

Bulldogs fire in first game

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Kurri Bulldogs opened up their 2008 season with wins in all four grades against Raymond Terrace at HEZ Sportsground on Saturday.

First grade had to battle hard for its win with Raymond Terrace providing tough opposition until the 55th minute with the score 20-16 in Kurri's favour.

Marty Obourne was sent from the field for an alleged high tackle and Kurri went into overdrive, with the final score 50-16. Every member of the back line scored tries with full back Dan Stuart crossing for two. In the forwards Cheyne McIntyre and Bumper Peterkin scored one each for the 10 tries and Steven Kidd kicked five goals.

Best players for Kurri were half back Chris Tyrie, centre Danny Palmer and full back Dan Stuart while in the forwards Karl Weatherly and Ji Hill worked tirelessly all day. Coach Shaun Collingwood was very happy with the first up win and looking forward to meeting Lakes next Saturday at HEZ Sportsground.

Marty Obourne will face the judiciary this week and with injuries to Cheyne McIntyre (ribs) and Andrew Spicer (knee) fans may see a few changes this week.

Reserve grade had a good 38-18 win but it took the side a long time to get over the top of Raymond Terrace. Coach Peter MacDonald was happy to open up the season with a win. In this match the outstanding performer was Simon Craig. The young half back totally dominated in defence and attack and made numerous breaks throughout the game. Tries were scored by Simon Craig (three), Jamie Tetevano (one), young gun Michael Gavan (one), Willy Watts (one) and Jacob Sinclair (one). Michael Gavan kicked five goals. Michael is only 17 and shows a lot of promise. Best players for Kurri were Simon Craig, Jamie Tetevano, James Parapara and Joel McCann.

Third grade had a big 50-10 win. Try scorers were full back Andrew McBeth, John Douglas, Chris Walters, Ryan Evans, Troy Gillon, all scoring one each with Tyrone Smith and Kyle Brian scoring two each. Ryan Evans kicked seven goals. Coach Barry Moore was extremely happy with the effort.

The under 19's opened the day the right way winning 38-10. This side is called Kurri – Maitland as it is a joint venture and it was their first official outing together. Try scorers were Callan Churchill, Brendan Avery, Rowan McGeachie and Matthew McBeth, scored one each while captain Jacob Sinclair scored two while Tom Fitzpatrick kicked four goals and Tom Cooper kicked one. The Newcastle Under 18 side was picked this weekend and three Kurri players made the side. Michael Gavan, Bryden Roper, Brenton Horwood were successful and the club wishes to congratulate them for this achievement.

The club would also like to invite anyone who would like to help out at home games to come forward and talk to Chris Doyle or David Ross as it would be greatly appreciated.