



2017
Season
Report

Petersham Juniors Rugby





Petersham Juniors Rugby 2017

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Shammies Aims

Fun

Ensure all kids and parents have fun. Provide a fun, safe atmosphere where kids improve their abilities.

Pathways

Carry our club all the way from U6 through to Seniors rugby + the ability for fully funded representative rugby.

Community

Ensure PJR plays a role within our broader community.

Partners

Align ourselves to progressive businesses within the Inner West with shared values.

Coaches

Fund, encourage and support all our coaches to take on additional coaching programs.

Values

Ensure kids learn more than how to play rugby. PJR values are what makes us unique from other clubs.

We are committed to our strategy, our kids, our club, our community & our partners.

Committee

Rob Nicoletti
Gear / Inner West
mini's liaison
Dad of Billy (u8) and
Tom (u7)

Kristin Taylor Registrar
Mum of Max (u10) and Ollie
(u8)

Jo Bacic Projects
Mum of Nils (u13)

Sarah Pinchbeck
Secretary / SJRU
liaison
Mum of Thomas
(u13)



Dave Lennox Treasurer
Dad of Jack (u11) and Tom (u8)

**Jules Wheway Social
media /
communications**
Mum of Tom (u10) and
Liam (u8)

Adam Dunn President
Long serving ex-player and ex-
president of Shammies Seniors,
coached various juniors teams
and Rep teams, Dad of Conor
(u13)



Dan Waterworth Club Coach
New position to assist coaches have
a central contact point to assist with
all rugby coaching matters. Dad of
Tom (u10) and Liam (u8)



BOBs. Meantime, Petersham Rugby is also thriving with no fewer than 15 junior sides, and today is their annual Old Boys/Legends game down at Camperdown. Bravo, you mob. You are keeping the torch aloft, even as a dark malaise falls across the rugby land.
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President Report

Adam Dunn

Shammies,

What a season! It certainly was a season of firsts, with some still to come!

- **Cracked 200 players** - we broke the 200 registrations mark and want to hit 230 junior Shammies in 2017
- **First Club Fundraiser** - with 150 people at Wests Ashfield having a great time to support another first, our u/13's End of Season Tour to New Zealand.
- **Hosted Semi-Finals** – Shammiesbrook (Camperdown Oval) hosted 6 games on week 1 of the SJRU semi-finals and will do so again next year, and hopefully some Grand Finals.
- **First Club Coach** - with Dan Waterworth who was fantastic and oversaw the largest contingent of coaches we have ever had of over 45 across all grades and more managers than ever.
- **More support** – we were lucky enough to have more sponsors and partners than ever before helping us do all the great things for you and your kids.
- **More Rep players** - we set a new record with over 30 players representing Sydney University across 4 age groups, proudly sponsored by Dave and Richard and Platinum Fleet and Platinum Finance.
- **Stronger Sydney Uni link** – we welcomed Chris Talakai to training this year from Sydney University and he was a great hit with the kids
- **Holiday camp** – hosted our first holiday rugby camp at Camperdown. These will be bigger next year.
- **Facebook** - best Social Media in Junior Sport ANYWHERE
- **Touring is BACK!** The 13's are off to NZ, the 12's are going to Canberra and 3 more grades are going to Bowral. We are ramping up our 'Touring Juniors' club ethos, getting to places far and wide to spread the Petersham Rugby ethos. Watch this space for some off-season updates!



None of this happens without the tireless efforts of the volunteers of this great club at all levels, from coaches and managers to the Committee members that give up so much time to make so much happen. Petersham Rugby is what happens when people put others before themselves, and know that a small contribution can have a large and lasting impact on people that may never meet, but that have 1 thing in common, they are Shammies.

I love this club, and what it stands for, and how we have been bringing great people together since 1883. One of the best people you will ever have the privilege to meet, and I have had the privilege to work with on our committee (and as the coach of her son Thomas) is Sarah Pinchbeck. Sarah, you are a true PJR legend, your impact is positive and far reaching and our club is better for you being a part of it, as are the 200 kids that wear the famous maroon & blue week in and out.

We are the Shammy Kids!

CTD. 1883. PJR.

Yours in Rugby.

Adam Dunn.

Proud President of Petersham Juniors Rugby.

Bringing people together since 1883



PJRU Club Coach Report 2017

by Dan Waterworth

This year is the first time the club has appointed a 'Club Coach' and it is a role that I have enjoyed greatly.

Petersham Juniors Rugby has continued the rapid growth that has been experienced over the past number of years. This is in no small way due to the hard work of the fantastic committee, volunteers, managers and perhaps most importantly of all coaches.

2017 saw the club field 17 teams in both mini's and SJRU competitions. A fantastic outcome.

My mantra for coaches has been, "More kids playing more minutes of Petersham Rugby". On this score, we have been more successful than ever before.

For the first time, the club fielded graded teams in an SJRU competition, with both the U10 Reds and Brumbies competing in Sydney wide competitions, the U9 age group growing to two teams mid-season and the continuing arrival of new registrations throughout the year are all excellent measures of success.

The provision of well qualified coaches providing a structured training program while emphasising those elements of rugby culture that set rugby apart from all junior participant sports are critical to PJRU's success. On these measures 2017 has also been a success. The smiles on players faces each training and each match are a credit to the coaches guiding each of the teams and age groups.

PJRU coaches have participated in formal ARU training programs as well as the more recent 'Waratah Way' facilitated by Sydney Uni. The willingness of coaches to give of their time to develop knowledge and skills is rewarded by the success of the club on and off the field.

In a year that Rugby has received much unflattering coverage in the wider media it is always pleasing to see hundreds of smiling faces down at Camperdown each week.

I look forward to next season and continuing to work with a great bunch of mums and dads in growing Petersham Juniors Rugby.

Dan Waterworth
Club Coach





Waratahs visit Camperdown for Waratah Way program



Cover your ears! March Past at Allianz Stadium



Champagne and cake anyone? Mother's Day for U11's mums



Shammies getting their hands on the Bruce Graham Shield awarded to Subbies Division 1 Club Champions!!!



When generations collide! Junior Shammies running on the Kentwell Cup Champions



Warming up before meeting the Sydney Uni team



Shammies Seniors win the Kentwell Cup



Tension in the air at our first Shammies Trivia Night

From the sidelines...

by the players and parents

"Oliver has had such a terrific time learning rugby whilst experiencing exceptional team mateship, support and growth. Margherita and I are so grateful to have Oliver be part of such a great community. A special shout out to you Michael Chanter and all the coaching and management staff. As a Dad I feel so proud to have been part of the Shammies community. What could be better than the Friday nights with a beer, cheese and great company at our very own weekly live match."

Ben Hershman (u12 Dad)

"Our son Hugo joined U/11 Shammies for the first time in 2017. What a great season it has been. Our family has been grateful to this club for the opportunities to share in its community: The attitude of the players, encouragement and inclusion at all levels (including the many social opportunities) and the wonderful volunteers who get the balance right between competition, inclusion and development. Our highlight was the moment our son was about to score a streaking try but instead was taken out in a hard hit by the largest boy to play u/11. While our son recovered, the number of teammates and parents that knew his name, checked him, patted him on the back, and whispered words of encouragement amazed me. But that didn't happen just in that moment, it was every game, most plays and in many subtle ways and it made this season very fun indeed. That's the Shammies we got to know. See you in 2018."

Adam Guastella (u11 Dad)

"How do you sum up the year...a year of learning and fun. The kids have made great progress in understanding the game, learning new skills and have made great friendships along the way. Exactly what rugby should be about. The u6 coaches and managers were incredible! The patience of saints and always making sure every player had their moment to shine. "

Jobie Lebler (u6 and u10 Dad)

"Thanks once again Michael for you and your team of coaches for all you have done for the boys. It has been a great season. Jonah has been welcomed into the team and had a great time! That's all I could possibly ask for. Also, the club spirit is amazing."

Peter Wilkins (u12 Dad)





"Considering we started the season with players that had never played before and a number of injuries, during the season, the boys should be utterly commended for the way they have developed as individuals but more importantly how they have gelled as a team. Always a pleasure coaching the team despite the sometimes rambunctious and belligerent attitudes (it's called personality).

The team should be very proud of their effort. Thanks to all the other Parents who have helped throughout the season: as we know kids sport doesn't happen without their support and commitment. See you at the Sevens!"

Rob Harding (u12 Dad)



"After years of playing soccer, my son is now hooked on rugby. When he started with the Shammies this year he didn't know the kids or the game very well, but by the end of the season he has scored some tries and is organising play dates!!"

Cathy Preston-Thomas (u11 Mum)



"Calum has loved calling himself a Shammie, wearing the maroon and blue and being in a team of mates who have been so supportive of each other throughout the season. Look forward to seeing everyone again soon."

Phil Scott (u6 Dad)

"Another brilliant season. Thanks to Ben, Dave and all the support crew. Pleasure to share the sideline with such a superb group of #shammyfamilies who cheered the entire squad through nail biting losses and thumping victories alike #beef #operahwinfrey #giveittodiesel!"

Ben Cook (U11 Dad)



"The boys have demonstrated great enthusiasm and have really improved throughout the season. They have been an absolute pleasure to watch. The 'teamship', fun and passion has just been fantastic to see.

As a parent, I am so happy for all the kids, and especially Hugo for really showing persistence, and knowing that if he tries, he really can do great things.

Thanks to all the coaches and managers, they are an amazing group of inspiring superstars. Such a great club to be a part of – as a first time parent/player, and as a single mum to a little boy...thank you!"

Megan Rutter (u6 Mum)

"We had an absolute ball this year, learnt a lot and are already looking forward to next year.

Flynn LOVES the Superman logo on his training jersey, and he loves screaming 'SHAMMIES' before every game."

Danny Fildissis (U6 Dad) (U6 Coach)



"Jack loved the maroons huddle before the games. We all thought Danny's musical defence at training was hilarious but pure genius. The way all the coaches embraced players of all abilities, and made sure everyone got a turn with the ball and scored a few tries was excellent."

Dave Hickey (U6 Dad)

"It was great fun! The coaches, manager and other parents were all brilliant. Ryan had a wonderful introduction to life as a Shammie and made loads of new little Shammie friends. His coaches were particularly patient!! He also loved Tuesday nights under lights at Camperdown Oval, running around and driving his coaches mad! :)"

David Forrest (U6 Dad)



"Well coached by Michael and great leadership/mentorship to all of our kids. From someone new to the club I was so impressed with the kids and that everyone got good game time, with nobody left behind.

Oscar loved the year, learnt how to play rugby and really appreciated the warm embrace of all his team mates and coaches.

Thanks to everyone for making us welcome. We totally enjoyed the club and team spirit."

Michael Jorgensen (u12 Dad)



"The Shammies have been such a welcoming club for us. We are new to Sydney but Max has made great friends, learnt new skills and developed a love for the game. Thanks Shammies, we can't wait for next season!"

Nick May (u8 Dad)

"I love playing so much that I wait around at the end of every game to see if any other teams need more players, I don't care what age group it is. One game isn't enough, I just want to keep playing all morning."

Tom Lennox (u8 player)





"The boys are beginning to coalesce into a "team". They are recognising strengths of each individual player and working with those strengths. The days of seven little players all converging on one spot around the ball are over. A long way to go, but they are now absorbing the games rules and, albeit imperfectly, observing those that they have learned. And boy do they love to tackle"

Nick Gormley (u8 dad)



Sponsors

What's on at Wests Ashfield



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1883 winners

This honour is proudly awarded by the Club to the players that the coaches deem 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	 Aiden Lee	U10 Red	 Henry Lacey
U8 Maroon	 Owen Lloyd- Jones	u10 Brumbies	 Orlando Clifton
U8 White	 Jack Jarjoura	U11	 Maran Petkovic
U9 Blue	 Jack Cooper	U12	 Jai Robertson
U9 Maroon	 Banjo Beardmore	U13	 Finnigan Hercus

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.

Hugh Crakanthorp



What is your first memory playing with Shammies?

Getting my first pair of rugby boots.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Yes - listening to my dad whine on about getting in, pushing hard, getting involved, and not blessing the ruck.

What is for breakfast before a big game?

4 Weetbix, sultanas and milk, plus hot chocolate and a white marshmallow.

What do you love about rugby?

Getting tackled and making friends.

Who are your sporting idols?

John Eales, Matt Burke, Israel Folau

What message do you have to kids just starting to play rugby?

Work hard, train hard, play hard, and have fun.

Fletcher Gill



What is your first memory playing with Shammies?

Scoring my first ever try

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Eating Weetbix

What is for breakfast before a big game?

Weetbix

What do you love about rugby?

Tackling, tackling and more tackling!

Who are your sporting idols?

I don't really have any.

What message do you have to kids just starting to play rugby?

Run straight and run hard!



Jack Lennox



What is your first memory playing with Shammies?

How cold it was when we got out to the games, struggling to get my socks on and remembering how early we had to get out to St Luke's.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Think of strategies that I could do and things I could improve on from previous games

What is for breakfast before a big game?

Cereal or toast (anything really)

What do you love about rugby?

Tackling, running with the ball, hanging around with my friends at training and playing the Sunday games. My favourite part of the games is the intensity of the atmosphere

Who are your sporting idols?

Israel Folau, I watched the Bledisloe Cup Scotland vs Australia and the jump try he did in the corner was one of the greatest.

What message do you have to kids just starting to play rugby?

When it is game time and training, focus, play hard, tackle strong, run fast and most importantly, have fun.

Lucas Pollard



What is your first memory playing with Shammies?

A cold wet night playing in the rain with my friends.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

I listen to some good rock music and am good to go.

What do you love about rugby?

It's a tough sport and I love running into people.

What is the biggest challenge playing rugby?

Playing a hard game and having to dig deep to get to the end, even though you are hurting.

Who are your sporting idols?

Israel Folau

What message do you have to kids just starting to play rugby?

Always keep at it no matter what happens.

Quillan Ung



What is your first memory playing with Shammies?

Being yelled at a lot

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Sleep in for as long as possible

What is for breakfast before a big game?

Cereal, lots of it, generally Weetbix

What do you love about rugby?

The BBQ

Who are your sporting idols?

I don't have one

What message do you have to kids just starting to play rugby?

Just do it...if you want to.. it's not that bad!

Conor Dunn



What is your first memory playing with Shammies?

Probably playing under 6's and crying during the first game because I realised that it wasn't contact and all I wanted to do was tackle.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

I remember my role in the game and any set plays or specific tactics for that game.

What is for breakfast before a big game?

A bowl of Weetbix

Most memorable moment playing for Shammies

When we won our first grand final and flogged 47-5. Gotta love the rivalries.

What do you love about rugby

The mates you make and the game itself

Who are your sporting idols?

Probably Israel Folau because he can tackle and set up tries

What message do you have to kids just starting to play rugby?

Keep going, never give up and always try your hardest.



Ben Stephens



Why did you choose Shammies as your kid's team?

Lil – wanted somewhere close for drop off at training

Ben – saw the famous Shammies Posters around the inner west and called.

What do you enjoy about being a junior rugby coach?

Running around with the kids and getting out of the house to do some exercise.

What are the biggest challenges?

Kids not listening, telling the Wadland twins apart and some parents antics on the sidelines!

Any advice to parents thinking of embarking on this journey?

Easy – don't do it!!

What have been your most memorable moments?

Making the Grand final this year and seeing all the kids improve so much.

Year	Players
2015	Bertie Alcock, Will Burraston, James Crawford, Tom Maclean, Harry Russell, Tommy Treharne Coaches – Michael Crawford, Nik Treharne
2016	Lipina Ata, Nils Bacic, Ben Brown, Eric Carney, Josh Cartwright, Frankie Davies, Oscar Greville, Finnley Harding, Siaso Mahe, Kye Martin, James McGregor, Maran Petkovic, Harry Stephens Coaches – Tim Greville

Sydney Uni Representative

Congratulations to all the players who were selected to represent their club as part of the Sydney University Representative season.

Under 13
Aedan Thompson
Conor Dunn
Harry Russell
Jack Riley
James McGregor
Jonas Cook
Kyle Ritchie
Sam Roediger
Thomas Maclean





Under 12
Eric Carney
Felix O'Donnell
Finn Harding
Franky Davies
Jai Robertson
Lipina Ata
Oscar Greville
Oscar Martins
Ryan Palmer
Sam Hallit



Under 11
Andrew Lyons
Brendan Bennett
Fletcher Gill
Harry Stephens
Joshua Chen
Maddox Oddy
Maran Petkovich
Riley Davison



Under 10
Aston Lebler
Ben Wilson
Dominic Cheng
Henry Lacey
Hugh Trafford-Jones
Lucas Cohen
Sam Gimenez-McAlpine
Spencer Davies
Zeke de Alwis





U6



Petersham Juniors Rugby 2017

U6 Age Group Report

A terrific season for the U6 Maroon and Blue teams with all members gaining good skills in attack and defence, whilst building personal skills of listening, learning, participating and most importantly, being part of a team and having fun.

With a total of 18 kids ranging from 4-6 years of age, the coaches worked hard to ensure all the kids participated in the activities and weekend games, giving them heaps of encouragement to build their confidence and a lot of high energy, fun games at training to keep their interest and focus. Music and dancing along with 'red rover' being some crowd favourites.

As the kids progressed throughout the season, it was a pleasure to see them always show up, listen to their coaches and give it their best. They've even started including some passing along with holding their line, commitment in defence with some passionate tagging pursuits and of course the glory of try scoring, with the actual try line now more regularly recognised and reached 😊. All this excitement is always accompanied by the enthusiastic cheering of parents and family from the side line and the coaches' constant encouragement and guidance on field. Such a positive and fun way to start the weekend every Saturday.

Those cries from falling down and the smiles from the tries that come with the game, we hope will help build them into better little people, which is the best reward coaches Frank, Danny and Andrew could ask for. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable season and we look forward to seeing these little people grow, in size and rugby experience, next year.

"Winning becomes easier over time as the cornerstones of confidence become habits – Rosabeth Moss Kanter".



U6 Maroon Player Profiles

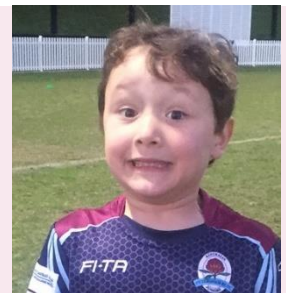
by Coaches Frank and Andrew



Player Profiles

Tarquin Behm

Always keen to be part of his team, Tarquin understands what the requirement is to be a Shammie. Giving it his best in attack and defensive play both in training and in games, he became the cornerstone for the team, which others could learn from. He has a heart of a lion (but let's hope he stays a wallaby) and it was great to see Tarquin with the ball in a game, which always put a smile on the coaches faces.



Robbie Clarke

A great team member, Robbie scored tries and tagged opponents for his team. With dad at the helm of coach, Robbie stepped up to deliver, even being nominated for try of the season for the under 6 Maroons. Double medal winner for the season, and a heap of potential, no doubt Robbie will continue to deliver for the Shammie teams of the future. However, the fun and laughs with his fellow team mates, were what made it a great season for them.



Ryan Forrest

A fellow 'Lion' in the making, Ryan did well with his team in scoring tries. With dad Dave also helping the coaches when they were not available, Ryan gained ground and defended against the opposing teams. Fun, smiles and laughs were always there in the activities when Ryan was involved. Keep an eye out for this fella, the Lions will be hunting him down for their future team.



Jack Hickey

The defence master, Jack stopped the opposition dead in their tracks. Like a cheetah chasing down a springbok, he homed in on his prey to stop them gaining ground. His attack was also great, scoring tries whenever he could. As Jack's confidence grew, so did his gameplay. It was a pleasure to see Jack score or tag against the opposition, with that bright, brilliant smile of his.





Sam Lebler

With encouragement from his coaches, cheering from his brother and parents, Sam charged towards the try line like a true Shammie. His fun nature, smile and 'giving it a go' spirit, embodies what rugby is all about. We are sure the valuable tips passed down from his experienced older brother will make Sam a force to be reckoned with. It was always a pleasure to see Sam give it his best, and no doubt we will see more of this next season.



Julius Rego

'Juggernaut' Julius attacking play left the opposition in confusion. Just like his old man's talents (yeah right), Julius weaved in and out of the opposition to score tries for the Maroon team. A big step up from last year, where gazing into the distance or kicking the grass on the field was the norm during a weekend game. Just goes to show you how sometimes patience lets things fall into place.



Hugo Rutter

Good at attack and both defence, Hugo gave it his best each game he played. Always participating with team spirit, he pushed himself to take the ball up and score tries where the opportunity presented. This is a sign of a Shammie in the making, with this kid 'junior wallaby' contract material. However, the best was to see the smile that Hugo presented, in playing with his fellow teammates.



Calum Scott

What can be said about this 4-year-old star, but that he follows in the footsteps of his old man. With apprehension at first by the parents in joining, but encouragement by the coaches to put him in, Calum has turned out to be the 'sideline sprinter' for the under 6 Maroons (congrats to Dad as well with the home coaching). No doubt we will see Calum join the ranks of the senior Shammies, as time goes by....



Byron Travlos

A good season for Byron, starting off shy and then participating well into the season to help his team gain ground and defend. The lure of the 'end of game lollies' seems to work well in motivating Byron with him getting the team medal twice in the season. We are sure if he keeps up the good work, Byron will be a great asset to future Shammies teams.



U6 Blue Player Profiles

by Coach Danny



Player Profiles

Tevita 'Davey' Ata

A fast running forward with back foresight and cover. A natural rugby star in the making with the best game face, always full of passion and commitment in attack and defence.



Fin Chanter

Focused, fast and defends like a tiger, keep up the good work Fin! Your improvement in the last few months has been incredible, great job!



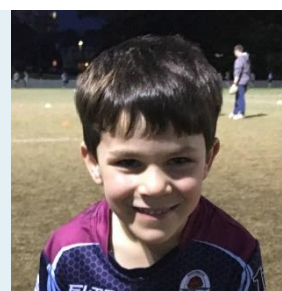
Billy Chatwood

A great listener and fast learner. We look forward to watching your development next year Billy for another great season.



Benjamin Conti

A natural born rugby star in the making with an awesome step and keen ability to read the play. Impossible to catch with ball in hand. Keep up the good work Ben, you will go far.





Flynn Fildissis

A super defender with awesome focus and enthusiasm. Keep it up champ, your hard work ethic will make you a great player. 5,4,3,2,1.



Hamilton Gill

Gifted with a super pass! I can't wait to see you move the ball around in the under 7's. A scrum half legend in the making.



Fionn Rafferty

Fionn always covers the gaps and defends like a champ. He's a great listener and incredibly focused, a star player in the making.



Louie Swerdlow

Louie's defence is on fire. He is fast and uncatchable when he hits the gaps. A back player in the making.



Robbie Walker

A late entry but definite asset to the team. Robbie has a great step and vision on the field. Look forward to you joining us again next year for a full season.





U7



Petersham Juniors Rugby 2017

U7 Age Group Report

2017 saw many happy returning players and parents amongst welcome new faces. The group expanded to 3 teams for 2017 and focused on the positive of rugby throughout the entire season. With many smiling faces on a Tuesday night and Saturday morning creating an atmosphere for the players to 'have fun'!

Seeing the players grow in skill set from last year has been a delight. With some obviously keen to start tackling next year, the enthusiasm amongst all 3 teams was evident. My gratitude goes to 3 very enthusiastic competent coaches who dealt with a range of issues throughout the season.

Kate Savage backed up from the previous year to run the Blue side with a range of skill set amongst players. The energy levels at times proved challenging.

Matt Travis, a Petersham stalwart had the Maroon side primed for weekly demolition of opposition sides. The Maroon team worked all year as a solid unit and clearly built on the success of the previous year.

Sean Hong being new to the club stepped up to take on the White side as numbers dictated that this age group has many enthusiastic players. The White team bonded under Sean's leadership.

I would like to thank the parents for their help whether at training or at games. In many aspects, the kids benefit in seeing their own parents being involved.

Watching the players grow a love of rugby whilst developing life long memories and friendships is what a club is all about. Being a part of the Shammies is more than any individual aspect of the game. Whether the kids are focusing on halftime oranges, Player of the Match, chocolates, the post-game BBQ or how many worms they found during the game, it's the team huddle when we all come together that we are reminded we are all part of a great team.

I hope to see most, if not all of you, for an early start to 2018 as the new focus turns to tackling and a contact sport. The kids are clearly ready so 'Get ready parents!' as 2018 will prove an exciting season ahead.



U7 White Player Profiles

by Coach Sean



Player Profiles

Thomas Catanzariti

Tom has a knack for always popping up in the right place at the right time. Whether that be scoring the try or making the crucial tag, Tom can always be counted on to be there.



Charlie Cox

A wing defence specialist, Charlie has saved countless tries throughout the year for his team. A hard, straight runner, he loves to go through, rather than around the opposition.



William Harriman-Khan

As the team's 'all-rounder', Will is equally adept at finding the try line as he is with defending it. He has a great right foot step and loves to throw his body around in defence. He shows great passion on the field.



Samuel Hong

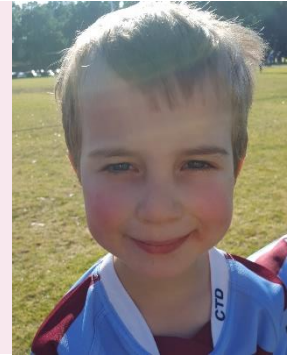
A no nonsense straight runner of the ball, picking up the hard yards is Samuel's game. Also loves to defend on the wing, where he will often pop up and surprise the opposition.





Benjamin Loane

Watch out for Ben 'Thunder' Loane, you never know when he will strike. Owns the most memorable try of the year when he caught the opposition napping and did a long-range effort down the sideline.



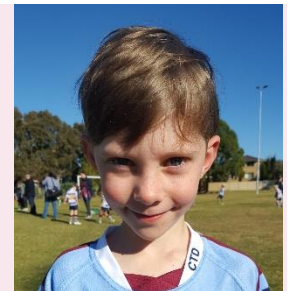
Samuel Loane

Just when you thought you were safe from the thunder, Sam 'Lightening' Loane will come to strike you with a tag. Many of his forward runs got the team on the front foot in attack.



Alexander Mitchell

Alex is an attack specialist, using his great agility and vision to weave his way through opposition defence. He has been known to show up in the nightmares of opposition coaches before game day.



Ruairi Rafferty

If you were going to create the prototype back rower from scratch, Ru would be it. Exhibiting great size and strength, Ru towered over his opposition throughout the year.



Ethan Thomas

Ethan's defensive play resembles that of a brick wall - no one gets through him. Is also very capable with the ball in hand, using his great athleticism to get around his opposition.





Felix Woods

Always one to back himself, Felix is a great support player who can often be found putting the finishing touches on a great back line move with a try in the corner.





U7 Maroon Player Profiles

by Coach Matt



Player Profiles

Owen Charles

Owen has had a great first season with the club. Getting stuck into a new team straight away, he's picked it up quickly this season and made sure he's a key part of the team



Beau Gooden

Beau is new to the club this season, and has taken to playing rugby like a duck to water. Always up for the ball, he has no fear in attack and always maintains the defensive line.



James Graham

James is a keen rugby player. He loves running around with the team, is really strong in defense and is a great player to coach as he listens well and gives everything 100%.



Will Jamison

Will is the team workhorse. He takes his rugby seriously and is always the first one to arrive for training, and whether we are attacking or defending he is always there to take the ball.



Harper Menniti-Hancox

Harper is the youngest on our side but after his second season with the Maroon's you'd never know it - he loves his rugby, is always smiling and is always keen for the ball.



Archie Sabbadin Wells

When Archie has the ball in hand he runs and runs and runs! He came into his own in the last half of the season and turned into a try scoring machine.



Lui Sabbadin Wells

And it makes sense as the twins on the team that brother Lui is all about defense. Lui is a tagging machine, and is the first to shut down the opposition when they start coming our way.



Nate Travis

Nate is all about attack, his speedy footwork has left many an opposition player behind and he always goes home with a grin on his face.



Angus Vial

Angus is the team's quiet achiever. He runs around the field with a constant smile on his face, he's always full of energy and loves being our last line of defense.





Noah Zoud

Noah is a thinker who works out the opposition weakness and attacks the try line with great success. Loads of skill, this guy is one to watch!



U7 Blue Player Profiles

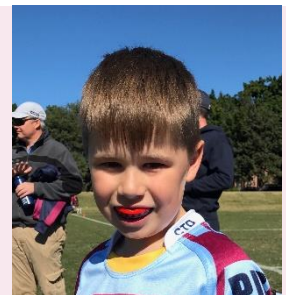
by Coach Kate



Player Profiles

Sam Cameron

Sam lives and breathes rugby and you can tell. He gets more and more focused as the season goes on, helps rally the troops and will play any position, as hard as he can to help the team. A future Wallaby to watch, this guy would train all day if he could!



Lawson Gill

'The Side Stepper'. Lawson picked up this nickname in about game 2 this season, where he got man of the match and has never looked back. So much skill here and even his teammates don't know how he does it. Great fun off the field and very serious once he's on it. Can't wait to see where he goes.



Kobi Hetariki

Our little tough nut, no tackle puts him out of the game or stops his determination to get the ball as far as he can. Kobi will play any position and will often play all of them in one game. He's fast, determined and great at sneaking the ball over the line.



Tyson Hickey

The Winger. Tyson found his position halfway through the season and has never looked back. A fantastic winger, great at holding his position and supporting his teammates, he's helped set up (and stop) so many tries this season. He's calm and focused, a real pleasure to coach.





Jack Lai

It's Jack's first year at rugby, and as the season's come along he has been finding his confidence and now loves the Centre position. The most chilled out player on our team, but once he's got the ball he is off and not afraid to put his head down and head for the line.



Tony Liu

Tony isn't the loudest player on our team but that doesn't stop him getting the ball from his teammates. You wouldn't know it's his first season of rugby - in fact he got man of the match in his first ever game! A great player to coach, he listens and learns, takes it all on the field and gives it everything once he's there.



Tom Nicoletti

Our most enthusiastic player, Tom has always got a smile on his face and always wants the ball! Another great winger (he'll often try and play both wings at the same time!), he is an awesome player to have on your team with his passion, energy and unwavering enthusiasm.



Eamon Turner

The Strategist. He'll be a captain or a coach one day for sure. He knows what position he's playing, and everyone else, and the score, and the ref, and often helps coach figure out the next move. And this guy consistently tries his absolute hardest for every minute of every game. A fantastic player to have on your team.



Kobi Vickery

Kobi has been saving up his speed for the last games of the season. Passionate in defence rather than attack, he's not afraid of the chase and tackle (tag!) and is getting more and more confident with every game. One for the other teams to watch out for!







U8

U8 Age Group Report

The three under 8s teams had a great season and finished off at the Bowral Gala day where we fielded two teams – a true sign that the enthusiasm continues past season end. All three u8s teams were competitive this year and there was great comradery amongst the boys and parents. Our target for this season was to be more structured at training, introduce core rugby values, be safe and have fun – all of which we feel we have achieved.

A special thank you to our wonderful Manager Kristin. Without her hard work and organisation off the field we would never be as competitive on the field. Also thank you to our two new coaches Chris and Peter who were a great addition to the coaching team. They both brought new ideas and a massive amount of enthusiasm into the u8s.

We have been pleasantly surprised with the influx of new players this season. We believe the key to attracting these new players is the Shammies Juniors reputation for being well organised and having strong rugby and community values.

We look forward to the u9s next year and hope to see many of our boys back playing for the mighty Shammies.

John Kilkenny and Peter Lloyd-Jones





U8 White Player Profiles

by Coaches Chris and Peter

At the start of the year the Petersham Under 8 White team was a mix of experience and boys playing rugby for the first time and with moving to tackle it was a great leveller for all of them. After a rigorous pre-season training regime, the boys fronted up to our first game in April. All the pre-season hard work and skills training came through on game day with a win against our old foes Balmain. The team turned up with a running and passing rugby game that was a joy to watch.

The season had plenty of on field success with the results. The more pleasing aspect has been seeing the boys improve their skills and playing together as a team. As the season has gone on the boys started to grasp the simple skills of catching and passing, and as it has progressed, the contest at the ruck and maul has improved with every game. There is more work to be done on the tackling in 2018, but the same could be said for the Wallabies!

Many thanks to John and Peter (the other under 8 Coaches), Kristin our Manager, all the parents and last but not least the boys for making this such a great season.

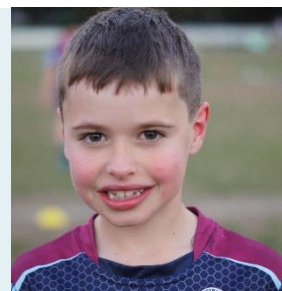
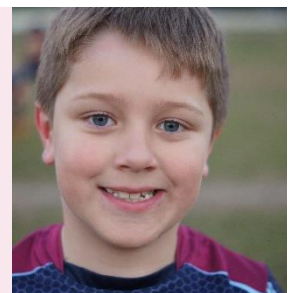
Chris and Peter



Player Profiles

Jamie Burgess

It was Jamie's first year of playing rugby and he has really developed over the year. By the end of the season he was making barnstorming runs up the middle of the field and has become a cornerstone of the scrum and line out. Coaches pick: A prop or number 8 in the making.

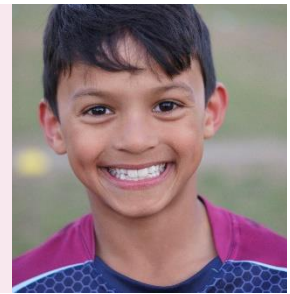


Harrison Day

Harrison's off-season sprint training has really paid off. Gas to burn. At the start of the season he was just trying to go around the opposition and then mid-season out came the David Campese step, turning the opposition inside and out. Had them in sixers and sevens. Cover tackles saved us a few times as well. Great first up season. Coaches pick: A fullback, wing or first five in the making.

Sam de Alwis

Sam was one of the team speedsters with a great sidestep, mixed in with plenty of tackling and work at the breakdown. Sam has been an outstanding role model within the team, consistently demonstrating sportsmanship - always supporting and being concerned for his team mates. Coaches pick: A full back or wing, or the possibility of a second five in the making.



Jack Jarjoura

It was Jack's first year of playing rugby and he has had a stellar year. He has become our loose forward in the making getting into the tackle and being a machine at the breakdown to protect our ball or steal the ball from the opposition. Coaches pick: An openside flanker in the making



Tom Lennox

Tom had a great season from the kick off. Tom has been strong in the loose with his tackling and ripping off the ball in the tackle. He has topped this off with great runs with the ball in hand. Coaches pick: A loose forward or centre in the making.



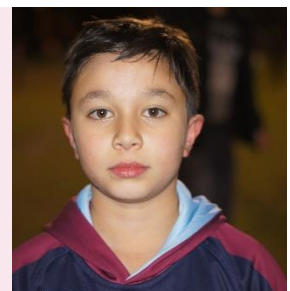
Billy Nicoletti

Billy has had a great contribution to the pack in both scrums and lineout, with great work in the cleanouts and taking the ball up the middle. He has improved throughout the year and always gave 100% effort. Coaches pick: A prop or hooker in the making.



Luke Thomas

Luke has been one of the quiet achievers for the team and has continued to improve throughout the year. His passing and catching has really improved, with the trademark being his tackle breaking runs down the side line. Coaches pick: A number 8 or blindside flanker in the making.



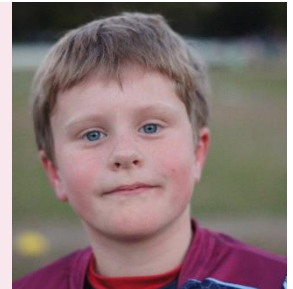


Alex Travlos

Alex has been our other quiet achiever over the year, doing a lot of great work in defence and on the ruck. Alex has made huge improvements in the ruck protecting and getting the ball back for the team. He had his own trademark hit ups and offloads which led to numerous tries. Coaches pick: A openside flanker in the making

Edward Walker

Ed was a late arrival during the season and he has been a real asset in the forward pack with barnstorming runs and tackling in the middle of the park. Coaches pick: A ball running lock in the making.



Liam Waterworth

Liam may be the smallest player in the team but he has the biggest heart and always gives 100%. His sniping runs and his trademark sidestep always made it exciting when Liam got the ball. Coaches pick: A sniping half back in the making.







U8 Maroon Player Profiles

by Coach Pete



Player Profiles

Josh Baranowski

This is Josh's first year playing rugby and he has taken to the game well. Josh has become a fantastic runner of the ball and doesn't hesitate to take the ball up fast and straight. He has also joined in as one of the teams ever strengthening defensive line. I would like to see Josh involved in the forwards and he would make a great second rower or number 8.



Ezekial Barros

If there has ever been a natural at rugby it has to be Zeke. He came to the game last year as an AFL transition/ semi-convert and has excelled since. He has been a prolific try scorer and has focus, aggression and intensity. Zeke is one of the team's best tacklers and opposition players think twice about running towards him. I suspect Zeke would make a great inside centre as a hard defender and penetrating runner.



Giovanni Briguglio Magarinos

Gio is always putting his hand up to get involved and run the ball up with pace and vigour. He has become a solid defender and has the ability and vision to pounce on loose ball to turn over possession. Gio loves to get his legs pumping so expect to see him playing outside centre or winger.



James Gormly

James has become one of the teams most solid and dependable players. He is equally happy running the ball up the middle or defending all around the park. He has the flair of a back and the toughness of a forward. With his stopping power and straight running I believe James will make a stand out player in the forwards - no 8 maybe.



Ollie Kelso

Ollie is the silent achiever and his actions speak louder than words on the field. Ollie punches well above his weight, running the ball up and is the number one tackler for the team. He has probably saved more tries than he has scored this year (which is quite a few) and no opposition player is too big for this big-hearted tackler. I think Ollie would make a fabulous scrum half.



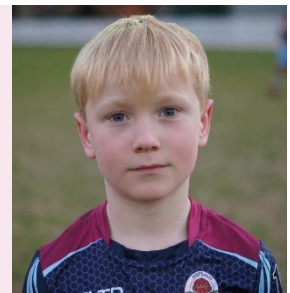
Owen Lloyd-Jones

Owen has played some solid rugby this year and is the "not so silent" achiever of the team. If he is not commenting about the general state of play, talking to the referee or cheerfully sledging, then he is getting stuck into it - cleaning out the ruck, pilfering, tackling, or running the ball forward purposefully and straight. He has definitely bloomed this year as a forward in the making - most likely a no. 6 or in the front row - and knows what is expected of him at the breakdown.



Max May

Max is a hard runner and has developed some speed and ability to penetrate the line out wide. He has also become a solid defender and works hard cleaning out and assisting in the ruck. I look forward to seeing Max in the forward pack working the ball up and tackling hard. Max would make a great hooker.



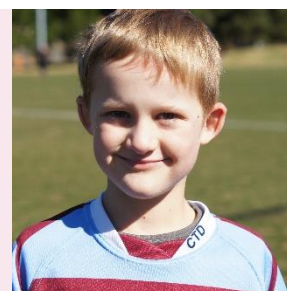
Woody Morgan

Woody is a deft runner making darting runs around any defender caught napping. He has often picked up a loose ball around the ruck and made ground. His defence has really improved and his smiling face hides a determination not to be underestimated. Don't be surprised to see Woody as a fleet footed wing or centre.



Jack Putter

Jack is happy to get stuck in and run the ball and is one hard kid to catch. He is always keen to run the ball up and has true pace and evasive skills. A flu at the end of the season unfortunately took a bit of wind out of his sails but he has heart and he came back well to finish the season with some excellent tackles in the last game. A definite contender for a winger or fullback.





Adam Wilkins

Adam is always looking to stretch his legs and have a run and has scored many tries once he gets outside his opposite. He has also become a valuable part of the defensive line and his chasing ability has shut down many threatening line breaks. Adam is a versatile player and he would make a valuable outside centre.



U8 Blue Player Profiles

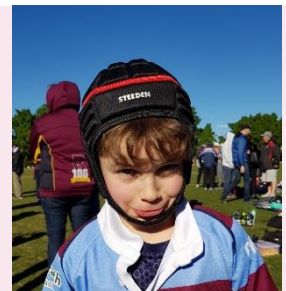
by Coach John



Player Profiles

Leo McLean

Leo was this year's Kiwi import into the Blues. Like all Kiwi rugby players, he showed a few of the boys how things were done. Leo is somewhat of an all-rounder, cleaning out rucks, silky running, and some nice cover tackles. Coaches pick: A halfback or flyhalf in the making.



Declan Cohen

Fantastic start to the year for Declan and one of the three amigos in the Blues (Declan, Aiden and Dan). He has speed to burn which meant he scored tries at will and attacked with confidence. Unfortunately, Declan was out for 6 weeks with a fractured collar bone which upset his early rhythm. As his father says "better to get that season shortening injury out of the way early in your career". Coaches pick: A flyhalf/fullback in the making.



Javier Kilkenny

Switched his rugby style in 2017 from "express speed and evasion" to "speed and bulldozing". Javier was the power player of the Blues. He scored a truck load of tries by simply pumping the legs hard and slicing through would be tacklers. Javier was also an excellent tackler and positional player and could be relied on to knock the big boys over and shut down inside runners. Coaches pick: An inside centre in the making.



Aiden Lee

Our player of the year. Aiden was quite simply courageous and his tackling terrifying. 100% committed to the tackle Aiden saved about as many tries this year in cover tackles as Javier scored. Very useful around the ruck and sensing opportunities in close, Aiden could be relied on picking off a few tries around lazy runners. Coaches pick: A halfback/fullback in the making.





Rhys Lenord

Tenacious and competitive are the words to describe Rhys. There did not seem to be a ruck on the field that Rhys did not pop his head up from. He is our turnover specialist, often stripping the ball and then streaking upfield to get his share of tries. Always willing to volunteer for captain duty as he relished leading the boys around the field. Coaches pick: A definite flanker in the making.



Jasper Longhurst

Jasper is one half of another famous Blues partnership – the Jasper/Zac group. Rarely seen apart, they are often in deep discussion on potential tactics while the game is in flight. Twinkle toes and silky hips is how we describe Jaspers style. Hitting the ball up Jasper could neatly sidestep his way through an entire pack. Coaches pick: A lock in the making – simply because he will be joined at the hip with Zac.



Levi Mikhiel

Levi is one of those players you would say its hurts to tackle. Raw boned and determined, Levi is often seen shrugging off tacklers as he powers up the field. His confidence really grew throughout the season and he is developing into a very strong ball carrier. Coaches pick: A flanker or lock in the making.



Daniel Shawcross

If Dan turns up to play watch out! Some amazing cover tackles on some runaway opposition was his trade mark. Dan has a nice turn of speed which allowed him to often find gaps up the field. Often seen out the back rather than in the heavy traffic, he is destined for the outside backs. Coaches pick: A fullback or wing in the making.



Otis Simington

Otis is another courageous Bluesman. Otis enjoys mixing it in the tight stuff and is often seen putting his body on the line knocking over some of the bigger boys. He has a sense for the action and gets involved when he can. Otis also gets the award for most chewed mouthguard in the Blues. Coaches pick: Going out on a limb here, but a hooker in the making.





Zachary Wagner

The other half of the Jasper/Zac partnership. Zac found his niche in the second half of the season as our cannonball on attack and defence. Zac gets the award for the biggest “Sonny Bill” hit of the season for sending an opposition player flying after a nice leading shoulder. A valuable runner in close, Zac attracts a lot of tacklers and creates space for others. Coaches pick: A front rower or lock in the making.





U9

Petersham Juniors Rugby 2017

U9 Age Group Report

Sadly our last year out at Concord in the IWMC. The mini's comp has been a great start in rugby for the children, coaches and parents. Next season we transition into the SJRU competition on a much larger field, travelling to different locations for our games. We started the season this year with 16 players made up of both boys and girls which only allowed us to run one team of 10 players on the field, with 6 subs. During the season however, our playing group slowly built and we were lucky enough to end the season with 20 players and have the IWMC allow us to enter a second team for the last six games of the season. We would like to say a big thank you to Rob, the Shammies Mini's coordinator, who assisted us with getting the second team into the draw.

Petersham U9s played against the usual suspects this season, Drummoyne who ran three sides, Balmain who ran two and Wests who had the strongest team in the competition.

Simon, myself and all the boys and girls had a great season expanding our knowledge of the game. The focus area for the U9s this season being tackling, the contact area, ball movement and always moving forward. All players developed in these key areas. During one of our last game's we caught the ball from a kick off and completed at least 15 phases of play, finishing with a try. A fantastic achievement, which left all the parents and coaching staff on the sideline extremely proud.

The enthusiasm for rugby was evident from all players during the season. With the players having to sub on during the early part of the season, the bench was always asking to get back on, showing they wanted to play and get more game time. The U9s work at the breakdown, ball retention, passing and tackling all dramatically changed during the season. It was very enjoyable to watch the transition of these young players starting to play a game that looked more like senior rugby.

To all the parents, who were a tremendous support at training, on the sideline, washing jersey's and cutting half time oranges, we hope that you are as proud of the team and each of the players as we are. Thank you for all your assistance and words of support throughout the season.

We hope that you will all be back next year – either Friday night or Sunday morning!!

Enjoy the summer and thanks again to everyone for making the 2017 Petersham U9's a special team.

Best in Rugby

Ryan Swerdlow & Simon Teong





U9 Blues and Maroons Player Profiles

by Coaches Ryan & Simon



Player Profiles

Charlie Ash

Charlie turned up with his mate Banjo and they were inseparable. He picked the game up quickly for his first season and he improved throughout the course of it. A solid forward for the U9s this season, making some good progress at the breakdown, tackling and running the ball.



Florence Ata

Flo again showed the boys how to play rugby, easily the most aggressive player on the field for both teams at most games. A remarkable young girl running over the top of her opposition at will, accelerating into the tackle and becoming strong over the ball at the breakdown towards the end of the season. We are looking forward to watching Flo progress again next season.

James Baranowski

Another first-time rugby player this season, James was aggressive from the start. After one coaching session on the chop tackle, it was evident James is a natural tackler, one of the best in the team. His ball running towards the end of the season was also straight and hard, often leading to a try.



Banjo Beardmore

Charlie and Max's shy mate Banjo was another first-timer this season. Well he may be a little quiet off the field but on it he was James's chop tackling buddy, often taking down the biggest player from the opposition with text book covering tackle. His ball running and retention in contact was also very good, a great first season of rugby.



Jakub Belunek

Jakub's first season with the Shammies, he fit straight into the squad and proved to be a great addition, scoring tries at will with his game awareness and speed around the park. Congratulations on a great first season with Petersham and the highest try scorer for the U9s this year.



Max Blombery

One of the U9s two hookers, Max is a true front rower. Playing an important part in the team at the set piece, always quick to get ready for the scrum or lineout. Max also showed great progress at the breakdown this season and we can't wait to see him in contested scrums next year.



Will Chanter

Will was asked to play scrum this season and both coaches feel he made a great start in the role. His willingness to get right into the back of the breakdown looking for the ball was truly fantastic. He was also happy to have a go running the ball or tackling a big player, showing great courage for a little guy.



Jack Cooper

Half way through this season Jack turned into an aggressive forward. Showing true grit anywhere on the field, whether making a tackle, running the ball or at the breakdown. A fantastic second half of the season and we are looking forward to watching Jack progress in his rugby career.



Eddie Harding

Unfortunately, Eddie moved to the US mid-way through the season. He was showing his normal dogged determination early on and we would have loved to keep him but are looking forward to welcoming him back next season.



Elijah Hassan

Our other No.9 this season, Elijah, made the half back role his own. Over the season he became more involved in play and had many great runs, scoring some great tries. We look forward to watching him develop in this position, well done.



Jasper Jones

We lost Jasper to School Rugby at the start of the season, but were very pleased when he decided to re-join us and make the effort to play two games each Saturday. His work at the break down improved through the season and his determination and controlled aggression was a welcome addition to the forward pack.



Hamish Kelly

New to Petersham Juniors this season, joining half way through, Hamish was a welcome addition to the club. His tackling ability stood out and he became one of our best in this area of play, often stopping an oppositions attack in its tracks. A great all-rounder in the back line, we look forward to welcoming Hamish back next season and watching his play further develop on the back of his enthusiasm for the game.



Leopold Koutouzis

Another first time Rugby player, Leo brought a mountain of energy and enthusiasm to the Team this year. He was always keen to get on the park and keen to learn as much as he could. His last few games saw him come on leaps and bounds and he used his pace and determination to score multiple tries. A great to start to Rugby, well done!



Christos Petrou

Chris was another new starter to Petersham Juniors this year. He made a great first impression with his enthusiasm, confidence and tackling abilities. His understanding of Rugby improved throughout the season, always ready for a run with ball in hand, or making a tackle. His future looks bright as an inside or outside centre.





Callum Pynt

Our other No.2 this season, Callum had one of his best seasons to date, congratulations. He improved in getting around the park and being more involved at the breakdown, whilst also enjoying the scrums and lineouts. He made one of the biggest tackle attempts of the year, to the great enjoyment of the coaches and his father and although ruffled by this, he played on showing great courage.



Jonty Robinson

Jonty is the surprise package for the u9's. Although he can be distracted on occasions, when he decides to turn it on, he becomes a powerful forward weapon, winning turn overs and ripping the ball from the opposition, often when it appears there wasn't even an opportunity to do so. We look forward to seeing a 6 or 7 on his jersey in the future.



Samuel Rudd

Another great season from Sam. He is always enthusiastic and prepared to listen and learn. He truly focuses on improving his game and it was so pleasing to see him really focus on his tackling skills with a great outcome. His last few games were fantastic and his confidence in the tackle allowed him to play some of his best rugby. Well done.



Oskar Swerdlow

This being his 5th year of Rugby, it was great to see Oskar continue to work hard and improve his game this season with straight, forward ball running and generally making the tackle. He showed determination and focus on being a Forward this season with his breakdown play improving greatly and he was one of our best in this area of the game. Congratulations!



Willem Teong

Willem confirmed his interest in the back line this year and was keen to cement the 5/8th position given his ability to distribute the ball when required and get the back line in order whilst on the field. He continued to run strongly this year and often broke the gain line with his weaving runs and ability to palm. He is looking forward to kicking becoming allowed in the u10s.



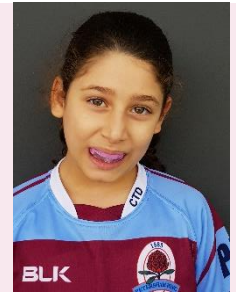


Isaiah Tonga

A late starter to the team, Isaiah brought another dimension to the u9's with his arrival. His enthusiasm to get involved straight away was fantastic and he enjoyed having the ball in hand. He brought a 'go forward' attitude to the team and this momentum saw us play some of our best games of the season.

Jemima Zoud

Jemima continued to impress this season, particularly with her fine work in the forward pack. Great with ball in hand, she often made valuable metres from a breakdown and was always in the thick of the action, never standing and watching the play. Congratulations on a great season, we hope to see you next year for maybe one last run with the boys??





U10

Petersham Juniors Rugby 2017

U10 Brumbies Report

In 2017, Petersham fielded two U10's teams - the Maroons (Reds Division) and the Blues (Brumbies Division). The Blues, or Brumbies as they quickly became known, travelled far and wide to play against Pittwater, Killara, Easts Bays, Lane Cove, Dural, Balmain and Hawkesbury.

Led by the always smiling, ever talking captain Oscar Dance, the Petersham Brumbies fought hard through a tough season, building character and gaining skills throughout. The standard of play improved throughout the winter, with the forwards developing into a tight, driving force and the backs showing cohesion and teamwork. Our scrum was a stand-out feature, with many tightheads won in games against all opposition.

The most pleasing aspect of the season was that the players showed great resilience and fortitude week-in and week-out. Even when faced with opposition that at times might have been bigger or faster, our boys stood their ground and chased hard.

At the end of the day, the scores are not important - what matters is the enjoyment of the game, the improvement in application and ability, and the strengths developed. All our players and the team, as a whole, had a most successful season on these measures.

We would like to thank the parents and supporters who were fantastic all year. From washing jerseys, to oranges, to encouragement at training and on game day, it was a real benefit to have so many contributing.

We hope that the players, parents and supporters enjoyed the year as much as we did. The players can be proud of the spirit and sportsmanship with which they carried themselves all season.

Since 1883, Petersham has held the principles of rugby dear - the team is first and foremost; do your best and support your teammates; respect the opposition; enjoy the game and have fun. The Petersham U10's Brumbies maintained that great tradition all year and can look back on a season where they may have lost games, but were never beaten.

Best Regards

Andrew Cummins (Coach), Matthew Horobin (Assistant Coach), Frank Hicks (Manager)





U10 Brumbies Player Profiles

by Coach Andrew



Player Profiles

Rhys Bhatia

Whether at half back or on the wing, Rhys is a rugby player without fear and with total commitment. A top-class defender, he was able to regularly bring down much bigger opponents through technique and a sheer determination not to be beaten. He proves that defence is an attitude. A light stepper when running, and is developing a long, strong pass.



Oliver Boulos

A long striding three-quarter and fullback, Oliver played some excellent games in attack and defence. His positional play was good, and he always showed speed and evasive skills when given any opportunities with the ball. His tackling came on significantly as he developed more confidence. Another big improver over the course of the year.



Orlando Clifton

A real speedster, Orlando was one of the team's top try scorers. He had a fantastic ability to get the ball, make space for himself, and then streak away for the long range try. With a good stride and neat step, Orlando was a great attacker from any part of the field. His defence was also impressive, and he used his speed to shut down many dangerous situations.



Theo Craven-Sands

Theo joined us after the start of the season and made an immediate impression at #8. His strong, direct runs into contact led the team forward, and his driving play at scrums and at the breakdown was invaluable. His defence was similarly strong, and he developed great awareness as the season progressed, as to his role. A stand-out improver.



Oscar Cummins

Although his season was cut short due to a (non-rugby related) injury, Oscar showed great speed and awareness in the three-quarter line. His running style and evasive skills led to many breaks, great gains of field position and scoring opportunities. Always sound in defence.



Oscar Dance

The captain, Oscar had a fine season at halfback. His work as the link between forwards and backs at the breakdown and set piece was always good, and his kicking / conversions were first class all year. Running hard, passing well and tackling with skill, Oscar was a true leader of the team in attack and defence.



Ewan Gleeson

Ewan played hooker and prop through the season. An excellent scrummager and a strong ball-runner, Ewan was always heavily involved at the breakdown and fought hard for possession. A good defender, with both power and a fine technique. Ewan had a very good season in the engine room.



Edward Hicks

Combining height, size and power, Edward had a fine season as a lock forward in all parts of the game. His strong running was rewarded with a try toward the end of the year, and he always gave his best efforts to get involved in the tight battles for possession. A source of strength in the scrum and a great ball-winner in the lineout.



Jasper Jones

A tall, strong lock forward, Jasper worked hard in the tight contests and at scrums. He could pick and drive, and used his size at the breakdown. One of the characters of the team, Jasper's development in rugby over the year was amazing to see. He made some telling contributions in attack and defence.





Lucas Kingham

A great organiser at 5/8 or fullback, Lucas has highly developed match-awareness and rugby sense, as well as a good tackling technique. A real asset in defence, both for his own work and his clear directions to teammates. Always keen to test the opposition with the ball in hand and looking to join in the backline. A fine all-round season.

Mitchell McCarry

A rock at prop, Mitchell was on the frontline in the set piece and at the breakdown. A ball-runner who only knows the direct route to the try-line. Always hard at the ball and determined in defence. Mitchell had a great season and developed into a fine player who relished the action in close.

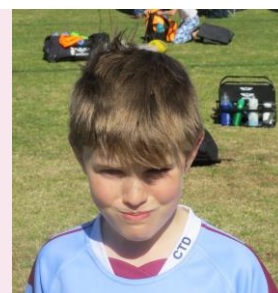


William McCarry

After starting the year in the forwards, William found his position at 5/8. Always led the charge in defence and looked to make the initial hit. Scored many tries with his determined, junking runs and always showed good strength in contact. Working on a kicking game that looks like it is developing nicely.

Jonny Nolan

Mr Versatile, played in the forwards and backs and always contributed to the team in every and any position. A good tackler, as tough as they come, and always ready to take 'em on with the ball. His work at the breakdown was strong, and he showed good pace when asked to play in the backs. A great team-man.



Xavier Schmidt

Although initially reluctant to play hooker, Xavier showed he was a natural for the position with his aggression and skill. With an instinct for the contest and willingness to go hard in attack and defence, Xavier was a force at the breakdown and was the heart of the scrum. His lineout throwing improved all year.

Campbell Skuodas

A powerful lock forward, who used his size, skill and strength to great effect in the set piece and at the breakdown. Campbell was always reliable in attack and defence, a true team-man who gave his best in every game no matter the conditions or opposition. One of our most consistent players throughout the season.



Mannix Ung

Playing in the backs, Mannix got room to move and relished the extra space. With speed and big stepping, Mannix left defenders grasping at air and he always got over the advantage line. Scored some good tries throughout the year, and was always in position to make the important tackles. One of the most consistent team contributors.



Shout Outs...

Thanks to all those who played from time to time when available - Tom Waterworth, Henry Lacey, Milo Hershman, Jasper Cohen and Will Nichols. Each made great contributions.

Also thanks to the U9's who stepped up and played for us during the year - Oskar Swerdlow, Jakub Belunek and Chris Petrou. These boys showed great commitment, skill and courage in each of the games played.



U10 Reds Report

Like the transition from touch to tackle, the transition from the mini's field to a full size one takes some getting used to. The Under 10 Reds have risen to the challenge admirably in 2017. This year we had the opportunity to renew rivalry with St Patricks and Drummoyne who were both graded with us, as well as find new rivals from further afield.

The benefit of playing on the larger field with competitive set pieces is that it gives all the kids a chance to shine regardless of the strengths they bring to the field. This has meant that the forwards have had a proper chance to show what they can do, with excellent work at the breakdown and a fine scrum and lineout that both regularly embarrassed the opposition. Similarly, the backs this year have had space to show what they can do, with some excellent displays of running and passing rugby as well as superbly taken conversions.

Most of the players have had the opportunity to play in several different positions on the field, giving them the chance to experience different specialisations and gain understanding and appreciation for the work their teammates put in on the field.

The Reds have played some fantastic rugby right across the paddock, with strong showings from all our players, forwards and backs, with some excellent personal displays from all the boys, consistent development and fantastic sportsmanship and team spirit.

The boys finished the regular season in fifth place in a tightly contested 10-team competition, with the positions from 3rd to 7th separated by 1 point between each. This congestion is a great indication of a well graded competition that has been consistently enjoyable each week, something this year's 9's can look forward to in 2018.



U10 Reds Player Profiles

by Coach Martin



Player Profiles



Dominic Chen

Dom is our Hooker and is an indestructible bundle of energy and determination. He throws the lineout with great accuracy and control and shows great skill with the ball at his feet in the scrum. We have won more than our fair share of tight heads this year and Dom's hooking has been a vital element in this. Dom is a very quick and elusive runner and during the season has found his way down the tight channel beside the ruck with increasing frequency.

Jasper Cohen

Jasper has raw speed and can run beautifully when released into space with the ball. He has played mainly on the wing this year with a little time at Centre. He has had several great runs and some excellent defence at the back end of the season, never giving up on the tackle. We have seen him develop into a more mature player positioning himself well in attack and has defended his wing studiously.



Spencer Davies

Spencer had a tough start to the season, trying to learn the Halfback role behind a forward pack that started a bit slowly. After a couple of weeks, with the forwards getting on the front foot, his delivery has been super. There have been moments of excellent decision making and he follows the ball around the field like a terrier. The quality of ball he provides has made the job of the backs outside him much easier and he has regularly put his body on the line for the team in both defence and at the breakdown.



Zeke de Alwis

Zeke has played on the Wing and at Centre this season. He didn't see much ball on the wing early in the season, but with greater distribution deeper into the season, we have seen the attacking form that he has brought to every season from Under 6's. Zeke's attack is only part of his impact in the game though as he is a great defender who regularly wins ball for us from his tackles and work at his own breakdown. His work at Centre has been excellent too after a late season switch closer to the ruck, regularly making strong runs and working the draw and pass to free up a winger.

Sam Gimenez-McAlpine

Sam Props either side of the scrum and plays Second Row as well. He has shown that he's grown into an excellent forward, playing the tight game with skill and enthusiasm, contributing prominently to the dominance of this forward pack. He is an excellent Prop, strong ball runner and is an integral part of the side. He has grabbed a few tries at the back end of season with the use of his raw power close to the line.



Milo Hershman

It's simply unbelievable that Milo qualifies to play in the Under 9's this year. This is his first year playing with us and he has played Second Row for the 10's this year. He has provided great service at the quick tap when we've been awarded penalties, has scored many well taken tries and regularly offloads from contact. Hopefully his success this year might help to ween him off the round-ball game onto something that allows him to use his frame to greatest effect!

Max Kelso

Max is our Captain and Fly Half. It's a big load to shoulder and Max has done the job for the team better than we could ever have hoped, leading the team with aplomb. He is a damaging runner and has both scored and set up plenty of tries this season. As the season progressed he has found it easier to spread the ball wide to release his outside backs for a run and has worked hard on his communication with the referees.



Lucas Kohen

Lucas is an excellent Fullback, and like many good Fullbacks he gives us another option at Fly Half. His work both in attack and defence from the back have been brilliant, with his cover defence saving many tries for the team this year. He is our first-choice goal kicker and we are getting spoiled as we have come accustomed to seeing his sideline conversions land during the season. He has made some astute tactical kicks in play and orchestrates the team from kick offs as well.

Henry Lacey

The physical leader of the team, Henry is a specialist Loose Head at the moment and has had an absolutely devastating season this year, playing very competitive rugby in great spirit and with excellent sportsmanship. He has propped the scrum wonderfully, jumped at 1 in the lineout to win our ball and spoil the opposition ball regularly, as well as running the ball and tackling with determination. Finally, his work at the breakdown has left the opposition in disarray, with his dominance regularly leaving his opposition unwilling to contest the tackle area.



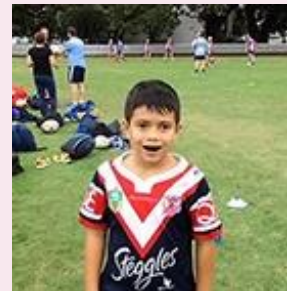
Aston Lebler

Aston is Vice Captain for the team and Captain of the forwards. He has played mostly Second Row, but has also Propped the scrum and Hooked at times as well. Aston is the spiritual leader of the team, revving the boys up prior to game time and leading the team song after a win. He is a student of the game who has worked hard this year to harness his passion to greatest effect, scoring several great forward tries in the process. Sometimes trains as though he's got feet for hands, but come game time his handling and offloads have been brilliant again this season.



Jake Matthews

Jake has played Number 8 for us this year, locking the scrum wonderfully well. This is his first year with the club and he has worked hard to pick up the nuances of the forward game. His control at the back of the scrum and his work as the last man at the lineout have been excellent, giving our backs a bit more time and space to operate. As his running lines have straightened during the season, he has found greater penetration with his runs. His speed, agility and ball skills point to a future in the backs when the numbers on field expand at 12's, but only if we can pry him out of the forwards!



Will Nicholls

Will has been a late signing for us this season, only coming on board after the mid-year break. He has a background in AFL and brings excellent ball skills and surprisingly good defence with him. He is probably the quickest player in the team and has the incredible ability to change direction mid-flight with no loss of speed. His work at training shows that he will be a prolific try scorer as time progresses and he has already made some great penetrating runs for the team.



Hugh Trafford Jones

Hugh has spent time at Centre, Wing and Fullback this season, with great results in each. His best performances have been in situations where he can find a bit more space out wide or in front of a broken defensive line where his strength and speed give awesome penetration to his running. He is a ferocious defender and will happily clean out his own tackles when one on one. A genuine point scorer, Hugh has taken plenty of tries this year and will do as long as he wants.





Tom Waterworth

Tom has played Wing and Halfback this year, providing another option to the team in both positions. As the season has progressed, he has grown in confidence and its fantastic to see him sticking his tackles and making strong runs with the ball. His work from halfback has been strong, providing great service to his Fly Half and chasing the ball from ruck to ruck. His development from the beginning of the season has been wonderful to see, not just in skills but in confidence as well.

Ben Wilson

Ben is a specialist Tight Head Prop who has played some time in the Second Row this year. He scrummages with exemplary body height, causing major headaches for his often much larger opponents as he wins the front row battle. His success in the scrum has given him confidence to trust and use his frame as an effective ball carrier, in defence and at the breakdown. As the season has progressed he has found greater and greater authority and his voice can be regularly heard around the field, urging his teammates to greater effort.





U11



Petersham Juniors Rugby 2017

U11 Age Group Report

It has been a season of changing fortunes for the mighty U11's this year. Battling the challenge of having a squad of 22 boys when there are only 12 on the paddock was expected to be a tough ask but the camaraderie of all the boys made this easy to manage. A loss for the first game of the season to the team that beat us in the Semi Final last year gave us a quick realisation that all teams had improved since last year.

After the first 6 rounds, we were 1 win and 5 losses and had to work hard to get back into the competition. From this point on, the boys started to gel and the new comers and return players began to make a big impact on the team. The next few rounds saw three great wins and three painfully close losses, keeping us middle of the ladder. In the final few rounds of the year the boys had some amazing results and were a very narrow 5th on the ladder, sending us into the plate finals. Coming up against Bays in the Semi Final saw a win of 43-14 in a near faultless performance.

This led us to a 9am Wahroonga-based Father's Day Grand Final showdown against the much-improved Narrabeen. The stunning winter weather and warm glow of family support saw the kids put on their greatest display of running rugby of the year, coupled with impenetrable goal line defence. It was a big win, followed by all of us heading to Marrickville Golf Course for an afternoon of fun and reflection. What a day this was!

Once again, the broader family group that surrounds the team is the reason for their success and positive attitude. Parents are always willing to offer their services and help in anyway. To mention some but not all includes Dave (master manager), Jenny (scorer), Ian P (super subber), Darryl (trainer), Richard (substitute coach) and Miles P, Lee O & Ian H (sideline).

Each year the boys continue to show improvement in both their skills on the rugby field, but also respect and manners to opposition and officials. They are a credit to their parents and a joy to be involved with.

Bring on Japan 2019!!



U11 Player Profiles

by Coach Ben



Player Profiles



Brendan Bennett

As each year passes Brendan not only gets bigger, but has much more impact across the paddock. His short bursts of speed and power in the scrum puts the team in a position to be able to strike every game.

Joshua Chen

With a rugby brain, good hands and a powerful running ability, Josh makes light work in tough situations. He can bust through the opposition every time and defends like his life depends on it. As each game goes by, Josh's ability continues to grow.



George Cook

As one of the work horses of the forwards, George has excelled with his skills this year. He has no fear in tackling anyone on the other team, gets to every breakdown and does his job of clearing out and securing the ball time after time.

Hugh Crakanthorp

Hugh has always known the intricate rules of the game and how to outsmart the opposition. This year Hugh has added to this an ability to clear out a ruck, fight for the ball and have some driving runs off the back of the ruck with great motivation.





Riley Davison

Riley has the motivation and determination to better himself every week. He is always wanting to go the extra mile for the team and because of this determination he is often first to secure the ball. Give him a task and he will give it his best.

Jackson Feeney

As another newcomer to rugby this year, Jackson has grown in his skills and understanding of the game every week. With his increased confidence, he has shown that he has no fear in defence and is incredibly impactful in attack.



Fletcher Gill

Every year Fletcher shows that he is void of fear and is the first line of defence. With a rugby brain that works overtime, he takes the game in his own hands with his quick thinking in attack and is always the first to take on the biggest of the opposition.

Koen Griffen

Koen's return to the rugby field has been an impressive one this year. As each game goes by his illlusiveness in attack and more impressively his defence has improved out of sight. He has the ability to bring down the strongest opposition with ease, no matter how fast they are moving across the field.



Hugo Guastella

For a first-time player, Hugo has shown amazing natural skill and ability around the paddock. Right from the first training session he showed that he has what it takes to be a player of great skill, influence and gives 100% every time.

Jules Holland

Jules has really come into his own this year. He has found his speed while running with the ball and is making strong breaks every game. A valuable team member who continues to improve every game he plays and is integral to the team's success.



Jack Lennox

This year Jack has discovered the power he has with ball in hand. Every time he has ball in hand he never fails to make good ground and drive forward. His reading of the game in general play means that he is always where the ball is - ready to take it and score.



Andrew Lyons

Andrew through his passion for the game has gained knowledge and skills that make him understand exactly how to take full advantage during every play. He will fight to be first to the breakdown and knows exactly what it means to be a team player.



Siaosi Mahe

Siaosi's strong attacking play means that he can make a break from anywhere on the field. He runs powerfully and with speed and determination that puts fear in the eyes of the opposition as soon as they see him run.



Maddox Oddy

As the playmaker, Maddox continued this year to be incredibly impactful with his decision making in attack and his strength in defence. With the text book tackling technique, he is an impenetrable force that no one has managed to break through all season.





Julius Otunuku

Who knew that with the return of Julius would come such powerful defence and speed. Although only coming in half way through the season, Julius has shown that he has the skills to make the difference to the result of any game he plays in.

Elias Papalexandris

This was Elias' first year of rugby and he has quickly shown what a powerful runner he is. In loose play, he is quick to pick up the ball and run, usually beating at least two opposition players. This on top of a lack of fear makes him a great asset to the team.



Oscar Parsons

Coming late in the season, in a very short period of time Oscar has shown the ability to quickly fit into the team dynamic and has great adaptability in a number of positions. He has shown himself to be a confident and strong runner of the ball whenever it comes to hand.

Maran Petkovich

Maran has excelled out of sight this year. His ability to run through half a gap and to steal the ball off the opposition has proven vital in the team's success. He continues to lead from the front and is an inspiration to the younger members of the team.



Aston Pynt

As the rock of the front row, this year Aston has shown that he is not only one of the reasons why our scrum has dominated for the season, but he is also a great asset at the breakdown. He clears out with precision, always takes the ball forward and never takes a backward step.

Harry Stephens

Harry's ability to get quick ball out of rucks and scrums allows the team to get forward momentum. He has become illusive in attack, keeping the opposition guessing what he will do and is always thinking on his feet in attack.



Edward Wadland

Ned's enjoyment of the game allows him to make the most of every opportunity on the paddock. This confidence means that whenever he has the ball he manages to get past several players and always makes valuable ground.



Harry Wadland

Harry can cover the entire field with ease and will chase down any player that is trying to get away from him. His speed out wide means that he always makes good ground and is impossible for the opposition to catch.







U12



U12 Age Group Report

Following on from our successful 2016 where the PJRU U12's made the plate grand final, we were well placed for a successful 2017 and set out to embrace playing full field and 15 a side rugby for the first time. We welcomed back 11 boys from 2016 and were joined by 3 former PJRU team mates and 8 new players to the club who immediately fitted in well with their Shammie brothers.

The performance of the boys this year was a significant step up from last year and you could see the skills, fitness and teamwork of the boys shining through early on.

Although we saw a couple of boys out with injury for a few weeks and had our fair share of the impact of the flu in the latter part of the season, we qualified for the finals fixtures for the second year running. Unfortunately, we were knocked out in the semi's in what felt like a grand final game with the lead changing all the way up to the full-time whistle. The boys showed great heart and composure all the way to the end.

The season turned out to be one of our strongest seasons with us winning 11 of our 15 matches and a draw against Canterbury to finish 4th on the fixtures table. Most pleasing was the way the boys approached the game with strong passion, great character and playing for each other which made all of the coaches, carers and friends very proud.

Congratulations to a number of boys for their selection in the Sydney Uni representative side (Finnley Harding, Eric Carney, Ryan Palmer, Felix O'Donnell, Sam Hallit and Oscar Martins) and good luck to those U12 boys representing the Shammies in the Canberra 7's.

Thank you to the coaching team (Michael Chanter, Charles Palmer, Rob Harding, Paul Pollard and Paul Cartwright). Without this group of dads sharing the coaching burden, we would not have had the success that we did. Thank you also to the fantastic parents, carers and friends who were our ground marshals, assistant referees, set up and pack up teams, drivers and chauffeurs for training and games as well as being the creators of the great off field atmosphere and support.

The 2017 PJRU U12 boys have a bond forged in rugby that will remain strong as they move forward into new adventures and challenges, including, starting high school next year. Go well boys!

Yours in Rugby

Lani Frew



U12 Player Profiles

by Coach Michael



Player Profiles

Lipina 'Campese' Ata

Lipina continued his form from last season, and clearly the islander diet is doing no harm, as he seems to have grown another 2 sizes over the season. Lipina once again showed why he is often game-day captain. His natural understanding of the game means he has been able to slot into roles at eight, ten and in the centres. No matter where he plays, he makes yards in attack, and is hard on the ball in defence. A highlight of the year was to see him running an in-and-out move to completely bamboozle the opposition fullback ala a Tongan David Campese.



Oliver Barrington-Higgs

Oli joined us late in the season and showed enormous enthusiasm and willingness to learn and contribute to the team. He brings some good understanding of how to play in the loose forwards and was a handy player towards the end of the season as our regular back row combination needed some support.

Rowan Bhatia

Rowan is always full of energy and smiles, but really loves getting stuck into the rough stuff. With Tom at 7 and Ryan at 8, Rohan rounds out the back row at 6, and relishes his job. Never afraid to rip in when required, he is very strong in contact, and creates a perfect tag team with Tom and Ryan.



Xavier 'Seagull' Borralho

A huge boost to the team this season, Xavier is new to the Shammies, but brings some more of the Newington brotherhood to be the absolute cornerstone of the pack. A devastating runner with the ball, he does honour to the tradition of many great sea gulling props to be found on the wing, except when he has the ball he also brings genuine pace.



Eric Carney

Eric was a standout individual contributor last season, and he is another player who has great vision and understanding of the game. The most rewarding thing to see in Eric's game this season is the trust and teamwork he has developed with the players around him. His combination with Finn and Oscar Jorgensen has seen a lot more width in our attack and a stronger team game as a result. With a strong foundation in place, Eric provides the team with opportunity next year to introduce some tactical variety and sharpen our backline skills.



Joshua Cartwright

Josh has been a mainstay of our tight five for many years, and this year has seen him really grow into his potential and was missed mid-season when he picked up an injury. The tallest lad in the team, and one of the largest, Josh is a gentle giant, who is quiet both on and off the pitch. This year, however, he has let his play do the talking and he has really stepped up his running game. A hallmark has been some barnstorming pick and go runs that have shown him to be a handful at his best.



Tim Causer

Tim joined the Shammies mid-season, and immediately made an impact. He is softly spoken, but the epitome of the little guy with a big heart. He has found a home in the back three and shown absolute fearless commitment in regathering loose ball and running back into traffic as well as making some massive cover tackles against some of the biggest opposition players.



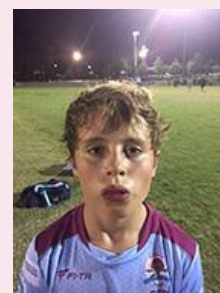
Tom Chanter

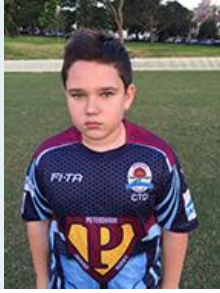
Whilst he played centres for much of last year, Tom has found his natural home at openside breakaway. He is a fierce competitor, generally content to keep his head down and get on with the job in the loose, and his cleanout work has steadily improved over the year to make him a genuine pest in the ruck and maul. Tom brings some pace to the back row, and has ghosted his way through traffic to score some handy tries from broken play.



Max Christie

(Mad) Max started his second year of rugby where he left off, with 100% commitment in all facets of the game. He started at 9 in his first year, and has played a number of roles this year, as backup to Finn, as fullback and on occasion wing and five eighth. Max is a natural athlete, with good pace, and in conjunction with Tim, his cover defence has been instrumental in many wins for the team. As Max develops his skills, he will likely find a natural home in the inside backs, where his pace and defence will be hugely valuable.



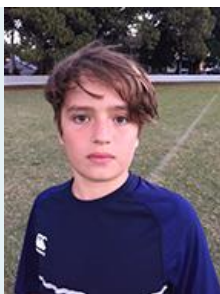
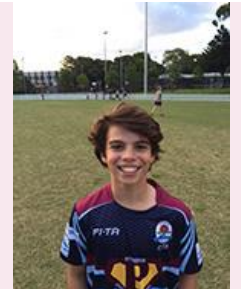


Adam 'Bulldozer' Graham

Adam is a new player to the club this season. With Xavier and Dante, we now have a front row equal to any team in the competition. Energetic in the tight stuff, Adam is unstoppable if he gets the ball within 2 meters of the line. Always enthusiastic, his positive attitude has made him a great addition to the team.

Sam Hallit

Sam is one of the genuine pacemen in the team, and when we shift the ball wide of the centres, he has shown what he is capable of on the wing. Over the season he has also made strides in his defensive work, and is a valuable member of the backline.

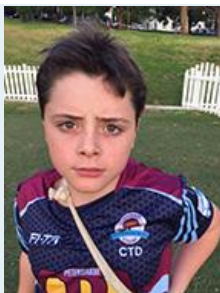
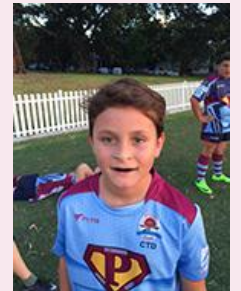


Finnley Harding

Finn has settled nicely into the U12's team and made the 9 position his own. He has a good brain for the game, and reads the play well, which is vital for a successful halfback. A dangerous runner, solid defender and very handy kicker; there is no doubt he added a lot to the mix this year.

Oliver Hershman

Oliver has grown in size and confidence in his second year of rugby, and has become a genuine contributor to the overall team success. He has made huge strides in his positional awareness and defence, and his confidence on the field reflects his comfort with the game. He soaks up the coaching lessons, and takes them out on the pitch. A highlight must be his maiden try on the wing which is a reflection of the trust he has earned with his inside backs.



Milo Hilferty

Milo is another player who is in his second season for the Shammies. Always enthusiastic and keen to get out on the park, Milo has been a great team man willing to play wherever he is needed on the pitch, but seems to have found a natural home in the front row. As he develops in confidence and understanding of the dark arts of the front row, Milo's natural strength will see him develop into a solid scrum contributor.



Oscar Jorgensen

Oscar had a stellar first year with Petersham, and his development over the season was impressive. Having built a strong centre pairing with Oscar Martins, he has worked well with Eric to provide a new dimension in our attack, and has specialised in getting in behind the opposition defensive lines. As he continues to develop his passing play and positional awareness Oscar will become a pivotal part of our backline.



Oscar Martins (aka Jimmy)

Playing his first year of rugby, it has been satisfying to watch Oscar grow in confidence and enjoyment of the game. He has found a natural home in the centres, and his acceleration and ability to break a tackle makes him the Izzy of the U12's. As he builds his combination with Oscar Jorgensen and Eric and develops his wide passing game, we will boast a genuinely dangerous backline.



Felix O'Donnell

Felix has no doubt been one of the most improved players for the team this year. An integral part of the engine room in the second row, his work in contact has seen him grow 2 feet in confidence. He was constantly seen in the clean out with Ryan, Tom and Rowan, and his pick and drive game was integral to the team in making yards up the middle.



Ryan Palmer

Ryan has always been a talented and committed player, with a massive work rate, damaging tackle, and an abundance of passion. There's never any doubt about how Ryan is feeling, and when he harnesses his energy, he is unstoppable. What has been evident this year is a huge improvement in the positivity and supportiveness of his talk on the park. He has stepped up to become one of the leaders for the group which is very satisfying.



Lucas Pollard

Every time Lucas turned up to training this year he seemed to have grown a bit taller, and his dedication to swim squad has paid dividends in his fitness and speed on the rugby park. Always ready with a joke or a smile, Lucas is nonetheless a passionate competitor, and his cleanout work and opportunistic running game was sorely missed when he had some weeks off to recover from a broken nose. A true team man, Lucas has been willing to have a crack in the back three and the forwards, but he is starting to develop into a classic running lock.





Jaii Robertson

Jaii is new to the Shammies, and has made a strong impact in every game he has played this season. He is quiet by nature, but he is made of steel. When he speaks, his ideas are thoughtful, and show his understanding of the game. Jaii is a leader of the future who already has the respect of his teammates.

Jonah Wilkins

Jonah is a new addition to the Shammies, and has proven to be our most valuable utility player this year. He has genuine pace, an excellent tackle, and is equally at home in the back row and the backs. As Jonah develops his positional play, he promises to grow into a great fullback or running back rower.



Dante Zappacosta

Dante has been a mainstay of the front row, and much like his counterpart Xavier, enjoys a good run with the ball, and knows his way to the try line. Along with Adam and Xavier, Dante has become a pillar of what is a very competitive front row combination, and the effectiveness of his work in the tight has improved over the year under Charles's stewardship.

Isaac Zoud

Isaac is one of the spiritual touchstones of the side, and is always abuzz with energy and talk. He usually needs a lap of the oval at training or a couple of rucks on the pitch to settle into his game, but once he switches on, he is a busy bee all over the pitch. Isaac always plays above his weight, and has been a handy player in a number of positions. Notably, he has been a great partner to Adam at hooker in the big games, where he brings a dynamic running style, and usually finds his way across the line.





U13



Petersham Juniors Rugby 2017

U13 Age Group Report

The oldest Shammy lads broke new ground this year, taking the club into an age group we have not been in for some time, playing u13 rugby. This is a great step forward for the club and the first of many we hope playing 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's then into our Colts system.

During the year we played some really great rugby, with the backs being asked to use the ball more at the right times with authority and Cookie taught them so much here. Nothing happens out wide unless the forwards lay the platform, they were asked to really dominate at set piece and the breakdown, creating the space needed to win plenty of games.

In almost every scrum we were the smaller team, but the heart and technique shown by 'The Piggies' who were never pushed back was a credit to how they were coached by Tim, Stu and Gerry. In both areas we had some fantastic success, and in some periods, we went away from this. This is rugby and the lads learned something from each win they had and the tough moments endured during a loss.

We spoke later in the season about my 3 C's of rugby, contact, commitment and courage. Rugby is a contact sport and you have to love the 'contact', enjoy running into lads that want to run around you and tackle them hard (but safely), and we have some outstanding leaders here. 'Commitment' to the contest, the tackle, the breakdown, whatever it may be, your commitment must be unwavering.

And finally, Courage. The 'courage' not to shy away from contact and when you need to tackle a big kid, or truck it up into a set defensive line. Some of our smallest lads led with the biggest of hearts and it epitomises what Petersham Rugby is known for. To never give up on a big chase and make that try saving tackle, there was an effort in the semi-final had to be seen to be believed and still gives me a tingle down the spine when I recall it.

It's been a privilege to spend time with these lads, and as their coach I am very proud of them. We have a great bunch of kids and they are a true reflection on the families they come from. The coaching team of Jo, Simon, Tim, Stu, and Gerry, I offer a most sincere thank-you and look forward to spending more time together.

We hope the lads have become better players and maybe in a small part we've helped them begin the transition into becoming fine young men that will continue to play and enjoy rugby with their mates at Petersham Rugby.

The motto of Petersham Rugby is 'bringing people together since 1883' and we look forward to doing that in late September when the 13's break new ground and embark on the 2017 End of Season Tour of New Zealand playing in the Queenstown Festival of Rugby. This tour will become a cherished tradition of our great club at the end of each season for our 13's and invited guests.





U13 Player Profiles

by Coaches Adam and Jo



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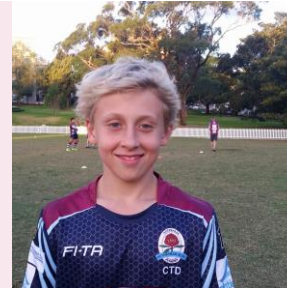


Nils Basic

Nils is our unassuming rip-meister. He is great at stealing the ball. By the time the opposition realises this lanky lad is next to them it is far too late. He is a funny guy to boot and always has a tale to tell. Not the typical body type of a prop, Nils is always tough, each game he attacks with grit and determination.

Jonas Cook

Jonas has a deceptive step, is reading the game well and is one of the more creative positional players on the paddock. His game numbers demonstrate his commitment to the game.

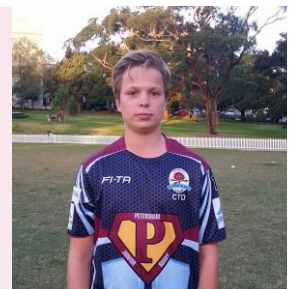


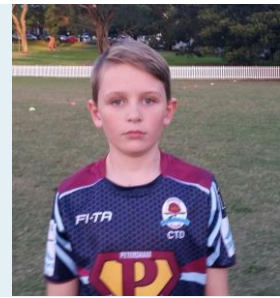
Frankie Davies

The nicest kid off the field but a monster on. Frankie is a passionate "leg breaker" tackler. Very committed, he will face down and drop the biggest opponent. A likeable intelligent rugby player. Frankie's style is quirky and positive.

Darcy Doyle

Big, strong and straight running centre. Darcy has developed into a consistent metre eater with his crash balls and has improved his defence to ensure the opposition think twice about coming through his channel.





Conor Dunn

Pound for pound the bravest player in the team. Week in week out shows that determination, skill and desire beat size all day every day. Technically our best defender and shows this each week, has silky skills and an evasive running game that keeps the opposition on their toes.

Enzo Farren-Price

Mr Price was asked by his coach to ensure his defence improved by putting his body in the way of the attacker. He has taken this on board and become one of our most improved defenders, congratulations.

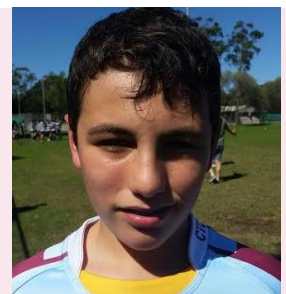


Walker Gaff

As one of our newer team members he has integrated well into the team even though he regularly commutes from Orange. He is a mature thinking player, a strong runner and a great defensive tackler, and puts 110% into his games. His talk and thought processes are appreciated and we look forward to seeing more of him next year.

Billy Graham

This is one powerful little package. His quick deceptive runs from the base of rucks and mauls combined with his quick cleaning out is a real asset to our team. He also has a ferocious tackle. A good listener, he always delivers what is asked of him and always gives 110% to each and every game.



Oscar Greville

Oscar is a strong and disciplined forward. He makes a difference in the pack and ruck, and good straight lines in attack.



Sam Hassan

Sam has turned our heads a few times this year with try saver tackles and some very fast runs. Always quick to get up after a monster hit, he's really finding his game.



Sam Hercok

Speedy Silent Sammy, also known as Triple S, scored one of the tries of the year to seal the win vs St Pats in round 1. Another one that doesn't know how quick he is and as that frame of yours grows you'll be tough to catch, and a harder one to tackle.



Finnigan Hercus

Finnigan is a real tough nut and has dramatically improved in leaps and bounds since last season. He throws himself into some devastating tackles and has been the first one to put his body on the line on a number of occasions, usually against some much bigger opposition. He is another player who always gives 110%. Also off the field he is very welcoming and friendly with all of the other players.



Jacob Kelly

That Tackle! A try saving 75 meter chase down of a runaway winger in the semi final was one of the moments of the season. He has developed as much as anyone this season and will become a very good inside centre and can expect to feature there in NZ. Keep learning big man.



Thomas Maclean

An all-round star number 8 who loves to break off the back of the scrum, create strong plays and play multiple positions. Thomas is a talkative young man off the field, always willing to give advice and an opinion. He's always quick to the breakdown, we love having Thomas on our team.





Thomas Mahony

I wish I was as quick as Thomas! He doesn't know how quick he is and I cannot wait until he realises this. Back yourself mate, you can be one of our very best wingers or fullbacks if you let your talent lead the way.

Oliver Mahony

Confounds the forwards coaches with his tall stance and strong attacking style, complete with a ball stuck in one hand that looks more like a water polo grip.



Kye Martin

2017 has been a breakout year for Kye. His running game and defence have improved to a level that the outside centre/wing position is his own. A great trainer who has converted his learnings at training onto the playing field

James McGregor

Whatever Jimmy touches is gold. We can count on at least one try and 2-3 try savers per game. His kicking prowess is beyond state level. This fella may well represent Australia in whatever game.



Tyler Ndhlovu

Tyler is on the improve. He has come late to the game and stretching himself this year. His confidence in contact is building which has resulted in some great tackles.



Max Perkins

Injury cut short what was a very promising year for Max. A great running game from half back and a pass to match. Max is also a solid defender.



Jack Riley

A pocket rocket! When asked to play any position Jack does it at one hundred miles an hour, his courage and passion are extraordinary, a true competitor with the skill and finesse to match.



Kyle Ritchie

Passionate, brave and competitive! Kyle is a true competitor and has the skill and pace to match his uncompromising desire to win and get on top of his opposite number. He has scored some brilliant tries and been solid in defence.



Sam Roediger

A feisty inspiring torch. He is a great utility player who can play most tight and loose positions which is most unusual and appreciated. After coming back from an injury, he has never been hungrier for the ball. Sammy is always trying to make a positive statement to build the team morale no matter what the situation.



Louis Ruelle

Louis explosive pace off the back of the scrum is a great asset to our team. His tackling is always in the oppositions face and as a result you can always spot Louie swarming around the breakdown with his yellow headgear. His happy and positive outlook also impresses and lifts us all.





Harry Russell

Harry is one of our more reflective players and one of our biggest units who we have come to depend on. He is a reliable and consistent player who grinds down the opposition. Harry's cleanout has developed well this year. He is starting to harness his size well and his strength is growing. He is developing into a formidable player with quiet courage.

Aedan Thompson

Aedan's running from back of the ruck/mall has improved dramatically this season. His penetration makes him a major force to be reckoned with in this area. His leadership in the scrum and strong calls has created a platform upon which the rest of the team now relies on. You are having a great season Aedan.



Quillan Ung

A man mountain who is really friendly off the field, but on the field he is a force to be reckoned with. Given his injuries last year, he has come back even stronger this season. His body height in the scrum has improved greatly throughout the year and he has contributed greatly to a number of difficult games, helping win the pill - especially in the last few wins in the draw. His skills as the team photographer have also been appreciated.



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