

## NSWCCC Selection Trials

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May & Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

### MCC Report

#### Under 15

##### **Game 1 v Northern Country      WON 44 – 0**

Tries: Thomas Giles (Randwick) 3, Joshua Rizk (Ryde) 2, Kobi Rugless (Randwick), Billy Papas (Lewisham), Daniel Sykes (Ryde)

Goals: Joshua Rizk (Ryde) 4 from 6, Peter Mamouzelos 2 from 2

Man of the Match: Thomas Giles (Randwick)

##### **Game 2 v Southern Country      WON 32 – 10**

Tries: Joshua Rizk (Ryde) 2, Chaise Spyroulias (Pagewood) 2, Kobi Rugless (Randwick), Billy Papas (Lewisham), Will Fagan (Randwick)

Goals: Peter Mamouzelos 2 from 4, Gian Mario Serratore 1 from 3

Man of the Match: Joshua Rizk (Ryde)

##### **Game 3 v Sydney Independents WON 28 – 12**

Tries: Gian Mario Serratore (Bankstown) 2, Joshua Rizk (Ryde), Kobi Rugless (Randwick), Jesse Provan (Ryde), Chaise Spyroulias (Pagewood)

Goals: Peter Mamouzelos 2 from 4, Gian Mario Serratore 1 from 2, Daniel Sykes 0 from 1

Man of the Match: Gian Mario Serratore (Bankstown)

The MCC team began the 2016 carnival against Northern Country, traditionally a strong team. The team had their photo an hour and a half before kick off, so there was lots of waiting around which added to the nerves of some of the players. After a tight opening Kobi Rugless was able to sneak a try from dummy half. From there the flood gates opened with the MCC team scoring another 7 tries in remaining 40 mins of the game. A solid platform was laid by Lachlan Gale (Randwick), Fine Taumoepenu (Randwick), Thomas Giles (Randwick) and Daniel Sykes (Ryde) who were able to provide some great offloads and were too big for the country team.

Backing up only 2 matches later against a fresh Southern Country was going to be a tough ask. The Southern Country team looked a speed faster than MCC and were easily rolling through the middle of the field in the early stages of the match. However the MCC showed some great determination and pride in defence to hold them to 2 tries, while running in 7. Joshua Rizk and Chaise Spyroulias were able to cross for 2 tries each, they were well supported by Logan Aldridge (Pagewood) and Will Fagan.

The final match of the carnival had both teams who finished first in their respective pools play off against each other. It was the first time in a few years the U/15 MCC had the honour of playing in that match. They played a Sydney Independent Catholic Colleges team who came into the match with the confidence of beating MCC the previous day. Joshua Rizk opened the scoring from dummy half. Despite the close scores SICC were making errors that weren't helping their cause by making a few errors. MCC were able to open up a tight 12 – 6 lead at halftime. The call from the team was to win every half they played in, so with that in mind Jesse Provan (Ryde) opened the scoring in the second half from a kick. SICC tried until

the end although the MCC boys scored 4 second half tries to finish the match in another dominant display. That was despite the CCC selectors requesting that Joshua Rizk and Thomas Giles played few minutes and Bailey Hayward coming off midway through the second half, demonstrating how strong the entire MCC squad was, rather than relying on a few players.

In 3 matches the team scored 22 tries and only conceded 4, a fantastic effort, one of the most dominating displays from any U/15 team at that level.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the NSWCCC squad:

Thomas Giles (Randwick), Bailey Hayward (Lewisham), Joshua Rizk (Ryde) and Daniel Sykes (Ryde).

After such a dominant display it was disappointing to only have 4 players selected to play in the CCC team.

All players conducted themselves in the manner expected of MCC students. They were a pleasure to coach.