

GC Rugby

Term 2 Issue 6

Wed 22 June 2011

This Weeks Draw

1st XV

25 th June 2011

Glenfield College

Vs.

Kaipara College

Time: 1200

Venue: Glenfield College

3rd XV

25 th June 2011

Glenfield College

Vs.

Orewa College

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Glenfield College

5th Grade

25 th June 2011

Glenfield College

Vs.

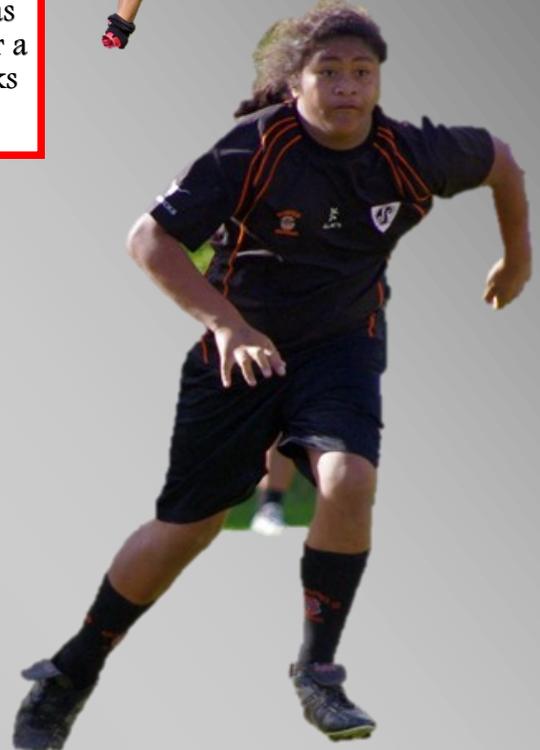
Orewa College

Time: 10.40am

Venue: Glenfield College

Round six - 22 June

All grades are playing at home this Weekend. Come down as all three teams are hoping for a clean sweep. First game kicks off at 9.30am



Congadulations to Luis Schlicht and Pita Toku for making their 1st XV debuts. Both players were called on due to injuries and they did not disappoint



Date: 18 June

Glenfield—32

Orewa — 3

1st XV PAGE

MVP vs. Orewa

3. William
2. Tyler
1. Jackson

Scorers

Tries

Grayson, Nga, Willy, and Stephen.

Conversations

Willy (3)

Penalties

Jackson (1)

Saturday saw the First XV square off against fellow relegated 1A side Orewa in what was a rematch from two weeks ago when Orewa beat us on their home ground. Saturday proved to be a different story on home ground as Glenfield made a number of changes tactically and it contributed to the team being able to apply pressure to Orewa for long periods during the game. Ironically we kicked for territory and applied a lot of pressure. In the 1A round of the competition we played Orewa with a gale behind us in torrential rain and we did not try for a territory advantage. On that occasion we decided we'd try to run the ball out of our own red zone and we wound up losing the ball and putting pressure on ourselves.

This was not to be the case this week and we were just too good for Orewa all over the park. We scored four tries on Saturday to Number 8 Grayson Hauraki, two intercept tries to Willy Unga and Nga Joseph and a well worked team try scored by Stephen Katterns on the wing. There were impressive performances from players inexperienced at this level. Year 9 student, Josiah Ngatipa played for 60 minutes of the game as an injury replacement and didn't look out of place. Young hooker, Pita Tohu and rookie centre Luis Scheldt made their First XV debuts and acquitted themselves very well.

The return of Willy Unga from suspension has made a heck of a lot of difference to the team in the last two weeks. He was standing on the side line in our last game against Orewa and his presence was sorely missed at First Five on that occasion. Since returning from suspension Willy has played a very composed role within the team and has played the team into good positions with his kicking and incisive running.

The team has really taken on board the lessons learned during the last couple of losses. Our forward pack is working together better and understand the game pattern I've designed for them and how it helps them with support play and finding space in opposition defences. Our backline has solidified into a much more reliable defensive unit this half of the season. They've always had the attacking flair in the backs so it's good seeing the boys get a better understanding of the defensive systems, communicating better and committing themselves to the tackle more.

The leadership core of the team have really taken the bull by the horns in the last couple of weeks. Grayson Hauraki, Bobby Parkinson, Charlie Hill, Jackson Leaf, Willy Unga and Adam Neale have created an excellent "leadership spine" throughout the team. They are all developing their communication skills, and providing insightful feedback and positively reinforcing the team when they need it.

We unfortunately lost two players, Grayson Hauraki and Nga Joseph, to shoulder dislocation injuries over the weekend. Grayson has been in incredible form the last three weeks and I would have thought he'd be a sure thing to make a rep squad with his vast array of skills and leadership qualities. Nga has been a rock for the team as well in the mid-field. They will both be missed over the coming weeks and we certainly hope they both have speedy recoveries.

Next week sees us at home again to Kaipara College at 12pm. We will be trying to get our two wins in a row for the first time this season and I'm backing the boys to pull it off on home soil.

The Muller—Glenfield College 1st XV Head Coach.



3rd Grade Page

No game for the 3rd grade last week.



5th Grade Gladiators

5th grade MVP Points

Vs. Hato Petera

3 pts. Xavier Blakeman

2 pts. Jayden Johnson

1 pt. Kacey Pulusi

5th Grade Scorers vs.

Hato Petera

Tries

Shivneel, (2) Xavier,

Jayden J, Jordan, Griffin,
Kyle.

Conversions

Jed (3)

16 June

Glenfield—41

Hato Petera—5

The 5th Grade Boys had a mid week game for the first time this year, playing on Thursday afternoon against Hato Petera. The team had a very disappointing start to the game conceding the first try within the first 5 minutes of the game. The forwards being outplayed but the opposition and the backs making too many unforced errors. It took until the 20th minute for the boys to finally register their first try of the game. Only through some resilient tackling and some very good line speed on defence were we able to keep denying them tries. JV Enriquez was sent off for repeated offences at the breakdown and that somewhat lifted the boys to perform better. Jayden Johnson making a very good one-on-one tackle and Kacey Pulusi right there to steal the ball for us. Stevie Unga getting the ball away very quickly to Jed Bolland who put the boot to ball to clear us out of our red zone, while Shivneel Narayan chased the kick very well to put pressure on the opposing full back and steal the ball away to jog into the end zone for a very deserved 5 pointer. The second try was very well worked as the team finally got into the game sustaining a good period of attack in Hato's 22 for a good 5 minutes. The forwards cleaning out the rucks very well and Stevie Unga directed players around the ruck to set Griffin Salamonz over in the right hand corner. We should have scored one more before halftime but we ended up knocking the ball on just as things were looking promising - this pretty much summed up our first half performance. The second half was a totally new team! We received the ball from the kick-off and the forwards carted the ball up the field to set Jordan Bolland over with an excellent timed pass from William Fonokalafi. From the kick-off, Kacey Pulusi returned the ball a good 15 meters, the rest of the forwards getting there to clean out and William Fonokalafi again setting one of our speedsters in Shivneel Narayan away for a 45 meter runaway and his second try of the day. Things looked ominous for us at this stage as we ran in three very quick tries. A special mention this week going to Kacey Pulusi who got through a tonne of work from returning kick-offs, stealing the ball at breakdowns and even winning line-outs. It's very pleasing to see from a coaches point of view that no matter what number you put on the back of a player, his game still stays the same. Kacey is usually a winger but this year we have asked him to play prop, lock, flanker and on the wing. Another player worth mentioning this week is Xavier Blakeman. "X-man" (as he's known to the team) had one of his better games this week taking over the "enforcer role" in the tight five left by Jayden Weiland who was suspended for one game. X-man ran the ball with intent on breaking the line and was a great asset in defending the much bigger forward pack of Hato. The end result was 41-5 and although the score line would say that it was an easy victory, the boys will tell you that it was a very hard fought game. This week we have Orewa College at home again, so we are hoping that you can all brave the weather and get down to school to support our boys and watch some future representative players work their magic on the rugby field.

Nella Fonokalafi—5th Grade Head Coach



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