



Petersham Juniors Rugby

2019 Season Report



Petersham Juniors Rugby 2019

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- u15**
Adam Dunn, Karyn Ortolani, Tim Greville, Simon Cook, Nik Treharne, Gary Tunks, Sam Jenkins
 - u14**
Jason Gaff, Rob Harding, Nik Treharne, Jo Bacic, Briony Martin, Dan Sprange
 - u13**
Ben Stephens, Dave Lennox, Richard Chen
 - u12**
Dan Waterworth, Martin Davies, Rebecca Lebler
 - u11**
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 - u10**
John Kilkenny, Kristin Taylor, Peter Lloyd-Jones, Peter Jarjoura, Shane Lee, Marcie Kilkenny, James Breen, Phoebe Steyn
 - u9**
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 - u7**
David Forrest, Phil Scott, Mel Otunuku, Paul Jamieson, Jenny Scott
 - u6**
Ben Sutton, Anna Leonard, Tom Taylor, Rosemary Donald
 - Girls**
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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 though to Seniors 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



Adam Dunn - President
Dad of Conor (U15) and Grace (Girls)



Dan Waterworth - Club Coach
Dad of Tom (U12), Liam (U9) and Finn (U6)



Simon Teong - Treasurer
Dad of Will (U11) and Jack (U6)



Julie Wheway – Social Media /communications
Mum of Tom (U12), Liam (U9) and Finn (U6)



John Kilkenny - Secretary
Dad of Javier (U10) and Thalia (U6)



Jo Bacic – Girls Rugby and Referees
Mum of Nils (U14) and Koko (Girls)



Kristin Taylor - Registrar
Mum of Max (U12) and Ollie (U10)



Dave Lennox – Projects
Dad of Jack (U13) and Tom (U10)



Briony Martin - Gear
Mum of Kye (U14)



Sarah Pinchbeck – Projects
Mum of Thomas (U15)

President's Report



As I write this report, my last, I feel conflicting emotions. A tinge of sadness is outweighed by an overwhelming sense of pride and love for the wonderful club we are connected to. We finish the season with over 270 kids calling themselves Shammies, over 75 managers and coaches putting their hands up weekly to help out, plus the many more people that assisted as Ground Marshalls, AR's, in the canteen and on the BBQ, at ground set up and all the other jobs that simply need doing. A sincere thank you from the Committee for your commitment to the club, to the kids and families of Shammies, and those we play week in week out.

The club is in a strong position with all of the basics covered off, notably a committee filled with quality people, a great list of 2020 initiatives aimed at growing and including more people in our great club, and the game of rugby. Just a few of the key highlights for 2019 were;

- Welcome Day is the best way to make new and returning Shammies feel immediately included in the club. So many great people, over 250 this year, in the sunshine at Camperdown Park. Watch out for next year's date.
- Our sensational Shammy girls, aged 6 to 17 representing at all levels is a true passion project come to life, thank you Jo Bacic, you are a force of nature. For this and your selfless dedication to the Young Referees program, we owe you for the countless hours selflessly spent on initiatives to help others. I have loved the time we have spent working on stuff together and will miss this a lot. You are a true Shammy legend.
- Our connection to the local and rugby community, has never been stronger, due, in no small part to the amazing social media efforts of Jules 'GSD' Wheway. I receive constant feedback on how great the schedule is and 'how much it costs' to compile our program (the cheque is in the mail Queen GSD'er).
- A record number of Sydney University Juniors Reps took the field this year with over 70 kids pulling on the famous hooped jersey. Watch this space for some new and exciting projects to come out of Uni aimed at

developing our kids on and off the pitch.

- We opened up a corner of the ground for the guys from Sense Rugby so they could introduce some awesome kids to the wonderful world of rugby. Seeing the smiles on these kids' faces when we gave them some Shammy shorts was one of my highlights of the year, true appreciation and some big cuddles. You guys are always welcome to share the ground with us, looking forward to seeing you all in 2020.

- We had 7 teams in semi-finals, 4 make it through to GF's, with our 13's backing up last years' GF win. A congrats to all involved and the memories made. There's no better to head to Japan and the World Cup to continue the Shammy tradition of world touring, (our first World Tour was 1967).

The season isn't over yet, with 7's competitions at Forster, a tour to Bowral and as mentioned our 13's heading to Japan. All of these great things wouldn't be possible without the wonderful contributions of our sponsors, Wests Ashfield and Simon Cook (my PJR and Uni coaching partner for 5 years, and playing mate for close to 20), Ray Reilly and The White Cockatoo, Mike Chanter's support via Thomas Duryea Logicalis, Shad Hassen at The Agency, and our new partners at SNAP Fitness Petersham, Kris and the team are ready to help us all get fit for summer! Please continue to support these local businesses, they need your support to keep supporting all of our kids. I am overwhelmed by how much you do for us and your generosity. Thank-you!

To my right-hand long-suffering Club Sec and partner in crime, Sarah Pinchbeck. You've done so much for this club over so many years, turning ideas into actions. Most of the great stuff that we all enjoy today has been a result of your hard work, commitment to others, and getting me sorted. I cannot thank-you enough.

For the last 6-years my wife Leisa has been a constant support for the many hours needed to do this job, thank you for this and everything else you do, words cannot capture how much I appreciate you.

Have a safe and happy off season, enjoy the Rugby World Cup (see you at the Cockatoo), go for a run, and look out for the 2020 Shammy Calendar and unique events to connect to your fellow Shammies.

Yours in Rugby,

Adam Dunn

President Petersham Juniors Rugby



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Club Coach Report



The 2019 season was another record one for PJRU. More teams in more age groups than any other previous season. PJRU fielded teams in every age group from U6 through to U15. For the first time the club fielded 3 teams in SJRU competitions in the Under 10 age group. I'd like to thank all coaches for their efforts throughout the season. It is no small feat to get so many boys and girls focused and organised each training session and game day.

PJRU prides itself on the quality of its coaches and sees this as a vital promotional tool for the club.

The quality of coaching will continue to be a large focus in the coming year with further development and promotion of the "Petersham Way" coaching strategy.

Highlights of the year;

- Success of our U6 program with coaches Tom and Ben leading an introduction to rugby and the Shammies for a new generation of boys and girls.
- Success and enthusiasm of our U7 program, culminating in their fantastic performance at the end of season Tiger Cup at Wahroonga.
- Transition of our U8 into contact and the unrelenting efforts of coaches Andrew, Frank, Shogo and Adrian.
- The preparation and development of our U9 squads thanks to Giles and Troy into full field rugby players in preparation for U10's and the SJRU competitions.
- The success of our U10 programs with two grand finalist teams out of three and the first taste of Sydney Uni rep for a large number of Shammies players.
- The continued development of our U11 teams. Fielding two teams in this age group for the first time. The development of the teams, in close competitions under the guidance of coaches Ryan, Simon and Richard will hold the teams in good stead for coming seasons.

- The launch of the U12 joint venture with Canterbury and the successful development of the squad into a well-structured 15 a side.
- The awesome results from our U13 team on winning the B division Grand Final to follow up their success from last year. A great preparation for their upcoming Japan tour under coaches Ben and Richard.
- The reformation of our U14 age group with, the launch of a joint venture with Canterbury under the quality coaching Jason.
- The ongoing success of our flag ship U15 team. Lead by el presidente Dunny with Simon and Tim.
- The number of players and coaches involved in the Sydney Uni rep programs continues to grow. This brings knowledge and experience back to our club and enhance the quality of our programs.

The time and effort required to prepare training programs and provide guidance to young men and women on a week in and week out basis. Combined with negotiating the hopes and desires of parents can make the job of coaching a difficult one. However, the success and enjoyment of all out junior teams is the reward that makes the job of coaching at Petersham so enjoyable.

Yours in Rugby,

Dan Waterworth

Club Coach

Our Year in Review



Coach and player



Shammy in full flight



March past



BBQ on Tuesday nights u13s fundraising



u13s pre japan team dinner



Bledisloe Cup night at Henson



Scrum finished



Dunny runner up at Inner West awards night



Mothers day watching the Shammies



Dunny meeting some super stars pre season



Try rugby day



Junior and seniors debutants only one scored 8 tries on debut



First u6 training for 2019



Recruiting Shammies pre season at little As



Shammies at Super W final



Shammies with Kurtley Beale



Older shammies coaching younger shammies



Shammies at the SCG for a sprint race



New gear from PSSG yeeeaah



Nice scrum form



Shammies at the SCG for a sprint race



Shammies at Super W NSW vs QLD



Shammies at ANZAC memorial service at Camperdown Oval



u7s and u15s helping out



Jake Gordon with u6s



Shammies at the SCG for a sprint race



Old buggers and their sons



A shammy tunnel



Shammies at ANZAC memorial service at Camperdown Oval



Try rugby day



Orange time for u6s



Sunday Sippers at the Henson



March past



Shammies marquee at State Champs



Grand Final celebrations



Waratahs at practice



Jake Gordon training night



u6 training night



U15s helping out u6s training

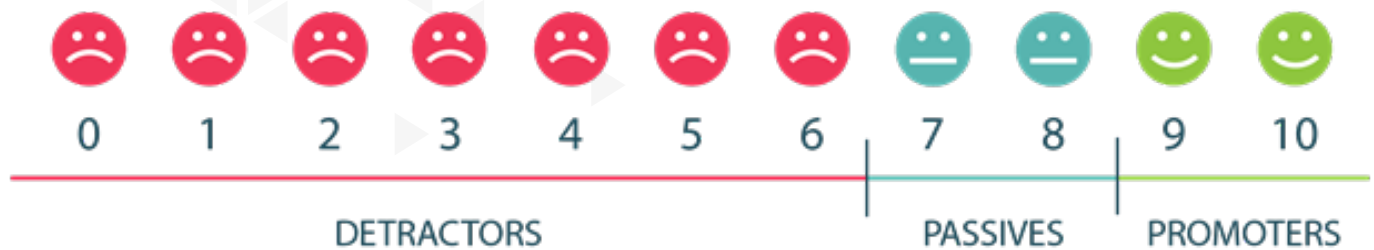


u13s

Member feedback and Club response

Each year ask our parents to provide feedback on our Clubs performance and ask for input on how we can make it better. We run a member survey in April/May each year based on the Net Promoter Score ("NPS") methodology to obtain a benchmark score and use comments to identify areas of improvement. This year we sent the survey to 208 emails and we got 59 responses.

The following diagram illustrates how NPS is calculated. Basically, if you have a positive NPS score you are doing pretty well.



$$\text{😊 \%} - \text{😞 \%} = \text{NET PROMOTER SCORE}$$

We are pleased to report the Parent NPS score is 70+ (May 2019). This is up from NPS score of 66+ (May 2018). An NPS score +70 suggests the Shammies has a very loyal parent membership base and they are highly likely to advocate for the club. This is great from a retention perspective and recruitment perspective (if we can get you to tell others about the Shammies).

What we really pleased about is we asked parents what does the Shammies club do really well and this was your response:



- The most frequently made comment is "inclusive"
- Other frequently made comments were "friendly or welcoming" and "community"
- There is a strong theme of "commitment" by coaches and administrators

Quotes from parents

- "Fabulous supportive coaches and trainers love the positive interactions with children whilst still being honest"
- "Great people, great club"
- "Think you do a great job for Junior Rugby in this state and country"
- "The communications and feedback from the 2 u6 managers this year is outstanding. Clear and precise. They are going a great job..."
- "Love being part of the club."
- "Really appreciate all the coaches and the time they invest into their teams. Games and training is undertaken in good spirit"
- "Excellent coaching and dedicated families is what I love about the club. The boys shine in this environment"

Not everyone's response about the club was glowing but we are committed to improve this in 2020. When the detractors and passives (approximately 32% of parents) were asked how we could improve they said:

- Better organisation
- Depth of teams
- Coaching quality

A big factor on organisation was the delay in gear/kit arrival which we acknowledge was late and was due to a change in supplier. This will not happen again in 2020. As a club we strive to constantly improve and we ask you to work with us through these challenging times.

Depth of teams is about providing players the opportunity to shine in their chosen position and ability. Through growing the club (which is our focus) we will have more ability to offer all players the ability to thrive in the appropriate environment and competition.

We are also constantly investing in our coaches and managers. We offer all our teams: club coach coordination, a club manager (from 2020), club funded NSW Rugby training, free access to online coaches' courses (from world class coaches), coaches training through Sydney Uni etc. We are implementing a Shammy's way coaching but this will take some time to filter through the club. We ask parents to be mindful that coaches are volunteers and not paid professionals so please assist where possible.



Club Finances

Petersham Juniors Rugby Club Incorporated is registered as an incorporated association in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. Number INC1601391. A copy of the club constitution is available by request to a committee member.

The following financial statements were submitted for the club for the financial year ending 31 December 2018.

Revenue	Y18 to 31 Dec 2018
Registration fees (net of ARU fees)	\$28,905.25
Sponsorship	\$32,550.00
Tour 2019	\$3,400.00
BBQ/Canteen	\$3,267.68
Shop/Gear sales	\$2,382.70
Misc revenue	\$4,071.65
Total revenue	\$74,577.28
Expenses	
Gear for kids	-\$30,671.74
Gear for sale	-\$2,631.41
Insurance	-\$728.00
Presentation day	-\$14,028.31
Entertainment	-\$4,413.00
Affiliation	-\$5,180.00
Ground	-\$7,890.80
Misc and Kit	-\$9,917.26
Total expenses	-\$75,460.52
Surplus / (deficit)	-\$883.24
Assets	
Cash in bank	\$16,135.52

What do the club finances really mean?

You pay your registration each year but that goes to the ARU straight away. Once the ARU gives that registration back to the club, they have taken out their fees. That gives us on average a \$124 per Shammy to spend. We then have some very generous sponsors that contribute \$140 per player. We then fundraise through Gear sales, Events and BBQs to raise another \$56 per player.

In total it costs \$320 for the club to put a Shammy player on the field for a season of 16 rounds and at least 16 practices (so <\$20 per week). Our parents only pay for 39% (\$126 per player) of that cost. Our sponsors (West Ashfield, White Cockatoo, Thomas Duryea Logicalis, Shad Hassen – The Agency and Snap Fitness Petersham) contribute 44% (\$140 per player). The rest generally comes from you buying a sausage, some gear sales or an event we run (\$56 per player). What we spend that money on as a club is very unique. We believe what makes a Shammy is how they turn up and represent our community. That is why we spend almost \$190 per year on great kit per player (Parents note: good enough reason to label that hoodie that costs \$50) and social events to bring us together as a community. We are a nonprofit club run off the efforts of volunteers so its only costs roughly \$76 per player to keep it operating. The remainder of the fees (\$58) goes to council grounds, insurance, social events and other fees.

Too many numbers... just give you a summary?

Basically, the club only exists because of our time donated by our volunteers. If you can't contribute your time please spend some money with our sponsors, buy a sausage or lots of Shabby gear.

Here are some practical tips on how to support the sponsors of the club:

- Wests Ashfield - they are only after registered members. It costs \$23 for a 10-year membership – please just register and make sure you nominate on registration into club members with Petersham Juniors rugby!
- White Cockatoo Hotel, The Henson and Sydney Park Hotel – we know you drink and eat there already but they are after genuine “bookings”. That means team dinners, birthdays, celebrations, special events or random dinner dates, make sure to tell them to record it in their system against Petersham Junior Rugby. If it is not recorded then we don't get the credit!
- Thomas Duryea Logicalis – if anyone in corporate business and has need for computing services please just check out their services. At this end of town one deal can make the years of sponsorship for the Shammies worth while.
- Shad Hassen – everybody in the Inner West knows Shad if you are looking to buy, sell or rent a property. Please let Shad's team know you are connected to the Shammies if you make a query. He is a longtime supporter and a true Inner West expert.
- Snap Fitness – our new sponsor is a true local and is after one thing... local memberships. If you hardly ever go to your gym, pay a fortune to and constantly feel guilty about wasting money.. then give it to Petersham Snap fitness who support your kids.

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1883 Winners

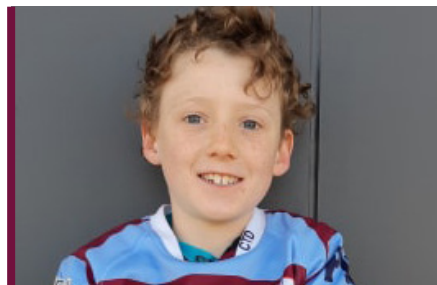
This honour is proudly awarded by the Club to the players that the coaches deem to have epitomised the spirit of Sham-mies Rugby. They play and train their hardest each and every week and always put the team ahead of themselves. Congratulations to these players!



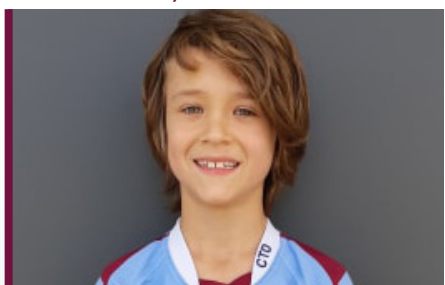
U8 Blues - Mylo Booth



U8 Maroons - Louie Swerdlow



U9 Maroons - Liam Waterworth



U9 Blues - Will Harriman-Khan



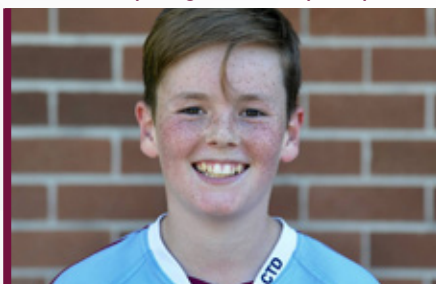
U10 Friday Night - Sunny Steyn



U10 Blues - Ezekiel Barros



U10 Maroons - Enzo Calabria



U11 Blues - James Baranowski



U11 Maroons - Samuel Rudd



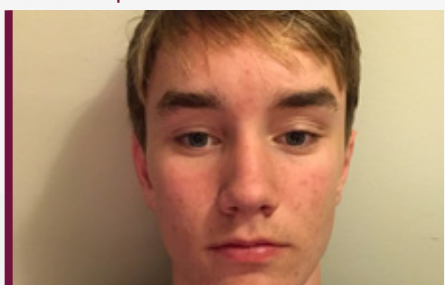
U12 - Tejahla-Jane Daniels-Maifea



U13 - Atieli 'Ofa' Nau



U14 - Quillan Ung



U15 - Ryan Gleeson



Girls U15 - Ana Moala



Girls U17 - Rosalie Sheargold

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.



Billy Nicoletti

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- Scoring my first try in under 6s and finally learning to like oranges

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- Double checking my shoelaces are really tight

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

- Getting into the semis in Under 10s

Who are your sporting heroes?

- Mack Horton

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Don't be scared to throw your body in when cleaning out and tackling. Most of all have fun!!



Tom Lennox

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- Running around the field having no idea what to do and playing with all my friends

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- Meditating and then listening to rock music in the car with dad (normally Rocky tunes)

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

- Getting my first ever try in my first year of u6

Who are your sporting heroes?

- James Tedesco and Kurtley Beale

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Never give up, always do your best and most importantly, HAVE FUN!!



James Gormly

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- Starting with the U6's and starting to learn rugby

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- No pre-game rituals (yet)

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

- Favourite moment was scoring a try by barging through the pack and jumping over two of the smaller players on the opposing team

Who are your sporting heroes?

- Kurtley Beale

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Go in fully charged, try your hardest and NEVER give up



Elijah Hassan

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- In my first game one of the kids from the other side ran

back onto the field after half time still holding and eating a sausage!

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- Not really

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

- When we won the 2018 U10s Grand Final.

Who are your sporting heroes?

- The All Blacks

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- [think Yoda's voice] "Size matters not"



Willem Teong

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- I can still remember running out to play for the uó's, it was so much fun

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- I like to listen to music and play my guitar before heading to the game

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

- Winning the u10s Grand Final in 2018!

Who are your sporting heroes?

- Bernard Foley and Beauden Barrett in Rugby and Kyle Chalmers in Swimming

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Have fun, make friends and play your best



Ewan Gleeson

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- My earliest memory of playing with the Shammies is when I was in under 7s and I scored my first try.

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- I don't have any pre-game rituals.

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

- My favourite moment playing with the Shammies is when I got Player of the Match this year.

Who are your sporting heroes?

- My sporting heroes are Michael Hooper and Bernard Foley.

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- My advice for younger rugby players starting out is don't be afraid to make a tackle and have fun.



Lucas Kohen

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- Waking up early in the morning to go to the field at Concord and that my Shammies jersey was too big!

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- A good stretch and practicing my kicking

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

- Playing with my friends and doing good tackles

Who are your sporting heroes?

- Pablo Matera because he is brave and a great tackler, Dan Carter because of his kicking and Matias Moroni because he is fast.

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Tackle hard, support your mates and have fun!



Brendan Bennett

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- Playing against Balmain in the Saturday morning comp

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- Convincing my dad to play better music in the car on

the way to the game

What is your favourite moment playing for the Sham-mies?

- Winning the grand final last year and scoring 4 tries

Who are your sporting heroes?

- Billy Vunipola and David Pocock

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Hit hard!!



Maddox Oddy

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- My first game I tackled someone by pushing him 3 times towards the sideline. The ref said "If you do that again you'll be sent off"

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- I always ask my parents if I have everything so I don't leave anything behind and I always wear the same pair of socks. And stretch

What is your favourite moment playing for the Sham-mies?

- The Mosman Game in 2017... it was pouring rain and we all got really muddy and I got man of the match for the second week in a row.

Who are your sporting heroes?

- Samu Kerevi

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Don't be scared, get involved and have FUN!!



Finnley Harding

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- Meeting Tah man at St.Lukes oval

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- Listen to music in car on way to game

What is your favourite moment playing for the Sham-mies?

- Kicking a conversion from sideline verses Randwick in an U12 semifinal to put us ahead with 2 minutes to go. The Randwick boys were calling out 'Lolly legs, lolly legs' as I kicked so it was very very satisfying

Who are your sporting heroes?

- Jonathan Thurston, Jonny Wilkinson, my Dad

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Go for it. It is great fun with a great bunch of lads. Made a lot of friends through rugby



Sam Hassan

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- Perfectly tackling a boy who was much bigger than me. Years later this same situation would also end in me breaking my arm in a game!

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- Having the ball in my hands and kicking it up in the air to myself

What is your favourite moment playing for the Sham-mies?

- When I got tackled but managed to offload the ball under my body before I hit the ground so my team could score a try.

Who are your sporting heroes?

- The All Blacks

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Remember the game is about having fun and not just competition.



Jules Holland

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- My first tackle in under 8s

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- I have a milo and a banana for energy

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

- Singing the Shammies song after we win

Who are your sporting heroes?

- I don't have one

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Try your best and have fun



Oscar Ortolani

What is your earliest memory of playing for Shammies?

- Playing at ST Luke's on a Saturday morning with mates-

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

- I listen to my pre game playlist

What is your favourite moment playing for the Shammies?

- N/A

Who are your sporting heroes?

- Pocock and Hooper because of their do or die attitude on and off the field

Any advice for new players joining the Shammies?

- Get out there and do your best and have fun. Remember it is a game

Past 100 Club members

Year Players, Coaches and Managers

2015 Bertie Alcock, Will Burraston, James Crawford, Tom Maclean, Harry Russell, Tommy Treharne

Coaches – Michael Crawford, Nik Treharne

2016 Lipina Ata, Nils Basic, Ben Brown, Eric Carney, Josh Cartwright, Frankie Davies, Oscar Greville, Finnley Harding, Siao Si Mahe, Kye Martin, James McGregor, Maran Petkovic, Harry Stephens

Coach – Tim Greville

2017 Hugh Crakanthorp, Fletcher Gill, Jack Lennox, Lucas Pollard, Quillan Ung, Conor Dunn

Coach – Ben Stephens

2018 Tom Chanter, Oscar Swerdlow, Andrew Lyons, Mannix Ung, Spencer Davies, Aston Lebler

Sydney Uni Representative and other Representative teams

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.

In 2019 Adam Dunn (Shammies President) was appointed as the Sydney Juniors President.

2019 Representative Players for Petersham Junior Rugby Club were:

Team	Players, Coaches and Managers
U10s	State Champ Players: Edward Walker, Ezekiel Barros, James Junior Breen, James Reilly, Javier Kilkenny, Joshua Baranowski, Kayhan Simavoglu, Otto Gerber, Owen Lloyd-Jones, Sunny Steyn (Captain and Sydney Uni Player of State Champs). Wider development squad: Aiden Lee, Jack Jarjoura, Conor Brough, Tom Lennox Coach: John Kilkenny Assistant Coach: Peter Jarjoura Manager: Phoebe Steyn
U11s	State Champ Players: James Baranoswki, Hamish Kelly, Oskar Swerdlow, Willem Teong Assistant Coach: Ryan Swerdlow Assistant Manager: Simon Teong
U12s	State Champ Players: Aston Lebler, Dominic Cheng, Jake Matthews, Luca Gerretson-Cornell, Tom Waterworth, Milo Hershman, Henry Lapham, Fletcher Laphorne, Lucas Kohen, Max Kelso, Spencer Davies Coach: Dan Waterworth and Mick Roache Assistant Coach: Martin Davies Manager: Rebecca Lebler
U13s	State Champ Players: Brendan Bennett, John Cameron-Murphy, Tom Chanter, Josh Chen, Jack Lennox, Daniel Lua, Sione Lua, Andrew Lyons Siaosi Mahe, Ofa Nau, Maddox Oddy, Maran Petkovich, Harry Stephens
U14s	Southern Districts: Oscar Greville, Frankie Davies, Adam Graham, Finnley Harding West Harbour; Jirae Afoa
U15s	State Champ Players: Oscar Ortolani, Callum Tunks, Thomas Maclean, Ethan Griffiths, Wilson Jenkins, Ryan Gleeson, Jack Riley, Cade Lacey, Joe Khalil, Leon Bakis, Seb Arko, Conor Dunn, Riley Reynolds, Abraham Lekkias, Will Blanchfield, Malcolm Butt, Walker Gaff, Jonas Cook, Curtis Kinstler-Smith
Southern Zone Representative Players	Oscar Ortolani, Callum Tunks, Thomas Maclean, Ryan Gleeson, Cade Lacey, Joe Khalil, Seb Arko, Leon Bakis, Riley Reynolds, Jonas Cook
Generation Blue	Oscar Ortolani, Callum Tunks, Cade Lacey, Malcolm Butt (res), Our front row all made Gen Blue!



u10s sydney uni game vs penrith



U12s Syd Uni team



Sydney uni cap



u11 2019 sydney uni squad



U12s Syd Uni team



U13s Syd Uni team



U15s



U14s



U15s



U12s Syd Uni team

Referees Development Report

I would like to start by thanking The Sydney South Rugby Referees Association for supporting us this year with our new PJRU and SSRRA marquee that you will see over our home game BBQs and at the Girls 7s Saturday night Sizzling 7s and Frosty 7s games.

We also thank the SSRA for coming on board with our 2 new referees videos played at Shammies home games at the canteen bench to encourage players and parents to give refereeing a go.

2019 saw some shortages at junior and girls 7s games. To overcome this problem moving forward we need more people to give refereeing a go.

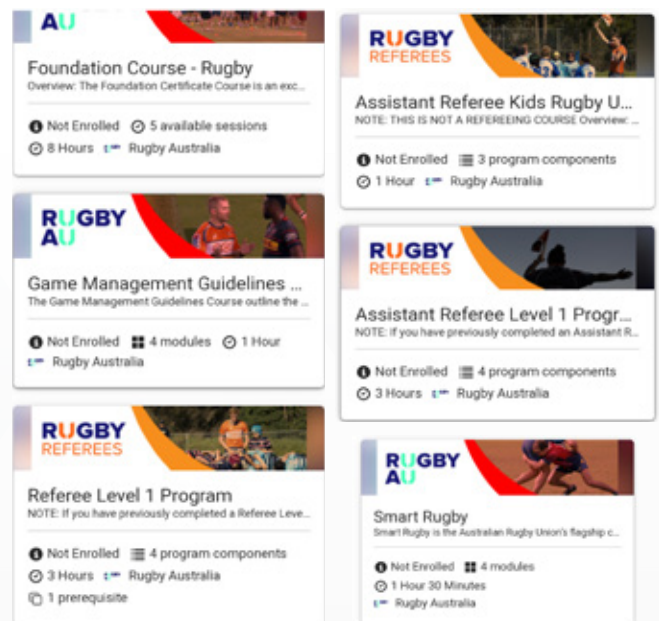
Rugby Australia have fantastic resources online for refereeing. My suggestion is that all interested players and parents complete the Rugby Australia Smart Rugby module. It will give new members an overview of our sport and provide a refresher for those returning and considering refereeing.

For players u13 and above and their parents we encourage you to do the Rugby Australia Assistant Referees course, The Foundation Certificate Course and the Refereeing Kids Rugby modules. Local Referees Associations, like the SSRRA, hold regular information evenings and also fitness training where you can ask questions about refereeing from your experiences during the week and stay fit to keep up with the players on game day.

This year 2 of our u17, Petersham registered, Sydney Uni Girls 7s players undertook the Refereeing 7s Rugby course. A face to face training session with education videos and a role-playing session afterward gave the girls the opportunity to know what they were looking



Refereeing Girls7s Rosie and Lottie



at and confidently make a decision on the correct call. With modified rules to fit the 7s format this is also another option for those interested in game management to consider.

I also encourage team captains to do the modules as a better understanding of the rule book helps build better teams. As spectators we rely on coaches and managers to supply guidance on the rules but remember we are still learning too and there are always opportunities to learn more.

Visit <https://australia.rugby/participate/referee> and become an important part of the Rugby Experience.

Have a relaxing Summer everyone and see you all in 2020.

Jo Bacic

U14s boys, Girls 7s Coordinator and Shammies Referee Development



First Aid Report

Hi everyone,

I'm Celine and you will have seen me this year wearing my pink first aid vest and sitting under the pink first aid banner with my first aid kit and big bucket of ice at the Sunday Shammies home games.

I am a third-year physiotherapy student at Sydney University and I will be graduating in 2021 with a Bachelor of Applied Sciences (Physiotherapy). With this degree, I hope to find a job in a public hospital or private clinic, using my sporting background and first aid knowledge.

This is my second year with this fantastic club, having been introduced last year through SUFC. It has been an honour to serve the club, and I have gained so much sport-related experience that will definitely be applicable to me in the future.

Covering the kids at PJRU exposes me to different sporting injuries, how to manage them on the spot, and gives me an opportunity to practice what I have learnt in school. To be competent enough to do first aid for the kids, I had to have:

- First Aid Personnel in World Rugby First Aid in Rugby (FAIR) certification
- First Aid Attendant Level 1
- As well as having an existing First Aid certificate to ensure I was ready for any rugby emergency.

It has been very heartening seeing the kids play with so much passion each week. They displayed sportsmanship by tackling well, running hard and getting back up from small niggles. They also took losses graciously and



Celine Tan

remained humble in victories. Every athlete could take a leaf from their book, and I have definitely learned a thing or two watching them! A big thank you to the kids and parents for being such a lovely bunch to work with.

To the kids: please be safe in the off season, allow any injuries to heal properly and train hard for next year! Rugby is not an easy game (trust me, I know) but you champs made it look like a walk in the park and have hopefully enjoyed yourselves in the process. Awesome job this season!

I really appreciate that the PJRU have taken me onboard again this year. I hope to be able to help the club out in one way or another in the future and would definitely love to be back again next season!

Best regards,

Celine Tan,

Petersham Juniors First Aider



If anyone would like to train to be your team's Away first aid person please start by logging onto the SJRU website <https://www.sjru.com.au/policy-first-aid/> to find out the minimum requirements and then onto the Rugby Learning Centre to start the modules.

Sense Rugby



Sense Rugby is a rugby based Occupational Therapy program run by occupational therapists and therapy assistants. It was founded by Jesse Parahi (Australian Rugby Sevens player) and Carlien Parahi (occupational therapist) who continue to be a driving force behind this programme. Sense Rugby uses modified rugby drills to help kids develop a range of skills. Each child will attend the programme for a variety of reasons including to:

- Improve their self-regulation including controlling their impulses, regulating their arousal levels through the natural sensory input of rugby and maintaining self-control.
- Work on their coordination through exploring their own body movements, imitating the movements of others, learning ball skills, using heightened sensory input to improve their own internal body map, seeing the benefits of practice and learning to fall and get back up.
- Work on their teamwork and social skills including: sharing an experience, turn taking, problem solving, being flexible and managing emotions.
- Have fun. For some children this may be one of the only social groups or physical activities where they feel they have fun or have felt successful. One of the most encouraging stories was from a boy who had never enjoyed any sport or teams and he came along and after one session he went home and asked his dad if he could watch the rugby. His dad was thrilled that they could share this experience together and this boy has been a committed participant ever since and keen to come back each week.

The Sense Rugby programme in the Inner West run by Child Sense Occupational Therapy has been running now for around 12 months. Based in Robson Park Haberfield in previous terms, this term Petersham Rugby Union Club has provided us with space and support at Camperdown Oval. We have felt so welcome by the staff at Petersham Rugby Union Club and want to express a big thank you for this opportunity. By teaming up with the Shammies we now also have an opportunity for some children to trial rugby games and Petersham RUC have been very encouraging for this to occur. Our goal this term is to have a couple of children trial a game or session with the Shammies and possibly for some of their players to come and help our groups out as well if that becomes an option. We really want Sense Rugby to be part of the Petersham RU community long term and hopefully the relationship will grow stronger.

We look forward to our rugby players eventually buying some training jerseys and hopefully also attending some of the Petersham functions as the families start to integrate into the Club.

Sense Rugby and Child Sense OT would like to thank Petersham RU for their ongoing support and the generosity they have shown us.

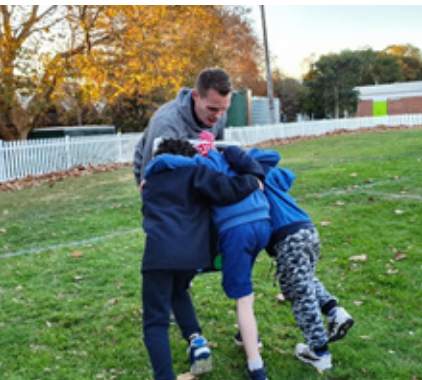
Aaron Jackson

Owner of Child Sense Occupational Therapy
Occupational Therapist

Kathleen Richardson

Child Sense Occupational Therapist
Coordinator of IW Sense Rugby





Girls 7s Season Report



Sizzling 7s DunnyGirls

Participation in Girls 7s Rugby is gaining pace in the inner west and we were excited to be a part of a 700 player strong u11-u17s SJRU Girls 7s Comp this year. With the Rugby 7s World Cup in New Zealand in 2021 we are expecting registrations to explode next year! To support Girls 7s rugby in the inner west Petersham JRU and Canterbury JRU have joined forces again under the Sydney Uni banner (u15s and u17s) and a JV with Wests (u11s).

The Girls 7s year started with Sizzling 7s in mid Feb. Our first games were held at Centennial Parklands in the pouring rain and ran for 6 weeks with finals finished by Easter at St Luke's.

Adam Dunn (Shammies Prez) was our u15s coach for Sizzling 7s. More used to coaching boys XV's and rep rugby Adam had his job cut out for him but by the end of it he couldn't get enough! Girls 7s is an inclusive community of players and parents willingly called upon every week to assist other teams on game night. This has fostered closer ties with other clubs and given girls extra opportunities to develop their skills. A wonderful outcome of this was the Sydney Uni girls combining with Rockdale to play against Norwest in the opener to the Super W Waratahs vs Qld Reds game at Leichhardt Oval on March 10.

Just when the regular SJRU comp was powering up the girls were in between seasons! Adam was off gathering Rep teams and Shannon Maddern-Daniels became our skills and fitness coach keeping the girls on track and focussed between April and June.

Girls Try Rugby sessions were also held in June. Co-ordinated by Claudia Bell (Sydney Uni XV's, NSW 7s and NSWRU Girls Development Officer) and including Fi Jones (SU, Waratahs, Wallaroos and Aon 7s), and Tasmin Sheppard (SU and Waratahs) the girls were given a chance to talk to and learn from our amazing local elite women athletes. An amazing opportunity!

In June the Refereeing Girls 7s course was attended by u17s Rosalie and Charlotta. See you in your refereeing stripes and your Syd Uni stripes in 2020!

By winter Tilly joined us playing in an u11 JV with Wests and a bunch of new u17s joined us to form a Baabaas (Barbarians) squad with Eastwood and Wests. Our coach for winter was Marboony Volkman from Canterbury. Boony has coached XV a side boys and girls rugby and league teams and has brought another dimension to the girls training.

A standout for the year has been having 4 girls chosen in the NSWRU Youth Development Squad. Training over 6 weeks in Aug/Sept leading into the State Champs in October. Congratulations to Hannah, Shanikau, Charlotta and Nancy.

Our year is not quite over though. In October Boony, with her sister Tisera (Sydney Uni and Waratahs Super W) will be taking our u15s and u17s squads to the State 7s Champs in Forster-Tuncurry 11-13 October. I wish all of the girls Good luck!

I hope you all have a relaxing summer. See you 2020 for another awesome year of rugby!

Jo Bacic

Sydney Uni Girls 7s Coordinator, PJRU u14s Manager



Super W Match



GIRLS COME TRY RUGBY
Learn from the Sydney Uni Lionesses!

Join us at Canterbury Rugby Club at 5.30-6.30pm
 on Wednesday 12th June
 Wills Ground, Wardell Road, Earlwood

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

Contact Jo Bacic for more information
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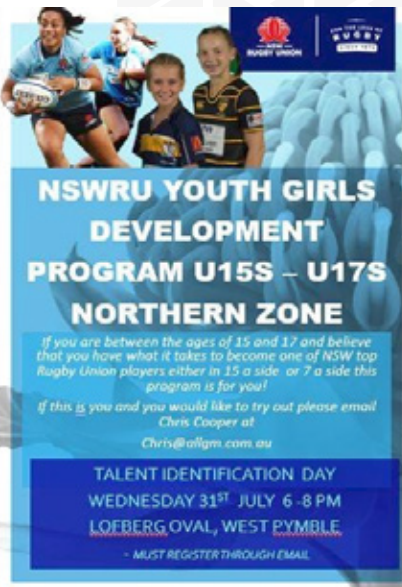
Refereeing Girls 7s Rosie and Lottie



u17s Baabaas



Marboony Volkman



NSWRU YOUTH GIRLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM U15S – U17S NORTHERN ZONE

If you are between the ages of 15 and 17 and believe that you have what it takes to become one of NSW top Rugby Union players either in 15 a side or 7 a side this program is for you!

If this is you and you would like to try out please email Chris Cooper at
Chris@nswru.com.au

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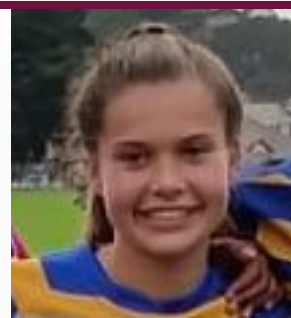
Dunny with his present from the girls

Player Profiles



Ana Moala –

The mean machine! Ana came in during our frosty 7s season with no experience playing rugby union. As a first-timer she adapted very quickly to the game. Strong in defense making some impressive try-saving tackles throughout the season. Keen to see what the future holds for this one.



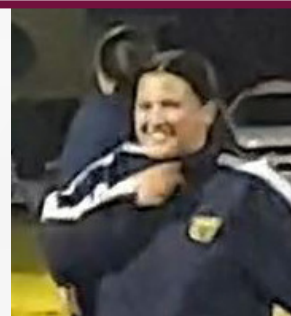
Brianna Howell –

The silent but deadly utility player! I have put Brianna in just about every position this year and she has 'killed' it. She is quiet on the field yet is not afraid to tackle the biggest player and take the ball back in full force. Definitely a player you would want in your team.



Bella Mackay –

The secret weapon! Our speedy Bella, give her the ball and she is gone. Bella has made some impressive try saving tackles this year as well as scoring some impressive and vital tries during the season. A humble player with a good mindset on the field.



Chantal Nettis –

The tough one! Chantal was another first-timer and only played a couple of games for Frosty 7s, but she made sure her presence was known. Always rushing up in defense and never being afraid to run the ball. Hope you keep playing Channy!



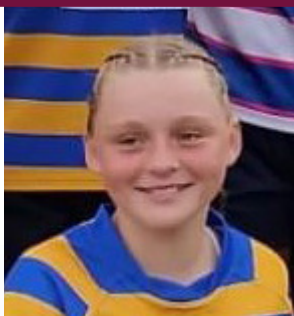
Davy Duncan –

The fearless defender and unpredictable runner of the ball! Davy surprised me and Tisera the most this year. She has a strong mindset on the field, never letting her small size define her with making some big tackles on the field and some impressive line breaks in attack.



Hannah Ulqoc –

The consistent one! It's always a pleasure coaching Hannah. Mature beyond her years and a very quick learner. We saw Hannah improve in every aspect of the game. Very focused on the field and has a 'never give up' attitude in every game and training session. Surely one to look for in the future.



Grace Dunn –

The pocket rocket! Can attack and score a try from anywhere on the field. Grace has gotten the team out of some serious dangerous situations on the field. Always keeping the girls motivated during our half time talks. One of the youngest on the field yet is playing rugby beyond her years.



Jodi Berman –

The courageous one! Jodi was new to the game this year and showed some great work in defense, never giving up and always willing to learn more and improve. Jodi had a popped-out rib on the second last game and still wanted to play in the final game, what a fighter!



Isobelle Lynch –

The quick learner! Isobelle was another new and great addition to the team this year. She fit in with the girls easily and became better after every game she played. So much potential, the best is yet to come from Izzy.



Koko Bacic –

The underdog! Koko started out with very little confidence in herself as so did most (if not, all) of the girls in the team. However, week in and week out she proved herself to be such a talent on the field. Koko also played many positions on the field and made it look easy, scoring a full field try, line breaks and making crucial tackles.



Hesta Ruelle –

A foundation Girls 7s player registered at the Shammies last year, Hesta has shown the true spirit of rugby in our opening rounds of Sizzling 7s. She has a great attitude towards the game, always willing to run on rain or shine, happily joining the other team to make up numbers if required, and always happy to be with her mates. Sporting a new bright red head of hair, she really is now on fire!



Lottie Mackay –

The social and tough butterfly! Lottie has shown great leadership during trainings on and off the field and is considered the glue between all the girls. She has proven herself week in and out, a very skillful player with a personality that everyone warms up to. It's always a pleasure coaching you Lottie.



Nancy Volkman –

The smashing forward! Nancy showed some improvement this year in both defense and attack as well as keeping up with her fitness. Aggressive in defense as well as always contesting in the breakdown. Great work in the scrums and rucks this year Nancy!



Siara Ortolani –

The technical bulldozer! Sisi is a specialist in the rucks and scrums, her technique has improved greatly this year. Can always rely on Siara to contest and win in the breakdown/ruck and get the ball back. She is a force to be reckoned with for sure.



Pricilla Fakaosi –

The gentle giant! Cilla came in halfway through our Frosty 7s season and was very eager to play. Her attitude at trainings and game days is always positive and infectious. We saw Cilla improve in her tackling this year and her fitness. More time and more games and Cilla will be an unstoppable force.



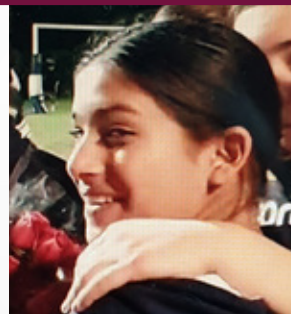
Shanikau Rogers –

The warrior! Another first-timer in rugby. Nikos drive is admirable. She is very determined and will not stop until she gets it right. This season, we saw Niko fit right in with the under 17s and adapt very quickly to the game. She can tackle and run the ball like it's nobody's business. Keep it up Shanikau!



Rosie Sheargold –

Learning how to improve her game or how to be a Girls 7s referee, Rosie is always giving it a go. Sitting out the last of the Frosty 7s with a broken toe Rosie is always encouraging the girls on game night to play their best and have fun!



Tianna Flamer-Caldera –

The smiling assassin! Tianna had a good season this year as our halfback, always smiling whether in victory or defeat. We saw her improve weekly, especially with her communication on the field. She always took great risks when she saw a space or a gap in the opposition, especially off the scrums.



Ruby O'Sullivan –

The strong forward! Ruby has improved a great deal this year with her technique in the ruck and scrum as well as her ability to tackle and run with ball. Could always count on her to support and be there when in need and always plays at 100%.



Tilly Rowles -

The small but mighty one! Had the pleasure training Tilly on the Wednesdays whilst she played for Shannon on Saturdays. Tilly was the youngest at training and always the most eager one out of the bunch. From the first training session to the last one, we saw her improvement in her catch and passing of the ball.



Una Buadromo -

The wrecking ball! First timer in rugby and like the rest, Una adapted very well to the game. Hard hits, hard runs – couldn't ask for anything more. Definitely one of the strongest on the field. Her willingness to improve on her skills and motivation to keep going is to be commended.



Tejahla-Jane Daniels-Maifea -

The X-factor! TJ was the youngest to play for the U15s and she did not disappoint. She can pass, tackle, run and contest for the ball. Another player who is playing rugby beyond her years and has a bright future ahead. The best is yet to come for you TJ!



Wanda Skuodas -

Our youngest Sizzling 7s newbie for 2019. Training with the 13s, 15s and 17s every week Wanda loved getting involved until a broken wrist (not at rugby!) led to an early retirement from Sizzling 7s. Highlight being part of the girls run on tunnel for the Super W Waratahs vs Reds game at Leichhardt Oval.



Under 6's Season Report

It was a bumper year for the under 6's in 2019 with a total of 25 players registered – the biggest year yet!

Two of these brand-new players also bought in their dad's as our regular coaches. They were hesitant at first but by the end of the season, the coaches and the players were shining brightly. Many thanks to coaches Tom and Ben for getting into the swing of things very quickly.

Training nights launched into full swing quickly and the kids loved a 'come over red rover' warm up, followed by some skills practice and rounding off with a quick game each week.

Saturday games were met with passion, some real rugby spirit and so much energy with the kids happily reminding the parents if the snakes had not yet been handed out.

Many thanks to all the (new and old) parents whose enthusiasm and encouragement of the whole team was fantastic to see. It was also great to see some new friendships forming between the parents.

The under 6's this year have formed friendships, showed off their teamwork skills, demonstrated some incredible speed and ultimately loved their year at The Shammies. We hope to see everyone back in 2020.



under 6's medal presentation



Coach Tom with Paddy and Flynn



Frosty morning



Training fun

Under 6 Blues

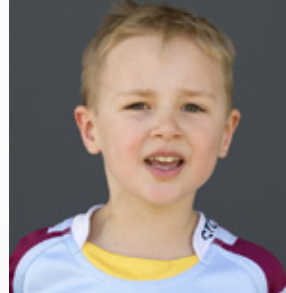


u6 Blues



Emma Keenan –

Emma had a great season of rugby and progressed well. She loved the games at training and was always a hard one to catch especially during 'come over red rover'. Towards the end of the season she gave moments of brilliance that left us wanting more - Congratulations on a great season Emma.



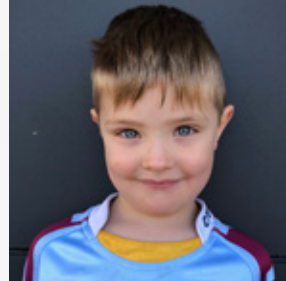
Ethan Horne –

Ethan loved the Tuesday night training and skills games. His enthusiasm and smiles were great to see and when the coaches bought out the extra equipment at training, he was fast to join in. We look forward to welcoming him to the Saturday games next year.



Eleanor Sato –

Eleanor joined the Shammies a few weeks into the season but she wasted no time showing everyone how to play the game. Her sense of fair play, talent and strong character will serve her well in the coming years. She is a fast mover often leaving the opposition in the dust.



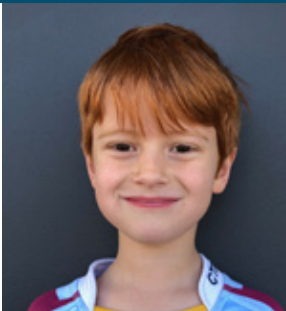
Flynn Field –

Flynn is an enthusiastic member of our team and worked hard all year. He has nailed the basics of rugby very quickly and with his consistency and running skills he is a valued member of the team. Popular with his teammates, Flynn was never one to get frustrated or ruffled, always contributing at training and at all the games.



Hamish Worledge –

Hamish joined us late in the season but he (and his family) certainly made an impact immediately. Hamish loved being a part of the team and wasted no time in grabbing the ball and heading forward. He will be a great asset to The Shammies in the future years.



Jude Hetariki –

Jude had another great year at The Shammies this year and showed some real progress across the season. When other teams needed an extra player, he happily put his hand up and really showed what the love of playing the game was all about. Jude is very quick on his feet and when the ball came his way, he was like a slippery eel for the opposition.



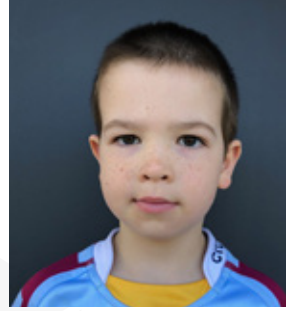
Paddy Taylor –

Don't be fooled by Paddy's size – he is a powerhouse of passion and enthusiasm for rugby. A natural on the field and a desire to do well gives us great hopes for next year. Never giving up he was scoring tries all season and with coach Tom as his dad he is sure to continue to be one to watch in the future.



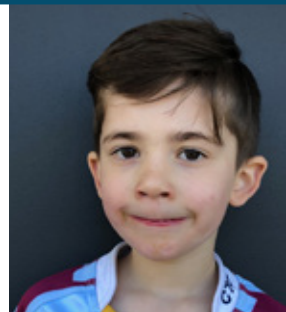
Reica Kikuchi –

Reica "the rocket" came into her own on the field this year. Her passion and competitive nature on the field made some of her tries simply unstoppable. She was always there ready to support her teammates and eager to grab the ball and head straight for the try line – a great sign of a future superstar!



Rory Clampett –

Rory shone as a rugby super star early in the season. Not only a fast runner but he could see the gaps in the oppositions line and headed straight for these gaps. When Rory gets the ball, it's safe to say that a try is close.



Ryan Tappin –

Ryan has a fantastic combination of footwork, strength and speed that pushed through time and time again each Saturday. He made every effort to improve on all aspects of the game this year and his progress has made him shine. He is keen for the ball and a delight to watch on the field.



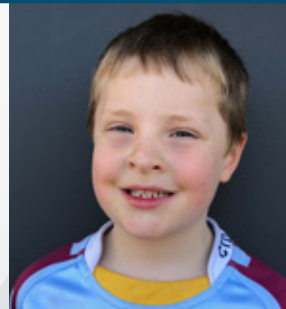
Samuel Donald –

In his debut year for The Shammies, Sam loved a chat with his new mates perhaps a bit more than he loved the game but when the ball came his way, those blonde curls became a blur as he ran for the try line. His bravery when diving into the donuts at training will serve him well in the future years.



Seyi Barros –

Seyi turned heads at training all season with many parents asking who is that? He has a great side step and great energy to match his natural ability for the game. Tall and strong, Seyi looks set to follow his older brother and enjoy a great Shammies future.



Xavler Alexander –

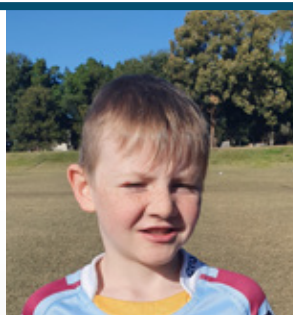
Xavier started and ended this season strong. He is a real team player and he listens to the coach's instructions and follows through on them. With his determination to get to the try line and his fantastic defence there is not much that will stop Xavier in 2020.

Under 6 Maroons



Dara Forrest –

Deceptively quick, Dara naturally knows his way to the try line. Often first to the ball from the kick off and improved in tagging and defence as the season went on. Dara has a cheeky sense of humour and good participant in training.



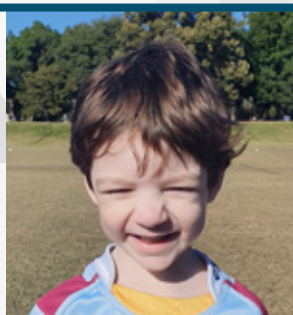
Dylan Lusted –

If Maroons under 6's had a captain it would be Dylan. Excellent defensive positioning and his many try saving tackles were often all-in. Never doubt his effort. Never say die. When he got his hands on the ball generally has the speed and ability to get to the try line. Always played fair, and resilient on occasions when fouled.



Finn Waterworth –

What can you say? Showman. Absolute natural little athlete who loves his rugby. Developed a fine drop kick during the season. Never stopped scoring tries - with great evasive ability he is an entertainer. Finn got tougher during the year, bouncing back quick from niggles or scrapes.



Jack Teong –

Jack is a speedster, who will get the meters when he pins back his ears, tearing down the sideline. Comes alive in open-flowing games and often got on a roll, grabbing tries. Nothing better than a big Jack smile after a great run. Bet we'll see him develop a good fend in a couple years. Will be great to watch him carve up centre field.



James Catanzariti –

Youngest member of the team, and well-liked by all. A surprise specialist at gathering off the kick, often beating much bigger kids. James involvement grew as the season went on, and his understanding of the game improved. He was always well behaved and fun spirited kid in training and for his age did remarkably well.



Lincoln Mesecke-Trent –

Made for rugby. Lincoln is discovering his natural ability along with learning skills and rules of rugby. Great to see him side stepping and making his way to the try line time after time - still in second gear. Joy to watch. Eager learner and always well behaved and a fair player in training and game day. Even made it as an U7 player during the year!



Maggie Nicoletti –

Our best 'team' player. Intelligent and good reader of the game. Always up around the play area but also unselfish. Maggie's effort in defense was outstanding. Never stopped chasing the player with the ball. Infectious smile and bounced back well from niggles or knocks.



Nate Luci –

Loves to run the ball. Great speed, side step and always eager to keep the game going. Exciting player to watch and got tougher as the season went on. Huge competitor.



Oscar Sutton –

It was a pleasure to watch Oscar discover rugby this year. He learned how to run the ball and find the try line, and loves kicking. The moment he realised that he has speed to run around the opposition was a memorable highlight. Tackling drills in training were a particular favourite, especially taking down the doughnuts.



Nell Ramsay –

Makes it look easy. Great fun to watch Nell weaving, finding space and the try line. Last game of the season was a try worth remembering, and it seems that Nell can turn it on at will. A great big sister to the littlies in the team, and a jovial character in training.

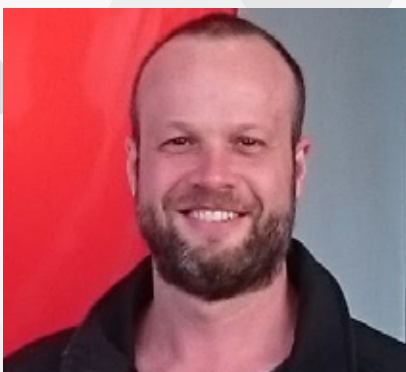


Thalia Kilkenny –

One of our main entertainers. Thalia's speed and ability to run around the entire opposition team to score was great to watch and often drew applause from the sideline - even in training! Her read of the game and tagging also improved through the season.



u6 Maroons



Coach Ben Sutton



Under 7's Season Report

2019 saw Petersham propel Under 7s rugby into the stratosphere!

The strength of this mighty team was the weakness of many others, the lack of one superstar holding the rest together. What the Shammies U7s did have was a robust quality throughout and the inkling that just maybe they could mould into a mighty team, rather than a team of mighty individuals.

The U7s began the season with one almighty weakness; the way they started every play. Their passing speed from tap off was not a thing to behold. It was like watching a team of accountants debate the state of the economy - slow, boring and having next to no impact on what mattered (says Coach PJ resident accountant). This meant the opposition would be on them like white on rice, invariably forcing the poor ball runner to get tagged straight away in the best case or, in the worst case run, in the opposite direction.

It would also be fair to say listening was also not the team's forte. Many a night Coaches Andy, Matt and Phil were a broken sight, head in hands where mere 6-year olds had soaked up every last trick and ounce of strength with their aversion to instructions. It wasn't until the coaches learned to herd these wild brumbies through the tactic of making non listeners 'run for the hills' (aka run to the fence and back), that the team really started to gel.

What did gel right from the beginning was the camaraderie of the parents on the sidelines who's good humour, dedication to oranges and snakes, a thirst for good running rugby and the appreciation of the odd alcoholic beverage at the training BBQ helped to bond the team.

In the Shammies 'blood match' of Blues vs Maroons, beauty vs braun, individual talent vs talented teams, egos vs determination, the players were transformed. Teamwork was evident, passing as slick as a whistle, there was blood, there were tears and rugby was the winner on the day! The players stepped it up a gear in the final weeks, taking on tackle practice with gusto and reveling in the contact that will prepare them well for U8s next year.

The Mighty U7s made their coaches proud and ended their year as champions. The team that ended the season was not the rag tag bunch that started the season. They demonstrated emerging skills, sportsmanship, a sense of fun and the overall winner was rugby's future.

On behalf of all the players and parents of U7s, special thanks go to:

Coach Andy for always turning up for the kids, for the preparation and thought you put into the training sessions, for being willing to trial and experiment with new plans or ways to develop players' skills and for your assistant coaches Matt, Phil, PJ and Dave for their steady and consistent tutelage at training and game days.

Special thanks as well to coach Dave for taking on the responsibility of match-day referee. Often running straight off the u6s field to start again with u7s. Despite the persistent match day back-chat from his fellow co-coaches.





Under 7 Blues



Calum (The Determinator) Scott –

Calum started U7's as he finished U6's, fast and furious!

Calum has been a key member in the Blues team this year with his dedication at training and his commitment to giving his all at the games. Calum has no fear and regularly throws himself in defence at attacking players determined to stop them in their tracks. In attack, he is often seen with a determined, steely gaze screaming up the touch line and diving into the corner scoring numerous tries. An asset to any team and with hammies in way better shape than his old man's, there is a great future for this flying winger!



George (Biggest Sidestep Since Jonah Lomu) Furey –

Another newbie to U7's George soon cemented himself into the Blues team and quickly became a pivotal player. With his straight running in attack George can burst through defences and has scored numerous tries. His commitment to his team brings an impregnable defence that few opposition players can breach.

His cheeky smile and funny quips make it enjoyable to try and help him on his rugby journey. And then there is his mini me, Charlie...



Jack (The Metre Eater) Farley –

Already showing himself a more astute footballer than his old man, Jack turned down a contract with Drummoyne to continue his career association with the Shammies.

A switch was flicked in Jack this year. Always hungry for ball, he developed eyes for the space in front of him and he charged into it game in and game out, even mixing his game up by developing a promising ability to change direction mid-charge. A versatile player, Jack has a back's looks, a forward's pedigree and the skill set to play anywhere.

We're looking forward to the next evolution in this young gun (and the fans he'll be bringing to the sidelines!)



Josiah (Secret Weapon) Sailosi –

Every team needs that player who never seems to get phased by anything. Josiah is ours. His sense of fun and playfulness is infectious but woe betide the opposition front rows next year when they pack down against this young man (as his coaches found out in premature scrum-maging practice during training).

Not one to necessarily stop when tagged, Josiah also learnt to continue his chasing in defence this year, bringing a tear to the coaches' eyes with his enthusiasm for the late tag.

To quote his teammate George, "when Josiah realises he loves rugby he's gonna be awesome!"



Mac (The SpringBlack) Callon –

Mac was a newcomer to U7's this season but slotted in like pro, throwing himself into training and the games with passion and dedication that is a pleasure to watch and coach.

Channelling his All Black/Springbok heritage, Mac is fast, competitive and willing to lay it all on the line for his teammates. The master of sneaky tries, this guy can spot a hole in a defensive line in a flash and is over the try line before they know it!

Joining forces with Jack F and George, the Three Amigos bring a force to be reckoned with!



Lachlan (The Freight Train) Horne -

That's right, life's too short to get side-tracked. This tall, strong, solid lock only needs to hear "go straight" once and he actually does it for an entire season! Another new signing in 2019, Lachie took on the challenge of learning his new sport in quick time. A true sportsman, Lachie was the heart of the Blues team, always seen congratulating teammates and even opposition on tries, medals and good games but get him riled up as one poor kid did in one game and he'll hunt you down relentlessly in defence! Cannot WAIT to see this in tackle next year!

Don't forget to practise your point pass in the off-season Lachie!



Tom (Stealth Mode) Jamison -

Before you knew it, this kid would be up in the oppositions faces denying them space and time. Forget about the offside rule (as Tom often did), Tom followed in his old man's footsteps without much thought and went straight for the man with the ball. Taking huge strides forward as the season progressed, Tom piled on tries and in defence was a good example to the rest of his team of how you can make metres without the ball.

Remember, stay within the lines and don't go in the lava and we'll see you next year Tom!

Under 7 Maroons



Alex Corben -

Alex picked up season 2019 from where he left off in 2018. A determined runner of the ball, with a unique side step and ability to throw the dummy. Alex would often mesmerise the opposition, each weekend, and he regularly found his way to the try line. Defensively, Alex was a rock and was equally adept to leading the defensive line or getting across in cover defence for the team. Alex's knowledge of the rules has also increased, and was confident in expressing his opinion to Ref and Coach alike on match day, potentially we have a future Shammie's leader?



Caleb Chiundiza -

A welcome new member to the Shammies family and the u7s. Caleb's enthusiasm for rugby was infectious for players and coaching staff alike. This was Caleb's first season of rugby, and his rugby have been improving week in week out. His ball running has continued to improve all season, and he is developing a style that will see him become a great hard, straight running forward for years to come. Congratulations on a great 1st year Caleb, and we are looking forward to seeing you next year.



Jack Speirs -

This was Jacks first year with the Shammies and Rugby, but you would never have guessed, with this talented young player. Jack scored many tries from all over the field and looks sure to develop into a hard-running centre three-quarter. Jack loved to get wide and thrived in the open running space. No one got past Jack either in defence, his up in your face defence, made sure the opposition were never a step ahead of Jack. Well done and great effort this season Jack.



Fionn Rafferty -

Fionn is our most experienced player and continues to develop as a player and team leader for the U7s. Super competitive and flowing with ability, a rugby star of the future. With the ball in hand Fionn can score tries from any position on the field, and always following in support, backing up his team mates for the next hit-up. Rock solid in defence as well, no opposition player gets past him. Full Contact rugby awaits next year and he is definitely ready to take the step up to form of the game. A fantastic season Fionn.



Jed Housiaux -

Jed was a big money mid-season transfer who helped reenergise the Maroon's season with his humour and sense of fun. Popular with his teammates Jed was never one to get ruffled or frustrated, contributing handsomely both on training nights and game days. Jed often did the hard yards by taking the first hit up from his own try line, never shirking responsibility. Looking forward to welcoming Jed back in season 2020 where he is set to go from strength to strength.



Liam Meert -

Easily the most improved Shammy U7 over the course of the season! Liam had been playing soccer with the Marrickville Red Devils when he took the sensible decision to join the Petersham rugby family. We're certainly glad he did because although he had some ground to make up on his more experienced peers, he embraced the challenge, improving week on week to quickly transform into a hard-running forward with a nose for the try line. Top effort!



Romeo Atzeni -

A firm favourite with players, coaches, parents and opposition - Romeo had an outstanding season 2019 with the Shammies U7s. Romeo's blistering speed and natural talent [allied to the sophisticated coaching! :)] meant he put in brilliant performances week in week out. With his easy smile and devastating pace Romeo would "float by a butterfly and then sting like a bee" on his way to the try line! Romeo plays rugby with a "joie de vivre" while making it look all too easy. Already destined for Shammy greatness...



Ryan Forrest -

Like all great artists Ryan can be temperamental, but when he's in the mood he is almost unplayable! Ryan "The Rhino" is a strong personality always hungry for the ball and confident when bossing the play around the pitch while marking himself out as captain material. Ryan was an absolute try machine for the Maroons bagging at least 3 "meat pies" most Saturdays with stellar performances. Ryan was one of the first U7s to develop his game further by passing on the run and looks set to take season 2020 by storm. Well done Rhino...

Under 8's Season Report



A great season with the kids experiencing tackle for the first time. This is always a big step up with rugby, as it requires not only the physical aspect of it, but the mental change to commit to the tackle. The coaches focused on a variety of drills including tackling techniques, contact drills, rucks, passing and most importantly teamwork. With a short season at hand, the kids were kept active on training sessions and in constant drills to get them involved and learning. This all paid off, with midway through the season, kids attacking in the forward direction and defending with committed tackles. It has truly been a blast and pleasure, watching, coaching and managing the Petersham under 8s. Yours truly – Bec, Frank, Clarkey and Shogi.

Under 8 Blues



Eliza Rowles –

With only 2 girls in the under 8s, it was a pleasure to see Eliza part of this limited group. She did well, adapting to rugby and learning the art of tackling and attacking forward with the ball. Her favourite was getting into the rucks and going for the ball, which was a key part of

the season's training. Although the mouthguard came out for a chatter here and there, it was quickly put back in once the coaches shouted to "get that back in". With her older sister doing well in the under 10s, we are sure Eliza will follow in her footsteps to continue the Shammie tradition.



Hugo Donald –

This guy is a little hidden gem that just hacks away at doing better. Hugo did well this season, transitioning from the tag to tackle and attacking forward. His tackle skills are great, usually being the last line of defence and bring the opposition to the ground. Hugo trains well and

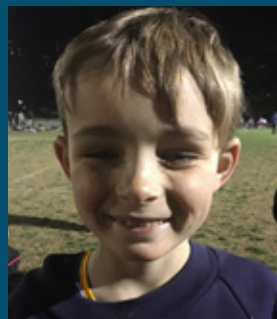
is always ready to get into it. His tackle skills may be due to having so many brothers and them also playing the sport. He has the passion and no doubt over the years will make a fine rugby player.



Willie Lloyd –

A great player. Willie is a committed rugby player who was a key asset to the team this year. Good in both attack and defence, Willie is happy to take it to the opposition. He drives forward well and also defends like a lion, being able to adapt to any requirement on the field (an

all-rounder). His love of the game and team spirit captures what it means to be a Shammie. Hugging team mates after a try, will always be a memory to the parents of what 'team spirit' means. We look forward to seeing Will next season.



Hamish Ramsay –

Hamish pushed himself hard this season getting involved in training and the Saturday games. Once started, he didn't want to come off, even when it was time for substitution (sorry Hamish, but we have to rotate all the players). Hamish was always ready to take the ball forward

into the opposition from a start, and jumping in on tackles to help his team mates. On words of "your team mates need you", Hamish would charge into the ruck and drive over proving himself to be a team player.



Jensen Nicholas –

A big effort put in by Jensen this season, ready for training and to play Saturday's game. He has done very well, getting into the drills, participating and learning to put his body on the line. Jensen contributed in ensuring

his team mates got the ball by driving through in rucks, getting in on the tackle and going forward with the ball. He has good potential for the forward ranks, and will get better and better as the seasons go on. Well done Jensen, you are a true Shabby!



Julius Rego –

Julius has done very well this season, moving to the concept of tackle from tag. Although the season started slow, he was able to train hard and adapt well to tackling and attacking forward, and driving over. This can be attributed to his spark of fire that comes out when

required. Always looking to his old man for endorsement, Julius did well in changing his attacking style to forward, and getting into crunching tackles when he had the opportunity. A lot of potential which will come to fruition over the next few years.



Mirei Kikuchi –

The daughter of the famous coach Shogi, no doubt some home coaching has helped Mirei go from strength to strength. At the start of the season, Mirei was taking in a lot of the concepts from going from tag to tackle. This did not stop her from being a key team player,

but the 'lightbulb' came on midway in the season as she turned on the skills. Her attack and defence ability allowed her to get in there to mix it up with the boys. We have hopes that one day we will see her at the next level of state playing, just like her swimming.



Mylo Booth –

What can be said, but this kid is a true natural. As other coaches have commented to the under 8 coaches, "he just gets it" (rugby that is)! For Mylo, the coaches recognised the requirement to understand 'resiliency' and to build confidence, was more important than the techniques

itself. This has paid off, allowing him to train and play to a high standard. We are certain over time and more training, Mylo will do well in rugby as a forward and most importantly, continue to love the greatest game of earth. Keep it going Mylo!

Under 8 Maroons



Henry Glassock –

Henry doesn't say much but that's because he's busy letting his rugby do the talking. Always a willing participant at training and keen to learn on how to improve. In one of our earlier games this season Henry showed some of his fancy foot work to win player of the

day underestimate him at your peril. Henry well played this season keep it up.



Fin Chanter –

We've uncovered a new Wallaby half back Finn is showing the speed and athleticism that George Gregan had in his prime. Finn shows a willingness to compete at training and especially on game day. A proven performer and a player with a never give up

attitude well done Finn keep it up!



Hugo Rutter –

Hugo is a leader amongst the forward pack he's able to pick and drive, tackle and his involvement in the breakdown is noticeable similar to a young Ritchie McCaw. He's eager to learn and willing to ask questions on how he can improve. A willing participant

on Tuesday night training and on game day well done Hugo a great season.



Robbie Clarke –

Don't let his dimples and smile fool you this is a new breed of ball carrier a work ethic that David Pocock would admire. Always running onto the ball at pace and sniffing around the break down to steel the ball. A great team player who is focused, driven and can

floss with the best of them. Clarky well done fella great stuff see you next season.



Robbie Walker –

A silky ball carrying runner he can step off both feet and is not afraid to get his hands dirty. Robbie has a knack for turning up and making that crucial tackles, he knows where the try line is and how to get there! Not afraid to go into contact and willing to go

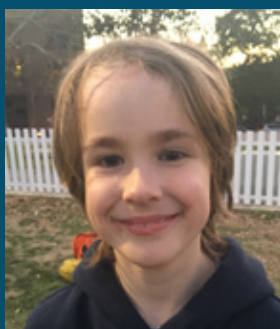
again for the team great effort this season Texas Ranger!!!



Sam Lebler –

He runs, he steps once, then twice Boom! he scores ...try time! That is Sam from our first game this season. A great team player always supportive of his teammates and just loves having a run and getting involved. Always keen to contribute to the team talks at half

time always a positive attitude for the Shamies and loves a good team huddle. Well played this season Sam.



Rufus Housianx –

Don't let the cheeky smile fool you Rufus can glide off the back of the rucks and loves to score tries. Always wanting to get into the thick of the action and work hard for his team. Always trying hard especially when I'm holding the tackle bags at training on a Tuesday.

Well Done keep it up Rufus!



Louie Swerdlow –

Louie has the ability to read the play both in defence and attack in the same mold as former Wallaby Chris Latham. He knows where the try line is and how to get there and loves ripping into his first up tackles. He is keen to learn and improve at training and

holds no fear of getting stuck in to the rough stuff. Louie well done this season awesome stuff!



Harley Donahue –

Harley loves to take the ball up and is forming a formidable combination up front for the Maroons. In recent times he's taken some big contact but has dusted himself off to play again for the team and to take the ball up again. Harley is able to bust the line and create

that 2nd phase play needed. Harley keep it up great work this season.



Michael Keenan –

This young fella is a tear away in the running department he has a step, and a fend and is able to glide across the field with ball in hand. Another one with a cheeky smile but plays hard for his team and support his mates in the Maroons hits the tackle pads hard and the

opposition even harder. Michael great season well done indeed.

Under 9's Season Report



Under 9 Blues

The most pleasing aspect of the 2019 season as the coach of the U9 Blues was seeing the continued development of all players, both as individual players and as part of a team. The aim this year was to transition from U8 style rugby, with a view to what lies ahead in U10's, where teamwork and executing a game plan outweigh the importance of individual talent.

Whilst we had so many moments of individuals making an impact on games, and at times we may have sacrificed greater success by sticking to our plan, I am confident we took many positive steps to lay the platform for further improvement next year.

Also pleasing was the development of the boys without having a coach on the field. I can recall the nervous tension of the parents as the boys ran out alone for the first time, yet they worked together and coped with this better than many opposition teams, probably having greater success out there alone.

Congratulations to Will Harriman-Khan. His dedication, improvement, teamwork and never say die attitude make him a most worthy recipient of the 2019 U9 Blue 1883 award.

I would particularly like to thank all of the boys for the way in which they really had a go this year, took on board advice and applied it to their games. All of you should be proud of your improvement throughout the year, and be confident that you have the fundamentals to be competitive in U10's in 2020.



Alex Mitchell –

Alex had another season which demonstrated his talents on the football field. With ball in hand, his speed and elusive running created many tries for the team. In defence, it was rare for an opposition player to get past him. Alex has established himself in the

backline as a player we could rely on to make valuable meters and put a stop to opposition attacking raids. He is another player I am sure will enjoy the space of a larger field next season.



Dylan Thompson –

In attack and defence, Dylan is a tireless competitor that continually demonstrated to his team mates that a lack of size is no barrier to competing against larger opponents. His courage with and without the ball was an inspiration, with a couple of the seasons most memorable moments being Dylan taking on, or trying to stop some of the biggest players in the competition. As his confidence grew, he was able to put his speed to great use and scored a number of sneaky tries for his team.



Kobi Hetariki –

When he puts his mind to it, Kobi showed he has what it takes to make an impact on games with an ever-improving passing game and an ability to sniff out a gap and make darting runs. Kobi worked hard throughout the season to accept guidance, and once

we found his talents suited to being positioned at half-back, where he could focus on learning specific skills and applying them in games, he turned out to be somewhat of a revelation. As he continues to improve his skills, he will be a great asset to his teammates in U10's.



Ethan Thomas –

Ethan has been one of our best attackers this season, utilising his physical presence in the backline to full effect. His ability to use his height and strength to leave defenders in his wake, or set the ball for the next phase has been a highlight of his game. As the season progressed, his willingness to move the ball shows he is progressing as a rugby player, demonstrating an understanding of what is required as we progress to U10's.



Owen Charles –

When Owen is on, he is really on, whether in attack or defence. Once he flicks the switch, he is like a runaway steam train in attack, and a pit bull in defence. Owen should be proud of his continued improvement and the passion he brings that allows him to

contribute greatly to the team every week. Owen plays with heart and emotion who is a match winner when he channels this effectively.



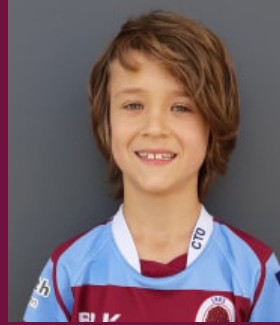
Sam Cameron –

Sam put himself forward to play the role of hooker this year, where he played most games. A strong ball runner, his greatest contributions were when he focused on using his strength to run hard at the opposition and recycle ball for his team, and to hold up or pillage opposition ball, and clean out the opposition. When he did so it was to great effect. Sam, when given the opportunity to captain the team, took the responsibility with both hands and played his best game.

**Rupert Beresford –**

Rupert joined the Blues mid-way through the season, and made an immediate impact, scoring a try with his first touch. A strong ball runner, with a single-minded focus on getting over the line, Rupert contributed greatly to our attack this season. He is a

serious competitor with an imposing stature that he puts to great use in attack and defence. Many of his best contributions were muscling opposition players into touch.

**Will Harriman-Khan –**

Will is the 2019 U9 Blue 1883 Award recipient. His commitment to improve and passion for the game are noticeable attributes, but it is the heart he puts into each and every game that really makes him the player he is, and a worthy recipient of the award. Taking

on the role of first receiver this season, Will developed as a real organiser who is improving his reading of the game every week. In defence, Will has been phenomenal. His determination to put all comers on the deck, get in the contest for the ball and then go again kept his team in the game on numerous occasions this season. His defence was invaluable, and opens a number of options as to where he could play in U10's.

**Thomas Catanzariti –**

After a season last year cut short because of injury, Thomas has benefited from playing a full season and blending in with the team. He has progressed throughout the season and is another one of our quiet achievers always prepared to get in and do the tough stuff

for his team mates. He finished the season, showing he is a reliable defender and hard ball runner that provides a platform for his team to work from.

**Rocky Hawkins –**

It was a pleasure to watch Rocky develop and improve consistently in his first season of rugby. A true work horse who focused on doing any job assigned to him without any fuss. Rocky will only get better, with more games under his belt. A real asset to the

team this year, I look forward to watching his continued development in U10's.

**Tim Stanton-Clark –**

Tim's natural flair in attack was reflected by the fact he has been our highest try scorer this season. He is blessed with speed, determination and competitiveness that can't be coached. This was demonstrated in attack with the tries he scored, but probably more

impressive was his contribution to the team in defence, where he was quite literally everywhere, felling the opposition in open play, and driving then backwards when in tight, often with little thought for self-preservation. He has made a wonderful contribution this year, and should be looking forward to the opportunities a full field will bring in U10's.

**Tom Nicoletti –**

It was always a pleasure to see Tom show up at training and game day with a big smile on his face. Tom continues to develop in all aspects of the game. Like Dylan, his confidence to take on bigger opponents in defence and attack was a highlight, which

he can use as the foundation for improving again next season. There was nothing better than seeing him sniff an opportunity, stick the ball under his arm and use his speed to get to the line on a number of occasions. The excitement and thrill of scoring can remind us all why these boys play.

Under 9 Maroons

Coach: Giles Rafferty, Assistant: Ryan Gleeson (Duke of Edinburgh Award student)

Rugby is first and foremost a team game. There is ample room for moments of individual brilliance and we had many such moments, when our players' individual talents shone. We also encountered opposition players who could shine brilliantly too. What set the Maroon's apart was their ability to play as a team. We regularly scored tries off the back of multiple phases of play. That only happens when the team is working; individual players are making good rugby decisions; their teammates are supporting them and not just once but multiple times over. That is the definition of good rugby and by this measure the Maroons played some of the best rugby seen at U9s level.

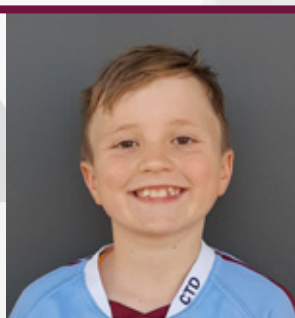
As the season progressed coaches were no longer allowed on the field and the players had to start to specialise. In the Maroons we were lucky to have a natural leader in Liam Waterworth who more than stepped up to be a pivot the team could play around and off. Liam bossed and led the back line that was enhanced by the speed and tenacity of Audrey Hunter, the powerful direct running of Nate Travis, the cheeky twinkle toes of Harper Menniti-Hancox and the elusive pacy running of Lui Sabbadin-Wells and Archie Sabbadin-Wells. What was really pleasing amongst the backs was how all the players, as the season progressed, embraced the physicality and responsibility of cleaning out and making tackles.

The forwards were led by Owen Kingham at hooker who led by example, always hungry for the ball, carried well and ran elusive lines. In the pack Will Jamison never took a backward step, never shirked a tackle and relished contact. Aubrey Cook carried powerfully, retained possession and won turnovers by ripping the ball off the opponents. As the season progressed Leo Atzeni added go forward to his strong direct running and turn of pace. Ruairi Rafferty grew into the season and became an enforcer at the breakdown, taking responsibility for clean outs and 'pick and goes' from the base.

It was a season of two halves not just because the coaches had to leave the field midway through the fixture list but also in the way the players embraced more structured play. In the last few weeks we started to run pods and look for width and the boys got to play full pitch matches in preparation for U10s. It is a shame the season wasn't a few weeks longer as the players were starting to appreciate the benefits of working the ball wide, but they are well set up to step up in U10s.

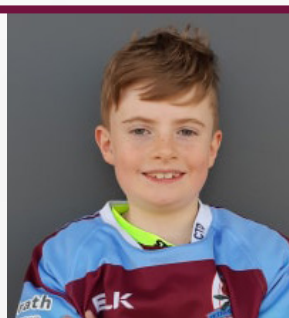
It was great to see the early evidence of the players' ability to play a wider game but there is still work to do in adding a little physicality in contact. The players struggled to get 'a shoulder on' in the tackle and despite being effective at the breakdown they will be found out if they don't use their shoulder in the cleanout. It is one area where improvement will make a big difference to the success at u10s.

The U9s Maroons gelled as a team and are playing for each other and, across the Shammies U9 age grade, there is a great deal of rapport between all the players. The players have fun; play a great brand of rugby; have plenty of room to get even better and the talent to go well in U10s.



Aubrey Cook –

The application of power and determination. Aubrey was hard to stop going forward, fought hard for possession, created turnovers and is a strong defender.



Will Jamison–

Mr. Consistency when it came to the hard yards. Will often broke through tackles with his strong carries, tackled relentlessly in defence and worked hard at the breakdown.



Owen Kingham –

Dynamic around the park. Owen is an elusive runner who is aggressive in contact, always looking for work and always driving the team forward.



Ruairi Rafferty–

Bossing the clean out. Ruairi was quick to support the ball carrier and when not cleaning out found himself making some of the hard yards and added more tackling to his game.



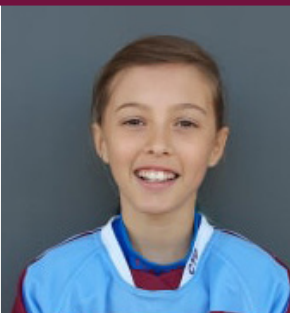
Leonardo Atzeni –

A great balance of power and pace. In attack Leo breaks tackles and outruns defences and uses those same attributes to put the opposition under pressure when he is defending.



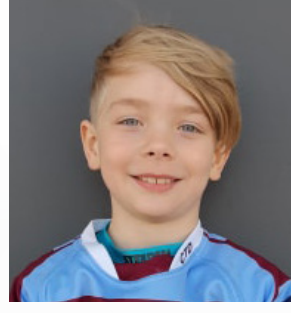
Liam Waterworth–

The heartbeat of the team. Liam runs incredible lines, tackles everything that moves and hits every ruck and on top of that gets others involved with his passing game and encouragement.



Audrey Hunter –

Fast, elusive and strong. Audrey's pace and eye for space saw her make many clean breaks in attack and her tenacity in defence saw Audrey make many try-saving tackles.



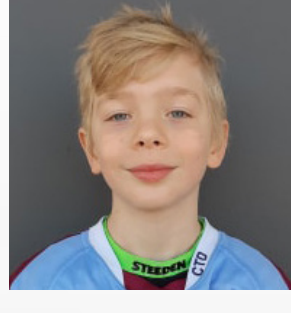
Lui Sabbadin-Wells –

Catch me if you can. Lui is a fast and elusive runner who can turn on a dime and uses his speed to accelerate into space in attack and to run down players in defence.



Nate Travis –

Strong, direct and uncompromising. Nate is a powerful, balanced runner who is capable of blasting through or stepping around a defence and is a fearless and determined tackler.



Archie Sabbadin-Wells –

Physical with finesse. Archie has added a physicality to his speed that means he is hard to stop going forward, does great support work in contact and shuts down opposition attackers.



Harper Menniti-Hancox –

Mr. Twinkletoes. Harper has the speed and skill to dance through the opposition in attack and the technique and courage to chop them down in defence and always with a cheeky smile.

Under 10's Season Report



It was a lovely, balmy evening, twelve months ago, when the U9 senior leadership team had a round table meeting at the White Cockatoo whilst quenching their thirst with a cold lager. Unfortunately, that is not why we were there. We had big issues to discuss.

How were we going to transition to U10s? How many kids would we have? We now had to play on a full field with 12 players, contested scrums and lineouts, conversions and the kids had proper positions. We could have been the Wallaby hierarchy preparing the squad for the next World Cup such was the intensity of discussions.

So little time. So much to do.

How were we going to turn these forwards into a scrummaging force? Teach them multiple lineout moves? Driving mauls like the Brumbies? Clean out like the All Blacks? Not to mention the Backs. How were we going to teach them all the moves like OI, Dummy OI, Cut 1, Cut 2, Double Cut...? Or just even how to tackle?

It was panic stations all round. We had 44 boys and girls and only had three weeks to prepare them and, before you knew it, we were off. The whistle went, we were playing U10s Rugby and all those fears vanished. They held the scrum up; they caught the ball in the lineout and the backs tackled.

After a few rounds we realised we just needed to get back to basics and keep it simple. Teach them how to tackle, pass and clean out. It was almost an instant success. Their skills improved, they followed the coaches' instructions and they started winning games.

The turnaround was most evident in the Maroons team. They had a rough start to the season, but then in Round 10 they beat the previously undefeated, Hunters Hill. From here, there was no stopping them, making the Semis.

Both the Blues and the Friday night team were rewarded with Grand Final berths, but unfortunately both went down to very good opposition. It was a great achievement by all three teams and they should be very proud of themselves. Congratulations!

This success would not have been possible without great support in the coaching ranks. We were lucky enough to have six dads help coach. Big thank you goes out to JK, James, Peter LJ, Shane and Nick. Big thank you to our managers Kristin, Marcie and Phoebe, who kept it all on track. The boys were very lucky to have such committed coaches and managers with such love for the game of Rugby.

Go the Wallabies in 2029 World Cup, which will be filled with the 2019 U10 Shammies.

Coach: Peter Jarjoura

Under 10 Blues



The minis competition is a great nursery for raising enthusiastic and skillful juniors' players. This year the Blues were eager to bring these skills and transition to the bigger field - with contested scrums, new opposition teams and the excitement of traveling to different grounds across Sydney.

As a coaching unit we knew they had the right stuff - skills, attitude and rugby spirit for a great year. It wasn't all plain sailing though. It was a mixed bag for the first half of the season with close games against some strong opposition and a three-game losing streak mid-season. This was an important part of the Blues journey and they grew a lot as a result, developing one of the most important qualities in rugby - resilience. They refocused, determined to come home strong and came home strong they did.

The Blues continued to improve in their rugby throughout the year and applied the skills they learnt at training. Many of them got to play in several different positions and appreciate the different roles and gain a more thorough understanding of the game. The forward pack was outstanding in their first year of contested scrums and line-outs. Their great shape and strength allowed them to compete strongly at the set piece, regularly dominating opposition scrums and winning many against the feed. Combined with their ever-improving work rate at the breakdown, the forwards provided a good base for attacking forays by the backs or just rumbling it up the middle themselves.

Our back line also grew in confidence and ability throughout the year. By the end of the season they were showing excellent displays of running rugby - penetrating opposition defence with slick passing, stepping and even kicking in general play to keep the opposition guessing. Their defence continued to improve with solid tackling and rush up defence putting pressure on opposition lines.

The commitment of the whole team at defence cannot be understated and they put their bodies on the line to hold out the opposition. The strength of both their defence and attack was clear to see in their for and against points record. The Blues had the best for/against and gave away the least points in their grade. They won their last five games to take them into their maiden grand final - letting in less than an average of 6 points a game while scoring nearly 30!

Despite going down to Roseville in a tough and tight grand finale, the first year for the Blues in the junior's competition was still a great success. Thank you boys for being such a joy to coach and well done for a great season. The coaches and parents are incredibly proud of your efforts and in particular the way you never gave up and were always in the game. A special mention to the boys from the Friday night and Maroons teams who played when needed and who helped get them to the grand finale.

Coach: Peter Lloyd-Jones



Aiden Lee -

Aiden picked up where he left off from last year - tackling and running his heart out. He alternated between wing and half back this year and proved he was more than capable in either position. His consistent and reliable performances had him picking up points for player of the match on several occasions. His ability was recognised with his inclusion in the wider Sydney University Development Squad and being a valuable reserve for the Friday night team.



Charlie Ward -

Charlie started off briefly in the Maroons before taking the opportunity to play for the Blues at fly half. He has thrived in the role and is developing a good rugby brain reading the play well and good decision making. Charlie has a great step for penetrating play and is a solid defender. His communication has improved well and he enjoys directing the backline attack.



Declan Cohen -

Declan used his evasive skills to good effect this season outstepping the opposition and scoring several pies on the wing. When the Blues needed someone to step up this year and become a goal kicker Declan did his share of the duties with the boot. Declan was at nearly every Tuesday and Thursday training session and this showed with improvements in attack (passing) and defence throughout the year. This was put into action with try saving tackles and scintillating runs down the sideline. Declan also had cameos in the Friday night competition throughout the season.



Edward Walker -

Big Ed. Boy Mountain. His height was a great asset in the lineouts and his power gave us an edge in scrums. He's also got a set of wheels on him when you put the ball under his arm. Once Ed worked out, he wasn't going to run around the opposition and he ran straight and he would always put his team on the front foot. Ed enjoys his Rugby so much he played for both the Blues and Friday nights teams... which the coaches we love to see. Ed has the potential to go on with it - if he wants to. Ed represented Sydney Uni u10s at the State Championships and formed an excellent locking combo with Josh.



Ezekiel Barros -

Ezekiel was our most improved player in this season for the Blues. His dedication to improving and learning the game of Rugby was also a joy to watch. His versatility and willingness to play any position in the team was a great asset, not only for the team, but also for his personal development as a player. It was an easy decision to award Zeke the Blues' 1883 award for 2019. When the team was struggling, and they needed someone to lead from the front, Zeke was the man for the job by making endless ferocious tackles and running straight at the opposition. Zeke is going to be a force in the game and he made the Sydney Uni u10s squad that competed in the State Champs. Expecting big things next year.



Jack Jarjoura -

Jack has always been very technically good over the ball at the breakdown and his ability in this area of the game only got better this year. He slotted into both the No. 8 and half-back positions with ease and terrorised the opposition with his pilfering. He also played a key role in transferring to the Maroons on occasions and always gave his best. This year his kicking game in general play developed, obviously after a lot of practice out of training, and this paid off handsomely at different stages during the year. Jack also added goal kicking to his repertoire, this culminated in him slotting a magnificent conversion from wide out during the Grand Final.



James Gormly -

James came into 2019 with some great form on the back of his 2018 season and got straight into it. As per last year, James was a very reliable player and does all the basics well. This is no mean feat in Rugby. James only setback was his sojourn to Europe and after feasting on pasta and vino for 6 weeks he came back a few kilos heavier and a bit of the pace. By the time the all important Semis came around he was back to hitting his straps.



Javier Kilkenny -

Javier's game went from strength to strength as the season progressed for both the Blues and Friday night teams. He showed his versatility by slotting into inside centre, flyhalf, lock, No. 8, hooker and even prop on occasions. He should be proud of the way his tackling improved throughout the year and his amazing ability to compete at the breakdown and cleanout helped carry the teams into the finals. He takes pride in putting in 100% into every game and this never-say-die attitude and ability to read the play constantly kept the opposition under pressure. His ball running and backing up allowed our attack moves to flow throughout the year. His versatility in a range of positions meant he was picked for the Sydney Uni u10s team for the State Champs. He will only get better - Look out next year!



Max May -

Max looked after one side of the powerful Blue front row. Always dependable to carry the ball straight and hard he had a fine season. Max's body position hitting rucks and mauls continued to improve throughout 2019 allowing the team to play off front foot ball. His passing really improved throughout the season which made for some nice short passes on the field. Max's strength however was his body position when hitting rucks and mauls which allowed the team to play off front foot ball.



Joshua Baranowski -

Josh was at his dynamic best in both attack and defence this year. His running game has reached a new level as he consistently found space both in close and off the first receiver to terrorise the opposition's defence. He has certainly developed a first class fend that allows him to cut through a defensive line like a knife through butter. His work at the breakdown only got better as the season went on and he comfortably handled being rotated between prop and lock. In combination with Ed they stole plenty of ball at the lineout and he was a key reason why the blues scrum was feared by opposition packs. He also backed up for the Friday night team where he made a real impact into the forwards with his strong running, tackling and leadership. Recognised for his talent he made the Sydney Uni u10s and participated in the State Champs.



Oliver Kelso -

Oli alternated his season between winger and half back for the Blues. Oli's pace on the base of the ruck saw him sneak through for a few tries in 2019. Always a brave tackler Oli could shut down backlines and knock off a few forwards around the ruck. Oli's passing and communication continually improved throughout the season helping his team through to the finals. A great club member Oli can always be seen helping out the club at Juniors, Seniors and Sydney Uni games.



Owen Lloyd-Jones -

Owen is the Blues classic old school hooker. He rumbles it straight up the middle, has great body position over rucks (even jackals a few balls) and makes his tackles. Owen's fitness was excellent in 2019 and could be relied on to play at full pace the entire game. His combination with his fellow front rowers meant the Blues scrum was rock solid. Owen's hooking talents were recognised and he represented Sydney Uni at the State Championships and also reserved for the u10s Friday night team.



Thomas Lennox -

Tom finished the year very strong and focused. He was a regular for the Blues team as well the Friday night team. Tom's strength is his communication and so he tended to play at outside centre or fly half to connect the backline. Tom ran in many tries in 2019 with his strong running ability. The coaches were impressed later in the season his ability to lead the rushing backline defence and shut down opposition attacks. Tom was also lucky enough to join the Sydney Uni wider development squad.

Under 10 Maroons

What a year for the mighty Maroons! There wouldn't have been too many parents or players who would have thought after round 5 or 6 that in 3 months they would be all be playing a semi-final.

The boys' skills improved steadily throughout the year. With this came more confidence and it began showing on the scoreboard.

Billy, Max, Alex and Thom led the form reversal by building a strong scrum capable of matching it with any team in the competition. Luke, Levi, Enzo and Jack formed an uncompromising combination in the loose. They also won many turn-overs at the breakdown and scrums against the feed. Special mention for Leon, who's season was unfortunately cut short by injury just as he was starting to hit his straps. Hope to see you back better and stronger next year.

The backline showed plenty of speed when given the opportunity and combinations built steadily throughout the year.

Digby's running from the base of the scrum kept opposition forwards on notice and the backline showed plenty of finishing ability, with Alex, Woody, Gio, Joseph, Mitch, Henri and Noah forming a lethal combination that seized opportunities as they presented themselves.

Passing improved at training and meant that during games the team attacked with more width often leaving opposition teams in their wake, with sublime ball movement. Probably the best indicator of attitude within a team is defence. In this department each player improved technically and gained confidence, so that the boys were a force to be reckoned with by seasons end.

A special mention is also given to all of the players from the Blues and the Friday Night team that played and supported the Maroons. Your efforts helped build confidence within the playing group and went a long way towards helping these boys reach the finals.

All of the coaches agree that the sky is the limit for the Maroons. They listened, took on board advice and applied it better as the season progressed. Take great confidence out of your efforts this year and we hope to see you all back in 2020!

Coach: Shane Lee



Alex Nicholias -

Alex joined the club almost mid-season and took to rugby like a duck to water. With natural speed he proved an evasive and positive ball runner giving plenty of options in the backline. He also took to tackling quickly and his cover tackles belied his lack of game experience. Alex's natural skill, focus and dedication in training is a joy for coaches. Alex's performed strongly in the player of the match points with consistently strong games.



Alexander McGlade -

The quintessential quite achiever, Alexander has been one of the mainstays of the Maroons pack and has worked tirelessly doing the grinding hard work of a forward. He has no complaints and can be relied on to come and give his all. His effort is second to none and he has improved significantly in his first rugby season. We look forward to seeing this young man come back next season and grow further.



Billy Nicoletti -

As the senior prop Billy led the way in the Maroons front row. He is always keen to run the ball up and do the hard work required of a front rower. When he got a run close to the line you could see his focus and desire to score. His commitment and effort in the game and as a regular at both training sessions paid dividends, with him scoring points for the player of the match regularly. Billy has improved constantly this season and it is a delight to see him grow and develop as a player.



Digby Leadon -

Digby is as slippery as an eel and tackles with scant regard for his safety. Digby was a strong scrum half for the Maroons and was asked to step up a few times to fill in for the Blues. While he has good ball distribution, he also never missed the opportunity to take advantage of a dozing defence with darting runs around the ruck. Digby always lifts a team with his positivity and enthusiasm.



Enzo Calabria -

Enzo was only in his second year of Rugby this season and he was, by far, the most improved player in the entire squad. Enzo's improvement was acknowledged by being awarded the Maroons' 1883 award. Enzo's tackling and clean technique was almost textbook and he combined this with a huge work rate. Enzo's enthusiasm for training and playing every week was infectious and, for a coach, there is no greater joy than this. Whilst he cherished any opportunity to play in the Blues, he was equally committed to the Maroons every week.



Giovanni Briguglio Magarinos -

What a pleasure it was to have Gio back again in 2019. Always smiling and always trying to improve. Gio was one of the few players to attend nearly every Tuesday and Thursday night training sessions and that paid dividends for his improvement as a player. Gio made some amazing try saving tackles this season and also displayed great runs straight through the middle of the opposition. He was always ready to stand up for his mighty Maroons.



Henri Nichols -

Henri was a first year Rugby player and he faced a pretty daunting task. As it was also the first year of the larger field and bigger teams, there was a lot more for Henri to take on board. As frustrating as it may have been for him to learn the game, he turned up every single week to training and the game to try and improve. We all know that Rugby is not an easy game to play (or coach) and so credit must go to Henri for sticking it out.



Jack Putter -

Once the coach learnt that Jack's favoured position was up front as a lock, there was no turning back. He came into his own and transformed as a player. Not sure what the coach was thinking putting Jack in the Centres. At lock, Jack's participation in the game increased tenfold. Clean outs, tackles and great runs with the ball were on display combined with a great reading of the game. No telling what Jack will achieve in rugby...once we get him to stop yapping at training. Great second half of the season Jack - well done.



Joseph Speirs -

This season was Joseph's first at the club and our only player with UK playing experience. He has quickly adapted to the faster Australian playing conditions and used his speed and evasive skills to score plenty of long-range tries throughout the year. His positional play and confidence improved throughout the year and formed a lethal part of the Maroons attacking machine. His front-on defensive effort during games also improved during the year as his technique started taking shape and he often shut down opposition line breaks with his uncompromising cover defence.



Leon Spiropoulos -

Leon's game was going from strength to strength until he was unfortunately dealt a season-ending injury about mid-way through the year. He was a vital cog in the Maroon's pack and his running game around the breakdown was developing nicely. His confidence in tackling improved and he was a key part of the Maroons turnaround story from mid-year. He should take away a lot of confidence from his performance this year and we look forward to him picking up next year from where he left off.



Levi Mikhiel -

Levi's enthusiasm and competitive streak inspired others around him throughout the year. He was a damaging ball runner both around the ruck and wider out, consistently scoring tries and keeping the opposition defence in two minds. However, his mobility wasn't just applied to attack. He was often spotted first to the breakdown in defence and his tackling meant the Maroons middle was always going to be tough to penetrate. He never shirked away from the physical stuff and showed steady improvement in all areas of his game throughout the year.



Luke Thomas -

Luke formed a vital part of the team in both attack and defence throughout the year and his combination with Levi and Enzo at the back of the scrum played a vital role in the Maroons turnaround story this year. He very quickly plugged any holes that appeared in the Maroons defence around the breakdown and was more consistently cleaning out by year end. He showed his versatility by playing in the centres on occasions and also proved himself to be a solid straight ball runner who always looked to hit the advantage line.



Max Moore -

New to the Shammies this year Max had an excellent year in the Maroons front row. What pleased the coaches the most about Max is his constant improvement through the year. By the end of the season he was carrying strong and cleaning out rucks to give his backs go forward ball. Max also managed to bag a win as captain fantastic leading from the front.



Mitchell Donald -

Mitch was our utility outside back for the Maroons playing both centres and wing. Some good pace on defence saw him cut down many an opposition attack moves. His passing really improved over the season and we are confident over the next few seasons he will be putting his wingers into space for a few tries. An enthusiastic trainer Mitch gives 100% and is a great team player.



Noah Zoud -

Noah was our inside centres for the Maroons and his running was an invaluable asset to the team. Noah scored many tries and his strong running always gave the team forward momentum. Because of his back versatility Noah also filled in for the Blues team on the wing putting his pace to good use. Fearless on defence Noah could be relied on to shut down the oppositions inside channel running.



Thomas Mallinson -

Affectionally known as "Tom Thumb" or "Big Tom" our Tom is a one-man wrecking ball. This was Tom's first year playing Rugby Union and he did an excellent job at holding up one side of our front row. A difficult runner to put down he was often seen powering up the field carrying the opposition on his back. Tom is a very enthusiastic singer of the Shammies song which, according to his parents, carries on all Sunday at home post a win!



Woody Morgan -

Woody is a valuable member of the Maroons with his direct running and ever improving defence. Always unflappable he was the only kid that can still have a smile on his face after being tackled. Woody appears to be on the verge of evolving into a powerful forward after bulking up and having good speed. It was great to see Woody develop over the season.

Under 10 Friday Nights



A big thank you to all of the boys and girls who played for Friday Night Lights team, all the Mums and Dads who supported us + Coaches Manoa and Ray. In addition to that, our coaching staff from Tuesdays JK, Pete J, Shane, Peter FJ and Nick who did a tremendous job with the whole squad.

This season, was a huge success with our team making it through to the Grand Final. Our game has developed from last year and it was a massive thrill and effort by the team to make it to the Big Dance.

Our main focus this year as a group was to work on our set pieces (kick offs, lineouts/scums) realignment in both attack and defence, develop our tackling/passing game and developing phase plays.

Most of our players are planning on being back next year and we can't wait to get started!

Coach: James Breen



Andrew Dominish -

Andrew suffered a season ending finger injury in round 4. Andrew is a good listener, communicator and great thinker/strategist. He helped out at training every Wednesday and was back to support the team in the back end of the season. There will be no holding him back next year.



Blake Guisa -

Blake was in his first season of rugby. He played a few different positions for us and was adept in all of them. Blake has a heart of a lion and despite his size was not afraid to knock over the biggest of opposition. His confidence and skill set developed nicely over first 7 games, before he had to drop out with health issues. Watch for a big improvement next year.



Conor Brough -

Conor was our strongman in the forwards and held up one side of the scrum. He really stepped up to the mark towards the end of the season with strong running and excellent defensive work. Conor is a great listener/thinker and has picked up the game really quickly. He is a progressive player and one to watch over the coming years.



Jimmy Reilly -

Jimmy is another relative newcomer to Rugby and slotted in nicely into the wing position. He made more try saving tackles this year, than anyone on the planet. Jimmy has made the wing his own with exceptional speed and deceptive runs. He was one of our main goal lickers (18) with a great strike rate and equal top try scorer (14). Another who is a contender for the 1883 player of the year. His stand out performances on the wing meant he was selected for the Sydney Uni u10s squad. Watch out for this guy.



Junior Breen -

Junior is another in his second year of Rugby and excelled at halfback for the Friday night team. He is an excellent decision maker knowing when to pass or take a sneaky blindside run. Junior was one of our main goalkickers (21 - with a great strike-rate) and amongst the top try scorers for the year (12). He continues to improve his passing and running and was another player in line for 1883 player of the year. His talents at halfback were recognised and was chosen to represent Sydney Uni u10s at the State Champs.



Julius Thompson -

Julius is a newcomer to Rugby and was a great addition to the ranks. He adapted to Union quickly and became one of our main links in the backline working well with Otto and Sunny. He is a particularly dangerous runner but he excelled at putting his outside backs into space – everything you want for your centres. He has a big future in the game. Expecting big things next year.



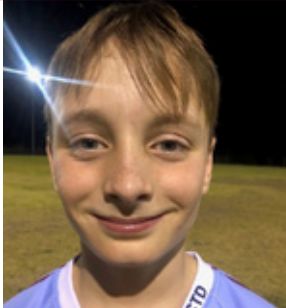
Kayhan Simaglovu -

Kayhan is in his second season of Rugby and has continued to improve. His strength as a prop was recognised early in the season and he made the u10s Sydney Uni squad. He is a great defender and a strong runner with the ball. He was one of our top try scorers (11) and was a main contender for 1883 player of the year. His running was so destructive he even had a back move called "Delight" named after him! Kayhan has a lot of potential and we are looking forward to watch him next season.



Matilda "Tilly" Rowles -

Tilly was building on her u9s experience and really stepped up into the tough u10 Friday night competition. It was a great learning experience for Tilly as the speed and intensity of the game really lifted. Her game is developing nicely and made some very telling runs and big defensive efforts on the wing. Her talent was recognised early and has been selected to play and train for Sydney Uni Women's Team. Her training attitude is excellent and the coaches really enjoy her getting stuck and mixing it with the wider training squad. She will take a lot from this year and be much stronger next year.



Milo Comerford -

Milo is also in his second year of Rugby and is a great team player. He had a great start to the season for us this year and made the most of his opportunities. Milo played hooker throughout the year and has developed well as a specialised lineout thrower. He also combined well with Conor and Kayhan to form a formidable front that rarely went backwards.



Otto Gerber -

Otto is another in his 2nd year of rugby and a revelation at flyhalf. Otto is strong in all aspects of the game but stood out in his defence efforts. He had a great season for the Friday night team but he also contributed to the Maroons and Blues on Sundays. He has the heart of a Lion and this will help take him a long way in the game. He was selected for the Sydney Uni u10s team and competed at the State Champs. He is a serious player and we are expecting big things next year.



Sunny Steyn -

Sunny was another newcomer and standout for us at centre and won our 1883 player of the year. He reads the game so well and has all the attributes of a top player. His speed is a key strength, which got him equal top try scorer (14) for the year, but his attitude is his major asset. This guy gives 100% in every game and stays positive. He was selected for the Sydney Uni team on pure ability, but he became the Captain and Player of State Champs tournament because of his leadership capabilities. Keep an eye out for this name!



Yuri Ichichara -

Yuri was in his first year of rugby and he played on the wing. Yuri's confidence developed nicely throughout the year and towards the end he was really making good use of his speed and strength with ball in hand. Pleasing for the coaches is his lack of experience did not hold him back from getting stuck into the tackling. Poor Yuri was a big sick for our grand final but he was still there in support for his team. Looking forward to seeing him come back next year and putting all he has learnt this year into action.

Under 11's Season Report



u11 Team photo

Under 11 Blues

After a successful u10Gs campaign in 2018, winning the Grand Final, we moved up into the u11F grade for the 2019 season.

The u11 Blues squad was coached by Ryan and Simon and we welcomed Lucy Swerdlow on as Manager.

Given we had 29 registered players in the u11s this season, for the first time we had the difficult task of having to select two separate teams for the season. We thank all the players and parents for their assistance through this process, as some challenging decisions had to be made and everyone accepted these and moved on. This was in line with our key goals for the players – have fun and get as much Rugby playing time as possible!

The team started off the season well, winning 4 from 4 and drawing 1 game. It was at this point we noticed the capabilities of our opposition start to rapidly improve as their teams came together and began to pick some holes in our defense. From there, we tended to let each game's momentum impact our performances, often slowing down and dropping our heads when the other team was able to put a few tries on us. This saw us struggle through the remainder of the season, particularly when we came up against some larger packs, or speedy back lines.

However, we were very proud of the squad after coming off 7 straight losses, we were able to pull one of our best performances of the season together in the Plate Semi-Final, to come away with a win against Norths, who had beat us comfortably earlier in the season. The Plate final was another close game against Hills and unfortunately, we went down in a nail biter, but on the back of another great performance from our squad.

The players continued to develop this year, particularly in the forward pack, where we dominated teams in the set piece and with our ball carrying capability. Our pick and go strategy unsettled a lot of teams and led to some fantastic team tries. Our defense and ability to tackle was a sticking point this year and although this was focused on at training, it is an area that still needs work, particularly taking the oppositions space early (not waiting) and tackling around the legs, not around the chest.

To all the parents, you were a tremendous support this season, whether it was at training, on the sideline, scoring (Tim), running the line (Peter), ground marshall (David), photos (Michael and Anton), canteen and bbq (everyone). 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.

From Simon: On a sad note, this will be the last season at Petersham Juniors for the Swerdlow Family as they move to the Northern Beaches at the end of this year. The Club would like to thank you for the last 7 years, for all the time and effort you have put into coaching, developing, caring, mentoring and assisting the entire Club via your business, Liquid. You will be greatly missed and we wish you all the best for the future!! Once a Shammy, always a Shammy!!

Enjoy the summer everyone

Best in Rugby

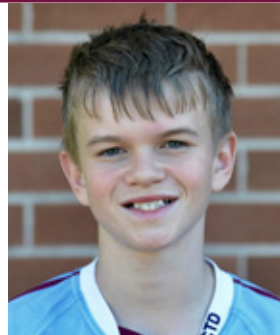
Ryan, Simon and Lucy



Angus Mahoney –

Angus arrived this season looking leaner and meaner! This year he reveled in the front row position and in particular loved getting his hands on the ball to barge through the opposition. He scored several tries and always put in that little more effort whenever he

was asked to from the sideline. We'll continue to work on his speed around the park next season and as this improves his impact on the game will continue to improve. Well done Angus, a breakout season for you.



Hugh Glassock –

Hugh had another strong season on the wing. Although his health was up and down during the season, he always gave his best when on the ground. When obviously feeling back to 100%, he left his best for the end of the season and the last 2 games, where

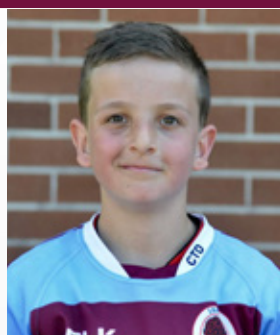
he showed that driving your legs through a tackle will get you several extra meters when being tackled and you are much harder to bring down. Great improvement and looking forward to seeing those skills develop, well done.



Banjo Beardmore –

Is still our shy and often quiet achiever, we missed him for some of this season with a family trip to USA. Banjo's tackling and ball running was a stand out in the backline this year. Making metres at will with the ball in hand and chopping players down with

strong chop tackles. Banjo is a tough competitor who often played on, refusing to come off the field when injured. Well done on another great season.



Hamish Kelly –

Hamish had another fantastic season. A great tackler and ball runner, he was again one of our best defenders and was always looking to steal the ball from the opposition. Unfortunately, he was slowed down a little this season with heel pain, however, he would

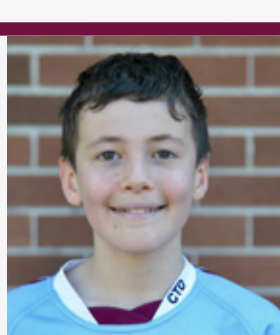
push through this to support the Team. He again made the Sydney Uni rep team and was their starting inside centre. Looking forward to seeing what next year brings, congratulations on another great year.



Charlie Ash –

Charlie developed further this year as a versatile front rower, playing both hooker and prop. He started with some ball running this season via our pick and go game plan which was great to see. Charlie's tackling continued to develop and he again proved strong on the

ball at the breakdown assisting the forwards retain the ball, well done on a solid season.



Jack Cooper –

Jack again played hooker as well as no. 8 in our forward pack this year. He is always aggressive and loves contact. His enthusiasm and aggression is infectious and he even managed a few pies this season. With his speed and agility, he is looking like a future back

rower in the making. Well done on a great season again this year.



James Baranowski –

James was our stand out Forward again this season, making huge metres up the middle of the field or simply running off to score a solo try. His tackling was breathtaking at times with the crunch of contact easily heard from the sideline. James was again

the first Petersham player selected for the Sydney Uni rep team where he excelled, gaining equal Sydney Uni player of the tournament. He was also selected in the state schools' team, another amazing season from James, congratulations.



Joseph Nacagilevu –

Another solid season from Joe, who continued to tackle well all season, a great effort given he is one of the smaller players in the team. When in the right position on the wing, he was hard to get past. With ball in hand he would run straight and take the opposition on

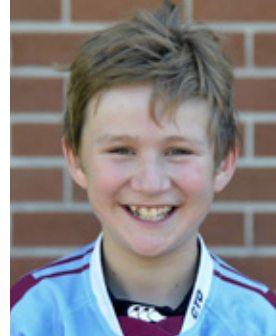
and then always make sure we secured possession; it was great to watch. Well done.



Oskar Swerdlow –

This was easily Oskar's best season for the Shammies (his 7th). He has found his calling at Number 8 and was one of our stand out forwards all season. He was always disruptive at the breakdown, relished our pick and go strategy, making lots of metres every game and

even scored some long distance tries after making great breaks through the centre. He deservedly made the Sydney Uni Rep squad this season and was a valued member of their great forward pack. This is Oskar's last season with the Shammies, we will miss your enthusiasm and love for the game and wish you all the best in the future. Congrats on your best season to date and playing more than 100 games for this great club!



Willem Teong –

Willem had another solid season for the Shammies and continued to relish the No.10 position. Always enthusiastic and willing to try something different in the back line, he enjoyed looking up and trying to catch the opposition off guard, often using the blind

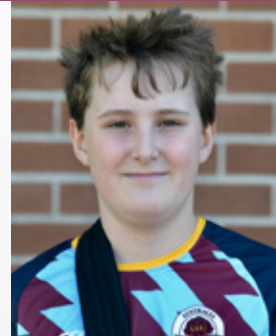
side to his advantage, where he scored or set up a few tries this season. He also showed some great improvement with his goal kicking, particularly from out wide. He also made the Sydney Uni Reps as a utility back. Still some work to do on his confidence in tackling and aggression in contact, but well done in your 6th season with the Shammies and for joining the 100 games club!



Lisiate Aholelei –

AKA Richard was new to the Sunday morning squad this year having played with the Friday night team last season. Richard was a little shy and quite but proved to be a valuable member of our backs. His tackling at times was fantastic, very strong chop tackles

front on, also a strong runner with the ball in hand. Well done this season and good luck with your travels back to Tonga.



Theo Craven-Sands –

Theo joined us from the Friday night team playing prop. He immediately helped our pack and vastly developed throughout the season, as we focused on getting his body height lower at the breakdown. His ball running and tackling towards the end of the season

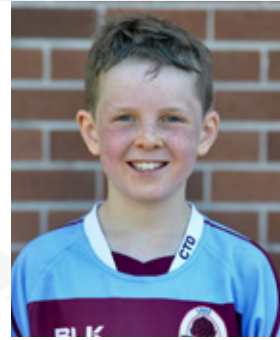
had really progressed, making some very strong tackles on bigger players in his last game of the season against Penrith. Theo unfortunately suffered a severe season ending injury in that game. We wish him well with his recovery during the off season and hope to see him back again fitter and stronger next year.



Sam Tooman –

Sam continued to improve this season and enjoyed being in the second row and part of our dominating forward pack. He has the markings of a true second rower and was great to watch in the lineouts and at scrum time, where we won a lot of tight heads this season.

His body height improved during the season and this will help him be even more at the breakdowns. Unfortunately, we are losing Sam overseas next year, we wish you all the best and well done on a great season.



William Chanter –

Will is our smallest but toughest player punching well above his weight. Often taking on the biggest players on the opposition either running the ball or trying to get the big guy down. Will had a stand out season this year really developing into the scrum half role.

His defence was fantastic coupled with his cheeky runs from the back of the ruck, congratulations on a fantastic season.



u11 Maroons Team

Under 11 Maroons

This season we were excited to welcome a number of new players to the u11s squad, bringing us to 29 registered players in total.

The u11 Maroon's squad was coached by Richard Hainsworth and managed by James Edwards, both new parents to Petersham Juniors in 2019.

For the first time for this group we had the difficult task of having to select two separate teams for the season. We thank all the players and parents for their assistance through this process, as some challenging decisions had to be made and everyone accepted these and moved on. This was in line with our key goals for the players – have fun and get as much Rugby playing time as possible!

The Maroons came together with 6 new players to Rugby, 2 coming back to Petersham after a break and 7 from last year's 10s squad.

Our first game of the season was a great experience and whilst we were 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 set goals for the year to develop our skills in all areas of the game and by training with the other u11 Team we were able to work on a couple of key areas like improving tackling technique and securing the ball at the breakdown.

As the season progressed so did the team. We ended up winning 2 games and coming close in another 3 or 4 games. It was really pleasing to see all the team develop and mature as players throughout the year.

To all the parents, you were a tremendous support this season and 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.

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful players who experienced some of the toughest sporting moments of their lives. Who got up time and time again and did it all for the person standing next to them? So incredibly proud of you all. There is not much that compares to watching young kids from such diverse backgrounds who barely knew one another or the rules, come so far and work so hard together. Thank you so much for your courage and commitment, you are what makes Rugby so beautiful.

Quote of the year 'at the beginning we didn't know anyone, now we are like best friends', Max Blombery.

Enjoy the summer everyone

Best in Rugby

Richard and James



Angus Edwards –

The gentle giant awakes. When Angus took his first tentative steps onto the rugby field this year the ground shook and so did the opposition. Being one of the politest humans on the planet he would stop and apologise to every poor kid that he would

flatten if they stood in front of him. Breakthrough moment came when he realised that rugby was designed to be a contact sport and that he could make a collective apology at the end of the game. Highlight of the season - semi-final. Lineout win, line break, support play, regathered ball, knocked three kids off their feet and ran 20 metres down town for his very first try of his career.



Elijah Hassan –

Fastest hands in the inner west. Provided quick service all year around. Showed off his amazing ability to go digging deep under a pile of bodies to then snipe through 20 players and sprint down field to turn the game on its head. One of the toughest players who seemed

to be everywhere at once.



Callum Pynt –

Continued to develop his support play and ball carrying skills. Brought much balance to his game towards the second half of the season, working on his timing and clean outs. A great diamond in the rough.



Frederick Dandy –

Our fearless defender was Mr. reliable this year, shutting down any attacking raid that tried to out flank us. Took his running game to new levels this season, darting through defenders every time he got the ball. A wonderful character with a heart of gold.



Henry Jordan –

His slick hands and sharp mind proved deadly in attack. Courageous in defence this standout performing week in week out made it hard to nominate his standout game. However, July home game was near close to perfect. Single handily saved two

certain tries on his own line, held off an entire front row to allow his half back to free the ball out to the other backs who were standing around watching him, stunned by his efforts. A great character with a multitude of skills.



Henry Winters –

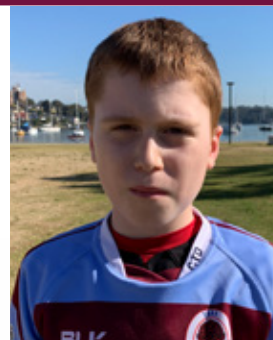
Mr. Versatile, played nearly every position on the field, from front row, five eight, to halfback. Watch this player, a Phil Waugh in the making. Had his own set moved named after him, 'The Angry'. A blind side move which would see a mop of raging

blonde hair smash crash and bash through anything and anyone in its path.



Jemima Zoud –

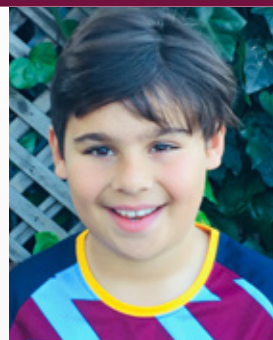
Do not cross this lady, one of the hardest hitting tacklers on the field. Lightning quick reflexes, committed ball runner and constant supporter across the field. Could single handily clear out an entire ruck. Knocked over any poor kid that found a ball in their hands. A great team player and person to have by your side.



Jasper Jones –

This young man roared into life this year. A devastating ball carrier. Ever the strategist, he would devise elaborate half time game plans to bring the team out of tough situations. A great soul who showed a natural appreciation for this new game and care for others,

including the opposition.



Leopold Koutouzis –

This kid does not understand the concept of self-preservation. Broke more tackles than Greeks do plates. Pitied himself against walls of defence each weekend with his sharp inside step would never stop running no matter how many defenders desperately clung to him. Became leading goal kicker and thoroughly enjoyed his time at inside centre lining up with fellow backline.



Saxon Whittaker –

The human juggernaut ran amok this year, terrifying children all over Sydney on those cold Sunday mornings. Found his love of stream rolling through opposition around May home game. Scored a 40 metre try with 3 or 4 defenders hanging off him to slam the ball down over the line. Claimed it and 5 minutes later did it again.



Finn Hainsworth –

His ability to cut through defensive lines and phoenix down field leaving 23 people miles behind complemented his try saving tackles this year. Another who ventured into the world of contact sports for the first time and didn't instincts take over! Highlights of the

year, throwing himself at some 6ft tall kid from Manly who was thundering down the field for a certain try, only to have a flying Finn wrap himself around his shoulders and wrestle him to the ground. Got up and scored a try. The hat trick of 60 meter tries in the semis capped off a stellar year for this debutant.



Stuart MacDonald –

A real work horse, who never came off the field unless dragged off. He ploughed through mountains of work and really made an impression. Massive in the scrums dominating bigger packs. So valuable to have on the team. Really pushed his game to

new heights towards the end of the season.



Max Blombery –

Max took his game to new levels this year. Would wear his heart on his sleeve and run head first into the opposition. Max took on a real leadership role during training and on game day, would relish the chance to pack down in a scrum with his team mates. The

first to pull everyone together to lead the team cheer and last to leave the field. Left nothing or no one behind.



Samuel Rudd –

Ever the leader, a calm presence in the middle of any battle. Was always in the thick of things, creating great links between the forwards and the backs throughout the year. Game of the season, second last game. With the game looking like it was about

to be a white wash, the opposition raced down the side for what looked like an easy try only to see Sam Rudd come from the other side of the field and pull off crashing try saving tackle in goal. Helping to turn the game on its head.



Mitchell Smit –

This kid! If you saw him at the beginning of the year you were doing better than me. Unrecognisable to where he is now. Yelling at his team mates to get their defensive line set. Shutting down attacking raids. Absolutely loved seeing him push himself each game. Ever

the gentleman would thank me at the end of each game and smile, regardless of the outcome.

Under 12's Season Report

The year was an exciting and enjoyable year for the Petersham U12's, a shuffling of coaching staff, new faces and boys and girls developing an improved understanding of the intricacies of the 15 a side game.

The pre-season saw new faces and friends from Canterbury Rugby join PJRU in a joint venture for the U12's to give a fresh look to the squad and a new and valuable dimension to the squad. The relationship with Canterbury has been a very positive one and hopefully something both clubs can continue in a positive manner to ensure we keep kids playing rugby and playing rugby in our district.

The season started well with four wins from the first four games which put a lot of smiles on everyone's face! The players building confidence and developing the structure to provide resilience under pressure.

The regrading, however, was not kind and while we were not moved up a division, practically an entire division was brought down. These new teams provided sterner opposition and we experienced a couple of losses that would prove costly at the tail end of the season as the squad adjusted to the demands of bigger opponents and better structured defences. This period also provided the highlight comeback draw away against Hornsby. While we shared the points this day it was an important turning point for the team. Suffering a lopsided penalty count and a yellow card in the first half the ability to listen and implement a revised game plan from the coaches at half time saw us fight our way back to be level with our opponents. Neutralising their speedsters in the middle, the team then turned on a fantastic display of red zone defence which included more than one try (and game!) saving tackle. It might have been a draw but it felt like a win in the PJRU supporter zone.

As we managed the difficult winter break and winter rainfall the U12's started to build and implement the game plan we had been working towards. Our developing structure in both attack and defence. The team executing near faultless games against Wahroonga and Hornsby to impose the first enforcement of the mercy rule by this age group ever. Parents and supporters were calling for the defibrillators after the gripping win against Norths away – proof that the team was now playing real 15-a-side rugby.

As we ran into the end of the season – all was to play for as victories would assure us of a semi-final spot – alas it was not to be, proof of the closeness of the competition was that in our final two games we lead the two teams – Seaford and



Dee Why – who would go on to play in the grand final. While not the result we wanted and worked for, It was proof of just how far the squad had come and how much their rugby had improved over the course of the year. I'd like to thank all the players for their efforts and dedication to training and games throughout the year.

Last but far from least - a very large thanks to Rebecca Lebler and her tireless work as age group manager, ground marshal and scorer to name just a few of her many contributions. Thanks also to Martin Davies in his assistant coaching roll, Ben Hershman, Brett Matthews, Jobie Lebler, Dorian Laphorne, Dave Gleeson and everyone else who stepped up to coach, assistant ref, run water throughout the season.



Player Profiles



Aston Lebler –

Leading from the front, Aston wears his passion for rugby and the Shammies on his sleeve, dominant in the front row he continues to develop the finer arts of managing the referee as our team captain.



Dominic Cheng –

A quiet achiever, Dom demonstrated his ability in tight with his efforts in the close exchanges. Dom prefers to let his actions do the talking - a long term and important part of the team.



Campbell Skoudas –

A fantastic season from Cam, filling important roles for the team in the tight 5 and ensuring that our power house set piece continued to dominate. Cam never lets the team down when he gets his chance.



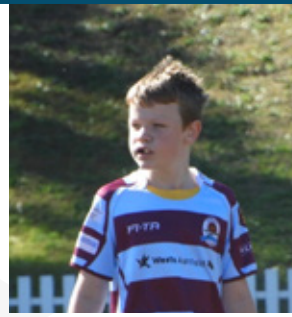
Ewan Gleeson –

A breakout year for Ewan who stamped his authority all over the No 2. Leading his pack, he dominated opposition scrums, won valuable ball and hit breakdowns like the Hulk going through a wall.



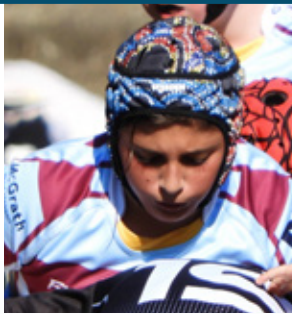
Henry Lapham –

A dynamic ball runner, Henry proved a vital team member equally at home at centre, second row or on the side of the scrum. Made excellent improvement throughout the year developing into an important team member with the ability to put in a big play when the team most needed them.



Fletcher Laphthorne –

A rock in defence in the 13 jumper, Fletcher is a man of few words but he listens and effectively implemented the structures the coaches were trying to implementing - a vital member of the team and a welcome (re-addition!) to the team.



Luca Gerrettson-Cornell –

The teams wrecking ball from 8, enjoyed the ability to run from the base of the scrum this year. Took on board important advice about isolating himself too frequently, deliberately, recycling the ball so that others might score untouched.



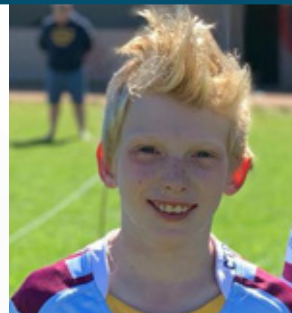
Jasper Cohen –

Jasper turned himself into a genuine try scoring winger this year, recovering from mishaps in exotic locations to finishing off our signature back lines moves. A true Shammy in every sense of the word.



Max Kelso –

A dynamic and versatile member of the team, Max got a feel for the No 9 position where he silky passing skills set the back line alight. A Sydney Uni call up, rewarded his efforts, however, proving no good can come from playing soccer, injury had an impact on the second half of Max's season. No doubt he will be looking to make up for lost time next year.



Kai Hasselberg –

The team's Speedy Gonzales. A welcome addition to the team and club who turned himself into a try scoring machine. Not to be outdone his application in defence was just as impressive frequently bring down larger opposition – much to their surprise.



Spencer Davies –

The team's honey badger, what he gives away in size he makes up for in effort. Caused headaches to opposition 10's all year from 7, frequently backing up with being first at the break down to completing the next tackle in cover defence – an important cog in the U12 machine.



Jake Matthews –

Always gives 100%, you mainly notice him when he is not on the field such is the consistency of his effort and impact. An important part of the U12 pack with the versatility to fit into the row and on the loose.



Hugh Trafford-Jones –

A welcome sight in a Shammyes jumper, the enjoyment Hugh gets from being around the team is obvious. Made the transition from back to loose forward with ease, where he could put his love of contact to best use.



Lucas Kohen –
Bringing latin flair to the No 10, Lucas knew when to zig when the opposition thought he was going to zag. Our own “Los Puma” backed up his open field play in true No 10 style by kicking goals from everywhere!



Timothy Colville –
Making his Shammies debut this year Tim continues to learn the finer points of the game. Filled important roles for the team in the tight 5 and worked hard on his defense with an impressive display in our second last game against Seaford.



Milo Hershman –
Mr Consistency with a cool head to provide the Ying to Aston’s, Yang. Lead from the front and dominated in the open as much as in the set piece.



Tom Waterworth –
A breakout season for Tom in the No 9 jumper, a first ‘real’ try for the Shammies, Sydney Uni rep call up, new found aggression in defence and controlling at the base of the scrum.



Mitch McCarry –
The season saw Mitch make major progress in both his fitness and skill. His effort in propping his side of the scrum saw him become a major contributor to the team.



Ulakai Tuitavake –
The final cog in our Canterbury trio, Ulakai is a man of few words who lets his actions do the talking. Dynamic in fight, providing go forward and effort at the break down. A fantastic debut Shammies year.



Tejahla-Jane Daniels-Maifea –
TJ lives and breathes rugby. This is reflected in her commitment to the game and her team. A Canterbury junior, TJ dominated in both attack and defence and frequently showed the boys how it was done. 2019 was a big year – U13 Girls reps with Penrith, Girls 7’s with Wests (frequently back up for Uni) and dynamic play in the middle of the field for the U12 Shammies.



Veronica Agavale –
A first year Shammy, joining us from the famous Canterbury club, Veronica’s confidence and performance built throughout the year combining with TJ to bring nightmares to a few lads from the northern beaches with crunching defence. Veronica capped the year with a player of the match performance our last game in which she also bagged her first try in the famous Shammies colours.

Under 13's Season Report

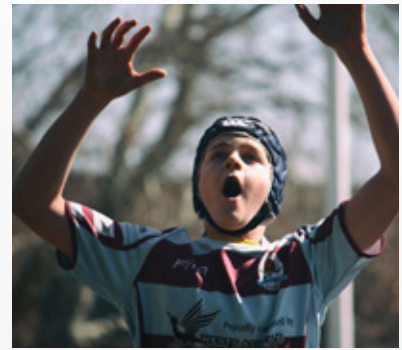


U13 Team

We welcomed three new families this year (Ofa, John and Isaac) and were thrilled with the return of George after a year out of the game.

Expectations were high after winning the 2018 12D comp. We knew we were going up a division, but after the early rounds, we felt we needed a bigger challenge. Even after being beaten by Burraneer, we requested another promotion...so we went from D, to C, to B...bring it on!

Game 1 was against undefeated Newport, a baptism of fire. Although we went down 34-19, we led them with 10mins to go and knew we belonged in B division. This baptism of fire was followed by a huge game v Lindfield.



They were 2nd on the ladder and we had a nail-biting arm wrestle where they pipped us with a late try to win 34-33. We were in this division up to our eyeballs!

The boys relished the challenge and stepped it up at training and games. The spirit was awesome.

More wins came our way, and with 2 games remaining we came up against the table topping Newport again. This time it was 1st v 3rd. A win could see us 2nd on the table, a loss meant we would end 3rd or possibly 4th.

Our habit of starting games 'slowly' continued. Five minutes in we were down 14-0 but the boys knew the game was far from over. They fought back to be down 14-12 at half time with every player was putting in 110%.

The second half started with us scoring two quick tries and Newport scoring one...24-21 to us with 10 long minutes left. Newport hammered our line for the rest of the game. Tackle after tackle in defence was wearing us down and the sideline knew the boys couldn't hold forever. But we DID hold, and when the whistle blew, the boys raised their exhausted arms. This was a HUGE character test and it marked the moment everyone knew they could give this comp a shake!!

Our semi-final was against Lindfield (the only team we hadn't beaten). The boys knew if they played to their form, they had a good chance. Leading 14-12 at half time there was quiet confidence, but this was wiped away with Lindfield scoring the next two tries (and we were down two players). Lindfield were up by 10 and the sideline was silent. In true fashion of never giving up, the boys got their second wind and managed to fight back to win 36-27. This was an amazing come-from-behind win...jubilation...we were off to a grand final!

It was hard to believe we had come so far in B Division and have the chance to play for the premiership v Chatswood... our 2nd grand final in two years...this exceeded many expectations.

25 August. Grand final day. A warm but windy day...the same Glenwood venue as our 2018 victory. The team gathered to watch earlier games and get into the right mindset. As the boys warmed up there was a relaxed feel among the group. The plan was simple - go out hard from the start, get points on the board and defend strongly.

Chatswood kicked off with a big wind at their backs but Shammies 13B's clicked into gear and were ruthless.

Quick, wide ball movement created chinks in the opposition's armour and we were sitting 3 tries ahead after just 15 minutes. Chatswood woke up and clawed back ...half time 26-12. The talk at the break was to go out and score the next points and keep up the pressure. Points kept coming and our defence was rock solid. In the middle, inside backs, outside backs, everywhere. It was a physical game played in good spirits by both teams, but this was our day.

Full time whistle... victory 52-20...nobody expected this...back to back titles...B Division premiers...a significant achievement by this terrific group of kids.

The cheers from the team and families was recognition of not only a superb game but also of the immense effort the team has put in across the season. The spirit among this group of kids and families is something we enjoy and treasure together.

The forwards have improved many skills this year, from line outs to scrums to attacking in pods. They have realised their defined roles play an important part in ensuring ball possession leads to points on the board. The backs have refined their defensive line and now have a play book full of attacking moves that have an impact every time they are used.

The encouragement and positive attitude of the parents on the sidelines, at training and behind the scenes makes life easy for the coaches and management. From E Division 3 years ago, the boys have shown that teamwork and hard work can turn a team into champions that can rival any of their age.

Thanks to all families, friends, helpers, sideline refs, medics, tee runners, tackle bag holders, sausage cooks, ground cleaners, scorers, sideline screamers, drivers and anyone else who we forgot.

What a season...

Ben Stephens, Richard Chen and Dave Lennox



Player Profiles



Andrew 'Lion-heart' Lyons – Flanker -

Never afraid to put his body on the line, Andrew has played with confidence every game. Whether it's being hoisted in the lineout or pilfering the ball at the breakdown, Andrew will be there when the opposition least expects it.



Aston 'Perpetual Motion' Pynt – Front-rower -

Aston was another in our group who benefited from an off-season of water polo which has led to a dramatic increase in on-field work rate. One of those players you rarely see because he quietly goes about his business and finds himself embedded in almost every breakdown. Continues to make huge improvements and is a much-valued team-player.



Atieli 'The Big Show' Nau – Flanker -

Ofa has been one of three new additions to the team this year. Always with a cheeky smile and a big laugh at training, Ofa brings his game face to each match. Given the opportunity, Ofa is capable of scoring when you least expect.



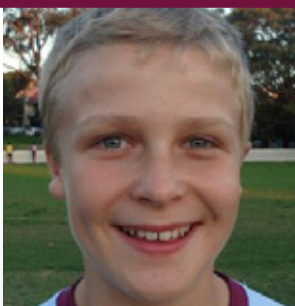
Brendan 'The Bullock' Bennett – 2nd Row -

With vastly improved fitness and full of voice, Brendan's bullocking runs have been a sight to see. With speed and size, the move to the second row has obviously suited him this year. Is there potentially a move to the backs in the offing for next year.....



Daniel 'The Enforcer' Lua – Outside Centre -

Daniel has continued to make huge in-roads into any opposition, regardless of what they have thrown at him. Able to attack with purpose from anywhere on the field and an ever-reliable defender. Always ready to commit on the field.



Fletcher 'Fortune Teller' Gill – Outside Centre -

No one can deny that Fletcher has a rugby brain to match his father. He can see what the opposition is thinking before they know themselves. This gives him the edge to be able to read the play and react in a game changing way. In both attack and defence you can back him every time.



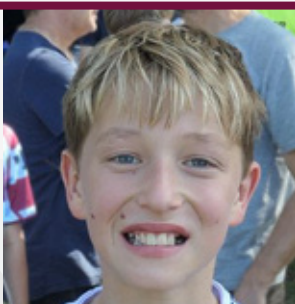
George 'The Glue' Cook – Second row, Flanker -

The ultimate team man, George is always where he is needed doing whatever is required to make sure his team gets a victory. Throw in his excellent rugby brain and it all makes for a very complete footballer.



Harry 'The Sniper' Stephens – Half back -

A 9-season veteran who continues to find and reveal his voice. He has become the valuable 'rev-up' player every team needs. Harry was born to be a half-back and has vastly improved his strategic play, along with his ability to switch passing directions on a dime. He has a great sense of when to pass, when to go, and has scored several valuable tries pinching metres around a tired pack of opposition forwards.



Harry 'Houdini' Wadland -

Another giant of a player that roams around in a smaller frame. Has become a very intelligent defender, and pulled off so many valuable tackles for the team, including one for the ages in the final few minutes in our showstopper against Newport. He will do whatever it takes to stop players almost twice his size, he puts his body on the line time and time again. We love our Wadlands!!



Hugh 'Cranky' Crakanthorp – Utility forward -

A rugby mind that can analyse what is required and then put into action on a weekly basis. Hugh is not only the rock of the team with consistency, he also has the skills to fill multiple positions with a high level of skill.



Isaac 'The Alchemist' Zoud - Hooker -

It was awesome having Isaac join our group this year. He filled the hooker role with great success. He is an energetic and skillful player that can win tight-head scrums and make valuable metres running the ball up the middle. Shows good courage and has the ability to lift his teammates at key moments in the game.



Jack 'The Giant' Lennox – 2nd Row -

Can you believe that such a gentle giant can be so explosive once the whistle blows? Whether it's running the ball, first there at the break or driving the defence back, Jack has it in his bag of tricks. He is a confidence player and has had it all year. What an asset to the team!



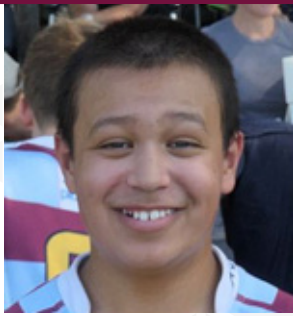
'Flying' Jackson Feeney – Wing / Fullback -

Being in a strong division means that Jackson is continually put under pressure in defence. He is yet to take a backward step and always eager to learn how to improve his game in attack and defence. With each game his skill level and value to the team increases.



John 'The Freshman' Cameron – Murphy – Five Eighth, Utility Back -

He might be new to the Shammies but he's made a big impression in this team. John's pace, hard hitting style and kicking skills show him to be anything but a novice. What a great addition to the 2019 U13's.



Joshua 'The Fortress' Chen – Inside Centre -

Josh has plenty of weapons at his disposal from his speed and tackling prowess to his excellent fitness levels – never one to shirk his responsibilities you can see the whites of the oppositions eyes whether he is in attack or defence.



'Gentleman' Jules Holland – Wing -

A relaxed Jules enters every game with an air of quiet confidence, which rubs off on the rest of the team. On the paddock Jules is always one to jump in and attack the ball at every opportunity. Not once has he shied away from the battle on the field.



Maddox 'The Marvel' Oddy – 5/8, Half-back -

Despite his size, Maddox is never afraid to give his all on the field regardless of the size of the opposition. Maddox has been a maestro calling the plays for the backline and this has seen the backs score some well-rehearsed tries this year. Also, a reliable goal-kicker, to boot.



Maran 'Phar Lap' Petkovich – Captain, Back-rouer -

Maran's courage and leadership has become the heart and soul of the group. He is a tireless player with a huge work rate, and he takes his exhaustion levels to the 'next level' week after week. He loves grabbing the ball and charging right through the middle of the opposition pack. An inspiration to his teammates and those who watch.



Ned 'The Whiz' Wadland -

One half of the twins that continues to punch well above his weight. He provides huge value on the field every time he plays. He returns dangerous midfield kicks with skill and purpose, regularly getting his team out of tricky situations. A very good angle runner, he chews up lots of valuable metres.



Riley 'The Rock' Davison – 2nd Row -

Riley is the consistent performer for the team. He has a role to play and he knows how to play it! Never one to 'showboat' Riley is more at home with his head buried in a ruck ensuring that the ball is retained and that the opposition is not given an inch.



Siasoi 'The Finisher' Mahe – Wing -

Siasoi's positional move to the wing has been a tactical advantage. When given the opportunity, Siasoi is capable of outrunning most opposition and he has scored from many slick backline moves. A reliable defender, thou shall not pass!



'The always smiling' Sione Lua – Prop -

Sione has continued to develop into a determined and valuable team player. Fearless on the field, with a side-step to bamboozle the opposition, Sione always makes the advantage line whenever he runs with the ball.



Tim 'The Axe' Causer – Fullback, Winger -

The bigger they are the harder they fall has been Tim's mantra for the season. Often underestimated by the opposition to their detriment as nobody gets past Tim EVER. Combine this with his sensational positional play has Tim forming an integral part of the backline yet again this season.



Tom 'Cement' Chanter – Flanker -

Quick off the base of a scrum and hard into contact/set plays Tom epitomises the role of a great flanker. His hard-running style and never say die attitude have made him an invaluable part of the forward pack. A word of advice to the opposition, never punch him in a scrum as he turns into the hulk!

Under 14's Season Report

What a great year! Everyone involved should be incredibly proud of what was achieved.

In 2018 we had a number of lads playing up an age group in our U14s. This season we had almost enough U14s for a team thanks to some new players joining the club, some returning and also had several eligible for U15s graded to allow them to play U14s which gave us enough players to kick the season off, and this we did with a bang!

During grading period, we were playing in D, however, after winning 3 games comfortably and playing some stunning rugby along the way, the decision was made to move up to "C" for a challenge for the remainder of the season.

Meanwhile, JV discussions with Canterbury JRU came to fruition and our new Canterbury lads joined in and melded with the team quickly, providing added depth in many positions along as well as skills in different styles of play.

We forged ahead on a strong run and pushed into the top half of the comp until we hit a hump mid-season, with a few close losses and a heavy loss to the eventual premiers Ryde. However, we were able to regroup and finish the regular season on a high, qualifying for the semifinal after finishing 4th on the ladder! This in itself was a huge effort!

We came up against Ryde in the semifinal and acquitted ourselves well on a very hot day, with the second half finishing 1 try each. A tough and disappointing way to end the season after so many highs.

Every player had an impact during the season - no matter their age, size or skill. We had players as young as 12 in the team and a number in their 1st season of rugby ever. The coaches made the decision to try and give the players as close to equal game time as possible, in positions where it was possible and this is always a tough thing to manage, but we felt this was more important than a win at all cost attitude.

The entire Under 14s coaching staff Rob, Nik, Dan and myself are very proud of what was achieved this year.

Thanks to our amazing Manager, Jo, who apart from many other duties was vital in helping bring the JV with Canterbury together. To all the coaches, touch judges and ground marshalls and parents thank you!

Look forward to an amazing 2020

Jason Gaff



Coach Jason Gaff



Asst Coach Dan Sprange



Asst Coach Nik Treharne



Asst Coach Rob Harding



Player Profiles



Adam Graham -

His natural reticence belies his passion and commitment on the field. Adam lets his rugby do the talking and especially on an afternoon when you score 3 tries. Most front rowers don't score 3 tries a season never mind in one game. Adam has worked hard during training all season and is always attentive and committed. This has resulted in some excellent games and a season he should be proud of.



Aedan Thompson -

More than able to play in the back line it is as a breakaway that Aedan has again excelled this season. He displays a real drive and tenacity in the tackle and at the breakdown as well as working hard in attack. He takes ownership of the edge of the ruck and targets the opposition inside backs with great effect! Stands up when the chips are down - shows real leadership potential.



Nepote Christian Haifa -

Christian injected massive firepower to our backline this season. His powerful runs and tackles left the opposition in tatters on many occasions. Their mistake was to allow him enough space to get his legs pumping. Once this happened, he seemed to be able step around or run through the largest of obstacles at lightening pace. During these runs we all empathised with the opposition players tasked with bringing him down. In defence his preferred mode is a lift and throw over the sideline. After a few of these tackles his opposite number was often seen offloading to another unsuspecting player before the inevitable heavy contact. Christian's confidence and skill had a huge impact our results this season.



Eli Keresome -

Eli's performance at full back was spectacular in every game he played. Opposition kicks too often found his hands early allowing him to slingshot up the field. Eli's courageous runs from deep in our own half were characterised by acceleration into (often past) the opposition. With no sideways running Eli often sliced the opposition line. Once tackled he exhausted those defending by fighting for every forward inch with a frenzy of leg drive. Eli is an explosive addition to Petersham and we look forward to seeing him play more games in 2020.



Marcus Duggineni -

Marcus played as one of the props in our very strong forward pack. Playing up an age group didn't stop him getting stuck in and holding his own. He had a great year and developed his skills massively. The next season will really see him come into his own!



Felix Sprange -

Felix has learnt and improved enormously throughout the season as his confidence has increased. It is not easy to play 9 as you are the vital link and line of communication between forwards and backs but Felix has gained confidence tenfold during the season and has started to read the state of play and make decisions accordingly. His running game especially came on in the 2nd half of the year.



Finn Harding -

Finn's been away playing for Canterbury for the last couple of years but he's come back home to Petersham. He has slotted back in to the five eighth position with ease. With his ability to read the game in front of him, add to that his goal kicking skill has made him a valuable asset to the team. He takes a leadership role that comes through experience of playing at rep level.



Frankie Davies -

Frankie took on the mantle of full-time captain this year and he really grew into the responsibility well. His team talks and interaction with referees showed a great deal of maturity. As a player Frankie took on a heavy workload, constantly being available to work the ball up and support others at the next breakdown. Thoroughly deserved his rep honours this year.



Henry Volkman -

Henry joined as part of the JV with Canterbury also. A strong scrummager and can play either loose or tight head. A great ball runner, and made good metres on the pick and go. An intelligent player who knows the game well and formed a good partnership in line outs when lifting and had few trick plays at the front. Henry is thoughtful guy and extends this towards all his team mates. A pleasure to coach and look forward to seeing him back in 2020.



Hudson Afrika -

Hudson joined the club and played his first year of rugby. He was a little tentative and shy, but quickly grew into the game and the team. Played blindside flanker but jumped into the 2nd row when needed with no complaints. He is a great listener and took the game plan on board and stuck to it. Always put his hand up for more work and was one of the most regular ball runners in set piece and his effort and skill in this area greatly improved. Still some work to do next year, but for a guy new to the game he developed massively over the year.



Hugo Martin -

New to Petersham and new to rugby. His enthusiasm to learn and to get himself involved was a pleasure to watch. His determination in defence was inspiring not only to the coaches but more importantly to his team mates. His involvement in the game will only get better with more experience which we look forward to in the coming seasons. Massive heart and a great guy.



Isaac Lekkas -

Isaac had a great year! His 2nd at the club and playing in his proper age group, he developed many new skills and strengths. Super adaptable, he can play all the back 5 of the scrum, but played lock really well. Made really strong run metres in the 2nd half of the season and tackled anything that came near him. Those he got hold of knew about it! Can't wait to see him develop further next year.



James Morris -

James had a very promising start to the season playing in several positions with excellent skill and physicality. With great hands and an ability to run hard James always made good metres for his team. He contested rucks well and put up strong defence against tough opponents. His coaches and team mates appreciated his ability to work swap between the forwards and backs and were very sad to hear his season had been cut short with a broken leg. We look forward to seeing him in full fitness next season.



Jerome Joseph-Riogi -

As one of the Canterbury cohort in the joint venture between the clubs Jerome has proved to be a most valuable asset. His kicking has been outstanding all season in all aspects of his kicking game and he has displayed a real maturity and ability to read the game. He has contributed to create a potent backline and has worked hard throughout the season and always gave his best to the team.



Jerome Rogers -

Jerome carried his heavy hitting style to Petersham this year and looked immediately at home running in the centres. Always humble and generous with his offloads Jerome made the most of every second of possession. He made his strength clear when cleaning out rucks and preserving our ball. Jerome enjoyed moving up quickly to pressure the opposition, often chopping his opposite number before the ball could be offloaded. Jerome demonstrated excellent commitment to his new club and team mates.



Jirae Afoa -

His improvement this season has been extraordinary. Whether playing in the front row, the back row or in the centres Jirae is clearly an impact player. It can be difficult for players coming into a joint venture from another club but Jirae has been a pleasure to coach and a true asset on the team. He is a deceptively fast and powerful player onfield but an affable and sociable team member off field.



Jackson Compton -

Jackson came to the under 14s with confidence, skill and pace to burn. When we first saw him run down the sidelines, we knew we had something special. Then he goes and breaks his arm. We missed him this season but looking forward to next year.



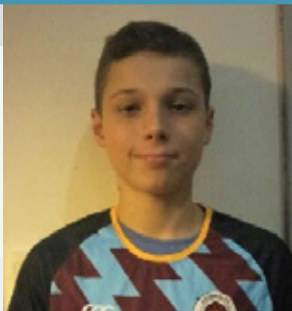
Kaden Vai -

Kaden is another of the lads that joined with us from Canterbury mid-season and was a great addition to the team. One of the strongest ball runners in the team and hard in defence, he would regularly break numerous tackles or run with several opposition players still hanging off him. His lineout throwing was excellent. Kaden is also a great young man with fantastic values and loves a good laugh. He regularly took it upon himself to look after his teammates both on and off the field and helped keep everyone focused at training.



Kye Martin -

Kye showed his versatility again this season playing across the back line with massive commitment, voice and skill at critical moments. Most at home on the wing he demonstrated outstanding defensive awareness and positional play. On one occasion spectators could see the opposition making a big break with limited Petersham defence available. It looked like a try was inevitable yet Kye read the play perfectly by running hard early. His cross-field sprint flattened a larger player in one hit and kept us in the game. His reluctant run as a substitute 9 towards the end of the season resulted in two tries in 10 minutes and a belief in his capacity closer to the ruck.



Louis Ruelle -

A tenacious loose forward. Quick to leave the scrum and first to the next breakdown, often first tackler. Fearless in defence regularly taking the legs out of larger opposing players. Strong in the air with great hands. Always has smile on his face and greatly respected by his whole team.



Luke Raptis -

Luke is a real pleasure to coach. Keen to learn and really made great strides during the year. He took on lineout jumping duties during the year and became very strong in the air. Worked hard every game both on and off the ball. Had his best game of the year in the semifinal, chasing kicks at speed and making great one on one tackles in the process. Should be very proud of himself for his season.



Nils Bacic -

With such experience in the forwards and a popular member of the squad it was inevitable the tight five would gel seamlessly. Weather taking the ball up in attack or pilfering it in defence it was done with confidence and apparent ease. Always with a smile or a wry comment a welcome part of our Shammies family.



Quillan Ung -

Following on from last year, Quil continued becoming a better player every week. Always gives everything he can. Always trains hard, pushing himself through to the end and it paid off this year with him hammering the line with fantastic runs and busting plenty of tackles along the way. His work in set piece is easily over looked because you just know that he will do it and do it well. Great Year!



Sam Hassan -

One of the fastest backs in the team Sam ran the perfect line on the wing or outside centre in every game. Able to step and dance around less agile players Sam is always generous with possession. He holds onto the ball just long enough to give his mates the best chance at metres. He worked with the new additions to the back line with great respect and quiet leadership. Sam's signature play is the intercept. He finds the ball out of nowhere and before the opposition realises what has happened his speed has taken care of the rest. Always humble with his amazing skill Sam is a much admired team mate.



Tommy Treharne -

Tommy has worked hard all season and has made an indelible contribution to the team's success. He has been brave and confident under the high ball under pressure returning it well and having outstanding runs in attack. His true commitment to the team effort was on show when he volunteered to play half back and showed both himself and everyone else what a great job he can do at 9.

Under 15's Season Report



U15 Team

A terrific group of parents and kids, our 15's started the year with 32 registered players, 7 new lads to the club, and one coach in 'Tunksy'. At times this team played rugby that was a joy to watch, with some well-constructed phase play and stunning hands in the backs.

Starting the season with 2 terrific wins by more than 20 points was a great way to kick the season off. One of these wins was against Randwick, whom we beat twice, went on to win the Grand Final – a season of what might have been!

Season plans were thrown into disarray with a competition draw released often a day before we were due to play. Plans to play late on a Saturday after 1's or on a Friday had to be shelved; very frustrating for all and plans to develop the lads further.

A highlight of the year was a hard-fought game away vs. Norths, in which the lads come back from 22 nil at half time, to 22-21, before conceding late. The effort of Thomas Maclean in this game will stay long in the memory.

Our last home game was against Randwick and was a very solid hit out. Many of the kids that played here, will do so for both of their clubs at a senior level without doubt. The win was sealed with a cheeky sniping run down the blindside that bought a smile to everyone's face.

A chance to finish second was lost at Chatswood, and we played our semi-final away at Narrabeen in what was definitely a 'game of two halves'. Coming back from a 17-point deficit, we finished the game 24-17, finishing our season in the penultimate game for the second year running, and one game short by all assessments.



Many of the kids that play in this team also represent Sydney University at the State Championships. This year's tournament was a tough one for the boys, but many were rewarded with an opportunity to trial for Sydney Team. We were so very proud of Cade Lacey, Jonas Cook, Leon Bakis, Ryan Gleeson, Seb Arko, Cal Tunks, Oscar Ortolani, Joe Kahlil and Riley Reynolds with a few of the lads genuinely unlucky to miss out on a chance to play in the Southern zone team.

Being a Shammy means thinking of others, a big thanks to Conor, Ryan, Thomas who regularly went down to help the younger teams on a Tuesday even though they trained on Thursdays.

We'd like to thank our skipper Oscar O that plays his heart out every game, as does Thomas Maclean and Oscar G, whom play any position asked without complaint. Jack Riley improved every game and got better each week and the outstanding play of Ualeni Taufui was missed whilst he was on the sideline.

Injuries didn't help with 5 long term injuries to players before the State Championship really impacting the team and how we wanted to play. As a result, our best inside centre Jonas Cook had to play 10 for most of the season and did so every week without issue, the true mark of a team player.

Thanks to the coaches, Gary Tunks, Tim Greville, Simon Cook and Sam Jenkins and to those that helped out from time to time. David Gleeson our AR week week-in-week out was terrific and always ready run the sideline. Karen Ortolani – you are a legend and we'd be lost without you, thanks for all that you do for us. You're are such a wonderful manager, and the best person to be around any given Sunday.

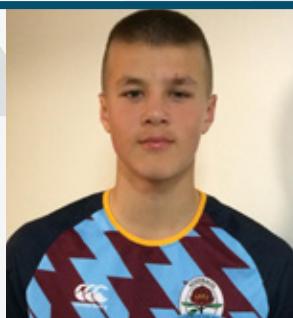
Lads, for near on 8-years now I have been involved with many of you, you are a special group, you've bought me some amazing memories and wonderful experiences. You've taught me much, and a hope you learned a little about the game I love. Thank-you and a look forward to watching you grow into terrific young men as your friend.

Yours in Rugby,

Adam Dunn.



Player Profiles



Abe Lekkas –

Started the year in the centres but was transformed into flanker due to his work rate and aggression. One of the best tacklers in the squad and has the quality that all forward packs need. Softly spoken but hard in defence, I hope to see many more years of rugby from Abe.



Cade Lacey –

Cade had a punctuated season due to injury, but was rock solid in all aspects of the game when fit. So good was his form and his natural ability, he was selected for Southern Zone and NSW Gen Blue. Cade is a talent and has vision unlike many forwards... and thanks for looking after the little blokes!



Callum Tunks –

The last member of our excellent front row Callum runs with purpose and is the master of the counter ruck. He loves it when it's tough and was rewarded with selection in Southern Zone and NSW Gen Blue. He stepped up as skipper when The Bull was injured and did so admirably.



Ethan Griffiths –

Ethan was one of our impact players, capable of both a big hit in defence or a devastating run. He certainly knows how to use his shoulders in defence and will only get better the more he moves forward. A spot in the front row awaits big boy :)



Conor Dunn –

Conor is a quality No 9 and a versatile utility back, playing a range of positions this season. He has a huge heart and always gives 100%. Usually not the biggest kid on the pitch but never afraid to tackle the big guys. We asked Conor to work hard on key areas and he did the 'extra's' and won the starting 9 spot. More to come!



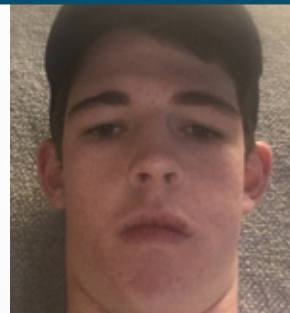
Francis Ters –

We felt for Francis terribly. Game 1 and this tough, no nonsense back rower broke his leg in game one, and it was not a nice one. He has such a natural tackling technique it's a joy to watch, and couple with his speed across the ground he was the complete defensive package.



Curtis Keintler-Smith –

Curtis knows how to guide a team around the paddock from 9 but can play numerous positions. Again, we'd say pound for pound he is one of our best defenders and never misses a chance to show this to the competition. He was great value to Jonas as he learned to play 10.



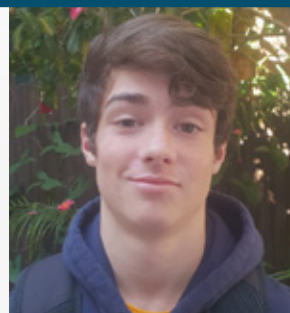
Hugo Rogers –

Terrific lad with an amazing attitude. New to the club this year, but you'd not know that with how quickly he fit in. Another to get injured and miss the rep season with a broken hand he made up for it by helping us during the State Champs. We hope to see much more of Hugo.



Darcy Doyle –

Despite being a very busy back rower, Darcy's is an amazing goal-kicker. He kicked some absolute beauties including several from the side-lines and will only grow as a player. This was his first full-year in the forwards and impressed all the coaches. Say good bye to the backs Darcy.



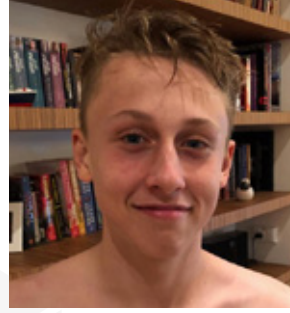
Jack Riley –

One of the most improved players this season at 15 with real quality in both his cover defence and support lines seeing Jack score some terrific tries from back line moves and in chasing kicks. His competitive attitude will see him improve each game - our advice, back yourself and see what we see.



Jackson Campton –

Late into the 15's teams Jackson adding some nice spark to the team. Another to be struck down with an injury that kept him out for weeks, and ensured he missed Uni selection which was a great shame. Jackson returned close to the end of the season and I can see many more seasons for him in the maroon and blue.



Jonas Cook –

Jonas has steered the team well at No 10 this year and his game is maturing nicely. Capped off a strong season with selection in the Metro Southern Division team. A keen trainer and always happy to request and accept feedback on his game. Will be a force in a range of positions in years to come.



Jaden Georgalis –

It was Jaden's first year with the Shammies and we certainly hope it won't be his last. An awesome try on debut showing some amazing wheels down the sideline against Ryde. Mate you have a lot to offer, come to training ready to learn and take in the guidance. No one can teach you to run quickly and you have this in abundance.



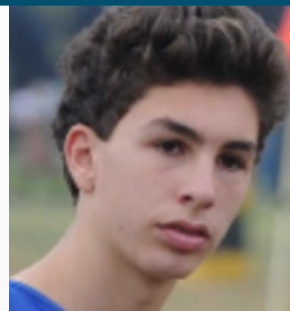
Kyle Ritchie –

Kyle has had a shortened season due to a back injury however showed that he still has serious speed and enthusiasm around the park, equally at home on the wing, 13 or 15. It will be great to see him back to full strength next season as pound for pound he is our best defender and lets no one past.



Jake Clarke –

Only joined us later in the season but was a very busy footballer that scrummaged well. We would love to see him back next year for a full season and he brought a nice level of intensity to the front row when he came on.



Leon Bakis –

Another in his first year with the Shammies, Leon fit in from game 1. An elusive runner and safe defender at 13, Leon added a quality to the backline play and a sense of calm when needed. He was selected in the Metro Southern Division team and will be a player to watch in coming years.



Joe Kahlil –

Joe came along strongly this year and was the enforcer of the pack, with his big clean outs and solid defence, he makes such an impact when he uses that frame. He had a good season and was also selected in Southern Zone and with a big pre-season he'll be ready to offer more impact and more minutes in rep jerseys.



Mal Chambers –

Big Mal is an attacking weapon who is dangerous anywhere near the line, he is also a very good scrum-mage. He was asked to train with NSW Gen Blue in recognition of his potential. He's great with the team and always ready to put a smile on our faces. Top lad.



Noah Kulscar –

What could have been! We had found a 10, a genuine general that bosses and read the game so well. He was great with ball in hand, in defence and in assessing options and making the right call. Scheduling issues with the draw and then a bad ankle injury meant we saw on a fraction of what Noah has to offer.



Oscar Ortolani –

Oscar is the skipper of the team and is an extremely effective ball carrier and up there with the very best in the state when it comes to pilfering at the breakdown. He had a great year being selected for Southern Zone and also NSW Gen Blue and will with his work ethic and attitude this is just the start of his rep honours. We missed him when injured late in the season!



Oscar Greville –

Oscar is the work horse of the team and does all the dirty work, there is not a ruck he's not in. Had a great season was selected in an extended Sydney U14's squad. He'll play anywhere in the pack without fuss, a terrific team player and joy to coach.



Sebastian Arko –

Seb is a big unit with speed to burn and will generally always beat the man on the outside. His game will improve as he gains confidence in injecting himself into the backline in loose phase play. He came on in leaps and bounds this year and will only improve further, you've got heaps to offer Seb, back yourself!



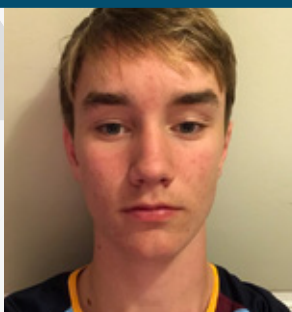
Riley Russell –

A great addition to the team and started at 13, 10, 9 and 15 this year. Has a natural gift for running a great line and a width in his pass very few have that early in the season created such depth in our backline play when we were at full strength it made for a torrid time for defenders.



Sebastian Gomez –

Another in his first year of football his natural talent was obvious from the very beginning. He is quick and has that 'with ball aggression' that beats defenders. Seb certainly lifted the intensity when he came on to the field and the celebrations from the team for his first try, a 70m effort against Ryde was great to see.



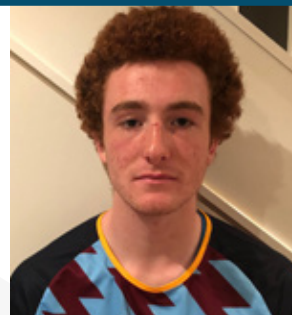
Ryan Gleeson –

One of the massive improves this season. Ryan is a brilliant line out jumper who is always a threat in the air with and without the ball. He also has a very effective chop tackle which saw him rewarded with a spot in Southern Zone and will only get better as he gets bigger. Keep working Junior.



Tasmin Elwig-Pollock –

It was Tasmin's first year at the club and he took some giant leaps forward. Very good ball in hand and due to his size will develop into a very good footballer if he continues and stays in the game. Great on the ground and listened to his coaches, it was great to have him at the club.



Will Blanchfield –

Will was our Mr. fix it and able to play many positions in the pack. He gets on with job with a minimum of fuss and always makes an impact when getting on the field. He had such a strong finish to the year with he needs to keep playing! Well done Will.



Thomas Mclean –

Thomas can play 8, 6, in the second or front row. However, he also played 13 and is a very useful runner out wide. His support play and cover tackling were features in his always high work rate. He was also selected for Southern Zone and is hard to go past as one of our very best players.



Wilson Jenkins –

Equally skilled at 12 or 7, Wilson is an excellent defender and brilliant over the ball. He has many qualities that simply cannot be taught and the players love playing with him. He'll settle onto the side of the scrum as his rugby develops and terrorise the breakdown. Great to have in any team.



Ualeni Taufui –

Had an interrupted year due to a bad injury, but when available was an absolute powerhouse with the ball in hand. We missed his contributions with the ball and his try scoring talents, crossing the line for 9 tries this year. Ualeni has a massive future and will realise it with a focus on a big off-season.



Zac Zoud –

We welcomed back Zach after a few years away from the Shammies and it was terrific to have him back in the fold. A good defender out wide with genuine pace. I'd like to see some time at 12 for you Zach as you definitely have what it takes.



Walker Gaff –

Walker only played a handful games due to rugby commitments in Orange but played well when available. He gave us another good lineout jumper and always worked hard. He is so keen to learn and always asks for advice and feedback after the game, a great trait for young rugby players.



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2020 Strategic objectives

- Improve 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
- Evolve 'The Shummy Way' of coaching - improve coaching and managers training and accreditation
- Rugby tourists!

2020 club calendar

February	March	April	May
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Try rugby day• Coaches and Managers induction day	Training starts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday sippers (social)• Trials vs Balmain• Player welcome day and AGM	Competition starts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rugby Quiz night (social)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mums Night Out
June	July	August	September
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dads night out• State Championships (u/12's-u'16's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Champs (u10-u11)• Sunday sippers (social)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rugby Quiz night (social) – fundraising• Junior Competition finals• Bledisloe Cup night• Mini's conclude	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation Day