



Capilano First Annual Family Day September 24, 2011

Capilano RFC organized a Family Fun Rugby day to welcome the mini rugby players, age grade and family to Saturday Rugby. Normally the youngsters are at the club on Sundays and don't get to interact with the senior players. Today the seniors were out there to put on clinics and have fun with the youngsters. The youngsters and their mentors seemed to be having great fun. The Cap Alumni put on an excellent feed and continued their support of the club. All of this preceded the normal full schedule of games. Today, for the second week in a row the Caps put 4 full senior sides on the field. Three senior games against Bayside and one Division 3 game against Surrey. As in baseballs field of dreams IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME. The Caps have built an excellent facility and the players are definitely coming out. For us oldtimers, we dreamed of this in our youth and through the vision and hard work of many this is an accomplishment we can all be proud of! Having several players on both the men and women's Canada Teams is another accomplishment the Capilano RFC is proud of.

Today's games:

The first game was an under 19 battle between Caps and Abbotsford. Caps managed to win the game with a late try and a penalty kick to win 25-21. Abbotsford had scored just before that to take a 21-18 lead. This was a fast exciting contest.

The first senior game had the Capilano 3 A side against Surrey Beavers. Caps won this one handily by a score of 36-0. Cap scorers were Kevin Hatch, Lumpy Lumsden, Kyle Watson, Devon Wilson, Tim Adair, Kes Kasha while Raymond Salo chipped in with some conversions. This was another good effort by the Capilano 3 A squad.

The 3 B squad was not as fortunate as they fell to Bayside by two points on a late try by the visitors.

The First Division Contest was in my opinion a yawner. Far too many stoppages, far too many scrums Mistakes by both sides but particularly Caps. Bayside managed to get a 13-0 lead before the Capilano side got into the game. Caps did manage to claw their way back with a try in the second half to make it 5-13. Sam Lanigan scored for Caps to make it 10-13. Caps scored a penalty kick to even the score at the final whistle. Caps could have tried several penalty kicks but chose not to. Definitely a game to forget. Caps, in my opinion needed to do everything at full pace and run this heavier Bayside team around the field. The game pace was far too slow and the commitment level was mediocre. Some of the Cap players might be looking over their shoulders as some of the 3rd division guys seem to be showing more desire..

The Elite Division

First let me rant! No Team lineups, No Programs No Announcer! At the Capilano Club we attempt to put on a professional style event. It is nice to announce the starting lineups and the game officials. We charge a small admission fee and the fans and the players appreciate it if they can see who the players are. Some of the Island teams do this as well and surely the League can mandate that the players lists must be made available by Friday AM. Sure there can be last minute changes but give us the lineups. Lately we haven't been able to do this. Can we get some cooperation from the visiting teams and the League!

This was an important game for both clubs. Both are intent on returning to the Premier Division for the spring season. Today Bayside won the game with a more workman like attitude and a complete team effort. They put points on the board when they had the chance their kicker number 20 don't know his name, no program, had a good game kicking the ball he slotted two early penalties and Caps managed to answer with only one to make it 6-3. Bayside increased the lead with kicks to 9-3 then 12-3. Bayside slotted an excellent drop kick to make it 15-3 at half time.

In the second half Bayside brought on a prop number 17 and he was binned shortly after for a body slam on Luke Cudmore. With Bayside a man down Caps had the opportunity to get back in the game. After some hard work by the scrum, Caps managed a try by Luke Cudmore it looked like Caps were going to kick a penalty but instead ran a quick tap with Cudmore touching down. Caps then got a penalty kick off the boot of Kayne Tapiki to give them 8 points. The Bayside number 10 answered with another well taken drop kick to make it 18- 8 for the visitors.

Later Tapiki got another penalty kick chance to make it 18-11. Yet another penalty kick by Tapiki brought the score to 18-14 and Caps had a great chance to steal the victory. With time running out Tony Weller made a great run but Gord Sawers who was outside of him just couldn't quite field the pass to finish off the play.

I thought Cudmore and Sawers had good games for Capilano. The team though suffered from bad hands today. Some said it was from watching too much World Cup, I heard other comments such as unacceptable at this level and so on. Players that normally have good hands, today dropped several chances. Anyone can have an off game and dropped passes seem to be contagious. The BC Lions are now catching everything when earlier in the season they were dropping key passes. Caps need to turn this around and develop that winning attitude. I saw some of that late in the game but they just couldn't quite finish it off.

Next week we are away to Meraloma. Get out and support your team.