



CAPILANO MATCH REPORT, SATURDAY APRIL 17/2010

**CDI PREMIER LEAGUE
CAPILANO 33**

VANCOUVER ROWING CLUB 7

**CDI FIRST DIVISION
CAPILANO 27**

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Vancouver Parks Board and the Vancouver Rowing Club have a interesting relationship going on. They have always had a loose relationship, in that the Rowers use Vancouver Parks Board fields but have held a good relationship with the Parks Board. For example, in November they have been able to have Brockton open to play on when all other Vancouver fields seemed to be closed due to the rain. As the say though, everything comes with a price, and with the Parks board it comes with a heavy price. Since the Olympics the Parks Board has raised the fee to park in our Stanley Park to \$2.50 an hour or \$10.00 for the day. Thus the Rowing Club players and those they play are now bringing in a large user tax to the Parks Board for the use of the field and or a beer at their club. None of which technically finds its way back to the Rowing Club itself.

The last time these two clubs played each other was the first game of the Fall League. Things were a lot different back then as the Capilano's used an Under- 23 development side to play as the top team in the Fall, and the Rowers were the first game for them. On the score board that day the Rowers came out on top in the First Division match. The Caps were playing for a different reason, and that was the development of the club's local players. One might say in that respect it was the Capilano's that came out on top. Proof of that is that today the Caps were short several players as they were on the Island training with Canada under 21's. Good luck Adam, Liam, Jeff, Matt and Mike.

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The first game today was Number 2 versus Number5, and by all accounts the Rowing Club has been playing good rugby and have taken some scalps along the way this season. With the play-offs right around the corner, both these club teams are fighting for either a top spot or any spot. (Number Five in the standings through Nine are within three points of each other) There seemed to be some anger coming from certain players today, but it could be all that testosterone some had raging in them was to be released at the Rowers Fight Night to be held later that evening. By the time one makes Senior Rugby one should have learned to be careful when one trash talks a player early in the game, and never do it next to the other teams sidelines as more often than not they tend to blow up in your face. This game started off at a huge tempo, back and forth it went all near the centre field for a good five minutes. Then space was found on the blind side of a ruck and the Caps made major ground with it. Shortly thereafter the Cap Forwards punched it over to go up 7-0.

The Rowers moved the ball into Cap territory, but lost the ball and winger Levi Brodland took off down the sidelines and eventually kicked the ball deep in to space near the Rowers goal line. After a couple of phases the ball found it self back in Levi's hands as he walked across the goal line being totally unmarked. 12-0. The pace of this game had not let up to this point and was still be played at a high tempo.. Soon after the kick off, the Rowing club #10 sliced through the Cap back line and was linked up with his support. The Rowers found themselves on the board 12-7 which took the clubs in to the half. Shortly after the half the Rowers got a 35 meter kick at goal to close the score to within two(12-10), but that would be it for the day for the Rowers scoring. Capilano Under 19 Tom Pynn, a past Rockridge player, came in at hook and was a stand out. He levelled a Rowing Club player who had been given the pass of death from his winger, and the Caps picked up the loose ball and moved the score up 17-10. One more try was scored by the Cap wingers, when Sandrin waltzed down the sideline to get the teams fourth try of the match for a bonus point win. Final score 27-10

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The Capilano Club was missing several key players going into this game with injuries, work commitments and Canada commitments, but the club was also missing its coach, Nick Turner, who has coached the club for the last two years. Nick stepped down prior to the UVIC game with an emotional speech to the players. Class act he is, it was his opinion that it was for the greater good of the club. We wish Nick all the best in whatever he does. The Rowers were out of the play offs before the kick-off, but I'm sure they would have loved to take this match. This game had two very different styles of play. The Rowers had a brand of rugby I have not seen since my youth, when I used to watch England play. The talented ten the Rowers had, would kick the ball deep to the corners every chance he had. The Rowing Club cry was "Australia," and then a boot to the very talented back three of the Capilano's. Yes the ball was slick, yes it was the Rowers home park, but giving the ball to the likes of Brady Carpenter, Gord Sawyer, and Dave Hillborn, I personally don't think is the best game plan. The Capilano's on the other hand used the scrum and the backs evenly. They did kick, but generally chose to spin the ball or use the very effective rolling maul.

The first try of the game came when Rasputin, Andrei Prochine, grubbed the ball behind the Rowers defence and the last Rower kicked the ball out of bounds on their ten. The Cap forwards then went to work and marched the ball over for the first try. The Rowing Club tight head was warned by the ref, but no card was given, when he did his best to show both clubs how to do a great football block. The Red and White had a couple of kicks at goal, but none found their way over the posts. The Rowing Club finally got on the board after one of their many long kicks was touched by the North Shore club prior to going out of bounds, giving the Rowers the line out and they managed to use it to their advantage and tie up the game at 7 all.

Caps were very much in control it seemed, and the Rowers didn't have much of an answer to the Capilano maul. In a long maul the Capilano's thought they had a try, but the ref. called it back and penalised the Caps for what he called tractor/trailer. A minute later the same tight head that had already been talked to, threw a big upper cut at a Capilano in a rolling maul, which was seen by most everyone but the touch judge and ref it seemed. The Russian Rasputin took exception to this and retaliated with a flurry Ivan Drago would have been proud of. Sadly the touch judge didn't appreciate the fine boxing skills, and sent him marching to watch the game from afar for ten minutes. This did seem to rally the troops so too speak, and a minute later Gord Sawyer took off for a major run, and, after a lot of Capilano hands touched the ball Christoph Strubin touched it down. The score at the half 14-7 for Capilano.

The Second half saw more of the same, but when the Caps started to filter in the replacements the Rowers didn't have an answer, and the Caps started to dominate more. Another blindside attack cleared space for Brady Carpenter bringing the score to 21-7. The fourth try was another rolling maul where Craig McClaren took it over the line - 26-7. Young Pynn, from the Under 19's, came in to the game and got his first taste of premier rugby at this point. Back from his rest in the Sin bin, Rasputin found himself one of four in a massive overlap and took the ball over to end the day with a bonus point five try victory over the Rowing Club at 33-7.

Report by Craig Slay.