

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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ACHIEVEMENTS

400 game players

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300 game players

Craig Badger, Keiran Dempsey, Shane Parsons, Jason Fava, Phil Blinkhorne, Robert Fava, Dorian Smith, Luke Alder, Lachlan McLeod, Brandon Scott, Andrew Needham, Andrew Rickard, Ben Pickering, Tom Betts

200 game players

Eric Waterworth, Kevin Pryor, Phil Alder, Steve Batty, Phil Johnson, Warwick Badger, Steve Bowtell, Paul Carlson, David Robertson, Brett Daley, Steve Borger, Anthony Lind, Geoff Toovey, Daryn Trowbridge, Andrew Williams, Tim Galloway, Jamie Wildash, Scott Wildash, Shane Wildash, Paul Clyne, Steve Harrod, Paul Whitfield, Craig Bowtell, Scott Doyle, Grant Jones, Mark Fava, Chad Eady, Heath Dennis, Dean Griffith, Darren Michael, Jason Siladi, Brad Verrills, Chris Corbett, Ben Baxter, Darren Daley, Scott Murphy, Jason Whitfield, Scott Sinclair, Matt Baxter, Adam Parkinson, Warrick Smith, Matt Alder, Ryan Carter, James Cable, Chris Brooks, Marcus Middleton, Chris Needham, Liam Alder, Ben Pickering, Scott Cable, Tom Needham, Nathan Garnham, Richie Plummer, Luke Grant, Dylan Eldershaw, Paul Garnham, Tom Betts, Luke Betts, Jack Cosh, Charles Buttrose, Lachlan Brown, Ben Georgas, Christian Bate, Michael Higgins, Jack Wilson, Beau Abrahams, Charlie Griffith, Ryan Mawhinney

Association Awards

Club Champions – Col Mills Memorial trophy Est 1979

1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 2003

Senior Grade Champions - L&V Engineering Trophy Est 1972

1980, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2023

Best Club – Pop Hall Memorial Trophy

1986, 1992, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2016, 2019



ACHIEVEMENTS

NSWRL Sydney Shield	2013
A Grade	1967, 1988, 1989, 1993, 2002, 2003, 2009, 2019*, 2023
A Grade North Sydney	2003, 2013
A Reserve Grade	1966, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2013
Under 21	1961, 1980, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995
Under 19	1982, 1990, 1993
Under 17	1979, 1981, 1987, 1989
Under 16	1969, 1980, 1987, 2000, 2011
Under 15	1970, 1977, 1978, 1982, 1984, 1986, 2013, 2017
Under 14	1969, 1977, 1983, 1993
Under 13	1975, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1992, 2003
Under 12	1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1990, 1991, 1995, 2003, 2017
Under 11	1976, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1990, 1995, 2020
Under 10	1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1989, 2003, 2018
Under 9	1978, 1980, 1981, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2001, 2019*
Under 8	1977, 1979, 1980, 1984, 1987, 1990
Under 7	1978, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1992, 2010

* Denotes Minor Premiers in the current year



Presidents Trophy	- Briohney Anderson
Scott Wildash Trophy	- Jack Wilson
Barry Bowtell Junior Grade Coach of the year	- Keven Allsopp & Mark Jones
Lindsay Spencer Senior Player Award	- Mackenzie Northcote
Barry Johnson Award	- Tom Collins
Volunteer of the Year (Club)	- Jo Asprey & Sarah Bassett



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CLUB PRESIDENTS REPORT

As we conclude another successful season, I'm thrilled to reflect on our collective achievements culminating in that long awaited A Grade Gold Final.

Our financial stability continues to improve year of year, with increases in revenue across a number of areas for the club. This is obviously largely contributed to by the dedication of our Board and the generous support of our sponsors.

Community engagement soared this season, marked by several key events including the Gotcha4Life Cup and the phenomenal Old Boys Day where we raised \$17k for the Sydney Children Hospital. These continued efforts not only enriched the lives of our members but also strengthened the clubs' ties within the community and beyond.

Looking ahead, we're committed to enhancing the experience of our juniors to ensure an even more rewarding experience for all involved with Belrose from 4 to 90.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to our members, volunteers, and supporters whose unwavering backing fuels our success. Together, we've created a season to remember, and I'm excited about the opportunities that lie ahead as we continue to grow and evolve.

Cheers to a fantastic season, and I eagerly anticipate the exciting chapters we'll write together in the coming year.

Deb



The final table position (Prior to Finals) for all our teams in the 2023 season was as follows

A Grade (Gold)	2 nd
U17 (Silver)	7 th
U15 (Silver)	5 th
U14 Blues Tag	7 th
U14 (Gold)	4 th
U13 (Bronze)	1 st
U11 (Whites 1)	3 rd
U11 (Blue)	6 th
U9 (White)	2 nd
U8 Grade	Non-competitive
U7 Grade	Non-competitive
U6 Grade	Non-competitive



A GRADE TEAM REPORT





UNDER 15 TEAM REPORT



Head coach: Shawn Ballesty

Manager: Frances Armatas

Trainor: Steve Armatas

Asst coach: Allan Murray

It started with lots of smiling faces and ended with lots of injuries – What an incredibly challenging season the U15 team had!

Similar to last year we welcomed new faces, a vibrant coaching/manager team and all were excited to embark on another season together.

After building up fitness we carefully selected a reliable “spine” then it was quickly evident we had a lot of players who enjoyed tackling and considered themselves forwards but very few centres, so we shuffled the roster to determine the best outcome.

Games were tough. We had a habit of not catching the kick off to start play and it cost us dearly on many occasions. Had that ball been a bag of hot chips I’m very confident it would have been caught with ease.

Our loss to Harbord mid-season was a big turning point when Beau and Judah joined Jack & Jono in the injury list. Beau’s silky passing skills were missed and from there we tried to be competitive with a limited roster and Jackson managing the halves as best he could.



Congratulations to Curtis who not only tried his best to lead the forwards but also played 13 games this season – the most for any player. He'll tower over other players soon and be a huge asset in the forwards for coming years, especially if he plays the way he did in our final game.

Monkey (Ben Hawker) made a great contribution this season with 6 tries from 10 games and busted defensive lines with speed and footwork, Lachie & Jono had similar impacts when chiming in from fullback and from the coach's standpoint Toby was the player we feared most when holding the pads at training. He was somehow able to generate power in that collision area and knock us back a step. Commiseration to Josh who once tried unsuccessfully to bust through the coaches' pads and missed the next game to recover.

Overall, it was a challenging season. Injuries plagued our roster for the second half of the season and made it very hard to win but we had a group of growing young men who kept turning up to battle until our very last game. Some will continue to play rugby league next year and some choose other sports but hopefully they all choose to stay friends and look out for each other like they did on the field.

UNDER 14 BLUES TAG TEAM REPORT



Team Manager – Julie Samowitz

Team Trainers – India Barlow and Katie McGough

Team Coaches – Tim Donnan, Steve Joffe, Michael Lawless

On behalf of the Coaching and Team Management, I am pleased to provide a brief report into the 2023 Under 14 Blue Tag Season. Firstly though, I would like to get a few acknowledgments out of the way.

To our superstar manager Julie Samowitz – managing a footy team can be equal parts reward and frustration, hard work and a never-ending stream of text and WhatsApp messages. 2023 was no different and so with all the hard work and thankless tasks in mind, Julie – you are a Superstar, and the girls, parents and coaches very much appreciate the effort put in to make the season what it was.

To Katie and Indie, our most capable trainers, it is appreciated that between school, life and your own sporting pursuits, supporting the girls and us coaches is a big investment in time. However, each Monday night and weekend you turned up to help prepare the team and develop their skills. On behalf of the team, coaches, Julie and parents, thank you for your time and effort bringing the Roses along in 2023.



The 14BT's were blessed with nineteen amazing athletes signing up, with a mixture of new and returning players, from 12 to 14 years of age. It is safe to say the biggest challenge of the year, aside from having only 11 players on full sized field, was rotating the girls through the bench. No one ever wanted to be off the field or missing the action from close up – a real credit to the team and their desire to get stuck into the hard work when needed.

Individually, we were fortunate to have some exceptionally talented athletes – some serious pace on the fringes, some deceptive, weaving attackers in the midfield and bags of kicking power that frequently got us out of the defensive end. With only eleven players in a full field, the girls quickly realised the importance of a well-organised defensive line and never giving up, even when your legs are telling you otherwise. Most pleasing was the enthusiasm and desire to improve – passing, catching and running all at once is not a skill easily mastered and the girls showed great commitment to improving their basic skills.

The girls continue to turn up week after week, even when early season results were hard to come by – it's no secret that Friday nights at Lake Park are a tough, unwelcoming night out. A famous late victory at Ferret Park opened the flood gates – not only in wins on the board, but belief in themselves and the team. The opportunity to play in the plate finals was also a great experience for the girls.

Finally, to Michael and Steve, who ably stepped up with me to co-coach the 14BT's. I recall expressing at one point the simple joy in coaching a footy team with a few like-minded people - competitive (but not too much), encouraging but also aligned in the idea that footy is simple game of creating time and space. Through the tough early weeks when results were hard to come by, to the girls first win at Ferret Park and those that came after that sunny afternoon, thanks for your time and friendship lads. Well played.

The 2023 Belrose Eagles Blues Tag team were - Jasmine Baker, Zahra Kazzaz, Ashley McGough, Amelia Donnan, Jemma Ballesty, Heidi Dodds Silva, Naomi Krajancic, Sophia Robson, Grace Lawless, Sophie Bartolo, Brigitta Playle, Jade Samowitz, Sylvie Cox, Caylah Joffe, Ruby Osborne, Rebecca Strawbridge, Summer Jenkins, Zoe Condon, Jemima James.

Season Results

7th place

Played 14, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 9

Season Awards

Best Forward – Summer Jenkins

Best Back – Amelia Donnan

Coaches Award – Jemima James

Best and Fairest – Caylah Joffe



UNDER 14 TEAM REPORT



2023 was a great year for the team. After being previously elevated to gold division, a couple of years ago and not winning a game, making it to the finals was an outstanding achievement.

In addition to this, we also dealt with a lot of changes in our playing group and a lot of new players. I think the boys came together really well to form a strong team and a lot of new relationships which I hope will continue into next year.

Bring in the gold division also brought many challenges in a lot of learnings. Not only was the level of competition significantly higher than what we have experienced in the past, they were also rules that apply to gold level that we have not experienced in the past. A big one for us was being restricted to 10 interchanges. This was quite difficult when games were close and there was a couple of times where some boys didn't get a run.

Although this was less than ideal, it does appear that as we move into senior grades, particularly at a high level this may be part and parcel of being part of the team. I tried hard to ensure that the boys understood that their contribution, regardless of how, and when it was made to the team was valuable and all lead up to our outcome at the end of the year.

Another learning that I hope we will take him to next year is how important discipline is to the squad. They were a couple of times this year where we were penalised/suspended, and ultimately both the individuals and the team as a whole were impacted. However, having said



that I think it was a valuable learning experience, which the whole squad will take into future years.

Just as a final note, I couldn't be prouder of the boys and the effort that they put in. I tremendously enjoy the interaction as coach and look forward to continuing next year. In addition, I would like to thank Pete, Joel, Matt, Briohney, Andrew and Luke for assisting throughout the season. It wouldn't happen without you guys, and I appreciate it!

Regards

JP Drysdale

Player Points

Sonny Dwyer 0 Didn't get to see much of you this year but chin up mate and we're looking forward to changing that next season

Maxx Valentine 0 Maxx Valentine really stood up this season and in particular had a good year with defence

Jayden Gunn 3 Jayden also a great year in the halves – Defense plus communication

Mitch Ballard 0 Mitch also had a really good year. You were really good about getting involved where we need you. Wing, Halves, Defense.

Billy Harland 2 Also stepped up, Billy you played some really good games. One thing, I want to tell you is start giving yourself credit for what you're doing well.

Joseph Baker 3 Joseph had a really solid year at fullback. Ever reliable and had a couple of really good moments chiming into the backline for plays. Hoping we can see more of that next year.

Ollie Anderson 4 Ollie, another solid year for OI. It was really good to see you take. A leadership role in some games, even talking to the boys before kick-off and also being versatile in playing out on the wing when we needed to share playing time in the middle. Always the competitor.

Russell Baker 5 Russell, this was a come-back year for you. Some really good defense, really string carries in the middle.

John Drysdale 6 John, not just as a coach but also as a dad, I was super proud of defensive effort you bought this year. Far more tough and fearless than I was at the age of 13. Impressive how you stood up and made some good one-on-one stops when they needed to be made.

Jamie Mauro 7 Jamie, due to injury and suspension, we didn't see anywhere near as much of you as we'd liked this year. When you're on the field, you lead through aggressive hard running and the whole team lifts.



Liam McLafferty 16 Liam has been a Belrose Eagle for a long time, but new to our team. Liam is another very talented footballer. Strong defense, hard running, good with the ball in your hands, great kicker. The other thing that was really impressive to me was that Liam really delivered on any assignment he was given.

Logan Featherstone 11 Loges is the epitome of “no-quit”. You are a tireless workhorse and your defense in the middle is unbelievable. What impressed us this year is that you stood up when we asked you to play in different positions second-row, hooker, halves and just got the job done.

Charlie Singline 18 Although it’s hard to believe, this was Charlies first year of Rugby League. Charlie, you’re also clearly a naturally gifted athlete. Big, Strong & Fast. However, what impressed us was your work ethic. You have been able to jump in at a gold level, take the punishment, give as good as you got and never quit. On top of that you’re an impressive young man.

Archie Asprey 4 Over the past few years Arch has been our captain and I think you’re maturing and growing in that role. I know that you are a constant voice for everyone on the field and I think you’re striking that balance between encouraging and chastising without becoming negative or overtly critical.

Dylan Baxter 8 Dylan, as a team we were really fortunate to have you this year. You never quit, and you compete to the last minute of every game. Particularly in the second half of this season you turned in some barn storming performances and similarly to Jamie, you lead through strong action on the field

William Downie 9 Will was also brilliant to have you join the team in 2023. You’re a naturally talented footballer. Obviously, you’re a big body but also quick and really skillful with the ball in your hands. You’re also a workhorse and I think we saw quite a development in your game including more awareness of plays, speed of play the ball, strong defense and even some offloading.

Sebastian Vadillo 9 Seb, it was a pleasure to have you join the team this year. You’re also very talented and a real competitor. Great defence, great ball running, good hands but also prepared to fight to the death on any play. I also enjoyed watching the dynamic you ring to the playing group. You’re a positive friendly young man.

AWARDS

- Best forward = Charlie Singline (18)
- Best Back = Liam McLafferty (16)
- Best & Fairest = Logan Featherstone (11)
- Coaches Award = Sebastian Vadillo (9)

UNDER 13 TEAM REPORT



What an impressive season! From being at the bottom of the table to emerging as the Minor Premiers in just 12 months, this remarkable feat is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and spirit of our young players. Though our competition was limited in size, we remained steadfast in our commitment, always reminding the kids that we can only play what's in front of us. The boys fought valiantly right up to the Grand final, where unfortunately we fell just short. Nevertheless, this year was one of growth, skill development, and loads of fun, and we look forward to welcoming all the kids back next year as we strive to go one better.

Before we dive into recognising the players, I want to extend my sincere thanks & gratitude to the tireless support crew. Josh, Shannon, and Chalky, you've all been nothing short of amazing, generously dedicating your time and effort throughout the year. Your unwavering commitment has been the cornerstone of our success (+ a few Malcolm's from Shan). We might have pushed the boundaries at times, and Deb, you probably had a few heart palpitations along the way, but we had a blast as a coaching group and hopefully were all able to impact the boys in a positive way. Deb, your passion and dedication to the club and the kids are unparalleled. We're fortunate to have you on our side and pulling us into line on more than one occasion. A big thank you to our parents for the unwavering support and encouragement & feedback at various times. We hope you enjoyed witnessing a season of fun & success and will continue to inspire the kids to return next year.



The Players:

Jack Douglas: Jack, you had an outstanding year. Your defensive prowess and quick thinking saved us in numerous crucial moments. The semi-final, where you snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, stands as a shining example of your contributions & the football smarts you have.

The Outside Backs:

Harry Foy: In your first year, you demonstrated reliability under the high ball and a knack for being in the right place at the right time. Develop nicely as the season wore on & we eagerly anticipate your continued progress.

Oliver Ibrahim: Your enthusiasm was contagious, and your commitment to improving your technique throughout the year was commendable. Great first year & we look forward to watching your development next season.

Alex Milne: Some valuable contributions across the year, especially when you went in as back up for our forwards & faced bigger opposition head-on, doing the hard yards for the team. Tidy on the edges, keep up the excellent work.

Orlando Crapis: Despite a daunting hospital trip after your first tackle in your first game, you showed unwavering courage. Your remarkable development in the latter half of the year, especially in the game at Tunks Park, was inspiring.

Jordan Keller: Your late arrival made a significant impact, and your fearless defence would have been a game-changer in the finals had we had one more match. We hope to see you at the start of next season.

The Utilities:

Cooper Gunn: A strong year from Coops, who excelled both in the centres and as a hooker in the latter half of the season. Your performance in close, hard-fought wins was instrumental. Very diligent trainer who put the hard work in.

Albert Brookes: Your footwork is exceptional, and your versatility in playing various positions throughout the year showcased your adaptability. Gave away plenty of size but always took the game on. Great year!

Lucas (Richo) Richardson: We're impressed by your dedication and growth, especially after transitioning from the halves to the centres. Your readiness to learn and adapt was remarkable. Kicking game in the back half was awesome.

Halfback - Kyan Chalk: Despite an untimely shoulder injury, your leadership, learning, and dedication to your craft shone through. You were a pleasure to coach, and we can't wait to see you back next season with two shoulders.



The Forwards:

Cooper Cameron: another untimely injury which was a tough blow. Your skills in defence and with the ball, along with your humour, were sorely missed in the grand final. We eagerly await your return next season. Just fell short of the family sit up record with 375 sit ups in our mid-season test.

Billy Franklin: Your natural talent on the field left us often shaking our heads in awe. Your footwork, hands, and speed are assets we can't wait to see unleashed again next year. Has some good chat too!

Will Jones: Your second year saw you grow in confidence and willingness to put in the hard yards up front, taking the pressure off others. Great improvement this year. We look forward to your continued development next season.

The Awards:

Coaches Award - Liam Evans: A true beast on the field, Liam's toughness, speed, and great work ethic set him apart. He had a transformative impact on the team, both in stature and spirit. We were a different team when Liam was on deck. Has big football future ahead of him.

Most Improved - Isaac (Bull) Kretchmer: Bull's relentless improvement throughout the season and his ability to make metres for the team were invaluable. Dedicated trainer who never gave up, on anything. His dedication and attitude make him a gem for our squad.

Best Forward - Hunter Sasikin: Hunter's defensive strength and versatility, made him an integral part of our success. Played Centre, Lock and Hooker at various stages and was a threat everywhere. His running game was the difference in many games, as was his goal kicking which got us over the line on more than one occasion.

Best Back - Rylan Kennedy: Rylan, our skipper, provided fantastic direction to our attack and was willing to put in the hard yards when we were under stress. Played half the season on one leg, and just kept going. A natural leader & your growth over the season was a joy to witness.

Best & Fairest - Dylan Moore: Dylan's consistency, work ethic, and ability to break tackles made him our most reliable player. His positive influence on the team was immeasurable, we were very lucky to have him & he was a thoroughly deserving Best & Fairest recipient.

Although we couldn't get over the line on grand final day, we could not be prouder of our players and how they carried themselves, especially in defeat. Next year, we will regroup early and put the work in, looking to go one step further. Thank you all for an enjoyable season, go the Roses!

Thanks

Mark Jones - Coach, U13's

UNDER 11's 1



Team report - The boys improved throughout the year. The comp was very hard to work out with the 2 Divisions coming together making the games a little 1 sided and not a real challenge for the team. We played some really good football towards the end of the year but just came up short against Beacon Hill. The boys were a pleasure to coach and always listened and played really good football.

Next year the comp will change and hopefully all the boys come back for another year.

Hudson McLaren - H had an outstanding year playing fullback, always carried the ball back and beat two or three defenders, always listened and was a pleasure to coach and has lots of potential.

Jax Frankland - Jax was one of our main forwards who always ran hard and carried 2 to 3 players with him with each run. His ball skills improved throughout the year.

Xander - It was great to coach Xander this year playing two codes Rugby union and Rugby league. Always had a smile on his face and improved throughout the season. Ran hard and tackled strongly and was our dominant forward. Great year!

Harvey - Harvey had a great year starting on the wing and finishing off in the centres. His defence was outstanding and could finish off a try as well. Harvey Always listened at training and became one of leaders in the team.



Balin Gee - Balin had a superb season playing in many key positions from centre / F/R and D/H. Always took on the defence with the ball and his tackling was superb. Great footy brain and heaps of potential.

Jordy P - Jordy had a great season. Always took the opposition on with or without the ball. His kicking/ passing game was a pleasure to watch. A true leader and was a very easy to coach.

Leo - Played a couple of games for the 1s throughout the season, great footwork and tackled so well we'll for his size.

Mitch - Mitch had a great year, always put his body on the line in attack and defence. Loved to scoot from dummy half and locate the lazy defenders and sneak a try.

Phillip - Phillip had great year this year. Playing up an age in the forwards and never took a step backwards. Improved throughout the season with his tackling and passing skills.

Luca - His first year at rugby league and played consistently when he could play. His running game was great to watch.

Teddy - First year at rugby league for the club and made the game look easy. He carried the ball really well and tackled strong. Teddy Improved throughout the season.

Kingston - Kong - Very mature and natural player. Kongs tackling/ passing and kicking game was terrific. Fitted in so we'll with the players and is a true leader!

Max Verrills - Max is a player's player, always made training fun and loved playing with all the boys. Max did a great job from D/ H, his passing and running game was great for the team. A very good solid defender.

Michael - Michael had a great season. He ran the ball with so much power and defended with aggression. Great year!

Lewis - Second year at rugby league and played with passion and aggression. Always took the line on with his strong running. He played on the wing and ended up on the edge as a running second rower/ centre. His ball skills and tackling improved throughout the season.

Sammy - Sammy was a pleasure to coach and had a lot of speed and was a natural try scorer. Injury prevented Sammy from finishing the season which was disappointing. Hope the leg is recovering well and can't wait till you are back on the field again sometime soon. Hoping for a speedy recovery champion 👍

UNDER 11's 2



The Belrose 11 2's was a team put together last minute.

The Majority of the team was made up of under 10's that played up a grade and players that were playing football for the first time.

The exception to that was William Bruzzano who led the team around the park a with a mix of division 1 players that came down to assist with numbers and experience.

The year started and ended playing against the same team, the Avalon bulldogs, even though we started with a win, and ended with a loss, a closer look shows how much the team grew as a team.

The first game we had a good sprinkling of first division players that got us out to a good lead in the first half. In the second half, those players went to warm up for their own match and the 2's showed how much heart they had

By holding on to win by 2 points, with the team holding out 3 sets attacking raids in the last minutes to hold out for the win.

In the last match, there were no 1st division players propping up the team, we had no substitutes, and yet like the first game, we got out to a good lead with a first half hat trick to.

On this occasion though, even though we ended up losing the game by a few points, the team rallied, and were very unlucky to not win the game with a potential try in the corner to our star player, Leo Murace.



Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be, and the year was over, the kids were devastated, but will learn from the experience.

Leo Murace - Leo is a live wire that plays with so much determination and is all heart. So elusive in attack and fearless in defense. Was rewarded with a few games at the end of the year in the 1st and also won the Coaches award for Player of the year.

Vann Crooks - Our trusty winger who gave us the play of the year. Before this game against Avalon Van declared he would score a try and what a try it was. Collecting a cross field kick to scoot over and give us the winning try. Would always run with great passions and determination,

Antonio Crapis - Antonio improved so much throughout the year. He is a strong runner with good hands and has a copy book tackle.

Josh Rimmer - When Josh had the opportunity he would always beat a player or two. He has speed to burn and loved taking a scoot out of dummy half.

Ella Mauro - Ella was very reliable, especially in defense, taking down boys bigger and stronger than her sometimes 2 and 3 tackles in a row.

Ollie Ward - Ollie would have to be the most improved player on the field, culminating first half hat trick in our final game.

Will Bruzzano - Will would lead as around the field most games. Playing First receiver, Dummy half and Fullback most games, we would always have his hands on the ball and is known for his darting runs.

Harry Franklin - Harry plays such a good game wherever he plays. Has a good strong straight run when he needs it but has a huge step off both feet. He is also has some good mongrel in defense.

Lachie Andrews - Lachie played prop and was always there to make the big tackles in the Middle of the field and take the hard runs that nobody wants to take.

Rose Baxter - Rose started out on the wing the start of the year and forced her way into the forward pack with some great elusive runs and touch defense.

Will Shellard - Will is our meter eater eating prop forward. Some runs he was unstoppable and would run 50 meters beating 3 or 4 players to score unbelievable tries. Pure determination in his running game.

Jesse Owen - Jesse was our heart and soul in the middle of the field. Was always there for the



tough hitups and was always present to chop the big boys in defense. We really missed Jesse in the last month when he was out injured.

A big thanks to the division 1 players that helped the team out.

Samuel Rooley
Mitch Bruzzano
Teddy Macoun
Jax Frankland
Lewis McNaughtan
and Michael Baxter



UNDER 9 TEAM REPORT



U9's Belrose Eagles – (Back Row, Left to Right) Ethan Stenson, Lachlan Doyle, Rhys Hitchman, Stephen Thatcher (Manager), Josh Meteyard (Assistant Coach), Keven Allsopp (Coach), Emmett Hitchman, Jack Houston, Carter Allsopp (Middle Row, Left to Right) Noah Kotz, Oliver Thatcher, Billy Mead, Chase Ollerton, Bodhi Robinson, Will Meteyard, Freddie Munro (Front Row, Left to Right) Nash Roarty, James Middleton, Billy Bradfield, Charlii Avey

What a year! 2023 won't be one that will be easily forgotten.

Originally, there were some nerves about starting pre-season with just enough kids to fill a team, this quickly became a thing of the past when we started the first game with 17 on the team list. After much deliberation, it was decided to keep one team of 17 kids rather than split into two teams.

Unfortunately, this meant reduced game time for all with Nash and Ollie putting up their hands to sit out on matches when we had a full squad (thank you boys, very gracious of you and it didn't go unnoticed). However, this did not stop the team showing up and giving it their all every week and the results proved this!

We started the season in the maroon division, playing the best of the best before moving to the white division. This move gave the players back some confidence as we moved to the finals with no losses after the move. This confidence showed when the kids took on the parents in a game of Oztag. The parents team took home the trophy after two wins and a loss. Till next year kids!

Finals footy was a new feeling and the players took on the challenge headfirst. After winning week one against Mona Vale Raiders, we went into week two on a winning streak. Unfortunately,



Harbord Devils proved too good for us this time securing the win meaning we faced Mona Vale Raiders again in week three. In what I think was the best game of the season, the team came out with the win, securing the spot in the grand final facing Harbord Devils again.

Being able to run out on Brookvale Oval with our U9s team was an absolute privilege. The players played a game they should be proud of. While we didn't walk away with the premiership win, each and every player should hold their heads high after the incredible season. Every single player improved beyond expectation and made an impact in the team. I can honestly say, if it wasn't for the U9s with their passion and spirit, I would not have put my boots back on this year to have a run with the Belrose A Grade. I am proud to be your coach.

However, we wouldn't have a team without the support and dedication of the parents, bringing the players to every training session and game, or the siblings making banners, or the family members giving up their time to help in the canteen. Thank you!

Also, the team would not be as handy on the field without Josh's coaching skills, or as organised without Stephen's directions or as injury free without Simon's game day medic and running skills. I would not have been able to get through the year without you and your support! Thank you!

2024 will see a big jump into U10s with an increase in players on the field and bigger field size. We are aiming to have more balanced squad numbers, so we don't have the same issue as this year with limited game time. But that is next year's conversation! For now, enjoy the off-season and see you all in 2024 for another big year of footy!



Respect Round v Curl Curl Knights.



Parents v Kids Oztag.



Grand Final Day at Brookvale Oval, team photo on arrival and after receiving their runners-up medal.



Team before our Preliminary Final victory against the Mona Vale Raiders where we got up 22 to 6.



Coach Kev on his return to playing with A grade.



Team before our semi final loss to Harbord Devils, where we went down 28 to 24.

2023 BELROSE UNDER 9's STATISTICS						
PLAYER	2023 Games	2023 Tries	2023 Goals	Total Club Games	Total Club Tries	Total Club Goals
ALLSOPP, Carter	11	6	5	27	25	9
AVEY, Charlii	15	0	0	15	0	0
BRADFIELD, Billy	16	6	8	34	24	11
DOYLE, Lachlan	16	24	5	16	24	5
HITCHMAN, Emmett	14	11	5	14	11	5
HITCHMAN, Rhys	14	2	2	14	2	2
HOUSTON, Jack	12	10	0	25	47	1
KOTZ, Noah	16	11	8	59	94	11
MEAD, Billy	10	2	3	10	2	3
METEYARD, Will	16	7	1	95	41	2
MIDDLETON, James	16	2	0	97	67	1
MUNRO, Freddie	16	2	4	16	2	4
OLLERTON, Chase	15	0	1	26	2	2
ROARTY, Nash	14	13	1	93	79	5
ROBINSON, Bodhi	17	1	0	45	2	1
STENSON, Ethan	10	1	3	27	3	3
THATCHER, Oliver	15	5	12	43	51	17

UNDER 8 TEAM REPORT



The 2023 season was another step forward for our team, which has been together for 3-years now. We were often competing with soccer for numbers each week, but we always managed to field a competitive team and play some quality footy.

The highlight of the season was playing a few games on Brookvale Oval, which is an experience they'll never forget.

A big thank you to Alex and Tim Ossington for your help as Manager and Assistant Coach this season. Helping keep us organised and the kids on task was greatly appreciated.

Eden Buhrer

Eden had another good season where she developed a great "show and go", which produced a few fantastic tries over the course of the year. Still as fast as ever, when she got in the clear there wasn't many that could catch her.

Fred Wood

Fred had another dominant season where he again scored plenty of tackle breaking tries, while showing off his bone rattling defence. Fred's offload created plenty of tries for his teammates and he was always around the ball putting his body on the line to save tries every week.



Jordan Cameron

Jordy's tackling this season was a massive improvement, as he routinely took on players twice his size and got the job done. He was right at home playing dummy half and first receiver where his excellent communication and passing was on display.

Cruz Bidios

Cruz was once again a big improver this year where his tough running and commitment to defence was a highlight. Cruz was always eager to learn and improve his game and was a great teammate throughout the season.

Finnigan Lovett

Finn played some great games this season with his offload regularly creating chances for his teammates. Always a willing tackler, he was like a missile into the defence when he wanted to be.

Haddon Ossington

Haddon had another fantastic season where his palm and late footwork led to plenty of line breaks and tries. The biggest improvement was in his defence, where he showed plenty of courage flying off the line and into ball runners with crunching hits.

Daniel McNaughtan

Daniel is fast. Really fast. Daniel would often run around the defence and once he was in the clear he was never run down. Daniel was also committed in defence and saved plenty of tries this season, while also kicking the most goals in our team.

Matthew Sonemann

Matthew loves to talk and was a very good communicator when he was first receiver and dummy half. Over the course of the season, he became more confident, which showed in some great runs and plenty of tackles in his trademark headgear.

Max Love

What max lacks in stature he makes up for in confidence and communication. During the season we saw Max become more involved running, passing and tackling kids 3 times his size!

Dominic Ornelas

Dom had a great season, which saw him continually improve and gain confidence after every training session and game. He has great speed and foot work, which often bamboozled the defence, while his support play led to plenty of long field tries after catching an offload.



UNDER 7 TEAM REPORT



Coaches Name – Luke Bramble



Managers Name – Lauren Curtis

Season started positively with 17 players turning up to day 1 of preseason which meant early on we realised participation levels for Under 7's would require 2 teams so that all kids were able to play a suitable number of games and minutes on the pitch. This required Luke Bramble & Lauren Curtis to step up into roles to help out which all parents were appreciative of.

The coaches Luke Alder, Matt Alder and Luke Bramble early on also decided that we'd train both teams together on a Thursday night with occasional opposing sessions against one another. There were also discussions throughout the week and prior to sessions on specific elements of the game we wanted to work on/focus in on after the weekend matches. We also ensured that the session was the players mixing up and working with players they didn't usually play with on weekends. There were instances where players from 1's and 2's would help out the other team when short. This was a seamless process as they'd trained together throughout the season.

Training sessions were running efficiently with emphasis on.

- Fun (bullrush, stuck in mud, relays, tag bullrush)
- Skills (correct passing, catching, tackling, running)
- Open Drills (2 v 1, tackling techniques, passing techniques, experimentation)
- Closed Drills (2 v 1, tackling techniques, passing techniques, experimentation)
- Simulated Games (game day situations, role plays)

Overall, the season started with under 7's (2) made of predominantly players who had either not played rugby league before or had come from rugby or other league clubs.

I was particularly proud and impressed at how well they came together from different schools and areas to become great mates on the field and off it by the end of the season.



All players felt included and welcomed and valued as part of the team. They participated in two gala days and were competitive and hard to beat in all matches. Attendance to training sessions was excellent and majority of the time all were in attendance. The team went through the season only dropping games against a Narraweena Hawks team who had no coach on the field and some older and experienced players. Team performed well and will be better for the outing.

Highlight of the season was their opportunity to play against the other Belrose Eagles 1 team. The boys were excited to play against them as the combined training sessions allowed them to get to know the other team and built friendships along the way and the coaches had witnessed the competitiveness amongst the group throughout the season particularly the training sessions and simulated games that would sometimes round off our training sessions.

Overview of each child:

Harley Munro

12 games - 31 tries

Harley came to the club from Forestville Ferrets. He was a little shy and quiet to start the season. Early on it was evident he'd played footy before and his tackling was exceptional along with his work rate in defence. My goal was to improve his general skills in running the ball and working on his evasive skills. Pleasure to coach and willingness to learn and get better was pleasing.

Max Mead

11 games - 24 tries

Max came to club from Forestville Ferrets. He came through the late transfer window and was a great addition to the team. He was a terrific player with good defence and strong ball runner. I wanted to improve his defence as his running game was sound and if we got his defence as good as his running we'd have a lot of fun with him which we did. Cruel shoulder injury to him cut short his season but came back for the last few games. Pleasure to coach and willingness to learn and get better was pleasing

Harry Bramble

15 games - 46 tries (including game for the other team)

Harry came to the club from AFL Ozkick. He'd watched NRL on TV but hadn't played. He was a terrific player especially his running game. Evasive skills to beat players with a step was a highlight as opposed to running around them. His defence needed work early on but was worked on and by the end of the season he was one of the better defenders. Always hard to be coached by your dad but he was a pleasure to coach and willingness to learn and get better was pleasing



Joshua Mead

14 games - 8 tries

Josh came to the club having played Soccer the previous year. At first, he was very raw and unsure of himself playing footy. We worked on getting his confidence with and without the ball up and his improvement over the course of the season was exceptional. He was fearless running the ball and making tough carries and was willing to make tackles. By far the most improved player in the team and his post contact passing and overloads is the best in the under 7's. He will excel if he plays next year with a greater emphasis on offloads. Pleasure to coach and willingness to learn and get better was pleasing

Jack Curtis

16 games - 49 tries (including game for the other team)

Jack came to the club having played a couple of years ago but from all reports didn't enjoy it or participate too much. I saw very early on his running game and skills was high and he was a real athlete and runner with the ball. My goal was to improve his defence as he had a tendency to run aside players and either grab or push. His improvement defensively was exceptional after a few games and training sessions. He enjoyed the tackling side of things and was a solid player by the end of it. Pleasure to coach and willingness to learn and get better was pleasing

Brock Sharp

11 games - 8 tries

Brock came to the club having not played footy before. He was shy and unsure of himself but by the end of the season was willing to run and tackle. His running game was always ok but the improvement he made in tackling made him one of the better tacklers by the end of the season. He really enjoyed his footy and was a great team player. Pleasure to coach and willingness to learn and get better was pleasing

Joe Pepper

15 games - 1 try

Joe started the season a little bit shy and unsure of himself but midway through the season he had improved his running and willingness to tackle, and his involvement was fantastic to see. He would make great runs and also help his teammates make tackles and was enjoying himself out there. Pleasure to coach and willingness to learn and get better was pleasing

Isaac Walsh

10 games - 2 tries

Isaac came to the club having not played footy before. He was shy and unsure of himself but was always willing to have a run or make a tackle. My goal was to improve his confidence and overall footy skills and felt he improved dramatically in both these areas. He would run the ball hard and also make his tackles. He really enjoyed his footy by the end. Pleasure to coach and willingness to learn and get better was pleasing

***special mention to both Jimmy Curtis and Laurence Mead for helping out throughout the year with coaching and also administration around playing kit and game day operations.



UNDER 6



2023 was a very enjoyable season where we saw a very excitable group of 5-year-olds play some very entertaining footy. All willing tacklers and great ball runners, Luke and I often had big smiles on our faces watching them have so much fun on game day.

Each player improved as the year progressed and every player had their share of highlight moments and player of the match awards.

A big thank you to Stacey Mead for helping keep us organised this season. We appreciated your work.

We are looking forward to having all the kids back for u/7's, to build on the great season we had this year.

Arya Buhrer

Arya had a great first season and always had a smile on her face (unless it was cold) no matter how hard she got tackled. As the year progressed, she began using her silky footwork to dodge defenders, score tries and make plenty of great tackles on kids well above her weight.

Reilly Buhrer

Reilly had a great first season of rugby league and while he didn't always enjoy training, on game day, he was on a mission. Reilly regularly tackled everything that moved and ran over and around his opponents to score plenty of great tries this year.



Reggie Alder

Reggie picked up where he left off from the year before and was very comfortable dancing around defenders with his great footwork. He would also roll out his regular “copy book” tackling at training and on the weekends against kids twice his size.

Bowen Roarty

Bowey had a great season and was always eager to get to training and compete with his teammates. Bowey always carried the ball in 2 hands and had a great ability to dodge in and out of traffic, while also turning up in defence saving tries.

Hunter Needham

Hunter was a teammate that always made us laugh at training and on game day. Whether he was running backwards, to go forwards, on his way to scoring amazing full field tries or his commentary to the opposition that kept missing him while he did so.

Buddy Duncan

Buddy absolutely loved his footy this season and there was very little at all that wiped the smile off his face. Buddy was always eager to run and dodge the defence, while also throwing himself into the opposition (when Woody wasn't tackling him when he wasn't looking!)

Archie Mead

Archie was a pleasure to coach this season and he came a long way over the course of the year with his skill and confidence. Always running with a big smile on his face, he scored some fantastic tries and routinely tackled kids double his size!

Leo Behm

Leo had a great first season this year with Belrose and was a great teammate throughout. Leo would always be willing to have a run and involve himself at training and in games and he'll only continue to improve next season.



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