Sydney Uni’s U11’s who won 4 of their 5 games. We also had a number of firsts that deserve recognition:

- First game of rugby ever: Max Christie, Oliver Hershman, Milo Hilferty, Riley Armstrong
- First time playing for Petersham: Dante Zappacosta, Richard Hunt, Charlie Glennon, Felix O’Donnell
- First time captain: Lipina Ata led the boys from the front showing grit, determination and sportsmanship
- First time coaching team: Michael Chanter leading a great team of coaches in Karl Cope, Paul Pollard and Paul Cartwright
- First time managing: Me! assisted significantly by husband Paul



With many home games during the season, we all certainly embraced the social side of rugby with great spreads of snacks and drinks supplied by all parents throughout the season which made side-line support very civilised. We also went to watch Waratahs play (and cornered Tatafu Polata Nau for a selfie), hung out at West Village Hotel a few times supporting our meat raffle coordinators and to watch the Wallabies vs England test, and had a couple of post-game pizza nights. One special moment was seeing a number of our boys leading the Petersham Club out in the Junior Club Match Past at Allianz Stadium.





The support of all the parents and our player's siblings was very much appreciated – it was amazing at the preparedness of everyone to help out (including bringing half time oranges and clean jerseys as well as the occasional sideline first aid) and to be there cheering on the boys. Special acknowledgement goes out to Paul Cartwright who tirelessly led the set up team for all ten of our home games – hunting down keys to the toilets, lost goal pads and untangling sideline ropes!



A massive thank you to our coach Michael who put his heart and soul into the boys this season: taking the time to know and understand each boy, talking to them one on one before each game, focusing training around the team's week to week development needs, singing loudly with the boys the Shammie Song to celebrate their wins and feeling deeply with them all as they dealt with every loss.

Although our game is about the team, we had a point system to recognise individual's achievements in each game.

This year I also asked each player to vote on a Player's Player Award which deservedly went to Lipina Ata, the team's Captain. Lipina was also Michael and my choice for the U11's Petersham 1883 Award and he topped our team's tables in terms of Players of the Match Points and Most Points Scored for the Season.

The boys deserve huge congratulations for all the spirit in which they played all season – true Shammie boys. I am extremely honoured to have been involved with such a great bunch of boys who time and time again did us proud every time they hit the turf and I am very grateful to all the parents and families who provided massive support to the team and the coaching team week in and out. The 2017 season is going to be really exciting – I can't wait!





Player Profiles

Riley Armstrong

Riley is playing his first season and has embraced the challenge of getting stuck in as a front row piggy. Riley has made huge strides in understanding the dark arts of prop, and his strength and size have been a great asset. We look forward to seeing his smiling face and positive mindset to the pitch next year.

Lipina Ata

Lipina has been a titan all season. No one can question his commitment in all aspects of the game, and his understanding of the game shows that he has a natural rugby brain. For all his talents, his most impressive trait is his selfless dedication to the team, which has made him a popular player and worthy captain. He encourages those around him, and leads to the team tactics.

Eric Carney

An undoubted talent in the midfield, Eric has made fantastic contributions in both attack and defence. He has a great understanding of the game, and has made good progress in his role as a ball distributor in five eight and the centres. As the season has progressed, Eric's vision has seen a lot more ball to the outside backs, which was a weakness for the team early in the season. The result has been a lot more width and tries on the outside.

Joshua Cartwright

Josh is a workhorse in the ruck who also brings power and pace in the loose. When he hits the paddock in the mood to play he is a damaging ball runner and one of our strongest defenders. Josh's confidence on the pitch reflects the improvement in all aspects of his play, both set piece and in the loose.

Thomas Chanter

A handy player in the centres who plays like a loose forward, Tom has shown good talent at making yards through traffic, and is reliable at getting the ball over the advantage line. He has improved his commitment in defence as the season has progressed, and his pace in combination with Lipina and Eric provides an extra dimension. With a bit of off-season work on his catch and pass, he will become a solid utility player for next year, and perhaps a good back row addition next year when we add the flankers.

Max Christie

Max brings a natural talent to the field, and has won a lot of accolades from his team mates for his contribution in only his first year playing. This has been epitomised in his fearless embrace of contact in both defensive and attack. We all look forward to watching him improve his scrum base skills, as he looks like a natural number 9.

Mitchell Cope

Mitch has natural pace and skills, and looks at home on the wing and outside centre. When he has been given opportunities to get involved in attack, he has been a handful for opposition defenders, and he has steadily improved over the season as more ball has hit the outside backs. The team has under-utilised his skills this season, and we look forward to seeing him flying down the wing with ball in hand more next year.



Charlie Glennon

Charlie does everything with maximum passion, and has stepped into number 9 this year with no experience and done a great job. He has been fantastic at being unselfish and taking the team tactics out onto the field. Charlie is combative in the close stuff and it has been a pleasure to watch him grow in confidence and enthusiasm.

Adam Hassen

Adam has a great ability to make yards with the ball in traffic and in space, and has been a little underutilised this season in the outside backs. When he has sought to become involved, he has been a great contributor in attack. He has also shown improved commitment in defence, and should become a good cover defender as his tackling develops.

Kaiden Hassen

Kaiden is enthusiastic in everything he does, and has been a great team player that genuinely enjoys seeing the team succeed. When he comes into the game switched on, he is a busy player, and is now a solid backup hooker for Isaac. As Kaiden settles into a position he will grow in skills and confidence next year.

Oliver Hershman

Oli started his first season with enthusiasm, and has improved out of sight over the year as he has become accustomed to the contact side of the game. He is still finding his position, but has become more and more involved, and is starting to look at home in the outside backs. His positive attitude, natural pace and strength and ability to take direction will see him take big strides if he persists with the game.

Milo Hilferty

Milo has really thrown himself into his first season of rugby, and as the season has progressed, he has gravitated towards the forwards. His enthusiasm has never flagged, and his involvement has improved tremendously as he has understood the game and embraced his opportunities on the pitch. He has shown great willingness to learn, and a commitment to always be at training (including riding his bike to get there!). Milo has a great future as he develops his skills next year.



Richard Hunt

Rich joined the team halfway through the season, and has been a solid contributor at lock. The go-to man in the lineout, his natural height and speed is a natural asset to the side. As he grows in confidence, and recognises his own size, he will become a consistent leader in the forwards.

Felix O'Donnell

Felix has been Mr Reliable in the second row engine room. He loves his rugby, and always turns up ready to compete in the tight. He is also a positive voice who encourages his teammates, which is a great example.

Ryan Palmer

Ryan (the enforcer) Palmer has been a colossus in trucking up the ball and getting to the breakdown to support the rest of the team. He is a fearsome tackler, and wears his (all-black) heart on his sleeve and 99% of the time that is a huge asset to the team. When he is able to channel his strength and willpower, he is unstoppable, and there is no doubt we wouldn't have won games without his massive work rate around the park.

Lucas Pollard

Lucas is a quiet achiever and a tough competitor who won't take a step backward, and has been another workhorse in the second row. Like Josh and Richard, he has a good turn of pace and knows how to make yards through the traffic. He has shown that when things get tough, he is tough enough to mix it, and he always shows great heart and commitment. As he grows in confidence, he will be a formidable second and back row player.

Dante Zappacosta

Dante (wrecking ball) Zappacosta, the one man Roman column (a Newington joke). When Dante truly understands his strength, he will be unstoppable, and we will stop doing tackling pads with him. He has been a great counterpart to Lipina and Ryan in trucking the ball up, and making some teeth rattling tackles. He has a bright and muddy future in the front row.

Isaac Zoud

Isaac (energiser bunny) Zoud, our first pick hooker, is a great running forward, and his confidence in the set-piece means we have won many tight heads and our share of lineouts, and we missed him when he took a break mid-season. His second-phase support work is also a feature of his play. He has made a habit of being johnny on the spot behind Ryan, Lipina and Dante to pick and run, and knows his way to the chalk. If he keeps up his scoring rate, I will have to move him to centres!





U12



U12 Blues Report

**Adam Dunn, Stu Russell, Simon Cook, Hugh Clark (Coaches)
David Harris (Manager)**

What a great bunch we have! Comedians, entrepreneurs, raconteurs, part devil, part angel ; and I speak of the parents, coaches and managers!

Simon 'Cookie' Cook, Stu 'Rusty' Russell & I were privileged to again coach the team known as u/12 Shabby Blue's. Our boys, week in week out were giving away at least 30 kilos, sometimes 80-100kgs in the scrum, but never conceded. The courage and commitment these guys showed during games was an inspiration to all the families that came along to watch our Friday night games, including our opposition. A fellow coach we played this year called to me say that is 'we had a bit of size we'd be unbeatable, that we were "well organised, skilful and full of heart"'.

We played some terrific games, outstanding rugby, in both wet and dry conditions. One of the highlights for me was the style of play the lads were able to play one week, then change for the next. The handling in the wet, with the come-from-behind victory vs Clovelly was outstanding, the toughness in contact and execution of the game plan vs Menai just 2 weeks ago was a defining moment of the season for mine, where all the boys did themselves proud and stayed in the contest with a 5-all second half going down by 17 (this team wins by 50 most weeks).

Eight lads were selected to play in the rep team this year and they carried themselves on and off the paddock with a manner that was recognised by many, not least of which was the coach.

We hope to see you back next year when we move to a graded comp on Sundays, with brilliant home ground facilities that the Shammies deserve.

Yours in Rugby,
Adam 'Dunny' Dunn





Player Profiles

Starting with the forwards:

Sam 'Da Man' Roediger (Prop & Syd Uni)

Super at everything, a dream to coach and so clever on the ball.

Harry Russell (Prop, 2nd Row)

Asked every week to play pro and prefers the row. Tough & direct, a better scrummager than he knows.

Aedan 'The Bull' Thompson (Hooker)

The Bull made hooker his role with great scrummaging, a low engagement, and terrific defence in close. Proud of your development, run more with the ball you unit!

Mikey 'Mad man' Hassen (Prop)

Nothing like a mad man charge and the grin that comes with it. Top lad, you're stronger than you think.

Olly 'Mighty Mouse' Clark (Hooker, Openside & Syd Uni)

Mighty tough and a cracker of a game vs Menai.

Reuben 'The Bus' Palmer (2nd row, #8, Prop & Syd Uni)

Our wall, then the ball runner in the 2nd half of games, brilliant! The Bus came back from reps an improved player for his mates.

Thomas 'Big Red' Kilburn (2nd Row)

3-points in the last match of the year, a stand-out. Close to first picked every week for his toughness. Solid and would have played reps if available.



Ryan 'Junior' Gleeson (2nd Row & 6)

Technically one of the best we have, gives away about 20 kilos to other 2nd Rowers, but nothing in technique.

Fletcher 'The Axe' Hunt (2nd Row & Blindside)

First year of rugby, but wouldn't know it, a stack of natural talent. Tough tackler and look forward to his development.

Thomas 'The Bachelor' Maclean (#8, Blindside, 2nd Row, Fullback & Syd Uni)

A future Waratah. Devastating ball runner and huge engine, never gives up and asked to play numerous positions without complaint. Proud.

Alex 'The Knife' Keys (Openside)

Year one as a Shammy and we are so happy he chose us. Clinical in defence, chopping much larger lads down. Our ruck was worse off when he left the field.

Oliver 'Big man' Mahoney (2nd Row)

Became a Shammy late, but made a great impact with some tough defence. Looking forward to a full year in 2017

The Backs:

Conor 'the Lad' Dunn (Scrum Half, Fullback & Syd Uni)

Brave, clever and tough. Holds this middle together like nobody else. Great under the high-ball and plays out of his preferred position to keep his coach happy.

James 'Jimmy' McGregor (5/8th, Inside centre & Syd Uni)

Our very own future Scottish International and skipper, he runs, kicks, tackles & passes with more natural talent than most across this competition, and a great lad to boot.

Jonas 'Joey' Cook (5/8th, Inside Centre & Syd Uni)

Fast and uncompromising. Never stops running and leads our line up in D. Played a lot of 10 this year and released the backs well.



Kyle 'the Kat' Ritchie (Outside Centre, Wing, Fullback & Syd Uni)

Harder to catch than a cat after a big feed, a brilliant runner, with a swerve you have to see and technically a brilliant defender. More to come from 'the Kat' next year I am sure!

Max 'Mustard' Harris

Super keen is young Mustard, a lad that's a pleasure to coach, and never shirks contact. he'll be closer to the ball next year to get more of those great tackles away.

Zach 'The Wonder' Zoud (Wing)

So quick, so very quick, probably our quickest, we'd love to see more of it. Some nice D as we finished the year from a great young lad.

Thomas 'Wheels' Mahoney (wing)

I like a big winger with wheels and you are unit and had a great debut game. Arriving late with your brother 'Big Man, we hope to see you and your mates next year.

Edson 'the Animal' Whattam (Syd Uni / Fullback, Centre)

Year one of hopefully many! Such a skilful and tough player. One of our smartest, and comes with a great attitude.



U12 Maroons Report

Nik Treharne, Tim Greville, Michael Crawford (Coaches) and Joanne Bacic (Manager)

U12 Maroons - A team forged from stalwarts from last year's U11s, U10s and a bunch of players new to Petersham and new to rugby. Cohesion was a concern for the coaching team to say the least. How to put together a team with so many variables?

The start of our 2016 season was hard, with face-ups against top-tier teams. The first four games were undeniably tough. Despite this, the boys really came together as a team, as their individual skills, understanding of the game and of each other improved. Getting plenty of game-time really made the boys feel part of something and helped them gel as a team. In addition, as the season drew on, so dawned the realisation that whilst individual efforts are important, working as a team is the key to success. The wins we enjoyed were a fitting testament to the team's skills and potential to play exciting rugby.

Despite those early losses the team never lost enthusiasm, and positives could be drawn from every game. This, for me, really stoked my enjoyment of coaching these boys, and some victories started to accrue. The boys found themselves in the Plate Grand Final facing The Wahroonga Tigers on a sunny Father's Day and what a fantastic end to the season it was! The boys knew the magnitude of the situation and that a big effort was needed and that's what they brought to the game!

They worked as a cohesive unit and not only did they step up to the challenge, they took the ball with two hands...ran and ran... and boy did they run... and pass... and tackle... and clean out and played out of their skins for their greatest display of rugby all year.

The final score was 36-12 and although the victory was very sweet, the best part of the match was how all the boys relied on each other and played as a team. It was also a great showcase of the skills that they developed during the season. The boys have come a long way and they made all of their coaches and parents incredibly proud. As coaches we are eagerly looking forward to what this team can achieve in the 2017.

I'm really looking forward to next year when we build on the great beginnings we have made as a team. I also look forward to belting out the team song a few more times next year!

Thanks to all the boys, have a great off season.





Player Profiles

Enzo Farren-Price

Came to us as a winger, very early on found his home in the outside centre, he relished being closer to the action and always faced up to his opponents. A good quick and straight runner. Great at breaking the tackle, and making good metres.

Levi Goto

New to Petersham, new to rugby! Took to it like he was born to it. We weren't sure how he would deal with the contact, but our fears were quickly dispelled as he threw himself into the tackle on many occasions. Pace and go-forward made him an indispensable fullback. With more experience he will do really well.

Finn Harding

Came up a year, stepped up a gear! Our half back and goal kicker. His delivery improved with every game and his insight made him a great asset around the scrum. His harshest critic? Himself.

Sammy Hassan

First five, his natural position! His hands safe as houses, his pass and a good insight to what plays out in front of him, Sammy led our team with the kick off, comfortable in making tackles, great at running the ball and also taking the ball forward over the gain line.

Sam Hercock

New to Petersham, but you could certainly see that he knew what the game was all about. Notable is his pace onto the ball and ability to force through the opposition. A good solid tackler, a great straight runner and an asset the team really appreciates.



Jacob Kelly

Our league convert. Took to the game like a duck to water. He became our half because of his distribution to the backs. He has good solid defence around the rucks and mauls, and his enthusiasm and willingness to learn made him a pleasure to coach.

Hugh MacMaster

Another noob to Petersham, came with great enthusiasm and speed. In the first few games was a bit stand offish especially in the tackle but once he made his first good tackle he knew his place on the field. Still impresses me when I remember some of the tackles he's pulled off.

Kye Martin

The old hand in the back line! His experience in the team was indispensable - he made his home at inside centre where he straightens the line and always make metres. Bit of a larrikin at training but when he takes to the field on game day it's all focus to the task at hand. Able to cover any spot on the back line.

Tyler Ndhlovu

Yet another new lad to Petersham. Wasn't too sure where he wanted to play, I'm glad I was able to snick him away from the forwards. Slotted in very comfortably at the wing. Has great pace, very willing to take advice, listen and action it. A bit unsure about tackling in the early season, but once he worked it out he excelled. Only going to get better and better.

Tommy Treharne

Tommy came up an age to play with the Sunday team and brought a wealth of experience with him! Made his home at the first receiver with his ability to marshal the backs, his distribution and sight took the team forward. His amazing ability to step off either boot made you wonder how he managed to get as far as he did through heavy traffic. I look forward to seeing him get better with every season.

Oscar Greville

Oscar is one of the boys who came up from the U11s and has found a comfortable home in 12's. He is strong in both defence and attack and creates opportunities with his twisting and driving runs. Oscar has been versatile and has played prop, second row and flanker while helping out the Friday night team.



Finnigan Hercus

A thoughtful player, who was a little bit stand offish at the start of the season but developed heaps and became really handy around the breakdown. He is also a team player who helped set-up a number of tries. It was enjoyable to watch his rugby develop, including his balance in the scrum.

Frankie Davies

Another U11s import, Frankie is a tenacious player who is always where the opposition doesn't want him to be. He's a great tackler and a powerhouse at the back of the ruck and maul. That combined with his deceptive running and his style of thinking man's rugby made him a versatile package again this year.

Declan Oddy

A great utility and support player will slot in anywhere without a moment's hesitation. Second row no problem, Prop no problem, hooker no problem. His versatility saved us on a number of occasions, particularly when it looked like we were staring into the abyss of uncontested scums. Also great body height and stance/balance in the scrum to boot.

Billy Graham

Billy is a play maker and a hard runner with a great low centre of gravity. He is quite deceptive with his power, and is also formidable in the ruck and maul. His tackling improved greatly throughout the season and he was able to make a number of try-saving tackles. On top of this he is very thoughtful at training.

Quillan Ung

Is a formidable asset to any team and plays very aggressively with his heart on his sleeve. He is very powerful in the hard stuff and he has an uncanny ability to fire the rest of the other boys up. After he was injured during the season he was sorely missed, get better soon Quill!

Louis Ruelle

A tough, smart player that turns up every week. A valuable loose forward who never shirked the tough work in defence whilst also providing lots of options in attack. A quiet achiever who reads the play well.





Riley Jackson

It was great to see Riley improve throughout the season. The flying loosey!! Always moving he is cool under pressure and he plays a thinking man's game and can look one or two plays ahead. Is great in around the scrappy tough stuff especially around the base of the rucks/mauls. His game is coming along strides and we look forward to seeing how he develops.

James Crawford

One of the old hands from last year he found some mongrel this year. Yet he was cool as a cucumber and calm on the field under pressure. James is handy at the breakdown and is committing well and it is good to see that his body height continues to get lower. He is a real team player and committed to the rucks well, it was enjoyable to watch his rugby develop including his ability to protect and step over the ball.

Harry Colhoun

Harry was one of the thoughtful leaders of the team, always coming to the fore and thinking beyond his own position. He came up with some great ideas on how to improve the game and make the team a better place to be. After starting at prop he found his stride in second row and started to really use both his weight and power. It all came together towards the end of the season with a well earned try,

Jaime Creswell

For much of the season Jaime was our only hooker – on a number of occasions he would bust a gut and want to go off for a rest but his internal fortitude and team spirit kept him going and kept him committed. He never gave up and always gave 110%. Useful in the scrappy stuff too. One of the smallest blokes with one of the biggest hearts.

Nils Bacic

Nils is tough as nails in the front row, and will always stoically play anywhere where he is needed. He is a bit of a dark horse and will surprisingly come up with the ball after a maul when you least expect it, sometimes against all odds. A great utility player who had a number of good games this season.

Max Dickson

After finishing his season in Asia, Max wanted some more rugby so his parents moved to Sydney just to give him a couple more games ;-). Jokes aside - we were very impressed with his good technical skills around the breakdown and his fleet footing. He will be a big asset next year.

Ben Brown

This boy is very strong and has a very positive attitude to his rugby. Although he didn't get down to many games, it was really great to see a real Prop who truly loves scrummaging in the front row and his enthusiasm drives the other boys on. He will go from strength to strength next year when he gets more games and match fitness under his belt.



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