



Petersham Juniors Rugby

2018 Season Report





Petersham Juniors Rugby 2018

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Shammies Aims

Fun

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

Community

Ensure PJR plays a role within our broader community.

Coaches

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

Pathways

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

Partners

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

Values

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

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Committee

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President report

What a year it's been! It feels like yesterday we handed out our new kit and welcomed you all. There have been many highlights this year, here is a sample..

- » **Record registrations** - a new record for PJR with 230+ kids registered to play
- » **Girls rugby** - proudly took our first steps into Girls Rugby, and having seen these young ladies play I can tell you we have some future stars here. This would not have happened without Jo Bacic, a true Shammy legend, we love you Jo!
- » **Record Sydney Uni Reps** – 40+ kids representing Sydney Uni at the State Champs this year setting the standard for behaviour, the true Shammy way. We had 8 managers and coaches doubling up from club duties to lead these teams. Only a few years ago we took a back seat and now we are leading from the front!
- » **Awesome support** – 70+ coaches, managers and support staff to make training and games run smoothly. Next year we will launch the 'Shammy Way' of coaching and, investing resources to improve how we coach our kids.
- » **Supporting referee development** - Jo Bacic was at it again, raising the profile of junior referees, shooting a video with Sydney Junior Referees which promotes these little legends. One of these is our own Harry Russell, who received a recognition award in his first year of refereeing. We are putting 20 kids and parents through referee training in November. So if you think you know it all, put your name down and join us!

Grand final success

We rounded out the year with 2 impressive Grand Final wins in the Sunday competition for our 10's and 12's, I still get a chill up the spine when I type this line...well done to all!

What we are about..

Petersham Rugby has been bringing people together since 1883 and is proud of the role we play in the community and in the lives of our families. To see our own Raja, Khaled and family as part of the **#partofmore** feature from Rugby Australia warmed my heart and everyone who watched it. This is what Shammies are all about.

Massive thanks to..

- » **Our sponsors** - we couldn't do what we do for the kids and the community without your support. I hope you enjoyed the year, and next year will be even more exciting
- » **Our committee** - we have a committee full of the most awesome people, I cannot state here my appreciation for your efforts, guidance, commitment and passion. You have made a positive contribution not only to your kids' lives, but to the lives of so many more people in the Inner West community.

To everyone else thanks for being a Shammy, and maybe have a think about how you could play a role in 2019. **#whereeveryoumaybe**

Yours in Rugby

Adam Dunn
Prez PJR
1883 CTD



Club Coach Report 2018

Once again it has been a massive year for Petersham Juniors Rugby.

This success is in no small part due to the enormous effort put into organising and running each age group by the coaches and managers.

Once again we have had a large number of coaches undertake formal ARU training as well as participate in more informal sessions organised through our district club Sydney University.

Success is not always measured in Grand Finals and premierships but rather a better measure for Petersham Juniors Rugby is the smiles on the faces of the boys and girls each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

An incomplete summary of events and success from 2018;

- » Waratah Way coaching sessions run through Sydney University at Canterbury's Wills Ground
- » Mike Parson running dedicated kick coaching sessions with SJRU teams and U9 players moving into U10 next year.
- » 2018 Waratahs march past at Allianz Stadium
- » Dave, Phil, Matt & Kiri managing to successfully head two U6 teams through training and game each week – no small task. The smiles say it all.
- » Andrew, Frank and Shogo beginning the difficult task of transitioning our mighty U7's to a dominant tackling machine for U8's.
- » The U7's also played a curtain raiser for the Sydney Uni v Southern Districts show down.
- » U8's playing the curtain raiser at Drummoyne before 1st Grade in what would prove to be a Kentwell Cup Grand Final preview.
- » Giles and Troy with assistance from super Shammie Jack working with our U8's developing commitment in the tackle and structure at the breakdown. Some real running Shammies rugby was on show from these boys and girls.
- » Thanks to Jack who played Colts, 4th Grade and assisted with the coaching of the U8's a commitment rarely seen in 20 somethings these days.
- » JK, Peter, Pete and Shane with Super K leading our touring U9 across country to the snow and sleet of Orange building a dominant running machine and playing
- » U9 playing the curtain raiser before Shute Shield First Grade between Sydney University and West Harbour.
- » U10's Ryan, Simon, James and Matt leading a large U10 squad through the tough Friday night comp and won the Grand Final in their Sunday competition. A great first year of (almost) full field rugby!



- » U11 a massive thanks to Martin and Bec for single managing the transition down from two to one team. No easy task with such a diverse group of players. The team showed great resolve and commitment to finish the seasons with their best game – great signs for 2019.
- » U12 a great year under the leadership of Ben and Richard, a massively successful year with the boys winning the Grand Final. Things look good for the Japan tour 2019.
- » A number of our U13's successfully joined with Canterbury for a joint venture in the highly competitive U13A competition. Results reflect the high standard of this competition against some dominant teams.
- » Our two U14 teams ran successful years thanks to both Dunny and Jason. In an age group that typically sees a large drop off in teenage participation in organised sport the fact that we ran two teams was fantastic.
- » Mid season we hosted the "Inner West Rugby Fest" with junior games against Balmain and Drummoyne before the highlight of hosting and playing the Northlands School from Argentina.
- » The club hosted two rugby camps with Rise Up Rugby and West Harbour's Kodie Hawkins aimed junior Shammies skill development during the school holidays.
- » Finally, while the Wallabies didn't win the pre-Bledisloe march past was enjoyed by all.
- » The quality of coaching at Petersham Juniors continues to be a major strength of club and a major reason why parents will choose Petersham for their child.

Thanks to all our coaches in 2018.

Daniel Waterworth

Club Coach

Sydney Uni Game Days



Jack and the U8s



U9 vs Balmain



U7 hit the field



U7s and Canterbury form a tunnel

Argentina v's Inner West Day



INNER WEST RUGBY FEST 2018

2 pm U14 Petersham v Northlands
 1 pm U16 Drummoyne v Northlands
 12 pm U14 Petersham v Northlands
 11.15 am U12 Petersham v Drummoyne
 10.35 am U11 Petersham v Balmain
 9.55 U9 Petersham v Balmain

Northlands School (Argentina) v Petersham & Drummoyne

Sunday 22 July @ Camperdown Oval

The home of Inner West Rugby
<http://petershamjuniors.com.au/>



Captains and coaches



Argentina run on



U14s Petersham and Argentina

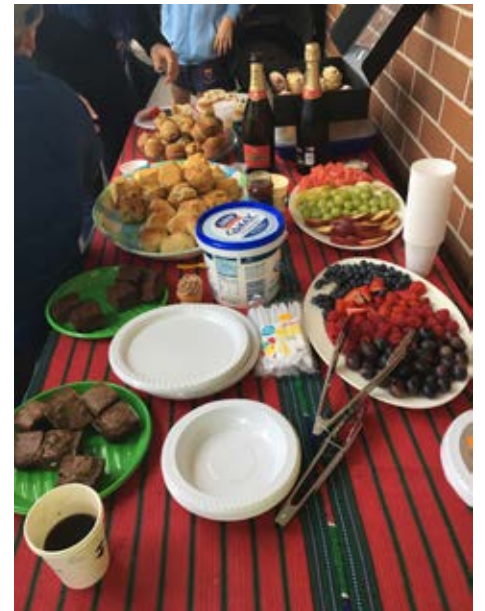
Shammies 2018 Year



Mother's Day U11s



Shammies rugby mums



Mother's Day



Oscar Ortolani and committee at Magpie awards



U9 freezing in Orange



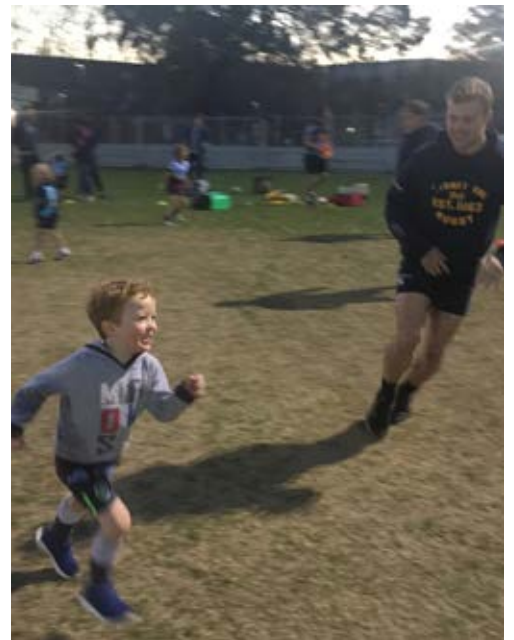
Tackling rings donated by Sydney Uni



Sydney Uni man of match winners



U11s post game celebrations at Newport arms



Sydney Uni Clots support shammies at training



U7s



Junior clubs march past



March past



Welcome day



Wallabies promo night



Zoud family #part of more

#PartofMore

#PartofMore is a 2018 Rugby Australia campaign to celebrate the great diversity within the Australian rugby community. No matter what your age, location, or background – city/country, club/school, girl/boy, men/women, together we come together to have fun and to be part of the local and international rugby community. Petersham embodies all of these fantastic ideals and together with our #PartofMore ambassadors Jemima Zoud, Raja Yassine and their wonderful rugby playing family our club and it's members are an example of all that can be great about the rugby experience. A fantastic finale to the campaign was Jemima carrying out the Bledisloe Cup onto the park, with fellow ambassador Amy from Jindabyne, between the Wallaroos vs Black Ferns game & the Wallabies vs The All Blacks game. All junior clubs were invited to participate in the March Past and the mighty John Kilikenny lead our might Shammies juniors and parents around the ANZ Stadium showing Petersham's support of Rugby Australia's #PartofMore march. Well done team!



Shammies at #part of more



Jemima with women's Olympic 7s



Jemima and Amy part of more ambassadors



Joe Powell #9



March past



We are part of more

Girls 7s Rugby

Getting Shammies Girls 7s up and running this year has been fantastic! It has been a year of building relationships with Canterbury, Balmain and Sydney Uni. Ivan Pomare (former Sydney Uni Development Officer) runs the combined Village clubs training sessions every week and we have seen the number of female Shammies steadily increase.

Early starters in Wave 1 of the Sizzling 7s comp were Jemima Zoud and Florence Ata playing for West Harbour on Saturdays as well as with Petersham in the regular u10s comp on Sundays! Petersham 7s started in May with Wave 2. Hesta Ruelle, Lily Treharne and Isabella Gloria were our very first registered Petersham 7s girls playing in the Northern comp in a combined team with the Collaroy Cougars.

In June Newtown High School of the Performing Arts came on board with 4 Try Rugby sessions for years 7 & 9 girls. We hope this will be an annual exercise that will deepen our coverage of girl's rugby from Club into NHSPA and other local schools.

In June Sydney Uni Women's Rugby also came on board with 4 Try Rugby days. The Sydney Uni Lionesses Barbara Waddell (SU Women's President), Grace Hamilton (Walleroo #8), Emily Chancellor (Walleroo flanker), Jamie Barbour & Tilly Vaughan Fowler (Sydney Uni AON 7s) joined Ivan to take the girls through their drills. We are looking to strengthen the pathway from girls club 7s to women's rugby 7s with this relationship. In July, Sydney University Rugby showed their commitment to the 7s format by running a training camp during the July school holidays for girls and boys in the area.

By Wave 3 in August we had 4 new Shammies - Grace Dunn (u12s), Lucia Davies (u14s), Siara Ortolani (u14s) and Ruby O'Sullivan (u14s). Playing with Canterbury as an u14s team the girls played their very 1st game as Sydney Uni at Norwest against the Braided Bulls and Collaroy (now our opposition!).



GIRLS COME TRY RUGBY
Learn from the Sydney Uni Lionesses!

Join us from 4-5pm on Monday 4th, 18th & 25th June at St John's College Oval for a free rugby taster coached by SUWRC.

All girls 10 years and over are welcome, bring a friend!
No rugby experience necessary.

Contact ivanpomare@bigpond.com or joannebacic@bigpond.com for more information

Buildcorp



The games were tough, the ground was hard, the beat box pumping (Go Carlo!) and the competition fierce but with Dunny & Ferg Duncan (Sydney Uni Reps Coordinator & dad to Davy from Canterbury) guiding them the girls played well and a new era was forged.

A full weekend tournament, Sydney City 7s, on a windy Malabar pitch followed on Bledisloe weekend. With guest players from Gordon & Sutherland, Ivan & Jordan (Canterbury) lead the u12s & 2 x u14s teams making it to the semi's and some players doubling up to the #PartofMore March at the Bledisloe at the end of Day 1. Jemima Zoud, in Shammies colours, was our star of the night bringing out the silverware for the Bledisloe opener.

A huge thank you to Ivan, David Haigh (Syd Uni Rugby President) & Kirsty Stevens (SU Events Manager) for their help in making this year a success. There are still a few more games to go including the Junior Nationals in October so stay tuned. Next year we are aiming for 3 full squads - u12s, u14s & u16s. If you are interested in joining us as a player, manager, referee or coach in 2019 please let me know and come join the Girls 7s Revolution!

Jo Bacic

Girls 7s Coordinator, u14 Blues manager.

Hesta Ruelle:

"This was my first time playing rugby 7s - and to be part of the first Petersham girls' team made it better. I was really excited when I heard there was a team because I have always wanted to play rugby - and watching so many of my brother's games! It was really fun and I had an amazing time playing. I loved it and can't wait for more!"

Grace Dunn:

"It was harder than I thought but fun and a great way to make new friends"

Lucia Davies:

"Playing 7s is fun! I love footie and already play touch and AFL. I joined 7s because it's a full contact sport"

Siara Ortolani:

"I loved learning how to play. I made great friends and I really enjoy tackling and cleaning out. It's fun to be a bit rough and I can't wait to play next year!"

Raja Yassine (mother of Jemima Zoud):

"Thanks to Rugby and the Petersham Club my daughter, Jemima, has grown up in leaps and bounds. Traditionally seen as a boy's game my daughter was encouraged by her 3 brothers to give it a go. She did and we've never looked back! Rugby has given her confidence, the ability to challenge herself and to work as a part of a larger team. Her mates on the team have become really good friends and now rugby is her entire focus.

Thanks for the wonderful memories."



Trivia night





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!

U8 Maroon: Aubrey Cook



U8 Blue: Dylan Thompson



U9: Max May



U9: Javier Kilkenny



U10 Friday: Florence Ata



U10 Sunday: Hamish Kelly



U 11: Milo Hershman



U12: Tim Causer



U13: Finnley Harding



U14 Blues: Walker Gaff



U14 Maroons: Conor Dunn



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.



Tom Chanter
U12

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

My earliest memory of the Shammies would be when I was playing in the under 7s, running sideways across the field, trying to avoid being tagged.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Before every game I think about being angry at someone or something, it helps me get pumped up and ready for the game.

What is your favourite moment playing for Shammies?

My favourite moment playing for the Shammies is when I'm running down the field with the ball in my hand and no one in my way. Also, I remember playing for the Shammies in U8s when there was a massive ruck and I roped the ball out and ran away with it, for a few minutes no one even knew the ball was out.

Who are your sporting heroes?

My sporting hero is probably Michael Hooper because he is the wallabies flanker and captain and I am a flanker as well. I look up to him for inspiration sometimes.

Any advice for new players joining Shammies?

My advice for any new players is to have fun, make friends but most importantly try your best, if you don't try your best you will punish yourself at the end of the match. Also join in all the club events.



Andrew Lyons
U12

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

In U7s at Concord, giving an assist to Harry Stephens to score a try.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Stretches

What is your favourite moment

playing for Shammies?

Winning the plate final last year 52-0

Who are your sporting heroes?

Michael Hooper and David Pocock

Any advice for new players joining Shammies?

Get stuck into the play and try to support your team mates.



Oscar Swerdlow
U10

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

This game out at Drummoyne where everyone was scared to tag except one boy.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

3 quarter of the field try in

under 10

What is your favourite moment playing for Shammies?

Never think you are going to win before the game and get aggressive

Who are your sporting heroes?

David Pocock and Michael Hooper

What is it like having your dad as coach

Dad is a great coach that sometimes hits me hard during training drills but I like having him as my coach!

Any advice for new players joining Shammies?

Never give up push hard in rucks and mauls do not be a back being a forward is terrific.



Mannix Ung
U12

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

I just remember doing lots of running.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Not really but I do like to stretch before the game.

What is your favourite moment playing for Shammies?

Playing with good friends and winning (and scoring a try)

Who are your sporting heroes?

Usain Bolt

Any advice for new players joining Shammies?

You can't win every game and this is not a reason to give up.



Spencer Davies
U11

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

A Playing against Balmain in U7s in touch. It was a really, really wet day at St Luke's and we beat them.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

No, not really.

What is your favourite moment playing for Shammies?

A I don't have just one. I just really enjoy playing for the Shammies in general.

Who are your sporting heros?

Israel Folau

Any advice for new players joining Shammies?

Don't be shy about tackling!



Aston Lebler
U11

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

Scoring 3 tries in my first game in under 6's .

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

I like to listen to Imagine Dragons to fire me up

What is your favourite moment playing for Shammies?

Beating Lindfield to get into the under 10's final.

Who are your sporting heros?

Ned Hannigan because he's funny and Ben Robinson because I always wanted to be like him

Any advice for new players joining Shammies?

Go out and have fun and be proud of yourself.

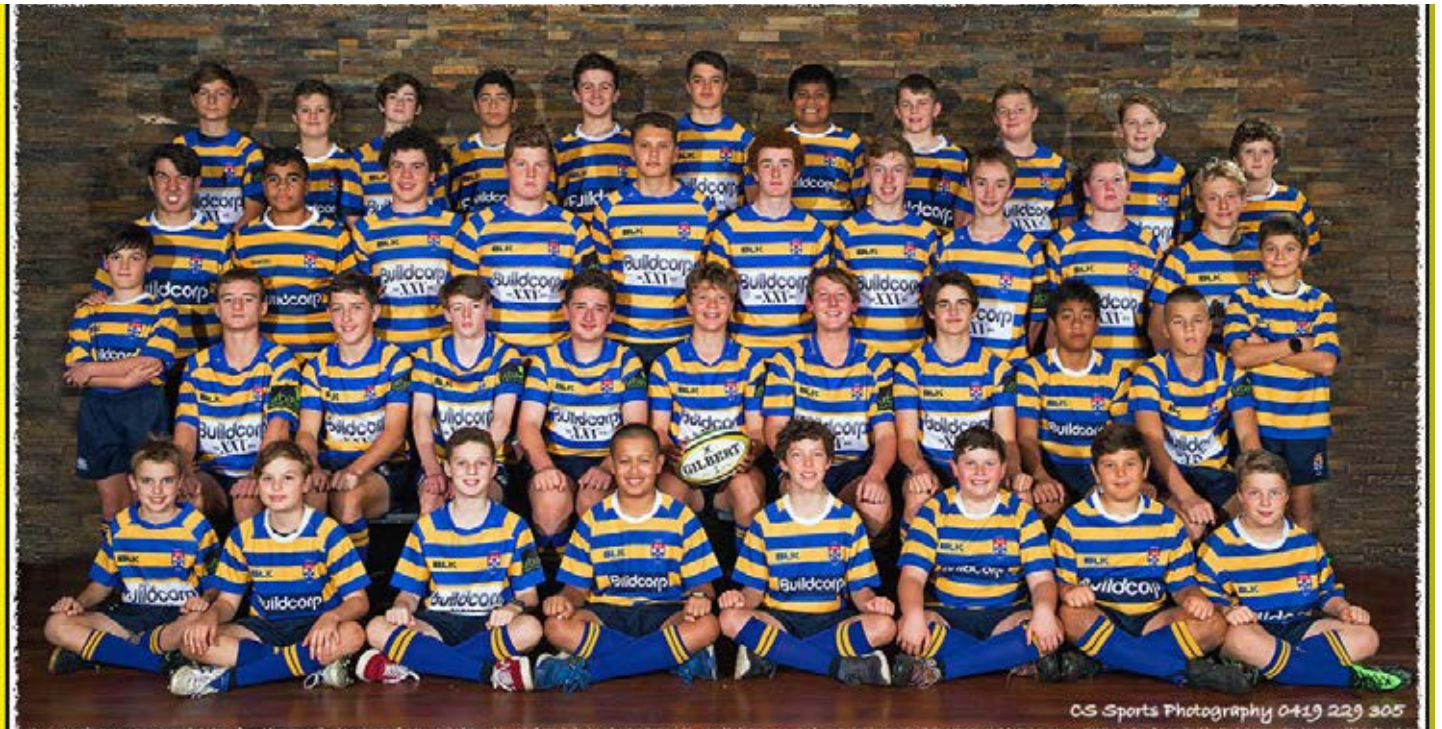
| Year | Players |
|------|---|
| 2015 | Bertie Alcock, Will Burraston, James Crawford, Tom Maclean, Harry Russell, Tommy Treharne Coaches – Michael Crawford, Nik Treharne |
| 2016 | Lipina Ata, Nils Bacic, Ben Brown, Eric Carney, Josh Cartwright, Frankie Davies, Oscar Greville, Finnley Harding, Siasi Mahe, Kye Martin, James McGregor, Maran Petkovic, Harry Stephens Coache – Tim Greville |
| 2017 | Hugh Crakanthorp, Fletcher Gill, Jack Lennox , Lucas Pollard, Quillan Ung, Conor Dunn Coaches – Ben Stephens |

Sydney Uni Representative

Petersham Junior Rugby Club is part of Sydney University rugby district. There are 12 Junior Rugby Districts in the Sydney metropolitan area. Together with our friends at Canterbury and Balmain, we provide selected players to trial for the representative team for Sydney University Juniors.

The selected players participate at the NSW State Junior Championships held in June each year. These are for ages 10 through to 16 and are very competitively contested by the Sydney District teams, 2 combined NSW Country teams and often Victoria and ACT selections.

2018 Representative Players for Petersham Junior Rugby Club



Shammies Sydney uni players – all ages



U10's: Florence Ata, James Baranowski, Banjo Beardmore, Jack Cooper, Hamish Kelly, Eddie Harding, Willem Teong, Oskar Swerdlow



Florence Ata U10s



U10 @ North Narrabeen



U11's: Aston Lebler, Dominic Cheng, Henry Lacey, Lucas Kohen, Milo Hershman, Jake Matthews, Spencer Davies, Hugh Trafford-Jones



U11 @ East killara

Sydney Uni Representative



U12's: Brendan Bennett, Tom Chanter, Josh Chen, Riley Davison, Fletcher Gill (injured/ruled out), Daniel Lua, Sione Lua, Jack Lennox, Andrew Lyons, Siaosi Mahe, Maddox Oddy, Julius Otunuku (injured/ruled out), Maran Petkovic, Harry Stephens



U12 @Camden



U14's: Oscar Ortolani, Oscar Greville, Cade Lacey, Walker Gaff, Ualeni Taifau, Ryan Gleeson, Thomas Maclean, Malcolm Butt, Jake Clarke, Ethan Griffiths, Joe Khalil, Will Blanchfield, Curtis Kinstler-Smith, Wilson Jenkins, Kyle Ritchie, Abraham Lekkas, Jonas Cook, Conor Dunn, Sebastian Arko, Jack Riley



U14 @ Orange

Junior Referee Initiative

Creating Better Opportunities in 2019

This year the Shammies produced our 1st junior referee from within our own junior's player ranks.

Harry Russell is a Shammies 100 club member and has played club rugby for the Shammies since 2009! He toured New Zealand with his team in 2017 for the u13s Queenstown Festival of Rugby and this year played with the u14 Blues on Sundays as well as learning to be a junior rugby referee.

Harry completed a Refereeing Kids Rugby (RKR) course at the beginning of the season. This allowed him to referee teams that were 2 years below his age group. His first 4 games were under the stewardship of Richard Chen (Shammies u12 parent) who is a referee with the Sydney South Rugby Referees Association (SSRRA) and who gives our new referees the opportunity to cut their teeth on Saturdays at Queens Park Waverley and Sundays across Sydney.

In November this year, with the financial support of the SSRRA, the Shammies are running a full day Level 1 Foundation Course for our u14s and all interested mums and dads. We will also run an RKR half day course on the same day for all interested Shammies (including players under 13) in the mini's and junior's comps. 20 people will learn how to Referee Kids Rugby for 2019 (Mini's, Juniors & Girls 7s). All Referee registrations for 2019 will also be included under our new agreement with the SSRRA for 2019 so get in quick!

Our goal is awe inspiring footy on the field through safe and informed game management, and improved conduct (on & off the field) through better knowledge of the Laws of the Game. RKR is the beginning of alternate pathways in Club Rugby for those players looking for a break from playing but wanting to use their existing rugby knowledge. RKR is also the beginning of the development of future careers in Refereeing.

A massive THANK YOU to the Sydney South Rugby Referees Association for supporting us with this initiative by funding our courses and referee rego fees in 2019 as well as funding the development of a Junior Referees Promotional Video for 2019. This is the time to get involved!

Jo Bacic
U14 Blues Manager
#GrowTheGame



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ON THE CURVE OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE



U6

Petersham Juniors
Rugby 2018





U6 Age Group Report

“Audaces fortuna juvat”

What a season! The 2018 crop of Shammie U6’s have announced themselves upon the rugby world!

18 of the most handsome, skilful & outrageously talented boys & girls ever to lace up their rugby boots, took to the field each Saturday to play an electrifying brand of champagne rugby never before seen on the fields of Sydney.

Demonstrating speed, determination, teamwork & skill along with a joie de vivre, these little Maroon & Blue superstars ripped through the U6 competition shredding their unsuspecting oppositions while nonchalantly scoring tries for fun.

With every opposition U6 team easily dispatched our Maroon & Blues stars still craved elite competition and a true test of their superior skills. In the end the answer was obvious, they would have to face each other in a blockbuster Petersham Maroon V Blue Derby!!! Friendships were set aside as both teams crossed the white line to face the ultimate U6 rugby test. The coaches were instructed to chuck in the ball and keep out of the way...the atmosphere was tense! What ensued was a gladiatorial battle not seen since the Colosseum. Relentless attack was matched with merciless defence as both teams dared not lose this epic battle. When the full-time siren went and the dust settled the sides could not be split, with the scoreboard even. In true Shammies spirit the players shook hands, formed a tunnel & then shared a well-deserved bag of snakes!

Our U6’s leave behind season 2018 with no regrets. Yes, there was blood, sweat, fights, tantrums & tears but thankfully this was restricted to the hapless coaching team upon whose dubious coaching sessions the players endured with remarkable stoicism.

To the wider Petersham family rest assured, the future has never looked so bright with these little champions ready & willing to carry our club to ever greater heights!

1883

Special Thanks (in no particular order): Kiri Hetariki, Phil Scott, Julie Wheway, Paul Jamison, Matt Corben, Andy Farley, Dan Waterworth, Anina Sauer, Maxwell Kelso, Adam Dunn, Conor Dunn, Hanna Schemmer, Theo Strang, Guy Porter & the rather wonderful Aisling Forrest.



U6 Blue Player Profiles

Alex Corben

Alex "the Axe" has continued to improve his rugby through the year. He has developed into a key cover defender, able to get across in defence to stop many opposition tries. In attack he has a no nonsense head down - straight hard up the middle running style, with many hard meters having been gained for the team. Alex looks certain to continue to develop into a future forward for the Shammies, time will tell if it is a powerful prop forward or versatile flanker.

Season Highlight – All the training and playing finally paying off, so that Alex can now play tackle rugby with his big brothers down the park.



Jack Farley

he best side step and most evasive runner in the team, if not all the under 6's. Jack often let the opposition dazed and confused on his way to the try line. He was always there in support ready for the next pass to get a try for the team. There was no rest in defence either, and Jack was often the 1st player there to make the next tag. Well done on a great season.

Season Highlight – Jack's first game in the Maroon & Blue of Petersham securing his Shammie destiny. Coach & Dad Andy maybe a Dirty Reds Legend of Drummoyne but wanting a better life & brighter future for his boy Jack took the sensible decision to bring Jack into the Petersham family instead. We're certainly glad he did because Jack is an absolute champion already destined for Shammie greatness. (we think he gets it from his Mum!)



Amira Schedlich

Amira was one of our best trainers through the season, always trying 100% and never giving up or stopping to rest, and all the time having fun. After training brilliantly with the team all season, Amira joined the match day team at the back-end of the season, and showed great talent, ability and bravery in all her games. This girl's work ethic, sense of fair play & talent means she has unlimited potential! A great year for a champion player.

Season Highlight – Didn't play her 1st match of rugby Round 13 of the season and got player of the match for a fantastic debut game.



Jude Hetariki

Jude had a great season of rugby and as the season progressed so did to his involvement, and his ability to shine. He had a very important role of tap restarts and made sure his team mates got great passes to start their runs every time. At training Jude all ways doing his best, he especially liked "Come over Red-Rover", and was one the hardest kids to catch. Congratulations on a great season, and we really look forward to seeing Jude again next year.

Season Highlight – The last few rounds of the season saw Jude's involvement in the game increase dramatically. So, much so that he received 2 player of the match awards in 4 weeks.



Fionn Rafferty

Bigger, Stronger, Faster is the best way to describe Fionn, the team enforcer, and the many times he became the go-to man when the team needed him. Fionn's running with the ball was an asset to the team, he has lead the way in many games, and could score tries from all over the field. Safe in defence too, he could chase down many an opponent to keep them away from the try line. Keen attention at training will help Fionn to be a champion Shammie player of the future.

Season Highlight – Fionn was a team leader, especially early on in the season, with the coaches relying on him to lead by example and show his team mates how to play.



Liberty Laing

Libby was another of our great trainers; she showed great skills and energy in all the drills. Her bravery in some of the drills was exceptional and she often showed her team mates the "Shammie" spirit. We look forward to seeing Liberty again next season, and watching her continue to progress.

Season Highlight – Libby made her season debut in the final game where she put in a scintillating performance against the Pirates. It



was a hot day but the fast track suited Libby who stood out from the crowd linking dynamically with her bestie Amira while running rings around confused Pirates!

Nell Ramsay

Nell underlines what under 6 rugby is all about. No one has a bigger smile on their face at training and game day than Nell and she was by far the crowd favourite of the team. A huge personality Nell loves training and the effort she puts in there will see her continue to improve into the future. This girl is destined to do great things on & off the pitch. Congratulations on a great season Nell.



Season Highlight – Anytime Nell scored a try she has the ability to whip the crowd in to an amazing frenzy!



Romeo Atzeni

With Rockstar looks & speed to burn this kid has it all! "Rapid Romeo" the team speedster and zip zip man could skip pass opponents & once in some space there was no stopping him. Romeo was a leading try scorer for the Blues and could find turbo-charged ways to the try line like no other player. Always playing with a smile on his face, he really loves rugby.



Season Highlight – In the u6 Petersham blockbuster, Romeo scored an amazing 6 tries in this ferocious derby match against the mighty Petersham Maroon's. An amazing effort!



Thomas Davila

Tommy was a mid-season recruit & a massive addition to the Shammies U6 family this year.

Having learned a trick or two from big brother Charlie running around in the U7's, Tommy took to life on the rugby pitch like a duck to water. Tommy was quick up in defence & ran straight in attack. Tommy rounded off a terrific season with a try in the final game against the Pirates.



Season Highlight - In his first game of rugby Tommy lead the charge in defence tagging superbly & showing his teammates how it's done!



U6 Maroon Player Profiles

Calum Scott

A standout for the Maroons all season, Calum put in magnificent performances every week.

Brave to a fault, Calum always put his body on the line for his Shammies teammates & finished most games with bangs, cuts & bruises as well as a couple of tries. This kid is tough!

Season Highlight – Calum shone every Saturday but it was during those rough & tumble Tuesday night training sessions he showed his true metal. Calum always waited & held his little sister Keavy's hand making sure she got through each rugby drill safe & sound. What a man!

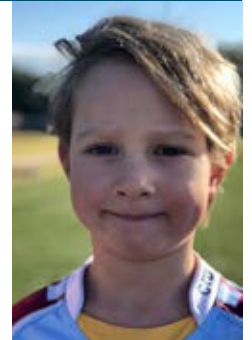


Henry Vial

Tall, strong & athletic allied to a cool temperament meant Henry is already destined for Shammie greatness. Towering above his teammates Henry offered the Maroons the strong presence that all great teams need. Popular with his teammates Henry was never one to get ruffled or frustrated, contributing handsomely both on training nights & game days. A regular try scorer.

Destined for the second row.

Season Highlight – early season game against Balmain in which Henry dominated & comfortably took out player of the match.



Dara Forrest

The U6 rugby season 2018 may have come a year too soon for this 3-year-old, but Dara brought plenty of energy, enthusiasm & a cheeky smile to training. Dara loved being involved & running around. Memorably Dara showed Sydney Uni stars Theo Strang and Guy Porter a clean pair of heels when outpacing them in a high-octane game of 'Come over Red Rover'.

Season Highlight – after taking a heavy knock from a much bigger opponent Dara showed true Shammie spirit by getting up, dusting himself off & going again.



Josiah Sailosi

Josiah was a very popular member of the Shammies U6 family this year & especially loved playing 'Come over Red Rover' at training. Big, strong & powerful Josiah is sure to turn into a hard running hard tackling Shammie pack leader. Looking forward to welcoming Josiah back in season 2019.

Season Highlight – watching Josiah crashing into the tackle bags at training & sending his coaches tumbling to the ground.



Finn Waterworth

A natural born footballer blessed with speed, balance & a rugby instinct to follow the ball.

Finn didn't stop running & scoring tries all season often leaving bigger opponents trailing in his wake. When in doubt the Maroons would give Finn the ball to get them out of trouble which he always did with style. Finn looks set to follow his brothers & enjoy a big Shammies future ahead of him. One to watch!

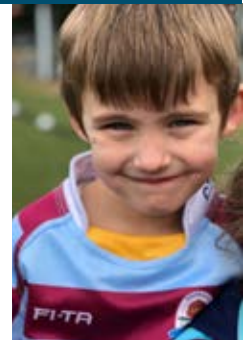
Season Highlight – with his blonde curls flowing in the wind Finn would often finish his tries with a spectacular swan dive over the try line...magic!



Keavy Scott

Keavy brought lots of energy & smiles to training each week. She loved game day and would often take the first hit up for the Maroons from their own try line. Showed her best when she had her big brother Calum running close by offering her support & encouragement. Looking forward to seeing Keavy again in 2019 where she is sure to go from strength to strength.

Season Highlight – scoring a try against Canterbury & going on to win player of the match.



Maggie Nicoletti

A firm favourite with both players & coaches, Maggie simply made the U6 2018 season worthwhile for everyone with her sweet nature & infectious smile. Maggie always followed instructions at training & game day easily outperforming the boys with her skill, determination & diligence all the while rocking the coolest retro boots in the Inner-West!



Season Highlight - wanting to fire up his team before another titanic battle coach Dave called in the Maroon's for a serious no nonsense "Pep talk"! Maggie not quiet understanding coach Dave's docile Irish tones thought he had said "Peppa talk" & lead the charge of 9 delirious Maroons snorting like Peppa Pig at coach Dave.

Ryan Forrest

A bit like his mother Ryan could be temperamental but when he was good he was very very good!

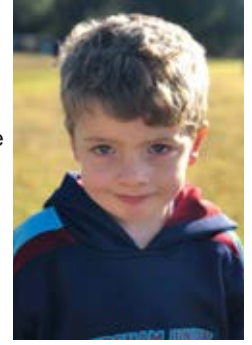
Ryan 'the Rhino' was always hungry for the ball and finished the season as one of the Maroon's top try scorers. Not lacking confidence, Rhino nominated himself as the Maroons captain & was more than comfortable offering referees "robust opinions" on their refereeing decisions. All good signs!



Season Highlight – desperate to win the player of the match & the accompanying free hot chips from the White Cockatoo Pub, Ryan put in a stellar performance against Briars scoring a bucket load of tries & thus securing the aforementioned free hot chips.

Tom Jamison

Tom lead by his actions all season being exceptional in both attack & defence. Much like his dad PJ before him, Tom often showed a flagrant disregard for the offside line but this will serve him well in his Shammies career ahead. Teak tough & uncompromising Tom was the strong character this Maroons team was built around.



Destined to play 7.

Season Highlight – diving on the ground 3 times against Briars to win turnover balls for his Maroon teammates. It was a player of the match performance!



U7

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U7 Age Group Report

What a fantastic year for our under 7's. This year we saw a very healthy number of our under 6 players from last year returning along with a number of very welcome new arrivals. This allowed us to run two teams, the Blues and Maroons, with both teams making fantastic progress throughout the season.

Our amazing coaching team of Frank, Clarkey and Shogo did a sensational job in introducing the kids to new skills throughout the season (scrums, line-outs, and preparing for tackle next year) as well as reinforcing the basics week in and week out. Anyone who has witnessed a Tuesday night training session or watched the matches on a Saturday could not help but be in awe of the way the coaches go about their roles and really look after the kids individually and as teams.

The mighty under 7's were front and centre in the exhibition game against Canterbury ahead of the University first grade game and well represented at both the Waratahs march past as well as the march past ahead of the Wallabies test against the All Blacks in Sydney. Some life long memories for the kids (and parents) for sure.

Thanks to all of the kids for their boundless enthusiasm and enjoyment of the game. The kids grew their skills and confidence throughout the season and always came off the park with smiles on their faces. Throughout the season we saw kids volunteering to play for the other Shammies team and opposition teams when they were short of numbers demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

Thanks to all the parents for your enthusiastic support throughout the season and always putting your hands up to support the coaches and look after the weekly jerseys, oranges and weekly treats for the kids. It was also fantastic to see the Shammies parents cheer enthusiastically for both sides each week.

2018 was a great season that saw excellent participation, development and enjoyment all round. We can not wait for next season and the new challenges of under 8's rugby.



U7 Blue Player Profiles

Mirei Kikuchi

Being only one of 2 girls in our team, Mirei certainly kept up the reputation that the girls can do it just as good, if not better, than the boys. No doubt also with her dad's home coaching (coach Shogi), Mirei had a blinder of a season scoring trys and defending hard. We are sure next year she will also have another good season, as she works hard at her game.



Tevita Ata

With rugby blood flowing through his veins, Tevita is a unit that will do very well in this sport. Passionate for this game, keen for the ball and skills to match, he is a delight to watch score trys or defend his try line. Which position Tevita keeps everyone guessing, but one thing for sure is he's a good all rounder.



Faith Ata

This girls got talent, and Faith always delivers when she has to. A fast mover, she scored trys and defends well just like any of the Ata family. A natural all rounder, Faith was good in moving across the field at fast pace and scoring trys leaving the opposition in the dust. A great season and we are looking forward to seeing her next year.



Hamish Ramsay

Shy at the start, lion at the end. Hamish became a great team player during the season which goes to show you what these little guys are capable of. Keen for the ball and scoring trys, Hamish had a great season participating in attack and defence. With a bit of coaching, Hamish is now a full blown Shammie.



Thomas Rose

A great season for Tom, getting into the game with his team mates and having a go. He did well in attack and defence, and made sure he gave it his best and not let down his team at game time. Keen on improving his the ball skills, Tom was never shy of feeding the ball into the scrum or kicking off.



Fin Chanter

Always keen to play, Fin is a Shammie through and through like his brothers. Once in possession of the ball, Fin can charge around the field to score trys. He defence is also strong, stopping the opposing teams from scoring. We are sure that his potential will only grow as the years go on.



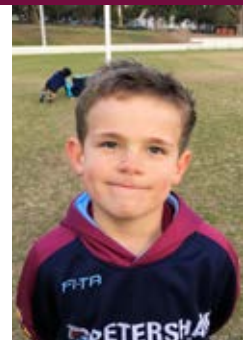
Louie Swerdlow

Louie really got into this season, running up the ball and defending against opposing teams. He was keen on getting the ball, always ready to run it forward to score trys. As the seasoned moved on with the introduction of tackle, Louie showed good ability to adopt and learn the tackle. Looks like this fella is going to hit the ground running next year.



Hugo Rutter

A good kicker and try scorer, Hugo was a fast mover in the field. Keen for the ball to score, to kick or feed the scrum, he excelled at the game. His ability to adapt makes him an asset to the Shammies. Which position he lands on is yet to be seen, but most likely with the fast movers at the back.



U7 Maroon Player Profiles

Hamilton Gill

An all rounder, Hamilton was enthusiastic throughout the season and played well with his team. Keen for the ball, he was always there to feed it into the scrum or kick off. Maybe a scrum half in the making? With his love for rugby, Hamilton will continue to enjoy playing and being part of the greatest sport on earth.



Julius Rego

A great season for Julius, he focused not only on his attack, but on his defence as well. A fast mover, once in possession of the ball, his ability to convert to a try is high. Being tall a unit for his age, it will be an interesting development to see whether Juggernaut Rego becomes a back, or plays second row like his old man.



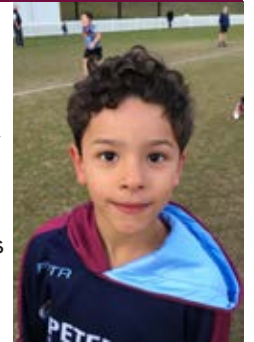
Hugo Donald

Hugo had a great time, really getting into it towards the end of the season. Not afraid to get into the scrum, it looks like he is making his way towards being a forward. Taking the ball forward and scoring tries, Hugo loved being a part of it and topping it off with a few medal wins.



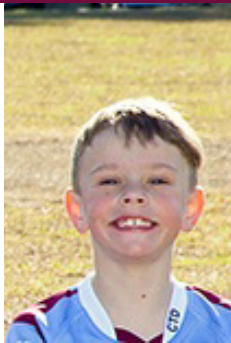
Leo Murphy

What can be said about Leo, but that he had a blast at the start, blast in the middle and a blast at the end of the season. A packet of dynamite, Leo never failed to deliver and not doubt home coaching by his old man went a long way. A keen tackler, there is no doubt his enthusiasm will be welcomed next year as we move to contact.



Robbie Walker

Robbie played with the heart and got into rugby from the start of the season. Keen to listen and learn, he always gave it his best and showed us what it was all about. Happy to take up the ball or stick to a great defence, Robbie did well with both. His desire to learn the tackle will hold him in good stead next year.



Harley Donohue

Harley had a fine season, scoring tries and defending his try line from the opposition. Taking the ball forward is now a natural skill for this Shammie, and having a great time with his team mates at training or on game day. Like his dad Adrian, we are sure Harley will be a great Shammie in the years to come.



Robbie Clarke

Like his old man Andrew 'Cannonball' Clarke, Robbie had a great season playing. Proud to be a Shammie, he was keen as mustard for the ball and to go forward to get that try. With this type of motivation, playing with the forwards in the front line seems to be a natural progression for this little Cannonball.



Sam Lebler

A good kicker and try scorer, So great to have Sam back this season with some amazing performances. When Sam puts his mind to it, he really shows us what he's made of, scoring multiple tries in a game when he wants. Always happy and proud to be a fellow Shammie, he does well attacking and defending for the Maroons. A great season for him.



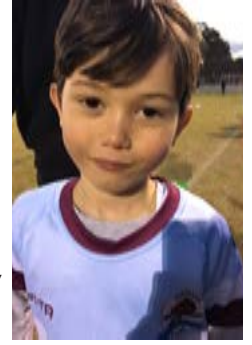
Michael Keenan

His first season only, he bolted out of the gates like it was his tenth. A fast mover, Michael naturally adopted the sport and picked up very fast (again must be the home training by his old man?). Always keen for the ball and good at scoring tries, Michael will be a great asset to Petersham rugby in the years to come.



Charlie Davile

Joining late for the season, this did not hinder Charlie's skill in the game. Another fast mover, a bit of coaching saw Charlie score tries when he got the ball and defence solidly against the opposition teams. Which position he lands, will be hard to say due to his speed, but keep your eye out for this guy (if you blink you'll miss him).



U8

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U8 Age Group Report

When you start with 4 pre-season training sessions with between 10 to 15 kids, (you'd be lucky to get that many seniors to pre-season!) you know you are going to have a great season and we did. There was always great enthusiasm which lead to great tries, great tackles and great phase play to build pressure.

The players may only be U8 but, as the season progressed, they really grasped the concept of retaining possession and going through the phases. That not only lead to some of the great tries but also to the building of a great team ethic. Of course there were moments of individual brilliance, some twinkle toed foot work, some monster hand offs and bulldozing runs layered on top of the good teamwork.

We made a conscious decision in the U8s to train as one 23-player squad and only split into our respective Blue and Maroon teams on match day. This allowed all the players to interact as team mates and get along and added an extra edge to the battle of the Shammies on the penultimate Saturday of the season. It was a great match up, and as coaches we honestly lost track of the tries scored but I think it is fair to say the Blues took the spoils in a very keenly contested game. More impressive was the willingness of Tim and Sam from the Blues to swap sides to even up the numbers and demonstrate the Shammie spirit of mateship and sportsmanship.

During the regular season we played Balmain, Briars Canterbury, Drummoyne, St. Pats and Wests. Some of those teams were big and hard running, some were clever about stripping the ball and counter rucking, some had some great tacklers and passers but in every match Petersham were competitive and more often than not winners, (even though we don't really keep score the boys do!) All of those teams struggle to cope with our phase play and almost always we found a way to correct any weaknesses the opposition exposed or cope with their strengths.

Tackling stands out in 2018, but only in so much as it wasn't an issue. There is undoubtedly more the players need to do to get a 'shoulder on' in the tackle and keep improving their technique but every player made good tackles during the season and also took some good hits. There are too many examples to list but a couple of stand-out moments were Aubrey putting his body on the line in a one-on-one tackle on the, up to that point unstoppable, West's giant and Sophia taking a monster hit from one of the bigger Drummoyne boys and bouncing right back up and into the game.

There is an amazing array of talent in the U8's and when we got all that talent working as a team there was nothing we couldn't achieve and no team that could live with us. But more important than that was we had fun playing with our mates.



U8 Blue Player Profiles

Thomas Catanzariti

Thomas had a short season because of injury. In the games he was able to play, he ran as hard as anyone and a full season of training will enable him to develop a full range of skills and be a great asset to the club.

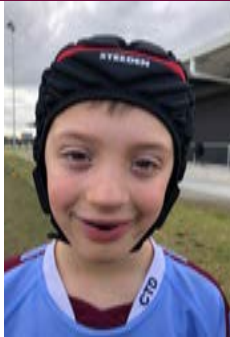
Sam Cameron

Sam made every effort to improve all aspects of his game this year. He is a diligent listener and an enthusiastic team player. Against the will of his mother, he seems to have taken on a role as ball playing forward, and his "show and go" try against Drummoyne demonstrated that he has the ability to take his game in that direction. His strength at the breakdown and ability to hold up opposition ball was another key element of his game that assisted the blues greatly this season.



Owen Charles

When Owen pulls on the headgear, and sets his mind to a task, he is unstoppable. He had a great year on the field, with his explosive running causing problems for the opposition each week. He took a number of knocks throughout the season, where he just got up, dusted himself off, and came back at the opposition even harder. Owen takes instruction well, is keen to learn and when the going gets tough, Owen gets going. It will be great to watch his game evolve.



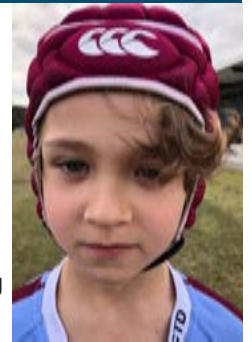
Lawson Gill

The Chameleon of the side. Lawson has the ability to switch from guided missile in defence to a hip swivelling rock star in attack, leaving the opposition in his wake. Lawson has a competitive nature, with the skills to complement this. He made huge contributions to the side in defence and attack, often both in conjunction – with his uncanny ability to steal the ball and then be on the run towards the try line. In the mix for player of the match every week showed how consistent Lawson was throughout the year.



Will Harriman-Khan

Nobody adjusted to the first year of tackling and contact better than Will. Possibly the best defensive technique in the age group, Will was an outstanding defender for our team, and relied upon week after week. With ball in hand, Will was also impressive, finding weakness in many oppositions, dancing and weaving straight through the middle. A student of the game, with a passion for rugby, Will is sure to be a key member of this playing group for years to come.



Kobi Hetariki

When Kobi put his mind to it, great things happened. He took on advice well. When he pinned the ears back, and ran straight ahead he often cut through the opposition. Kobi was keen to be involved in all aspects of the game, and whether throwing into or jumping in a lineout, or as halfback, or somewhere else, Kobi showed that he has the potential to be a very versatile rugby player.



Alex Mitchell

Alex had a great year. He was as solid as a rock in defence out wide, taking down much larger opponents and letting nothing past him. With ball in hand, he was terrific, always sizing up the defence and finding a way past. He scored some fantastic tries this year, but his defensive skills were just as important to the team. A no nonsense player who made a great contribution every week without any fuss.



Tom Nicoletti

What an enthusiastic team player. As a younger member of the team, he certainly held his own with older and bigger boys (and in the final training was even the bull rush champion) A tenacious competitor that wears his heart on his sleeve, Tom was a valuable asset. It was great to watch him simply stick the ball under his arm and just run, making valuable meters for the team. Tom should be proud of the way he goes about playing the game, and take plenty of confidence into next season.



Ethan Thomas

Ethan has an elusive running style that bamboozled many defenders this year, and there weren't too many attackers that got the better of him. We were fortunate Ethan was on our side, with great ball running skills and defence to match, he has the makings of being a terrific rugby player. Consistently one of our best players, he instils confidence in his teammates, and was one of the reasons we were able to have the measure of most sides this season.



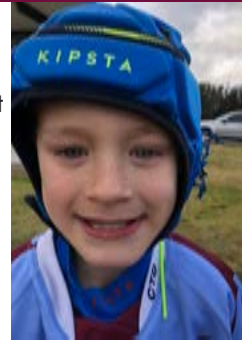
Tim Stanton-Clark

Tim made an outstanding contribution to the team in his first year playing rugby. His speed and hunger to get the ball across the line made him a handful for all opposition teams, and his speed and never say die attitude cut many opposition players short with cover defence a level above anyone in the competition. If his teammates were to vote on a most valuable player, I am sure Tim would have been it – with the highest number of tries and most try saves. A natural sportsman with loads of talent, we certainly hope he stays with rugby and make the Shammies his home. If his first season was any indication, he has a bright rugby future ahead.



Dylan Thompson

Our 1883 Award recipient for the U8 Blues for someone that embodies the spirit of rugby. Dylan may be the smallest in the side, but he has the heart of a lion. By seasons end, with his confidence growing every week, Dylan was taking on all comers in defence and attack. Willing to give it everything at training and on game day, one cannot ask for more, and his contribution to the team was immense. Knowing he has the capacity to contribute in all facets of the game should assist him greatly to hit the ground running next season.



U8 Maroon Player Profiles

Leonardo Atzeni

This was Leo's first season in rugby and he has quickly picked up the basics of the game. Leo was one of our most direct runners with a great appetite for the physical side of the game which made him one of our most effective tacklers. Sometimes Leo's focus could stray on the pitch but when he was in the game he was a force to be reckoned with. We can only imagine how much more he could do if he would actually wear his sports glasses!



Sophia Liney

Sophie was also trying Rugby for the first time and quickly grasped the technical side of the game. Sophia showed time and again that she was more than a match for the rough and tumble physicality of the rugby but her caring nature sometimes meant she didn't always use her physical power to dominate other players. If we can add a dash of mongrel to Sophia's game smarts and technique she will be hard to stop.



Aubrey Cook

Aubrey was great to coach and even better to watch play. He listened attentively and then put that listening to good work on the training paddock and the pitch. Aubrey was one of our most improved players across the season and at times demonstrated near flawless technique. Beyond that Aubrey was a great team player, revelling in his teammates achievements as much as his own. Always positive, courteous and polite and yet unrelenting on the park.



Harper Menniti-Hancox

Great feet, quick and always hungry to be in the action Harper was one of our go to players during the season. He has the natural ability to look up and play what's in front of him and was always happy to back his pace although sometime this took him to the touch line, which was not always his friend. Harper has the brilliant mix of being bright, enthusiastic and a little cheeky that made every training and match with him fun.



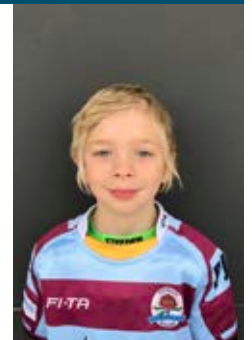
Will Jamison

Will was one of our most consistent players, always putting in a solid shift on the playing park or the training field. But every now and then Will would turn it on and when he did it his play would go to a level where it was hard for his teammates or the opposition to keep up with him. We still haven't quite figured out how to turn Will's awesome switch to permanently on but when we do he has what it takes to be a star player.



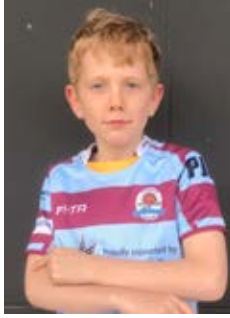
Archie & Lui Sabbadin Wells

As one half of the Sabbadin Wells twins Archie was the quicker to get to grips with the physical demands of rugby then brother Lui. This meant that earlier in the season Archie was more often in the thick of the physical battle for possession while Lui was more inclined to back his foot work and pace to stay out of trouble. Both boys were elusive runners but in the second half of the season something started to click, and both brothers and started to run forward, run straight and simply refused to back down. In the final few weeks they were more often than not vying with each other for player of the match.



Ruairi Rafferty

When Ruairi turned it on he did some amazing things on the pitch and on the training ground. Ruairi is a social animal and there were times that he enjoyed hanging with his team mates more than getting stuck into the game. He is a player who got better and better as the season progressed, playing some of his best rugby in the final weeks. Ruairi has the potential to be the complete rugby package if we can find a way to keep his brain in the game!



Angus Vial

Angus was the Petersham Maroons Mr Consistency, whether playing with a scrum cap or not! Angus was always in the game and focused, be that at training or on the pitch. He is strong in contact and you can see natural game smarts in the lines Angus runs and where he positions himself. Angus always did well at training, always had a good games with a sprinkling of brilliance from time to time.



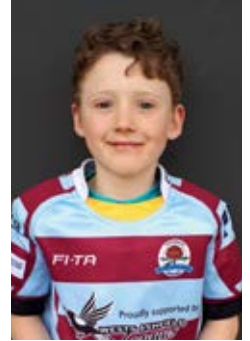
Nate Travis

Nate has a great combination of physicality, foot work, resilience and strength that made him stand out all season. He was always constructive and in the thick of things, tackling, running and, even later in the season, off-loading. Nate's ability meant he would run himself into trouble and then, more often than not, out of it but all season Nate's rugby intelligence grew and he started to asses the best options for both him and the team.



Liam Waterworth

A natural student of the game. Liam has bucket loads of skills and ability and is also a natural leader with great enthusiasm and passion for the game. That passion can spill over, which only underlines his desire to do well and importantly help those around him do well and be better. What was most pleasing about Liam this season was the emergence of his communication and team building skills making him the heartbeat of the team.



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U9 Age Group Report

What a fantastic year of rugby it's been for the Under 9 Shammies! This year saw a total of 27 keen rugby players, with many returning to back up their under u8's success. Encouragingly there was a steady stream of new players joining us throughout the season, including our first female player - Welcome Tilly! They must have heard about the legend that is Petersham Juniors Rugby club!

The under 9's were spilt into two teams, Maroons and Blues and at the helm were our 4 extraordinary coaches, JK, Peter Lloyd-Jones, Peter J and debutant coach Shane Lee. Keeping those four in line and Managing the under 9's was the fabulous Kristin Taylor supported by equally fab Susan Fox, Katrina Lee and Marcie K.

This group of work horses kept the u9's ticking over smoothly and ensured the boys developed into skilled, respectful and passionate rugby players. More importantly they made sure the boys HAD FUN!

We've had a super busy season with the Saturday morning comp, our awesome Orange Tour, Hunters Hill Gala Night, Chatswood Gala Day and our end of season Bowral tour!

Our highlight was definitely the Orange Tour, not because the boys literally froze out on the field (they played valiantly) but because the parents got to hit up a few wineries!! Wait - no sorry, it was all about the rugby!! Thank you to Pete and Susan who organised an outstanding tour and ensured that RUGBY was the winner at the end of the day :)

Coaches have been keen to prepare the players for the biggest challenge they're to face thus far - under 10's graded comp next year! They've been super dedicated to introducing positional play, reinforcing tackling and PASS PASS PASS for the love of god PASSSSSSSSSS!!

The Hunters Hill Gala night, with modified under 10's rules and play on a nearly full pitch, was a great introduction for our keen players - who played with guts, determination and resilience! An introduction not only for the kids but for the parents too! I may need to wear my glasses to see what's going on the other side of the field. Thank you to Kristin for organising a great night!

As the season draws to a close we will all reflect on a stellar year! Thank you to all our coaches and managers who've worked tirelessly. Thank you to the parents who have kept the boys motivated and delivered them to training and the games on time.

Thank you to the players who have made it such an entertaining year! Watching them grow and develop has, I'm sure, made us parents and spectators swell up with pride! Great job team, let's do it all again next year!



U9 Blue Player Profiles

Joshua Baranowski

Josh is the Gentle Giant of the Blues. His confidence and work rate constantly improved throughout the season. His strong running often had half the opposition hanging on to him for dear life as he charged for the line. Surprisingly given his size is he also one of the quickest Blues and Josh used this to good effect chasing down the opposition and making many try saving tackles. The moment of the year was him charging at the biggest player in the u9s competition, getting flattened but getting straight back up of the ground and going again. Excellent display of courage and resilience.



Oliver Kelso

Ollie gets the award for the longest plank for the Blues - 11 minutes! Give Ollie a bit of space in behind a forward pack and you can guarantee a try. Ollie's speed off the mark is a terrific weapon which he used to great effect through the year bagging many tries. His speed and courage also meant he saved as many tries as he scored. The highlight of the year was the half time Sydney Uni game vs Balmain where he not only made spectacular cover tackles but also scored a fabulous try in front of the roaring crowd.



Giovanni Briguglio Magarinos

Gio is the flamboyant and lovable character of the Blues. Often seen with a scarf on during warm ups and enthusiastically debriefing his week with a fellow team mate. Gio has a passion for running and put his skills to good use with many silky runs up the field in 2018. First to volunteer his opinion and congratulate his teammates, Gio is a vital part of the Blues culture.



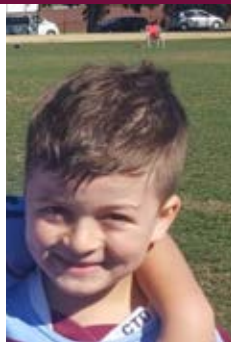
Javier Kilkenny

Javier was our 1883 player of the year. He consistently performed for the team on the field and at practice. He displayed powerful running and like Josh was our main strike weapon to get the team over the gain line (and he bagged a few tries along the way). He didn't shy away from the rough stuff and would tackle and turn over opposition ball at will. Javier is his own hardest critic, often upset that he missed a tackle or couldn't chase down an opposition player, this desire to improve sets a good example for his team mates.



Jack Jarjoura

Despite Jack's father's reservation of him playing in the forwards we can't keep him out of the rough stuff. If you ever want to locate Jack on the field, then just look to the ruck. Jack has a nose for the ball and is our turnover specialist. Jack has a huge work rate, first to the ball, always competing and never gives up. Moment of the year for us coaches was to see him step in and stop name calling at practice - this shows strong character and sense of values.



Tom Lennox

Tom is like the on-field coach. He has plenty to say and plenty to offer the team by organising the backline. Tom improved his tackling and passing this year and is developing nicely into a ball player. Tom was our try scoring machine often employing his signature move of "tackle, strip, spin and run like hell". Tom's passion for the game is infectious and his willingness to contribute more to the team is to be applauded.



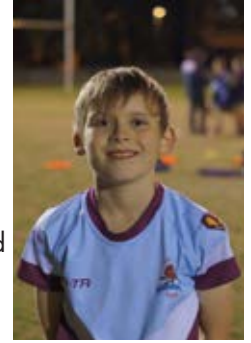
Levi Mikhiel

Levi was a key forward for the Blues in 2018. His strong running and fend meant he got the team going forward and he bagged a few tries along the way. He continued to develop his tackling and clean out technique throughout the year and he should be proud of the progress he made.



Adam Wilkins

Adams positional play improved a lot through the season. Towards the end of the year he finally nailed a try with a beautiful run from the base of the ruck. Adam could be relied on to run the ball up, jink and drive to get through the gaps. Adam is the team deep thinker and is often seen in deep reflective thought after a try is scored... clearly scheming around how to better support the next ball carrier to put himself in the hunt for more tries.



Ed (Woody) Morgan

Woody is our slippery eel. Constantly weaving and slipping his way through the opposition defence with the ball in hand. Woody progressed well throughout the year and his positional play and tackling was vastly improved towards the end of the season.



Luca Jones

Luca is our dual code star playing both Soccer and Rugby Union. In his first year of rugby he put his speed to good use and pulled off some great cover tackles and enthusiastically got involved in forward play. Luca combined well with the Blues mid fielders and looks a good prospect for a outside back where he put his speed to good use.



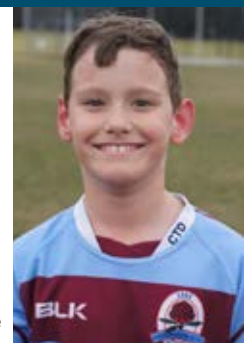
Billy Nicoletti

A huge year for Billy and coaches pick for the most improved forward. Billy is a very diligent player, listens to the coaches, works hard on his technique and constantly improves his game. Particularly pleasing this year to see Billy lead the defensive line up to meet the opposition ball runner. His courage would make it easier for the Blues to shut down any attack. Billy pulled off some beautiful low tackles this year and he was always there to push through the rucks to secure clean ball for the fancy backs to score tries.



Enzo Calabria

Another first year rugby player who really impressed the coaches. Enzo never stops smiling and his enthusiasm around the park and in forward play meant he was a key person to secure the possession for further phase play. Enzo also had several telling runs up the field and as good at placing the ball back to ensure his team mates could carry on the attack.



Luke Thomas

Luke was our "dance, dance, dance, dance, dancing machine". Not only could he pull off tough technical dance moves but he put those skills to use on the field with some powerful running. The highlight of the year was Luke charging up the field at the Hunters Hill gala day (full field) and then offloading leading to a spectacular Blues try. Luke showed some real progress towards the end of the season with his tackling and straight running with the ball in two hands.



U9 Maroon Player Profiles

Matilda Rowles

Tilly was a late comer to the team in her first season. She has impressed with her ability to pick up the game and her natural pace and enthusiasm. She has taken to all facets of the game with aplomb and especially impressed with her ability to tackle.



James Gormly

James had a great start to the season carrying on where he left off in 2017 – as a dependable defender and strong ball runner - when disaster struck. James was out of the game he loves for 6 weeks with a broken hand. Not to be disheartened James picked up the pieces and came back stronger than ever and with a point to prove. James is a valued forward with a high work rate tackling, ball running and contesting the breakdown.



Ezekiel Barros

Ezekial has had a fantastic year playing both in the centres and in the forwards. His step, speed and hard tackling have been his hallmark where he continues to provide entertaining runs and ball jarring tackles. We look forward to next year when Sunday gives Zeke a blank canvas to leave his rugby mark.



Digby Leadon

Digby was the Maroons surprise package (and good things come in small packages) especially for someone who has never played rugby before this year! Digby did the cross-Sydney dash from school soccer to show up at rugby for the Shammies and is always keen to get involved in the game. He stays in position on the wing to receive wide ball and then ducks, weaves and accelerates to outpace opponents. His resilience and toughness are second to none and his celebratory dance moves rival the best.



Declan Cohen

Declan was given the role of no. 10 this year and has done a stellar job as play maker. He keeps the opposition guessing as he passes the ball wide for his ready backs or cunningly steps through the opposition defensive line with the silkiness of a fly half who's been at it for years. Adding to the depth of his play Declan has become a very dependable defender in the backline.



Aiden Lee

This tenacious scrum half is always keen to be involved and attack the defensive line with courageous runs that sometimes take his teammates by surprise and leave them struggling to keep up. His tackling has been fantastic - especially cover tackling. Aiden has grown into the position well with good ball distribution to forwards and backs alike.



Mitchell Donald

Mitch had a steep learning curve in his first year in rugby. He has developed greatly over the year as a member of the team and has really grown in confidence. He applies what he learns in training and has pulled off some fantastic tackles that he may have surprised himself with. With his perennial smile Mitch clearly enjoys rugby. When he finds the "mongrel" switch - look out opposition!



Owen Lloyd-Jones

Owen has developed into a very strong hooker and anchor in the forwards. He enjoys taking on the opposition line with a view of drawing in as many defenders as he can before either offloading or taking the ball securely to ground. Owen is a strong defender and has delivered some bone crunching tackles over the season and cleans out with vigour. The feather in this jackal's cap is his work rate around the ruck, getting in and stealing the ball or drawing penalties.



Noah Zoud

Noah is one tough character and makes runs through the opposition that defy the laws of physics. Whether it is tackling much bigger forwards, cleaning out rucks or running through heavy traffic, Noah never fails to get involved. He seems to have no fear and feels no pain. His toughness and tenacity provide depth and strength through our centres and you can really see that Noah enjoys his rugby!



Max May

Max has grown as a player this year and his discipline in the game and at training, his respect, high work rate, never give up attitude and resilience were key factors in Max being awarded the Maroon's 1883 player. Max hits the ball up fast and hard and only knows one direction. He is always willing to get involved in the hard work of a forward and cleaned out, tackled and ran the ball up until he was exhausted and then kept going. Max is a key ingredient in the success of the Maroons forward pack.



Edward (Ed) Walker

Ed is a big boy, with a big heart and a big run. When Ed runs straight at the opposition at full flight they part like the Red Sea. As the season went on Ed capitalised on his line breaks by looking to offload to ready and willing backs. Unfortunately, Ed took a head knock towards the end of the season and had an obligatory 3 week recovery period. He showed great character coming to games to support his team while he was out and upon his return I think Ed played those three games in one - tackling, running and dominating the rucks like he had a point to prove. Another key player in a strong forward pack.



Leo McLean

Leo has been a key team player and all-round contributor. He does not shy away from getting into the action and has tackled and rucked with the best of them. His work rate is always solid, and he has stepped up and come into the forwards to plug gaps when needed. Leo has a massive heart and punches well above his weight when tackling and cleaning out. When the team went to the bigger field in preparation for under 10s, Leo rose to the occasion and enjoyed the extra space to open up the defence.



Raphael Thornley Sierra

Raph came to the club after moving to Sydney from Western Australia. Raph played rugby in WA and has only played a few games with his new Shammies team mates. Despite his late arrival in the team he has fitted in well. Raph has been a great addition to the Maroons, starting enthusiastically and is always keen to get involved.



Jack Putter

Jack Putter used his speed and agility to good effect this season with dancing runs that always seem to find an opening that wasn't there to be seen. This year Jack has also used his speed getting to the ruck quickly and cleaning out defenders vigorously. Jack is turning into a well-rounded player and has played well in both the backs and in the forwards.



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U10 Age Group Report

Our first season playing close to full field rugby for both the Friday night team and the Sunday morning graded team. Other rule changes this season had us playing with 12 on the field, 6 forwards and 6 backs. The scrums and lineouts were contested all of the changes making a big adjustment for the U10s this season starting a whole new chapter of rugby for all of us. We had a total of 34 players and a coaching staff of 4-6 parents plus our dedicated linesmen, scorers and ground marshals.

We welcomed James, Matt and Ray as the Friday night coaching team this season.

FRIDAY TEAM

Shammie's Friday Under 10's team this year played in the ungraded 10's comp. Our first game saw us run out with 8 of our 12 players never having played the game before. It was a great experience and whilst we were well beaten, most of our team came off the field feeling thrilled that they had just competed in their first game of rugby and survived!

We had set goals for the year to develop our skills in all areas of the game, but with only 1 training run a week, it became obvious to all involved we had to pick 3-4 areas to work on and develop our game from there. Training with the Sunday Team was a huge benefit for us and it really helped our teams confidence.

As the season progressed so did the team. We ended up winning 2 games and coming close in another 4 or 5 games. It was really pleasing to see all the team develop and mature as players throughout the year - to the point where, we had one of the best scrums and clean out technique in the competition.

A BIG thanks to all the parents this year

Regards

James, Matt and Ray



SUNDAY TEAM

The Sunday squad was again coached by Ryan and Simon with Josh regularly assisting (thanks very much Josh). Our team was graded in U10G for their first season in the SJRU Sunday morning competition. The team did incredibly well, winning 11, drawing 1 and only losing 2 games during the season. We finished the competition in 2nd place and then won the Grand Final, a superb effort for the kids first year of competitive rugby. The group really bonded as a team and you could tell the boys started playing their rugby as a team rather than individuals this season.

We had a group of 19 players this season meaning 7 substitutes each week, each player played half a game at least per week. Thank you to all players and parents for understanding the challenges we face as coaches trying to manage a large squad and the substitutions.

The players developed this year in both attack and defense. We introduced moves and set calls this season for the first time. The key development areas were passing and ball movement trying to get the ball down the backline to the winger. Playing or retaining the ball at the breakdown and tracking to tackle. We had a rotation of goal kickers and captains and co-captains during the season. The Coaches, players and parents looked to thoroughly enjoy the season. Watching the players progress and develop as much as they did throughout the season was fantastic.

To all the parents, you were a tremendous support this season, whether it was at training, on the sideline, scoring, running the line, keeping the piece as the ground marshal, photos, canteen and BBQ, assisting with ground set-up and pack down or 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 again.

Enjoy the summer!

Best in Rugby

Ryan and Simon



U10 Friday Player Profiles

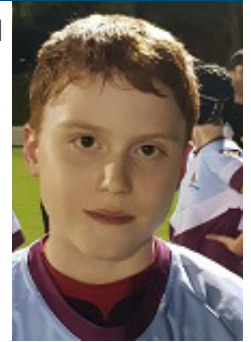
Josh Dyster

Josh was a newcomer to the game. Josh was enthusiastic, worked hard at training and developed a good level of skill. Once he gains confidence and learns to use his strength and size, his game will develop significantly.



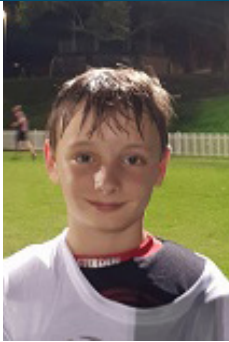
Jasper Jones

Jasper was one of our more experienced players. He has a very strong running and tackling game and when on field, was a hugely valuable team member. Jasper was also nominated for the Rep team.



Milo Comerford

Another newcomer to the game. Milo, at the beginning of the season lacked focus, but was determined to change. He worked hard throughout the season and became a force in our front row. Milo will be an asset to the team next year.



Jemima Zoud

Jemima was another experienced player who always gave her best. Due to her very busy schedule, she missed a few games but could always be relied upon not to let the team down when she did take to the field.



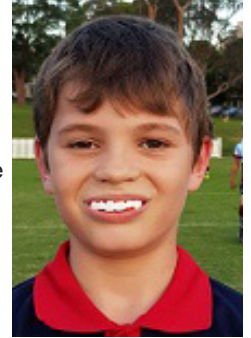
Theo Craven-Sands

Theo had only played a handful of games prior to this year. He has a great attitude and huge ability. Theo was a mainstay in our front-row (a big thanks to his Dad here) and always gave his best. He is developing into a very good rugby player and is one to keep an eye on. Theo was nominated for the Rep team.



Andrew Dominish

Andrew was another newcomer who worked hard at training. He really came into his own towards the end of the season, putting in some big tackles and really making an impact. Andrew will be a key player in the side next season.



Conor Brough

Conor was in his first season of rugby and very quickly adapted to the game. A natural. He was dangerous both on attack and in defense and will be a huge asset to the team next year.



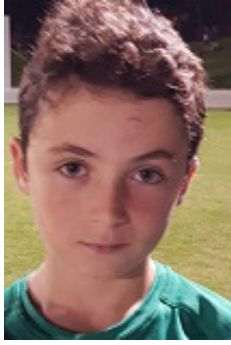
George Liney

George missed the majority of the season through niggling injuries. When he was on the field, George played with gusto and never gave up. A valuable team member.



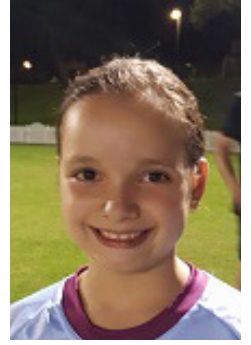
Junior Breen

Junior was in his first year of rugby also. He developed well throughout the season and became reliable in all parts of the game. He was our nominated goal kicker for the season and did really well for the team, his passing game was also particularly strong.



Harriet Comerford

Milo's Older sister :-) Harriet was an enthusiastic at training and never let the team down. Whilst Harriet never had a lot of attacking opportunities, her tackling improved throughout the season.



Otto Gerber

Otto was in his first year of rugby also. Otto has developed a fantastic tackling skill which made him a standout this season. He is learning his role at five/eight, with his darting runs he will be essential to the team next year. Watch this guy.



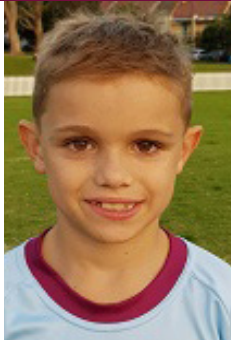
Kayhan simavoglu

Kayhan was a latecomer to the team. Also, in his first year of rugby, he made a big impact on the field. He will be an asset to the team next year.



Jimmy (The Jet) Reilly

Jimmy was another of the team in his first year and was a standout. Defensively, he saved so many tries at fullback and gave us a lot of opportunities on attack. His game will only get better next year.



Lisate Aholelei

Richard played all year at centre. He developed a strong tackling game and was always reliable. Once he gets full confidence he will be lethal.



Flo Ata

Flo was our most experienced player which was immediately apparent once she took to the field. She was exceptional at reading the game, tackling and running. Once Flo develops her passing game she will be unstoppable. Early days, but this girl will be a star in the game if she sticks with it. Flo trialled for the Rep side and made the team



U10 Sunday Player Profiles

Charlie Ash

Charlie has really developed as a Forward this year, often slotting into any position as required. He appears to really enjoy playing with his mates and is often entertaining at training. When switched on, he became extremely effective at the breakdown, with a great ability to secure our own ball when required. His tackling has also developed and with a little more training, we'd like to see him try his hand at running the ball more, up the middle, with a secure recycle. Well done this season.



Max Blombery

Our No.2 this season, Max is a true front rower. He is always keen and excited to add his thoughts on training and during the game. His scrummaging skills have improved over the season and he just needs to remember to talk to his forwards at scrum time. Max also showed some great progress in his breakdown work this season and we'd like to see him work on his passing and handling skills in the off-season. Well done on a solid season Max.



James Baranowski

James was our stand out Forward this season, often making the biggest tackles, cleaning out entire breakdowns and making numerous metres up the middle, often leading to a try. He was one of the first selected in the Sydney Uni u10 squad and impressed at that level. Congratulations on making such a big impact in Rugby this season, we're looking forward to seeing what you can do next year!



William Chanter

Will was asked to play scrum half 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 man. Well done.



Banjo Beardmore

Our sometimes shy and often quiet achiever, he was again a stand out this season with text book tackling and strong ball running. Managing to turn the ball over a few times, score often, or make the big tackle when required. Banjo is developing into a great inside or outside back we just need to get him talking to his team-mates on the field a little more, but this will come with more experience. Congrats on making the Sydney Uni u10 squad and for a great season.



Jack Cooper

Jack could play anywhere in the forward pack this season and his versatility was rewarded with a spot in the Sydney Uni u10 squad. He thoroughly enjoys his rugby and his enthusiasm is infectious. Always a great listener, he thinks about the game and wants to keep improving his skills. When on his game, his breakdown work was fantastic to watch. Well done on a great season Jack.



Hugh Glassock

Hugh was one of the new players to Petersham this year. He proved early on that he was a natural ball runner. We quickly formed a plan to get the ball wide to Hugh on set piece plays. This sometimes worked well, when the backline was able to pass the ball down the line. Hugh finished the season scoring many tries and proving a sound tackler. A great first season, well done.



Leopold Koutouzis

Leopold again brought a mountain of energy and enthusiasm to the Team this year. He was always keen to get on the field and get involved where he could. His last few games were a highlight and he used his pace and determination to score a number of tries and make some great tackles. As he continues to learn his positional play in the backs, his game will only continue to improve. Well done on a solid season.



Eddie Harding

A great versatile player in our team this season, Eddie was selected in the Sydney Uni u10 squad to play in either the forwards or backs. Always enthusiastic and one to make sure his mates were having fun, when concentrating, Eddie did well tackling and at the breakdown continuing to improve in both areas of the game. Congratulations on a great season.



Angus Mahoney

His first season with Petersham, Angus easily stepped into our front row as tight head prop. He quickly learnt his size was his asset and thoroughly enjoyed running the ball near the try line to barge over, scoring quite a few tries during the season. We'll work on his speed around the park next season and as this improves his impact on the game will continue to improve. Well done on a great first season with the Shammies.



Elijah Hassan

Eli shared wing and scrum half duties this season, easily moving between both positions to assist the Team. He did well at both executing some great cover tackles and managing the ball behind the forwards. Possibly the smallest player in our squad, he scored some great runaway tries and showed no fear in taking down bigger players. Well done Eli, another great season.



Joseph Nacagilevu

Joe was another first time Rugby player this season. He is a natural tackler proving to be one of the best in the team. He was also good with the ball in hand and linking in the backline with his inside backs. Joe had a great start to his rugby career this season we look forward to watching him develop further next season, congratulations.



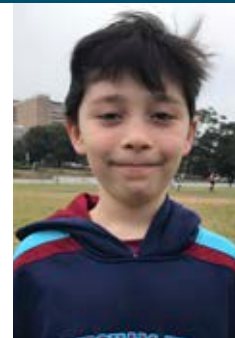
Hamish Kelly

Hamish is one of the most enthusiastic players in the Team and a quality all-rounder across the park, proven by his selection in the Sydney Uni u10s squad. Hamish is a great tackler, ball runner and solid over the ball at the breakdown, every time. He was the go to Captain, shared the goal kicking duties and scored some great tries, a fantastic season of rugby, congratulations.



Callum Pynt

Sharing hooking duties again this year Callum proved to be very good at contested scrums and lineouts. He was showing a lot of promise this season with his involvement at games and training, tackling and securing the ball until we unfortunately lost him half way through the season to a monkey bar injury, ouch! We are looking forward to having you back next year Callum, thanks for continuing to support your mates and run the kicking tee for us, well done.



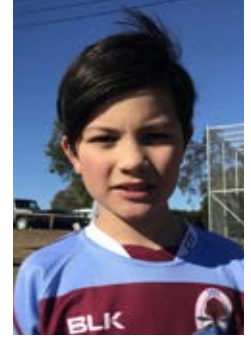
Jonty Robinson

Jonty is still the surprise package in our squad. Sometimes distracted with his mate Angus at training and during the game. He can and did again this season really turn it on at times. Making big tackles, turning the ball over or simply stripping it off someone. Jonty is continuing to develop into a solid forward whether playing back row or second row. As his listening at training improves, he will only improve as he continues to play. Well done on a solid season.



Sam Tooman

Another first time rugby player, Sam slotted easily into our second row this season. He quickly learned the ways of the scrum, lineout and breakdown and was a quiet achiever who got on with the work required, some would say a true forward! As he continues to learn the game he will become a greater force at the breakdown and the key in any scrums and lineout. Congratulations on a great first season.



Samuel Rudd

Sam is a little tentative as times but remains enthusiastic and keen to work on his game. His commitment to retain the ball by supporting his fellow players this season on a much bigger field was fantastic. Sam had a number of great runs down the sidelines, scoring a few tries and his relaxed attitude once over the try line did not go unnoticed by his father, Scott. Well done Sam, another great season.



Willem Teong

Willem enjoyed the No.10 position this year and was absolutely excited to run some back line moves and share the goal kicking duties. He is incredibly enthusiastic about the team, our key organiser, following instructions to distribute the ball off set piece plays. When running the ball, Will is a man possessed and generally carves up the other team scoring a number of tries this season. He also made the Sydney Uni u10s squad as a utility back. Still some work to do on his tackling, but another great season, well done.



Oskar Swerdlow

Another great season from Oskar, but he really stepped it up a gear in the breakdown this season. His new nickname, "The Face", came about after a number of barnstorming runs from penalties and a look on his face that scared players and parents alike. His breakdown work was fantastic and he was constantly thinking about what he needed to do on the field, as he was playing. He made the Sydney Uni u10s Shadow squad and based on his finish to the season, will no doubt trouble the selectors at next year's trials. Well done on a great season.





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What a fabulous bunch of kids and parents! 2018 saw the merging of two under 10 teams into one great big under 11's team. And to prove that grass roots rugby is alive and well in the Inner West we had 4 more kids join during the year, demonstrating from the day they joined that they had a contribution to make. We started the year proving that we were the second half comeback kids winning many of the halves after the break. This had the parents questioning why the coaches weren't giving their second half speech before the game! As the saying goes, rugby is a game of 2 halves and although the team showed great grit and character in these games we were not getting the results we would have liked. Running such a large team was a challenge for the coaches and the kids trying to give everyone lots of game time and get the combinations and structures working. Despite a difficult season and tough results the boys always came off the field as mates, had a smile on their faces (especially when the post game snakes appeared) and they were keen to come back for another week. The passion and dedication of coach Martin Davies was unquestionable. Martin was well supported by Brett Matthews on the sidelines juggling a large group of reserves and a run sheet and by Dan Waterworth who always had the right word to say at difficult moments. We ended the season with a couple of great games that demonstrated improved structure, ball handling and teamwork. We will be back and fired to go for under 12's in 2019 - bigger, stronger and better!



U11 Player Profiles

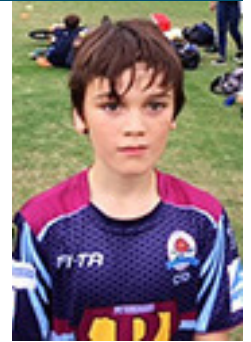
Henry Lacey

Henry has had another influential season for the Shammies with his scrummaging, clean out work and ball running as standouts. He has propped our scrum strongly and has worked on his defensive positioning during the season. He has been rewarded with a spot in the Sydney Uni Rep team this year as well as having the opportunity to attend the Track Tahs training sessions.



Dominic Chen

Dom is the best scrummaging hooker that we see in our comp. His strike has won a lot of tight heads for us, as well as protecting our ball. He packs a great deal of strength and tenacity into his frame and loves to carry the ball. Was rewarded for his efforts this year with a spot on the Sydney Uni team at state championships.



Mitchell McCarry

Mitch has had a strong season playing prop and has brought his strong ball carrying into a new season. As the season progressed his improved defense and fitness were integral to the team's efforts. Another effort like this next year will demonstrate his potential on the field.



Xavier Schmidt

Xavier has had a great season at hooker for us, with his determination at the tackle a real stand out again. He has one of the best line out throws that I have seen from a young man. With loose forward positions coming into play next year I'd like to see him out of the engine room and on the side of the scrum where his speed and defense will make a great impact.



Ewan Gleeson

Ewan is one of our longest standing members in the team and is a popular member of the playing group. His strength has enabled us to use him at prop and hooker this year, and his physicality at the breakdown and in defense is improving all the time. Represents a proud Shammie family well on and off the field.



Aston Lebler

Aston has had another strong year for the Shammies and has found a home in the second row now we can spare him from front row duties. He has formed strong partnerships in the forwards where his support play and offloading have been very effective. Selected for Sydney Uni again on the back of fine all round performances consistently this season.



Milo Hershman

Milo is not only playing a year up for Petersham, but he has been recognized for his play with the opportunity to play for Sydney Uni at the state championships a year up as well. He is a tremendously strong young man and plays a great brand of rugby. For a prop, he still fancies himself in the back line, but we might work on that for next year!



Luka Gerretson-Cornell

Luka is a new recruit to the team and sport, coming over from a background in league. He has worked hard to pick up the more nuanced game this year. His size, speed, strength and skills add another dimension to the team in the second row and he has quickly formed partnerships with the other forwards. He inspires confidence in his teammates and fear in the opposition with his work on and off the ball.



Campbell Skuodas

Campbell is the ultimate team man, demonstrating his enthusiasm for the team and club consistently once again this season. His work in the second row has been disrupted by injury again this year but his efforts have been undiminished. Always smiling, he is a contagious and personality in the club.



Tom Waterworth

Tom has had his best season yet for the Shammies, playing at halfback and on the wing. His delivery and defense at halfback continue to improve and his running with the ball is great to see out on the wing. Tom is discovering his physicality and he has developed much greater confidence in defense this year.



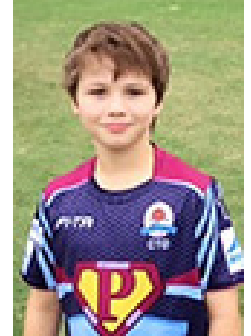
Jasper Jones

Jasper has had another fine season in the second row and his game continues to develop. He is a reliable member of the team, always bringing the same level of effort and commitment to his team mates and the game.



Max Kelso

Max had another great season at fly half this year until a late knee injury ended it prematurely. He has formed a great partnership with the halfbacks and enjoys the options of running or passing. His defense is improving each year and his vision around the field reliably finds options for his outside backs.



Jake Matthews

Jake has had another excellent year at No.8 for us this year, his attack and defense were both exemplary. Next year will be interesting with the option for No.8 moves off the scrum, but there's still the chance he might end up a back yet! Another of our rep players, Jake played state championships for Sydney Uni with a number of his team mates.



Orlando Clifton

Orlando had a strong season with the 11's, with his elusive running and improved defense in the outside back positions. He has improved his handling and is becoming a reliable finisher. His defensive technique is enabling him to make good tackles from any of the back three positions.



Spencer Davies

One of the originals in the team, Spencer had another solid year at halfback for the 11's. His delivery to his backs and the confidence he brings to the set piece has freed up time and space to play. Spencer is still fearless in defense and can be relied upon to hold his ground against any opposition. Played halfback for Sydney Uni again and represented the club with pride.



Owen Toogood

2018 was Owen's first year of rugby, but he brought amazing speed, great balance and beautiful hands with him. We have had quick kids before, but when Owen burned the whole team in his first training sessions we knew that he was a natural finisher. Owen has played fly half and wing this year and with good ball and a bit of space he scores more often than not.



Hugh Trafford Jones

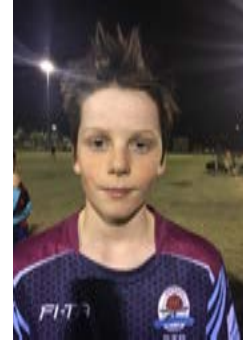
Hugh has had another great year at Petersham, filling positions from centre to wing and fullback. He is our best broken play runner and loves bumping off defenders as he muscled his way through. Hugh earned a spot playing for Sydney Uni again this year with his versatility, strong attack and reliable defense.



Oscar and Fred Way

(I apologize for this combined profile boys, but I would be repeating myself too much this year writing individual ones. You will be individuals next year!)

Oscar and Fred only signed up for the final three games of the season and came to us with a limited background in union, having previously played soccer. The twins share some great physical attributes in that they are both tall and quick, with good hands and natural coordination. They both look great with the ball in hand and from no tackling background they have both shown great aptitude in defense. Their first game for the club, the score was three tries each on opposing sides of a friendly- says it all.



Mannix Ung

Mannix is a quiet young man off the field, but comes into his own as a physical and committed once on it. He has played centre and wing this year and his work in defense in particular has been an asset to the team. With Xavier he is our master of the one on one strip and regularly dispossesses the opposition in defense.



Jasper Cohen

2018 was Jasper's break out season. His running became more direct and determined, his defense was aggressive and his communication on-field was a revelation. He was reliably among the most switched on at training and was an inspiration to his teammates. The best examples of Jasper's maturity was his desire to have the ball in hand at penalties and his ability to take the try and the excellent cover defense he provided.



Will Nicholls

Will's ball skills are brilliant and he is a quick and elusive runner with the ball in hand. He has worked hard on his defense this year and his technique is much improved. Will looks great with the ball in hand and is one of our most reliable players under a loose ball as well.



Henry Lapham

A late sign up, Henry only arrived in time to play the final few games of the season. He slotted into the team seamlessly and provided great direction around the field from fly half. Henry was instantly popular around the team and made a timely contribution, instantly taking control of mid field and captaining the team admirably. These late signings are indicative of the strength of the Shammie culture and I hope that Henry has enjoyed his brief season with us

Lucas Kohen

Lucas had a strong year with his rugby, both for Sydney Uni and the Shammies. With a full complement in the backs next year he will play regularly in his preferred fullback role. Lucas spent some time at fly half this year and demonstrated his ability with ball in hand and as a distributor and made his usual telling contributions in defense.



U12

Petersham Juniors
Rugby 2018





U12 Age Group Report

It has been an awesome year for us. The kids, parents and siblings have formed a great bond over the years and our 'team family culture' expresses itself on the paddock. The kids play for each other, and it is a pleasure to be a part of it.

Last year we finished 5th on the ladder and won the plate grand final. This was fun, but deep down the players felt the loss of a few games 'on the bell' meant a Top 4 finish went begging.

We hit our 2018 pre-season and worked hard on the boys fitness. This did wonders and we finished all our games off very well this year.

Reflecting back on the season, we had some massive highlights:

- » Addition of new families to the club, with the Lua boys, and Ziggy Bazeley (new to rugby)
- » Welcoming kids from other age groups with Tom Chanter, Will McCarry and Tim Causer
- » Winning our first few games comfortably and being promoted a division
- » Lots of our kids being selected for the Sydney Uni rep team
- » Launch of our Japan Tour, with over 50 tourists heading to Rugby World Cup 2019!
- » Running a huge club function at Leichhardt Town Hall, awesome fun and lots of \$ raised for the club
- » Improvement in our game as the year progressed and everyone maturing as a player week after week

On the playing field, we only lost the one competition match to Burraneer, a very well drilled team with one particularly strong player. They were the definite favourites to win our competition.

We met them in the grand final on a cloudy and windy Fathers Day at Alwyn Lindfield Reserve, Glenwood. The kids were nervous and the families all had stomachs churning...

The kids played their hearts out ALL game – their defence was relentless, their ball control superb, their running game too good, and their attitude right to the final whistle was unbelievable. A big win... far and away their best game all year, a stunning result!

The kids have won a premiership and we feel humbled to have had this opportunity to have been a part of such a great season. We all headed for our end-of season function that afternoon and the kids got to drink pink lemonade out of their trophy....a tradition is born!

We have a huge amount of contributors to our team, too long to mention here – our strength is in the selflessness of the kids and all the families. We know that is the way for all Shammies teams!

Thanks to all the kids, all the siblings (older and younger) and all our amazing parents.

Have a fit and healthy off-season and BRING ON ANOTHER FUN 2019!!

Ben Stephens, Richard Chen and Dave Lennox



U12 Player Profiles

Ziggy Bazeley

First season of rugby and it didn't take long for Ziggy to become a valuable member of the team. He never shirks hard work and loves getting his hands on the ball to go on one of his trademark runs through the middle. Welcome to rugby Ziggy!



Joshua Chen

One of the most reliable players a coach could ask for. He turns up fit and fast and ready to tackle. His brilliant midfield defence is what the u12's builds its attack on, and when he gets the ball in hand he always beats the advantage line. Shares goal kicking duties and keeps improving his distance and accuracy. Great season Josh.



Brendan Bennett

One of the biggest players in the comp, it would be easy for Brendan to take his size for granted. Make no mistake, Brendan is improving substantially. He is tough, hardworking and has taken his ball skills to a new level. A damaging runner with ball in hand, he also takes full responsibility in handling tackling the biggest opposition runners – great effort Brendan.



Hugh Crakanthorp

One of the great characters of the team, Hugh continues to improve his work rate around the field. He is getting lower in the tackle and going on more and more runs with the ball in hand. A keen learner of the game and a terrific team player.



Tim Causer

Comes from great rugby stock! Tim is often the smallest player on the field, but has one of the best tackling techniques in the competition. He cuts down the biggest attackers with textbook 'around-the-legs' defence. His quiet but determined nature means he is always a pleasure to have at training and game day.



Riley Davison

Another one of our Mr Reliable forwards that is always in the middle of things. Makes very few mistakes and is one of those quiet achievers that gets better and better with every game. Has refined his tackling to the point where he can stop a runner dead in their tracks and drive them back. Also a great listener and learner that is always keen to take his play to the next level.



Tom Chanter

Welcome back to the group Tom! After a few years away from us, it was great having Tom and his family around. Developing into a very fine loose forward with good fitness levels, solid defence and a deceptively effective ball runner.



Jackson Feeney

Jackson continues to improve his game. He responds to challenging game situations with great confidence and ability. He has run back to field kicks under pressure with great courage and skill, managing to retain the ball for his team in important situations. His ball running continues to improve, and he has the 'smarts' to know where he needs to be. Great work Jackson!!



Fletcher Gill

One of the most valuable personalities in the group. Whenever he is on the field, he leads with his actions, in attack and defence. His season got cut short with a foot injury and we missed him and his family a lot. A terrific young sportsman who can run riot across any number of sports. Looking forward to seeing how you progress mate.



Daniel Lua

An immense first season of rugby from Daniel. A very complete young athlete and the sky is the limit for him should he take on professional sport. He is fast, skilful and can tackle, but the highlight is how smart his football has become – his ability to tackle, get on his feet, steal the ball and streak downfield has been a highlight. His quiet, respectful but competitive spirit has helped lift this group in 2019.



Jules Holland

Jules ran with the ball a lot this year and never let his team down by huge improvement in the way he went to ground and laid the ball back at the breakdown. Getting more and more involved with every game he plays, it has been very rewarding to see how he has progressed his game.



Sione Lua

Daniel's younger brother is playing up an age group and also completed his first year of rugby. His improvement throughout the season has been outstanding. He plays with pure joy written all over his face, but when the ball is in his hands, his sheer determination is a highlight for a lot of us to watch. It has been awesome having you around Sione!



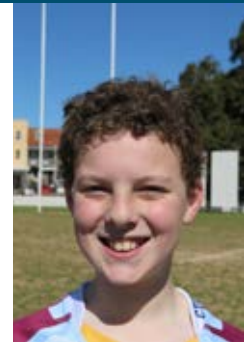
Jack Lennox

Strong improvement this year from Jack. It seems like the experience of Syd Uni rep rugby flicked a switch on for him. His speed and fitness has seen him get to places on the field that we have not seen from him in prior years. Some long range tries will also be remembered by parents for a long time to come. Great season Jack!



Andrew Lyons

Andrew joins the 100 Club this year – great work mate! A skilful and determined player, he continues to improve his game in attack and defence. Always one of the first to the breakdown and a strong ball carrier, he rarely puts in anything less than 100%.



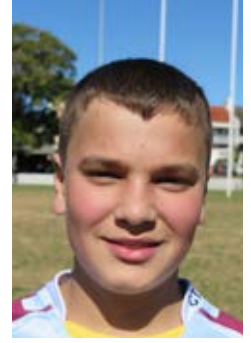
Siaosi Mahe

Siaosi has grown another leg this year and taken his rugby to a new level. He turned up in pre-season lean, mean and fast! The extra yard of pace has made his attack more damaging and his defence more and more reliable. A very strong player whose skill level will continue to see his value on the field getting higher and higher.



Elias Papalexandris

One of the most damaging ball runners in the team. Has played a bit of American Football over the years and has brought that 'crash 'n bash' to the rugby field. He loves nothing more than charging directly into the thick of the opposition defence and regularly breaks the line to go on long range runs. His game gets better every year and he thinks really well on his feet.



William McCarry

Will has matured with the ball as the season progressed and is showing real grit and determination. He has huge commitment to the tackle and never takes a back step when going after the man with the ball.



Oscar Parsons

A truly versatile player, Oscar has the capability and rugby brain to be able to be a hugely effective player in numerous key positions. He can read the play and adapts his play accordingly. There is a huge amount of respect across the team for what he brings every time he goes out to play.



Maddox Oddy

It feels like Maddox knew how to tackle as soon as he was born. He is one of the benchmarks in our team and the whole competition in terms of defence. A terrific fly half, he is starting to shift the ball left or right as he smartly sums up what is happening in front of him. Shares the kicking with Josh and between the two of them, hardly missed a thing all year. Always a pleasure having him on the field – one of those kids that likely goes to bed with a rugby ball on a regular basis.



Maran Petkovich

A very complete young footballer. He is one of those players that you rarely see during the game because he is always in the thick of everything. His skills improved a lot this year, and he is a kid that is constantly thinking of ways to improve his game.



Julius Otunuku

From watching Julius play you would think he was 6 feet tall and 100kg. He can bring anyone down in the age group and will always break his first tackle. He is a secret weapon on the team that will quietly go about dismantling the opposition.



Aston Pynt

This year Aston has truly turned a corner and grown into his position on the field. From keeping the stability in the scrum to having some strong runs with the ball, his drive to succeed has been greatly appreciated. Score more tries and keep having fun Aston!



Harry Stephens

Another awesome year from our halfback. A very smart and skilful player, he gets the ball quickly from the breakdown and into the hands of his ball runners. Has become a very good talker on the field and has a reputation for darting through tired defenders to score very important tries for the team.



Harry Wadland

Harry has a lack of fear when on the paddock which makes him powerful in attack and defence. In defence he will take on the biggest guy and in attack he will run around the fastest guy, and if he can't he will run over them!



Edward Wadland

Ned has again gained speed this year and has a real vision for what is going on around the paddock. He can read the play and knows where to be and when. This backed up by the ability to tackle anyone makes him a valuable player on any team.



U13

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U13 Age Group Report

This year the U13 Petersham boys formed a joint venture with the Canterbury U13's in the 13A division Sunday competition. We were all welcomed warmly by the Canterbury club and settled quickly into the season. Having played with the Canterbury boys in previous year's reps teams, the boys already had a great relationship with new coach, Marbooney and their team mates and brought strong defence and additional attacking skills to complement the size and strength of the Canterbury boys. For the first time in an A grade competition it was certainly a step up from our previous years in terms of competition and intensity and the team came 6th on the ladder after some great wins over the teams from Blacktown, Myrtle Green, Hills and Forest. One of the biggest highlights was the presence of the Bledisloe Cup, the Wallabies on the side lines and Israel Folau taking on water duties for the boys match against Blacktown. A great season of rugby seeing significant development in capability and skills across the park and most importantly, the strengthening of great friendships between our Petersham and Canterbury boys. Big thanks goes out to Rob Harding for his assistant coaching duties this year and of course to our wonderful parents for all of your support once again.

Paul Cartwright



U13 Sunday Player Profiles

Lipina Ata

Lipina was given the huge job of Captaining the new and improved Canterbury team and as always led by example. He is a line busting, try scoring 'back' in a 'forwards' body. He saved countless tries with his gutsy tackling, scored numerous tries with his ability to out think the opposition and inspired the other players to play as hard as he does.



Finnley Harding

Finn brought his handy kicking boots and his halfback skills with him to Canterbury. He led the backs and called the play and when we scored, he slotted the ball through the posts to help keep us out in front. Finn sets up the play and the others follow it through, both in attack and defence. He is always thinking about which way the play should go for maximum results.



Rowan Bhatia

Rowan loves the contact nature of rugby, he tackles anyone who gets in his way, even if that someone is twice his size. His position as a Flanker allows him lots of chances to attack the ball and make important run metres, but equally his defence and work at the breakdown paid dividends for the team.



Oscar Martins

If you have seen this boy play you wouldn't believe this is only his second season of Rugby. He is a try scoring machine and top try scorer 2 years in a row. His ability to find space, run straight and hard and bust his way through a hole are unmatched. The only thing that stops him from scoring is not having the ball. Get it out to Oscar was one of the most used sideline calls. Oscar's defence of the side and try lines saw many opponents stopped dead in their tracks.



Joshua Cartwright

Joshua continued his dominance of the No 4 jersey from 2017. His 6 foot frame, long arms and leg strength mean he is formidable around the ruck and mall and very handy at scrum and lineout. He is arguably one of the fittest players of the squad and works tirelessly for the full 60 minutes. If there is a breakdown he is there and used his size and strength to his team's advantage. He also found his legs this year, running down the oppositions wingers when no one else could.



Ryan Palmer

As our No.8 Ryan's set jobs are holding the scrum together, getting the ball to Finn and securing lineouts, but it's at the breakdown that he excels. He channels his inner Richie McCaw at the breakdown giving him the ability to pilfer the ball and get in the way of the opposition making him truly valuable to the team. He is a tough no nonsense player who wears his heart on his sleeve and plays for his mates.



U14

Petersham Juniors
Rugby 2018





U14 Age Group Report

U14's Blue Team

To be able to form 2 Under 14s teams is a great credit to the club and all the hard work done in the offseason with recruiting and player retention following the successful New Zealand Tour last year.

The difficulty is then splitting 1 large squad into 2 teams, with a mix of new and existing players in each.

A new coaching team made up of Nik, Dan and myself - were set the task of moulding the players into the second U14s teams - "BLUES".

Many of us were still learning each other's names as the 1st game kicked off, but all of the "Blues" worked closely with their new teammates to help form fresh combinations as quickly as possible.

Despite a tough grading period, coming up against some quality opposition, everyone stayed positive and the true nature of this team really started coming to the fore.

The second half of the season, we as coaches, are incredibly proud of.

The lads truly became a team, with some quality rugby on display - not only learning how each other play and where to be on the field to back up, they really encouraged their mates with positive talk and they never took a backward step when faced with adversity, always pushing themselves to their limits and never giving up.

Our scrum and line out were amongst the best in the competition, securing and stealing a lot of ball in these set pieces, which in turn allowed our backs to get the ball on the front foot and bring the outside backs into play with great effect in many games.

If we can take this into 2019, we should have a great year!

Personally, I am honoured to have been given the role coaching The Blues and I thank all the parents for this privilege. I met a group of boys at the start of the season and by the end of the year I knew a team of fine, mature young men with great inner strength and self confidence in their abilities on and off the field.

Many thanks go out to the entire Under 14s coaching staff - training as one large squad was great for all involved and especially to Nik and Dan for all their positivity, knowledge and support.

To our amazing Manager, Jo, who always works tirelessly, well supported by Briony. Thank you both, and of course our 'touchies' and sideline support staff. Thanks to all, we literally can't play without you!



U14's Maroon Team

This is a wonderful group of players and parents. I'd like to start this by saying thank-you for the support you offer myself, the other coaches and Karyn. We get so much in doing this, it takes a lot of time, but it's worth it. It wouldn't be so much fun if it was hard work and you make it easy for us.

The players stepped up from playing E grade last year to B grade in 2018 and did it so well. We welcomed lads from Balmain and Canterbury. They completed some missing elements in our team and fit in so well, that we made the semi, losing by a try in the semi-final.

The season started with 2 losses by a try, then we settled into a style of play that saw us win regularly playing positive. The coaches worked on training plans that made the most of what we did well, helped the lads develop as individuals and build as a team. Beating a tough North Rocks team laden with Eastwood reps and some big units, 3 times this year helped the team gel.

Most of the team played for Sydney University in the June Long Weekend State Championships, a tournament of tough rugby. This weekend set us up for some season highlight performances such as the 2 +40 point wins against Drummoyne with impressive team play.

We were lucky enough to play Northlands School from Buenos Aires, and my word they could play. With the Argentinians, older, bigger and faster our lads had a game on their hands. They played with heart and fight that enabled us to play better rugby into the semi's. They also learned how great it was to play against a touring team, so let's hope we get to do a lot more of this.

Thanks to all the parents that put their hand up each week, with special mention to Sam Jenkins, always ready to take the AR's flag. Chris Bell, Petersham Rugby's First Grade #10 was always on hand to come down and work with the backline, he had a great impact on Wilson.

Simon Cook and Tim Greville must be 2 of the best people to coach a team with. The way they read the game, set up our team, then communicate superbly well with 14-year-old lads is a joy to be a part of. Nina and Kerrie, I know I speak for all the parents I thanking you allowing us to occupy so much of their time.

Karyn Ortolani, our manager extraordinaire is an absolute rock, she doesn't have a 'too hard basket'. Thank-you from all of us Kaz and we hope you and your deputy Carlo will be back for more next year.

A special thanks to my family, especially Leisa, and Gracie whom I missed most of her soccer season due to coaching. You guys are fantastic.

I hope to see all the families back next year and before then for some events we are planning, as well as the Christmas Pool Party at our place.



U14 Blue Player Profiles

Adam Graham

Adam is a very solid unit, playing a year up in age group but really got to see the self-drive within him. Ready to do whatever is asked of him without question or fuss. Adam just gets on with the job of being a powerful and intimidating forward. His impact was especially evident as we approached the opposition try line. Securing the ruck and smashing the hard yards towards the white paint resulted in a couple of very well deserved tries and assists. A pleasure to have in the team and a guy I predict to have a big 2019.



Tommy Treharne

A fearless fly-half and full back Tommy is renowned for his bursts of speed and darting attack around (and sometimes into) much larger defenders. When he is not gathering up the ball in defence or linking up with his centres Tommy can often be found sharing a joke and keeping his team mates grounded. A loyal and capable player Tommy has brought a positive spark to the team this year.



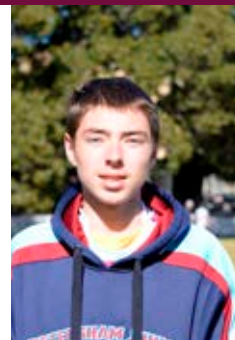
Frankie Davies

"Butters" is a most resilient and determined forward. He demonstrated formidable mental and physical strength during some of our toughest games. He often made crucial hits on players who had broken several tackles taking them down with frightening force. Frankie confirmed his strong character and leadership skill by modelling good hard play when dealing with questionable opposition sportsmanship. Referee's also praised him of the way he lead the team on the occasions he did.



Thomas Mahony

It took several games for our centres to notice Thomas' rocket pace and try scoring ability. Using his slim opportunities well Thomas often turned a small gap into tries and impressive attacking metres. Strong commitment to his team mates and physical fitness resulted in massive 'work off the ball' and much unnoticed contribution. Thomas' quiet on field presence was shattered every time he knocked down his opposite number with crucial cover tackles.



Walker Gaff

Walker (Tex) inspires teammates with his level headed leadership and powerful yet humble demeanour. Suspiciously fast for a forward he scored numerous tries and regularly made crucial line breaks. Speed out of the line in defence and strong tackling were a big part of his game in the second half of the seasonal also. He dutifully upholds the family tradition of playing with the pigs (forwards) however is capable of playing in virtually any position. His strong character prompted match officials to commend him on his maturity, leadership - especially during difficult games.



Kye Martin

One of our most vocal and passionate players Kye is an expert reader of the game and a great communicator. A hungry tackler he always put his whole body into his opposition winger to keep him covered and also in rushing up in defence as a part time scrum half. His ability to approach and release the ball from the ruck in one swift movement improved our recycling rate towards the end of the game and helped us to apply attacking pressure.



Sam Hassan

Agile in attack and courageous in defence Sam's season hit a brick wall when he attempted a solo tackle on one of the largest players in the competition. He showed his class by returning late in the season without missing a beat. As fly-half he proved himself to be an elusive play maker capable of making good forward metres. An expert at finding gaps for his mates he excels at putting his centres into valuable attacking space.



Darcy Doyle

Our big solid back! At inside centre he always took on what was in front of him. I was also impressed watching him go forward with 2 or 3 players hanging off him trying to pull him down. Our go to man for his boot, finding the sidelines and bringing the team forward. In defence he is outstanding committing to the tackle no matter the size of the opposition.



Felix Sprange

Slotted into his new club with ease, took on the mantel of half back in his stride. His ability to translate between the forwards and the backs (never an easy task) meant seamless transition of the pill between the two. Watching him throughout the season I was all ways impressed with his ability to read the play in front of him and take decisive options that took the ball and team forward. It was great to watch his confidence grow throughout this season especially as his running game developed and became a major attacking option.



Jacob Kelly

Outstanding solid rugby player. Committing some incredible bone crunching tackles throughout this season. A number of times making 2 tackles in a row or even chasing down an opposition player already over the try line! These tackles were only over shadowed by his blistering pace through the opposition and finding the try line on many occasions. He was also a tremendous team player, always offering support and encouragement to his fellow players who valued his positive attitude to the game and fellow players. Well respected by all.



James Morris

James took on the channelling position of 5/8 with gusto. His forward running and quick distribution of the ball always meant that anybody who was running off him got excellent service outside or inside, either way, it always worked. Nice soft hands. He is a great leader of the players and directing the play for our teams advantage. Solid in defence you always knew that part was covered.



Harry Colhoun

The big solid front rower. Never afraid to take a hit. Strong, determination, consistency and reliability are all good adjectives for Harry. We saw Harry's scrummaging technique change dramatically in a single session with a senior Shammie and he never went backwards in a scrum again. A very popular team player. Always quick with a joke to lighten up the mood whenever the team felt the pressure of the game. He had a couple of injuries later this season and always felt disappointed with himself for letting the team down. If he couldn't play he was always there for support.



James Lukin

What a great person to have in your team. He is Mr everywhere, where ever I needed him to be he would fill that position without any worries. He claimed the outside back position as his own but if needed he went to fullback, wing, inside centre, or anywhere in the back line. He would fill that position with confidence. James is resolute in defence and his go forward creating or finding gaps was a pleasure to watch.



Harry Russell

I think it's safe to say that we are grateful to have had his experience on hand this year. Harry had decided that to be a referee this season was his calling, but made it clear that if we were short of numbers that he would be available. On a number of occasions he stepped up and performed with excellence and with the reliability of someone with so much experience has that always settled the team.



Louis Ruelle

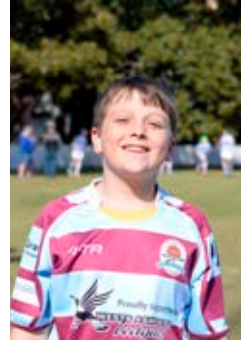
Tenacity, decisiveness, quick, solid tackler - These are all great attributes for a flanker and Louie has all these in spades. Always fast with a smile, nothing ever seemed to faze him. Watching him take the legs out from opposition bigger than himself and bounce back up and do it again seconds later. He was another of our key loose forwards, and was also charged with leading the team at lineouts at stages which he did with great effect. A guy on the team that you are love to have.



Finnegan Hercus

Chop, chop, chop – the motto Finnegan lives by! Throws himself into every tackle and never misses.

Great all around the park as well, popping up where ever needed. Took over lineout calling and jumping in 2nd half of the season and helped keep that set piece strong. He is a big talker on the field providing plenty of direction and encouragement for the whole team. A very mature guy, and very well respected by all.



Olly Clark

His impact on each game is always far larger than his size, and he never stops working until the final whistle has sounded. He is often the first to take a hit up, burrowing into the oppositions big guys with great effect. He conducts a tackling master class every game with his perfectly executed tackles, and his lineout throwing and hooking skills helped the team secure a lot of ball on set piece. Olly has made a massive contribution in 2018.



Aedan Thompson

It was great to see Aedan develop so much this year. He always had talent, but showed growing maturity and great leadership to the guys around him, making him an even stronger player throughout the year. Always elusive and strong running with the ball he made a lot of good metres and scored a fair few tries. In defence his great line speed and his heavy tackling made guys not want to run at him. Filled in with the backs occasionally and did so with ease. Great 2018!



Quilian Ung

Quil is a great guy that can really train the house down. He always pushes himself to the very end of every drill.

Another of our must have players, never going backwards in the scrum and using his strength to help make our lineout become the major attacking weapon it was! He has started using his big frame to its full potential with some great hit ups and clear outs (which usually resulted in an opposition player flying backwards from the ruck).



Billy Graham

Billy is a highly impactful player. Once he got past a few off field injuries, he came back strong and keen, getting better every game - saving his best till last! When he needed to step up with a few players out he always lead from the front. Gets stuck in to the hard stuff around the ruck, using his frame to great effect and is both a strong second-rower and loosey.



Nils Bacic

What do you say about Nils. He keeps doing the same things over and over and gets better and better at doing them. Settled really well into his role in the 2nd row this year, which freed him up to get around the park and be a real menace in tackles and rucks stealing even more ball from the opposition! Late in the season was asked to spend some time back at Prop and did not hesitate to jump back in. Great team leader. He understands and reads the game really well.



Isaac Lekkas

Lovely guy, with a smile on his face most of the time! He joined the club and had a crash course in becoming a loose forward and took to it easily. He made the most of every opportunity with some great tackling, strong runs and got into the ugly stuff around the ruck. He also played on the wing when we were short of backs showing some great anticipation and speed to come away with a few tries and critical tackles when needed.



Milo Hilferty

Playing a year above his age, he came into the U14s group and had to adapt quickly. As well as having to find his feet around a new bunch of guys, he had to come up against guys a year older and stronger. He never shirked a challenge though, turned up to trainings on every Tuesday and Thursday, got himself stronger both physically and mentally throughout the year and started showing the benefits in the second half of the season. Was fantastic to see him believe in and back himself, pulling off tackles and putting his hand up for hit ups in tight situations. Well done!



Ryan Glesson

Glesso as all know him, is a leader, a great ball runner and of course tackler. Will go all day and leave nothing on the paddock. His calling and jumping in lineouts was crucial in helping the Blues develop a great line out, that was then able to become the template for the rest of the year. Another that earned a call up to the Sydney Uni rep side and became a regular for the Maroons. Had a great 2018 season.



Ethan Griffiths

Another of our new Shammies. Very respectful of others, both older and younger off the field. Once he found his groove on the paddock, he really started dominating with his strong running game and powerful tackling. He kept putting his hand up for more and more of the workload as he loves running into big things - hard!



A great player for the Blues and was rewarded with a well-deserved call up to the Rep side and the Maroons in the second half of the season. A pleasure to coach such a nice young man.



U14 Maroon Player Profiles

Jake Clarke

Year 1 at the Shammies and added nice aggression to the front row. Loved coming out of the line to make a statement.



Ualeni Taufui

Developed as our damaging wide runner from the Blindside flankers position this year. Fantastic from re-starts, especially kick receptions. A quality goal kicker 14/18 in the last 3 weeks.



Oscar Greville

Mr. Everywhere! Plays up an age, but it doesn't show. Strong and tough second rower, prop, and flanker. Technically one of the best at the club. Big future.



Thomas Maclean

Mr Reliable and played #8, 6, second and front row. Never complained. An outstanding performer every week, a true Shabby in every way.



Oliver Mahony

Elusive and hard-working second rower, that loves to hit the blindside. Quality straight runner who'll develop a pass to set up his inside support.



Cade Lacey

Quality ball running prop that can play 8 as well. Bends the line every time he carries ball, looks good in maroon and blue.



Ryan Gleeson

Developed his game every week, and didn't miss a tackle in the last 6 games playing openside Flanker. Will only get better and better.



Malcolm Butt

Very skilful and clever at the line, always manages to get the arms free and off load. Injury got in the way in the back half of the year.



Curtis Kinstler-Smith

Great organiser at scrum-half, tenacious in defence, and great service that helped to develop our backline. A top year. Impressive.



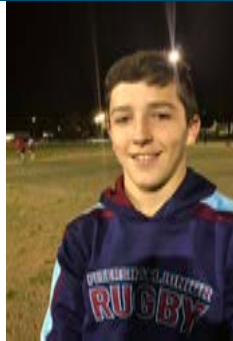
Jonas Cook

Can play anywhere, and never complains. Our best open field runner with a goose step to boot! His pace ensured we were a threat out wide all year.



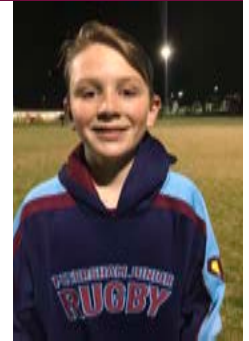
Wilson Jenkins

Our #10. A talent with or without the ball, hard hitting defender with skilful hands and vision. At the heart of everything good we did this year.



Conor Dunn

Courageous all year both in attack and defence, and with his talk and organisation from all positions ensured our patterns delivered points.



Kyle Ritchie

In open space has blinding pace and evasive skills, see's and takes gaps that very few can. Tough and plays well above his weight week in and out.



Sebastian Arko

An outstanding finisher who runs with pace and determination, knows where the line is and finds it regularly. Brilliant year!



Abraham Lekkas

First year of rugby. Outstanding! Tough defender who held the middle of the field together. Nothing fazes him. Big future.



Jack Riley

The utility that every successful team needs, plays all backline positions with class, determination, speed and toughness.



Ethan Griffiths

Ethan grew in confidence as the season progressed and his straight hard "bullet" running was great to see. His concentration improved through the season resulting in him being a much stronger and aggressive player.



Daniel Nelson

Plays 7 or 12 and equally well. Selflessly plays any position asked and unlucky not to make the Sydney team. Quality through and through.



James McGregor

Injured early in the season and tempted post injury to play AFL. A sensational talent can play anywhere in the backline. Skies' the limit.



Francis Ters

Injured early in the season. Tackles everything the moves and super quick on the side of the scrum. A big one next year is assured.





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2019 Strategic objectives

- » Improve mini's recruitment – 100 new kids this year
- » Provide alternative pathways for players to stay in the game and connected to the club e.g. referees, touch rugby, coaching
- » Deepen connections with Shammies seniors and Sydney University
- » Be the lead on 'Girls Rugby' in the inner west
- » Launch 'The Shummy Way' of coaching - improve coaching and managers training and accreditation
- » World tourists!

2019 club calendar

February

Registration day and try rugby event
Coaches and Managers induction evening
Girls Try Rugby Day Sydney Uni

March - training starts

Player welcome day and AGM
Season launch dinner event at Wests Ashfield
Pre-season Tour (option)

April - competition starts

Coaches and Managers night out
Club away gala day - Easter school holidays

June

Parent's night out
State Championships (u/11's - u'16's)
Girls Try Rugby Day Sydney Uni

July

Shammies gala day at Camperdown oval - last weekend of school holidays

August

Trivia night - fundraising for touring Shammies
Competition finals
Mini's conclude

September

Presentation Day

October

Shammies World Tour - Japan