



2010 CONFRATERNITY RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL



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Kaiden Conboy (left) was Man of the Match in Rocky Grammar's quarter-final win while Griffin Freeman, Lachlan Hoch and Fletcher Jarrett were also very good.

ST BRENDANS, IGNATIUS PARK & ABERGOWRIE ADVANCE BUT PADUA KO'd BY ROCKY GRAMMAR

ST Brendan's I kept their Confraternity Shield title defence alive with a 14-4 victory over St Mary's Toowoomba in a classical quarter-final showdown yesterday, while Ignatius Park came from behind to defeat St Peter Claver 26-18, and Abergowrie downed a gallant but outclassed hosts Clairvaux MacKillop 40-6.

But a monumental upset occurred with Rockhampton Grammar outgunning much fancied Padua I 10-6 in the other qualifier. Padua, who did not concede a point in their two matches on day one, continued on their winning ways yesterday morning, with second rower Scott Ferguson Man of the Match in a 30-12 victory over St Augustine's, while five-eighth Lachlan Hoch was the stand-out and second rower and captain Griffin Freeman bagged a double as Grammar warmed up in disposing of St Edmund's I. They then struck the first blow in a fierce physical finals battle, with front rower Daniel Parker scoring and halfback Jack Somerville converting for a 6-0 half-time lead.

Grammar were also first to score early in the second half, with Somerville crossing out wide but he missed the conversion. Padua tried desperately to strike back, with front rower Jack Creighton, who was their Man of the Match, and stocky second rower Jack Salomone repeating leading the charge into the fray, and they got to within four points with eight minutes to go with pocket dynamo hooker Ben Nielsen plunging over from dummy-half and Andrew Shipp adding the extras. They also tried every thing in their power to come up with an equaliser, but the Rockhampton side simply refused to buckle and in the end were deserved winners.

Powerhouse front rower Kaiden Conboy was a thoroughly deserved winner of their Man of the Match award, but coach Rod Peckett said back rowers Fletcher Jarrett and Freeman were also instrumental in paving the way for the win.

"In the backs, five-eighth Lachlan Hoch, who is only year 11 and played his first Confro last year in grade 10 and is an exceptional athlete, has run the side in terms of directing them around the park, and centre James Royes has been really good attack-wise - he has broken the line a lot and he has been really good under the high ball (as he was in defusing a bomb close to their line at Padua's last roll of the dice)," Peckett said.

Peckett said they started the carnival slowly with a 28-8 drubbing by Abergowrie, but they had since done everything asked of them, although they have already exceeded his expectations, and he said they are "not in the same league as (their semi-final opponents) Ignatius Park in terms of status in the game".

"But I'm trying to establish a culture of rugby league at the school and we only lost to them 18-6 in the finals last year and competed very well to the end and I expect to do the same thing again," he said.

ST BRENDANS TITLE DEFENCE STILL ON TRACK BUT HOT ABERGOWRIE COULD BE STUMBLING BLOCK

ST Brendan's I coach Terry Hansen said earlier this week that he has "no great expectations" of his young side this year but they are now just one win away from a shot at back-to-back Confraternity Shield titles after accounting for St Mary's Toowoomba 14-10 in yesterday's quarter-finals.

But standing in their way is the brilliance of Abergowrie, who continued their juggernaut at the expense of Clairvaux 40-6. St Brendan's, who had toughed out two narrow wins on Monday, broke the shackles in their last Pool match in the morning, white-washing St Patrick's Shorncliffe 44-0 with quick-silver winger Brady Williams racking up four tries to take his carnival haul to seven so far and interchange player Lachlan Orr also bagging a double but polished hooker George Grant their Man of the Match.

St Mary's however served it up to them, but with lock Jake McManus leading from the front in a Man of the Match performance, including posting the opening try and kicking the only goal of the game, St Brendan's established a 10-4 at the break with also a try to five-eighth Jack Madden, and they never relented, sealing the result with a second-half try to centre Brett Reddiex. Abergowrie started their day with classy five-eighth Bert Whap cutting loose with 20 points from three tries and four goals but second rower Manu Wigness was Man of the Match, before Bert Whap was at it again against the hosts, taking out his second Match gong at the carnival after contributing an again hefty 16 points with one try and six goals.

Big hearted front rower Logan Tanzer was Man of the Match in a Clairvaux side which never stopped trying, after centre Kieran Battelley had picked up the award with 14s from two tries and three goals in their morning win over St Mary's II 22-16 Ignatius Park are also still in contention, but they came from behind in both of their wins yesterday, against St Mary's I 24-16, then in the quarter-finals against St Peter Claver 26-18, where slick halfback Sam Foster shone brightest in a galaxy of stars to be a Man of the Match hero with a personal haul of 14 points from two tries and three goals.

CONTENDERS EMERGE AS ST PATRICK'S SHORNCLIFFE'S TROPHY REIGN ENDS

ST Patrick's Shorncliffe's Bob Lindner Trophy reign is over after they were beaten by their Mackay name-sakes 20-12 in yesterday's quarter-finals, while Emmaus, St Augustine's and St Edmund's I are the other remaining contenders after each staying alive with wins over St Brendan's II 18-4, Cathedral 34-6 and St Mary's II 22-8 respectively.

St Patrick's Mackay broke through for their first win yesterday morning, with winger Aidan Daniel grabbing a double as they accounted for St Brendan's II 14-0, and buoyed by the result, they knocked out Shorncliffe with centre Brendan Mansfield coming to the fore with a pair of tries but second rower Steven Jones snaring the Man of the Match.

Of the four still standing in the Trophy, St Augustine's are probably the form side after being the first team to take points off Padua in a honourable 30-12 loss in the morning, then demolishing Cathedral, with hooker Crispin Hofman Man of the Match, winger Connelly McCabe netting 18 points with two tries and five goals and fullback Mathias Daish also crossing twice. But Emmaus were far from disgraced in going down to St Peter Claver 16-10 in the morning, and they also did some good things in getting home against St Brendan's II.

Centre Dillon Tiaaleaiga ran in two tries but halfback Luke Guinane was their Man of the Match, and coach Scott Fuller said second rower Anthony Mataele, a dual Man of the Match, and five-eighth Todd Russell each also continued their fine form. "Luke controlled play very well, including with a couple of decisive line breaks and Dillon also played strongly but our captain and front rower Jordan Wheeler has played well all carnival - he has had a lot of time on the field and has been our most consistent player. We were in a very difficult Pool and all games were really competitive, and while we would have liked to be in the top eight, this is the next best thing, and it's good to be playing for something other than places, like silverware," Fuller said. St Edmund's I could be the dark horses after bouncing back from two heavy Pool losses to overcome St Mary's II with interchange player Felise Afele their stand-out.



Halfback Luke Guinane (right) was Man of the Match in Emmaus' Trophy quarter-final win, while second rower Anthony Mataele (centre) has received two Match awards, and five-eighth Todd Russell (left) has also stood tall.

Semi-finals

Cup - Noon: St Columbans v Emmaus II, 3; Southern Cross v St Joseph's, 4. Bowl - 1pm: Marymount v Ryan, 3; Padua II v Blackheath; Plate - 2pm: Gilroy Santa Maria v Siena, 4; 3pm: Shalom v St Michael's, 4; Trophy - 1pm: Emmaus v St Edmund's I, 1; St Patrick's Mackay v St Augustine's, 2; Shield - 2pm: Ignatius Park v Rocky Grammar, 1; 3pm: St Brendan's v Abergowrie, 1.



Front rower Tyson Knight, fullback and captain Matt Craven, hooker Ben Lanskey and halfback Matt Gavin were among Shalom College Bundaberg's best as they progressed on in their Confraternity Plate title defence with a 34-0 victory over their closest rivals, Xavier College, of Hervey Bay.

GILROY SANTA MARIA, ST MICHAEL'S & SIENA UNBEATEN IN QUEST FOR PLATE BUT SHALOM ALSO PROGRESSES

GILROY Santa Maria College finished on top in Division 2 before continuing on in the Plate quarter-finals with a 30-16 dispatch of All Souls St Gabriel's School, but Xavier College, who finished on equal points with them but were relegated to second on points' differential, were not so lucky, then being blown away by a resurgent Shalom College 34-0.

Third seed St Michael's College and No. 4 Siena College also prevailed against sixth ranked Columba Catholic College and fifth placed Chanel College respectively, both with 18-4 score-lines.

Front rower Andrew Quabba had a whale of a day for Gilroy, bagging doubles in a Man of the Match showing as they shut out St Edmund's II 24-0 in the morning, and against All Souls, but he was beaten for that Match award by their other book-end Jared Cantoni while lock Jonathon Castorina also featured prominently with two tries.

A tardy start cost Shalom in their first game yesterday as they suffered an 18-6 defeat at the hands of Siena, while Xavier powered on with a 32-0 blitz of St James with interchange player Michael Hyndman stamping his mark with two tries but lock Luke Jagger hailed as Man of the Match.

But it was a different story in the afternoon as Shalom hit the ground running, opening up a 16-0 half-time advantage and never relenting, with winger Nick Boisen finishing very well for two tries, but captain and fullback Matt Craven collecting his second Match award, and halfback Matt Gavin, hooker Ben Lanskey and no frills front rower Tyson Knight also playing leading hands in a strong team performance.

But they will need to find something extra again in the semi-finals against St Michael's, who white-washed St Columban's 42-0 yesterday with halfback and captain Brad Jones truly leading from the front with 26 points with three tries and seven goals in a five-star performance, before knocking out Columba.

Halfback Brad Kent, who pulled the strings on Siena's ambush of Shalom, also was in the thick of things against Chanel, snaring two tries and Man of the Match honours.

- MARYMOUNT, Padua II, Blackheath & Thornburgh and Ryan will battle it out for the Bowl after recording quarter-final wins against Aquinas 30-0, St Edmund's II 12-0, Marist Emerald 16-10 and St Peter Claver II 12-10 respectively.

Marymount narrowly missed the Plate despite demolishing Marist Emerald 28-8 yesterday with doubles to centre Jim Dick and winger Chris Kennedy and halfback and Man of the Match Jack Baulch's best efforts, but they claimed Bowl favouritism with their dominant display against Aquinas in which Dick again cashed in with two tries but five-eighth Darren Budd was their Best. Padua II also had a field day at St Thomas More's expense, romping home 44-6 with winger Tristan Hampton grabbing a double and lock Daniel Dallas their Man of the Match, but they were pushed all the way by St Edmund's II.

Blackheath were upstaged by Chanel 20-14, with front rower Casey Bell snatching a first-half double to put the Gladstone school's stamp on the match, and No. 17 Blake Kennedy sealing the deal with two four-pointers of his own in the second stanza. But they bounced back to oust Marist, thanks largely to the deeds of their No. 19 Zac Santa who was Man of the Match after reeling off two tries and two goals to single-handedly better the opposition tally.

Ryan had to settle for a 14-all draw with St Joseph's in the morning, and while they again found points hard to come by against St Peter Claver, they snuck home with centre Luke Lancini Man of the Match with one try and two conversions.

- THE Cup will be contested between St Columban's, Southern Cross, St Joseph's and Emmaus II, who won their semi-final duels with St James 14-6, Mt Maria 46-0, St Thomas More 22-0 and St Joseph's/Assumption 26-4 respectively.

Southern Cross No. 20 Adam Wren stole the show in the Cup quarters, turning on a hat-trick of tries, but he was beaten for the Match award by their lock Jake Grice, who was always in the thick of things.

Emmaus II, who picked up one solitary point in their Pool games, finally put it all together against the Composite side.