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## ***PERTH BAYSWATER JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB***

### ***NEWSLETTER***

If you would like to go on our email list or if you have any information for the newsletter including match reports please email [robbie@hillarysresort.com.au](mailto:robbie@hillarysresort.com.au) by **12 noon** each Wednesday.

#### **Presentation Day**

Just a reminder to all managers and coaches to make sure all prize recipients for presentation day have been handed into Katie.

#### **Finals**

Good luck this weekend to the Under 16's who are playing in their major semi final and Under 13 Swan playing their minor semi final. Anyone free to come and support would be greatly appreciated.

Also a big congratulations to the Women's team and the U 18's with victories in their grand finals.

## **MATCH REPORTS**

### **U15'S COTTESLOE 40 def PERTH BAYSWATER 21**

Perth went into the last match of the season needing to win, and also for other results to go their way, to secure a place in the finals. Cottesloe were also keen for a good hit out before their finals tilt so it promised to be a cracker of a game. The game, however, didn't start well as Cottesloe could only field 13 players (14 later) and so uncontested scrums were the order of the day. The lack of players didn't deter Cottesloe as they came out full of pace, catching Perth flat-footed, and only scrambling defence prevented them scoring a number of times. Cottesloe eventually breached Perth's line, scoring a converted try in the corner after 10 minutes. This was followed by another 5 minutes later, with a quick penalty kick and dart through our defence to score near the posts. Perth were on the back foot, but they regathered and a good run by Michael Greenwood allowed Carlos Flutey-Clarke to get across the line. Jackson Condren converted and Perth were back in the match.

The second half again started at a furious pace; Cottesloe gaining the ball from the kickoff and easily evading tackles to score in the first minute. The next ten minutes or so of play was very fierce, Cottesloe had a try held up and Perth fought hard to retain possession. Perth got on to the attack and an interfering hand from the opposition resulted in a penalty try being awarded, converted by Jackson. A few minutes later, Cottesloe scored a well executed try from set piece at the scrum, cutting through the defence quite easily. Perth came back with a terrific try, starting with a lineout grab by Riley Milligan, through hands to Alex Preston and Adam McCarthy, who produced a strong run and great pass to Lane Mitchell to score under the posts. Cottesloe were not to be outdone and in the last few minutes defensive errors by Perth allowed them to score two quick tries to take the game from Perth.

Despite the loss, Perth should hold their heads up high. They have come far this season, with half the team new to the club (if not Australia!) and a new coach. We set our sights at the beginning of the year aiming for middle of the table, and we have finished just outside the top four, a great achievement. Several players also took up rugby for the first time, and their progress has been one of the highs for the season. The team has made huge strides this year but now we must turn our attention to next year. We would love to see all players return for a new season; fitness is an area that still requires much work and that is something all players can work on during the summer break.

See you all at the Club Presentation Day and well done on a great season!