



QISSRL Confraternity 2009



SIMPLY THE BEST: St Brendan's celebrate their Confraternity Shield triumph - Team: Maipele Morseau, Kearney Binawell, Kurt Mann, Tom Quill, Simon Shipway, Sam Madden, Aiona Nona, Kyle Burkhardt (c), Dean Blackman, Angelo Toby, Tom Murphy, Ben Jarvis, Luke Crumblin, Nick Doranti, Martin Shaw, Andrew Shipway, Brett Reddiex, Clinton Wauchope, Alex Choyce, Matt Collins. Coach: Terry Hansen, Manager: Jacob Dash, Trainer: Lindsay Jones.



LUCK OF THE IRISH: St Patrick's Shorncliffe savour their historic win in the Bob Lindner trophy final - Team: Brenden Cousins, Mitchell Quenault, Zach Koitka, Alex Sparkes, James Noyes, Ryan Hill, Matt Robinson, Michael Hoffman, Billy McCartney, Phillip Simpson, Nathan James, Dylan Napa, Jacob Judd, Nathan Lewis, Beau O'Malley, Ben Woolley, Harry Coonan, Ben Wadey, Steve Russell, Carl Brough. Coach: Steve Lawrence, Manager: Murray Schultz, Trainers: Ross Crooke & John Tucker.

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PLATE final Players of the Match Patrick Kaufusi (Shalom) and Brad Jones (St Michael's).



SHALOM got their name on the Plate - Team: Matthew Barone, Liam Tobin, Lewis Purcell, Shane Gorman, Jan de Villiers, Cody Grohn, Matthew Craven, Michael Vaega-Robson, Josh Scott, Toafa Nasio, Felise Kaufusi, Ryan Heath, Joseph Trost, Travis Munckton, Sean Allen, Patrick Kaufusi, Nickolas Samra, Morgan Ortt, Matthew Gerrard, Andrew Gillard. Coach: John Gilbert, Managers: Kim Gibson & Joe O'Driscoll, Trainers: Claire Stallard, Col Fritz & Brendan Cunningham.

BLACKMAN & MORSEAU INSPIRE ST BRENDAN'S TO SHIELD BLITZ

A STUNNING four-try raid in quick succession early in the second half mesmerised Ignatius Park and set up a 36-26 victory for St Brendan's I in the 2009 Confraternity Shield grand final at Bundaberg Brothers Sports Club.

It was the Yeppoon powerhouses' third Shield title in the past four years and in the words of coach Terry Hansen it was "sweet revenge" after they had been similarly blown away by their Townsville heavyweights rivals 34-14 in last year's decider.

But it was a score-line which was far beyond St Brendan's wildest dreams and a blow-out which no-one saw coming after Ignatius Park, who had conceded just two tries in their first five matches of the tournament, led 6-0 and were looking good 11 minutes before half-time.

Against the run of play, St Brendan's Queensland under-18 Maroons representative and Melbourne Storm contracted fullback Maipele Morseau breathed new life into the clash with a brilliant long-range try down the right flank.

Brendan's then took the lead for the first time with an also superb try to halfback Aiona Nona five minutes later, but they lost the ball on the first tackle from the ensuing restart, and it was all too easy as Ignatius Park made them pay, with one of their two Queensland under-18 Maroons second rowers Kurtis Ritchie bullocking over to the level the scores two tackles later.

But the danger signs were ringing for the defending champions with Brendan's centre Kurt Mann finishing off a slick team try to re-establish a four-point lead on the stroke of half-time.

Everyone expected Ignatius Park to hit back strongly in the second stanza, but instead, they were shell-shocked as Brendan's turned up the heat and scored the crucial first try with rampaging front rower Angelo Toby plucking the ball out of the air from a pin-point bomb and crashing over the line.

They did not give Ignatius Park the chance to regroup, instead, going for the jugular, completing electrifying back-to-back-to-back tries, with Morseau putting the touches on a sweeping back-line movement to bring up a personal double, then high-class hooker Dean Blackman joining the party.

If it was not game over by then, when their other rampant prop and captain Kyle Burkhardt, who made a remarkable recovery from injury to be a surprise starter, split the defence up the middle of the ruck and crossed under the posts, the battered pride of North Queensland needed a miracle.

They did pick themselves up off the canvas to score the last three tries of the match, but it was too little, too late, and St Brendan's went on to a famous victory.

Blackman collected his second straight Player of the Match award, but they were many other heroes, with Hansen also making special mention of hard-hitting second rower Ben Jarvis, Morseau, and their other second rower Tom Murphy.

"Dean was very good but I thought Ben was easily my best – his defence and his commitment are just great – also Kyle Burkhardt was very good even with his dicky shoulder, as was our 13 (Luke Crumblin), and our three Kurt Mann, who is only 16," Hansen said.

"We saved our best to last and played really well – our ball control and completed sets won the game but our on-line defence was also very good – they visited our area a few times but they kept coming up empty-handed. It got a bit pear-shaped at the end but that was only when I gave the reserves a run."

Such was the magnitude of the performance, St Brendan's also dominated the Carnival team with six players chosen in the 17 – Morseau, who also took out the coveted Player of the Carnival award, Blackman, Nona, winger Kearney Binawell, centre Tom Quill and five-eighth Sam Madden.

Ignatius Park was the next best represented with four – Ritchie, and quicksilver centre Alex Elisala, hooker Jay Lobwein and front rower Josh Rose, who each were selected for the second year in a row, although Lobwein who was Player of the Carnival last year could manage only a Reserves berth this time.

Shield Final: St Brendan's I 36 (Maipele Morseau 2, Aiona Nona, Kurt Mann, Angelo Toby, Dean Blackman, Kyle Burkhardt tries; Brett Reddiex 4 goals) d Ignatius Park 26 (Kurtis Ritchie 2, Sam Foster, Jay Lobwein, Ben Carter tries; Lobwein 3 goals). POM: Dean Blackman (SB).

3rd & 4th: Padua 32 (Tyson Skyring 3, Michael Cotton 2, Ben Nielsen tries; Adam Crear 4 goals) d Rockhampton Grammar 6 (Simon Gregory try; Pryce Trevor goal). POM: Adam Crear (P), Stephen Coombe (RG).

5th & 6th: St Peter Claver I 17 (Brenton Mirallez 2, Jason Packer tries; Mirallez 2 goals; Mirallez field goal) d St Mary's I 10 (Jackson Green, Matthew Judd tries; Haydan Lipp goal). POM: Jason Packer (SPC), Haydan Lipp (SM).

7th & 8th: Clairvaux MacKillop 56 (Ethan Aiona 3, Mitchell Moore 2, Nick Doyle, Mitchell Sharman, Absalom Curry, Cameron Batchelor, Luke O'Connor tries; Thomas Clark-Kennedy 5, Jean-Marc Berthelot 3 goals) d Cathedral College 0. POM: Ethan Aiona (CM), Jeremiah Lynch (TCC).



RISING STARS:

LEFT: (from left) Dean Blackman, Maipele Morseau, Tom Murphy, Luke Crumblin, Kurt Mann and Ben Jarvis shone in a galaxy of stars for St Brendan's in the Shield final.

RIGHT: Shield Player of the Match Dean Blackman is congratulated by Catholic Education Director Paul Murphy.



ST PATRICK'S SHORNCLIFFE TRIUMPH IN TROPHY

St Brendan's also contested the Bob Lindner Trophy final with their No. II team taking on St Patrick's Shorncliffe, but try as they may, they were soundly beaten 24-6 after trailing just 8-6 at half-time.

Lock Jacob Judd took out the St Patrick's Player of the Match award, but centre Zach Koitka was rewarded for an also outstanding series with his selection in the Carnival team, and front rower Carl Brough and five-eighth Ryan Hill also played leading hands.

It was St Patrick's first time in Division 1 and coach Steve Lawrence described their performance as "fantastic".

"The team only got picked last Monday but they did everything we asked of them and we were unlucky in some of our early games to be in the bottom half of the draw," Lawrence said.

"We had four backing up from the rugby union state championships which only finished on Sunday – Zach Koitka, Jacob Judd, second rower Dylan Napa and front rower Michael Hoffman – so it was a big effort.

"Unfortunately our hooker Billy McCartney got knocked out in the semi-final and couldn't play in the final."

SHALOM SERVES IT UP ON PLATE

After taking out the Bowl when they last hosted the Carnival in 2000, Shalom College took out the Plate for the first time with a well executed 32-6 victory over St Michael's.

It is their highest playing honour in the 30th annual carnival which was inaugurated by their fore-runners Christian Brothers College Bundaberg in 1980.

Shalom made a nervous start, allowing the ball to go dead from the kick-off, but they muscled up to repel a couple of early frenzied St Michael's raids.

Having weathered the storm, they drew first blood with fearless lock Joe Trost spearing his way over in the corner in the eighth minute, and they extended the lead to 10-0 with a try seven minutes later from a signature burst down the right by winger Shane Gorman and a Matt Craven conversion.

St Michael's hit back with a brilliant try from a chip and chase, but Shalom hit back immediately, winning the ball from a favourable bounce from an astute short kick-off and imposing Melbourne Storm-contracted second rower Felise Kaufusi proving unstoppable from short range.

Ahead 14-6 at half-time, Shalom scored the vital first try of the second stanza, pouncing on a St Michael's dropped ball deep in their red zone and Kaufusi's younger brother and second rower Patrick, who has a North Queensland Cowboys contract, went all the way to lay the platform for an 18-0 half.

Enterprising hooker Josh Scott was next to score but their final try in the dying minute was the icing on the cake, with classy five-eighth Cody Grohn finishing off a length of the field movement which was started on their 20m line by school captain Jan De Villiers and in which his centres partner and school leader Lewis Purcell also was involved, and Felise Kaufusi handled twice before presenting a beautiful last pass to Grohn, who punched the air in delight as he swan-dived over the line.

Patrick Kaufusi took out their Player of the Match award, but coach John Gilbert said Felise was also "fantastic", while Trost was a deserved recipient of their Player of the Carnival trophy.

But Gilbert praised a magnificent team effort over the four days after winning each of their six matches, with front rowers Michael Vaega-Robson and Toafa Nasio also outstanding, along with halfback Matt Craven, who alternated at fullback, and designated hooker Josh Scott, who also filled a few other positions with aplomb.

Aquinas took home the Referees Team Fair Play Award, which was a fitting consolation for finishing as the only other unbeaten Division 2 team despite winding up 21st after a draw in their quarter-final was not enough for them to progress.

Trophy Final: St Patrick's Shorncliffe 24 (Zach Koitka, Jacob Judd, Carl Brough, Harry Coonan, Mitchell Quenault tries; Ryan Hill 2 goals) d St Brendan's II 6 (Jack Madden try; Jake McManus goal). POM: Jacob Judd (SP), Toby Bennett (SB).

11th & 12th: St Augustine's 42 (Nathan Kepa 2, Aken Sam 2, William Preston, Aden Littlewood, Chris Poppi, Luke Ormes tries; Trent Nolan 2, Sam 2, Shelton Murray goals) d St Edmund's I 20 (Cameron Wood, Joshua Seage, Jack Schatz, Matthew Lawson tries; Wood 2 goals). POM: Ashley Currie (SA), Mitchell Kelly (SE).

13th & 14th: Emmaus I 16 (Daniel Barr, Matthew Wilson, Shaun Soboll tries; Soboll 2 goals) d St Patrick's Mackay 10 (Patrick Gregor, Christopher Martin tries; Martin goal). POM: Jaron Goodman (E), Christopher Martin (SP). 15 & 16th: All Souls 24 (Quentin Zammit, Jarrod Pearn, Reynold Bliss, Brandon Allan tries; George Major 2, Travis Cook 2 goals) d St Peter Claver II 16 (Matthew Pedley, Hayden Noon, Dylan Arch tries; Jordan O'Reilly 2 goals). POM: George Major (AS), Hayden Noon (SPC).

Plate Final: Shalom 32 (Joseph Trost, Shane Gorman, Felise Kaufusi, Patrick Kaufusi, Josh Scott, Cody Grohn tries; Matthew Craven 4 goals) d St Michael's 6 (Brad Jones try & goal). POM: Patrick Kaufusi (S), Brad Jones (SM).

19th & 20th: Gilroy Santa Maria 26 (Aidan Seri, Matthew Elford, Brett Bartolini, Andrew Quabba, Tevin Blich tries; Johnathon Castorina 3 goals) d St Joseph's Toowoomba 18 (Lachlan Gilbert, Dave Kennedy, Joel Stower tries; Gareth Jones 2, Zac Gleeson goals). POM: Brendan Wallis (GSM), Shane Whitehouse (SJ).

21st & 22nd: Aquinas 36 (Jamie Anderson 3, Michael Lord, Liam Byrne, Nick Quirk tries; Jamie Anderson 5, Quirk goals) d Xavier 32 (Terry Horne 3, Ryan Birkett, Darcy Horgan, Adrian Meiring tries; Meiring 3, Horne goals). POM: Jamie Anderson (A), Terry Horne (X).

23rd & 24th: Southern Cross 30 (Mathew Hiliar, Daniel Halpin, Shane Corrigan, Matthew Biddle, Terry Jones, Tom Matthew tries; Joshua Dunne 3 goals) d Columba 6 (Tom Meehan try; Mitchell Burton goal). POM: Shane Corrigan (SC), Mitchell Burton (CC).



St Patrick's Shorncliffe's Player of the Match in the Bob Lindner Trophy final Jacob Judd (right) with fellow stars Zach Koitka (left) and Ryan Hill after their polished victory.



WINNERS CIRCLE

LEFT: Player of the Bowl final Phat Johnson is surrounded by teammates as he is congratulated by coach Thomas Mitchell.

RIGHT: Chanel claimed the Cup, led by (from left) Hayden Murdoch, Max Prizeman, Shaun Petersen, Connor Staunton & Dylan Stitt.



ST THOMAS MORE BOWL MARIST EMERALD OVER

St Thomas More claimed their first ever Confraternity silverware with a 22-6 victory at the expense of Marist Emerald in the Bowl. They led just 4-0 at half-time, but wrapped up the title with three second-half tries, although coach Thomas Mitchell said the turning point was a 40/20 kick by halfback and team general Michael Rasmussen with the score at 16-6.

“A nice rehearsed move fell into place with five-eighth Josh Brennan orchestrating the set-play for the try with one tackle completed with five (minutes) to go, and from there, we shut them out,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell was delighted for interchange second rower Phat Johnson to win the Player of the Match award.

“Phat has come off the bench and in our last three games has made more metres than any other player in the games – he is new to league this year but even this week, he has improved 1000% - in game one, he was still dropping balls and getting knocked into touch but his improvement has been amazing,” Mitchell said.

“Michael Rasmussen has been outstanding all week, but (fullback) Andrew Goller left his best to our last two games, and (centre) Zac Howes has always been the money, go-to man – he is always the one in the gaps, creating try-scoring opportunities.

“But our most courageous are Matt Doyle, our run-on second rower who got seven stitches across his eye in our third game and also played our last three games with a bruised cheek-bone but didn’t shirk it at all, and (winger) Josh Yarrow, who lost the top of his right tall-man finger in a bike accident last week but continued to play despite the pain.

“But the whole team have been awesome – we only came to the carnival with 18 players and by the second game, we only had 14 who should have been playing, but the others kept playing with game-stopping injuries.

“The big improvers in the team are Alex Hughes, our bench/dummy-half, and Joseph Stark, our bench/second rower – both are grade 10’s but both grew 10-foot tall over the week.

“Also Marist Emerald had beaten us three times in previous carnivals, and this is the first time we’ve beaten them, so it is pleasing.”

St Thomas More also received the coveted Spirit of Confraternity award.

Bowl Final: St Thomas More 22 (Josh Brennan, Andrew Goller, Michael Rasmussen, Matthew Doyle tries; Brennan 2, Daniel Rasmussen goals) d Marist Emerald 6 (Brandon Kadel try; Blake Anderson goals). POM: Phat Johnson (STM), Phillip Bullivant (ME).

27th & 28th: Marymount 20 (Luke Muir 2, Gage Wilson, Sam King tries; Sam Harreman 2 goals) d Blackheath & Thornburgh 18 (Zac Santo 2, Cameron Sheales tries; Sheales 3 goals). POM: Nathan Thomas (M), Cameron Sheales (BT).

29th & 30th: Siena 30 (Luke Blumke 2, Finlay Casey, Brad Kent, Callum Alexander tries; Kent 2, Brendan Mitchell, Alexander, Casey goals) d St Columban's 14 (Steven King, Jarrod Mountney tries; Matt Gilbert 3 goals). POM: Patrick McKosker (SC), Jake Dundas (SCC).

31st & 32nd: St Edmunds II 10 (Corey Twaddell, Ben Hunt tries; Jordan Saltner goal) drew Ryan 10 (Alex Peters, Jake Harlen tries; Aiden Jones goal). POM: Corey Twaddell (SE), Kerrod Simonsen (RCC).

CHANEL HOLDS ON IN CUP CRUSADE

CHANEL completed their comeback carnival in style by upstaging St James 16-12 to clinch the Cup.

They put their stamp on the match early, opening up a 10-0 lead, but St James got back to within two points by half-time.

Chanel edged away again with a runaway try to halfback Max Prizeman down the left flank and a Tom Givney conversion with 18 minutes left on the clock, but St James got back to within an unconverted try four minutes later with Steve Barr’s second try.

Denied another try for an obstruction after hooker Ashley Graham crossed under the posts six minutes later again, they continued to throw everything at Chanel.

But in the end, it was the kicking boot of Givney which was the difference as both sides finished with three tries, although St James blew a golden chance to level the scores with the ball coming loose as a player tried to slam it down over the line in the closing stages.

Chanel coach Allan Hilcher was extremely proud of their achievement in their first Confraternity since 2003.

“There is definitely football blood there – we played really well – they should have had us but the boys put in a big defensive effort and forced the errors,” Hilcher said.

Rugged front rower Connor Staunton was their Player of the Match, but Hilcher said lock Hayden Murdoch and hooker Shaun Petersen were also good – Shaun is our Player of the Carnival – he is a brutal defender and he runs and organises from dummy-half, and he really lifts the team with his defence and attack.

“Also halfback Max Prizeman got heavily involved and controlled our forwards really well too, and after a five-year hiatus, it is good to leave with some silverware – it lays a good foundation to come back next year and build on that.”

Cup Final: Chanel 16 (Aaron Hanrahan, Shaun Petersen, Max Prizeman tries; Tom Givney 2 goals) d St James 12 (Steve Barr 2, Joel Ray tries). POM: Connor Staunton (CC), Joel Ray (SJ).

35th & 36th: Emmaus II 32 (Matt Van Pepperstraten, Richard Beezley, Kris Long, Mitchell Nipperess, Kristian Irwin, Daniel List tries; Ace Edwards 3 goals) d Mt Maria 4 (Nic Falcomer try). POM: Daniel List (EII), Josh Hiscock (MM).

37th & 38th: St Patrick’s Gympie 30 (Shaun Wilson 2, Brent Schultz, Brodie Holmes, Nick Daunt, Jim Mosley tries; Wilson 3 goals) d St Josephs/Assumption 16 (Thomas Costanzo, Bennett Naprasnik, Luke Cosmo tries; Curtis Hill, Cosmo goals). POM: Tom Lally (SPG), Patrick McGahan (SJ).

39th & 40th: St Mary’s II 22 (Luke Wilkinson 2, Damien Wilson, Alex McErlean tries; Chad Alexander 3 goals) d St Peter Claver III 16 (Elliot Boyle 2, Peter Whittaker tries; Zac Sutton, Dale Jack goals). POM: Zach McLennan (SM), Elliot Boyle (SPC).