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**Hooker Glen Day, front rower Lloyd McIvor and halfback Sam Foster were all smiles after playing starring roles in Ignatius Park's Shield semi-final massacre.**

## **FAMILIAR FINAL AS ST BRENDAN'S & IGNATIUS PARK BOOK ANOTHER SHOWDOWN FOR SHIELD**

ST Brendan's I and Ignatius Park will meet in the Confraternity Shield grand final for the fifth year in a row after contrasting semi-final victories over Abergowrie 30-18 and Rockhampton Grammar 56-0 yesterday.

The youthful St Brendan's trailed 12-10 at the break but kept their title defence alive with four tries to one in the second stanza, including with wing sensation Brady Williams completing a personal hat-trick to take his carnival haul to an impressive 10 tries and rampaging front rower Tama Heka notching a double.

Second rower Alex Choyce, one of their two survivors from the team which ambushed Ignatius Park 36-26 in last year's decider, was their Man of the Match, and he will be a key man again today as they try to halt the blue and white juggernaut.

A red-hot Ignatius Park were in a different league to their opponents yesterday and it was all one-way traffic as they piled on more than a point a minute to be ahead 28-0 by oranges, and they never relented, replicating the feat in the second 25 minutes. Livewire centre Hayden Crowley cut loose with a first-half hat-trick, while winger Christian Robertson was their only other multiple-try scorer with two, and front rower Lloyd McIvor, fullback Josh Johnson, interchange players Alex Langan and Jono Rueben also joined in the party, along with halfback Sam Foster, who picked up their Man of the Match award after also kicking four goals per half.

Coach David Elliott, in his fifth year at the helm, said he had "not happy with some of our starts" earlier in the week, and they had spoken about beginning strongly, and that they did just that and continued on with 50 minutes of precise high percentage and low mistake football.

"Our hooker Glen Day was really good today - he was certainly in everything and he was the catalyst to the team's performance - he and our No. 7 (Foster) directed us around the park and Glen just controls the ruck and gets in and tackles," Elliott said.

"Josh Johnson, our little fullback, was also great - he is light on his feet and always turns up quickly, and I have to give our core forwards, Matt Doyle, Greg Christopher and Richard Foran a real rap for the way they started the game for us, and our two front rowers on the edge, who are also very good players, Chris Grevsmuhl and Lloyd McIvor."

It was the second year in a row Ignatius Park had beaten Rocky Grammar in the semi's and their coach Rod Peckett conceded they had just been overwhelmed by a far superior side on the day and that it was "virtually a case of boys against men".

Elliott knows too well it will be much tougher today but said that they have been fortunate to still have all of their troops on deck and he will be hopeful of a repeat of the 2008 finale when they ran amok to celebrate a 34-14 victory.

## EMMAUS & ST PAT'S MACKAY SET FOR TROPHY DUEL

EMMAUS I continued to build momentum on the eve of the Bob Lindner Trophy decider by white-washing St Edmund's I 42-0 in yesterday's semi-finals, but St Patrick's Mackay are also hitting form at the right time after toughing out a 14-6 victory over St Augustine's.

Emmaus put their stamp on the match with a 20-0 first half, and they never relented.

Hooker Tre Bickey got the ball rolling for them with the first two tries and he was acknowledged for a polished all-round performance when he was presented with the Man of the Match trophy, while No. 14 Dillon Tiaaleaiga and centre Nathan Marshall also bagged doubles.

St Patrick's Mackay however were forced to fight tooth and nail all of the way and a try to winger Aidan Daniel was the only score of the first half.

They extended their lead to 14-0 with tries to Eamon Kelly and a second to Daniel, and a conversion by Mathew Surha, and they also defended tenaciously to protect their line apart from a converted try which raised St Augustine's spirits with five minutes to go, but St Patrick's had come too far to let this one slip, and they jealously guarded their lead to the end.

Fullback Alex Hay was their Man of the Match, drawing lavish praise from coach Mick Baker.

"Alex is one of our year 10's coming through - he had been on the bench and we were using him as a bit of a utility, but we pushed him into the fullback role today and gave him an opportunity, and he just grabbed it," Baker said.

"But as a team we set a new standard today - what we came to do was defend like that and that's what we have to do again to (day). Second rower Steven Jones ran great lines and pushed in and defended brilliantly. Also Matt Collins made very good yardage for us up front and five-eighth Ryan Jones was very strong as well and he gave us a lot of direction."

• St Peter Claver and St Mary's I will fight it out for fifth and sixth after downing Padua I 22-14 and Clairvaux MacKillop 36-14 respectively.

Tautau Moga was a major contributor for St Peter Claver with 12 points from two tries and two goals but centre Brendan O'Reilly was their Man of the Match.

Five-eighth Haydan Lipp crossed three times for St Mary's, while hooker Mackenzie Reid and centre Danial Cubby each bagged doubles, but they were all beaten for the Match award by halfback and captain Ben Cook, who again oozed class.

Tom O'Keefe was Clairvaux's best, while fellow second rower Corey Bremner was rewarded with a double.

## SIENA & ST MICHAEL'S ON COLLISION COURSE AFTER BIG WINS

CENTRE Luke Blumke collected his second Man of the Match award for the week after spearheading Siena Catholic College to a calculated 26-4 win at the expense of Gilroy Santa Maria in the Plate semi-finals yesterday.

But they will need to be on their game again today against St Michael's, who also were impressive in beating Shalom 30-4 after the match was in the balance at 14-4 at the break to also gain revenge for their 32-6 drubbing by them in last year's final.

Halfback Brad Jones was their Man of the Match for the second time for the week and coach Allan Wyper, who has been with St Michael's sides since 1995, said he "did all asked of him each game, directing them around the park exceptionally well".

"But our forwards were defensively most impressive today, especially Mark Larkin, our tireless back rower, and big No. 8 Justin Watson, who played the full game and is a very good front rower," Wyper said.

"Some good finishing at the end from centres Brodie Schultz and Justin Booth put the icing on the cake."

Centre Shane Gorman was Shalom's Man of the Match while Tyson Knight and Jayden Lister got through a power of work in the forwards and Sam Daff had his usual strong all-round game in the centres.



**(Left) Second rower Stephen Jones, fullback Alex Hay and front rower Matt Collins shone as St Patrick's Mackay upstaged St Augustine's in the Trophy semi-finals. (Right) Centre Brodie Schultz, halfback Brad Jones and front rower Justin Watson stood tall for St Michael's in the Plate.**



**Left: Captain Jarrod Gill, Tom Lobsey, Callum Vickers, Jim Dick and Darren Budd led the way as Marymount book their place in the Bowl grand final. Right: It was thumbs up from Ryan Hackwood, Shane Corrigan, Jake Grice and Daniel Halpin after Southern Cross advanced to the Cup decider.**

## **MARYMOUNT & BLACKHEATH BOWL OVER SEMI RIVALS**

AFTER Marymount defeated Blackheath and Thornburgh 20-18 in the play-off for third and fourth in the Bowl division 12 months ago, the two sides will step up and go head-to-head for that silverware today after their semi-final victories yesterday over Ryan 20-4 and Padua II 28-10 respectively.

Marymount put their stamp on their game by establishing a 10-0 half-time lead, and they went right on with the job with hooker Callum Vickers signing off on a Man of the Match display with the last try of the game.

Coach Jason Hamilton said “Viper” Vickers is “just inspirational”.

“He plays through injury and is always positive, he brings good humour to the team, and he scored a try today, burrowing over from dummy-half,” Hamilton said.

“Our vice-captain Jim “The Destroyer” Dick, a second rower who has been playing in the centres, has made many damaging runs and backed up in the defensive line, and his discipline has been a good example for the rest of the team.

“Also five-eighth Darren Budd, a late entry into the team, has brought attacking options and a positive attitude, and second rower Jarrod Gill, our general, in his second Confraternity and second year as captain, is a quiet leader, but he leads by example on and off the field, and fullback Tom Lobsey, a year 10-er, has improved out of sight each game, is also very positive and is a great talker on the paddock.”

Blackheath led just 10-4 at half-time, but they upped the ante in the second half to take control, with No. 19 Zac Santa coming to the fore with two tries but fullback Anton Wolmby hailed as their Man of the Match.

Another stand-out in the Bowl section was Zac Sutton, who chalked up three tries in a Man of the Match effort to be a match winner as St Peter Claver II edged out Aquinas 20-18 to start the day.

## **SOUTHERN CROSS CONSTELLATION COULD SHINE IN CUP**

SOUTHERN Cross Catholic College will be favoured to take home the Confraternity Cup after finishing with a wet sail to over-run St Joseph’s 28-6 in yesterday’s semi-finals.

But Emmaus II will be a formidable opponent after they also advanced by out-pointing St Columbans 18-8.

Southern Cross and St Joseph’s were locked at 6-all at the break, but the former sealed the deal with tries in a dominant second half to Jake Grice, Shane Hatton, Daniel Halpin, Beau Poulson and Joshua Eyre, and their margin could have been far greater if their goal-kicking had been on target.

Southern Cross coach Jeff Wade said they had started the week slowly, losing their first two games by “very close margins” (against Siena 10-4 and Shalom 18-10) but they have put those disappointments behind them to since record three straight resounding wins, and while they had hoped to again be in the Plate after making the cut last year, it is good to be in the hunt for some silverware.

Fullback Shane Corrigan was their Man of the Match, and Wade said he and halfback Daniel Halpin both played well, and the former “repeatedly injected himself into the back-line and caused problems with the defence all the time”.

“In the second half, we completed our sets and kept good field position, thanks to Daniel, whose kicking game was also very good. Also our number 13 (Jake Grice) was a steadying influence - both Jake and second rower Ryan Hackwood took the ball up consistently and defended well,” Wade said.

Having conceded a total of just 12 points in their past three outings, their defence will certainly hold them in good stead today, and they will be expected to drink from the Cup after defeating Emmaus II 20-6 in their last Pool game on Tuesday morning.