

# Keith Almanac

# 2010

A review of the years' games with Player information,  
Scoring positions, Match reports and General Keith statistics.

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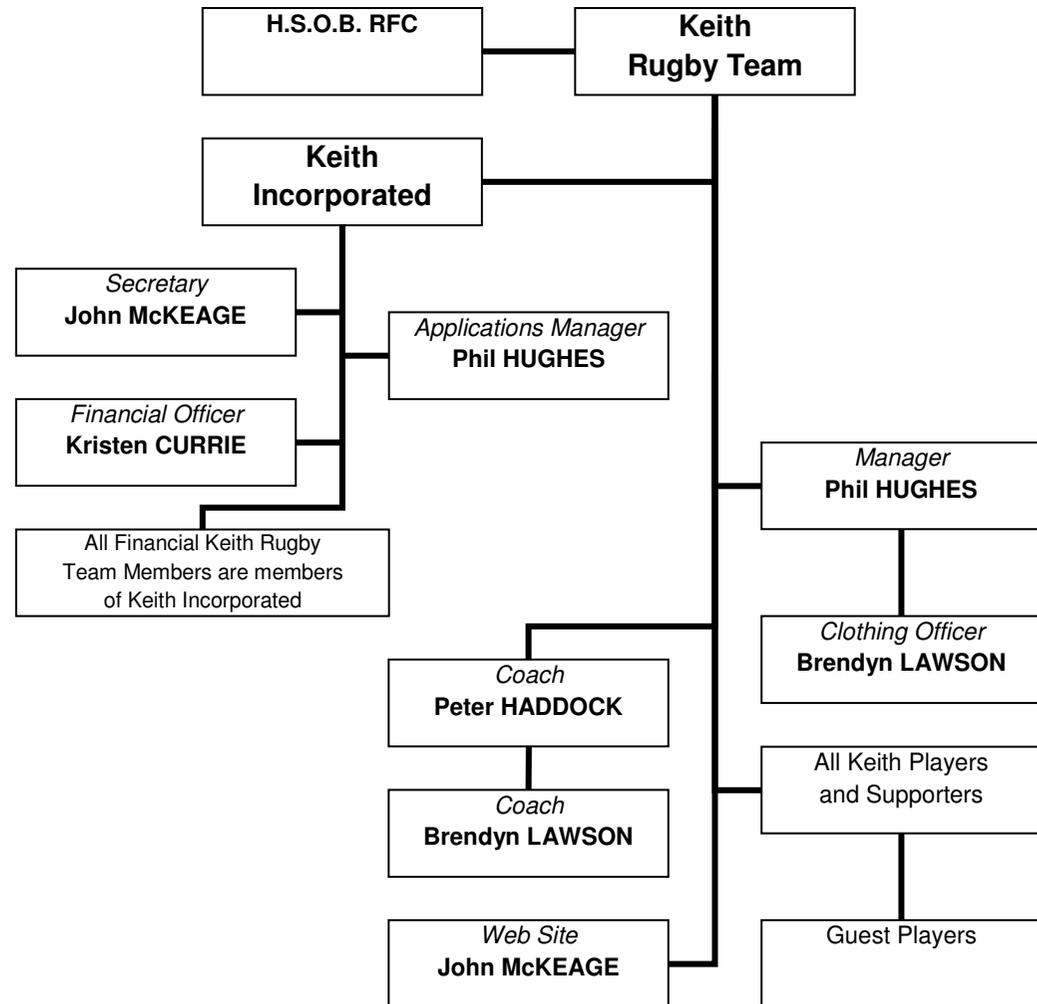
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## Basic Organisational Chart of Keith Rugby

Showing the five major persons and their relationships to the position held.

There are other positions not shown in Keith Incorporated and ad hoc positions in Keith Rugby that are similarly not shown.



## **2010 Sportsman of The Year Awards**

Most Tries – Rob FOLEY (12)  
Most Points by a Back – Nick BROWN (96)  
Most Points by a Forward – Hayden SMITH (25)  
Most Improved Back – Leyton HUNT  
Most Improved Forward – Darren MOKE  
Most Keithly On/Off the Field – Kristen CURRIE  
New Boy of the Year – Adam JOHNSTON  
Hard Bastard of the Year – Hayden SMITH  
Ladies Award for Player of the Year – Ian COWAN  
Longevity Award – Simon GIFFORD  
Back of the Year – Paul CRICHTON  
Forward of the Year – Hayden ROBINSON  
James Graham Memorial Trophy – Hayden ROBINSON

1<sup>st</sup> Keith Try – Stuart HERRIOT  
175 Games – Phil KEARNS  
150 Games – Leyton HUNT  
150 Games – Rob FOLEY  
100 Games – John LUXTON

## **2010 HSOB RFC Club Awards**

Des Whitam Cup for Most Tries – Rob FOLEY  
Div 6 Most Improved Player – Matt YATES  
Div 6 Most Valuable Player – Hayden ROBINSON

## **2010 Major Sponsors**

Air Rescue Services Trust – [airrescueservices.co.nz](http://airrescueservices.co.nz)  
Bush Inn Hotel –  
PACE Project Management – [pacepm.co.nz](http://pacepm.co.nz)  
ICS Manufacturing – [icsman.co.nz](http://icsman.co.nz)  
Southern Monograms – [monograms.co.nz](http://monograms.co.nz)  
Shocked Design Solutions – [shocked.co.nz](http://shocked.co.nz)  
The Bog Irish Bar – [thebog.co.nz](http://thebog.co.nz)  
Bealeys Speight's Ale House – [.bealeysalehouse.co.nz](http://.bealeysalehouse.co.nz)

## Season Scores at a Glance

WIN	LOSS	SCORE
	Sumner	12 - 32
	Sydenham	17 - 38
Otautahi		41 - 5
	Shirley	10 - 17
Christchurch		54 - 8
New Brighton		39 - 19
Marist-Albion		19 - 12
Linwood		CANCELLED
	Belfast	24 - 32
	Sydenham	29 - 62
Otautahi		40 - 37
Shirley		17 - 15
Christchurch		36 - 31
	Sumner	10 - 29
	Marist-Albion	20 - 29
New Brighton		CANCELLED
	Belfast	12 - 15
Linwood		43 - 0
Christchurch		34 - 10
	Marist-Albion	15 - 22

FOR    AGAINST  
472    413

## Average Score

26 - 23

## Top Scorers for the Season

TRIES	CONV
FOLEY R (12)	BROWN N (30)
CRICHTON P (9)	JAGER C (4)
LUXTON J (6)	SCOTT K (2)
SMITH H (5)	LOCKWOOD I
CURRIE K (4)	WILLIAMS M
HUNT L (4)	
BROWN N (3)	
COWAN I (3)	
McGIRR T (3)	
BAIRD J (2)	PEN
GIBBS B (2)	
KEARNS P (2)	BROWN N (7)
LAWSON B (2)	
RICHARDS G (2)	
WEBB B (2)	
GRAVETT C	
HERRIOT S	
HOANI K	
JAGER C	
JOHNSTON A	
JOYCE J	
KEMP T	
MOKE D	
PARISH J	
PATERSON B	
PHILIP G	
WILLIAMS M	
YATES M	
PENALTY TRY	

## Number of Games

Paul CRICHTON (18) Every Game  
Rob FOLEY (17)  
Ian COWAN (16)  
Hayden SMITH (16)

## Points – Backs

Nick BROWN (96) (3 Tries, 30 Conversions, 7 Penalties)  
Rob FOLEY (60) (12 tries)  
Paul CRICHTON (45) (9 Tries)  
John LUXTON (30) (6 Tries)

## Points – Forwards

Hayden SMITH (25) (5 Tries)  
Kristen CURRIE (20) (4 Tries)  
Tom McGIRR (20) (4 Tries)  
Ian COWAN (15) (3 Tries)

## Number of Keiths who Scored a Try

28                      2.678 tries per Keith

## Keiths who had 100% of their Tries Converted

Brendyn LAWSON, Nick BROWN, Bevan WEBB, Toby KEMP, Barry GIBBS, Kelly HOANI, Stuart HERRIOT, George PHILIP and Penalty Try

## Percentage of Successful Conversions

	Attempts	Success	Percentage
LOCKWOOD Ian	1	1	100
SCOTT Kelvin	4	4	100
BROWN Nick	55	30	0.545
FOLEY Rob	1	0	0
HOANI Kelly	5	0	0
HUNT Leyton	1	0	0

## Guest Players

WILLIAMS Massey	1	1	100
JAGER Chris	6	4	0.666

**Number of Players Used**

57 ( Record 64 - 2009 )

**Mean Winning / Losing Margin**

2.85

**Average Winning Margin**

20.66

**Average Losing Margin**

14.11

**Average Number of Players per Game**

21.5

**Every game we were ahead at halftime, we won**

**Every game we were behind at halftime, we lost**

**20 Games, 2 Cancellations,**

**18 Played, 9 Lost, 9 Won**

**New Boys for 2010**

- BAIRD Jon
- BRACEY Richard
- BROWN Nick
- De GRAAFF Albertus
- GIBBS Barry
- GIFFORD Simon
- GRAVETT Colin
- HERRIOT Stuart
- HOANI Kelly
- JOHNSTON Adam
- JOYCE Jaye
- McGIRR Tom
- PHILIP George
- SCOTT Kelvin
- SMITH Hayden
- WILLIAMS Kevin

See Articles 1.4.2, 1.4.2.1 and 1.4.2.2 of the Keith Charter for New Boys determinations

## **Team Players for 2010**

ARAPAI Isaac  
BAIRD John  
BRACEY Richard  
BROWN Greg  
BROWN Nick  
COWAN Ian  
CRICHTON Paul  
CURRIE Kristen  
De GRAAFF Bert  
EVERSON Jason  
FOLEY Rob  
GIBBS Barry  
GIFFORD Simon  
GRAVETT Colin  
GULLERY Justin  
HADDOCK Peter  
HERRIOT Stuart  
HOANI Kelly  
HUGHES Phil  
HUNT Leyton  
JOHNSTON Adam  
JOYCE Jaye  
KEARNS Phil  
KUMAR Prasanth  
LAWSON Brendyn  
LOCKWOOD Ian  
LORY Dean  
LUXTON John  
MARSHALL Stephen  
McGIRR Tom

MOKE Darren  
PHILIP George  
PIPER Jamin  
RICHARDS Gary  
ROBINSON Hayden  
SCOTT Kelvin  
SMITH Hayden  
THOMPSON Scott  
WEBB Bevan  
WILLIAMS Kevin  
YATES Matthew

## **Guest Players**

ELL Steve  
JENSEN Christen  
POPE Nick  
TRAINER Joe  
WILLIAMS Massey  
JAGER Chris  
MacINTOSH Blair  
WEEPU Ra  
ANDREWS Nathan  
RENNIE Dallas  
KEMP Toby  
WALSH Sean  
CURRIE Scott  
JACK Steven  
PARISH Jeremy  
PATERSON Blair

## Keith vs Sumner – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Ground: McCormacks Bay 2  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Matt YATES  
Peter HADDOCK  
Phil HUGHES  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Steve JACK  
Scott THOMPSON  
Bert DeGRAAFF  
Ian LOCKWOOD

#### Backs

Ian COWAN  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Gary RICHARDS  
Leyton HUNT  
Justin GULLERY

#### Reserves

Phil KEARNS

Points: 0-5, 0-7, 0-10, 0-15, 5-15, 7-15, 7-20, 7-25, 7-27, 12-27,  
12-32

Tries: Paul CRICHTON, Phil KEARNS  
Conv: Nick BROWN

Player of the Day: Ian LOCKWOOD

## SEASON OPENER A CAUSE FOR CONCERN, YOU SLACK BASTARDS

Fark it was hot. Fark the ground was hard and dusty. Fark. Where the fark was everyfarking body?

I know in the past we've had some rough starts to the beginnings of the season but on our first game we didn't even have a full complement of players. We even had to ask Sumner for a prop just so we could have Golden Oldies rules in the scrum. Luckily we managed to field 15 players with one reserve all on our own but by crikey fellas, if you say you're going to turn up, turn up.

We kicked off into the sun with New Boy Nick BROWN doing the honours. As usual, big Sumner boys barged their way through our lines to score in the first 3 minutes. Good forward pressure and a kick and chase from Leyts nearly netted us a return try, but we didn't quite get there. A period of general general play ensued for a while with the boys not letting up the defence, but large fat props are hard to stop when they've got momentum. And then Toad scores!!!!!!! dragging a seasier across the line with him. Good stuff.

Sumner forwards start to get a bit stroppy near half time, based on the ref accurately interpreting the rules. Lots of pushing and shoving and shouting ending in the first of three runaway tries to Sumner.

The second half started rough again with Sumner running in another try right away but the restart garnered a try for Leyts, only to have Johnno signal a touchline infringement and bring back play. Oooops.

Trouty pushed ahead and was inches away from the line only to have a few minutes later, Chief complete the move to bring us our second try.

Back in the midfield, Poacher, Leyts and Scotty completed a tripartite of errors which if hands had of caught the ball; a runaway try would have ensued.

The penalty count crept up on both sides and noises were made by Sumner about the refs' parentage. Sumner ran in one last runaway try right before the end and I can only sum up our effort with the phrase; Where were our hands?

It's difficult watching from the sideline and to then write about the game but I do try to mention things fairly.

Back at the Club after the game it was an even bigger debacle than at the ground with only Poacher, Psycho, Trout, Toad, Phil, Hayden, Nick and Johnno turning up. Piss poor effort for our first game.

## Keith vs Sydenham – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Ground: Bob Deans 3  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Matt YATES  
Jamin PIPER  
Phil HUGHES  
George PHILIP  
Scott CURRIE  
Bert DeGRAAFF  
Scott THOMPSON  
Hayden SMITH

#### Backs

Jeremy PARISH  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Gary RICHARDS  
Stuart HERRIOT  
Justin GULLERY

#### Reserves

Prasanth KUMAR  
Ian COWAN  
Stephen MARSHALL

Points: 0-5, 5-5, 5-10, 5-15, 5-17, 10-17, 12-17, 12-22, 12-24, 17-24, 17-29, 17-31, 17-36, 17-38

Tries: Gary RICHARDS, Jeremy PARISH, Nick BROWN  
Conv: Nick BROWN

Player of the Day: Jamin PIPER

## CHRISTIANS & SARACENS HAVE A GO AT EACH OTHER. TIME FOR ANOTHER CRUSADE?

Nick kicked off into the sun, and as usual we immediately conceded a runaway try. Some good back line pressure followed by some good forward resolve shocked Sydenham into making mistakes. Nick coughed his first penalty attempt from right in front.

Phil had a nervous start at hooker but recovered nicely. Dirk started like he was a New Boy again and ran around and fumbled the ball, but the nerves soon left him and he fitted right back in nicely to help Gaza quickly burst through Sydenham lines to score.

Jeremy sorted out the right lines to run, but hands in the back lines let him down. The penalty count crept up in our favour but we couldn't convert into points. Our defence and attack started to slide at the 1/4 game mark resulting in a quick try to Sydenham after some average pressure.

Hayden took one around the neck for the boys. and George was constantly taking it to the opposition, but hands on the ball and the new laws weren't co-operating. A bit of touch slapping instead of tackling let Sydenham in for try #3 and their 1st conversion. Good pressure from the forwards and a sneaky run from Jeremy added our 2nd try just before half time.

Some good amateur dramatics from Gulls (who snapped his Achilles tendon) and dropped the ball which Sydenham immediately picked it up and ran under the posts with it. A run and a sudden stop by Toad was continued by Nick who dotted down under the posts but continued his abysmal kicking record.

Good solid general play ensued for a good solid time, mostly because both teams were running out of steam due to the heat. A small kicking duel broke the monotony for a minute but the general play continued, generally. Toad got angry and was angried against but Scotty managed to hold up a certain Sydenham try.

Wide open gaps after a Sydenham penalty left the try line open for them to score again. troubles in the scrum kept us on our toes with freekicks galore.

Sydenham kept up the pressure but we held them back for all we were worth. The ref grew a pair and finally sent off a Sydenham player (albeit the wrong one) for stomping.

Beer and hilarity ensued back at the club.

## Keith vs Otautahi – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Ground: Bower Park 1  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Jamin PIPER  
Darren MOKE  
Phil HUGHES  
Hayden ROBINSON  
George PHILIP  
Bertie DeGRAAFF  
Scott THOMPSON  
Peter HADDOCK

#### Backs

Leyton HUNT  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Stuart HERRIOT  
Blair PATERSON  
Gary RICHARDS

#### Reserves

Kristen CURRIE  
Ian LOCKWOOD  
Ian COWAN  
Greg BROWN  
Jaye JOYCE  
Brendyn LAWSON

Points: 5-0, 7-0, 12-0, 14-0, 14-5, 17-5, 22-5, 27-5, 29-5, 34-5,  
39-5, 41-5

Tries: Paul CRICHTON (2), Blair PATERSON, Kristen CURRIE, Nick  
BROWN, Brendyn LAWSON  
Conv: Nick BROWN (4)  
Pen: Nick BROWN

Player of the Day: Hayden ROBINSON

## CLASSICS RUGBY AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE. HARD AND WET WITH AN UNEXPECTED FINISH

Bower Park? Never bloody heard of it. Luckily we all got there in the end even though we were thinking it was a day more suited to remaining in bed. The rain didn't affect the softness of the ground that much, but just made the surface slippery, but we are men after all and can handle slippery surfaces for an hour and a half.

I said to myself last week not to forget to mention that it was Poachers 150th game, so naturally I forgot. Sorry Rob, but congratulations anyway on a well deserved sesqui event.

The first 15 minutes were an episode of backwards and forwards and backwards and forwards pushing running and kicking. Not very exciting, but it gave the boys some practice of ball holding onto experience which hitherto had been lacking this season. Otautahi proved worthy opponents and it took 16 minutes until Toad managed to slide through for the first points of the game. He managed a repeat performance shortly after and Nick bumped up the points with two conversions.

Nick's kicking skills let him down when New Boy Blair slid over for his debut try but we weren't concerned as our defence and the general play kept Otautahi to 5 points to our 22 at the half-time point.

The rain and the wind picked up a bit, as did the intensity of the game, but older and cooler heads calmed things down, although Muncher had a rush of blood to the head with a misdirected slash hash bash kick and a fall over and score moment, which made the sambuccas at the club go down all the more sweeter. Phil also had an uncharacteristic moment of kicking which cost him dearly later on in drinks, but he's loving the change of position from flanker to hooker so he is forgiven his exuberant excesses on the field.

Overall, it was a pleasure to play the guys from Otautahi. truly the game for which Classics grade rugby was designed.

There was a better turnout at the clubrooms than the previous weeks and was great to see Old Coves and New Boys getting their groove on and going upside down. Even if the nanny state wannabes from the bar prevented us from doing possum skulls.

Oh, and Mum got pissed.

## Keith vs Shirley – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010

Ground: Bob Deans 3  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Darren MOKE  
Barry GIBBS  
Phil HUGHES  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Kristen CURRIE  
Ian LOCKWOOD  
Scott THOMPSON  
Hayden SMITH

#### Backs

Leyton HUNT  
Nick POPE  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Stuart HERRIOT  
Steve ELL  
Gary RICHARDS

#### Reserves

Ian COWAN  
Bertie DeGRAAFF  
Stephen MARSHALL

Points: 0-5, 0-10, 0-12, 5-12, 5-17, 10-17

Tries: Rob FOLEY, Gary RICHARDS

Player of the Day: Gary RICHARDS

## WE HAD OUR GAME FACES ON BUT THEY WEREN'T UGLY ENOUGH

Wankers. Sometimes I hate them, but sometimes they just score more points than us. But seriously folks, sometimes they SCORE MORE POINTS THAN US!! What's up with that? We've got the nippy backs with plenty of go; we've got the big white forwards going to and fro. We've got Trout. They don't have him. So what went wrong?

Actually nothing went wrong, but THEY SCORED MORE POINTS THAN US!

Standing on the sideline we looked like we were playing well apart from them scoring more points than us. We needed some help from Kenny Pope's progeny in making up the numbers, who gave his all and broke his thumb as well as getting sin binned for an inadvertent high tackle. Also, thanks to Steve Ell for keeping the winger spot occupied.

The ref, who was barely out of the Academy for Weird Decisions, made some weird decisions and rule interpretations, particularly in regards to the knock on rule, the offside rule, the tackling around the head rule, the throwing in straight rule and the how to play rugby in general rule. But all props to him, he managed to do it with a broken arm and we can't bemoan a volunteer for making Division Six his lifelong passion.

Toad made the whole first half worthwhile by charging down their conversion attempt and Scotty kept up the tradition of slash hash and bash kicking skills and Toad kept up the tradition of try saving tackles. Muncher wanted to start a new tradition of getting removed from the ground for upsetting the ref, but wiser heads knocked that tradition on the head.

The second half proved a bit more energetic than the first but Shirley still scored more points than us. Luckily we had beer back in the changing sheds to talk about Shirley scoring more points than us, but that was the best part of the night. The clubrooms were an interpretive suicide meeting. Or so one would have thought by the numbers attending and the dirges played over the speakers.

The highlight of the evening though was Daz saying goodbye and telling us all he was going home to eat some pavlova.

## Keith vs Christchurch – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Ground: Christchurch Park 1  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Jaye JOYCE  
Matt YATES  
Phil HUGHES  
Kristen CURRIE  
George PHILIP  
Scott THOMPSON  
Ian LOCKWOOD  
Hayden SMITH

#### Backs

Ian COWAN  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Brendyn LAWSON  
Barry GIBBS  
Gary RICHARDS

#### Reserves

Dean LORY  
Peter HADDOCK  
John LUXTON

Points: 0-3, 5-3, 7-3, 12-3, 14-3, 19-3, 21-3, 26-3, 28-3, 28-8, 33-8, 40-8, 45-8, 47-8, 52-8, 54-8

Tries: Paul CRICHTON (2), Rob FOLEY (2), Hayden SMITH (2), Barry GIBBS, George PHILIP  
Conv: Nick BROWN (6), Ian LOCKWOOD

Player of the Day: Brendyn LAWSON

## WE TURNED WATER INTO WINE INTO WHISKEY

Now that was a game of Rugby!

Once again though, we were bereft of numbers and playing several guys out of position. However, adversity breeds courage and commitment and our efforts in holding back any attempt from Christchurch to cross our lines only broke once in 80 minutes, while our efforts rewarded us with 8 fantastic tries, most of which were long range break through runs typical of the Keith mid-field backs.

The game itself was played with good graces as befitted the Sargentina Trophy Match, but the ref being the inconsistent rulebook monkey that he was, caused us to shake our head and wonder as to his parentage, but overall, the game flowed mostly to our advantage.

Nick got sin-binned, Scotty pulled some tendons and Muncher opened his gob. Trouty got worried about the lack of reserves but decided to hold himself back until there were less than 15 minutes on the clock to go. Perry tried to make a thoughtful speech, but someone from Christchurch RFC usurped his position. Thankfully, his bottle of whisky went down well later back at the clubrooms.

## Keith vs New Brighton – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Ground: Bob Deans 4  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Matt YATES  
Darren MOKE  
Phil HUGHES  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Ian LOCKWOOD  
Jaye JOYCE  
Hayden SMITH  
Barry GIBBS

#### Backs

Ian COWAN  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Stuart HERRIOT  
Leyton HUNT  
Gary RICHARDS

#### Reserves

Phil KEARNS  
Jamin PIPER  
Stephen MARSHALL  
Dean LORY  
Greg BROWN  
Brendyn LAWSON  
Kelly HOANI  
Kelvin SCOTT  
Johnny BAIRD  
Colin GRAVETT

Points: 5-0, 5-5, 5-7, 10-7, 10-12, 15-12, 17-12, 22-12, 24-12, 24-17, 24-19, 29-19, 34-19, 39-19

Tries: Ian COWAN, Stuart HERRIOT, Jaye JOYCE, Rob FOLEY, Phil KEARNS, Darren MOKE, PENALTY TRY  
Conv: Nick BROWN (2)

Player of the Day: Scott THOMPSON

## SEASIDERS GET A TASTE OF CITY LIVING AND DON'T LIKE IT ONE LITTLE BIT

Much of the pre-game talk was about how New Brighton used to be when we played them last; a little bit underhand and somewhat reluctant to play within the rules. They, like Otautahi a few weeks ago, proved that talk wrong.

Good hard solid forward play and attack and defence characterised the first 20 minutes with neither side giving any quarter.

As you can see from the scoring list, forwards dominated the try tally, but a highlight, and a very welcome highlight at that, was Dirk screaming down the sideline, bumping opposition players off with little loss of pace, and diving down for his first try in seven years. The sideline erupted with glee and the entire team was filled with a warm glow and all around general love for our fellow Keiths. It was either that, or we were all hallucinating.

There was a modicum of doubt about Jaye's grounding of the ball, and even more doubt about Nick's conversion attempt, but that was all sorted at half time with Jaye getting his first Keith try and Nick losing a 2 pointer.

The second half started with us 12 points ahead but that was quickly eaten away by New Brighton and there was talk about killing the ref if we eventually lost by a last minute penalty, but our try scoring started up again and the end result was not in doubt.

And talking of the ref, he wasn't as bad as some, but he had odd timekeeping practices and a funny way of deciding who was having a penalty. But as I said, our try scoring started up again and the end result was not in doubt so that didn't matter as it may have done against other opponents.

Unit turned up. That was nice to have a solid front row, but by that time, New Brighton had lost too many players, so it was Golden Oldies scrums from then on. Dean went on and was almost immediately a target for some biff, almost mostly without cause, but thankfully it wasn't him that ended up in the bin for 10 minutes.

The clubrooms were full for club day which was great and Kenny had another erection which he proudly told us all about. And we decided that 6 dozen bottles before 7pm was a good effort.

Bring on the Catholics next week, if they don't have a change of heart and convert to the true faith.

## Keith vs Marist-Albion – 22<sup>ND</sup> May 2010

Ground: Bob Deans 3  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Mathew YATES  
Darren MOKE  
Phil KEARNS  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Ian LOCKWOOD  
Hayden SMITH  
Colin GRAVETT  
Barry GIBBS

#### Backs

Kelly HOANI  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Stuart HERRIOT  
Leyton HUNT  
Gary RICHARDS

#### Reserves

Ian COWAN  
Dean LORY  
Jamin PIPER  
Phil HUGHES  
Greg BROWN  
John LUXTON  
Adam JOHNSTON

Points: 3-0, 8-0, 10-0, 10-5, 10-7, 13-7, 16-7, 16-12, 19-12

Tries: Rob FOLEY  
Conv: Nick BROWN  
Pen: Nick BROWN (4)

Player of the Day: George PHILIP

## NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER STOP BELIEVING, NEVER SAY NEVER

There was a lot of talk this week about the dealings going on in the Marist-Albion camp and the schadenfreude started to distract the boys from the real business of thinking about the game. We were still suffering from the age old problem of boys not turning up and not having reserves (in the backs anyway) but were fortunate enough to have committed and Keithly Keiths turns up and put their body on the line.

This included Chief who ran out the team for his 175th Club game. While he downplayed the effort, the Keiths and his former (now defunct) team, the Saxons, appreciate every single one of his games. Thank you Phil, you're a great team mate and an integral part of the Keiths.

Other integral people playing for us this season are the New Boys. Seriously, we couldn't survive without you. Keep turning up and we'll love you forever.

Phil had a wee chat to the ref before the game to remind him about the head high tackle rule and he seemed to remember it and take it to heart, as his yellow card attested to, but the remaining rules, especially the throw the ball in straight during a lineout seemed to escape him. But it's been said time and time again, we don't need a ref on our side to win a game; just points on the board.

Nick started the points scoring with a handy penalty, then Poacher with his trademark intercept runaway try. Only 6 points difference at half time illustrated the closeness of the teams, but the second half, Marist-Albion started to lose their focus and their discipline. There was a little bit of brouhaha but nothing serious and overall the game was played in good spirits.

It was a quiet time in the changing sheds afterwards and the clubrooms also were somewhat subdued, but those who were there had a few beers and a chinwag amongst friends.

## **Keith vs Linwood – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Ground: Bromley 1

Time: 2-45pm

GAME CANCELLED DUE TO GROUND CONDITIONS

## Keith vs Belfast –5<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Ground: Bob Deans 3  
Time: 2-45

### Team List

#### Forwards

Matt YATES  
Darren MOKE  
Phil HUGHES  
Joe TRAINER  
Ian LOCKWOOD  
Colin GRAVETT  
Hayden SMITH  
Barry GIBBS

#### Backs

Kelly HOANI  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Stuart HERRIOT  
Leyton HUNT  
Gary RICHARDS

#### Reserves

Ian COWAN  
Stephen MARSHALL  
Jamin PIPER  
Greg BROWN  
Peter HADDOCK  
Blair PATERSON  
Kelvin SCOTT  
Christen JENSEN  
John BAIRD

Points: 0-5, 0-7, 5-7, 7-7, 7-12, 7-17, 7-19, 7-24, 12-24, 12-29,  
12-21, 17-32, 22-32, 24-32

Tries: Paul CRICHTON, Leyton HUNT, Rob FOLEY, Kelly HOANI  
Conv: Nick BROWN (2)

Player of the Day: Phil HUGHES

## WHITE GUMBOOTS IN THE MUD

After a week off, the boys were somewhat slow off the mark, but eventually they turned up to the club looking like they were ready for a game of rugby. Except for Trout who always looks like he'd rather be asleep on a couch somewhere warm. Selections were made, then changed, then changed again, thanks to Joe and Christen helping out from the Colts. Which happens a lot lately.

Belfast, as expected, used their forwards to advantage, to the neglect of their backs who were turning blue in the cold, while ours were running around and doing their best to cross the goal line. Toad and Leyts managed it, while Belfast forwards managed twice that number. Our forwards, however, weren't idle, but never quite matched the more cohesive style of Belfast. Notwithstanding that, we played well, and played with conviction.

The second half we stepped up the pressure and held Belfast to scoring just one single penalty, but our two tries weren't enough to peg back their 1st half lead. With older heads and bodies now on the field, such as Uli, Unit, Trout and Blair, settled the pace down to our level and gave us the fighting chance we needed to take the prize. As is often the case, we ran out of time.

Back in the sheds, Trouty gave us a choice. Harden up for the second round and play to the level we know we can play to and to our strengths which are not inconsiderable. Or just plod along having a laugh and accepting the losses which will ensue. We'll see how that goes next week I suppose.

## Keith vs Sydenham – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Ground: Hansen Park 1  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Matt YATES  
Jamin PIPER  
Phil HUGHES  
George PHILIP  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Colin GRAVETT  
Hayden SMITH  
Kristen CURRIE

#### Backs

Ian COWAN  
Kelvin SCOTT  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Stuart HERRIOTT  
Leyton HUNT  
Gary RICHARDS

#### Reserves

Barry GIBBS  
Brendyn LAWSON  
Adam JOHNSTON  
John BAIRD

Points: 0-5, 0-10, 0-12, 5-12, 5-17, 5-19, 5-24, 10-24, 15-24, 15-29, 15-34, 15-36, 15-41, 15-43, 20-43, 22-43, 22-48, 22-53, 22-55, 22-60, 22-62, 27-62, 29-62

Tries: Rob FOLEY (3), Kristen CURRIE, Leyton HUNT  
Conv: Kelvin SCOTT (2)

Player of the Day: Hayden SMITH

## NEW BOYS STAND OUT, PUT THEIR HANDS UP AND GIVE THEIR ALL

It's becoming a trend, and a welcome one, where New Boys are making their mark ahead of Old Coves on a Saturday afternoon. Kelvin, Colin, Johnny, Adam, H and George are becoming integral to the team and we Old Coves thank you very much.

The panic at the start of the game about team numbers continues to be the scene at every game, but we sorted out the positions and trotted onto the muddy and slippery field at Hansen Park from where Sydenham immediately decided we were a bunch of useless cunts and ran in several tries in a matter of minutes. This, of course shocked the boys into a comebacktrysituation, but we never really recovered. Missed tackles, missed lineout takes, missed opportunities were our anthem of the day and while we were beaten by a stronger team, we never gave up or decided the game was over until it was over. Much like the Irish.

I don't want to sound like a naysayer, as there were excellent plays from Rob, Toad, George, Adam, Hayden (both), Leyts and Gaz and others and they can give themselves a hearty well done, but if we are to compete to the level we should be at, then everyone in the team, including those on the sidelines needs to pull finger at training, get to the game on time and play to their best for however long they get on the field. Easy to say, and hard to do. But that's rugby.

The Clubrooms are another area where lack of numbers are a concern, and also our position as hard core speights enthusiasts are coming under scrutiny. Remember boys, beer is our friend.

## Keith vs Otautahi – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Ground: Bob Deans 3  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Jamin PIPER  
Darren MOKE  
Phil HUGHES  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Kristen CURRIE  
Hayden SMITH  
Colin GRAVETT  
Barry GIBBS

#### Backs

Leyton HUNT  
Massey Williams  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
John BAIRD  
Blair MacINTOSH  
Chris JAGER

#### Reserves

John LUXTON  
Phil KEARNS  
Ra WEEPU  
Nathan ANDREWS

Points: 5-0, 7-0, 7-5, 12-5, 17-5, 19-5, 19-10, 19-15, 19-18, 24-18,  
26-18, 31-18, 33-18, 33-23, 38-23, 40-23, 40-28, 40-30, 40-35,  
40-37

Tries: Chris JAGEL, John BAIRD, Massey WILLIAMS, Barry GIBBS, Leyton  
HUNT, John LUXTON  
Conv: Chris JAGER (4), Massey Williams

Player of the Day: Phil KEARNS

## WHERE THE ALL BLACKS MEET THE ALL WHITES AND A REF FROM KLUTZVILLE

For once, the panic about numbers was justified. 15 minutes till kick off and we only had 12. Thankfully H sauntered in and Phil used his Club Captain authority to snag some Division 2 boys so we had a team and a couple of reserves.

Chief did a rain dance and sent up some smoke signals and did a fancy red indian dance and got us on our way with a bloody good try and a bloody good conversion, but as expected Otautahi came back strong and with a will to knock us over. The technical term for the way the points went is a 'see saw' game, with each team scoring and then the other scoring leaving only chance and a quick hard tackle to decide the final result. Plus having the ref on our side after getting stiff armed tackled and landing flat on his arse while awarding us a try always helps.

Our Div 2 imports made good use of the ball, if they could get it. Apparently Toad thinks we need a new forward pack to give the backs more ball, but some in the forward pack think the opposite, so it all cancelled each other out. The videos below may help explain things. Or probably not.

Chris, Blair, Massey and Nathan made solid work of their cameos and are most welcome to return but it'll be nice to have our own boys back from travels and injury.

Don't forget, if you're heading off to the School vs College match on Tuesday, the Clubrooms are open at midday for a pre-match cup of tea and a biscuit. Hopefully, that will get you past the Nazis at the gate.

## Keith vs Shirley – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Ground: Burwood Park 2  
Time: 1-00pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Matthew YATES  
Darren MOKE  
Ian COAN  
George PHILIP  
Kristen CURRIE  
Colin GRAVETT  
Hayden SMITH  
Barry GIBBS

#### Backs

Kelly HOANI  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Ian LOCKWOOD  
Toby KEMP  
Adam JOHNSTON

#### Reserves

Phil KEARNS  
Simon GIFFORD  
Jamin PIPER  
Dallas RENNIE

Points: 5-0, 7-0, 7-5, 10-5, 10-8, 10-13, 10-15, 15-15, 17-15

Tries: Toby KEMP, Kristen CURRIE  
Conv: Nick BROWN (2)  
Pen: Nick BROWN

Player of the Day: John McKEAGE

## "I'M BUGGERED" "WE KNOCKED THE BASTARD OFF" "JOHNNO WAS DRUNK AND SHOULD NOT BE LET NEAR A MICROPHONE AGAIN"

There's lots of games we want to win, but this was the one we wanted to win this week. And especially today on Shirley's Club Day.

There are boys who turn up week in and week out and those Keiths made this close yet inevitable victory possible through their steadfast effort and commitment. Thank you. There are also New Boys and returning Old Coves who also contribute to the team and I'm glad I'm not the coach who has to select the playing XV every week. It's a tough job deciding and I don't envy Trouty at all in the regards. Rejoining the team after a few years away is our good old friend Simon GIFFORD and I'm sure he'll quickly return to his accustomed position.

Players of note today start with Kelly (who won the MVP award) and his passing and control of the ball which lifted the play to the needed level. Others who stood out were Baz whose legs saw the marks of some good rucking, George and Colin who made the lineout not quite so awful to watch and the immaculate pairing of Poacher and Toad who never fail to impress.

There are players in the Team who could play at a higher level and enjoy it, there are players in the team who are good and consistently show it, there are players in the team who have occasional bursts of greatness, there are players in the team who play the game to the best of their ability and enjoy it. We're a team of varying skill and commitment levels, but yet, throughout all our wins and losses and near misses and stresses and strains, we are a team. Now that the end of the season is drawing closer and the prize is hanging up for those who want to reach for it, let us not forget that team play and team fortitude will see us through to the end.

Beer, and Keith, is our Friend.

## Keith vs Christchurch – 3rd July 2010

Ground: Bob Deans 3  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Issac ARAPAI  
Darren MOKE  
Ian COWAN  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Kristen CURRIE  
Hayden SMITH  
Colin GRAVETT  
Barry GIBBS

#### Backs

Kelly HOANI  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
John BAIRD  
John LUXTON  
Leyton HUNT

#### Reserves

Ian LOCKWOOD  
George PHILIP  
Simon GIFFORD  
Phil HUGHES  
Phil KEARNS  
Matt YATES  
Greg BROWN  
Peter HADDOCK  
Brendyn LAWSON  
Prasanth KUMAR  
Gary RICHARDS  
Kevin WILLIAMS

Points: 5-0, 7-0, 12-0, 12-5, 12-10, 12-15, 12-17, 12-22, 12-24,  
17-24, 22-24, 24-24, 29-24, 31-24, 36-24., 36-29, 36-31

Tries: Paul CRICHTON (2), John LUXTON, Nick BROWN, Hayden SMITH,  
Matt YATES

Conv: Nick BROWN (3)

Player of the Day: Leyton HUNT

## BUT, BUT, BUT, BUT, BUT THE REF IS A GIRL!

Bravo's 100th game was something we'd all been waiting for all season and it was good to finally be able to celebrate it with some Old Coves who turned up for the occasion. The whole pregame build up was surprisingly upbeat and our attitude gave strength to our skill base of which Toad and the backline quickly showed with two quick and easy tries. Some were saying too easy, so Uli sacrificed ten minutes of his time to stand behind the posts so we could harden up a wee bit and get our playing heads switched on. This put Gaz in the oft dreamed of but never realised position of sticking his head between two tall men's arses in the number 8 position. Something I'm sure he'll never forget.

Nick and Kelly proved worthy tactical kickers but unfortunately, we didn't capitalise as we should have and the half time score remained at 2 tries to Toad. Christchurch, in the second half put the gas on and took us to task for slacking off a wee bit, but as we had plenty of impact players available to push them back, we were able to counter their advance and prove our position as contending finalists.

Back in the shed the bitching continued about whose handbag was used in the face slapping incident and we all decided it was Madame Currie who slapped his own face with his own handbag. Wether that's true or not, no one particularly minds, but it's written down here, so it must be accurate.

Plenty of beer on the table made for plenty of banter, even with half naked men tempting Mum to get her tits out. Naturally we all resisted the urge to look.

## Keith vs Sumner – 10th July 2010

Ground: Bob Deans 3  
Time: 2-45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Matt YATES  
Jamin PIPER  
Phil HUGHES  
Simon GIFFORD  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Ian LOCKWOOD  
Hayden SMITH  
Barry GIBBS

#### Backs

Kelly HOANI  
Brendyn LAWSON  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
Adam JOHNSTON  
Jon BAIRD  
Leyton HUNT

#### Reserves

Colin GRAVETT  
Isaac ARAPAI  
Kristen CURRIE  
Ian COWAN  
Dean LORY  
Richard BRACEY  
Kevin WILLIAMS  
Greg BROWN  
John LUXTON  
Toby KEMP

Points: 0-5, 0-7, 0-12, 0-14, 5-14, 5-19, 5-21, 5-24, 10-24, 10-29

Tries: Jon BAIRD, Kristen CURRIE

Player of the Day: Simon GIFFORD

## THERE'S A HOLE IN MY SHARK PROOF NET, DEAR LIZA DEAR LIZA

I really shouldn't drink when I think up things to say on here, because invariably everything I want to say is completely and marvellously wonderful; full of wit and insight with comments and commentary worthy of a Pulitzer prize. But then I pass out and forget it all and have to spend my Sunday afternoon trying my damndest to remember what happened.

I do remememember that I had to mention that 100% definitely without equivocation Jason 'Poodle' EVERSON DID NOT PLAY as you can see from the Team List. Contrary to the photographic evidence he grew a soft on, got Seaside Fever, undropped his balls, threw a wobbly and dislocated his kneecap all before the whistle blew to commence play.

Lars is wishing he did the same as he had to replace the jocular rotund one with his own magnificent girth. Unfortunately, hitting the very soft grass at the speed of an ocean going tug in a 5knot restricted water space proved too much for his body and he had to be carted off the field on a stretcher and got a free ambulance ride to visit the nice doctors and nurses at accident and emergency. His Mum was very concerned. So concerned in fact, she came back to the clubrooms, did a happy dance, snogged the barman, sculled a quick 7 ounce beer and showed Johnno her bra strap. *3 of those things may not be true*

As to the actual game, umm, it was Bazzz's's's last one for the season. Pending his deportation. it was Toby's 2nd, Richard's 1st, Kevin's 15th (minute) and Currie Muncher Handbag Slapper Toe Jammy bastard's 4th try. Prick. Where were our flaming sambuccas?? Nowhere to be seen. Somehow I don't think he'll be selected again. Rob had another great game and even Sally was there to see/hear about it. Toad kept his mouth and emotions under tight control. Uli replaced Hughesy (as expected) and Leyts got another high tackle (he is short after all).

Pies and Piez played well although one of them has been eating a bit more than the other and Hayden and Hayden played the type of rugby I used to play; no, really. Phil, after being pulled off, joined Phil in running up and down the sideline and Jonny and Johnny gave us some flying winger rugby although Johnny let Jonny catch up to him in this season's number of tries.

It's probably best to not talk about the ref sufficed to say you can hear what Trouty thinks of his abilities in the background to the video here. We've had him before and we'll get him again, so let's learn his ways before we get into trouble.

Overall, in general, and all those types of platitudes and stuff, we didn't do too much wrong, except to not score more points than Sumner. But take heart, the finals are still within our solid reach.

Maybe I should write this drunk instead of sober(ish). Ahhh fuck it, you'll get it how it comes. And that's what she said.

## Keith vs Marist-Albion – 17th July 2010

Ground: South Hagley 2  
Time: 2.45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Darren MOKE  
Matt YATES  
Phil HUGHES  
Simon GIFFORD  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Tom McGIRR  
Hayden SMITH  
Kevin WILLIAMS

#### Backs

Kelly HOANI  
Rob FOLEY  
Paul CRICHTON  
Adam JOHNSTON  
John LUXTON  
Leyton HUNT  
Gary RICHARDS

#### Reserves

Ian COWAN  
Isaac ARAPAI  
Jamin PIPER  
Peter HADDOCK  
Dean LORY  
Chris JAGER  
Blair MacINTOSH  
Sean WALSH

Points: 0-5, 0-10, 0-15, 0-17, 5-17, 5-22, 10-22, 15-22, 20-22, 20-27, 20-29

Tries: Tom McGIRR, Adam JOHNSTON, John LUXTON, Ian COWAN

Player of the Day: Kevin WILLIAMS

## THE POWER OF CHRIST COMPELS YOU!

Sancte Michael Archángele, defénde nos in proélio contra nequítiam et insídias diaboli esto praesídium. Imperet illi Deus, súpplices deprecámur: tuque, princeps militíæ cæléstis, Sátanam aliósque spíritus malignos, qui ad perditionem animárum pervagántur in mundo, divína virtúte, In inférnum detrude. Amen

Hot diggety dog she was a crappy uneven boggy mess of a field. But that was no excuse. Twenty minutes of standing back and letting the enemy score thrice wasn't a good start, but it was what we did so we had to live with it. It's hard to define what was missing in our attitude for the first 20, but whatever it was, we shook it off and came back strongly with three tries of our own; One to New Boy Tom on his debut (thank you very much) and to Bravo and AJ.

A few on the field injuries hampered the flow of the game, as did the sticky ball and sticky mud clogged boots, but not to be outdone by the conditions most of the break through moments were executed with skill and flair and some good old fashioned guts. Thornty would be proud. And then came the second half Oh boy did we step it up. We needed to combat the constant 7 points we were behind for most of the game with Uli's try getting us within spitting distance a superb example of team work and tenacity.

Unfortunately, the efforts to score weren't enough to bring us victory on the field, but that is nothing that a cold beer at the clubrooms can't fix. Although there were a few noticeable absences but overall was a good turnout and banter was had all around.

## Keith vs New Brighton – 24th July 2010

Ground: Rawhiti 2

Time: 2-45pm

GAME CANCELLED DUE TO GROUND CONDITIONS

## Keith vs Belfast – 31st July 2010

Ground: Sheldon Park 4  
Time: 2.45

### Team List

#### Forwards

Darren MOKE  
Matt YATES  
Phil HUGHES  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Simon GIFFORD  
Hayden SMITH  
Tom McGIRR  
Kevin WILLIAMS

#### Backs

Adam JOHNSTON  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Scott THOMPSON  
John LUXTON  
Colin GRAVETT  
John BAIRD

#### Reserves

Ian COWAN  
Kris CURRIE  
Ian LOCKWOOD  
Richard BRACEY  
George PHILIP  
Jamin PIPER

Points: 0-5, 0-7, 5-7, 5-12, 5-15, 10-15 12-15

Tries: John LUXTON, Tom McGIRR  
Conv: Nick BROWN

Player of the Day: Ian COWAN

## WE NEEDED OUR GUMBOOTS

Days of glorious weather gave us hope that the bog which Sheldon Park is slowly becoming would be at the very least firm underfoot. Unhappily that was not the case. While we have the skills in the team to combat the sticky ground conditions, the Munchers were just that little bit more able to play to the field.

Hayden hit it on the head when he said we have to change our usual game style to beat Belfast, and he was right. Combined with that change of style, players out of position giving a different perspective to the method usually associated with a typical Keith backline, proved difficult for Belfast to combat. We attacked and defended and defended and attacked with unfortunately only the one try in the first half to show for it. But the solitary try gave us the inspiration to push even harder, even with Kris "Muncher" Currie coming on.

Our defence kept the game to a two try apiece game, with only a dodgy penalty separating us. Other dodgy things (or people) I won't mention here caused us some concern centred around consistency and rule interpretation. And sticking to your word.

Nevertheless, those who turned up back at the clubrooms deserved every beer that was on the table and every flaming sambucca and every arm wrestle Muncher challenged for.

While top 4 is now probably out of our grasp, there is still plenty to play for in the weeks to come. Training on Thursday where we'll put our lessons learnt and hone them finely for the game against the Bollocks next week.



## Keith vs Christchurch – 14th August 2010

Ground: Bob Deans 3  
Time: 2.45

### Team List

#### Forwards

Matt YATES  
Darren MOKE  
Ian COWAN  
George PHILIP  
Hayden ROBINSON  
Colin GRAVETT  
Hayden SMITH  
Tom McGIRR

#### Backs

Adam JOHNSTON  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
John LUXTON  
Brendyn LAWSON  
Leyton HUNT

#### Reserves

Simon GIFFORD  
Peter HADDOCK  
Kris CURRIE  
Phil KEARNS  
Richard BRACEY  
Greg BROWN  
Jon BAIRD  
Kelly HOANI

Points: 5-0, 10-0, 12-0, 17-0, 19-0, 19-3, 24-3, 29-3, 34-3, 34-8,  
34-10

Tries: Ian COWAN, Brendyn LAWSON, Paul CRICHTON, Tom McGIRR,  
Rob FOLEY, Leyton HUNT  
Conv: Nick BROWN (2)

Player of the Day: Jon BAIRD

## CHCH DROP THEIR RICE AND BEANS AND CATCH THE OVERNIGHT EXPRESS TO MUMBAI

Fucking hell chaps, why don't you pour on the oil and set fire to the ball. That was a performance and a half and I suspect, if I was a betting man, and I had money to bet, that Christchurch are hurting tonight.

I know Trouty had a hard time deciding who was the MVP but that was because no one on the field had a poor performance; and that's a bloody good thing. We played as a team, worked together as a team, made decisions as a team and that was our winning formula.

We had them in the scrums and they didn't like it one little bit. We had them in the midfield, and they didn't like it and we had them in the wings and they didn't like it. Our one area of concern was clearing the stolen lineout ball, but we didn't lose any points over it, just a few scrum decisions. Which were a part of the overall decisions we didn't quite understand from the ref. But hey ho, where would we be if all refs were as good as Steve Walsh?

As a forward, I have an inbuilt bias towards them myself, but today's game showed me that we've got a pack worthy of higher grades. Yatesy made his mark, Uli took balls from under their feet, George stormed everywhere, and the back three of Colin, H and Tom made mincemeat of the opposition and Hayden as always, lead from the front and didn't take any bullshit.

The backs had Leyts, Bravo and Lars making mincemeat of the defenders with the usual rough and ready Toad pushing his way through. A.J. and Kelly showed skill in getting the ball out to Nick and Rob and Jonny also joined in pushing the Christchurch defence back and back.

Was a little bit light on the numbers back in the Clubrooms, but those there had a great time.

Big training at CBHS on Thursday in preparation for our Final next Saturday. Let's finish the job we started back in April.

## Keith vs Marist–Albion – 21st August 2010

Ground: Middleton 1  
Time: 2–45pm

### Team List

#### Forwards

Darren MOKE  
Greg BROWN  
Ian COWAN  
Hayden ROBINSON  
George PHILIP  
Colin GRAVETT  
Hayden SMITH  
Kevin WILLIAMS

#### Backs

Kelly HOANI  
Nick BROWN  
Paul CRICHTON  
Rob FOLEY  
John LUXTON  
Brendyn LAWSON  
Leyton HUNT

#### Reserves

Peter HADDOCK  
Kristen CURRIE  
Phil KEARNS  
Richard BRACEY  
Scott THOMPSON  
Jamin PIPER  
Matt YATES  
Jon BAIRD  
Adam JOHNSTON  
Blair MacINTOSH

Points: 5–0, 5–5, 5–10, 5–12, 10–12, 10–17, 10–22, 15–22

Tries: Hayden SMITH (2), Colin GRAVETT  
Conv:

Player of the Day: Rob FOLEY

## EVERYONE GOT THEIR RABIES SHOT? GOOD. LET'S PLAY SOME FOOTYFUCKGETTHATDOGOFFMYTHROAT!! FUCK!!

We all knew something dodgy would happen when we got to Middleton Park. The ground conditions, of course, were to be expected; unkempt and as boggy and congealed as three day old porridge. The trip through miles of back alleyways to get to an old shed to change in didn't bode well for our personal safety, as Bravo found out later when violence was threatened against his person by the 'owner' of the dog that mauled his face earlier. And I thought my side of town was the dodgy side.

The game itself was played in reasonably good spirits, probably because everyone, including the sideline, needed to concentrate all their energy on staying upright in the mud and not getting sucked down into the mire never to be seen again. Personally, it wasn't the worst ground conditions I've seen, but for a final, something a bit firmer could have been found. Marist's rather strange looking backline, or should I say ring in backline, made it difficult to read as in previous games, but we did our best.

Our best was also required in the forwards, especially in the lineouts. But, sometimes we slipped and made it even harder on ourselves. Not that it was all doom and gloom, far from it. We gave fierce opposition when needed and fierce attack when opportunities exposed themselves. The fact that we were only one try away from victory for most of the match showed how close both teams were, which is what it should be in a final.

It was a shame a couple of players integral to the team getting to the final weren't able to be there, and also a shame that also a couple of players who've given a lot during the season didn't manage to get on the field and equally shameful that one of our most longstanding and consistent players was brutally savaged by a Marist supporters dog.

Special mentions must of course be made, but first a big thank you to every Keith who turned up, particularly those who turned up at the beginning of the season when our numbers were very very low and stayed turning up. Without you there wouldn't have been a season at all. And our Guest Players who filled the ranks when needed, former Keith players and Colts and Division Three guys who still had the energy to play a second 80 minutes. Thanks.

As I said, special mentions and thanks go to Trout and Lars for their coaching and team selections. A difficult job and one often under valued by those who've never done it. To Phil, as manager. Thanks for the 'extras' you were able to provide us to go along with the usual managerial things that you did. A big effort considering your other responsibilities as Club Captain.

New Boys. Where would we be without them. We'd have gone the same way as the Saxons and the Craniums many years ago. Colin, Tom, George, Bertie, Jon, Nick, Richard, Kelly, Adam & Jaye well done and congratulations for fitting in so well and so easily.

Thanks to Toad and Phil for turning up to every game with boots on and gear ready. Thanks to Hayden for stepping up and leading by example. Boner, Maria and the kids turned up most weekends as did Doug, but Yvonne was the star supporter, again, as usual, perpetually. Cheers Mum. You're a star.

## Players Per Game – 2010

This graph shows a representation of the lack, then dearth of players used for each game during the season.

Games against Linwood and New Brighton were cancelled due to ground/weather concerns, so 0 players were used.

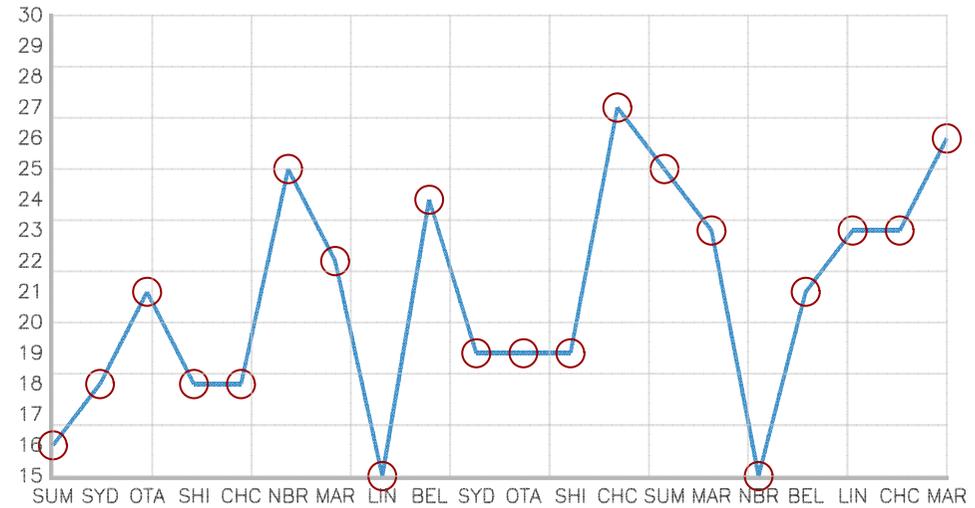
## Number of Players Used

57                      Previous record 64 (2009)

## Average Number of Players per Game

21.5

Players Per Game – 2010



## Winning / Losing Margins - 2010

This graph shows a representation of the margins between the game score for each game.

Losing margins are shown as negative values, while winning margins are shown as positive values.

Example: If we lost a match 22 - 24 our losing margin was -2, if we won a match 37 - 12 our winning margin was 25.

### Mean Winning / Losing Margin

2.85

### Average Winning Margin

20.66

### Average Losing Margin

14.11



## Game Scores – 2010

These two graphs show a representation of the points for and points against us for each match of the season.

For example our first match vs Sumner was lost 12-32 so the first graph shows the Sumner's score at 32 and the second graph shows our score at 12.

They do not represent a winning or losing margin.

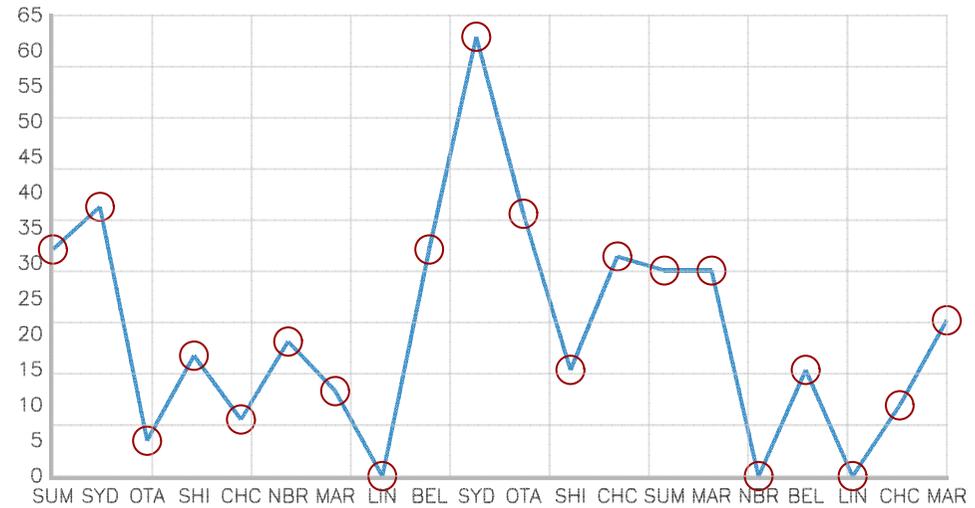
## Average Score – For

26.22

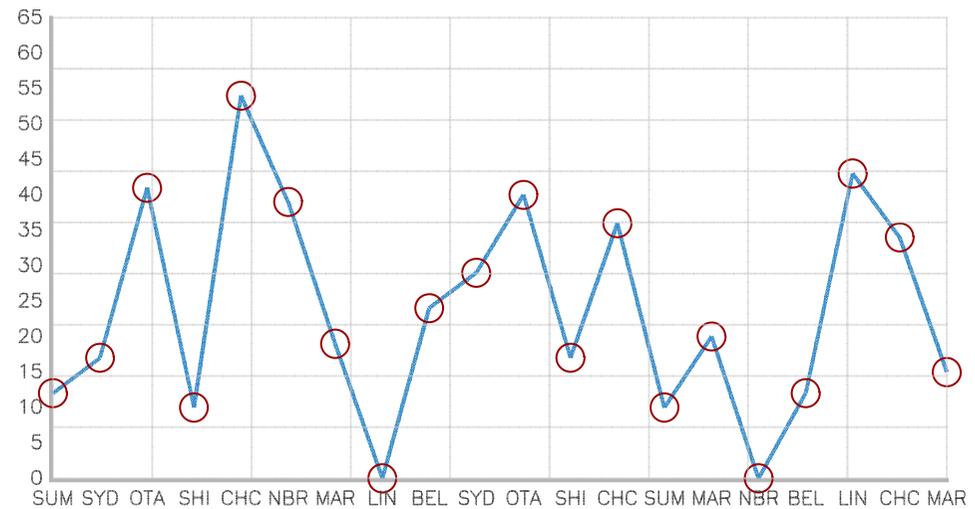
## Average Score – Against

22.94

Game Scores – Against – 2010



Game Scores – For – 2010



## **MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS**

10th April 2010 - Nick BROWN  
17th April 2010 - George PHILIP  
24th April 2010 - Scott THOMPSON  
1st May 2010 - Gary RICHARDS  
8th May 2010 - Rob FOLEY  
15th May 2010 - Barry GIBBS  
22nd May 2010 - Hayden SMITH  
29th May 2010 -  
5th June 2010 - Leyton HUNT  
12th June 2010 - Colin GRAVETT  
19th June 2010 - Hayden ROBINSON  
26th June 2010 - Kelly HOANI  
3rd July 2010 - Darren MOKE  
10th July 2010 - Adam JOHNSTON  
17th July 2010 - Simon GIFFORD  
24th July 2010 -  
31st July 2010 - Tom McGIRR  
7th August 2010 - John LUXTON  
14th August 2010 - Paul CRICHTON  
21st August 2010 - Kelly HOANI and Colin GRAVETT

MVPs are selected by a Keith or Keith Supporter on the Day and are presented with a Bar Voucher from Speights Ale House

## **PLAYERS OF THE DAY**

10th April 2010 - Ian LOCKWOOD  
17th April 2010 - Jamin PIPER, Stephen MARSHALL  
24th April 2010 - Hayden ROBINSON, Kristen CURRIE  
1st May 2010 - Gary RICHARDS  
8th May 2010 - Brendyn LAWSON  
15th May 2010 - Scott THOMPSON  
22nd May 2010 - George PHILIP  
29th May 2010 - Paul CRICHTON  
5th June 2010 - Phil HUGHES, Stephen MARSHALL  
12th June 2010 - Hayden SMITH  
19th June 2010 - Phil KEARNS  
26th June 2010 - John McKEAGE  
3rd July 2010 - Leyton HUNT, John LUXTON  
10th July 2010 - Simon GIFFORD  
17th July 2010 - Kevin WILLIAMS, Isaac ARAPAI, Dean LORY  
24th July 2010 -  
31st July 2010 - Ian COWAN  
7th August 2010 - Adam JOHNSTON, Colin GRAVETT  
14th August 2010 - Jon BAIRD, Nick BROWN, Tom McGIRR  
21st August 2010 - Rob FOLEY, Greg BROWN

Players of the Day are authorised by Article 2.7 of the Keith Charter

