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BANKSTOWN BULLS JRLFC



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Senior Club Report

The first year of the joint venture between the Sydney Bulls and Bankstown Bulls proved to be an outstanding success that has given us a great base for future growth. With the Sydney Bulls winning the Jim Beam Cup and the Bankstown Bulls setting a record in their A Grade premiership and the Under 18's winning on the bell, the senior grades have provided a flagship for the club.

The results of the Saturday sides were somewhat disappointing and it will be in this area that the Sydney Bulls will assist in 2005.

In 2004 The Sydney Bulls provided a sign-on clinic featuring NRL stars Willie Peters, Jamie Russu, Michael Sullivan and Hassan Saleh. Plans to improve this are in place for 2005.

Several Jim Beam Cup players also spent time assisting various coaches, with Grand Final try scorer Michael Corrie doing an outstanding job with the Under 11's.

It was great to see the Juniors support the Jim Beam Cup side with a crowd of over 1200 for our home game against The Entrance and many of the Sunday Side players making the trip to Wentworthville for the final against Windsor, and Grand Final at Telstra Stadium, once again against the Entrance.

To all players, coaches and officials at the Bulls, congratulations on 2004 and we look forward to a stronger and even more successful 2005.

In 2005 The Sydney Bulls see an even closer relationship with the ultimate goal to produce Bulls players that graduate to Jim Beam Cup Players. A Grade coach Paul Arraj, is now a coach's assessor and he will use this qualification to benefit all coaches within the club.

A number of Jim Beam Cup players will take up coaching or assistant roles to give their experiences to the coaches.

Pre-season training for the Jim Beam Cup side will feature a number of talented Players from U16's upwards training alongside our first Grade squad. The benefit of this will filter through our teams. **Ray Dib**



Junior Player of the Year Omar Omran on a try scoring run in the Under 8's Semi Final against St Christophers

Under 8's Make the Grand Final.

The Under 8's were the Junior Team of the year, being the first BULLS side to make the Grand final in 2004. With a number of close wins in the semi Finals over St Christopher's and Berala, the boys went into the game confident but unfortunately could not bring the Trophy home. Though defeated, all the boys played well and were in the game till the final hooter. A big Wrap must go to Charlie and his team of helpers in getting our boys to the Grand Final.

Secretaries Report

2004 was another challenging year for the Bankstown Bulls as we changed our name and Colors and strove to create a new identity. The selection of Jerseys was for a strip previously worn by the Bulls. This year we were unable to have home trials due to the seeding of winter grass in April and this affected the canteen revenue. We purchased over \$12500 worth of shorts, socks and Jerseys, \$3000 for the lights for training, and had to fit out the canteen with food and drink. We registered 218 players, 9 less than 2003 and were able to field teams in every grade except under 14's.

In 2004 the Under 8's, U16, U18s, C Grade and A grade all made the Semi finals. In making the Semi's the C Grade had to defeat East Hills in a great game in the wet in a Wednesday night play off at Ruse Park. Both the A Grade and Under 18's were minor Premiers and Premiers, with the under 18's repeating last years success, scoring in the final minutes of the Grand Final to defeat Chris Haddad's St Johns side.

We have had great success in the Representative stakes in 2004, having 2 players selected for the Under 15 Development squad and 4 players selected to represent Canterbury in the Matthews Cup, as well as 4 players selected for S.G. Ball and Jersey Flegg during the year.

During the year we played a number of games at Potts Park with every side from the Under 11's to A grade playing at least 1 game there prior to the Bulls Jim Beam Cup games. This and the fact 3 teams trained away from Ruse Park had an influence on the crowds and we only had 1 Sunday where all teams played at home. The support from the Coaches and team staff fell away this year as a result of the lack of home games, and each week it was left up to a few to do the work of many. Dave Maroun and Joe Khoury deserve special mention for their hard work and diligence, and for their involvement as neither man had children playing football this year.

Financially we have struggled, as have all clubs, as crowds have been down, and if not for the kindness of our sponsors Dib, Glass Works, Select Finance and Anglo Distributors, we would not have been able to provide the many benefits to the players as we have, and a special thanks to Anglo who supplied a new drink fridge after last year's fire.

Lindsay Roach.

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Under 6's (The Mighty Midgets) of 2004

**Coach - Chris Haddad, Managers - Theresa Tagoai, May Norha
Trainer Tau Tuala**

Brandon Kalifa, Joshua Doumit, Charbel Tobbagi, Augouso Tagoai, Michael Norha, Adam Norha, Joseph Coorey, Evander Tuala, Lachlan Novale.

Under 6's 2004

The Mighty Midgets of 2004 (The Under 6's) were Brandon Kalifa, Joshua Doumit, Charbel Tobbagi, Augouso Tagoai, Adam and Michael Norha, Lachlan Novale, Joseph Coorey and Evander Tuala.

A bit of a tough start for the babies, we started with 4 players but did well ending up with 8. All the boys were new to the game of football and picked it up well, trying their best in each game, especially Adam, Michael and Lachlan, learning and enjoying themselves through out the season.

A big thanks to all the parents this year for making the extra effort to bring the boys out in the cold nights, and early mornings of the game. Best and Fairest award goes to Brendan Kalifa, with Most Improved Augusto Tagoai and a special Coaches Award to Charbel Tobbagi.

Thanks to May, Liz, Tau and Theresa, for their help.



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Under 7's 2004

**Coach: George Achram, Trainer Mariam Achram,
Daniel Hadchiti, Khaled Omran , Harry Tobbagi, Elias Doumit, Louie Tasi,
Carl Afeafetolilde, Joshua Doumit, Farama Novale.**

	U17 Reserve	P	W	D	L	B	F		A	Pts
1	Chester Hill	14	14	0	1	0	437	343	94	28
2	St Christophers	15	14	0	1	0	457	299	158	28
3	Revesby Heights	15	12	0	3	0	330	141	189	24
4	Bass Hill Warriors	15	11	0	4	0	305	89	216	22
5	Moorebank	14	8	0	7	0	241	9	232	16
6	Milperra Colts	15	5	1	9	0	241	-8	249	11
7	Brothers	13	4	0	11	0	114	-91	205	8
8	Bankstown Sports	15	4	0	11	0	232	-118	350	8
9	Bankstown Bulls	12	2	1	12	0	112	-172	284	5
10	Chipping Norton	14	0	0	15	0	64	-442	506	0

Under 7 2004

The under 7's had a reasonable year starting without a coach for the first few weeks as I was asked to take over half way through the year. The team played well each week and tried in every game. We did not win a lot of games because we started late, but we did improve every week. I was really proud to be able to coach you guys, and I know I had a great time and hope you enjoyed it too.

The players were:

Daniel,	The speed man of the side.
Khaled,	The Steve Price of the side. Ran hard and smashed the opposition in tackles.
Harry,	The Mark O Mealy of the side, a very tough running forward.
Elias,	The Bret Sherwin of the side organizing the big boys.
Louie,	The Matt Utai look alike, Strong and powerful.
Carl,	Our own Willie Tonga, small and fast looking for the try line.
Joshua,	the Corey Hughes of the side, cleaver and good tackler.
Farama,	came late in the season but always gave his best

All the boys played well with the best players Khaled, Elias and Daniel who performed well through every game.

I would just like to thank everyone for playing and turning up to training. Thanks to the Mums and Dads for their support, and to my Sister Mariam as first aider, and to Amanda my Manager for taking good care of the boys on game day. Good luck and I hope to see you all next year.

George Achram.

The Importance of Parents

Parents are the driving force behind Junior Rugby League. Their role as coordinators, coaches and volunteers is fundamental to the success of the Sport.

But it's not all giving. Parents have the opportunity to learn about the sport, improve their parental skill and make new friends through their involvement in Junior Rugby League.

We really encourage parents and careers to get involved with the Club, however Junior Football is for the juniors!!! Please keep in mind your conduct in on display at all times and if our children are to achieve the most out of football, they must be proud of your enthusiasm and not embarrassed by it.

We will distribute to each family a Parents Code of Conduct covering everything from entering the playing arena to abuse of the Referees and hosting visiting teams. Canterbury District JRL boasts to date an exemplary record as being one of the Leagues most hospitable clubs – a record we intend to maintain.

Junior Rugby League is hopefully the start of, or continuation of, a lifetime involvement in Rugby League.

Ten reasons parents become involved in Junior Sport:

1. Play with their children
2. Contribute to a child's social and sporting development.
3. Learn new skills.
4. Share talent and knowledge.
5. Serve the community.
6. Have fun, relax, and make friends.
7. Give something back to football.
8. Feel valued, useful and appreciated.
9. Love of the game.
10. Gain Satisfaction by helping others.

Bankstown JRLFC Ten Year Players

- Elias Chidiac
- Stephen Francis
- Damian Georges
- David Mansour
- John Chahla
- Danial Chideac
- Nathan Dib
- Anthony Doumit
- Nathan Wales

Five Year Players for 2004

- Shaaban Ali
- Anthony Daaboul
- George Giordmaina
- Anthony Chahla
- Vince Samuel
- Jonathon Hadchiti
- Danny Azar
- Edward El-Khek
- Paul Chidiac
- Karl Nohra

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Under 8's Grand Finalists 2004



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Coach - Charlie Francis, Manager - Tania Samuel,
Trainers - Michael Melville, John Janour.
Jamie Azar, Victor Barakat, Danny El-Kek, Jacob Francis, Joshua Kalifa
Jason Maatouk, William Nicholson, Omar Omran, Tony Samuel
Mathew Melville, Dimitri Vasilaras.

	U8 Reserve	P	W	D	L	B	F		A	Pts
1	Bankstown Sports	15	9	0	6	0	288	-7	295	18
2	Berala Bears	15	8	0	7	0	284	18	266	16
3	Bankstown Bulls	15	8	0	7	0	293	-55	348	16
4	East Hills	15	8	0	7	0	300	-134	434	16
5	St Christopher's	15	6	0	9	0	212	-106	318	12
6	Revesby Heights	14	6	0	8	1	215	-124	339	12
7	Millperra Colts	14	3	0	11	1	167	-222	389	6
8	Moorebank	15	3	0	12	0	167	-277	444	6
9	Padstow Panthers	11	0	0	11	0	121	-263	384	0
10	Chester Hill	15	0	0	15	0	133	-326	459	0

Under 8's 2004

After a slow start losing 5 games in a row the boys gained confidence with their first win and never looked back, the team improved throughout the year in both defence and attack and finished third to go into the semi finals. The boys played well in the semis defeating Berala and St Christopher's to play Sports in the grand final.

The grand final was a close game losing 17-10 and could have gone either way, though we lost the boys played extremely well and got very close on a couple of occasions only to have sports just hold on the last tackle.

1. **Jamie Azar** Jamie was strong in attack and was very hard to stop when he ran the ball. He started to improve in defence in the later part of the season.
2. **Victor Barakat** Victor showed he has potential in running the ball and has been trying hard to improve his tackling. Trained well during the year and played solid all year.
3. **Danny El-kek** Danny has been our quiet achiever for the year, and was very good in defence. He played most of the year at 1st receiver and always gave good passes to our runners. When he ran the ball, Danny always made the most of his chances. He kicked goals solidly all year.
4. **Jacob Francis** had a very good year all round with strong defence and in attacking. He was one of our leading defenders this year and has improved each year.
5. **Joshua Kalifa** Joshua improved his game in the later half of the season. He didn't get as many opportunities to show his true ability. Joshua played a good final series and we are looking forward to next year.
6. **Jason Maatouk** Jason had an improved 2nd year and scored his first try this year running all the way from halfway. Jason is one of the hardest tacklers in the team and has improved with every game. Well done.
7. **Mathew Melvin** Mathew displayed some strong running up in the middle and played well at dummy half and 1st receiver. Mathew has a good step and good vision that can make it hard for the opposition to stop him. Well done.
8. **William Nicholson** William had a brilliant year as captain of the side and played well every week. He made some important try saving tackles and kicked well in general. William was our leading point scorer with 84 points
9. **Omar Omran** Omar showed plenty of courage in defence and was our leading try scorer with 22 tries for the year; He showed excellent running and determination and was one of our leading defenders throughout the year.
10. **Tony Samuel** Tony had improved again from last year and had a good defensive game in the grand final. Tony tried very hard all year. Well done.
11. **Dimitri Vasilaras** Dimitri played his 1st year this season and had a very solid year. He showed potential in running the ball and good technique in tackling.

I would like to thank all the parents, friends and family for their input and hope for your continued support. A special thank you to Sam Omram and HMO for his support of the team over the past 3 years.

Thanks Tania for her support as team manager, and with time keeping and scoring during the year. Thanks to Joseph Jamour and Michael Melvin our great Trainers for all their efforts as well. And Thanks to all those who showed their support throughout the year. I am looking forward to next year in the Under 9's. **Charlie Francis.**



Under 9'Res

Coach Nick Yannieh, Manager Brendan Carrol, Trainer Fadi Karam

Mohammed Salameh, Ritchie Maomai, Ellie Matouk, Mohammed Hijazi,
Jerome Anderson, Mark Saad, Jamie Touma, Kieran Carroll.
Elias Saba, Christian Fepuleai, Richard Farfoud, Mathew Karam,

	U9 Reserve	P	W	D	L	B	F		A	Pts
1	Chester Hill	14	13	1	1	1	385	240	145	27
2	Milperra Colts	15	12	2	1	1	486	369	117	26
3	St Johns	14	11	1	3	1	394	239	155	23
4	Bass Hill Warriors	15	8	0	7	1	380	136	244	16
5	Moorebank	15	7	0	8	1	286	-21	307	14
6	Chipping Norton	14	4	0	10	2	222	-169	391	8
7	Bankstown Sports	14	4	0	11	1	182	-239	421	8
8	Bankstown Bulls	13	3	1	10	2	209	-124	333	7
9	St Christophers	14	3	0	11	2	178	-179	357	6
10	Greenacre	13	1	0	14	1	63	-474	537	2

Under 9s 2004

Under 9's we struggled at the beginning of the season, taking a few weeks to gather up a side. It hurt the team playing short and borrowing players from the Under 8 each week. We won our last few matches but failed to make the Semi Finals, winning our last game 50-nil, The signs were there after a poor start and if all the players back up in 2005 I am sure we will be semi final bound.

Mohammed Hijazi, our leader was missing for a few weeks at the beginning of the season when he went on holidays, and it took few weeks for him to get match fit again. But with him back to lead the side we slowly got stronger and more confident.

Ritchie Maomai a shy player in previous years came out of his shell and turned out to be a real star when the chips were down, scoring tries from all over the park.

Mark Saad, gaining focus and getting more involved in defense each week.

Richard Farfoud a new player in the side was a huge gain, making yards with the ball and brilliant in defense.

Jamie Touma was the Team Player of the year; he was ferocious and has improved over the past 2 years to become a little terrier, being first up in defense and knocking down the big boys time and time again.

Mathew Karam also played an important role as 1st receiver, positioning his outside players and organizing the attacking charges to the try line.

Jerome Anderson, another new boy to the side, came late in the season and with his great defense and attacking running style help create a large number of try scoring chances.

Mohammed Salameh was an under 8 who played up all year and was played well over his age every week with his pace he was able to blitz em on the outside and his defense was awesome.

Kieran Carroll, like Ritchie and Jamie really stood out this year, when the team needed a go to player it was Kieran running wide and scoring in the corner. Great attack and tireless in defense.

Christian Fepuleai came back to us late in the season, and though a little unfit showed just what a terrific player he was, tackling and scoring tries each week, it was no coincidence that the games we won were when Chris was on the field to add the extra depth.

Ellie Matouk was another new boy, not knowing a lot about football but developed into a great player with beautiful defense. Well done Ellie

Elias Saba was another new boy this year, and struggled a little but improved each week to help his team mates win the last few matches.

Thanks to all the parents for their support, and to Fadi, Brendan Carroll, and Rema Touma for their encouragement when things were tough. **Nick.**



Under 10-Grade 2004

Coach-Anthony Samuel, Manager -Najib Nohra

Anthony Azar, Danny Azar, Frederick Dib, Edward El-kek, Andrew Faamoana, Andrew Kazzi, Karl Nohra, Vince Samuel, Terrence Ahearn, Jake Samia, Fawzi Safi, Jonathon Hadchiti, Fred Khoury, Edward Pale, Paul Chidiac.

	U10 Grade	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts
1	St Johns	16	16	0	0	1	596	534	32
2	Berala Bears	15	14	0	1	2	465	413	28
3	East Hills	15	12	0	3	2	473	357	24
4	St Christophers	15	10	0	5	2	350	211	20
5	Padstow Panthers	15	8	0	7	2	274	-28	16
6	Chester Hill	16	6	0	10	1	231	-37	12
7	Revesby Heights	15	6	0	9	2	210	-117	12
8	Greenacre	15	5	0	10	2	132	-241	10
9	Moorebank	16	3	0	13	1	143	-314	6
10	Bankstown Bulls	16	3	0	13	1	145	-373	6
11	Milperra Colts	16	2	0	14	1	103	-405	4

Under 10's 2004

- Vince Samuel** Controlled the rucks admirably.
- Terrence Ahearn:** Heart as big as phar lap.
- Edward Pale:** Improved throughout the year.
- Jake Samia.** Excellent front-on defender-like his father.
- Danny Azar:** The stepper has great footwork.
- Fawzi Safi:** The Enforcer, tough as teak.
- Jonathon Hadchiti:** The game breaker.
- Andrew Fauomana:** Steve Price of the team, the yardage man.
- Freddy Dib:** Blockbusting ball runner.
- Karl Nohra:** Our own Adam Perry, The dummy half specialist.
- Paul Chidiac:** Wiry and tough.
- Fred Khoury:** Our Sonny Bill, The kamikaze hit man.

I would also like to say a special thanks to my manager Najeeb Nohra (Peter Moore) for his assistance through out the year and my wife Tania for washing the jerseys every week. Go the bulls in 2005.

Best and fairest: **Edward el-khek**
 Most improved **Andrew Kazzi**
 Coaches award **Anthony Azar** *Anthony Samuel*

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Under 11's 2004



Coach - Michael Corrie, Manager - Doris Francis
Trainer - Chris Salem

Andrew Carroll, Anthony Chahla, Benjamin Chidiac, David Touma Michael Issa, Ahmed Jarkas, George Giordmaina, Robert Francis, George Hosni, Gabe Issa, Ali Naim, Fred Afeaki, Ahmed El Hamawi. Anthony Daaboul

	U\11 Reserve	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts
1	Greenacre	16	14	1	1	0	384	193	29
2	Chester Hill	16	14	0	2	0	518	324	28
3	Milperra Colts	16	12	0	4	0	422	193	24
4	Revesby Heights	16	10	1	5	0	348	140	21
5	Bankstown Sports Y	16	7	0	9	0	366	66	14
6	Brothers	16	5	0	11	0	359	-113	10
7	St Johns	16	5	0	11	0	248	-180	10
8	Bankstown Sports G	16	4	1	11	0	331	-119	9
9	Bankstown Bulls	16	4	1	11	0	267	-176	9
10	Moorebank	16	3	0	13	0	199	-328	6

Under 11's 2004

Well what a year our gutsy little guys had. My first year as a coach has certainly been a learning experience and will hold us in good stead in 2005.

The boys learnt a lot this year, and went from a side who were no strangers to the mercy rule to a competitive team who won four games, drew one, and lead three of the semi finals sides late in the second half, and not once all season fell to the mercy rule.

Many thanks to Doris for her never ending work, Chris and all the parents for their support and help during the season. Without you we would have a tough job.

To those special boys, you did good, played strong and if we stick together, listen to the coach every time you train, and concentrate all the time we'll soon be semi final bound.

Frederick Afeaki
Andrew Carroll
Anthony Chahlala

Great dummy-half play.
The Flash, a consistent try scorer
Good on the wing, one of the most improved
Classy and consistent
Quick and deadly out wide
Tackling machine, always tough
Big heart, loves to run
Big, tough and uncompromising
Committed and dedicated team player
The Destroyer – the go forward guy
Honest hard worker
little warrior, worked hard all year
our own Jason Ryles
little dynamite
Guts and determination, an inspiration to all

Ben Chidiac
Anthony Daaboul
Robbie Francis
George Giordmaiwa
Ahmed El Hamawi
George Hosni
Jerry Helg
Ali Naim
Danny Nohra
David Touma
George Tuituu
Johnny Sukkar

See you in 2005! Thanks Guys. Mick and Doris



Scarf's under 12's 2004

Coach - Scarf Maroun Trainer - Lissette Maroun,

Maher Alameddine, Ahmed Ismail, John Kouromumalis, Anthony Maoutouk, Alex Pale
Mathew Ragonese, Hilal Roude, Hilal Shoueiki, Lhorwin Atos, Michael Jawoiski,
Reginald Tagoai, David Tohifolau, Mohammed Mardiu, Edward Sukkar,
Patrick Natividad, Elie Geha.

	U\12 Reserve	P	W	D	L	B	F		A	Pts
1	Brothers	16	15	0	1	0	634	383	251	30
2	Greenacre	16	12	0	4	0	413	144	269	24
3	East Hills	16	8	0	8	0	389	27	362	16
4	Chester Hill	16	7	1	8	0	425	72	353	15
5	Milperra Colts	15	7	0	8	1	299	-21	320	14
6	Moorebank	14	7	0	8	1	222	-78	300	14
7	Bankstown Bulls	16	6	1	9	0	361	-19	380	13
8	St Johns	14	1	0	14	1	120	-437	557	2

Under 12's 2004

This year under 12s had a successful year, just missing out on the semi finals by one point. We got off to a shaky start but mid season the boys picked up the pace, to move into third position with a month left of the regular season. Unfortunately we failed to win one of our last four games which saw us just miss out on the semis. It is only the boys second year together and again we picked up half a dozen new players which helped strengthen the side even more.

- Reggie:** One of our leading backs who was dangerous in attack and solid in defence.
- Maher:** Our cheeky dummy half who snuck in for a couple of tries this year.
- Patrick:** First year footballer who was explosive in attack and damaging in defence.
- Matthew:** Never missed a goal all year and got a lot more involved. Gets better the more he plays.
- Elie:** Came to us mid year and proved to be one of our best defenders. Keeps improving.
- Anthony:** Brilliant defender. For his size strongest player in the comp. He has no fear.
- Ahmed:** Guided the team around the park superbly. Awesome defender and smart in attack.
- David:** One part of the demolition duo. Kept a trail of destruction every time he ran.
- Alex:** The other of the duo. Forward of the year, devastating in attack and punishing in defence.
- Mohammed:** First year at the club very strong and very reliable. Gives 100% each week.
- Edward:** First year footballer who improved as the year went on. Will only improve next year.
- Hilal R:** Damaging with and without the ball. He hurt them when he ran and when he tackled.
- Michael:** Showed plenty of improvement in his first and will only be improved next year.
- Lhorwin:** Another first year player who gave 100% each time he played.
- John:** Had an interrupted season with injury but again showed promise.
- Hilal S:** Led by example, playing his heart out each week. Scored over 40 tries for the year. Was our Best and Fairest player of the year.

Thank you to all the parents and supporters who helped out during the year both in bringing the kids to the game and for helping with training, managing, time keeping, touch judging etc. Next year we will only be improved and the results will be there for all to see.

Scarf Maroun

Under 13's 2004



Under 13's 2004

Coach - Andrew Francis ,Manager - Sandra Pollack

Trainer - Tamos Hosni

Angelo Aleksioski, Wassim Ali, Joshua Chidiac, Phelix El-Kek, David Francis
Paul Francis, Jesse Haddad, Ali Hijazi, Bakhos Hosni Hatem Mikhael, Dane Pollack,
Jake Reaiche, George Saseve, Joseph Tannous, George Touma, Albert Boustani

	U\13 GRADE	P	W	D	L	B	F		A	Pts
1	Berala Bears	16	16	0	1	1	623	473	150	32
2	Bankstown Sports	18	15	0	3	0	814	571	243	30
3	St Johns	17	15	0	3	0	590	396	194	30
4	East Hills	18	14	0	4	0	605	355	250	28
5	Bankstown Bulls	18	7	0	11	0	476	-86	562	14
6	St Christopher's	16	6	1	11	0	310	-94	404	13
7	St George Dragons	18	5	1	12	0	278	-248	526	11
8	Greenacre	16	3	0	15	0	214	-388	602	6

Under 13 2004

The Under 13's this year started off with a new coach and were starting the season in reserve grade. After a couple of games the team was promoted in to grade and proceeded to perform quite well. We had a good selection of players big and small, fast and clever and spent most of our training trying to get fit.

We won our early games and were looking good until midway thru the year when we played Bankstown sports, which had also come up from Reserve grade that week, winning every game 50 nil.

With 3 minutes to half time we led 18 nil and looked the goods, but they scored and converted 2 tries before half time and another in the first minute of the second half to knock us for six and we lost what should have been an easy win. We never recovered from this loss and finished 5th, 1 spot out of the semi finals.

Never the less, a good result coming from Reserve grade back to grade.

Best every week was Bakis Hosni closely followed by Wasim Ali and Ali Hijazi.

I want to thank all the players and the Parents, especially Rema, Tony, Husky and Stephen for being Trainers.

Bankstown JRLFC life Members

- Warrick Shakespeare
- John Edwards
- Lynn Farah
- Ray Farah



Under 15

**Coach - Paul Tabet, Manager - John Pollack,
Trainer - Matthew Pollack**

Luke Pollack, Christopher Antoniou, Daniel Chidiac, Timothy Chidiac, Nathan Dib, George Hadchiti, Mohammed Hammoud, Jason Hanna, Mark Hanna, Danny Hanna Anthony Tobbagi Raymond Tobbagi. Mahmoud Assaf, John Chalouhi, Bashier Faljoun. Matthew Habib, Elias Houarni, Le Thoung, Toufic Sukkar, Fadi Abougharrach.

	U15 GRADE	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts
1	St George Dragons	17	16	1	0	0	748	536	212 33
2	St Johns	16	14	1	2	0	561	325	236 29
3	Berala Bears	17	12	0	5	0	550	328	222 24
4	Chester Hill	15	9	0	8	0	404	67	337 18
5	St Christopher's	16	8	1	7	1	264	14	250 17
6	Milperra Colts	17	8	1	8	0	347	-67	414 17
7	Bankstown Bulls	15	5	2	9	1	242	-186	428 12
8	Bankstown Sports	17	3	1	13	0	270	-298	568 7
9	Greenacre	17	4	1	12	0	282	-310	592 4
10	East Hills	16	2	0	14	1	203	-349	552 4

Under 15 2004

The Season began at with a very promising outlook. The players were starting to form a great combination.

Outstanding players this season were:

Ray Tobaggai,	Led by Example
Mohammed Hammoud,	Played above his weight every week
Luke Pollock,	A Big Improver this year
George Hadchiti,	Tough as nails, never gives in
Jason Hanna,	Skill full and fast
Mark Hanna.	Loads of talent

We started the year with a bunch of new players and with a couple of good wins early off. But half way thru the year the wheels fell off caused by a heavy injury toll which took 7 players out of action and 2 suspensions, plus Nathan Dib left us and went away for a month. This made it an uphill battle just to field a side each week having to get Players from the Under 13's to fill in to make up the numbers. But the boys never gave up and decided they had to go out and turn the results around. Ray Tobbagi took over as Captain and led the side magnificently scoring 4 tries in one game to win and stay in touch with the top 5.

However we missed the cut off, and had to watch Milperra and St Chrissies play off, knowing we had beaten both sides during the year. A special mention to Fadi , a new player who came late in 2004. He helped us in the final games and was a bonus to the side.

Thanks to the Under 13's for helping out and John, Sandra and Matthew Pollack for their assistance during the year. Congratulations to Ray and Nathan for making the Bulldogs Harold Matthews side.

Best and Fairest Player: **Ray Tobaggai** This season was a learning season and a good stepping block for 2004.

Paul Tabet

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Under 16's 2004

Coach - Lindsay Roach, Manager - Susan Williams

Trainer - Lloyd Williams

Nathan Reiche, David Roach, Heka Nanai, Joe Matouk Brad Williams, Harlan Alaalatoa, Elias Mousa, Shaaban Ali, Saad Faljoun, Saeed Abdallah Anthony Doumit, Rodwan Barbour, James Hosking, Anthony Estrange, John Khoury, Saleh Alkhair, Bill Najjar, Peter Chehade John Chahla , Barry Saad, Nathan Wales.

U16 GRADE		P	W	D	L	B	F		A	Pts
1	Greenacre	15	12	1	2	2	432	179	253	25
2	East Hills	14	10	2	3	2	384	170	214	22
3	St George Dragons	14	10	2	3	2	391	165	226	22
4	St Johns	16	9	0	7	1	360	50	310	18
5	Bankstown Bulls	14	7	1	7	2	371	97	274	15
6	Berala Bears	14	7	0	8	2	269	-75	344	14
7	St Christophers	14	5	0	9	3	236	-140	376	10
8	Chester Hill	15	3	0	12	2	276	-175	451	6
9	Padstow Panthers	14	3	0	13	1	228	-222	450	6

Under 16,s Semi Finalist's 2004

What a topsy turvy year. We started training early but could not seem to find the energy to make it happen, especially as we had 4 boys playing Canterbury Reps, and not available till round 4. Added to that we lost 8 players from 2003 and struggled to put a side on the paddock.

We had some luck with a forfeit from Berala in our first game, and as we could only field 11 players we were grateful. From there it went down hill, suffering defeat after defeat with the boys making too many mistakes. At the half way mark in the competition we were LAST , but with a couple of new players, Peter and James, and Harlan back in the side, we had a big win over Padstow and everything changed. With our new found confidence the boys saw they had a chance of making the semi finals and buckled down to play some entertaining football.

We had a narrow win over the undefeated Greenacre, 24-18 (Minor Premiers) drew with the eventual premiers Dragons 30-30 , smacked East Hills 38-10 , Chester Hill 34-8, and St Chrissies 38-4 , lost to St Johns 22-20 , but won our final game 52-18 and progress to the Semi Finals.

Our first semi final was against St Johns, last year's grand finalists and a team who had defeated us twice 26-22 and 22-20. The boys looked forward to this game and believed they could reverse the results from earlier in the season. With the added enthusiasm we went on to crush St Johns 24-8 for the Teams first Semi Final win in 5 years.

However the win took its toll as the enthusiasm could not be maintained for an extra 7 days and our next game against East Hills was a complete reversal and we were bundled out of the finals race 50-20.

The big improvers in the side were Elias, Peter, Radwan, Joe, Bill and Saleh, with Brad, Barry, Shaaban, and Anthony doing the hard work when the rep boys were away. Thanks to all the players who put up with me during the year, and to Lloyd for washing the jerseys every week, Sue for her help with the score keeping. And thanks to the Parents for supporting the boys when things were tough, and good luck to Heka, James, Harlan and David and the rest of the boys for future Rep honors.

Lindsay Roach

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Coach - Tony Francis Manager - Joe Khoury

Trainers -Troy English, Mark Tobray, John Barakat,

Back Row: Faa Tolo, Heka Nanai, Steven Willis, Alan Magerovski, Stephen Francis, Adnan Saleh, George Sua, Hamad Assaad, Dale Whitehill.

Centre: Chris Afamasaga, Tony Francis Chris Vaefaga, Bassem EISadik, Ameo Blaira. Joe Khoury , Huns Faapito, Adam Mansour, John Barakat .

Front Row: James Hosking, Omar Masri, Chris Najjar, Nathan Barakat, Hussan Hijazi, © Hadi Said, AJ Pesamino , Ben Barakat, (Ballboy) , Troy English. Mark Tobray

	U18 GRADE	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts
1	Bankstown Bulls	16	12	0	5	0	477	229	24
2	Padstow Panthers	13	11	1	3	2	365	172	23
3	St Johns	14	10	0	5	2	391	145	20
4	East Hills	15	9	0	6	2	394	178	18
5	Greenacre	14	9	0	6	2	378	136	18
6	Berala Bears	15	6	1	8	2	292	-82	13
7	Campbelltown	5	3	0	7	1	170	44	6
8	Ingleburn RSL	15	1	0	15	1	126	-478	2

Under 18,s Premiers 2004

The Under 18's started with a new Coach in 2004 with Tony Francis taking over from Andrew. We also picked up 2 very experienced trainers in Troy English and Mark Tobray, to compliment John Barakat. The boys had a mixed year, sometimes playing well and sometimes forgetting to bring their football ability to the game, but through a series of changes in the draw were able to lose a few games and still come out as minor premiers.

Our thanks must go to the Under 16 players who were asked to play up and did a great job filling in, James Hosking played like a regular; Heka and Harlan were strong and complimented the side when we needed help, as did Barry and Brad.

Our First Semi Final was an eye opener, leading St Johns 12-0 and getting run down to lose by a big score made the boys realise that they had some work to do. So Mark and Troy made the boys look at themselves in the mirror and knuckle down to realise their potential. We then played East Hills in a replay of last year's grand final and won our spot in the grand final, in a return match against St Johns.

The Grand final was a tight affair with St Johns leading 10-8, with 5 to go and refusing to take an easy shot at goal, instead going for the try to wrap the game up, but fate put a long St Johns pass in the reach of our captain Husky, and from there it was a ninety meter sprint in the rain, between him and two St Johns players to decide the Premiership. Husky, exhausted but urged on by the big crowd dived for the line 5 meters out and slid over for a Grand Final winning try, in the stuff "dreams are made off", the Trophy was Ours!

Thanks to Roy Hijazi for his sponsorship, Joe Khoury, Troy English, Mark Tobray and John Barakat for their hard work all year.

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C Grade 2004

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Trainers – Simon Ayoub

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	C GRADE	P	W	D	L	B	F		A	Pts
1	Padstow Panthers	16	11	3	3	1	501	249	252	25
2	Moorebank	15	12	1	4	1	432	214	218	25
3	St Christophers	17	10	4	3	1	392	188	204	24
4	Bankstown Bulls	17	9	0	8	1	311	98	213	18
5	East Hills	17	9	0	8	1	304	48	256	18
6	St Johns	17	6	2	9	1	324	56	268	14
7	Greenacre	10	3	0	8	0	150	-52	202	6
8	Chipping Norton	15	0	0	17	1	72	-724	796	0

C Grade Semi Finalist's 2004

C grade started off with a new coach in 2004, With Anthony Ayoub taking over from Chris Haddad. The boys trialed well and Anthony bought with him a heap of new players to strengthen the side. During the year the teams excellent defence had them in a winning position in every game and it was usually just a bit of bad luck or a rush of blood that stopped them from winning more games.

The competition was close all year with any of the top 6 teams capable of winning the premiership, with eventual winners Moorebank probably the strongest side during the year. An example of how tight the games were was the 2-nill win against St Johns, a very tough affair on a hot afternoon.

The Bulls were able to score equal 4th place for a semi final playoff, and played East Hills on a wet Wednesday night. It was East Hills that eliminated this team from the Semi-finals as Under 16 and Under 18's.

But not this year, and the boys won a tight game in terrible conditions to go into the semi Finals against St Christopher's. However tiredness prevailed and they were eliminated, but not without putting up a good fight.

Best for the season were Damian Georges, David Mansor, John Arthur Williams, Ellie Moujally and Trent Touma.

Thanks to Ray and Simon for their help during the year, and Mt Lewis Bowling Club for hosting us after our games each week.

Anthony Ayoub

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A Grade Premiers 2004



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Alan Eades, Phillip Takchi ,Warren Younan, Zayne Hammound, James Ilaiu, Danial Garcia, John Arthur Williams, Sam Sa , Joe Garcia . Sonny Faulkner , Darren Mataitai, Jamie Phelan, Murphy Aloda, Charbel Mannah , Luke Kelly, Paul Arraj (Coach) Peter Arraj (Trainer), George Nohra, Joe Marroun, Richard Kairouz, Robbie Francis (Ball boy), James Rahme, Ben Scoles, Luke Williams Garth Zreik, George Obeid, Joe Marroun. Marcel Rahme (Manager)

	A GRADE	P	W	D	L	B	F		A	Pts
1	Bankstown Bulls	16	15	0	3	0	651	413	238	30
2	St Christophers	18	14	0	4	0	586	368	218	28
3	Moorebank	17	12	0	6	0	528	301	227	24
4	Chester Hill	16	7	0	10	1	364	20	344	14
5	Regents Park	15	5	0	10	0	191	-313	504	10
6	Greenacre	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
7	Milperra Colts	16	0	0	18	0	98	-700	798	0

Bankstown Bulls – A Grade Premiers

In the inaugural season for the Bankstown Bulls RLFC, the A-Grade side crowned the 2004 season with a well-deserved premiership victory.

During the regular season, the side won 15 from 18 games with numerous outstanding performances, some coming in difficult circumstances. Most notably the 24-0 defeat of Regents Park with only 11 players, and the 32-24 defeat of a strong Moorebank side with only 12 players after a send-off.

The side finished the season as minor premiers and went into the semi-finals full of confidence and faced St. Christopher's in the qualifying final. As was expected, the game was tight with a 10-10 score line at half time. Early in the second half, St. Christopher's scored two quick tries to take a 22-10 lead with 25 minutes left. Three tries in a powerful last 20 minutes saw a determined Bulls side win 26-22 and take a deserved berth in the Grand Final.

The Final provided a major upset with Chester Hill defeating St. Christopher's 8-6 in atrocious conditions at Belmore Sports Ground.

Grand Final day dawned fine and sunny, with hopes of fast and attractive football on the cards. By lunchtime however, the storm clouds had come in with driving rain and hail the order of the afternoon.

With two solid weeks of preparations, the Bulls A-Grade side arrived at Belmore focused and determined. What was to follow was a thorough and complete demolition of Chester Hill. In atrocious conditions, the Bulls ran in 9 tries to record a 52-6 thumping of Chester Hill. In a side where no one played poorly, Luke Kelly (man of the match) and Phillip Takchi were outstanding.

Scorers: Bankstown Bulls 52 (Tries: George Obeid 2, Richard Kairouz 2, Phillip Takchi 2, Joe Maroun, Sam Sa. Charbel Mannah. Goals: Ben Scholes 6, Luke Williams 2) defeated Chester Hill 6

The season produced many outstanding performers, most notably Player of the Year Phillip Takchi. Phillip had an outstanding year, culminating in selection in the Grand Final winning Sydney Bulls Jim Beam Cup side. Phillip's work rate was phenomenal. With Phillip on the field, you could have been mistaken for believing our side had 15 players on the field.

A-Grade Squad: Luke Williams (Captain), Phillip Takchi, Daniel Garcia, Joe Garcia, Luke Kelly, John Arthur Woolsley, Garth Zreik, Ben Scholes, Warren Younan, Zayne Hammoud, James Ilaiu, Jamie Phelan, Darrren Mataitai, James Rahme, Sonny Faulkner, Charbel Mannah, Sam Sa, George Obeid, Richard Kairouz, Joe Maroun, George Nohra, Murphy Aloda. and Ferdi Campisi.

Special mentions:

- Our captain Luke Williams who showed great leadership and played in our Jim Beam Cup team.
- Mr 'fix it' Ben Scholes. Ben's versatility was our greatest asset, being able to fill numerous positions with little or no notice, playing his heart out always.
- Our bookends Luke Kelly and Warren Younan who took upon themselves to lead from the engine room and damage the opposition. Their performance on Grand Final Day was outstanding.
- Mr 'Dependable'; Joe and Daniel Garcia. Week in and week out these blokes performed.
- John Arthur Woolsley, Garth Zreik and Sam Sa who showed immense talent. With a solid off-season, opportunities with the Sydney Bulls Jim Beam Cup side are a possibility.
- Our older brigade George Obeid and Richard Kairouz, who brought valuable experience to our young team.
- Joe Maroun and George Nohra from our C-Grade team who filled in numerous times during the season. Joe played in our Grand Final winning team and had an outstanding game.

Bankstown Bulls Players for 2004.

SAEED	ABDULLAH	U16	THOUNG	LE	U15
FADI	ABOUGHARRACH	U15	VINCE	LEVI	U13
CHRISTOPHER	AFAMASAGA	U18	ELIE	MAATOUK	U9
CARL	AFEAFE TOLILDE	U7	JASON	MAATOUK	U 8
FREDERICK	AFEAKI	U11	ANHONY	MAATOUK	U12
TERENCE	AH-HEN	U10	JOSEPH	MAATOUK	U16
MOHAMED	AKRA	A	ALAN	MAGEROVSKI	U18
HARLAN	ALAALATO	U16	CHARBEL	MANNAH	A
MAHER	ALAMEDDINE	U12	DAVID	MANSOUR	C
WASSIM	ALI	U13	ADAM	MANSOUR	U18
SHAABAN	ALI	U16	MOUHAMMED	MARDLI	U12
SALEH	AL-KHAIR	U16	SAMER	MARROUN	C
MURPHY	ALODA	A	JOSEPH	MARROUN	C
WILLIAM	ANDERSON	U18	KHODAR	MASRI	U13
JEROME	ANDERSON	U9	OMAR	MASRI	U18
CHRISTOPHER	ANTONIOU	U15	DARREN	MATAITI	A
WALID	ASSAAD	U16	BRANDON	McCARTHY	A
HAMAD	ASSAAD	U18	MATHEW	MELVIN	U 8
MAHMOUD	ASSAF	U15	RITCHARD	MOAMAI	U9
LHORWIN	ATOS	U12	ELIE	MOUJALLY	C
LESLIE	AUSTEN	C	ELIAS	MOUSSA	U16
JAMIE	AZAR	U 8	SAEED	NABHAN	C
ANTHONY	AZAR	U10	ALI	NAIM	U11
DANNY	AZAR	U10	BILL	NAJJAR	U16
ELIAS	AZZI	U13	CHRISTOPHER	NAJJAR	U18
VICTOR	BARAKAT	U 8	HEKA	NANAI	U16
NATHAN	BARAKAT	U18	PATRICK	NATIVIDAD	U12
ALADDIN	BARBOUR	U13	WILLIAM	NEEDHAM	C
RODWAN	BARBOUR	U16	CHARBEL	NEHME	C
DAMIEN	BERENGER	U9	WILLIAM	NICHOLSON	U 8
AMEO	BLAIRA	U18	MICHAEL	NOHRA	6
ALBERT	BOUSTANI	U13	ADAM	NOHRA	6
FERDINANDO	CAMPISI	A	GEORGE	NOHRA	C
ANDREW	CARROLL	U11	KARL	NOHRA	U10
KEIRAN	CARROLL	U9	DANNY	NOHRA	U11
ANTHONY	CHAHLA	U11	LACHLAN	NOVALE	6
JOHN	CHAHLA	U16	FARAMA	NOVALE	U7
JOHN	CHALOUHI	U15	GEORGE	O'BEID	A
PETER	CHEHADE	U16	CHRISTOPHER	OMEISSAH	U10
MOHAMED	CHEIKH	A	EDWARD	OMEISSAH	U9
PAUL	CHIDIAC	U10	OMAR	OMRAN	U 8
BENJAMIN	CHIDIAC	U11	KHALED	OMRAN	U7
JOSHUA	CHIDIAC	U13	EDWARD	PALE	U10
TIMOTHY	CHIDIAC	U15	ALEX	PALE	U12
DANIEL	CHIDIAC	U15	A.J.	PESAMINO	U18
JOSEPH	COOREY	U6	JAMIE	PHELAN	A
ANTHONY	DAABOUL	U11	LUKE	POLLACK	U15

FREDERICK	DIB	U10	DANE	POLLACK	U13
NATHAN	DIB	U15	MATHEW	RAGONESE	U12
TONY	DICKSON	C	ADHAM	RAHMAN	C
JOSHUA	DOUMIT	U6	JAMES	RAHME	C
ANTHONY	DOUMIT	U16	JAKE	REAICHE	U13
ELIAS	DOUMIT	U7	NATHAN	REAICHE	U16
AHMED	EL HAMAWI	U11	DAVID	ROACH	U16
BASSAM	EL SADIK	U18	HILAL	ROUDE	U12
DANNY	EL-KEK	U 8	SAM	SA	A
EDWARD	EL-KEK	U10	YOUSEF	SAAD	C
FELIX	EL-KEK	U13	BARRY	SAAD	U16
ANTHONY	ESTEPHAN	U16	MARK	SAAD	U9
ANDREW	FAAMOANA	U10	HOUSAM	SAADAT	C
HUNS	FAAPITO	U18	ELIAS	SABA	U9
BASHIR	FAJLOUN	U15	FOWZI	SAFI	U10
SAAD	FALJOUN	U16	HADI	SAID	U18
RICHARD	FARFOUD	U9	TAREK	SALAMEH	C
SONNY	FAULKNER	A	MOHAMMAD	SALAMEH	U9
CHRISTIAN	FEPULEAI	U9	ADNAN	SALEH	U18
JACOB	FRANCIS	U 8	JAKE	SAMIA	U10
ROBERT	FRANCIS	U11	TONY	SAMUEL	U 8
DAVID	FRANCIS	U13	VINCE	SAMUEL	U10
PAUL	FRANCIS	U13	GEORGE	SASEBE	U13
STEVEN	FRANCIS	U18	BEN	SCHOLES	A
JOE	GARCIA	A	SHANE	SHERIFF	C
DANIEL	GARCIA	A	HILAL	SHOEIKI	U12
ELIE	GEHA	U12	GEORGE	SUA	U18
DANIEL	GEORGES	C	PENI	SUENI	A
GEORGE	GIORDMAINA	U11	JOHN	SUKKAR	U11
MATTHEW	HABIB	U15	EDWARD	SUKKAR	U12
JONATHAN	HADCHITI	U10	ELIAS	SUKKAR	U13
GEORGE	HADCHITI	U15	TOUFIC	SUKKAR	U15
DANIEL	HADCHITI	U7	AUGOUSO	TAGOAI	U6
ZAYNE	HAMMOUD	A	REGINALD	TAGOAI	U12
MOHAMMED	HAMMOUD	U15	Wael	TAHAN	C
EMIL	HANNA	U13	PHILLIP	TAKCHI	A
JASON	HANNA	U15	LOUIE	TASI	U7
MARK	HANNA	U15	WAYNE	THOMPSON	C
DANNY	HANNA	U15	BRETT	THOMPSON	C
JERRY	HELG	U11	CHARBEL	TOBBAGI	U6
HUSSEN	HIJAZI	U18	ANTHONY	TOBBAGI	U15
ALI	HIJAZI	U13	RAYMOND	TOBBAGI	U15
MOHAMMAD	HIJAZI	U9	HARRY	TOBBAGI	U7
JAMES	HOSKINGS	U16	DAVID	TOHIFOLAU	U12
GEORGE	HOSNI	U11	FAA	TOLO	U18
BAKHOS	HOSNI	U13	ROBERT	TORBAY	U18
ELIAS	HOURLANI	U15	TRENT	TOUMA	C
JAMES	ILAIU	A	DAVID	TOUMA	U11
MOHAMMED	ISMAIL	C	GEORGE	TOUMA	U13
AHMED	ISMAIL	U12	JAMIE	TOUMA	U9
MICHAEL	JAWOISKI	U12	EVANDER	TUALA	U6

RICHARD	KAIROUZ	A	GEORGE	TUITUI	U11
BRANDON	KALIFA	U6	CHRISTOPHER	VAEFAGA	U18
JOSHUA	KALIFA	U 8	DIMITRI	VASILARAS	U 8
MATTHEW	KARAM	U9	NATHAN	WALES	U16
ANDREW	KAZZI	U10	JARED	WARREN	A
LUKE	KELLY	A	DALE	WHITEHILL	U18
FOUAD	KHOURY	U10	LUKE	WILLIAMS	A
JOHN	KHOURY	U16	BRAD	WILLIAMS	U16
JOHN	KOUROMUMALIS	U12	STEVEN	WILLIS	U18
BRANDON	YOUNIS	U9	JOHN Arthur	WOOLSEY	C
GARTH	ZRIEK	A	WARREN	YOUNAN	A

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- **Stephen Willis** **J.Flegg**
- **Bassem El Sadik** **SG BALL**
- **Dale WhiteHill** **SG BALL**
- **Chris Afamasaga** **SG BALL**
- **Chris Vaefega** **SG BALL**
- **Hadi Said** **SG BALL**
- **Heka Nanai** **H.Matthews**
- **James Hosking** **H.Matthews**
- **Harlan Alaalatola** **H.Matthews**
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Nick is a true volunteer in every sense of the word. We all say we are here for the kids but one young father has made a special effort for his son and teammates this year.

Nick's son James played with the Bankstown Cougars U8's in 2003 as a seven year old. This was his first year of football after overcoming both muscle and bone cancer when he was 3 years old. At the end of that season, Nick agreed to take on the role of Coach to the Under 9s, much to the delight of young James, who was looking forward to spending additional time with his dad.

But fate stepped in and during the off season, James had a relapse of the cancer and went back to Westmead Hospital and not to football training as he so desired. However Nick was determined to keep his word to his son and his team mates and fulfill his role as Coach. So when the football season started, Nick would be at the Park with the Team on Saturday mornings. In the afternoons, he would be at the Hospital to tell James all about the game, or ring him from the park with the scores.

Nick never missed a Training session and gave 150% to the boys and the football club. While some of us go down the park to watch our children play footy, Nick was there doing what he could to at least make James part of the sport he dearly wanted to play. If he could, he would work at the Park, running the BBQ or what ever, then go to the Hospital to visit his son.

James has some hurdles to climb this year, with several operations to remove tumors and chemotherapy ahead of him. We hope that with the support of his Dad, Mum, family, schoolmates at Grandville Public and his Bankstown teammates, he will overcome his illness and return to the game he loves.

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