



Capilano at Meralomas Oct 1, 2010

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Premier Women:

The Bayside Sharks visited the Caps at Klahanie and went home with the win. Caps are in a rebuilding year and are missing their Canada Players. In addition Hilary Leith is injured so their numbers are somewhat depleted. Bayside had them hemmed in for the first part of the game and scored first with a penalty kick then a couple of tries.

Caps did mount a bit of a comeback and scored to make it 7-15 but Bayside then scored several unanswered tries to win the game. Final Score 7-37.

3rd Division Men:

They were away to United and came away with a win. United are a veteran side but the younger Caps ran in some tries to secure the victory. Final score 38-19.

1st Division Men:

The 1st Division men were anxious to erase the memory of the tie last week against Bayside. Unfortunately the Meralomas are presently short of players. Caps lent about four players to the Lomas so the game could be played. The game was shortened and the score was about 46-0 for Capilano. It is sad to see the Meralomas struggle like this. They have been one of our main competition over the years and normally field at least 3 mens sides. Hopefully this shortage of players is temporary and they can once again be a factor in the VRU League.

Elite Men:

The Lomas have also suffered in the Elite Division and have yet to notch a victory. Today they came out fired up, urged on by their new coach, George Cargnelli. They started putting pressure on the Caps and had a chance to take an early lead on a penalty kick. Caps seemed to be taking a lot of penalty calls but as the game progressed the number seemed to even out.

Caps are breaking in a new kicker, a youngster, Colin Reed from South Africa. He plays number 10 and will replace Carson Graham grad and New Zealander Kane Tapiki. Kane is heading home to NZ and we wish him well. He has been a great addition to the Capilano Club both on and off the field. All the best Kane and you know that you are always welcome back to the North Shore.. Colin Reed made his first kick and looks like he will fit in well at standoff.

Caps began putting on pressure and looked like scoring a try but Lomas managed to stop the drive with an interception. Sam Penhall made several strong runs from his eighth man position. Cudmore was warned after some niggles. A penalty against Lomas gave Caps another shot at goal and Colin Reed slotted it through. The score was 6-0 for Caps.

Lomas got to kick for touch on another Cap penalty and looked like they might score a try. Simon Caccioppoli kicked to the wing and it looked like gold but the winger couldn't field it and knocked it on. Gord Sawers retrieved the ball for Caps and almost got away down the wing. Following a Cap kick for touch off a penalty the ball was swung out and Brady Carpenter found space, cut back and scored under the posts. After the conversion it was now 13-0 and Caps appeared to be in control.

Lomas kept trying though and a drop kick attempt was wide. Caps next try came on a nice back movement. Nate Rees threw a long pass to Cap winger Gord Sawers who took it to the house. Reed made the conversion and the score was now 20-0. Cudmore, the youngest of the Squamish 3 was binned and brought a laugh from the Cap sideline when he quaffed the comment, ``It wouldn't be a Rugby Game without a Cudmore in the Bin!!!

Caps got another yellow a bit later as inside center Nate Rees was given a rest. Following his sentence, Cudmore made a long run from the wing and almost scored. Tony Weller also had a long gallop but was forced into touch. Rees was allowed back on the field after a bit of an extended sentence, about 13 minutes on my watch.

Caps next try was scored by Cudmore who was put in the clear by Weller and took it the distance this time. This brought the score to 27-0. Lomas did not quit and put on some more pressure. Unfortunately for them the ball went astray and Charlie Jones scooped it up and outpaced the Lomas to score another Cap try. The conversion made it 34 the final score of the day.

Caps put in a much better effort this week and the hands were back. My forward of the match was Sam Penhall and the back could be any of several but I picked Charlie Jones who was steady all game and did a good job as Captain.

Next Game is two weeks away a key contest against Burnaby at Klahanie. Have a great Thanksgiving break!