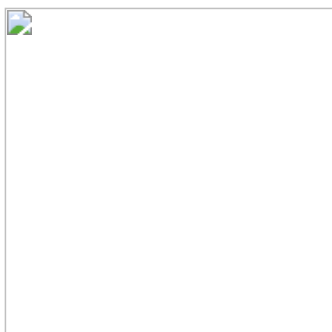




WSRU Semi-Final Edition - August 2015



### The Prez Says

Congratulations to the 1sts, 2nds, 3rds and Colts teams on reaching the finals and the best of luck on the weekend, a great achievement for yourselves and the club. To the 4ths thanks for sticking with it all year, your numbers have fluctuated but you have turned up on the paddock and that's what rugby is all about. This weekend has us at Neddies on Saturday 15th for the Colts (12pm) & 2nds (1:30pm) and at Bennett Park on Sunday 16th for the 3rds (1:30pm) & 1sts (3:20pm). We are looking for support for these teams on both days, especially on Sunday as there has been a lot of organising go into hosting a home final and there's plenty of work to do both off the field as well as on, so if your asked to help with something, jump in. Continued ...

### More details



### Wests U19s Colts

With the rugby season coming to a close, the Colts have fared well considering that in 2014 we had to amalgamate with Joondalup to field a team in the colts competition. It was expected that we may retain some of the players from 2014 and that was successful with the retention of Red King, Scotty, Grayson from Joondalup now working with the other remaining colts in Fordy, Adrian, Che, Liam and Hammer. Our new players this year and the league players that have helped us to sustain the numbers when we were short thanks to Brodie's connections and those of Aranmore have seen us use only 29 players for the year - Congratulations to the players such as Eli, Armand, Johan, Rhys, Brodie, Brandon, Cody, Jace, Black King, Schoolboy, Kade, Lauen, Micheal, and Jesse (alias) Jacob, with 4 players representing WA U18 Sevens and two representing WA Schools we have had a reasonable year. With 16 rounds of rugby - losing games to Nedlands and Joondalup being the only blips on the radar. Finishing 4th we now face Joondalup, for what is now a derby game for the Colts, expectations are good for this coming weekend. Looking forward to 2016 with the under 17 age group also being a part of the finals for the Junior Union we should be fielding a strong side for 2016 and beyond.



### Wests 3rd Grade

With a small core of players from the 2014 season, the thirds started the 2015 season with a bang. Not only were they able to pick up where they left off, but also play under the same coach they did before in Scott Pitcher. A string of straight wins started to give them the confidence to play around with some combinations early on, and with the support and backing of the 4ths, the team was allowed to build around a strong and athletic forward pack. A strong defensive side made it clear early on that scoring against them was never going to be straight forward. Positions started to be solidified during the middle of the campaign, as each game was taken on a game to game basis and priority only given to the coming Saturday. Some close losses against future finals opposition, had the team lift their work effort and it soon paid off with finalising a finals berth before the last game of the season. The inspiration for this team lies within each other. Playing together and creating a

very unique social group during the season, the thirds and the fourths has been standing tall this season as West's men. It is the strength within this group as players of the game, friends and brothers that will see them push hard into the finals and make a strong stand.



### **Wests Reserve Grade**

The Reserve Grade competition has been very closely fought in 2015 with only 7 competition points separating the top 5 sides at the end of the regular season. Wests were very slow out of the blocks dropping their first 3 games of the season before steadying the ship and stringing together an impressive run of good results. A dominant finish to the year saw our boys finish 4th on the table - only one win away from the Minor Premiership. The second round of the season has seen Wests take wins and a draw against all teams in finals contention. This late form makes the boys very strong contenders to not only reach the Grand Final but to take the trophy and replicate the glory of 2013! Much must be said for the guidance of coaches Bryn Postons and Darryl Prince and the leadership of captain Ryan Burge for cultivating a winning attitude and pride within the squad this season.



### **Wests Premier Grade**

Wests Premiers have been traveling well this season and will look to build on the season so far, the team has really bonded and we have set some specific goals for this weeks game. The team understand that previous games this season no longer count with this being a knockout. Kalamunda are a big outfit and we know they will be up for the challenge and will look to their form players. Wests will have a full squad and with the return of a couple of injuries are looking to get involved from the kick off. We have talked about shutting the opposition down and recycling quick ball. The team has been great to coach and have some natural leaders who take control of a lot of the trainings and game play. The Force players this season have been a huge asset to the club and have supported us all season. Setting specific goals for the Premier squad this year has really helped us get both teams into semis. We look forward to this weekends semi finals action.