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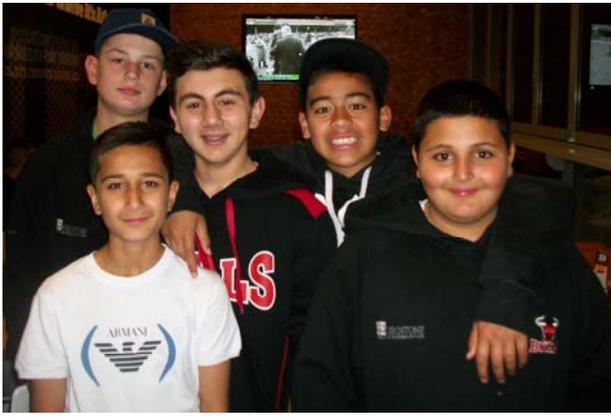


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BANKSTOWN J.R.L.F.C

2016 YEARBOOK







FIVE YEAR PLAYERS (2016)

Congratulations to the 18 following players for achieving five years service at the Bulls in 2016



Orlando Moors (8)



Adam Nabhan (8)



Abraham Abdel-Ghani (9)



Matthew Barakat (9)



Christian Ibrahim (9)



Jaidon Youssef (9)



Zakaria Zailaa (9)



Jaiden Barakat (10)



Tylah Euta-Slate (10)



Brandon Paterson (10)



Jad El-Ali (11)



Mereki Dennis-Reid (12)



Amir Warwar (12)



Hicham El-Ali (13)



AJ Masau (13)



Xander Tavita (13)



Talalelei Alaelua (15)



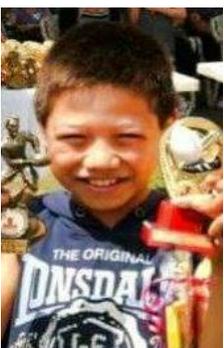
Jonah Moors (16)

5 Years in 2017: Vaea Akau'ola, Gabriel Ali, Christian Chiha, Jad Salamah, Ahmad El Haj Youssef, Ibrahim Iskandar, Billy Najjar, Asad Touma, Jawad Saleh, Mohamed Saleh, Mostapha Nachabe, Mohammed Serhan, Cameron Grady

10 Years in 2017: Malcolm Chambers, Jonathan Chan Kum Tong, Billal Raad, Adam Mansour

TEN YEAR PLAYERS (2016)

Ngawhiti Hetaraka (13) Charlie Youssef (13)
George Youssef (14) Gordon Chan Kum Tong (14)
Kelvin Euta (15) Andrew Hadchiti (15)



Congratulations to Ngawhiti, Charlie, George, Gordon, Kelvin & Andrew for 10 years of outstanding Bulls service

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



What an impressive year for the Bankstown Bulls this year with 3 sides winning their respective comps which were u9/3, u12/1 and u14/1. The pre-season saw an increase of 2 sides from last year and we had a very busy trial schedule which set up the club financially. We had 4 massive weekends of trials this year against the likes of Bankstown Sports, Kingsgrove Colts, Greenacre Tigers, Alexandria Rovers, Concord Burwood Wolves and Parramatta Titans. We thank those clubs for coming to Ruse Park as these trials gave our teams the chance to develop and increase their skills on and off the field.

This year attracted 29 sponsors to the club which really assisted the club in obtaining things such as gear for the players, canteen necessities and other essential equipment such as tackling bags, footballs and more. Their assistance is

much needed and appreciated by everyone at the club. Without all these generous sponsors this club wouldn't exist. Thank you to all the sponsors.

It was a privilege being the secretary of the Bankstown Bulls this year. There are countless people I'd like to thank this year for their efforts in keeping this club up and running successfully. I'd firstly like to thank my wife, Jamal Safetly, for her continuous support and her outstanding efforts in managing the club canteen. She assisted the club every week at training and on game day. The canteen wouldn't run without her. Thanks to Sonya Grady, Katia Nader, Suzie Dib, Dianne Williams, Rachel Shaw, Rebecca Nohra, Laila Barakat, Maggie Chahine and everyone else who assisted Jamal in operating the canteen this year.

We had some great assistance at managing the ground and BBQ this year. Thanks to Mark Shaw, Brad Whigham, Wade Giddings, Darrell Gadd, Dave Tarabay, Adam Williams plus his 2 sons, Lawrence Karam, Zahi Elzein, Brian Ibrahim, Scott Grady and many more I can't remember. Thank you for all your help.

Thank you to the president of the club Najib Nohra for his support, friendship and belief in me. Thanks to Ted El Sayed, Michael Rodrigues and Stan Hetaraka for their personal support on many occasions. Thank you to Sonya Grady for stepping up this year and helping out in my time of absence.

When I first took over as Secretary in late 2012 the registration system was a mess. I'm very appreciative of the under 13/2 coach Matt O'Neill who cleaned up the system and has since successfully and rapidly completed all the registrations kindly giving up his time to assist the club. Thanks Matt great commitment.

Special thank you to my 3 boys Jake, Daniel and Joseph who were coaching and training teams this year and always assisting with other teams and in particular thanks to my daughter Suzy who was helping train a team this year and putting many hours working in the canteen and BBQ every week.

Our club overall had a significant improvement this year with a rapid growth in player numbers and volunteers. Bankstown Bulls can only get bigger and better from here on in and in 2017 we will see success both on and off the field. I wish everyone the best in the off season and hoping to see everyone back for another big year at the Bankstown Bulls.

Danny Safetly
Secretary, Bankstown Bulls JRLFC



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Firstly, I would like to congratulate all our players, coaches, managers, committee members and volunteers for the dedication they have shown for the 2016 season. We had 9 out of 15 eligible teams make the semi finals, 5 teams contested grand finals and 3 teams win premierships making us the most successful Canterbury club in 2016.

The year started full of promise with the club moving forward until tragedy struck following round 6 when our Secretary Danny Safely had an unexpected accident. This put Danny into a coma for nearly two months and out of action for the remainder of the season. I thank Sonya Grady for stepping in as Acting Secretary in the absence of Danny and doing a wonderful job in very difficult circumstances. Sonya really filled the breach extremely well. Thank you Sonya.

A big thanks to Katia Nader and Suzie Dib for stepping up in the canteen with the hard working Jamal Safely away for much of the year. Thank you to all the helpers in the canteen that assisted Sonya, Katia and Suzie.

We had helpers across the ground this year a special thanks to everyone who helped out in particular to my brother Karam Nohra, David Tarabay, Abdul Nabhan, Lawrence Karam, Zahi Elzein, Brian Ibrahim, Scott Grady, Brad Whigham and many more helpers. I thank you all.

Thank you to Matt O'Neill for doing every registration in the club, making sure all our officials are properly qualified and for putting the yearbook together on top of whole heartedly coaching a team.

To all our sponsors, your support large or small is greatly valued and appreciated.

I do apologise for not always being around this year being called upon to work on the Gold Coast this year taking away my time in Sydney and with the Bulls. Thank you for understanding.

We hope that Danny Safely and his wife Jamal are back at the Bulls next year in whatever capacity they want to return in. The club missed Danny and Jamal a lot this year.

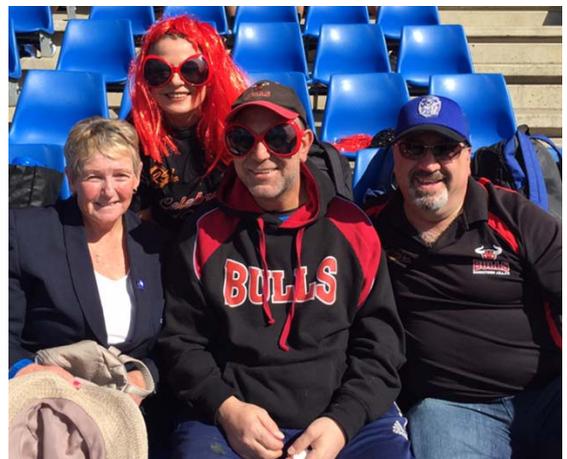
To every single Volunteer Member who has worked in the background and on game days I say thank you. This Club would not be where it is today without you.

Thanks to our Club Patrons Tania Mihailuk MP and George Coorey for their support of the Bulls.

Looking forward to next season where we will all be moving in the same direction – **TAKING THE CLUB FORWARD.**

“Train Hard, Play Hard, Die Hard”
“GO THE MIGHTY BULLS”

Najib Nohra
President, Bankstown Bulls JRLFC



ACTING SECRETARY'S REPORT

WELL where do I start other than wow!!!! That was one very turbulent season for us all.

Firstly I would like to thank Najib Nohra and Danny Safetly for the opportunity to be the Assistant Secretary of the Bankstown Bulls. At this time I was told by both that you don't have to do anymore than what you are currently doing. Famous last words hey!!!! The next minute I was stepping up as Acting Club Secretary for which I was so not prepared for and did not think I could ever had been prepared for. However I would not have managed to make it to the end of the season without the support from Najib Nohra, our Club President he may have been on the Gold Coast but he was only a phone call away from me. Thanks Najib again for your support.

Secondly I would like to thank Danny Safetly, Jamal Safetly, Karam Nohra Suzie Dib, Katia Nader, Brad Whigham, Wade Giddings, Adam Williams, Dianne Williams, Mark Shaw, Rachel Shaw, Jessica Gadd, David Tarabay, Matt O'Neill and all their families and everyone else that has helped me through my steep learning curve. Your dedication, commitment, diligence and hard work should not go unrecognised. You are all the best.

Not only did I get support from within our club, I was also supported and guided by Gavin Lawrence and the Canterbury Junior League officials. Their patience and guidance was greatly appreciated.

It was in fact a very successful season for our club with Bankstown Bulls having the most teams playing in Grand Finals than all other clubs in our district and all played their Grand Finals at Belmore Sports Ground. Something to be very proud of. Congratulations again to those teams that played in the Grand Finals this season you all did our club very proud.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our Coaches, Managers and Trainers for all their efforts and commitment to their teams throughout the 2016 season you guys do a great job. Without you, our club would not be as strong. Thanks once again.

Lastly, I would like to sincerely thank my husband Scott and sons Bradley and Cameron and my close friends and family for their understanding and support during my time acting as Club Secretary for a dear friend while he was unwell.

Bring on 2017 season!!!!

Sonya Grady
Acting Club Secretary Bankstown Bulls JRLFC



UNDER 5



Second Row: Fay Chan Kum Tong (Trainer), Sandra Chahine (Manager), Amir Chahine, Iverson Eru Sua, Isaac Biuvanua-Heather, Joshua Kome (Coach)

First Row: Mihran Rafiq, Charbel Chiha, Kamorah Chan Kum Tong, Yaseen Zailaa, Cornelius Biuvanua-Heather

Well what a year it has been for our little ones. They might be the youngest in our club but they sure do have the biggest hearts. I'm so thankful for the opportunity that i had to coach n mentor these group of children as well as making it a fun and an enjoyable experience for their first year of football.

I wouldn't have been able to do this alone working alongside me was Fay Chan Kum Tong (Trainer) and Sandra Chahine (Manager). These women showed tremendous patience and sacrifice throughout this year to attend to and meet every child's needs from the washing of their jerseys to tissues for their nose I'm so glad to have had these women by my side.

I would like to thank all the parents for they're continual support and love of all our little ones this year but most of all I would like to thank all the under 5's for all their efforts this year. I hope you all learnt a new skill or two but most of all I hope you all had fun! fun! fun!

PLAYER	T	PTS
Abdulkhalek Fawal	0	0
Amir Chahine	0	0
Charbel Chiha	13	52
Cornelius Heather	15	60
Issac Heather	16	64
Iverson Eru Sua	2	8
Jennings Sasulu	0	0
Kamorah Chan Kum Tong	10	40
Mihran Rafiq	0	0
Yaseen Zailaa	0	0



UNDER 6



Second Row: David Tarabay (Trainer), Ali Yassine, Danny Tarabay, Jamal Taki, Amanda Nabhan (Manager)
 First Row: Xavier Nader, Hassan Mansour, Noah Nabhan, Ameer Baylouneh, Jarrah Dennis-Reid
 Absent: Joshua Hadchiti, Christopher Tonga, Jalal El Masri, Jacob Allouche. Pictured Below: Dimitri Vasilaras (Coach)

This year has been a year of firsts for not only many of the boys in the team, but also for myself. It was such a rewarding experience and my pleasure to coach such a great bunch of boys. I really wish that this year did not end so soon and I hope all of the boys and parents feel the same.

Now, enough about me though and more about the boys that made this team such a joy to be involved with and all the people that made this year possible.

I'd like to thank David for helping me out so much with everything this year and I can easily say that I would have been pretty lost without him as my trainer.

Likewise with Amanda for all that she did especially all the stuff that goes unnoticed such as looking for sponsors to get hoodies for the team and the great night that we had the week after our season came to a close.

These two are the two that really deserve all the credit for this year as they are the two that really made this year what it was.

I'd also like to thank all the parents for being very patient with me especially when I would occasionally be late to the early starts for games which I greatly apologise for. Without all of you, your boys would not be the wonderful boys that they are today.

I'd also like to thank the club for all that they done for us and also accepting me with open arms and trusting me to be able to coach this year. All the running around and organizing courses as well as jerseys and equipment, all the little things that go unnoticed, I say thank you.

PLAYER	T	PTS
Ali Yassine	1	4
Ameer Baylouneh	0	0
Christopher Tonga	0	0
Danny Tarabay	9	36
Hassan Mansour	14	56
Jalal El Masri	0	0
Jamal Taki	0	0
Jacob Allouche	0	0
Jarrah Dennis-Reid	12	48
Joshua Hadchiti	7	28
Noah Nabhan	15	60
Xavier Nader	0	0



Most of all, I want to say thank you very, very much to all the wonderful boys that I had the pleasure of coaching this year. It's safe to say that we all enjoyed the year from myself to the parents to both Amanda and David that really saved my skin this year all too often.

All of you were an absolute pleasure to coach and all that matters is that this year, you all had fun and enjoyed yourselves enough to want to come back and do it all again next year.

All of you boys have come so far since the start of the year. Many of you had never played before and didn't know things like passing the ball and tackling with your shoulders. I saw all of you grow and develop and seeing all your smiles when you were all having fun was really such a great thing to see. I hope you learnt a lot from us all this year and that you all come back again next year so we can become bigger and better!

Under 6/1 Player Summaries

Noah Nabhan: Played with no fear, always trying his hardest especially with tackling those bigger boys. Then he'd get the ball in his hands and run rings around everybody and even through them sometimes!

Ali Yassine: Big, never-ending bundle of energy who never ever stops and is always trying to get better and better. Always found a way to make us laugh and the highlight has to be the try he scored this year!

Ameer Baylouneh: Always had a smile on his face and Mr Diadora's laces were undone almost as often! Always finds a way to make us all laugh and always gives his all at training and in the games too.

Jalal El Masri: Really grew this year as a young player especially in defence, going in with no fear and making some impressive tackles especially on some bigger boys!



Danny Tarabay: The little man at the back pulling off many a cover tackle and the odd try-saver too. To back up all the hard work in defence, he'd also be a nightmare for the defence with the ball too!

Joshua Hadchiti: When he has the ball in his hands and runs it hard, get out of the way! Always gave it his all and always had a big smile on his face.

Christopher Tonga: Always tried his hardest at training and at the games. Really tried his hardest to listen and get better at training.

Xavier Nader: Was almost always the 1st boy at training and at the games and always gave it his all. Superstar dummy half!

Hassan Mansour: Little speedster with pace to burn leaving all those chasing in his dust and grabbing many tries as a result! What was most impressive though is his brilliant tackling, especially of those boys much bigger than himself!

Jarrahdennis-Reid: Mr Twinkle-toes with his magic feet was always a nightmare to defend against! If there's a gap to be found and step through, he will find it!

Jamal Taki: Worked especially hard at training on his tackling and became a tackling machine as they year progressed. Always hard to find a young boy who loves to tackle but we have found one!

Jacob Allouche: Joined us late in the year and was brilliant, especially in his first game of the year, tackling everything that moved with no fear! He continued that for the rest of the year and also learned the basics such as passing and playing the ball really quickly too!



UNDER 7 DIVISION 1



Back Row: Rachel Akau'ola (Manager), Oka Chan Kum Tong (Coach), Thomas Bowen (Trainer), Mohammed Abu Naim (Trainer), George Badran (Coach), Suzie Mehrez (Timekeeper)
 Middle Row: Ioane Sasulu, Vaea Akau'ola, Omar Abu Naim, David Bowen
 Front Row: Noah Mehrez, Zemis Christie-Sailor, Jordan Badran, Van Kome, Oka Chan Kum Tong
 Absent: Issa Mansur, Adnan Mansur

What a chain of events 2016 handed out to these kids. They started the year with 13 kids and ended it with 7, and they still managed to win the games we wanted to play best against, who were our toughest opponents Moorebank and Berala we had lost to these teams prior with a full squad and managed to win with only 7 of our strongest boys and 1 kid stepping in from u7 div2 to help out. Can't wait to see these kids play footy in 2017. After round 13 these kids went into mature mode being only 6 and 7 years of age these kids were listening, training hard and most importantly knowing how to have fun.

David Bowen: Our little raging bull! He has come a long way and is our top try scorer this year. His defence has improved a lot and his running style works every time he gets the ball he pretty much gets a try.

Jordan Badran: Our humble giant! This kid is a team player, he was out sick a couple of early games but still came to support his team mates. He looked dangerous every time he ran the ball, running straight at his opponents and his defence has dramatically improved.

Adnan Mansur: Our steam roller! Almost at the same scoring level with our top try scorer but a lot of his tries went unrecorded under his name but it didn't effect him knowing he was scoring not for himself but for his team mates. His defence did improve and he will continually show great skill.

Issa Mansur: Our speedster playing up a year with his brother has been great in attack and exceptional in defence, he has a great tackling technique and will definitely come back stronger.

Noah Mehrez: Large in heart and completely fearless! He has shown great technique and sneakiness scoring tries from dummy half runs and a great support player with leadership signs telling his team mates who he wants to run. His defence is remarkable getting up quick into his opponents.

Omar Abu Naim: Strong and courageous! Made a massive improvement in his game which is why he came into div1 from div2 mid season and showed great signs in defence and attack, will definitely see him develop more and more in a matter of time.

Zemis Christie-Sailor: Little Semi Radrada our speedster! Showing extremely great foot work and defence, he was always there in support for his team mates, never arguing or fighting for a run, he is very courageous and well behaved and we will definitely continue to see great things from him in the years to come.

PLAYER	T	PTS
Adnan Mansur	7	28
Ali Faour	1	4
David Bowen	19	76
Ioane Sasulu	11	44
Issa Mansur	2	8
Jordan Badran	0	0
Noah Mehrez	10	40
Oka Chan Kum Tong	2	8
Omar Abu Naim	0	0
Vaea Akau'ola	17	68
Van Dean Kome	1	4
Zemis Christie-Sailor	4	16

UNDER 7 DIVISION 2



Back Row: Charlise Bennett (Manager), Luke Shekoush (Coach), Francis Saena (Trainer)
 Middle Row: Jack Bennett, Adam Sadler, Leighton Ford-Saena, Phillip Samaan
 Front Row: Peter Shekoush, Elijah Biuvanua-Heather, Jacob Hanna, Dennis Ah Lam, Noah Dergham
 Absent: Ali Faour, Eziqiel Tiatia, Omar Chamma

Leighton Ford-Saena: Has all the qualities of a 1st grade player. A very strong runner and can score. A team player who looks out for his mates. I can't wait to see him play next year.

Peter Shekoush: Has come along way since he started in the under 6s team last year. He has developed ball handling skills and understands the game. He now loves his footy and scored 44 points this season with a lot more to offer next season.

Elijah Biuvanua-Heather: Is the strongest tackler in his team and probably the whole division. He sits in full back position cleaning up the missed tackles winning us games. Looking forward to coaching seeing this future champion next year.

Jacob Hanna: Is an example of a team player and has so much more potential to unleash. He was so fast this season we had problems seeing him when he was running. Also the leading try scorer with 16 and has the loudest fan base.

Eziqiel Tiatia: Picked up the game straight away. He now knows how to tackle, run the ball and understands the game.

Jack Bennett: Has a ripper dummy he's been working on the whole season. He perfected it the last few games even fooling the people watching. His tackling has improved and he has a gift of putting the other team under pressure.

Noah Dergham: Loves playing football and is a quite achiever. He is a tough boy with a lot of potential to offer the team next year. He now understands the game and is ready for next season.

Denise Ahlam: Is a star player is always there to back his team mates up in tackling. He is quick on his feet and a good learner with heaps of potential on offer.

Adam Sadler: Started the season late. He now understands the game and is ready for next year

Omar Chamma: Very fast on his feet with excellent ball skills. He's a strong runner with a very good step always there in a tackle to back his team.

PLAYER	T	PTS
Adam Sadler	0	0
Ali Faour	5	20
Dennis Ahlam	2	8
Elias Youssef	1	4
Elijah Biuvanua-Heather	7	28
Eziqiel Tiatia	0	0
Jack Bennett	5	20
Jacob Hanna	16	64
Leighton Ford-Saena	7	28
Noah Dergham	3	12
Omar Abu Naim	4	16
Omar Chamma	0	0
Peter Shekoush	11	44
Phillip Samaan	0	0

It was a pleasure coaching this team with manager Charlise Bennett and trainer Francis Saena. With a combined effort we bought out the best in every kid and I'm looking forward to next season.
 Luke Shekoush (Coach)

UNDER 8 DIVISION 1



Back Row: Julie Warwar (Manager), Zahi Elzein (Coach), Joseph Hadchiti, Zaine Warwar, Phillip Euta-Nanai, Jaffar El Sayed, John Simotas (Trainer), Justin Cavanna (Trainer)
 Front Row: Walid Kassem, Noah Makdessi, Zayd Elzein, Xavier Cavanna, Dimitrios Simotas
 Absent: Barukh Semaia, Ezekiel Taulaga

We started the season we a few new faces and some familiar ones, and every week more and more players signed up.

The Bulls muscled up and got over the line on a number of occasions, they opened their season with a win and then managed a good season outcome of 5 wins, 8 losses and 1 draw, the boys gave it their all week in, week out, playing against some very strong opposition.

A team bonding session at bowling helped the team gel together and hang together outside the footy field.

A big thank you to all the staff for making this a successful year.

John was our second manager and stepped up this year into the role of trainer.

Julie managed the team scoring and ensuring the stats were right and jerseys were ready week in week out.

Zahi ran the plays, coached and got the team ready every week.

Our main aim was to perform to the best of our ability and most important participate and have fun. This team is only going to get better with age. We look forward to a larger playing field next year where these boys can open up and show their full abilities.

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Barukh Semaia	13	6	64
Dimitrios Simotas	4	3	22
Ezekiel Taulaga	3	0	12
Jaffar El Sayed	2	1	10
Joseph Hadchiti	6	4	32
Noah Makdessi	1	1	6
Philip Euta-Nanai	1	0	4
Walid Kassem	1	1	6
Xavier Cavanna	1	1	6
Zaine Warwar	14	4	64
Zayd Elzein	5	4	28





Player Summaries:

Zayd El Zein: With 5 tries and 4 conversions, Zayd knew how to find the line. Playing out on the edges the opposition had great difficulty breaking the line with his solid defence.

Zaine Warwar: Great step, he is a speedster in the open and with 14 tries and 4 conversions for the season he leads the team in point scoring.

Joseph Hadchiti: A Big Man in the centre, Joey made it hard for the opposition to break the line. He did the big hit ups and made plenty of meters to get us out of trouble. He had 6 tries 4 conversions for the season.

Ezekiel Taulaga: Big hit ups was the only thing Ezekiel knew, he made plenty of meters to get us out of our end, with 3 tries he was not stranger to the try line.

Barukh Semaia: Great outside running with pace and a step that would leave the opposition in his wake, had a great strike rate, and crossed the line for 13 tries and added to that 6 conversions.

Jaffar El Sayed: Always played hard, ran hard and tackled hard. He crossed the line for 2 two tries and 1 conversion.

Dimitrios Simotas: Dimitrios would always put his body on the line, his defence was outstanding and was no stranger to finding the line, he crossed over for 4 tries and had 3 conversions.

Walid Kassem: Played above his age, and is a new position of dummy half. Walid was as tackling machine, and was hard to catch when out in the open.

Philip Euta-Nanai: He made Big Hit ups and big tackles when it was needed, Phillip was a force to be reckoned with.

Noah Makedessi: Very fast when out in the open field he was hard to catch. Noah knew how to carve up the oppositions and was a tackling powerhouse. With one try and one conversion he was on 100% success rate.



UNDER 8 DIVISION 2



Back Row: Suzie Dib (Manager), Brad Whigham (Trainer), Hanna Jouni, Jonice Ruri Tolufitu, Louis Tiatia, Julius Brown, Jehad Chamma, Daniel Safety (Coach), Suzy Safety (Trainer)
 Front Row: Timothy Fugawai, Zackaria Nassif, Noah El-Chami, Christian Dib, Issac El-Mustapha, Nour Nouredine
 Absent: Francis Mekhael



PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Christian Dib	2	0	8
Francis Mekhael	0	1	2
Hanna Jouni	0	0	0
Issac El- Mustapha	1	0	4
Jehad Chamma	16	9	82
Jonice Ruri Tolufitu	5	1	22
Julius Brown	8	4	40
Leinari Leafa	0	0	0
Louis Tiatia	5	0	20
Noah El-Chami	21	5	94
Nour Nouredine	2	4	16
Timothy Fugawai	3	0	12
Zackaria Nassif	2	2	12

A very new experience this season was working with a mini side. As the first few weeks of pre-season training went by we struggled for numbers. Eventually the players came and our side was full. The majority of this side was new to the game of rugby league so I knew this would be a very challenging experience.

We started off the season slow with the boys getting the feel of what rugby league is all about. Once the boys got to know each other I could see that friendships were being made which is why these boys developed into great little footy players this season. The under 8s division 2 competition consists of 12 teams, every team was evenly matched with each other which is what made this a very enjoyable competition to coach in.

The boys have done a great job this season finishing the year with 8 wins 1 draw and 6 very close losses. A very good job for first time rugby league players. This season was all about having fun and learning the basics of the game. One thing I enjoyed about this side was that when they lost they were absolutely filthy with themselves. This shows the amount of passion and heart the players have got for the game. The players have come a long way this season and there is plenty more improvement and learning to be done.

I'd just like to thank the whole Bankstown Bulls club for supporting and being there for myself and my family this year. Special thank you to Danny Safetly (Father) for all your advice and guidance this year, you're the best. I would also like to thank Matt O'Neill (The Webmaster) who controls the Bulls magazine and websites.

I'd also like to thank my coaching staff this season for putting up with me all year. Suzie Dib, the best manager of all time. Made sure everyone was on time to the games. Very organized. Bought half of Coles to every game this year keeping the players energized during and after the game. Sorry for screaming at you. Brad Whigham - the next Ron Palmer. Through the good times and the bad times Brad will always stick by his team. A true clubman. Thanks to Richard for helping me out at training.

Thanks to Zahi Elzein for filling in for my while I was suspended for 4 weeks. Lastly thank you to the parents for waking up early and taking your kids to the games. To the boys I hope you had as much fun as I did this season. I like to see all players come back in 2017 ready for a big season.

Christian Dib (Jason Nightingale): Got better every week. Ran hard and pulled off some great tackles.

Issac El-Mustapha (William Hopoate): Played with his heart all year. Always loved a challenge.

Timothy Fugawai (James Segeyaro): Very quick off the mark. Great little hooker. Always put his body on the line.

Nour Noureddine (Josh Reynolds): A very competitive player. Ran hard all season. Played dummy half. Strong defender.

Jonice Ruri Tolufitu (James Tamou): A big improver this season. Runs the ball with no fear. Has a very strong palm.

Zackaria Nassif (Gareth Widdop): The captain of the side. Did a very good job organizing the team. Great passing game.

Julias Brown (Jarryd Hayne): One of the best runners in the competition. A great side step saw him make many line breaks this season.

Hanna Jouni (Josh Morris): Joined the side late. Played halfback towards the end of the year, did a great job. One of the leaders in the side.

Noah El-Chami (Greg Inglis): Champion defender. Scored some great long-range tries this season and made many try saving tackles.

Jehad Chamma (Josh Mansour): Plays with no fear. Will tackle anything that moves. His speed saw him score some outstanding tries.

Louis Tiatia (Josh Papalii): Joined halfway through the year. The biggest player in the competition. Leaving players on the floor every time he ran. Absolutely smashed the other teams in defence.

This side can potentially be a very special and successful side for the Bulls in the years to come.

Thank you, Daniel Safetly (Coach)



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UNDER 9 DIVISION 1 SEMI FINALISTS



Back Row: Christian Wirenkyi, Stamatis Moananu, Hussein Hachem, Adam Elkordi

Middle Row: Mahmoud Mougharbel (Trainer), Gabriel Ali, Ehab Mougharbel, Luatasi Sega, Mohammed El-Sayed, Jacob Nohra, Brian Ibrahim (Coach)

Front Row: Rabieh El Mohamed, Divine Saena, Christian Ibrahim (Vice-Capt), Muhammad Jamaledine, Christian Chiha (Captain), Kamel Faour
Absent: Rebecca Nohra (Manager), Emily Ibrahim (Timekeeper), Joshua Ibrahim (Trainer)



PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Adam Elkordi	2	3	14
Christian Chiha	12	14	76
Christian Ibrahim	5	10	40
Christian Wirenkyi	0	0	0
Divine Saena	14	0	56
Ehab Mougharbel	1	3	10
Gabriel Ali	1	0	4
Hussein Hachem	0	0	0
Jacob Nohra	0	2	4
Kamel Faour	1	0	4
Luatasi Sega	1	0	4
Mohamad El Sayed	1	0	4
Muhammad Jamaledine	3	1	14
Rabieh El Mohamed	2	0	8
Stamatis Moananu	12	3	54

As a coach of the under 9's division one side I can honestly say we had an outstanding season from winning two games last year to making the semis and proving we worthy of being a division one team.

The whole team performed like a professional rugby league team. We had some terrific achievements with our captain Christian Chiha leading the top point scorer for the whole of the under 9's division followed by Divine Saena and Sam Moananu coming second and third with the most points in the competition.

I'd like to thank my managers Rebecca Nohra and Emily Ibrahim, trainers Mahmoud Mougharbel and Joshua Ibrahim for all the great work they have done with the team during the season.

Thanks to all the great parents that provided great support for the boys throughout the year. All welcome back next year!!

Christian Chiha (captain): Captain courageous, never let the team down, his defence was outstanding all year round.

Christian Ibrahim (vice-capt): Had a great year as vice captain helping his captain control the game, young kid full of fame.

Jacob Pearce Nohra: Like a runaway steam train fending his way through the soft competition that was in front of him.

Sam Moanau: Great player for the bulls this year, stood out from all of the players around him, with runs and defence.

Divine Saena: The little man that came to me and proved that he was worthy to be in a first division team. They say size doesn't matter and it really showed out on the field.

Ehab Mougharbel: Never let the boys down on his wing, done what he was asked and had a great season with the boys.

Adam Elkordi: What a player! With his fancy footstep and defence to match, Adam never let the team down.

Gabriel Ali: Gabby had a great season with his runs and his fend, to hurt the other teams.

Rabieh El Mohamed: Rabieh had a slow start to the season, took time to learn his position and came out of his shell with great performance.

Christian Wirenkyi: First season player, didn't know to take him but after a few games he became a steam roller.

Mohamad El Sayed: Itchy never let the team down with runs and defence to beat the rest.

Muhammad Jamaledine: Muhammad the shy assassin. For his size never let anyone pass him with defence and running!

Hussein Hachem: First day he came to training and played a game and said "this is hard" then slowly found his feet and proved devastating with his runs.

Luatasi Segga: First year to ever play league and what a player. with years to come and more knowledge of the game, watch out for this boy.



CLUB PATRON TANIA MIHAILUK MP:

The Bankstown Bulls are pleased to have Tania Mihailuk as the official Club Patron. Tania has been the Member for Bankstown since March 2011. Previously, she served as Mayor of Bankstown City Council from 2006 to May 2011. Having been raised in Bankstown, Tania is honoured to serve her community as Member for Bankstown. As the local representative, Tania wants to make sure that Bankstown receives the infrastructure, resources and attention it deserves at a State Level. Bankstown has a great future. With a growing population and strategic location, the area is well placed to become a major centre in Sydney.

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UNDER 9 DIVISION 3 PREMIERS & MINOR PREMIERS



Second Row: Amanda Nabhan (Manager), Bryan Dokmak, Elijah Taulaga (Vice-Capt), Orlando Moors, Charbel Moussa, Shane O'Callaghan, Zakaria Zailaa, Moses Bowen, Danny Farah (Coach), Johnny Youssef (Trainer)
First Row: Nooan Dennis-Reid, Jad Salamah (Captain), Abraham Abdel-Ghani, Ali Abdel-Qader, Jerome Chalouf, Jaidon Youssef, Riyadh Allouche, Adam Nabhan

What a stellar year it was for the boys this year. Contemplating playing in Division 2, we opted just before the season to go to Division 3 due to having 3 of our players being only 8 years old playing a division up and also having the smallest size team in the competition.

Yet, that didn't stop us from being the 2016 PREMIERS. Having played 11 games for 11 wins and two byes, we went in to the last round undefeated only to lose the last round 24-20 to Revesby whom we eventually beat in the Grand Final.

We then played the same team (Revesby) in the first week of the semis for a place in the Grand Final but lost on the buzzer 6-4, never say never though, we were then notified later that day by Canterbury that Revesby had failed to comply with the substitution rules and were disqualified which then pushed us straight to the Grand Final instead. Revesby one the preliminary final and then it was on for young and old, Bankstown Bulls Vs Revesby Rhinos in the big Day.

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Abraham Abdel-Ghani	4	1	18
Adam Nabhan	7	2	32
Ali Abdel Qader	1	1	6
Bryan Dokmak	8	4	40
Charbel Moussa	0	0	0
Elijah Taulaga	3	5	22
Jad Salamah	13	3	58
Jaidon Youssef	5	4	28
Jerome Chalouf	5	7	34
Moses Bowen	5	1	22
Nooan Dennis-Reid	13	6	64
Orlando Moors	11	5	54
Riyadh Allouche	0	0	0
Shane O'Callaghan	7	4	36
Zakaria Zailaa	1	2	8

For some reason the boys were confident on the day and knew that if they played as a team we had a great chance. Down 4-nil at half time, the pep talk worked and the boys came out in the second half and dished out tries to Jerome (who barged over the line 10 metres out), Shane (who pounced on a grubber from our dummy half Nooan) and Nooan (who has done all year and went from Dummy half to dive in the corner). We Won the Grand Final 18-16 and it was well deserved. Each player played their part and you couldn't fault the effort of this small team with alot of heart.

A huge thank you to the team trainer Johnny Youssef for his support throughout the year and of course the team manager Amanda Nabhan, who pretty much did everything for the team. Also, I would like to thank the parents of each and every player for consistently being at each and every game this year supporting the kids. Lastly a big thank you to the whole team, you know what you are all capable of and to me you're all superstars, I'm so proud of you all.

I will now finish up by going through each player of the champion Under 9's Division 3 team:

Jad Salamah (captain): Fullback. Jad is a leader and has developed over the past couple of season to be a true footballer. His attitude on game days is second to none. He's got the skills and ability to guide the team around the park is fantastic. Jad is quick, resilient and talented. Can score tries and set them up. My player's player. **Player Comparison: LACHLAN COOTE (COWBOYS).**

Elijah Taulaga (vice-captain): Lock, Front-Row. Lethal player, very strong and as solid as ever. His efforts on the field lift the other players and his runs on each and every play set the platform for our team to go further. Elijah is one of the most valuable players on the team and will be a star of the future. **Player Comparison: JAMES GRAHAM (BULLDOGS).**

Orlando Moors: Wing, centre. Olly is not just quick and elusive but a great defender. He found the try line on several occasions coming in the top 3, but his big plays were his abilities to tackle anyone who came his way. Star of the future and only 8 years old. **Player Comparison: MICHAEL JENNINGS (EELS).**

Abraham Abdel-Ghani: Wing, centre, fullback. Abraham has a good footy head on him, he has pace and can defend his position well. In previous seasons Abraham scored more tries, but this season was tougher, yet he is a valuable player of the team and played his part enormously in the team, well done Abs. **Player Comparison: CURTIS RONA (BULLDOGS).**

Bryan Dokmak: Wing, centre, fullback. Bryan, one of two players who came after a few rounds from Moorebank. Glad he did, Bryan has speed and nice stepping capabilities. Provided good depth in the backs which we needed. A full season next year with the Bulls and I can definitely see Bryan becoming really special. **Player Comparison: WILL CHAMBERS (STORM).**

Moses Bowen: Wing, centre, fullback. Don't worry about his stats, Moses to me is the most improved player this year and is a Kid with No fear in his defensive traits. Has Speed and I honestly don't remember any opposition player getting past him as he tackled anything and everything. Will be lethal in the future. **Player Comparison: JOSH MORRIS (BULLDOGS).**

Adam Nabhan: Halfback, dummy half. Small, 8 Years old But wow what a player. Adam has developed to be a definite star of the future, plays his first receiver role better than anyone else and has speed to burn scoring some great tries this year. Adam is naturally talented and loves his footy, pleasure to coach.

Player Comparison: COOPER CRONK (STORM).

Nooan Dennis-Reid: Hooker, first receiver. Again, small and 8 years old.... But wow what a player, no other way to put it. Nooan is probably the smallest player in the whole competition, but definitely the best hooker in the whole competition too, has scored some great tries and tackles the biggest players on the field. He set up and scored in the Grand Final which in my opinion won us the game. Another naturally talented player who also loves his footy, well done Nooan! **Player Comparison: CAMERON SMITH (STORM).**

Jaidon Youssef: Lock, front-row. Bumping bruising Jaidon. Strong, consistent and never gives up. Jaidon's performances all year were solid and his team efforts were not overlooked. Always looking for the ball and always making the hard metres for our backs. Jaidon has developed nicely over the years and I can only see him getting stronger and more damaging in years to come. Also, kicked the last goal in the Grand Final which won us the game. Well done Jaidon! **Player Comparison: DAVID KLEMMER (BULLDOGS).**

Zackaria Zailaa: Lock, second-row. Zack has a never say never attitude. Zack makes the metres and plays with heart each and every game. I love coaching Zack and what he brings to the team. Effort is always there and never has a bad game. After a big run in the grand final Zack tore his collar bone and was hospitalised after the game, but the player he is he never gave up. **Player Comparison: LUKE LEWIS (SHARKS).**

Shane O'Callaghan: Centre, second-row. Shane is a great all round player. He has the speed and a solid build which helps him in defence. Shane has become an integral part of the team and with his ability will become one super player in the future. Scored some nice length of the field tries and very consistent. Good on you Shane. **Player Comparison: GAVIN COOPER (COWBOYS).**

Jerome Chalouf: Halfback, lock, front-row. If you want effort, this player has it all. Has silky hands, powerful runner, a boot like the best and hits them as hard as anyone. Jerome is a talented player who came to the bulls midyear from Moorebank as well. Has given the team a new dimension in attack and is an asset to the team in general. Jerome won the Man of the Match award in the Grand Final with his solo try and goal and outstanding effort. An all round player. **Player Comparison: COREY PARKER (BRONCOS).**

Ali Abdel Qader: Hooker. Ali has an attitude I wish most players had. Whether he comes off the bench or starts he gives his all and is such a nuggetty solid player. He came across from Greenacre this year and I am certain he will develop nicely in years to come. **Player Comparison: MICHAEL LICHAA (BULLDOGS).**

Riyadh Allouche: Hooker. Riyadh is one of those players you love having in your team. When he gets angry, he will tackle anything and anyone. He also always plays his role consistently every game and does what he supposed to, support and tackle his heart out. He didn't find the try-line this year but I'm sure he will next season. Well done Riyadh. **Player Comparison: CAMERON MCINNES (RABBITHS).**

Charbel Joseph: Front-row. CJ is one of our big guns, he's a meter eater and tries hard every week. He was short in scoring his maiden try on a couple of occasions especially the Grand Final but come next season, I am expecting CJ to be a very damaging forward in the game. Keep it up CJ. **Player Comparison: LEESON AH MAU (DRAGONS).**

Thanks, Danny Farah (Coach)

UNDER 10 DIVISION 2 GRAND FINALISTS & MINOR PREMIERS



Second Row: George Najjar (Trainer), Elie Kalifa, Abdel Haddad, Joshua Tonga (Captain), Tylah Euta-Slate, Brandon Paterson, Billy Najjar, Victor Barakat (Coach), Rhonda El Sayed (Manager)

First Row: Assaad Dib, Matthew Barakat, Jaiden Barakat, Aisa Faaleaga, Naim Nassif, Ahmad El Haj Youssef, Edmond El Sayed

This year was full of excitement for myself as a coach and for the boys. We had a slow start to the pre season, but once we got all of the boys together as a team they began to gel very well. Filling into the division two side gave all the boys a great opportunity to develop their skills as individuals and as a team.

They worked hard week in and week out and its that work ethic that put them in the grand final. Although it wasn't the ending that we were hoping for, it was still an outstanding performance on the boys behalf.

The experience of them being in a grand final together will further improve them all individually and as a team. What really impressed me this year is how well the boys all stuck together till the end. They all helped each other grow as individuals by teaching each other new skills and building friendships that will last forever, which is what the game does to us.

I would like to thank my trainer George for helping me take care of the boys during training and game day. It was an honour having George by my side throughout the year as his experience helped me and the boys in getting us through to the grand final.

Thank you to my manager Rhonda for putting up with the boys every week, and controlling the boys when we couldn't. Without either of you two the team wouldn't be where they are today. Thanks to all the parents for your ongoing support and for bringing the kids to and from training and games.

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Abdel Haddad	0	3	6
Ahmad El Haj Youssef	6	6	36
Aisa Faaleaga	0	0	0
Assaad Dib	2	2	12
Billy Najjar	9	0	36
Brandon Paterson	2	7	22
Edmond Elsayed	4	4	24
Elie Kalifa	1	6	16
Ibrahim Iskandar	0	1	2
Jaiden Barakat	20	8	96
Joshua Tonga	23	5	102
Matthew Barakat	11	10	64
Naim Nassif	0	1	2
Tylah Euta-Slate	1	0	4



Player Summaries:

Jaiden Barakat: Really stepped up as a leader this year and helped the team push through the tough games. Was always on his feet and was there when the boys needed him.

Ibrahim Iskandar: Great aggression which is what is needed in any team. Gets up in the oppositions face to make the tackle and make sure they know who's there.

Brandon Patterson: Grew as a leader this year and showed a great improvement towards the team by stepping up and running straight and hard.

Assad Dib: Perfect first year of football, one of the best defending players I've seen. Got involved with everyone in the team and was the class clown of the team.

Ahmad El Haj Youssef: The best kids are always listening and thats all that he done during training and on game days. Which shows that he had an excellent year because everything he got told to do during training he would do on game day. Stepped up as a leader and improved every week.

Matthew Barakat: From playing up a year he done a great job and really shocked the opposition when he had the ball in his hand. Helped the big boys by taking those quick runs and defended great along the edges.

Elie Kalifa: Very smart player and really got himself involved this year. He was always there looking for the off load to his team mates and most of the time the player would get the ball and score.

Billy Najjar: Controlled the middle of the ruck and got the boys pushing throughout the game. Really got behind the big boys to keep pushing the team forward.

Tylah Euta-Slate: Great attacking and defending player and he always showed it on the game. Played from his heart and for the boys and thats what you want from any player. Would always break the line and whoever ran at him would know to never run at him again after they get tackled.

Naim Nassif: First year in football and he improved every week by getting himself involved in training and at game days.

Aisa Faaleaga: Another player who played their first year of football and grew every week by learning the game. Really started to put his body on the line and step up.

Abdel Haddad: Was always getting himself involved and encouraging the team to push forward. Helped break the line for the boys.

Josh Tonga: Every week this kid will play not just for himself but for everyone around him and watching him. He was the leader of the pack and would bust through the opposition and help push the team forward.

Edmond El Sayed: Quick service from dummy half and was always running hard and straight even though his one of the small kids. Was always pushing in attack and would be quite difficult for the other kids to get him down.



UNDER 11 DIVISION 1



Back Row: Lucas Nohra, Charles Afeaki, Tasesa Volkman, Nepote Taufa
 Middle Row: Rebecca Nohra (Manager), Karam Nohra (Coach), Helal Mehrez, Jai Wright, Adam Abdel-Ghani, Adam Noureddine, Rodney Tagoai, Nick Lloyd (Trainer), Mahasen Lloyd (Manager)
 Front Row: Jacob Nohra (Ball Boy), Hamzeh Katoue, Mohamad Allouch, Jad El-Ali, Salesi Williams, Abraham Abdel-Ghani (Ball Boy)
 Absent: Asad Touma, Masse Masae, Marcelo Montoya (Trainer), D'Rhys Miller (Trainer)



PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Adam Abdel-Ghani	11	6	56
Adam Noureddine	0	0	0
Asad Touma	1	0	4
Charles Afeaki	12	1	50
Hamzeh Katoue	1	1	6
Helal Mehrez	1	2	8
Jad El-Ali	5	3	26
Jai Wright	0	3	6
Lucas Nohra	2	1	10
Masse Masae	0	0	0
Mohamad Allouch	1	0	4
Nepote Taufa	4	0	16
Rodney Tagoai	2	7	22
Salesi Williams	1	7	18
Tasesa Volkman	2	0	8
Zayde Sabha	0	1	2

After a dominant pre-season in trials the team started the season full of confidence. Unfortunately our division is extremely strong and a run of early season losses made it impossible to come back from.

The positive for the team is they never stopped trying and in none of their matches where they out of the contest. They showed true determination and character by taking both this seasons Grand Finalists to the very end of their matches and were within a bounce of the ball of beating the defending premiers.

Truly a lovely bunch of kids with just as much if not more character than football talent. The coaches and managers were privileged to have such a chirpy, energetic team and were often brought to tears of laughter by this group of characters.

It was a pleasure to be involved with this team throughout the year and we are sure they will be back bigger and better in 2017.

We also want to thank former Bankstown Bulls Juniors and current Bulldogs Under 20's players Marcelo Montoya and DeeJay Miller for attending games when available to be trainers. Thanks should also go to Dimitri and Lawrence for assisting throughout the year with the trainer duties.

The Team in Summary:

Selesi Williams: A real character and leader of the team. A true halfback with a little bit of cheek. 100% success rate goal kicker throughout the year.

Lucas Nohra: Hard running forward who will take the tough hit up all game for the team. Always did his job running straight and hard and bagging a handful of tries.

Hamzeh Katoue: Found his best form after returning from an overseas trip. Plays well above his weight and is a very smart footballer.

Jad El-Ali: Played almost all the positions on the field but starred at dummy half with plenty of tries.

Jai Wright: Try saver of the year stopping a run-away try after giving up 20 metres start. Full time outside back and part time team comedian summed up in one word. "PICKLE".

Henry Volkman: Our big man had a slow start to the year before hitting his straps with 3 outstanding dominant matches before injury ended his season early. Was sorely missed in his absence.

Adam Noureddine: AKA Shrek within the team. Great work ethic and the most reliable player in the team. Did not have a bad game.

Mohamad Allouch: A brilliant reader in defence and lightning quick on the wing. Had one of the individual performances of the year against the minor premiers.

Masse Masae: Thrived when moved into the forwards late in the year starring in our last 3 matches.

Asad Touma: Our hard working dummy half. AJ tackled anything that moved and held the defensive line together throughout the season.

Helal Mehrez: Best known for his hard running hit ups on the field and being the team comedian off it.

Charlie Afeaki: Our dominant fullback. Tormented the opposition defence all year with his rampaging long distant runs, finishing almost every game with 3+ line breaks. Also the team's leading try scorer.

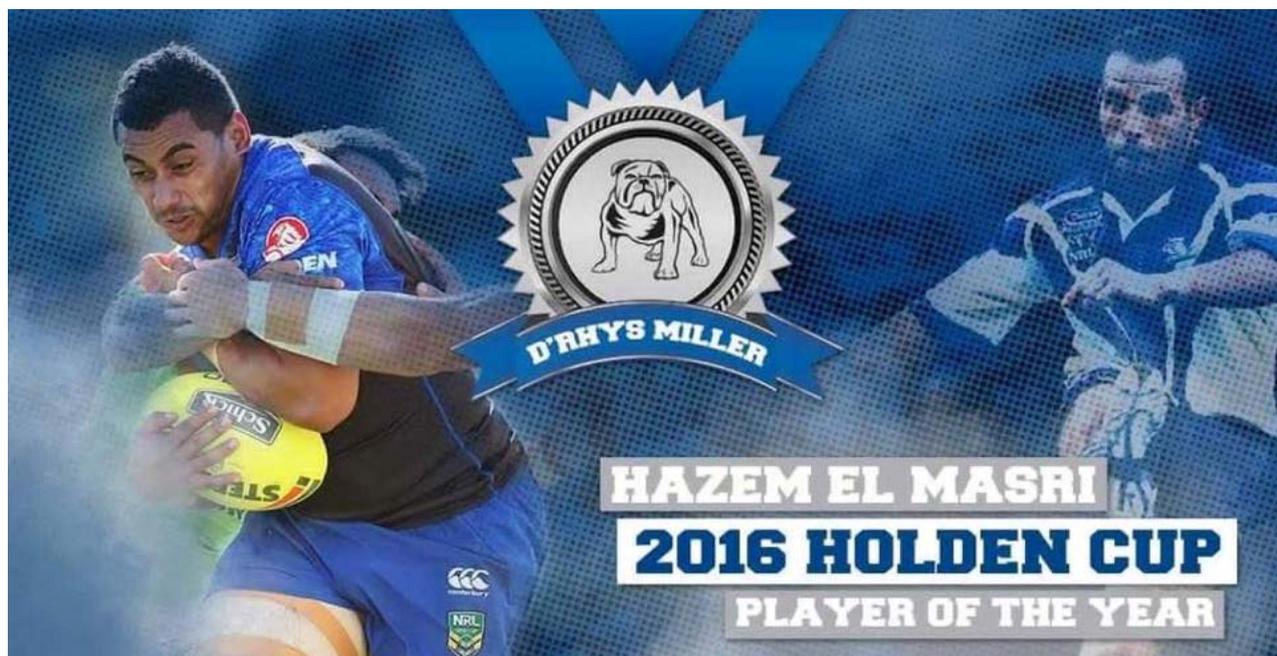
Adam Abdel-Ghani: The total package of the team. Plays all positions, can run, pass, kick and dominate in defence. Leading point scorer for the team.

Rodney Tagoai: A mid-season acquisition to the team. Brilliant running game and sensational goal kicker.

Christian Taufa: A dominant ball runner with a devastating fend. Scored many tries steam rolling the opposition defence.

Coaches: Karam Nohra and Nick Lloyd

Managers: Rebecca Nohra and Mahasen Lloyd



UNDER 11 DIVISION 2



Back Row: Anthony Haikal, Declan Booth, Ron Sega, Otto Pelman
 Middle Row: Ahmed Allouche (Trainer), Zackaria Achmawi, Tyrese Nader, Abdullah Kaddour (Vice-Capt), Muhammad Javed, Bahaa Chahine, Jake Safely (Coach)
 Front Row: Katia Nader (Manager), Jacob Makdessi, Walid Hassan (Captain), Adam Derbas, Matthew Samaan, Adam Sankari, Ahmed Baylouneh

What a year! At the start of the year these boys didn't have a coach so I put my hand up to coach them. We struggled to get a side together at the start of the year but we just took the field week in week out with what we had and the boys always had to push that extra 1%. This was my first year officially coaching a team and what an experience it was especially being the youngest coach in the club at 19 years of age. Thanks to my Dad (Danny) and Matt from the club for all their support, advice and encouragement and the good job they do for the club.

This team was made up of boys who have never played footy before and a handful of boys who played last year. I had one goal as a coach and that wasn't to win the comp. It was to ensure all of these boys were developing and improving their skills every week. Not only the skills on the field but also off the field such as team work, discipline and mental strength. Even though we didn't win many games this year, I am still really proud of every single one of these boys for what they have achieved throughout this season.

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Abdullah Kaddour	0	1	2
Adam Derbas	3	1	14
Adam Sankari	3	0	12
Ahmed Baylouneh	7	9	46
Anthony Haikal	0	0	0
Bahaa Chahine	0	0	0
Declan Booth	1	0	4
Jacob Makdessi	0	2	4
Karim Shehade	1	2	8
Matthew Samaan	0	0	0
Muhammad Javed	0	0	0
Otto Pelman	2	1	10
Ron Sega	17	2	72
Tyrese Nader	0	0	0
Walid Hassan	3	4	20
Zackaria Achmawi	1	1	6

Trials at the beginning of our season saw the introduction of new players into our team. Tyrese, Mathew, Declan, Ron, Otto, Jacob and Adam Sankari. These bunch of boys quickly blended in with the team and sure played a big part in this team. The boy's efforts throughout the season were amazing! They turned up to every game and made sure they gave 110% on the field with each run and tackle. Just a quick mention to Ron Sega for getting the most tries in our team and also in the whole comp with an outstanding 17 tries. Even though we didn't win many games this year the boys would still turn up to training week in week out and the improvement was significant and shown on the field.

I just want to thank the team manager and team taxi driver Katia. This was her first year ever doing manager and she had to deal with me every week and all the commotion that was caused. All the abuse she copped from me but she eventually got used to it and laughed it off. Thanks Katia.

My head trainer Ahmed Allouche broke his ankle half way through the season so we had no trainer which meant I had to be the coach and the trainer at the same time. On occasions I had help from Tamim Rabaa, Jason Kazzi and Lawrence Karam.

I would also like to thank all the parents for bringing their players to training and the games every week and for washing the jerseys. Thanks to Sam Haikal for tying the boys shoe laces. I'd also like to thank our team sponsor Danny Makdessi for generously sponsoring the team hoodies this year. Much appreciated.

Ron Sega (BARBA): First year with the Bulls and first year playing rugby league. I knew this kid had talent from day one with his speed and agility. Ron's attitude was also really mature and he always would put in 100%. Scored 17 tries this season and also got best and fairest in the whole 11/2 comp which is an outstanding achievement. His palm had many players down and out and Ron was our x-factor. Played any position where I told him.

Tyrese Nader (KASIANO): Another first year player who made significant improvements every week. He gained confidence as the year went by and towards the end of the season his skills were certainly shown on the field with his hard, solid running. Didn't miss a training session all year and was always keen to learn new things. Very solid player and he loved playing footy. Played in the forwards.

Anthony Haikal (GRAHAM): One of the quietest players I have ever come across but this kid was the most consistent player. Every week he would do his job and he would never let me down. Always put his body on the line and I could always rely on Anthony. Very intelligent kid. Made more tackles than anyone and would never miss a tackle. He would tackle a train if he had to. Position was lock.

Abdullah Kaddour (REYNOLDS): This kid led the team around the park and was by far our loudest and most passionate player in the team. He loved his role as halfback and was always keen to win games and get his team going forward. Always listening to our set-plays and set up some every memorable tries this season. Had skills and was a very talented player. Extremely reliable and strong defender.

Ahmed Baylouneh (JACKSON): Short and stocky. Fit in perfectly into the dummy half role for this year. Was always a danger man running from dummy half and had a terrific kicking game as well. Set up many tries and also scored a few himself. Always hurt the opposition with his hard hitting tackles and agility. Always cracking jokes and having a laugh with the boys at training. Passionate player.

Adam Derbas (HAYNE): Played wherever I told him to play and never complained once. He was also playing a year up. Really fast player who played one half on the wing and one half at hooker. He was a lethal weapon and always played his heart out on the field. Very small player and no matter how big the opposition were he would always put his body on the line.

Adam Sankari (T-REX): Left to Lebanon half way through the season. Another first year player who started the year off in the under 12's but came down to his original age in the 11's. The most dominant defender in the team and the opposition were always targeting Adam due to his solid running and tackling skills. Great palm which caused him the break the opposition's line.

Bahaa Chahine (TOLMAN): Bahaa was one of the most reliable players in the team. He put his body on the line every week and ran with great strength every time he touched the ball. The improvement shown was really portrayed on the field and he was always smiling no matter what happened. He learnt a lot this year and I can see Bahaa having a big year of footy next year. Played everywhere.

Declan Booth (EASTWOOD): Our biggest player and really used his size to his own advantage. Declan would run over a truck if he had to. When he got his hands on the ball he really threatened the opposition and he did score some great solo tries this year. When he gets angry back away because he is one very dangerous player and will hurt the opposition. Played in the forwards.

Jacob Makdessi (MORRIS): Another player who played a year up. One of the smartest players in the team who stepped into any position when asked. He could play anywhere and do a great job at it. Had a terrific step on him and a solid defensive player. Always hit hard in defence and had a lot of speed to burn when the ball got in his hands.

Matthew Samaan (HOPOATE): New player to the team and had no clue how to play footy at the start of the season. Towards the back end of the season Mathew was probably the hardest runner in the team and he loved to learn new things which made him become a top rugby league player.

Zackaria Achmawi (RONA): Speedster on the wing. No one would score on his side with his immense defence. Very aggressive player and very fit player. Brilliant foot work and some great tries from hooker. Played in a number of positions this year and always tried his best.

Walid Hassan (KLEMMER): Wally was a wrecking ball. The amount of players he smashed this year was unheard of. He always puts the opposition in fear and never took a backwards step. I gave Wally the privilege of captaining the team this year and he didn't let me nor the team down. Very athletic and skilful player. One of our strongest runners with a massive palm. Always wanted to fight.

Otto Pelman (GALLEN): Came to us half way through the season and really did help the team out with a number of players leaving due to personal reasons. He's a very strong runner and very passionate player who loves to hurt the opposition. Amazing defensive work in the middle and had potential speed. One of the fittest kids I know. Running at him is like running at a brick wall.



UNDER 12 DIVISION 1 PREMIERS



Back Row: Julie Warwar (Manager), Steven Matai (Coach), Solomon Saukuru, Amir Warwar, Lajuan Vito, Hassan El Sayed, Rodney Blake, Lisiate Tupou, Joe Saukuru (Coach), Kevin Reid (Coach)
 Front Row: Javei Chan Kum Tong, Jawad Saleh, Adam Mehrez, Iverson Teo, Malcolm Chambers, Kaidyn Wright, Ahmad Kamaledine, Mereki Dennis-Reid
 Absent: Malik Ali, Paul Alamoti (Captain), Sabah Jabbour, Isaiah Liufalani

Wow what a year we have had! Putting it down on paper I don't think words are enough to explain the roller coaster, from extreme highs to sad lows. We've had coach change shake ups, broken bones and loss of some key players but not once, from the outside anyway, did these boys show their distress, if anything they had a point to prove and they had such determination and drive to succeed. After some off-field drama early season in round 3 it unfortunately resulted in the loss of long time coach to the team Rob and we were striped of 7 competition points. We were blessed to have Joe Saukuru and Steve Matai step up and take hold.

The boys powered on and a huge accomplishment was winning against the 6 year undefeated St Johns the following week in Round 4, this was the moment these boys needed to boost their confidence further. They continued the year with success only losing 2 games for the rest of the season. Steven coached our team from round 13 and escalated the boys fitness and game play to new heights. They were a force to be reckoned with. Even after our point loss we went into semis finishing 2nd on the ladder. But Steve and these boys had a trophy in their sights and that's what they got. The fairytale ending defeating St Johns 18-26 to be the 2016 under 12 div 1 Premiers!! It will be remembered as one of the best ever Bulls premiership wins.

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Adam Mehrez	2	2	12
Ahmad Kamaledine	1	3	10
Amir Warwar	0	11	22
Hassan El Sayed	1	4	12
Isaiah Liufalani	0	0	0
Iverson Teo	4	0	16
Javei Chan Kum Tong	3	1	14
Jawad Saleh	1	11	26
Kaidyn Wright	5	14	48
Lajuan Vito	10	1	42
Lisiate Tupou	9	1	38
Malcolm Chambers	1	0	4
Malik Ali	8	5	42
Mereki Dennis-Reid	1	5	14
Paul Alamoti	52	8	224
Rodney Blake	2	2	12
Sabah Jabbour	1	1	6
Solomone Saukuru	10	8	56

We have boys who began the formation of this team at the age of 4, there are two boys making their milestone 5 years service this year and over the last few years we have gained some amazing new talented players to help form the current team. There are bonds formed that will never be broken and like true brothers each one bounces off the other and inspires each other to be the best players they can be. These boys are slowly growing into young men and their power and strength but most of all their passion is truly amazing. I am so proud of each and everyone of them like they are all my own.

Paul Alamoti: Wow what a player! Paul is the Captain of our team and played right centre. He made a record breaking 224 points being the comps top point scorer and top try scorer. Paul plays a level above all his peers and he is a player of the future. His leadership skills and direction proves to be his biggest asset, combine that with his power, speed and great vision it makes him unstoppable.

Malik Ali: Our right winger and was brought up to our team this year from division 2. Not only did he easily compete in Div 1 but he is confident, fit right in and has great speed, footwork and an eye for the try line.

Malcolm Chambers: Played in the front row and is a great team player. He performs his best when he's emotional and is very protective of his team mates. He's tough and works hard in defence and takes hit ups when his team needs them.

Mereki Dennis Reid: Plays on the left wing. One of our smallest players on the team but that doesn't stop him. His skills have developed this year and he grew in confidence. He did his job and was very safe out on the wing. Mereki saved his best games of the year for the finals.

Hassan El Sayed: He came off the bench most weeks and played in multiple positions this year. He got stronger and fitter as the year went on. Once Hassan fully commits himself to training his game will develop into the player we know he can be.

Ahmad Kamaledine: Ahmad came to us this year from Chester Hill. He played in dummy half and wing. His service from dummy half was good and he grew in all areas of his game as the year went on. His commitment and hard work will continue to develop him into a great player.

Isaiah Liufalani: Came back to us mid-year from Cabramatta. He played in the front row and it's obvious this kid has been working hard. He has transformed into an awesome defensive forward, his work rate was incredible and he worked very hard for his team mates.

Adam Mehrez: Adam played in the second row. His game has stepped up this year. His defence is rock solid and his strength and ability to take the tough balls up the middle with good fast play the balls puts his team on the front foot.

Jawad Saleh: Dummy half and on the wing. He has great ball skills and footwork and understands the game. He has been able to cover many positions well this year. Jawad is one of our most accurate goal kickers.

Solomone Saukuru: Solo is our fullback but can also easily play up in our forwards. He is a great asset to have at the back with his incredible last line defence, his speed and his tackle busting runs. Solo was a stand out player this year and he has a big future ahead of him.

Iverson Teo: Ivy is our half back. His superior footwork and ball skills combined with his organisation and great vision of the game really steered the ship this year. Unfortunately he suffered a break in his leg in Round 3 with what we thought was a season ending injury but his determination and strong will had him back for the semis.

Lisiate Tupou: (aka Ritchie) played left centre. What a player he has developed into this season. His defence and attack have been taken to a whole new level. His commitment to his health and fitness has really paid off. Ritchie was a standout player this year.

Lajuan Vito: Played in second row. Lajuans toughness and agility and his high quality work that he brings to the game week in week out makes him a very valuable player in our team. He gives confidence to the boys around him, another stand out player this year.

Amir Warwar: Is our big front rower. Amir's dedication to his fitness and training this year has developed his game and confidence to the next level. With his hard straight running and strong defence he will be such a force as he grows and combines the two. Amir is one of our stronger goal kickers.

Kaidyn Wright: Kaidyn was our five eighth and he really stepped it up when our half back Ivy was out injured. His kicking game and great overall game play really improved our attack. He has an ability to read the game and coordinate with his team mates. This was Kaidyn's first year with us but he slipped in like he has always been there. Kaidyn is our top scoring goal kicker.

Mention to Sabah, Javei and Rodney who exited during the year. Top quality players and friends to the team that are missed. All the best boys!!!

Managing a bunch of boys that are all dedicated, work hard, that are bonded like a family but most of all know how to have fun has been such a pleasure and has made my job all that much easier. It's been a very tough year, I was thrown curveballs I've never had to deal with before but I think it has all made me stronger and probably wiser. A huge learning curb, one that's made me shed too many tears, both through pride and sorrow. The support from you all has been amazing. A few in particular have been my rocks, Aroha, Malani, Penelope and Suze, I am so lucky to have you all. I hope I have done right by everyone and I did everything I could to make sure our team was comfortable and well run. Thank you to all the parents many who do crazy runs between multiple games and are all great team supporters and commit to every game.

Thank you Kevin Reid, he runs around that field as trainer and water runner putting aside his super large family to volunteer his time. Joe Saukuru who brought along his knowledge and drive to the boys, you stepped up to coach when we needed you most despite being super busy. Thank you!!

Rob has been coach to these boys some up to 9 years and treated them all like his own. He is passionate about the game and knew the potential in each boy and worked on each Individual. He was the backbone to have gotten many of these boys where they are today.

Last but not least. STEVE, who as trainer and coach strived to bring the best out in our boys. You pushed them to limits, gained top fitness levels, kept up the drills, ran them like a well oiled machine and drove them to wanting no less than success. Your dedication and humbleness showed the boys what kind of people they need to be. Thank You isn't enough. Onwards and upwards from here.

Hope to see you all in 2017. May this be the start of something bigger!!!!

UNDER 12 DIVISION 2



Back Row: Zein Safwan, Alaaeldine Barghache, Juan Paolo Ingaran, Grant Fealofani, Talalelei Tago
 Middle Row: Brad Whigham (Trainer), Mohamed Allouche (Trainer), Daniel Safety (Coach), Youssef Salloum, Omran El Masri, Jeremy Elzahr, Crystal Taulafo, Khalid Ali, Paul Tarabey (Trainer), Badu Tarabey (Manager)
 Front Row: Mohamad Nahas, Hussein Alameddine, Hussein Allouche, Nathan Nassif, Kristian Zafirovski, Joel Tarabey
 Absent: Adam Kandeel



Coaching this side this year was a challenging and rewarding experience. Firstly I would like to congratulate the players on their efforts throughout the year. Last season this side struggled to compete with teams throughout the season. This season the boys proved that they could compete with the top teams. The most pleasing aspect of the season was the improvement as a team as well as each player developing their individual skills. This team has potential to win a grand final.

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Adam El-Chami	1	2	8
Adam Kandeel	1	0	4
Alaaeldine Barghache	0	0	0
Crystal Taulafo	8	6	44
Grant Fealofani	8	1	34
Hussein Alameddine	3	6	24
Hussein Allouche	0	0	0
Jeremy Elzahr	0	2	4
Joel Tarabey	6	0	24
Juan Paolo Ingaran	3	0	12
Khalid Ali	0	0	0
Kristian Zafirovski	0	0	0
Mahmoud Mohamad	2	1	10
Mohamad Nahas	0	0	0
Nathan Nassif	0	1	2
Omran El Masri	1	1	6
Talalelei Tago	3	1	14
Youssef Salloum	0	0	0
Zein Safwan	0	0	0

These boys developed a strong bond throughout the year and our biggest asset as a side was our aggressive defence. These boys loved to hurt their opposition with their defence. Losing last year's top try scorer to division 1 saw our team struggle for the first few weeks of the season. As the boys realised teamwork will help win games they started to click as a team. Everyone knew their job and stuck to it. A few injuries towards the back end of the season saw our side finish the year with 11 players. In saying this, the boys stepped up and put their bodies on the line, beating St Christopher's at their home ground with 11 players was the highlight of the season. That's what BULLS is all about 'never give up' attitude.

Unfortunately due to an inconsistent season and lack of numbers the boys just missed out on playing semi final footy. I believe if these boys stick together they will become a threat to this comp. A massive improvement this season and all credit goes to the boys on the field.

It was a very enjoyable season and these young boys should be very proud of themselves. Firstly I'd like to thank my right hand man Brad Whigham. Brad will cry for this side, his passion and loyalty for the team cannot go unnoticed. The boys loved having Brad around this season. Big thanks to both Badu Tarabey and Paul Tarabey for all their help and encouragement this year both were great assets to the team.



Thanks to Matt (The Webmaster) and his 13/2's coaching staff for helping out at training and allowing both teams to do opposed sessions against each other. It was beneficial for both teams especially when we were allowed to use Macca for a game. Most of all, I'd like to thank Danny (Father) for his advice and support.

- Hussein Allouche (Jarrod Croker):** Played everywhere for me and never complained. Great attitude.
- Alaaeldine Barghache (Jack Bird):** Great attacking centre. Ran hard all year.
- Omran El Masri (Robbie Farah):** Put his body on the line every week. Smart little hooker.
- Jeremy Elzahr (Hazem El Masri):** Played wing and centre, defence improved this year. Great kicker.
- Juan Paolo Ingaran (Sam Kasiano):** The biggest player in the comp. Ran hard and pulled off some big hits. Has a great attitude and gave his all every time.
- Nathan Nassif (James Graham):** The enforcer of the side. Ran straight and hard and tackled like a machine. Gives his all in every game.
- Hussein Alameddine (Michael Ennis):** A natural footballer one of the leaders of this side. Plays with heart.
- Kristian Zafirovski (Marika Koroibete):** Great defensive winger always did his job. Season ended early due to injury.
- Gospel Tago (Tony Williams):** Skilful and strong. Pulled off some textbook tackles and scored great tries this season.
- Adam Kandeel (Benji Marshall):** Can play everywhere. Great step.
- Mohamed Nahas (Chris Sandow):** Smallest player in the comp. Never showed fear always smiling.
- Youssef Salloum (Sam Perrett):** First year player, showed a lot of potential. Defended in the middle.
- Crystal Taulafo (Moses Mbye):** One of the leaders of this side. Took the line on all year, set up some great tries and a great try saving tackle against St Christopher's.
- Joel Tarabay (Ben Barba):** An absolute champion player. Played fullback and saved 100 tries. Always go the team out of trouble with his hard ball running style. A player of the future.
- Grant Fealofani (Sonny-Bill Williams):** Potentially the best forward in the comp. Very hard runner and hurt a number of players this year with his hard hits. A pleasure to coach.
- Adam El-Chami (Sausage/Brett Morris):** An enjoyable person to coach, played in every position. Very good defensive player. Plays with confidence.
- Zein Safwan (Gavin Cooper):** Hard running player improved week in week out.
- Khalid Ali (Josh Morris):** A player with a lot of potential. A very smart footballer. Ran the ball like a tank.
- Muhammad Javed (Russell Packer):** Filled in for me at the back end of the season. Stepped up his game playing a year up.
- Mahmoud Mohamad (Shaun Kenny-Dowall):** Played one game for us as a fill-in when his side were playing at the same away venue. Scored two length of the field tries and kicked a goal. Well done Macca.

We all stuck together and never let the boys down and that's what Rugby League is all about. To all the boys I hope you all have a safe off-season and a happy new year, id like to see all the boys come back bigger and better in 2017.

Thank you, Daniel Safetly (Coach)

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UNDER 13 DIVISION 1



Back Row: Kobe Faumuina, Billal Raad, Mohamed Saleh, Jayden Franco, Hassan Kamareddine, Jaylen Tuitama (Vice-Capt)
 Middle Row: Sandra Chahine (Manager), Oka Jonathan Chan Kum Tong (Trainer), Ngawhiti Hetaraka, Ethan Faumuina, Hamid Sesay, Jonathan Chan Kum Tong (Captain), Xander Tavita, Israel Akau, Chris Baldwin (Trainer), Stan Hetaraka (Coach)
 Front Row: Billal Elabbas, Corey Baldwin, Alaa Chahine, Zakaria Elkordi, AJ Masau, Anthony Semrani, Charlie Youssef, Rabab Raad (Manager)
 Absent: Ali Hageali, Daniel Tavita (Trainer)



PLAYER	T	G	PTS
AJ Masau	1	0	4
Alaa Chahine	6	0	24
Ali Hageali	0	0	0
Anthony Semrani	0	0	0
Billal Elabbas	1	0	4
Billal Raad	18	0	72
Charlie Youssef	6	8	40
Corey Baldwin	1	0	4
Ethan Faumuina	0	0	0
Hamid Sesay	4	0	16
Hassan Kamareddine	0	0	0
Israel Akau	1	0	4
Jayden Franco	1	0	4
Jaylen Tuitama	6	0	24
Jonathan Chan Kum Tong	7	0	28
Kobe Faumuina	1	0	4
Mohamed Saleh	1	1	6
Ngawhiti Hetaraka	0	15	30
Xander Tavita	4	0	16
Yousif Zrayka	0	0	0
Zakaria Elkordi	0	0	0

Another busy season for all of us this year at Bulls, new faces, new friends, new challenges. This was a courageous year for our team in many ways both on and off the field.

An injection of new players into the side this year delayed our start this season. Hamid, Huss, Jayden, Anthony and Billy spent a lot of their time learning to jell with our differences in football ability, structure and attitude. Once we got past that hurdle the team began to settle down and get some work done showing a lot of potential as individuals and valued team members.

Injuries and illness plagued us this year too, resulting in 2 of our boy's having to sit the entire season out, we seriously missed their speed on the outside. Another loss for our team and club this year was the passing of Leon's dad, Chris Christodoulou, a wonderful soul who we will all miss very much. Our love and heart felt wishes to Petty and her family.

Our Club secretary, Danny, also gave us a big scare, collapsing into a coma and laid up in hospital for several weeks! Huge family and friend's support aided with Danny's rehabilitation allowing us the privilege of seeing him at Grand Final events this year at Belmore, you are amazing, well done Danny!

Inspiration is something the team has difficulty carrying from training sessions during the week to the field on game day, resulting in slow starts and often playing catch up as confidence builds. To shift responsibility duties in our leadership on and off the field the boy's nominated a vice captain to help Jono, they chose the next strongest player, Jaylen. With a little more experience on the field we believe these young men will be leading the team to a whole new level, congratulations Jaylen.



This year was also selection time for a number of our team members to represent Canterbury. Congratulations Billal, Jono, Jaylen, Charlie and Xander, you make us all proud, your family, friends and club, well done boy's.

To this years coaching staff Chris, Daniel, Sandra and Rabab, thank you all, for your efforts behind the scenes, making every training session, game and event possible, it can be very challenging at times and at the same time very rewarding.

This was our last year as juniors, it has been an amazing journey sharing this with all of you. I am so looking forward to next year, please make a big effort to come back next year, it is an absolute pleasure growing old with you, thank you. Stan.



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UNDER 13 DIVISION 2 FINALISTS



Insert: Rodney Blake. Back Row: Joey Diab (Vice-Capt), Ahmed Zraika, Dominic Abdou, Charlie Faker, Elias Nassif, Ali Batour
Middle Row: Joshua Diab (Trainer), Hussein Dia (Manager), Matthew O'Neill (Coach), Adham Salamah, Troy Paranihi, Hussein Choukair, John Williams, Mohammed Jabaseh, Anthony Samuel (Assistant), Khoder Elmasri (Trainer), Matilda Faker (Manager), Chady Salamah (Trainer)
Front Row: Hicham El-Ali (Captain), Aziz Mohamad (Vice-Capt), Mahmoud Mohamad, Feras Elmasri, Abdel Al Shahatet, Osama Elmasri

What a remarkable season 2016 proved to be for the team coming from no where, to nearly making the grand final. We started the season slowly in the opening 3 rounds and after that we enjoyed an excellent 4 week period, winning 3 games and nearly defeating the undefeated Milperra. We endured a mid-season slump that wasn't helped by the long weekend, wash outs, players away and injuries.

We had to win the final round game to qualify for a mid-week play-off. We did that and had to wait as the weather played havoc. We got on the field against Greenacre, producing our most dominant performance of the season demolishing them 26-6. Three days later was a Tuesday night semi-final against St Christophers, in what proved to be the match of the season! We won in extra time digging deeper than this team has ever done. It was truly a magic performance by the side. Unfortunately, we ran out of petrol physically and couldn't back it up the following Saturday, however, we defended extremely well and never gave up setting up for a big 2017 season.

Abdel Al Shahatet: Injuries and sickness plagued his season. When fully fit he made a valuable contribution to our side in many matches.

Abraham Saqa: Was only available for 3 matches this year and in all 3 matches provided our team with excellent go forward and presence in defence.

Adham Salamah: Longest serving player in this side with an excellent attitude. A wonderful and unselfish team man who does everything to help this side and does his best.

Ahmed Ghamrawi: Injury cut short his season with both his tries came against the eventual grand finalists showing we missed his finishing ability. Always smiling we missed Ahmed once he was out injured.

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Abdel Al Shahatet	1	0	4
Abraham Saqa	0	0	0
Adham Salamah	0	0	0
Ahmed Ghamrawi	2	0	8
Ahmed Zraika	1	0	4
Ali Batour	5	0	20
Ali El-Zebdeh	1	0	4
Aziz Mohamad	5	0	20
Charlie Faker	2	0	8
Dominic Abdou	18	0	72
Elias Nassif	2	0	8
Feras Elmasri	0	7	14
Hicham El-Ali	2	0	8
Hussein Choukair	0	0	0
Jamal Yehia	0	0	0
Jawad Saleh	0	0	0
Joey Diab	5	0	20
John Williams	0	0	0
Laithe Sabha	0	0	0
Mahmoud Mohamad	2	0	8
Mohammed Jabaseh	1	0	4
Osama Elmasri	0	0	0
Rodney Blake	5	0	20
Troy Paranihi	1	25	54

Ahmed Zraika: Really came along this season and proved to be one of the leaders in our forward pack. Very strong in defence and reliable each game he played.

Ali Batour: Dangerous every time he touched the ball and made metres without fail. Safe retrieving kicks when defending on the wing. Ali doesn't realise how good he can be and needs to believe in himself more.

Ali El-Zebdeh: Joined the team mid-season adding much needed size to our forward pack. Hurts in defence.

Aziz Mohamad: Our vice-captain made the fullback position his own in 2016. A natural wherever he plays on the field, great attitude, never short of a whole hearted effort and has a wonderful future ahead of him.

Charlie Faker: Scored one of the best individual tries of the season against Sporties, made valuable metres out of dummy half and his defence improved out of sight as the year went on.

Dominic Abdou: New to the game and quickly developed into the 5/8 and lock positions. Dom was our go-to player in attack, his defence was punishing and was a team orientated player. Made Development Squad.

Elias Nassif: Totally fearless in defence. Our impact player off the bench, who changed the tempo of games when we needed a lift. Elias is a wonderful person who improved so much throughout the season.

Feras Elmasri: Tough as nails competitor who's strong in defence, skilled with the ball and most of all he's close to the best off the ball player going around. Continues to mature as a player and person.

Hicham El-Ali: His second year as captain. Although he encountered a few hurdles in the beginning, he overcame them and grew immensely as a leader. Hicham is a fearless and courageous competitor.

Hussein Choukair: New to the game and his season halted by missing 7 games through injury. Once he returned what an amazing asset he proved to be filling in numerous positions and our best defender.

Jamal Yehia: Played for us all trials and in the early rounds before niggling injuries saw him stop playing. A very humble kid who gave his best and was always team first.

Jawad Saleh: Filled in for us numerous times in the trials and during the season. Jawad has passion for our team as showed by being the most excited when we won the Chrissy's semi despite not playing that night.

Joey Diab: Best & Fairest in 2015 his game went to another level in 2016 despite niggling injuries and was overseas, missing 4 games. A strong defender Joey developed into an on-field leader helping out as captain.

John Williams: Mr Reliable in defence and a tough competitor filling a number of positions. Came to us from another club and played with the passion that he's been with us for many seasons.

Laithe Sabha: Was with us for all pre-season and the early rounds where he was a very sound and reliable performer for the team as he was teams I've coached in the previous two years.

Mahmoud Mohamad: Noted speedster and in 2016 showed he's got toughness, reliability and consistency to his game. Saved us many times covering in defence and with his sharp dummy half running.

Mohammed Jabaseh: Joined us from another club and was the forward we needed. Never took a backward step, led from the front and played way above his weight. Had an outstanding season well done.

Osama Elmasri: Has really developed into the unsung hero in our side. Despite being one of the smallest forwards he packed a real punch in his defence. He did so much clean up work and respected by his peers.

Rodney Blake: Originally a fill-in player, Rodney joined our team full-time playing 10 games for us. He's got the heart of a lion, plays with energy, great attitude, very respectful and an absolute pleasure to coach.

Troy Paranihi: Halfback and kicker who gave our team much needed direction. Was at times a challenge, but he produced on the field in key games. We will miss Troy & his family as they move back home to NZ.

The last 18 months has been very difficult for me on a personal level where I've needed the support of my staff more than ever. They're more than my staff, they're my second family.

Chady Salamah: I'm a lucky coach to have Chady as my trainer & right hand man. He's been with this team for 8 years by far the best & most important asset they've had. He's the most loyal and dedicated trainer.

Khoder Elmasri: Has passion to see the team do well, very innovative and does our video research.

Huss Dia: A very effective manager & trainer (yes an all-rounder) and an excellent friend & support to me.

Matilda Faker: Newest addition to the staff who made a valuable contribution as manager & time keeper.

Anthony Samuel: A beaut influence on the team, made us all laugh and the players adore Mullet.

Joshua Diab: Ran the water when required, never short of advice and was a good support to the team.

Thanks to **Youssef Ghosn** and **Najah Ghamrawi** for their help early in the season. A big thanks to **Lina Diab** and **Rola Baghdadi** for ensuring our end of season team dinner was a massive success.

Our team had 3 sponsors thank you to **Eurostone Tiling & Polishing**, **Wally's Wardrobes** and **Alaks** for supplying the team with hoodies. Three companies of families in our team were Bulls club sponsors thanks to **RTM Educational Academy**, **Analise Creations** and **One Steel Reinforcing**.

To **Theresa Faker**, **Mostapha Nachabe**, **Nathan Nassif**, **Jad El-Ali**, **Zayde Sabha** and **Jad Salamah** thanks for all your help either filling up water bottles, looking after kicking tees or fetching missing footballs.

Our support during the finals was totally amazing, very positively vocal and lifted the players to new levels. Thanks to all the parents and families for their support of the team and the coaching staff. We hope to be back better and stronger next year where we will once again need that passionate support every game. I'm very proud and honoured to be coach of an outstanding team that has a great future in front of them.

Matthew O'Neill (Coach)

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EXTRA TIME MAGIC

Two teams this year had to go through the strains and pressures of extra time in the finals series and both games had very similar traits about them as our 13/2 and 14/1 teams both won remarkable games.

The stage for the 14/1's was a grand final whereas the 13/2's was a mid-week elimination semi-final after winning a play-off just three days before. The 14/1's had never beaten Bankstown Sports in a grand final following six attempts whereas the 13/2's had never defeated St Christopher's full stop.

Bankstown Sports defeated the 14/1's 28-8 and 16-10 head to head matches whereas St Christopher's accounted for the 13/2's 22-10 and 24-4 in both their 2016 matches. The Bulls were massive underdogs in both matches. So much so for the 13/2's their opponents already were planning for the preliminary final against Dragons seeing the Bulls as a glorified training session.

Both matches had amazing, loud and passionate pro-Bulls support. In both games the Bulls led 10-0.

In the 13/2 semi-final, the first try came after 20 minutes following a tight arm wrestle with the Bulls playing a very controlled brand of football. The break came following good work down the left side for Rodney to put Ali over in the left corner. Bulls led 4-0 at half time and soon after the break led 10-0 when Dominic forced his way over under the posts. St Christopher's fought back gaining the better of field position scoring two tries through their massive front-rower and a well executed kick to the corner. At 10-all, the conversion attempt hit the posts and with less than a minute remaining the scores remained level. In extra time, the Bulls came out the better side and with two minutes to go in the first half scored a brilliant 40m try when Dominic found space running off Troy on the last tackle. The Bulls held on in the second period of extra-time to record their first ever victory against St Christopher's amid crazy scenes at Killara Reserve.

The 14/1's came out on fire in the grand final scoring two early tries first one a brilliantly executed set play down the left for Styles to score and the second try Gordon scored. Sporties came back to level 10-all at half-time. The second half was tough and hard fought as it came with the Bulls players going down like nine-pins and a player each from both sides sent to the sin bin. The scores locked up 10-all at full-time. Sporties gained the upper hand in the first period of extra-time to lead 14-10. The Bulls fought back with Gordon scoring his second try to level the scores. The attempted conversion from Justin was wide, however, he was to have his moment in the 5 minutes of golden point when he landed a brilliantly executed field goal.

The 13/2 had to back up 3 days later where they play 3 finals matches in 7 days. With 3 players practically out of the match they couldn't get over the line with a whopping penalty count against them. Never at one stage did they let the jersey down defending extremely well. This night at Killara was for every player their career highlight at the club including all the 7 players to have previously won a premiership. The culture and self belief that's been developed in this side sets them up for the years that lay ahead of them at the Bulls.

Thankfully for the 14/1's there was no next game as the team was battered, bruised and playing on raw emotion throughout – most of all the team can celebrate forever and ever on their amazing success. This team has had continual setbacks in the past, but they avenged for that in the most impressive and dramatic fashion possible in taking out a premiership in extra time after golden point. They just never gave up.

For people fortunate to be at both matches it was a great occasion for the Bulls as both sides enjoyed their respective moments in the spotlight.

UNDER 13/2 vs ST CHRISTOPHER'S – Won 14-10

Venue: Killara Reserve. Date: Tuesday 9th August, 2016

Team: 1 Aziz Mohamad [vc], 2 Mahmoud Mohamad, 3 Hussein Choukair, 17 Rodney Blake, 4 Ali Batour, 6 Troy Paranihi, 7 Feras Elmasri, 18 Ahmed Zraika, 9 Hicham El-Ali [c], 19 Mohammed Jabaseh, 12 Osama Elmasri, 11 Joey Diab [c], 13 Dominic Abdou. Interchange: 5 Charlie Faker, 8 Elias Nassif, 10 Adham Salamah, 14 John Williams, 15 Ali El-Zebdeh.

Tries: Dominic Abdou (2), Ali Batour. Goals: Troy Paranihi.

Points: 3 Dominic Abdou, 2 Mohammed Jabaseh, 1 Rodney Blake & Hussein Choukair.

UNDER 14/1 vs BANKSTOWN SPORTS – Won 15-14

Venue: Belmore Sports Ground. Date: Sunday 28th August, 2016

Team: 1 Jeremy Alam, 2 Justin Pak, 3 Stylez O'Mara, 14 Alexander Soakai, 4 George Youssef, 6 Michael Farah, 7 Gordon Chan Kum Tong [vc], 20 Justin Borg, 8 Joshua Ibrahim, 22 Adam Alameddine, 12 George Lopeti, 17 Tayson Fakaosi [c], 13 Mostapha Nachabe. Interchange: 15 Adam Mansour, 16 Mohamed Kondeh, 5 Lachlan Large, 11 Apisalome Saukuru.

Tries: Gordon Chan Kum Tong (2), Stylez O'Mara. Goals: Justin Borg. Field Goals: Justin Borg.

CBDJRL Player of the Match: Gordon Chan Kum Tong.

UNDER 14 DIVISION 1 PREMIERS



Standing: Joe Youssef (Manager), Lawrence Karam (Coach), Alexandra Soakai, Justin Borg, Adam Mansour, Adam Alameddine, Justin Pak, Stylez O'Mara, Jeremy Alam, Joshua Ibrahim, Joseph Safetly (Trainer), Vincent Samuel (Trainer)
Kneeling: Gordon Chan Kum Tong (Vice-Capt), Michael Farah, George Lopeti, Tayson Fakaosi (Captain), Nathaniel Ifopo, Mostapha Nachabe, George Youssef

Absent: Apisalome Saukuru, Benjamin Pele, Mohamed Kondeh, Lachlan Large Pierre Alam (Trainer), Joe Saukuru (Trainer)

The Year Of The Bull !!!

2016 marked my 4th season with the team and our first year in the Sydney Combined Competition, which opened our eyes to the talent out of the Bulldogs competition, the unknown and new challenges.

We come back this year with the attitude we had unfinished business after losing the 2015 Grand final, I guess you can say it was the driving force to lift to that next level & become the Hunter and not the Hunted, the Shark of the Ocean and not the Fish!

This become my challenge to not only physically but more mentally prepare the boys for the road ahead. (Let me tell you this is what you call the 1% or looking for the inches in the game)

This preparation required the right people surrounding these young men, in come Joey Saukuru who worked on the techniques & skills and educating the boys on how working hard will pay off when times get tough, Joseph Safetly worked on the strengthen & conditioning, Vince Samuel become the stat's man who would feedback key numbers on how the players went in the game and areas of improvement. Both Joseph& Vince played the role of the big brother and shared their knowledge of the game based on 15+ years playing the game.

Pierre Alam was the wise but very informative person who would have the one on one talks with the boys on how & where their game can improve and the exclusive supplier of pumpkin seed to the players and later on the year George Farah, his insights and knowledge of the game help finalise our game plan & structures.

Our Team Manager Joe Youssef, was the link to getting everything done game day and more importantly behind the scenes for me and the team. His passion can not be questioned.

PLAYER	T	G	FG	PTS
Adam Alameddine	3	0	0	12
Adam Mansour	1	0	0	4
Alexander Soakai	2	0	0	8
Apisalome Saukuru	1	0	0	4
George Lopeti	2	0	0	8
George Youssef	12	10	0	68
Gordon Chan Kum Tong	8	0	0	32
Jeremy Alam	5	0	0	20
Joshua Ibrahim	4	1	0	18
Justin Borg	4	3	1	23
Justin Pak	9	0	0	36
Lachlan Large	2	0	0	8
Michael Farah	5	13	0	46
Mohamed Kondeh	3	0	0	12
Mostapha Nachabe	1	0	0	4
Nathaniel Ifopo	3	0	0	12
Stylez O'Mara	5	0	0	20
Tayson Fakaosi	4	5	0	26

The team had 8 new players this year Lachlan Large, Nathaniel Ifopo, Justin Pak, Stylez O'Mara, George Lopeti, Justin Borg, Alexander Soakai and one not so new but we welcomed back Michael Farah. With half the team new you wouldn't have picked it as the team didn't miss a beat.

The team also consists of many from last year Jeremy Alam, Joshua Ibrahim, Gordon Chan Kum Tong, Mohamed Kondeh, George Youssef, Adam Alameddine, Tayson Fakaosi, Mostapha Nachabe, Apisalome Saukuru, Adam Mansour, Benjamin Pele & Halalele Leaaetoo.

We had some solid trials at the start of the year to give us a taste of things to come, also from that it helped us pick the team to put us on the path to achieve our goal of winning our first premiership. We posted a record of 10 Wins & 4 Losses before we entered the semi's in 3rd spot.

We had new battles this year with the likes of Concord & Holy Cross, who played a different style & posed a challenge every time we played them.

We continued our ongoing battle and fierce rivalry the Bankstown Sports, who were the team to beat again this year. We met 2 times before the finals, both times they managed to take the win but it wasn't as easy as year's gone by. We had some epic games and one that stands out was our game against Holy Cross in the pouring rain and semi flooded field, we fielded 12 players that day and it was 2nd toughest game of the year, we came away with a 10 – 6 win and couldn't tell the colour of the team jerseys.

Another highlight for me was 10 of our players made this year's Bulldogs under 14's development side which is a phenomenal result and I was extremely proud that their hard work was recognised. (Jeremy Alam, Nathaniel Ifopo, Michael Farah, Gordon Chan Kum Tong, George Lopeti, George Youssef, Adam Alameddine, Tayson Fakaosi, Apisalome Saukuru and Joshua Ibrahim)

Here we GO!!

We enter the semi's in 3rd spot and must win every game to make this year's Grand Final, we faced Holy Cross in the first semi at Ruse Park, we had beaten them twice this year with every game being close 10-8 & 10-6 and both teams not giving an inch away but semi's it's a whole new ball game. We both face being knocked out and our season over if we lose, we unleashed the inner Bull in us and won 30-nil. We played as a team and more so executed our game plan to perfection!

We then faced a strong and worthy opponent in Concord, we had lost twice and beaten them once this year, to add to the mission we had to play them in their district, with their Refs and with a 1 player bench due to recent player suspension. The game was tight and we showed the winner spirit & grit to beat them 26-14, it was 14-all with 9 mins to go.

The stage was set, we face Bankstown Sports in the Grand final. We were the heavy underdogs and they were chasing their 7th title. We were ready for the fight, we had worked for this moment all year and we weren't leaving Belmore wondering what if again and this time we were the Hunter not the Hunted! Our mind set was fight for that inch and when we add them up that's going to be the difference.

We played our game, we didn't let them dictate terms and before we knew it Gordon & Stylez had scored and we were 10-nil, We hit their defence line like never before, We Tackled with intent and forced errors and made it clear we were here to win. In true Sporties fashion, they hit back to end the first half 10 All, the scores remained the same in the second half. Before we knew it we were playing our very first extra time, we were tired, we were in pain, we were fighting to catch our breath, we had lost two players to injuries and no bench to draw from.

All this was all physically but mentally we were strong and had our eye on the prize, that's to win and make a statement that is all end here! Sports score first in the first half of extra time and lead 14-10, we then score in the second half from a strong run by Gordon to draw things back to 14-all. Still we don't stop, we were now in a world of pain, playing on instinct & sheer determination.

We now play Golden Point, this is it! We didn't come here to be joint premiers but to be the PREMIERS. Sports worked their play to our 20 and fire off a field goal, it touched on mid air and misses. We do the same and work our way to their 20, both halves are involved in the previous plays and it's left to the unlikely hero a Prop of all players named Justin Borg. He catches, sets and fires a Field Goal that sends the Belmore crowd into euphoria, our Boys become Immortal beater and Coaching Staff & Families sent to Football Heaven.

AGAIN, 10 ALL FULL TIME, 14 ALL IN EXTRA TIME AND 15 – 14 IN GOLDEN POINT!

This was the greatest game I had ever seen, my boys had played or been involved in. It took days for the excitement to subside and the look on the teams faces would last me a life time.

I am so PROUD of their determination this year to better themselves both on & off the field and for believing in one another that hard work does pay off if you remain committed. They started out as friend and ended up brothers. Once more, all this wouldn't be possible without my trainers & manager for all their support, advice & efforts for getting the best out of the boys. It's never easy giving up your time and making the effort to be there rain, hail, and ankle deep in water or shine.

The Bankstown Bulls JRL Committee – Najib, Danny & Sonya. When I needed anything you were always there to help. Thanks to Matt for his support and his efficient speed in getting the players registered. A big thank you to the extremely passionate parents for allowing me to coach these young men, helping at training, support and cheers on game day.

Player Comments:

Jeremy Alam: Here is an example that size doesn't matter, never did I worry if our line was broken I could always rely on him to make that crucial tackle. Jeremy is a work horse and a valuable member of this team.

Lachlan Large: Was so unlucky to break his arm after 7 games into the season, he started strong & caused the opposition headaches with his speed and line breaks. You know once he got the ball from dummy half it was try time.

Nathaniel Ifopo: Just had one gear, FLAT OUT!! Strong runner who made meters and absolute bruising defender. Showed no self preservation and stepped up when the team needed him.

Justin Pak: The Flying Winger! Never short of a random question and so quick you would worry he would take off. Great effort for his first year in the team.

Stylez O'Mara: Stylez by name ALL Stylez by nature, could find the try line when you thought it wasn't possible and floor any opposition run with ease. Played with such maturity and a true team player.

Joshua Ibrahim: Played above his weight and never backed down from a challenge, always looked to take on the opposition and the most unselfish player in the team. Had great training ethics and improvement from last year.

Michael Farah: Played with great composure and skill, had the ability to create opportunities from nothing and unleashes a kick that would put the best player under pressure. Real work horse in defence and perfectionist with his game.

George Lopeti: A player that plays the game hard, tackles like a demon and runs like a Bull. No fuss just rolls up his sleeves and rips in, plays with so much confidence and an asset to the team. Stepped up in the semi's and a integral player in the Grand final.

Gordon Chan Kum Tong: The player you go to when you need something to happen! Runs with so much flair, determination and strength, that if you give him an inch you will make you pay for it dearly. Just never gives up and pulled off some phenomenal tries & runs.

Mohamed Kondeh: The quiet achiever, did his job well and will made you pay if you run at him. Defence was his strongest asset.

George Youssef: Could tear the opposition apart in a blink of any eye, with some much speed to burn, ability and would make it look easy. His defence left me speechless and exhibited that his all class. Played everywhere from wing, centre, hooker and fullback without a complaint.

Adam Alameddine: Hands down the fastest forward in the comp, runs with little self preservation and always put the team on the front foot with his runs. Worked hard on his defence his year to ensure nobody got pass him. Played out of his skin in the grand final and gave all his got!

Justin Borg: Joined the team half way in the season and made a massive impact immediately. He trained the house down to better himself. Always had a point to prove when he played to be the best at everything he did weather is was hitting it up or tackling and cart wheeling. O yeah and kicked a Field Goal when it mattered most too!

Tayson Fakaosi: He lead by example, never took a backward step, never gave up and always looked to make the 1%'s count. Ran with sheer force that his hit ups would make the ground shake. He was Mr Cool and was never fazed but when in the zone he was incredible.

Mostapha Nachabe: Went to another level his year, worked very hard on his game and continued to look on ways to improve his game. He was a running and tackling machine. He topped the game stats almost every week and was a rock mentally.

Apisalome Saukuru: Always played with so much skill and had a knack to break that line and make the meters count, had amazing ball control and could put his team mates in a hole with the best draw and pass. Can play any position in the team and is one classy player.

Adam Mansour: Played this season with so much grit and determination. He improved each game, stood up when it mattered most and finally showed his true ability to run like the beast he can be. His best year so far!

Alexander Soakai: A very crafty player and he loved the challenge, a new face in the team and I enjoyed seeing him outfox the opposition. He never lost his hunger to take the ball up when we needed it most. He was our Mr Utility player and never looked out of place in any position.

Signing off after an amazing year,
Lawrence Karam (U14 Div 1 SCC Premiership Coach)
#Do We Stop?

UNDER 14 DIVISION 3

GRAND FINALISTS & MINOR PREMIERS



Standing: Mahmoud Mougharbel (Trainer), Zainab Abdul Al (Manager), Paul Ghanem (Coach), Kelvin Tran, Dominic Abdou, Tamarere Simons, Mahmoud Saleh, Ouday Zreika, Mohamed Saleh, Yeahye Barghache, Raed Agha, Elijah Rokolaqa, Jacob Capili, Jaylen Tuitama, Buddy Semrani (Trainer), Joe Youssef (Trainer)
 Kneeling: Charlie Youssef, Anthony Semrani, Duwayne Swann, Jonathan Chan Kum Tong, Moussa Choukair, Amer Mougharbel (captain), Mohammed El-Challouf, Denzel Eugenio, Alec Abdul Al, Mohammad Hassan

What a club and what a Year we had! With ten (10) registered players for the beginning of the season and losing 4 out of our first 6 games, it seems that it will be a hard year. We grow to 15 players by round six also Stan and the 13/1 team put the hand up to help with player numbers. It seemed that we fixed our player numbers issue – Well it seemed!!!!

It felt like all the 14/3 players had three camps each and two family holiday throughout the year. I can't forget the players playing tag team on their Lebanon holidays. We struggled with numbers on the bench, but it made the players stronger and more determined.

With the combination of extreme rugged fitness, skills training and more importantly we started to play as a TEAM, we turned hard work into wins. "Ask the team about the hill runs, guarantee they will cringe and mourn."

All the hard work started to play off, and the wins started to stack up – We lost one (1) game over the next 13 weeks. We became the 2016 minor premieres – benefit to all the players. 2015 this team came last with zero (0) wins and only 6 point scored for the whole year.

"A player told me that his father didn't believe he won his first game."

We got into the Grand Final with much delight of the players and all those who were involved. It wasn't our turn this year – I will simply put it down to stage fright (18-20 final score)

The 14/3 team achieved the impossible this year, not one game could measure our success.

We achieved so much this year thanks to Zainab, Buddy and Mark. Special thanks to Stan and the 13/1.

Can't wait til next year ... Watch out!
 Paul Ghanem (Coach)

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Alec Abdul Al	0	0	0
Amer Mougharbel	10	0	40
Anthony Semrani	0	4	8
Charlie Youssef	9	0	36
Denzel Eugenio	2	0	8
Duwayne Swann	1	0	4
Elijah Rokolaqa	5	0	20
Hamid Sesay	2	0	8
Jacob Capili	5	0	20
Jaylen Tuitama	6	0	24
Jonathan Chan Kum Tong	9	1	38
Kelvin Tran	0	0	0
Mahmoud Saleh	0	0	0
Mohamed Saleh	0	1	2
Mohammad Hassan	0	0	0
Mohammed El-Challouf	1	0	4
Moussa Choukair	2	0	8
Ouday Zreika	15	18	96
Raed Agha	0	0	0
Tamarere Simons	3	12	36
Yeahye Barghache	1	0	4

CLUB PHOTOS



UNDER 15 DIVISION 1

SEMI FINALISTS



Top Row: Andrew Hadchiti, Kelvin Euta, Lachlan Jordan, Lale Ah Dar, Matthew Borg, Declan Bitar, Joshua Diab
 Middle Row: Aaron Cahill, Zac Bitar, Lorenzo Lemalu, Mohammed Serhan, Talalelei Alaelua, Jon Moli, Destiny Nuuasoa, Elijah Lalakobau
 Bottom Row: Antonio Capo, Kirk Tarlinton, Eti Moananu, Tioata Peter Fua, Michael Rodrigues (Coach), Maurice Capo (Trainer), Norma Hadchiti (Manager)
 Absent: Adam Borg (Trainer), Jacob Borg (Trainer), Tavita Mailei, Bradley Michael, Tolipea Paleti

The year of 2016, started off slow. Our first session at the end of January only attracted 10 kids. We had a lot of players move on but we also gained a lot of new players.

The club puts a lot of effort into the under 15's division one also known as Super 15's. We managed to get a lot of team sponsors contributed to the boys to attend Narrabeen Sports Academy for two nights of team bonding activities and heaps of fun and games. Once that was all done, it was time to knuckle down, to work on our combinations and train hard.

The competition was very tough with 10 teams in total, with any team on their day, capable of beating anyone. With 10 new players, it took at least 4-6 weeks to gel.

After our first 10 rounds, we had won 7 and lost 3 games, with each of our losses, ranging between only 4 to 8 points. I was extremely proud of the boys because we managed to reach top 4 and play Semi Final footy.

We lost our Semi Final 14-12, where the effort was there but the score line didn't fall our way. I really hope these boys stick together, and give it another jolt for 2017.

1. Andrew Hadchiti: Made the transition to fullback, where it involved a lot of running, organizing and playing as a 2nd 5/8. Always tried and did his best for the team.

2. Lachlan Jordan: A new addition to the team, where he has high work ethics, trains hard, plays hard and was a pleasure to coach. Has a big future in the game.

3. Mohammed Serhan: One of the most devastating ball runners in the competition. So explosive and powerful, where it is awesome to watch. Gave his best at all times.

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Aaron Cahill	4	0	16
Andrew Hadchiti	3	0	12
Antonio Capo	0	0	0
Bradley Michael	4	0	16
Declan Bitar	2	1	10
Destiny Nuuasoa	5	0	20
Elijah Lalakobau	0	0	0
Hendrikus Wong	1	0	4
Eti Moananu	0	0	0
Jon Moli	1	0	4
Joshua Diab	1	0	4
Kelvin Euta	4	0	16
Lachlan Jordan	2	0	8
Kirk Tarlinton	0	0	0
Lale Ah Dar	1	0	4
Lorenzo Lemalu	0	0	0
Matthew Borg	10	1	42
Mohammed Serhan	4	4	24
Talalelei Alaelua	3	0	12
Tavita Mailei	1	0	4
Tioata Fua	3	0	12
Tolipea Paleti	3	0	12
Zac Bitar	3	25	62

4. Aaron Cahill: The complete package where he can play any position in the back line. Always willing to work hard where it shows on the footy field.

5. Jimmy Mailei: Very strong robust winger with great speed and defence, has the ability to train hard, and never sweat. Was a pleasure to coach.

6. Zac Bitar: Gifted half with great asset of kicking, passing and organising. Is the complete package and is an asset to the team.

7. Declan Bitar: Like his brother, was my other half and has the same skills and attributes as his partner in crime. It was a blessing to have these two boys in our team. They both have big futures in the game.

8. Destiny Nuasoa: Had a big year, where he managed to score a fair few try's. worked hard in his attacking and defending game and lead well from the front.

9. Antonio Capo: Changed positions this year to hooker, it was a big transition, where he had to steer the team around. He tried very hard and did well.

10. Kelvin Euta: Mr Consistent. No nonsense footballer. Always runs hard and tackles hard. And has beautiful ball skills. Is a big asset to the team.

11. Talalelei Alaelua: With Tala you always get the same performance. He works so hard in attack and defence and always gives 100%. Big asset to the team.

12. Lorenzo Lemalu: One of the hardest runners, I have ever seen on a football field. In defence, he puts his body on the line. He is a model student and always works hard.

13. Matthew Borg: Took over as captain of the team and is a natural ball leader, on and off the field. Always wants to train hard, where it reflects on his game-day performance. Always gives a 100% and is a great team player. Very knowledgeable and is a student of the game where he has a big future.

14. Lale Ah Dar: Is a destructive ball runner and still hasn't reached his full potential. Has a lot of good attributes and with a big pre-season, he can have a big 2017.

15. Elijah Lalakobau: Such a devastating ball runner and defender. Works so hard and always wants to perform to his best. Was new to the team and a pleasure to coach.

16. Jon Moli: Has a big future in the game, where he holds his own destiny, he is big, strong and always has the ability to beat the first man in defence. Was a pleasure to coach.

17. Eti Moananu: Great ball runner, and very strong in defence. Was new to the team, and is a very coachable player. With a big pre-season, we'll do him well for the season of 2017.

18. Kirk Tarlinton: Came to the Bulls in mid-season, and only got to play in the Semi-Final. Is a strong player and I hope with a big off-season, he will have a good 2017 season.

19. Joshua Diab: Can play many positions and punches well above his weight. Played limited footy due to injury and a mid-season holiday. Always tried his best and gave his all to the team.

20. Peter Fua: A massive unit. With silky smooth hands. A great asset to the team and a pleasure to coach.

21. Bradley Michael: Played 4 games for us this year, but had other commitments in union. Is a natural, and can do well in his sports.

22. Tolipea Paleti: Also played 4 games for us this year with commitments to rugby union. Devastating on the footy field and lifts the boys' confidence with his presence.



With this talented bunch of footballers, we have managed to get 16 of them into Harold Matthews Summer squads. With a big pre-season, hopefully they can all be playing rep footy in 2017.

It is an honour to have coached these boys. I would like to thank my staff who helped me out this season, Adam Borg, Jacob Borg, Maurice Capo as my trainers, Ray Borg as my assistant and Norma Hadchiti as my manager. I couldn't have done it without you people. I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart, where I know I have made life-long friends.

To our team sponsors **Odyssey Plumbing, Capo Fresh, Synergy Water Proofing and VIP Fastening Systems** thank you for your support of the 15/1's.

Thanks to Brian Ibrahim, Matt O'Neill and George Farah who travelled everywhere to support the team and also Matt thanks for your organised professionalism in all you do for the club. In particular thanks to Danny Safely for always being my right hand man for advice and support and also doing a wonderful job as Secretary. We all hope you make a full recovery and be back in charge running the Bulls very shortly.

Thanks for a great year and good luck in your future endeavours.

Yours Sincerely,
Michael Rodrigues (Coach)

UNDER 15 DIVISION 2

SEMI FINALISTS



Standing: Luis Fernandes (Sponsor Frango's Chicken), David Tarabay (Coach), Omar Darwich, Adel Kandakji, Yousef Elomar, Tony Halloun, Daniel Mokdassi, Issa Zoweitini, Tawhiri Hetaraka, Bakhos Doueihi, Ameihn Nassif, Elias Chamoun, Alotoa Alipapa Ama (obscured), Jared Younan (Captain), John Chalita, Anthony Nimeh, Lawrence Wirenkyi, Jason El-Kazzi (obscured), Ghazi Dib, Joseph Smith, Sonny Simons (obscured), Carols Al-Samrani

Kneeling: Sarkis Doueihi (Trainer), Bradley Grady (Trainer), Cameron Grady, Dylan Hua
Absent: Sonya Grady (Manager), Samuel Ayoub

This year we entered into a whole new ball game coming up from Div 3 to Div 2 which was immediately felt from Round 1. However the boys and the coaching staff knew what they had to do to be one of the most feared sides in the Division 2 competition.

We all knew a change like that doesn't happen overnight unless we work hard. It took us a bit to get going but when there was a change in each individual's performance on the field it became evident that the effort they were putting into their training sessions paid off.

We believe that our fitness is a key factor to our victories all in which wouldn't have been won without the team's favourite exercises such as running the hills and coat hangers.

Our boys were lucky enough to been given the opportunity to go to the NSW Sports and Recreation Camp at Narrabeen at the beginning of the season, which all the team will agree no one will forget Narrabeen Sports Centre in a hurry.

The team and parents also enjoyed a great dinner at our sponsors **Frango's** the best hospitality and tastiest chicken in Sydney we highly recommend them. Can't wait to go back. A special a thanks to the parents for their constant support throughout the 2016 season it is much appreciated by the coaching staff and the boys love to see you guys outside the fence cheering us on.

PLAYER	T	G	PTS
Adel Kandakji	4	0	16
Alipapa Ama	0	0	0
Ameihn Nassif	6	26	76
Anthony Nimeh	2	0	8
Bakhos Doueihi	3	0	12
Cameron Grady	2	0	8
Carlos Al Samrani	0	0	0
Daniel Mokdassi	1	0	4
Elias Chamoun	3	0	12
Ghazi Dib	1	0	4
Issa Zoweitini	1	0	4
Jared Younan	5	0	20
Jason El-Kazzi	0	0	0
John Chalita	0	0	0
Joseph Smith	2	0	8
Lawrence Wirenkyi	1	0	4
Omar Darwich	0	0	0
Samuel Ayoub	0	0	0
Sonny Simons	1	0	4
Tawhiri Hetaraka	1	0	4
Tony Halloun	0	0	0
Yousef Elomar	2	0	8

A massive thank you needs to go to our Super Coach Dave Tarabay for not only just being a coach this year but for dealing with all the boys hormones on and off the field. Getting the team sponsors to allow our team to bond and look great with jackets, camp, dinners and the boys even get to keep their Super 15's Jersey's.

To all the boys we are all so proud of your efforts this year. Your loyalty, determination and discipline at times really showed how much it meant to you to be a part of such a great sporting team adventure.

How we went out this year wasn't fair in our opinion but it defiantly is going to make us stronger and hungrier next year for that trophy. The whole coaching staff would love to see all the same boys turn up next year for another crack.



Alipapa Alotoa Ama: This is Ali's second year at Bankstown Bulls and he is starting to show his talent with his progressive move into the half's this year. He has a lot of creativity when using the ball and shows a lot of determination when running the ball.

Ameihn Nassif: If there was one person we can trust to make a difficult one on one tackle it is this guy. He had shown some unbelievable defence throughout the year. He also has a great running game when he takes on the line.

Anthony Nimeh: Another great year for Anthony. He showed us that he can clean up very well when the ball is in our in goal as well as when the ball is in the air. Anthony can be dangerous in attack on the field.

Bakhos Doueih: The definition of no fear is Bakhos. This player faced some tough challenges this year in the centre role and was not scared at all. He provided us with some great one on one tackles with boys twice the size of him and some great runs to get us out of trouble.

Cameron Grady: This year Cameron took his game to a whole new level. Cameron provided many opportunities in attack whether it be his quick speed from dummy half, his lethal dummy when running out of hooker to take on the line or his decision making on which side of the field to take on. He also gives good line speed in defence with communication and pushing up in the line as well.

Carlos Al-Samrani: Carlos is a great utility player coming off from the bench as he is capable of playing a variety of positions which is helpful to have in a football team. Carlos showed many one on one dominant tackles in defence when on the field.

Daniel Mokdassi: Definitely our most consistent player in the team. Daniel played each week the same as the last by always putting in 110%. Daniel's constant dominating runs and tackles put our team on the front foot when playing on the field. Also the team thanks him for his constant shifty injuries aka breathers lol.

Elias Chamoun: Not many players can get pass Elias. He delivers strong defensive tackles as well as backs up for a line break/try saving tackles when needed. Also he gives the team dangerous attack when running with the ball.

Ghazi Dib: New player to the team this year he really showed us what he was made of towards the end of the season with some smart decision making and some good defensive tackles which was great to see.

Issa Zoweitini: When he wants to play he can play. Issa dominates the marker position by always working hard to make the next tackle and not letting anyone get pass him which is a key aspect in a good forward.

Jared Younan: Lead by example this year with his fearless performances on the field. He really shows us why he is captain of our side in the way he plays. Another outstanding season for Jared.

Jason El-Kazzi: Missed a couple of games this season but when he was back, it was defiantly an added bonus. Jason gives our team fast pace momentum as he is one of the quicker forwards in the team which helps in attack as well as defence when chasing someone down

John Chalita: Moved back in the second row position and provided some great defence with plenty of stronger tackles on bigger opponents.

Lawrence Wirenkyi: Another player in our team whom when he wanted to play he would. Lawrence gave us many attacking metres by running strong and hard at the defence and they struggled to stop him most times.

Omar Darwich: Omar made his return this year with something to prove. He is a hard worker and has shown improvement throughout the year. This is shown at training and in the games. When Omar was on the field he did a lot of work in defence and attack.

Samuel Ayoub: Returned back to our team half way through the season. Samuel gave our team damaging run and tackles when needed the most.

Sonny Simons: Improved out of sight this year compared to last year. Sonny this year has trained harder than last year which has provided him the fitness to stay on the field longer and produce more hard runs and tackles. Well done Mate

Tawhiri Hetaraka: This year Tawhiri played wing. He has improved on his defence with making a lot of one on one tackles and also managing to have a better attacking game too.

Tony Halloun: Tony provides impact to the team. When Tony comes off the bench he always shows us he is a dominant tackler and runner.

Youssef Elomar: New player to the team this year and what a pickup he was. Youssef shows that he is not scared of anyone no matter how big they are either by running at them or tackling them. Youssef helps the team out immensely in defensive by always being the first one in there face as well as always being able to get the bigger boys to the ground by chopping their legs.

UNDER 16 DIVISION 2

It was a difficult year for the under 16's with a shortage of numbers in the pre-season and eventually getting enough numbers to field a side. The 16's were placed into division 2 against some very strong sides worthy of division one status making it tough for the team.

A pleasing aspect for the team was their record at Ruse Park winning 3 out of 4 matches only losing at Ruse in the opening round. Wins against Newtown (round 2), Arncliffe (round 6) and Renown (round 8) were the highlights of the season.

The club would like to thank life member Lloyd Williams for his efforts with the team over the last three years and all the people who have assisted with the side.

The players that played on the weekends done their best and the club thanks the players for their performances since they've been with the club.

UNDER 19 DIVISION 1

The under 19 division 1 season started full of promise with good numbers at pre-season training and excellent form in the trials where the squad had to be narrowed down in line with the rules in place.

Close losses start to set into the season and morale within the side began the drop. Three players walked out mid-season and that saw our numbers drop significantly. Despite all the setbacks the team only missed the semi finals by two points.

The team did defeat eventual minor premiers St Christopher's 6-0 in an unbelievable defensive effort away from home and toppled the team who end up competition winners Coogee 26-24 in a thriller at Ruse Park. Both of those wins were in successive weeks. The side also had two draws against Penshurst in replays of last year's grand final.

The club would like to thank Siesi Taufaa and his staff for their efforts with the under 19's this year. It's not easy coaching a new group of players. Their results were highly competitive and where in striking distance of the finals in a tough competition against stacked sides all throughout the season.

Siesi would like to give the following players a special mention: Bradley Grady, Alipate Taufaa, Jordan Tagoai, Jye Kemp-Brown, Sebastian Tuipulotu who he says tried hard week in, week out and they have a big future if they follow their dream in Rugby League.

Siesi also says thank you to Melanie Brown for being a good helper and manager.

GRAND FINAL AWARDS

Congratulations to Jerome Challouf (9/3), Paul Alamoti (12/1), Jonathan Chan Kum Tong (14/3) and Gordon Chan Kum Tong (14/1) for receiving the Junior League Player of the Match on Grand Final day.



2016 HONOUR ROLL

Full list of Bankstown Bulls honours & awards available on www.bankstownbulls.com under HISTORY

BULLS INTERNATIONALS

Peter Mata'utia (Samoa 2009 & 2014)
Daniel Tupou (Tonga 2013, Australia 2014)
Sione Mata'utia (Australia 2014)
Pat Mata'utia (Samoa 2015)
Marcelo Montoya (Fiji 2016)

BULLS STATE OF ORIGIN REPS

Daniel Tupou (NSW 2014-15)

BULLS CITY/COUNTRY REPS

Daniel Tupou (City 2014-15)
Ryan Matterson (City 2016)

BULLS FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

2007 Heka Nanai (Canterbury)
2011 Peter Mata'utia (Newcastle)*
2012 Daniel Tupou (Sydney Roosters)*
2013 Harlan Alaalatoa (Canterbury)
2014 Chanel Mata'utia (Newcastle)*
2014 Sione Mata'utia (Newcastle)*
2016 Pat Mata'utia (Newcastle)*
2016 Ryan Matterson (Sydney Roosters)*
** Played NRL in 2016*

NYC HOLDEN CUP (2016)

D'Rhys Miller (Canterbury)
Avia Minute (Canterbury)
Marcelo Montoya (Canterbury)
Vailima Teupa (Canterbury)
Jayden El-Jalkh (Manly)
Bernard Kairouz (Manly)
Pio Sokobalavu (Wests Tigers)

CBDJRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR (2016)

11/2 Ron Sega
12/1 Paul Alamoti

GRAND FINAL PLAYER OF THE MATCH (2016)

9/3 Jerome Challouf
12/1 Paul Alamoti
14/3 Jonathan Chan Kum Tong
14/1 Gordon Chan Kum Tong

POINTS FOR MULTIPLE TEAMS (2016)

Rodney Blake (13/2 20pts & 12/1 12pts)
Jonathan Chan Kum Tong (13/1 28pts & 14/3 38pts)
Mahmoud Mohamad (13/2 8pts & 12/2 10pts)
Mohamed Saleh (13/1 6pts & 14/3 2pts)
Hamid Sesay (13/1 16pts & 14/3 8pts)
Jaylen Tuitama (13/1 24pts & 14/3 24pts)
Charlie Youssef (13/1 40pts, & 14/3 36pts)

BANKSTOWN BULLS LIFE MEMBERS

Lindsay Roach
Najib Nohra
Lloyd Williams
Anthony Samuel
Romiz Barakat
Scarf Maroun
Abdul Nabhan
Norma Hadchiti

BANKSTOWN BULLS CLUB PATRONS

Tania Mihailuk MP
George Coorey

BULLDOGS DEV SQUADS (2016)

Dominic Abdou (u13)
Jonathan Chan Kum Tong (u13)
Billal Raad (u13)
Xander Tavita (u13)
Jaylen Tuitama (u13)
Charlie Youssef (u13)

Jeremy Alam (u14)
Adam Alameddine (u14)
Gordon Chan Kum Tong (u14)
Tayson Fakaosi (u14)
Michael Farah (u14)
Joshua Ibrahim (u14)
Nathaniel Ifopo (u14)
George Lopeti (u14)
Apisalome Saukuru (u14)
George Youssef (u14)

Lale Ah Dar (u15)
Declan Bitar (u15)
Zac Bitar (u15)
Matthew Borg (u15)
Aaron Cahill (u15)
Kelvin Euta (u15)
Peter Fua (u15)
Andrew Hadchiti (u15)
Lachlan Jordan (u15)
Elijah Lalakobau (u15)
Bradley Michael (u15)
Eti Moananu (u15)
Jon Moli (u15)
Destiny Nuuasoa (u15)
Mohammed Serhan (u15)

LEADING TRY SCORERS (2016)

52 Paul Alamoti (12/1)
23 Josh Tonga (10/2)
21 Noah El-Chami (8/2)
20 Jaiden Barakat (10/2)
19 David Bowen (7/1)
MINI: 21 by Noah El-Chami (8/2)
MOD: 52 by Paul Alamoti (12/1)
INT: 18 by Dominic Abdou (13/2) & Billal Raad (13/1)

LEADING GOAL KICKERS (2016)

26 Ameihn Nassif (15/2)
25 Zac Bitar (15/1)
25 Troy Paranihi (13/2)
18 Ouday Zreika (14/3)
15 Ngawhiti Hetaraka (13/1)
MINI: 9 Jehad Chamma (8/2)
MOD: 14 Christian Chiha (9/1) & Kaidyn Wright (12/1)
INT: 26 Ameihn Nassif (15/2)

ALL FIELD GOALS (2016)

1 Justin Borg (14/1)

LEADING POINT-SCORERS (2016)

224 (52t, 8g) Paul Alamoti (12/1)
102 (23t, 5g) Josh Tonga (10/2)
96 (20t, 8g) Jaiden Barakat (10/2)
96 (15t, 18g) Ouday Zreika (14/3)
94 (21t, 5g) Noah El-Chami (8/2)
MINI: 94 (21t, 5g) Noah El-Chami (8/2)
MOD: 224 (52t, 8g) Paul Alamoti (12/1)
INT: 96 (15t, 18g) Ouday Zreika (14/3)

2016 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year:	David Tarabay
Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person:	John Williams
Secretary's Appreciation Award:	<i>Not Yet Awarded</i>
Senior Player of the Year:	Tayson Fakaosi (u14)
Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year:	Paul Alamoti (u12)
Tom Tasker Encouragement Award:	Gordon Chan Kum Tong (u14)
Senior Coach of the Year:	Lawrence Karam (u14)
Junior Coach of the Year:	Zahi Elzein (u8)
Manager of the Year:	Amanda Nabhan (u6 & u9)
Team of the Year:	Under 14-1
Acting Secretary's Awards:	Katia Nader Suzie Dib
*Grand Final Player of the Match:	Jerome Challouf (u9/3) Paul Alamoti (u12/1) Jonathan Chan Kum Tong (u14/3) Gordon Chan Kum Tong (u14/1)



* Award selected by the Grand Final host association

2016 TEAM AWARD WINNERS

Age	Div	Best & Fairest	Coaches Award	Most Improved
5		Charbel Chiha	Issac Biuvanua-Heather	Cornelius Biuvanua-Heather
6	1	Danny Tarabay	Jarrah Dennis-Reid	Jalal El Masri
7	1	Zemis Christie-Sailor	Adnan Mansur	Jordan Badran
7	2	Elijah Biuvanua-Heather	Jacob Hanna	Peter Shekoush
8	1	Zayd Elzein	Philip Euta-Nanai	Barukh Semaia
8	2	Noah El-Chami	Julius Brown	Hanna Jouni
9	1	Christian Chiha	Sam Moananu	Divine Saena
9	3	Nooan Dennis-Reid	Orlando Moors	Moses Bowen
10	2	Jaiden Barakat	Josh Tonga	Ahmad El Haj Youssef
11	1	Adam Abdel-Ghani	Charles Afeaki	Adam Nouredine
11	2	Ron Sega	Walid Hassan	Anthony Haikal
12	1	Paul Alamoti	Solomone Saukuru	Kaidyn Wright
12	2	Grant Fealofani	Joel Tarabey	Crystal Taulafo
13	1	Billal Raad	Alaa Chahine	AJ Masau
13	2	Dominic Abdou	Aziz Mohamad	Elias Nassif
14	1	Tayson Fakaosi	Jeremy Alam	Mostapha Nachabe
14	3	Amer Mougharbel	Ouday Zreika	Denzel Eugenio
15	1	Matthew Borg	Declan Bitar	Lachlan Jordan
15	2	Yousef Elomar	Sonny Simons	Cameron Grady
16	2	Fayez Hayek	Sami Osman	Gyzade Ronaki
19	1	Alipate Taufaa	Jordan Tagoai	Jye Kemp-Brown

2014 & 2015 Team Award Winners available for download on www.bankstownbulls.com

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

2015 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year:	Mark Shaw
Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person:	Emily Ibrahim
Secretary's Appreciation Award:	Brad Whigham
Senior Player of the Year:	Jason Kazzi (u19)
Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year:	Zayde Sabha (u10)
Tom Tasker Encouragement Award:	Ameihn Nassif (u14)
Senior Coach of the Year:	Abdul Nabhan (u19)
Junior Coach of the Year:	Matthew O'Neill (u12)
Manager of the Year:	Zainab Abdul Al (u13)
Team of the Year:	Under 19-2
*Grand Final Player of the Match:	Jason El-Kazzi (u14/3) Jayden El-Jalk (u19/2) Mohammad Kabbout (u19/1)

2014 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year:	Peter Dorsett
Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person:	Jake Safetly
Secretary's Appreciation Award:	Sonya Grady
Senior Player of the Year:	Mohammad Kabbout (u19)
Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year:	Tolipea Paleti (u13)
Tom Tasker Encouragement Award:	Millo Mailata (u14)
Senior Coach of the Year:	Chris Haddad (u17)
Junior Coach of the Year:	Michael Rodrigues (u13)
Manager of the Year:	Maria Mokdassi (u11)
Team of the Year:	Under 19
*Grand Final Player of the Match:	Michael Stojanovski (u11/3) Daniel Safetly (u19/1)

2013 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year:	Wade Giddings
Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person:	Josh Ibrahim
Secretary's Appreciation Award:	Matthew O'Neill
Senior Player of the Year:	Vincent Samuel (u19)
Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year:	Jonah Moors (u13)
Tom Tasker Encouragement Award:	Christian Alaelua (u14)
Senior Coach of the Year:	Abdul Nabhan (u14 & u17)
Junior Coach of the Year:	Lawrence Karam (u11)
Manager of the Year:	Rania Ali (u16)
Team of the Year:	Under 17
*Grand Final Player of the Match:	Penieli Faoa (u9/2) Xander Tavita (u10/2) Jonah Moors (u13/3)

* Award selected by the Grand Final host association



PREMIERSHIP WINS

No.	YEAR	GRADE	OPPONENT	COACH	CAPTAIN
1	1998	C/Grade	St Johns 16-4	Craig McLeod	Elie Georges
2	1999	U/6R	Bankstown Sports 20-15	David Dib	
3	1999	U/12	Berala 11-7	Andrew Francis	
4	1999	A/Grade	Berala 24-10	John Graham	
5	2000	U/13	Berala 40-10	Andrew Francis	
6	2000	U/14	Berala 34-24	John Wells	
7	2001	A/Grade	Regents Park 18-10	John Moses	
8	2002	C/Grade	Bankstown Falcons 14-6	Chris Haddad	
9	2003	U/16	East Hills 30-16	Andrew Francis	
10	2004	U/18	St Johns 12-8	Tony Francis	
11	2004	A/Grade	Chester Hill 52-6	Paul Arraj	
12	2005	U/11R	Milperra 18-10	John Sleiman	
13	2005	U/18	St George 22-18	Troy English	
14	2005	A/Grade	Bankstown Sports 28-22	Robert Relf	
15	2007	U/12R	Moorebank 18-12	Hussen Hijazi	
16	2007	U/13R	Revesby Heights 32-24	Abdul Nabhan	
17	2008	U/12-2	Padstow 42-30	Romiz Barakat	
18	2009	U/9-2	St Johns 22-20	Ziyad Alameddine	
19	2009	U/10-1	Chester Hill 28-12	Rodrigo Villar	
20	2010	U/11-1	Moorebank 16-0	Rodrigo Villar	
21	2010	U/16-1	Berala 32-4	Danny Safetly	Halauafu Lavaka
22	2011	U/14-1	Greenacre 26-0	Richard Kairouz	Alex Park
23	2011	U/17-1	St George 24-14	Danny Safetly	Halauafu Lavaka
24	2013	U/9-2	St Johns 18-14	Robert Mehrez	Penieli Faoa
25	2013	U/10-2	Milperra 28-10	Stan Hetaraka	Jonathan Chan Kum Tong
26	2013	U/13-3	St Christophers 24-16	Ted El Sayed	Jonah Moors
27	2014	U/11-3	St George 30-6	Daniel Safetly Jnr	Mohammed Saleh
28	2015	U/19-1	St George 20-16	Abdul Nabhan	Reegan Carr
29	2015	U/19-2	Penshurst 26-8	Walid Abboud	Jake Safetly
30	2015	U/14-3	Kogarah 14-4	David Tarabay	Jared Younan
31	2016	U/9-3	Revesby Heights 18-16	Danny Farah	Jad Salamah
32	2016	U/12-1	St Johns 26-18	Steven Matai	Paul Alamoti
33	2016	U/14-1	Bankstown Sports 15-14	Lawrence Karam	Tayson Fakaosi

PREMIERSHIPS BY AGE GROUP (1998-2016)

A/Grade - 4 (1999, 2001, 2004, 2005)
 C/Grade - 2 (1998, 2002)
 U/19 - 2 (2015, 2015-2)
 U/18 - 2 (2004, 2005)
 U/17 - 1 (2011)
 U/16 - 2 (2003, 2010)
 U/14 - 4 (2000, 2011, 2015-3, 2016)
 U/13 - 3 (2000, 2007-R, 2013-3)
 U/12 - 4 (1999, 2007-R, 2008-2, 2016)
 U/11 - 3 (2005-R, 2010, 2014-3)
 U/10 - 2 (2009, 2013-2)
 U/9 - 3 (2009-2, 2013-2, 2016-3)
 U/6 - 1 (1999-R)

MOST PREMIERSHIPS IN A YEAR

3 - 1999 (U6R, U/12, A/Grade)
 3 - 2005 (U/11R, U/18, A/Grade)
 3 - 2013 (U/9-2, U/10-2, U/13-3)
 3 - 2015 (U/19, U/19-2, U/14-3)
 3 - 2016 (U/9-3, U/12, U/14)

MOST PREMIERSHIPS AS COACH

3 - Andrew Francis (1999, 2000, 2003)
 2 - Rodrigo Villar (2009, 2010)
 2 - Danny Safetly (2010, 2011)
 2 - Abdul Nabhan (2007, 2015)



Premierships – Bankstown Collegians: 10, Bankstown City: 5, Bankstown Central: 5

FROM THE ARCHIVES (2006)

Dimitri Vasilaras (6/1 coach) – Victor Barakat (10/2 coach) – Hussein Dia (13/2 manager)
Chady Salamah (13/2 trainer) – Vincent Samuel (14/1 trainer)



Pictured above in 2006 Dimitri & Victor played for U/10 and Hussein, Chady & Vincent played for U/12
Pictured below ten years later the 5 of them are at still the club, now as team officials



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CLUB HISTORY

Bankstown Collegians and Bankstown City merged together at the end of the 1997 season to become Bankstown Juniors and soon after Bankstown Cougars.

The original origins of the Bulls we see today can be traced back to the 1970's with the Bankstown Central club who won 5 premierships from 1977 to 1983. The Red, Black and White colours of the Cougars and now Bulls were the colours of Bankstown Central. The Encouragement Award at the Bulls is named in honour of Tom Tasker who coached Bankstown Central to their maiden premiership in 1977.



Bankstown City won 5 premierships from 1984 to 1997 in ages 8, 9, 11, 16 and C Grade. Their first title was won in 1984 in M Grade under the coaching of Peter Byrnes and captaincy of Maniel Byrnes. The Bulls Super 15's jersey is designed in honour of Bankstown City's hoops design.

Bankstown Collegians was a new club formed in 1981 breaking away from Milperra Colts fielding teams in B Grade (open age), D Grade (u17) and E Grade (u16). Collegians won their first competition in 1982 defeating Punchbowl 25-0 in the F Grade (u15) Grand Final under the coaching of Wayne Dewberry and captaincy of Mark Vella. All up they won 10 competitions across various age groups from under 8's to A/Grade. In 1986, Bankstown Collegians won the International Club Championship for the first and only time.

The Cougars inaugural season was in 1998 with the club fielding nine sides and took out the under 19's title defeating St Johns 16-4 with Craig McLeod as coach and Elie Georges as captain. Such was the success of the Collegians and City merger that inaugural Cougars Secretary Ray Farah took out the CBDJRL Club Secretary of the Year and the Bulls Junior Player of the Year is named in his honour. In 2002, Bankstown Cougars were joint winners of the International Club Championship.

In 2004, the Cougars affiliated themselves with the Sydney Bulls who played in the competition that is now known as the Ron Massey Cup. As a result of the partnership the junior club became known as the Bankstown Bulls. The Sydney Bulls have since moved on but the Bankstown Bulls continue to go from strength to strength. The Bulls were awarded the inaugural CBDJRL Club of the Year award in 2007.

Junior League Grand Final days were successfully held at Ruse Park in 2009, 2010 and 2011. In 2011, the Bulls won their first Sydney Combined Competition (SCC) when the under 17's side coached by Danny Safely defeated the St George Dragons 24-14. The club has since won four SCC titles, twice in 2015 and again in 2016 when the Bulls defeated Bankstown Sports in golden point of the 14/1 grand final.



On five occasions the Bulls have won three premierships in the one season accomplishing the feats in 1999, 2005, 2013, 2015 and 2016. Remarkably in 2015 both under 19's sides won their respective SCC grand finals an achievement that has never been before and won't be achieved for a long time to come.

The Bulls have bestowed Life Membership upon eight people - Lindsay Roach, Najib Nohra, Lloyd Williams, Anthony Samuel, Romiz Barakat, Skarf Maroun, Norma Hadchiti and Abdul Nabhan - all eight have played a key role in the establishment and progression of the Cougars and Bulls history.

Eight Cougars/Bulls juniors have progressed to the NRL ranks – Heka Nanai, Peter Mata'utia, Daniel Tupou, Harlan Alaalatoa, Chanel Mata'utia and Sione Mata'utia and in 2016 we saw Pat Mata'utia and Ryan Matterson progress to the NRL. Five players have achieved Test status being Peter Mata'utia (Samoa), Daniel Tupou (Tonga & Australia), Sione Mata'utia (Australia), Pat Mata'utia (Samoa) and Marcelo Montoya (Fiji). Daniel Tupou has also represented NSW at State of Origin level.

After humble beginnings the Bankstown Bulls strives to be the most professional and friendly club giving people from all walks of life the opportunity to be part of game, the local area and make new life-long friends.

The Bankstown Bulls acknowledges its past history with Bankstown Cougars, Bankstown Collegians, Bankstown City and Bankstown Central and will continue to update the club's history section on the website when new information comes to hand about the origins of the Bulls we see today.

Photos: Top right Bankstown Cougars 2000 u6 jersey and bottom left 2016 Super 15's jersey.

EDITOR'S REPORT



Welcome to the 3rd version of the Bankstown Bulls JRLFC Yearbook in its current format. We hope you enjoy the 2016 edition.

This year saw a positive increase in playing numbers with two additional sides added at Mini and SCC levels in our club.

A season of promise was quickly turned on its head when events off the field over shadowed the club for a period.

When the club was back on track for a successful season our secretary Danny Safetly had a major accident that left him fighting for his life and out of action for the remainder of the season. In the true strength that Danny possesses it was great to see him make appearances at three matches late in the season including semi finals at Ruse Park.

Danny and his wife Jamal were both sorely missed around Ruse Park this year. Both are fantastic people and wonderful contributors to the success of our club – we need both of them in the future for the club to continue to grow. Danny was in his 4th season as Secretary where he oversaw excellent progress in the club and knew how to utilise people to their strengths providing great encouragement to many along the way.

Three sides won premierships this year (9/3, 12/1 & 14/1) and an additional two sides won minor premierships (10/2 & 14/3) – the successes of those sides have been celebrated. All 21 sides in the club each brought something to the table this year and deserve acknowledgement:

- The 6 mini sides don't take part in competition matches, but each of them important to the club.
- 9/1's made the semi finals in a very tough competition proving they're a team of the future.
- 11/1's and 13/1's didn't have the easiest of years, but continue to remain competitive in division 1.
- 11/2's and 12/2's improved dramatically with good players emerging from both sides.
- 13/2's endured a tough finals schedule to nearly steal a grand final spot against the odds.
- 15/1's and 15/2's both made the semi-finals in a year where not everything went their way showing great commitment and both unlucky to not advance further. The 15/1's continue to be a flag bearer for representative honours with over a dozen players selected in summer squads.

Two players Paul Alamoti (12/1) and Ron Sega (11/2) won the CBDJRL Player of the Year for their respective competitions – a great achievement for both players. Paul Alamoti was also CBDJRL Leading Try Scorer and CBDJRL Leading Point Scorer in a season where he smashed many records.

Bankstown Bulls led the way when it came to player registrations. In a great achievement we were the first club by some massive distance to be 100% compliant with accreditations of our team officials. We strive to be as professional as possible with our registrations, qualifications and compliance.

Over the last 10 years the Bulls have been fortunate to have **Odyssey Plumbing**, **Bankstown RSL Club** and **Men In Blinds** as major jersey sponsors. This year **Bam Bam's Cleaning** came on board as our major training shirt sponsor. Thank you to all our sponsors for their positive contributions to the Bankstown Bulls.

There's a feature in the yearbook about five Bulls team officials who were junior players at the club a decade ago in 2006. Having Bulls players past and present helping our teams is much valued and needed. We thank Dimitri Vasilaras, Daniel Safetly, Joshua Ibrahim, Victor Barakat, Jake Safetly, Ahmed Allouche, Hussein Dia, Chady Salamah, Joshua Diab, Vincent Samuel, Joseph Safetly, Bradley Grady, Sarkis Doueihy and Brad Williams for helping out with their respective teams this year or in Daniel's case two teams.

The Bulls Facebook page once again was a massive success for members and supporters with the page going from 600 likes to over 850 likes this season. It's a wonderful source of information, photos, videos and positive news about the club. The club's website remains a place of historical value with much of the archives now being placed onto the website.

Thanks to all the players, parents and families for their support of the Bankstown Bulls through what has been a difficult, but ultimately successful season for our club. We hope to see everyone back in 2017 along with many new faces as we strive to give everyone an opportunity.

Keep an eye on the Bulls website for 2017 pre-season training times & registration information.

Front Cover Photos: 12/1 Captain Paul Alamoti, 14/1 10-Year Players Gordon Chan Kum Tong & George Youssef, 11/2 CBDJRL Player of the Year Ron Sega, 9/3 Captain Jad Salamah and 12/1 CBDJRL Player of the Year Paul Alamoti

Back Cover Photos: Premiership winning teams under 9/3, under 12/1 and under 14/1











