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*Perth-Bayswater's ARGONAUT GOLD stars, Ash Murphy and Nathan McCort*

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# President's Report



*President Jack Seymour*

Well the Season is past the half way mark and the Team results are a mixture of good to average. The B Grade and Colts are looking good enough to make the finals. The Premiers have had a mixed bag of good (at times brilliant) games and some very average games but have remained competitive to the end. The Reserves and A Grade have struggled for numbers but always manage to field a Team on Saturdays.

We are very proud of our State representative players, Ash Murphy and Nathan McCort were both in the starting lineup of Argonaut Gold, the team who went on to become the Australian Rugby Shield Champions. Brent Murphy who went away with the unbeaten Under 19 State side and Ethan Reed from our Junior Club who went away with the Under 15 Development Squad. Congratulations and well done to all of you.

Perth- Bayswater is currently in the planning and development stage of a Volunteer Management Program instigated by RugbyWA, this program will determine the priorities and direction of our Club and hopefully provide for a more prosperous future. I would like to invite any of you who has the good of the Club at heart to volunteer your time to help us implement this program and be a part of a new era in Rugby for Western Australia.

We are looking forward to our "Old Timers Day" on July 23rd at Morley when we are at home to University. If you know of anyone who has not been to the Club for a while invite them along on this day to catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

It is Sponsors Day on August 13th when we are home to Nedlands.

regards  
**Jack**

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# Rugby: Premier Grade

## Seagulls snatch win

Perth-Bayswater squandered a 17-point lead to suffer defeat in the final five minutes of a match for the second time in a row in their rugby union game against Cottesloe at Morley Reserve on Saturday.

Perth-Bayswater opened the game strongly with the forwards repeatedly taking the ball up to the Cottesloe pack and dragging more defenders into the rucks and mauls. Just four minutes into the game, the ball was spun wide to pacy winger Dylan Davis who wrong-footed the Cottesloe defenders to canter over the line for a try, which first five-eighth Toby Hohapata converted to give the men in black a 7-0 lead. Soon after, an indiscretion by a Cottesloe player in front of the goalposts gave Hohapata another chance to show off his kicking ability and put Perth-Bayswater 10-0 up. While Cottesloe continued to give every impression of a team headed for a season near the bottom of the ladder, their only strong point their set-piece domination of Perth-Bayswater's scrum. With the Perth-Bayswater scrum back-peddalling, number eight Cale McCort continually put his team on the front foot by taking the ball from the back of the scrum and driving forward. However, it was when he was standing with the outside backs that he received the ball, passed on to Davis and then backed up to score Perth-Bayswater's second try, which Hohapata converted. Perth-Bayswater led

17-0 at half-time and started the second half strongly although failed to capitalise on opportunities to score.

When Cottesloe scored a try mid-way through the second half, it appeared to be a glitch in Perth-Bayswater's defences but when it was followed by a penalty soon after to put the visitors just one converted try behind the home team, Cottesloe lifted where Perth-Bayswater fell apart. Cottesloe kept the pressure up and Perth-Bayswater was rarely able to win the ball. Cottesloe scored another try with about 10 minutes remaining in the game but was unable to convert to leave Perth-Bayswater defending a two-point lead. Perth's defences regrouped but attacking opportunities were rare as Cottesloe continued to win possession and pushed the black scrum around at will. It looked as if Perth-Bayswater may have been able to hold out but with just two minutes left in the game, Cottesloe scored a third try in the corner to give them a three-point lead. Perth-Bayswater put together a rare string of possession until Cottesloe rubbed salt into Perth-Bayswater's wounds by snaffling a line-out to quell this last attack before scoring a fourth try to give themselves a bonus point and deprive Perth-Bayswater of one for losing by seven points or fewer.



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# Rugby: Premier Grade

## Uni go to top of the class

There was no last-minute loss for Perth-Bayswater Premier Grade this week. Current competition leaders University handed out a rugby lesson and the game was all over by half time. In a complete first half, Uni's big forwards and slick backs led 20-3 at the break and looked as good as any team in the Home Building Society competition. Perth-Bayswater controlled second half territory and had numerous opportunities but lack of support and Uni's monster scrum hampered its efforts. Uni showed its class with a further two tries despite spending mere minutes in Perth's half.

Perth-Bayswater opened with a brief flourish but University swarmed down into Perth's half and exerted pressure, winning a penalty for offside. Uni kicked the goal and led 3-0 after 12 minutes. Five minutes later Uni's big forwards rumbled down to the posts, then spun wide for a try midway to the sideline. It was converted from a moderate angle for a 10-0 lead. Perth-Bayswater was not about to roll over, competing fiercely in the loose but failing to capitalise on several opportunities. But flyhalf Toby Hohapata made no mistake with a penalty for offside after 20 minutes. Uni kept the pressure on, pinning Perth-Bayswater in its half, a massive scrum and combative lineout making life difficult for the men in black. On the half hour Uni crossed out wide and came around to dot down close

to the posts. Their kicker guided the simple conversion over and Uni went ahead 17-3. Perth-Bayswater did itself no favours with dubious options and Uni wrapped up the half 20-3 with a sitter for hands in the ruck.

Uni opened the second half with a string of unforced errors and Perth-Bayswater forced its way back into the game. The men in black assaulted Uni's line with multiple phases but a long pass out wide was nabbed by the flat Uni defence. Their centre sprinted 40 metres and handed on to the wing to score. It was converted from in front for a lead to Uni of 27-3. Perth-Bayswater continued to dominate second half territory but rarely threatened Uni's defence. But with five minutes to play the phases of attack in Uni's 22 finally bore fruit when wing Damien Milich cut through on the blind to score out wide. Perth-Bayswater kept running the attacks but fell short several times through lack of support and basic errors. Instead Uni broke out against the run of play and followed a massive kick through with quick support to score under the posts. It was converted and Uni surged ahead 34-8.



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# Rugby: Premier Grade

## Soaks drown Perth

Associates forward pack proved to be too big and too strong for Perth-Bayswater, laying the platform for a 46-11 hiding in their Home Building Society rugby union match at Allen Park on Saturday. Perth-Bayswater could not compete with Associates scrum, costing the team precious possession and allowing the Associates backs the luxury of knowing any handling errors would most likely result in their winning back the ball but tying up Perth-Bayswater's forwards in the scrum.

Associates stamped their mark on the match early on and continued the game with a steady procession of tries. Perth-Bayswater loose forwards Cale McCort and Eugene Maxwell and lock Gareth Cherrington

defended stoutly and were able to produce some go-forward ball from the rucks and mauls but the Perth-Bayswater backline rarely had clean possession and was forced to live off broken play. However, Perth-Bayswater managed one try when the ball went wide to winger David Cross who beat Associates defenders to cross the try-line out wide. Perth-Bayswater's only other points came from two penalties kicked by first five-eighth Toby Hohapata. The loss leaves Perth-Bayswater in seventh place on the ladder above only Wanneroo and Palmyra who are yet to win a game.



# Rugby: Premier Grade

## Neddies rain on our parade

Perth-Bayswater Premier Grade competed strongly throughout this 53-10 hiding from those ratbags from the Foreshore, and were in the game up until half time. For ten minutes before the break, Perth even looked like turning on one of those heavenly upsets. But even in the rain and gloom at Perry lakes, Neddies shot clear with a couple of try-scoring blitzes in the second half, aided and abetted by some woeful tackling, and it was all over blue rover.

Nedlands established early pressure and was first on the board with a penalty after 7 minutes. Four minutes later it was same offence, same position and same result at the other end of the field as Perth-Bayswater flyhalf Toby Hohapata tied the score 3-3. The game struggled back and forth between the 22s in wet, dull weather, Perth-Bayswater putting itself under pressure with repeated lineout errors. Nedlands came within inches of scoring in the corner after a 20 metre maul 22 minutes in, but the ball carrier was bundled out on the corner flag. Three minutes later, from a scrum on halfway, the Neddies backs spun the ball wide despite pouring rain, but were pulled up short of the line. From the ruck Neddies' inside centre cantered through a gaping hole and dotted down behind the posts. And again soon after, scoring from a tap penalty that followed a big Nedlands

mid field charge. Their fullback converted both and Neddies took a 15-3 lead. The men in black hustled downfield and staged ten minutes of attack, hooker Richie Anderson eventually going over for a try after wing Dylan Davies sliced through on the blind. Hohapata converted and Perth-Bayswater trailed 15-10 going into the break.

But there was no stirring comeback in this game. A couple of knock ons put Perth-Bayswater on the back foot and Nedlands hammered the line as the second spell opened. The score inevitably came when their flyhalf looped around a back line attack from a scrum in front of the posts. The try was converted from in front and Nedlands stretched its lead to 22-10. Another followed two minutes later when Neddies' wing scooted over in the corner through minimal defence. And another in two more minutes, the same wing cutting through the mid field and flummoxing the defence to score under the bar. The conversion was successful and Neddies shot ahead 34-10. Nedlands continued to dominate second half territory and possession, but Perth-Bayswater rediscovered tackling skills until the 25 minute mark. Then, from a scrum close to the line, Neddies looped blind to score in the corner, taking them out to a 39-10 lead. Neddies' blindside flanker and half back wrapped up the game with two more tries, and both were converted for the 53-10 winning score.



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# Rugby: Premier Grade

## Palmyra pipped

Perth-Bayswater clung tenaciously to an early lead to hold off a resurgent Palmyra and claim a hard-won 22-21 victory in their round 10 Home Building Society rugby union match at Morley Reserve on Sunday June 19.

Perth-Bayswater dominated early play and charged to a 16-0 lead in the first 20 minutes thanks to a rampant forward pack and the accurate boot of fly-half Toby Hohapata, who did not miss a shot at goal all day. Palmyra had no answer to strong ball-carrying by loose forwards Cale McCort and David Watene and lock Tim McLoughlin and gave away three penalties trying to slow down the ball in the rucks, allowing Hohapata to put the men in black nine points in front. Perth-Bayswater's first chance at crossing Palmyra's try-line came from a cross-field chip kick by Hohapata which was swooped on by wing Dylan Davis but he was unable to gather the ball. Perth-Bayswater's early domination finally paid dividends when the ball was spun wide to right wing Damien Milich, who burst

through the Palmyra defence to pace down the touchline and score in the corner. Hohapata's successful kick put Perth-Bayswater ahead by 16. However, the final 20 minutes of the first half belonged to Palmyra. Perth-Bayswater were forced to spend the rest of the half defending as Palmyra ran in two tries and was unlucky to miss a penalty to be behind 14-16 at half-time.

Palmyra started the second half strongly but Perth-Bayswater held

firm as neither team was able to break the deadlock. Perth-Bayswater half-back Clint Dodd tackled strongly all day until he was finally forced off the field through injury and Hohapata moved in to half back. Despite strong running from backs Jeff Martin, Tony Sproule and replacement fullback Logan Cribb, Perth-Bayswater couldn't manage to break through solid Palmyra defences. However, ill-discipline from Palmyra gave Hohapata two more shots at goal to take Perth-Bayswater's score to 22-14 - more than a converted try ahead. With five minutes to go, Palmyra finished off a strong attacking move with a converted try to put them just one point behind and it looked as if Perth might yet again lose a game in the dying minutes. Palmyra had a chance to steal the lead with a penalty kick attempt but the ball went wide and Perth-Bayswater was able to claim its first win since victory over Wanneroo in round three.



# Rugby: Premier Grade

## Good start not enough for Wests

Despite an enthusiastic start, Perth-Bayswater wilted in the second half to lose to reigning premier Wests-Subiaco 44-15 in their Home Building Society rugby union match at Rosalie Park on June 25. Perth-Bayswater was clearly fired up with the return of prop Ashley Murphy and first five-eighth Nathan McCort, who were key figures in Argonaut Gold's successful defence of the Telstra Australian Rugby Shield and started the game playing as good a level of rugby as they have produced all season.

For the first 20 minutes, Perth-Bayswater dominated possession and territory. Loose forwards Cale McCort, Eugene Maxwell and Kereupa Pirikahu ran rampant early to ensure Wests-Subiaco was deprived of the ball at breakdowns of play. Wests-Subiaco's defence withstood sustained pressure but Perth-Bayswater eventually managed to create an overlap and spun the ball wide to winger Damien Milich who raced into the corner for a try. Bustling runs from centres David Watene and Tony Sproul could not pierce Wests-Subiaco's wall of defenders. In a rare attacking movement, Wests-Subiaco managed to take the ball into Perth-Bayswater's 22, took a quick tap from a penalty and spun the ball wide to score in the corner and bring the score to 5-5. Perth-Bayswater resumed their offensive from the

restart and camped in Wests-Subiaco's half but were unable to turn the pressure into points on the scoreboard, whereas were able to score each time they made a rare raid into Perth-Bayswater's defensive 22, with a penalty and then a second try, both against the run of play. Shortly before the end of the first half, Perth-Bayswater managed to win a penalty which Hohapata successfully kicked to have Perth-Bayswater trailing by 13-8 at half time despite dominating possession and territory.

After the break, Wests-Subiaco's forwards awoke from their slumber to do to Perth-Bayswater what had been done to them in the first half except that Wests managed to capitalise on their opportunities to run in try after try to take the score to 44-8 until Nathan McCort managed to break through the Wests-Subiaco line to score a consolation try.

In other games, the reserve grade was routed 60-0 while the A grade was also unable to score against Wests, losing 19-0. There was some joy for Perth-Bayswater with the B grade comfortably defeating Wests 35-3 and an under-manned colts side putting in a fully coherent performance to down Wests-Subiaco 61-12.

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## Roodogs brought to heel

Perth-Bayswater raced to an early lead which was never seriously threatened by Wanneroo for a 39-26 victory in their round 12 Home Building Society rugby union match at Rugby Park on Sunday.

Perth-Bayswater piled on the pressure from the kick-off, the forward pack sending Wanneroo into early disarray with their pick and drive game. Wanneroo conceded a penalty in front of the posts and a quick tap allowed Mike Murphy to dive over the line for a try. Halfback Tony Hohapata converted to give the men in black a 7-0 lead after three minutes of play. A penalty for Wanneroo shortly after the restart put them on the score board. Wanneroo attacked Perth-Bayswater's 22 when Perth managed to turn the ball over and spin it wide quickly to winger Shaun Tamehana who burst through a Wanneroo tackle and ran the ball 50 metres. Tamehana offloaded to hooker Richie Anderson who scored Perth-Bayswater's second try in 10

minutes, which was converted by Hohapata for a 14-3 lead. The teams kicked a penalty apiece before Wanneroo kicked downfield to fullback Dylan Davis who broke through two tacklers and sped along the touchline to score in the corner. At 24-6 down, Wanneroo rallied to score two tries and went in to half time trailing by 24-16.

Perth-Bayswater burst out of the gates in the second half with quick passing from Hohapata and first five-eighth Nathan McCort fed bustling runs from Tony Sproule and Jeff Martin in the centres. Bursts of pace from the back three often threatened to break through Wanneroo's at times shaky tackling. Winger Damien Milich found open space to score wide and give Perth-Bayswater a bonus point and Tamehana followed suit with a try three minutes later to put the match beyond doubt. Wanneroo refused to surrender and scored another two tries but never looked like challenging Perth-Bayswater's total.



# Rugby

## Another defeat in the nick of time

Perth-Bayswater allowed Kalamunda to snatch victory from their grasp in the dying seconds for the second time this season, allowing the Bulls back in to the game to win 21-20 in their Home Building Society rugby union match at Hartfield Park on Saturday.

Perth-Bayswater followed a now-familiar pattern of starting strongly before falling away toward the end of the game. Kalamunda never looked like scoring in the first half and had their hands full holding off the Perth-Bayswater onslaught. Perth-Bayswater put their first points on the board from the boot of halfback Toby Hohapata who kicked two penalties to give the men in black a 6-0 lead. Perth-Bayswater's forwards, led by Ashley Murphy, kept the Kalamunda defences on the back foot with a powerful pick and drive game while first five-eighth Nathan McCort put in

one of his best performances of the season controlling the backline. Perth-Bayswater scored one try through the backs and one through the forwards, both converted by Hohapata to take them 20-0 up.

Looking headed for victory, Perth-Bayswater's concentration lapsed and Kalamunda were able to break through Perth's defences for a converted try. Having already snatched victory from Perth earlier in the season, Kalamunda sniffed a chance and rallied where Perth-Bayswater fell apart. Kalamunda scored a second converted try to put them one converted try away from an upset win. Perth appeared to be holding out until a last-minute dash down the touchline by the Kalamunda fullback who brushed off to tacklers to score and give his goalkicker the opportunity to steal the game.

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## A Grade

A Grade's strong start to the season has been blunted by a mid-season slump which has left them sitting on a five-game losing streak. After flogging University and Palmyra Blue, A Grade's downhill spiral started with a 10-17 near loss to Mandurah in round 8. The absence of the Thompson family to greet their mother to Australia one week later led to coach Craig Robertson coming out of retirement to do the hooking. A shortfall of players was made up by fifth graders keen to get back out on the field for a second game. However, even with Steve Wharerau stepping in to play at halfback and inspire an early second half comeback, the thirsty thirds ran out of legs near the end of the game and succumbed to the youthful Curtin side 22-13.

The A grade went down again in round 10 to a reasonably dirty Palmyra team whose batty captain was busy accusing anyone near him of high tackles. Brent Shaw at flanker and Lineout July 2005 — Page 10

David Scott at lock played strongly as usual and it is no surprise they have since moved up to Reserve Grade. Despite some coherent passages of play and strong running from captain Andrew Hancy, A Grade's defence was sub-standard and Palmyra were allowed too many soft tries to win 28-9.

A 19-0 loss to Wests-Subiaco in the next round was generally seen as an improvement on the previous week's performance with the forwards rediscovering their pick and drive game at times and some more substantial defence than the previous week. A 48-3 belting from Midland in round 12 can be viewed as a glitch in the A Grade's late season charge up the ladder against a bunch of mid-table contenders, although the July 23 fixture against second-placed Joondalup will be a chance for the team to demonstrate their progress.

# Rugby: B Grade

Brilliant B GRADE downed **Rockingham** 32-22 at Morley. Perth was first to score when a turnover saw the ball go through the quick hands of Andy "Magic Mobile" Keen to Crocodile Bob Cooper, who off-loaded to Daniel "Curly" Curlew, who sprinted thirty meters to score the try of the day. Dwain "The Train" Barr scored two more to take the lead to 17-0 with just five minutes to go until half time. We allowed Rocky to score two quick tries for a half time score of 17-12. The Train got his third of the day to make it two hat tricks in two games while the others were scored by Handsome Danny Vella and Phil "The Legend of the Valleys" Oliver, who was also player of the day.

No it wasn't a cricket match but it was a cricket type score with the heroes of B Grade caning **Uni** 90-0 -- the biggest ever score in the infamous history of the filthy fifths. Try scorers on the day were Dwain "The Train" Barr, Fridge, Shane "Public" Barr, Araron "Ralph" Martin who all scored two tries each, while Bert "Two Left Feet" Bothwell, The Fonz, Chachi, Lionel "Richie" Johnson, Bubs and Tom "Desert Madman" Lynch all scored one each. The try of the day though was when Fridge counter attacked from half way, beating several defenders before off loading to Chachi just before the line. The kicking performance of "Public" Barr was almost faultless, converting ten of the fourteen tries and also his field position kicking was one of the day's highlights.

Brilliant B Grade belted **Southern Lions** 58-12 at Murdoch. Try scorers on the day

included Bert "Two Left Feet" Bothwell and Dwaine "The Train" Barr, who scored two each, while Bubs, Curley, Aaron "Ralph" MArtin, Phil "Legend of the Valleys" Oliver, Chachi and Japie all scored one. A special team meeting has been called to put into place some new tactics to stop this happening ever again.

The gallant lads from B Grade overcame Arctic conditions and a fired-up **Curtin** to record a 22-10 win. The team produced a strong performance to overcome a committed Curtin and a ref whose decisions were a little hard to understand. Perth had a flying start when Aaron "Ralph" Martin scored from 40 metres out. The try went unconverted and Perth struggled to half time, and all they had show for it was a lot of penalties against them, and the loss of Handsome Danny Vella to the sin bin. The second half saw a commitment to the half time plan of out-muscling Curtin around the rucks and mauls. Lionel "Richie" Jonston, Danny and Chachi were of most note, driving well into opposition territory. Chachi finally cracked the Curtin defence and scored a great try under the posts, which was converted by Shane "Public" Barr for a 12-0 lead. Public followed up with a penalty to take the score to 15-0. Curtin fired up after this to manage two unconverted tries, getting back in the game at 15-10. Dwayne "the Train" Barr to put his name on the scoreboard as he does every week, and scored the winning try.

B Grade suffered its first loss of the season when they went down to **Associates** Green. Perth made a better start to the game



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and spent most of the first half on attack but were unable to penetrate the defence, settling for a penalty from Shane "Public" Barr to take the early lead. This was poor return for all the effort put in by the likes of Chachi and Phil "The Legend of the Valleys" Oliver, who both put enormous pressure on Soaks' inside backs, causing a lot of turnovers. The second half saw Soaks put a lot of pressure on Perth's defence which paid dividends when they received a penalty, and slotted it to take a 6-3 lead. Perth put in a big effort to regain the lead but was again repelled by Soaks' defence despite the best efforts of Bert "Two Left Feet" Bothwell, Andy "Evergreen" Keen and Japie in the forwards. Perth had a chance to level the score in the dying stages but was unable to convert two penalty goal attempts.

It was back to the winner's circle for B Grade when they downed **Wests** 35-3 at Rosalie. Perth was first to score when Rau moved the ball wide to Fridge who shrugged off a couple of weak tackles on the way to the line. Wests were in no way easy beats and showed this by putting the boys in black on the back foot a few times in the first half but due to poor handling in their backs only managed a penalty for all their effort. Phil "Legend of the Valleys" Oliver scored a great try just before half time after the ball was moved through the backs, to help Perth go to the break 17-3 up. The second half saw Perth put more pressure on Wests line which finally paid off when Lionel "Ritchie" Johnston drove over the line with half the Wests forwards on his back to score a real forwards' try. The try of the game waited until the last minute when Dwain "The iTrain" Barr made a huge break up field before unloading to Wayne "Bubs" Salter who raced under the posts for a great bonus point try. Rau had a good day with the boot slotting three conversions and penalties which helped make the score look more impressive.

B Grade produced a strong second half Lineout July 2005 — Page 12

effort to beat **Midland** 48-0 on a sunny afternoon at Morley Reserve. Midland started the game strongly and Perth was forced to defend most of the first quarter. The tide finally turned and Perth pressured Midland's line but we had to settle for a penalty goal. Perth continued to hammer Midland's line and just before half time a penalty kick to the corner led to the Perth forwards driving from the lineout and Andy "Evergreen" Keen was propelled over the line for a half time score of 8-0. The second half saw a more focused Perth side take control of the match and it wasn't long before Japie strode through the lineout to score. This was quickly followed by a great efforts from Dwain "The Train" Barr, and Bert Two Left Feet" Bothwell when he toed ahead a loose ball before scooping it up, beating a couple of defenders to score and take the game out of reach. Rau showed great vision by putting Daniel "Curley" Curlew in for a try after he had run a great angle while Phil "Legend of the Valleys" Oliver showed all the class that made him one of the club's greatest fly halves ever by putting Aaron "Ralph" Martin and Fridge in for tries.

B grade had another good win, over **Southern Lions** 1. The score line of 52-0 was a good indication of the game with the more experienced Perth side able to finish off their moves while the young lads from the Lions were unable to put any phases together to seriously threaten the scoreboard. Bert "Two Left Feet" Bothwell danced over to open the scoring in the first half which was followed by tries to "Chachi" and Lionel "Richie" Johnson while Rau provided two conversions for a 19-0 half time lead. The second half saw Bert and Chachi add to their first half effort while Dwain "The Train" Barr, Aaron "Ralph" Martin and Fridge also got their names on the score sheet. Mike "PhD" Hillier and Finky provided a good base to the scrums while Japie shocked us all by putting in a big tackle which resulted in a turnover (wonders never cease to happen in this grade).

# Rugby

## Under 19s

by team coach John Piperis

What a difference a season makes! This year's under-19s have proven themselves champions worthy of a Grand Final placing.

In their most recent game against Wests, our colts played the game of their lives. With only 12 players they played as if their lives depended upon a win - and win they did with a final score of 61 to 12.

It's a pleasure to coach a team that works together in the way they do.

There's never a sense of one-upmanship or blame. They pass the ball with confidence and trust each other to be there to back each other up.

I look forward to the next game and watching each player grow in confidence and skill.

Well done to the team!

## Juniors

The more than 270 junior players, spread over 19 teams in season 2005, have made a tremendous start to the season. With another strong growth in player registrations this year, we have been able to field teams in every age group, including the new under-16 competition. Some of the younger ages have up to three teams, and we have been able to field two full strength teams at under-13 level. At the half way point of the competition, Perth-Bayswater has teams contending for finals places in virtually all of the competitive grades. In the two competitive age groups where there are no finals, our under-11 team is in first position with our under-12 team in second

place. With 10 teams in the non-competitive under-7 to under-10 age groups all playing their hearts out each week, the future of the juniors looks very bright indeed.

Once again we have been aided by many sponsors and volunteers who give up their time and money for the benefit and enjoyment of the players. Coaches, managers, referees, helpers on the sidelines and in the canteen are all responsible for the success the club is enjoying again this year, and it goes without saying that the junior club and committee are extremely grateful to all of those people who lend a hand, in the true club spirit.



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## OLD TIMERS DAY

Past PBRUFC players and supporters are invited to come to the club on Old Timers Day on July 23 to watch the first grade and reserve grade take on University and the A and B grade pit themselves against Joondalup.

While the boys do their best to destroy the opposition on the field, old timers can enjoy a beer and catch up with each other, reminisce about past glories or let the youngsters know how much tougher the players were in the old days.

If you know any former players or members, give them a call and tell them to get down to the club for a big day out.

## ARGONAUT GOLD

Congratulations go to PBRUFC players Ashley Murphy and Nathan McCort, who played an integral part in the State team, Argonaut Gold's retention of the Telstra Australian Rugby Shield. Argonaut Gold was unbeaten all season and came back from 8-0 down at half-time to beat the Queensland Country Heelers 18-11. Ashley Murphy was solid in the tight five and Nathan McCort at first five-eighth sparked the WA team's comeback, scoring Argonaut Gold's first try not long after half time.

(pic attached – Ash Murphy and Nathan McCort in action during the TARS final against Queensland Country Heelers)

## AUSTRALIAN DEAF RUGBY

Congratulations to PBRUFC first grade forward Tim McLoughlin who has been selected as the only WA representative in the 2005 Australian Deaf Rugby Union team which will tour New Zealand in August to play against the Northern Provincial and Southern Provincial teams and two matches against the NZ Deaf Rugby Union team. Tim is a utility forward for the first grade, stepping in as hooker while Ash Murphy was on State duties but also slipping easily into the second row. Tim will certainly be grateful for any

assistance in fund raising for his tour.

(pic attached – Tim McLoughlin heads for a breakdown of play.)

## RAAF RUGBY

Second rower Jason 'Legs' Bastaja recently represented WA at the RAAF national rugby championships, where he not only played well but managed to get injured. The word is that he was a strong candidate to make the RAAF national team before injury put him out of the running.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Start planning for the two major end-of-year social functions. The JJ Guthrie Award night to recognise the best player in the club as nominated by expert spectators, will be a very classy black tie event at the Rosehill Country Club on August 19. Tickets are on sale for \$70 each – see Sam McCort for more information.

The Annual Awards Night will be on October 1, keep your eyes peeled for more details.

## FORMER PLAYERS DATABASE

Perth-Bayswater RUFC wants to keep in touch with all its former players and is trying to build a database of contact details so we can keep all the old timers informed with newsletters like this one and other information. If you are a former player, get in touch with the club and give us your details so we can stay in touch with you. And if you know any former players, let them know we want to hear from them.

## Obituary

Les Sayers passed away on July 9th 2005 in Pinjarra. Les played Premiers and Reserve Grade for Perth-Bayswater from 1977 to the early 80s as a Wing or Centre. He will be missed by his team mates of that era.

# The Sin Bin

Three men were standing in line to get into heaven one day. Apparently it had been a pretty busy day, though, so Peter had to tell the first one, "Heaven's getting pretty close to full today, and I've been asked to admit only people who have had particularly horrible deaths. So what's your story?"

So the first man replies: "Well, for a while I've suspected my wife has been cheating on me, so today I came home early to my 25th floor apartment to try to catch her red-handed. I search the place but find nothing until I go out on the balcony and sure enough, there was this man hanging off the railing, 25 floors above the ground! I tried punching him but he wouldn't fall off. So I got a hammer and started hammering on his fingers. Of course he let go and fell -- but only into the bushes, and he wasn't even hurt. So I pushed the fridge out of the kitchen and threw it over the edge where it landed on him, killing him instantly. But the effort was too much for my heart, and I had a heart attack and died there on the balcony."

"That sounds like a pretty bad day to me," said Peter, and let the man in.

The second man comes up and Peter explains to him about heaven being full, and again asks for his story.

"It's been a very strange day. You see, I live on the 26th floor of my apartment building, and every morning I do my exercises out on my balcony. Well, this morning I must have slipped or something, because I fell over the edge. But I got lucky, and caught the railing of the balcony on the floor below me. I knew I couldn't hang on for very long, when suddenly

this man burst out onto the balcony. I thought for sure I was saved, when he started beating on me. I held on the best I could until he ran into the apartment and grabbed a hammer and started pounding on my hands. Finally I just let go, but again I got lucky and fell into the bushes below, stunned but all right. Just when I was thinking I was going to be okay, this refrigerator comes falling out of the sky and crushes me instantly, and now I'm here."

Once again, Peter had to concede that that sounded like a pretty horrible death. The third man came to the front of the line, and again the whole process was repeated. Peter explained that heaven was full and asked for his story.

"Picture this," says the third man, "I'm naked, hiding inside a refrigerator..."

A burglar breaks into a house in the ritzy area of town. He's sure that there's nobody home but he sneaks in, doesn't turn on any lights and heads for where he thinks the valuables are kept. He hears a voice say, "I can see you! Jesus can see you, too!" He freezes in his tracks! He doesn't move a muscle! A couple of minutes go by. The voice repeats "I can see you! Jesus can see you, too!" He slowly takes out his torch, switches it on and looks around the room. He sees a bird cage with a parrot in it. "Did you say that?" The parrot says again, "I can see you! Jesus can see you, too!" "Hah! So what?! You're just a parrot!" says the burglar. "I may be just a parrot", replies the parrot. "But Jesus is a Doberman!"



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