

Keith Almanac

2011

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

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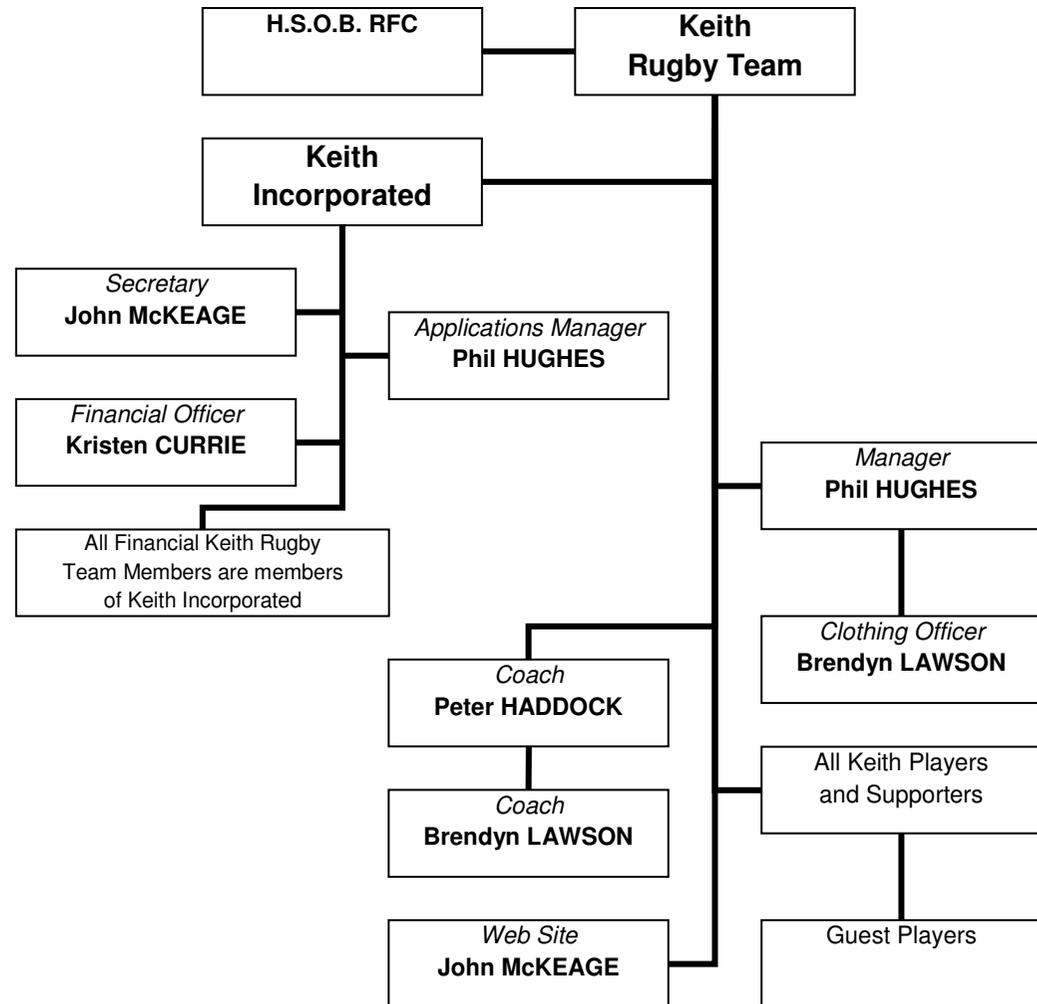
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Basic Organisational Chart of Keith Rugby

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.



2011 Sportsman of The Year Awards

Most Tries – Brendyn LAWSON (9)
Most Points by a Back – Brendyn LAWSON (45)
Most Points by a Forward – Greg BROWN (27)
Most Improved Back – Kyle McLEOD
Most Improved Forward – Isaac ARAPAI
Most Keithly On/Off the Field – Greg BROWN
New Boy of the Year – Fred BROADMORE
Hard Bastard of the Year – Fred BROADMORE
Ladies Award for Player of the Year – Hayden SMITH
Longevity Award – Ian COWAN
Back of the Year – Rob FOLEY
Forward of the Year – George PHILIP
James Graham Memorial Trophy –

Keith of the Year – Kevin WILLIAMS

1st Keith Try – Phil HUGHES, Fred BROADMORE,
Dave ELDER, Shane BOYD

225 Games – Ian COWAN

175 Games – Rob FOLEY

150 Games – Peter HADDOCK

100 Games – Phil HUGHES

100 Games – Isaac ARAPAI

2011 HSOB RFC Club Awards

Div 5 Most Improved Player – Kevin WILLIAMS

Div 5 Most Valuable Player – George PHILIP

2011 Major Sponsors

Air Rescue Services Trust – airrescueservices.co.nz

Bush Inn Hotel

PACE Project Management – pacepm.co.nz

ICS Manufacturing – icsman.co.nz

Southern Monograms – monograms.co.nz

Shocked Design Solutions – shocked.co.nz

Bealeys Speight's Ale House – bealeysalehouse.co.nz

Season Scores at a Glance

Date	versus	For	Against	Margin
09/4/2011	Sydenham	8	49	- 41
16/4/2011	Marist-Albion	0	12	- 12
30/4/2011	Otautahi	53	12	41
07/5/2011	Bye			
14/5/2011	Burnside	44	7	37
21/5/2011	Shirley	22	22	0
28/5/2011	Christchurch	20	8	12
04/6/2011	Suburbs	36	0	36
11/6/2011	New Brighton	27	22	5
18/6/2011	Hornby	43	21	22
25/6/2011	Otautahi *	8	0	8
02/7/2011	Linwood	10	8	2
09/7/2011	Belfast	13	7	6
16/7/2011	Burnside	26	8	18
23/7/2011	No Game			
30/7/2011	Shirley	36	10	26
06/8/2011	New Brighton	34	30	4

* Game called off after 21 minutes by Referee

FOR	AGAINST	AVERAGE SCORE
380	216	25 - 14

Top Scorers for the Season

TRIES

HUGHES Phil
 BROADMORE Fred
 GULLERY Justin
 KEARNS Phil
 GRAVETT Colin
 JOHNSTON Adam
 CURRIE Kristen
 ELDER Dave
 HADDOCK Peter
 BROWN Nick
 McLEOD Kyle (2)
 COWAN Ian (2)
 McINTOSH Blair (2)
 RICHARDS Gary (3)
 CRICHTON Paul (3)
 BOYD Shane (3)
 GIBBS Barrie (4)
 SMITH Hayden (4)
 PHILIP George (5)
 BROWN Greg (5)
 FOLEY Rob (5)
 LUXTON John (6)
 LAWSON Brendyn (9)

CONV

BROWN Greg
 WEBB Bevan (2)
 HUNT Leyton (3)
 FOLEY Rob (5)
 BROWN Nick (6)
 BOYD Shane (8)

PEN

HADDOCK Peter
 BROWN Nick
 BOYD Shane
 FOLEY Rob (2)

Team Players for 2011

AITCHESON Darren
ARAPAI Isaac
BARLOW Heath
BOYD Shane
BRACEY Richard
BROADMORE Fred
BROWN Greg
BROWN Nick
COWAN Ian
CRICHTON Paul
CURRIE Kristen
ELDER David
FALVEY Dave
FOLEY Rob
GIBBS Barrie
GIFFORD Simon
GRAVETT Colin
GULLERY Justin
HADDOCK Peter
HERRIOT Stuart
HUGHES Phil
HUNT Leyton
JACK Steven
JOHNSTON Adam
KEARNS Phil
LAWSON Brendyn
LOCKWOOD Ian
LORY Dean
LUCEY Patrick
LUXTON John
MacINTOSH Blair

McLEOD Kyle
PHILIP George
RICHARDS Gary
SCARLETT Perry
SMITH Hayden
THOMPSON Scott
WEBB Bevan
WELLS Paul
WILLIAMS Kevin
YATES Matthew

New Boys

BARLOW Heath
BOYD Shane
BROADMORE Fred
ELDER David
FALVEY David
LUCEY Patrick
McLEOD Kyle
WELLS Paul

Guest Players

PERRY Ben
TOTH Robert

Keith vs Sydenham – 9th April 2011

Ground: Hansen Park
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Greg BROWN
Matt YATES
Phil HUGHES
George PHILIP
Dave ELDER
Scott THOMSON
Heath BARLOW
Kevin WILLIAMS
Shane BOYD
Paul CRICHTON
Paul WELLS
Adam JOHNSTON
Kyle McLEOD
Stuart HERRIOT
Justin GULLERY

Reserves

Ian COWAN
Steve JACK
Peter HADDOCK
Phil KEARNS
Brendyn LAWSON
Patrick LUCEY
Robert TOTH
Gary RICHARDS
Rob FOLEY

Points: 3-0, 3-5, 3-7, 8-7, 8-12, 8-17, 8-22, 8-27, 8-32, 8-37, 8-42,
8-47, 8-49

Tries: Greg BROWN
Conv:
Pen: Shane BOYD

Player of the Day: Phil HUGHES

NEW BOYS, NEW SHIRTS, NEW BALLS, NEW SEASON, SAME BEER.

Gloriously sunny day to start the 2011 season off with over in the depths of darkest somewhere near Sydenham. And it was good to see almost everyone (except Boydy, Toad, H, Heath, Scotty, Lars, Gaz, Leyts, Gulls and Nicky) got there on time and in one piece.

Lots of New Boys to the team this season, with some welcome returning faces adding to the growing number of players that call themselves Keith. Hopefully we treat them in a Keithly fashion ie: get them beers and girls and show them a good time both on and off the field.

Sydenham asked for a minutes silence to start the season in remembrance of those lives lost in the February earthquake which we gladly did.

Right from the start Sydenham took it to us, but our defence held strong and our adherence to the rules of the game gave us our first points. However, refereeing decisions stopped Unit from scoring on behalf of all the forwards, and this made him angry enough to slip into a gallop and score on his own.

Seeing we were ahead on the points board spurred Sydenham to step up their step up game and side step past all our backs and score eight more times with us not replying at all. Not that we didn't try to score a try. It's just one of those things that happens on a rugby field.

Sometimes, other things happen on a rugby field which shouldn't happen, as Poacher will attest to.

Back to the clubrooms, for as it turned out to be the last time we'd ever be having a beer in there. A bit of a shock for some boys, and a bit of a sad occasion for others

Keith vs Marist-Albion – 16th April 2011

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Ben PERRY
Fred BROADMORE
Phil HUGHES
Kris CURRIE
Barrie GIBBS
Scott THOMSON
Richard BRACEY
Kevin WILLIAMS
Heath BARLOW
Shane BOYD
Paul WELLS
Adam JOHNSTON
John LUXTON
Partick LUCEY
Leyton HUNT

Reserves

Paul CRICHTON
Justin GULLERY
Stuart HERRIOT
Perry SCARLET
Hayden SMITH
Ian COWAN
Ian LOCKWOOD
Blair PATERSON
Dean LORY

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

Tries:
Conv:
Pen:

Player of the Day: Shane BOYD

A GOOD CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE SEES MARIST THRICE IN THE BIN

When I first saw we had the Division Four Marist-Albion team as our opposition, my first thought was, it'll be a hard game and we better get ourselves prepared. Then I realised it was the Samoans and my thoughts changed to we all better be wearing headgear. I was not mistaken in my thoughts.

We still needed to be prepared as sloppy play in parts gave Marist-Albion two very easy tries in the wet conditions. And I'm sure the parts where we let ourselves down will be addressed at training next week.

The ref, who we got to know before the game, while impartial, seemed to be leaning towards us but I think that may have had something to do with the fact that he had to send two cocoanuts back to the plantation for ten minutes each, then another one permanently during the second half. Head high tackles and the violent play they advocated as a means to win have no place in Classics rugby and the CRFU will no doubt do absolutely nothing about it as per usual. All we can do is rise above it, play to the conditions we have and hold our heads up as moral victors. I'd rather have points on the board though.

Our first trip to the new clubrooms were a bit eventful as not long in to it all, an earthquake took out the lights and a few other bits and pieces necessary to human survival (luckily no beer was spilt) and once things settled down, everyone left for safer drinking houses. If there is such a thing in Christchurch anymore.

Thanks to Division Three for sending us Ben and to the New Boys who turned up ready to give 80 minutes. We look forward to giving you a great rugby experience.

Keith vs Otautahi – 30th April 2011

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Fred BROADMORE
Greg BROWN
Phil HUGHES
Richard BRACEY
Dave ELDER
Hayden SMITH
Dean LORY
Kevin WILLIAMS
Shane BOYD
Brendyn LAWSON
Paul CRICHTON
Rob FOLEY
Gary RICHARDS
Heath BARLOW
Justin GULLERY

Reserves

Kyle McLEOD
Stuart HERRIOT
Steven JACK
Isaac ARAPAI
Phil KEARNS
Ian LOCKWOOD
Barrie GIBBS
Colin GRAVETT

Points: 0-5, 0-7, 5-7, 5-12, 10-12, 12-12, 17-12, 22-15, 24-12, 29-12, 34-12, 36-12, 41-12, 43-12, 48-12, 53-12

Tries: Brendyn LAWSON (3), Gary RICHARDS, Greg BROWN, Shane BOYD, Rob FOLEY, Kyle McLEOD, Colin GRAVETT
Conv: Shane BOYD (4)
Pen:

Player of the Day: Kevin WILLIAMS, Steven JACK

OLD COVES OUTSHINE NEW BOYS AND LEAD BY EXAMPLE. SKITING MUCH?

What a stunningly glorious day for rugby. And what a stunning game of rugby it was. Well, the second half anyway. Trouty and Lars put together a powerful XV studded with experience but peppered with youth. This combination took a little while to settle into the fighting force hoped for, but when the combination did gel, we became a fast running, solid mauling Keith XV of old. The only disappointment was during the second half when Otautahi lost a front rower and due to reserve player conditions (they didn't have any) we were forced to resort to Golden Oldie scrums.

Lars proved he's still the teflon coated Queen Mary we all love to watch and this video shows him capitalising on the hard work of others, but still, an M.V.P. award well deserved. Unit lasted an almost unheard of 70 minutes but this is just the start of his renaissance. With Fred, Yatesy and the return of Pies, the front row powerhouse looks to be in for some expert tutelage and good scrummaging ahead.

It's a shame Boydy's fat. Otherwise his brand new number 9 jersey wouldn't have looked so, ummm, tight. But well done to Lars for getting them done. All we need now is the new shorts to make the ensemble complete.

Keasty. What can we say about Keasty that hasn't already been said. He's a beautiful man and we all know it. The new routine of aftermatch revelry started for the third time in three matches in three different locations, but the club assure us there'll be no more changes in venue for the rest of the season.

Livo was outstanding as MC, as was Popey. It's good to have those lads in front doing their bit.

Congratulations from the Keiths go to Ken Pope who has been elevated from his position as Vice President of CRFU to President. Hopefully his duties there will enable him to reach his personal milestone of 500 games for the club.

Keith vs Burnside – 14th May 2011

Ground: Burnside Park 5
Time: 1-00pm

Team List

Fred BROADMORE
Peter HADDOCK
Ian COWAN
George PHILIP
Kevin WILLIAMS
Hayden SMITH
Blair McINTOSH
Barrie GIBBS
Shane BOYD
Nick BROWN
Paul CRICHTON
Rob FOLEY
Heath BARLOW
Stuart HERRIOTT
Justin GULLERY

Reserves

Phil HUGHES
Colin GRAVETT
Phil KEARNS
Steven JACK
Greg BROWN
Isaac ARAPAI
Leyton HUNT
Kyle McLEOD
Paul WELLS
Gary RICHARDS
Brendyn LAWSON

Points: 5-0, 10-0, 15-0, 15-5, 15-7, 20-7, 22-7, 27-7, 32-7, 37-7,
39-7, 44-7

Tries: Hayden SMITH (2), Barrie GIBBS, Shane BOYD, Nick BROWN, Ian
COWAN, Rob FOLEY, Phil KEARNS
Conv: Shane BOYD (2)
Pen:

Player of the Day: Hayden SMITH & Heath BARLOW

BACKS JIZZ THEIR PANTS WATCHING SUBLIME FORWARD RUGBY (SEX) FEST (ORGY)

Burnside put out all the best silverware on their Club Day, including salubrious changing facilities. Being a Div 4 side, they naturally thought they'd have it over those fat old Keiths. Ahhhhh kids nowadays. They've got no fucking idea.

Trout had a few moments of memory lapse in trying to remember the backline Lars wanted to field, but it worked out ok in the end and no tears were shed. Pete decided to put experience over youth in his starting forward pack and boy oh boy the sweet raspberry flavoured blancmange Burnside put up for a front row had no answer. No answer to the strength, technique or sheer determination of the props, and no answer to the skill and experience of our hooking and the 6 tightheads in a row we took off them. The wee man was so impressed with himself and his efforts he decided to steal a try off Baz (and the arguments about that started early and will continue well into the next several years).

Seriously, the forwards lifted their game after the break from last week and things came together well. George as usual led by example, H and Baz and even Chief provided constant pressure in the mauls and scrums even down to nearly breaking their halfbacks arm, or giving him the shock of his life.

Boydy and Nicky (welcome back) were presented with excellent ball but were often held up in doing anything positive with it by stopping play to have a quick masti while watching the forwards do their thing.

And speaking of Boydy and Nicky; feet, kick, ball. Can You Do It?

Keith vs Shirley – 21st May 2011

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Fred BROADMORE
Greg BROWN
Phil HUGHES
Dave ELDER
Richard BRACEY
Hayden SMITH
Blair McINTOSH
Barrie GIBBS
Heath BARLOW
Brendyn LAWSON
Paul WELLS
Paul CRICHTON
Patrick LUCEY
Stuart HERRIOT
Gary RICHARDS

Reserves

Kevin WILLIAMS
George PHILIP
Colin GRAVETT
Kristen CURRIE
Phil KEARNS
Ian COWAN
Justin GULLERY
Adam JOHNSTON
Leyton HUNT
Rob FOLEY
Shane BOYD
John LUXTON

Points: 0-3, 0-8, 0-13, 0-15, 0-20, 0-22, 5-22, 7-22, 12-22, 17-22,
22-22

Tries: John LUXTON (2), Rob FOLEY, Shane BOYD
Conv: Shane BOYD
Pen:

Player of the Day: Greg BROWN

TOO MANY KEITHS SPOIL THE BROTH?

Having 16 Keiths on the sideline is much better than having 2. It just makes it harder to select a starting XV with so much talent itching to get their boots on. Nevertheless, Trout and Lars managed to select a team which after getting a fright right from the beginning, took a while to settle down and start putting points on the board. 45 minutes in fact before that happened. But that doesn't mean we were letting Shirley walk all over us for the 1st half. They certainly had to work for their 22 points.

With a few boys in unfamiliar positions, play was a bit non sequitur, but changes at half time bought relief in those difficult areas. Mainly passing and kicking and running. Johnny Farnham bought his voice to the game, Johnny Luxton bought his wheels and Johnny Newcombe wasn't there, and so the general play changed and the scoring commenced.

Even though Shirley and the Ref were oblivious to the high tackle rule, it was the cleanest game that any team from Shirley have played against us for quite a number of seasons. While there are clubs and teams with worse reputations, they played well with only a couple of high tackles (one right to Colin's throat which the ref declined to notice) and a kicking incident (which the ref failed to punish according to the rules) of which Gaz took exception to.

It's been said before, but I'll refresh everyone's memory, we don't need a ref on our side or one who knows the rules to win. We just need to score more points than the other team. We know we can do that and we know how to do that. It's just a matter of wanting to do it.

Remember, the game starts on Thursday at training, not 5 minutes before kick off on Saturday.

Keith vs Christchurch – 28th May 2011

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Fred BROADMORE
Isaac ARAPAI
Phil KEARNS
Kristen CURRIE
George PHILIP
Hayden SMITH
Colin GRAVETT
Kevin WILLIAMS
Heath BARLOW
Nick BROWN
Paul CRICHTON
Adam JOHNSTON
Kyle McLEOD
Leyton HUNT
Gary RICHARDS

Reserves

Greg BROWN
Peter HADDOCK
Matthew YATES
Ian COWAN
Dave ELDER
Stuart HERRIOT
Patrick LUCEY
Brendyn LAWSON
Rob FOLEY
Paul WELLS

Points: 0-3, 3-3, 8-3, 13-3, 18-3, 20-3, 20-8

Tries: George PHILIP, Kristen CURRIE, Paul CRICHTON
Conv: Rob FOLEY
Pen: Nick BROWN

Player of the Day: Gary RICHARDS, Kristen CURRIE

THAT AWKWARD MOMENT WHEN PADDY LOSES HIS LUCKY CHARMS

FACT: Our goal kicking stats this season so far are crap.

FACT: Our Forwards are huge powerful beasts.

FACT: Our backs are skittery.

FACT: Our oldest playing member is 25 years older than our youngest playing member.

FACT: Red Wine is not Trouty's Friend.

FACT: After 70 minutes warming the bench, Paddy still pinged his hamstring.

FACT: Kristen Currie is a girl's name.

FACT: Kristen Currie runs like a girl who has misplaced her sanitary pad on a particularly heavy flow day.

FACT: Kristen Currie is a valued member of the team. More flaming sambucca's please.

FACT: Never in the Field of Human Conflict was so Much owed by so Many to so Few.

FACT: Mark Bray has a 100% goal kicking record. Nick Brown does not.

FACT: I miss the clubrooms more than I thought I would.

FACT: Our New Boys are brilliant.

FACT: Greg Brown does not believe in Article 4.1.3 of the Keith Charter.

FACT: The officiating Referee of our game was the third bizzarrest we have encountered.

FACT: Greg Harding will always poo in a Scotsman's pocket.

FACT: I could very well be drinking Whiskey at the moment.

FACT: Dave Elder has the same name as a teacher I had at intermediate school. It is disconcerting.

FACT: We won by 12 points and that's all you need to know.

Keith vs Suburbs – 4th June 2011

Ground: Hoon Hay 2
Time: 1-00pm

Team List

Matthew YATES
peter HADDOCK
Phil HUGHES
Kristen CURRIE
George PHILIP
Hayden SMITH
Colin GRAVETT
Kevin WILLIAMS
Shane BOYD
Nick BROWN
Paul WELLS
Paul CRICHTON
Heath BARLOW
Stuart HERRIOT
Leyton HUNT

Reserves

Darren AITCHESON
Phil KEARNS
Barrie GIBBS
Richard BRACEY
Blair McINTOSH
Greg BROWN
Steven JACK
Isaac ARAPAI
Gary RICHARDS
Brendyn LAWSON
Adam JOHYNSTON
Kyle McLEOD
Justin GULLERY
John LUXTON

Points: 5-0, 7-0, 12-0, 14-0, 19-0, 24-0, 29-0, 34-0, 36-0

Tries: Hayden SMITH, George PHILIP, Peter HADDOCK, Adam JOHYNSTON, Greg BROWN, John LUXTON
Conv: Nick BROWN (2), Shane BOYD
Pen:

Player of the Day: George PHILIP

PLENTY OF PLAYERS: ✓ FORWARDS SCORE TRIES: ✓ HUBCAPS STILL ON CAR: ✓

Our first trip out to the wilds of Hoon Hay since 2004. And sweet bugger all had changed. Before the game, the boys were all carefree and having a good old joke around. Trouty tried to put the kybosh on that and went all stern and mean, but no one was really listening. Maybe we were still in shock over Muncher scoring from last week. but only because he kept on reminding us of it constantly.

Playing into the wind gave us the impetus to speed things up a wee bit and quite frankly, we had it all over the Suburbs boys. And then 'H' scored. And then George scored. And then Trouty scored. And then wee Nicky managed to get ? of the conversions over. I suppose that's better than his usual ?. But we don't judge you Nicky. No. No we don't.

For the first time this season, I thought the backs actually complimented the effort the forwards have been putting in and became an integral part of the game plan. Which is of course, to get as many forwards scoring tries as possible while making as few dropped/forward passes as possible.

The second half came around with a few changes in personnel. During the course of the half we replaced 14 players making a total of 29 used. Too much? However you want to feel about those numbers, they provide us with the continual speed and freshness required to maintain any advantage on the field we have.

The second half proved much the same as the first except that we were facing the opposite direction than earlier. Forwards made short work again of the conditions, with Sonny Bill Hughes feeding excellent lineout ball and taking a few tightheads too.

Uli nearly caused a riot by suggesting that Unit's feet are too fat to stay in the field of play while diving for the tryline, but Unit decided that hunting him down and killing him was a bit excessive and scoring for real was a more appropriate answer.

A.J. also scored after earlier being denied by his genes (too short to reach that extra inch) and Bravo turned up to show us he still has what it takes.

Boyd went off after wining an Oscar for a sore wrist, but slotted the only conversion of the second half.

Christine Currie had a go at kicking. As you can see. She's added a level of gangliness previously thought impossible without actually being a new born moose. Seriously, I loved watching the boys play but everything came together exactly as it was supposed to come together so in a technical sense there was nothing spectacular about it. If you know what I mean.

I'm all for giving praise when praise is due, but today was Keiths doing what Keiths are supposed to be doing. Focussed running expansive careful rugby.

Keith vs New Brighton – 11th June 2011

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2.45pm

Team List

Greg BROWN
Isaac ARAPAI
Phil HUGHES
George PHILIP
Kristen CURRIE
Hayden SMITH
Colin GRAVETT
Barrie GIBBS
Nick BROWN
Rob FOLEY
Paul WELLS
Adam JOHNSTON
John LUXTON
Stuart HERRIOT
Justin GULLERY

Reserves

Peter HADDOCK
Ian COWAN
Kevin WILLIAMS
Richard BRACEY
Dean LORY
Simon GIFFORD
Paul CRICHTON
Brendyn LAWSON
Heath BARLOW
Steven JACK

Points: 5-0, 5-5, 5-7, 10-7, 10-10, 15-10, 17-10, 17-15, 17-20, 17-22, 22-22, 27-22

Tries: John LUXTON (2), George PHILIP, Barrie GIBBS, Justin GULLERY
Conv: Nick BROWN
Pen:

Player of the Day: Richard BRACEY, Ian LOCKWOOD

THIEF! LARCENIST! BURGLAR! HEISTER! SHOP-LIFTER! PURLOINER! DEFALCATOR! SWINDLER!

Thievery. Larceny. Burglary.

Three watchwords of the day. Or so Dirk and Unit would say after George and Bravo stole their god given tries right out of their hands. Notwithstanding the blatant misuse of the ball by our 'kickers' in trying to convert our 5 tries, all of them were joys to behold. New Brighton did take the opportunities presented by the small number of errors, but overall, the forwards played tight and kept control.

Nervousness may have affected our lineout throws, but most of them were on target. Much like our goal kicking attempts. That is, if the target was to the right and forward of where the actual goalposts were. Anyone know when Mehrts is coming back?

Let's not mention Dorothy's Ruby Slippers that Heath was wearing, but instead concentrate the wig Nicky wore. Either I'm getting older and more set in my ways, or the Team is getting stranger by the season. And who would have imagined Pieman coming back? Or Sonny Phil Hughes reaching 100 games, or Lumber thinking ten seconds on the field and getting a bit of mud on his arm constitutes a full game? I know. Bizarre. But hey ho, we live in strange times.

A couple of incidents need to be mentioned. Dean dislocated his shoulder and was tough and popped it back in on his own without the use of medical personnel or medications and that's the official story. And Uli pretended to be knocked out or some such minor medical misadventure. But he shook it off as he always does.

Talk back at Keasty's did mention how old some people were getting.

And speaking of Keastys, a good turnout overall, but those who weren't there were noticed. So let's keep up the attendance.

Keith vs Hornby – 18th June 2011

Ground: Denton Oval
Time: 1-00pm

Team List

Isaac ARAPAI
Fred BROADMORE
Phil KEARNS
George PHILIP
Steven JACK
Blair McINTOSH
Hayden SMITH
Kevin WILLIAMS
Leyton HUNT
Brendyn LAWSON
Paul CRICHTON
Adam JOHNSTON
Patrick LUCEY
Stuart HERRIOT
Gary RICHARDS

Reserves

Peter HADDOCK
Phil HUGHES
Greg BROWN
Dave ELDER
Justin GULLERY
Perry SCARLETT
John LUXTON
Dave FALVEAPOTATOES

Points: 0-5, 0-7, 0-12, 0-14, 5-14, 7-14, 12-14, 17-14, 22-14, 24-14, 29-14, 31-14, 31-19, 31-21, 36-21, 41-21, 43-21

Tries: Blair McINTOSH (2), Brendyn LAWSON (2), Gary RICHARDS, Paul CRICHTON, Dave ELDER
Conv: Leyton HUNT (3), Greg BROWN
Pen:

Player of the Day: Dave ELDER, Paul WELLS

I'M GONNA LOVE RUGBY LIKE NOBODY'S LOVED RUGBY COME RAIN OR COME SHINE

I'm not afraid to admit it, but I was late to the game because I was still tucked up in bed nice and warm waiting for the txt from Phil to say the rain had caused the cancellation of the game. But alas, that txt never came.

It was, however, worth the effort to drive across earthquake damaged roads to one of the many dodgy parts of town to a rugby game inside a cycling velodrome.

Hornby put the acid on quickly and scored 2 tries while we warmed up, but Blair and Lars soon evened up the score. The conditions were a bit slippery but we held our composure and held on to the ball while Hornby tried tricks out of the dirty tricks handbook by targeting Gavs neck and other illegal moves to get an advantage.

Mr Anal Retentive Referee wasn't falling for that and awarded us a shit load of penalties of which we did not turn into points. Eh?

The second half came with a couple of personnel changes and with instructions from Trouty to stop fucking kicking the ball right up the guts and into their fucking arms. No one listened.

We did however, up the intensity in the damp and started scoring try after try until we ended up 4 tries ahead. That always makes the beer taste better.
And beer there was.

Keith vs Otautahi – 25th June 2011

Ground: Bower Park 1
Time: 2.45pm

Team List

Peter HADDOCK
Greg BROWN
Ian COWAN
Kristen CURRIE
George PHILIP
Hayden SMITH
Colin GRAVETT
Barrie GIBBS
Shane BOYD
Paul CRICHTON
Rob FOLEY
Gary RICHARDS
Stuart HERRIOT
Leyton HUNT
Justin GULLERY

Reserves

Points: 3-0, 8-0

Tries: Ian COWAN
Conv:
Pen: Peter HADDOCK

Player of the Day: Patrick LUCEY

OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOSIS: DO YOU HAVE IT, MOTHERFUCKER?

Occupational psychosis is the concept that one's occupation or career makes that person so biased that they could be described as psychotic. Especially common in tight occupational circles, individuals can normalize ideas or behaviours that seem absurd or irrational to the external public.

Well, I don't think that's ever happened before.

Last week I described the Ref as anal retentive. He must have read it, because this week he overcompensated and let everything explode.

I'm not going to comment on what was said, or believed to have been said by who; sufficed to say, it's not the role of a referee to have conversations/arguments with players or teams. He has recourse to penalising teams or issuing yellow or red cards if he has reason to believe the rules of rugby are being broken.

By now, if you weren't at the game, you may be wondering what I'm talking about. In a nutshell, the Referee felt he was unable to continue the game as he would wish to do, without the help, and support, of the woman he loves (his mother) and called off the game after 21 minutes, walked off, sat down next to his gear, had a wee cry inside and then left leaving us all either thankful we could complete our hangover cures or amped up to overload because we drank a shit load of go juice.

As his hostility was not directed at us, Trouty's penalty and Uli's try stand, as does the 'final' score of 8-0 giving us the official win.

"That's like cumming early after paying for a \$500 hooker" was one way of describing how we felt.

A disappointing end to Trouty's 150th Keith game, but the celebrations at Keastys more than made up for it. Four Players of the Day shouts and a few more jugs rounded off the evening nicely.

Keith vs Linwood – 2nd July 2011

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2.45pm

Team List

Fred BROADMORE
Isaac ARAPAI
Phil KEARNS
George PHILIP
Kristen CURRIE
Hayden SMITH
Barrie GIBBS
Kevin WILIAMS
Heath BARLOW
Nick BROWN
Paul CRICHTON
Rob FOLEY
Adam JOHNSTON
Kyle McLEOD
Gary RICHARDS

Reserves

Brendyn LAWSON
John LUXTON
Ian COWAN
Colin GRAVETT

Points: 5-0, 7-0, 7-3, 7-8, 10-8

Tries: Rob FOLEY
Conv: Nick BROWN
Pen: Rob FOLEY

Player of the Day: Justin GULLERY, Colin GRAVETT

OPTIMUS VENATUS EST USQUEQUAQUE CONGELO VENATUS

Test Matches make me nervous. And this top of the table clash made me nervous than usual. Trouty and Lars picked their test team and fifteen Keiths took to Bob Deans with a start we never thought would happen. At least not to us. Poacher did what he does best and scored in the worst position possible for Sugar to attempt the conversion (right out in front), but the next two times he attempted a mid-pass steal it didn't quite come off so good. But nevertheless, ahead of Linwood we were for the entire first half.

The Linwood team were not as we remembered them from past years, with many converting from a rugby league background as the squad replaced those recently retired. But they still had the same spirit and eagerness to play and win as of old.

Sugar, after converting Poachers try and having a wee run around decided his 'attitude' needed to come off and have a rest, so Lars went on to boost the mid field. The only other reserves used were Bravo, Uli and Colin. Which tells the story of how the coaches had faith in the boys and their ability to do the hard yards even under trying times and close scores.

Linwood came back in the second half to sneak ahead by 1 point. 1 nerve wracking heart stopping point. Not a frightfully good place to be in for extended periods but in that place we were for quite a long time.

Rob right when it counted after a couple of not quite so accurate attempts, slotted a penalty goal over and secured a 2 point advantage for the boys but Linwood were not content to let that be the final score of they could help it.

Pressure was put on and we very nearly let them through, but right at the end of our defence, the Otago ref blew the whistle for full time and the victory.

Phil put his Club Captain hat on and refreshed the boys back in the Keith Pavilion, then we all decamped en mass to the Bealey Ale House where we spent the remainder of the night. Heath got evicted and will have some 'splainin' to do when he finally arrives home and Fred got ejected, but not before threatening violence and using violence against another Keith.

And so ended our 9th game without losing in a row.

Keith vs Belfast – 9th July 2011

Ground: Sheldon Park 4
Time: 2.45pm

Team List

Fred BROADMORE
Greg BROWN
Phil HUGHES
Kristen CURRIE
Steven JACK
Hayden SMITH
Richard BRACEY
Barrie GIBBS
Shane BOYD
Rob FOLEY
Paul CRICHTON
Adam JOHNSTON
Kyle McLEOD
Patrick LUCEY
Justin GULLERY

Reserves

George PHILIP
Ian COWAN
Kevin WILLIAMS
Colin GRAVETT
Isaac ARAPAI
Matt YATES
Brendyn LAWSON
Bevan WEBB
Gary RICHARDS
John LUXTON

Points: 0-5, 0-7, 5-7, 10-7, 13-7

Tries: George PHILIP, Hayden SMITH
Conv:
Pen: Rob FOLEY

Player of the Day: Brendyn LAWSON

WHO'S GOING TO WIN THE FINAL? KEITHS OR CRUSADERS. OH WAIT ...

Last weekend we stepped up to the plate to defeat our good friends Linwood. This week we stepped up to the plate, dusted it down and gave it a good hard shake to win against Belfast Div 4. Everyone we had spoken to told us that the Freezingworkers would be knocking us off our top spot, but just quietly, we didn't believe them. Trouty and Lars believed in us instead and picked a team to do the job; with reserves to back everybody up.

And do the job we did.

The forwards soon found the Belfast front row weren't up to much and the backs soon realised that their backline was gaping full of holes.

But, and there always is one, we made an inordinate amount of basic handling mistakes worthy of an Under 12 side. If it was nerves or not enough weetbix this morning for breakfast, it lasted most of the 1st half and part of the 2nd. She wasn't all doom and gloom however. A.J., Toad and Rob provided excellent Keithly tackling and breaks, with Gulls, Kyle and Paddy doing it hard out in the deep.

Muncher and Rich provided good lineout ball with H, Rich, Baz, Kev and Colin making full use of their size and strength to control the loose ball. Fred provided the mongrel in the front row with Unit, Piez and Matt putting in the hard work.

Mum was her usual vocal self, and spent quite a bit of time asking the ref if he needed his guide dog as he didn't always seem to know what the offside rule looked like in practice. Trouty too seemed to be a bit perturbed by some decisions, but in the end, we don't need a ref to win a game for us. We just need to score more points than the opposition. Which we did.

Where everyone was after the game was a mystery, but you have to be there to see to hot police women and drink cold beer.

Keith vs Burnside – 16th July 2011

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Isaac ARAPAI
Fred BROADMORE
Ian COWAN
Kristen CURRIE
Dave FALVEY
Hayden SMITH
Colin GRAVETT
Barrie GIBBS
Shane BOYD
Brendyn LAWSON
Paul CRICHTON
Adam JOHNSTON
John LUXTON
Kyle McLEOD
Gary RICHARDS

Reserves

Richard BRACEY
Steven JACK
Matt YATES
Kevin WILLIAMS
George PHILIP
Heath BARLOW
Patrick LUCEY
Stuart HERRIOT
Justin GULLERY
Rob FOLEY
Bevan WEBB

Points: 5-0, 10-0, 12-0, 17-0, 19-0, 19-3, 19-8, 24-8 26-8

Tries: Kyle McLEOD, Barrie GIBBS, Fred BROADMORE, Brendyn LAWSON
Conv: Bevan WEBB (2), Rob FOLEY
Pen:

Player of the Day:

WHO LET THE KEITHS OUT? WOOF. WOOFWOOF. WOOF. WOOF.

This is it guys blah blah blah we can do it yeah yeah just keep it together and yeah righto Trouty cool story ,bro.

You guys don't need me to tell you how it all went. You were there. Playing or watching. We all knew what the stakes were. We all knew what we had to do and how to get it. Play our game at our pace using all our boys to our abilities. When you do that the maths add up and victory is ours. Simple.

Not saying it was easy. Burnside did put up a fight. Even the Ref got in on the act by mixing up his left and right arms. And we were lucky he didn't use it on Toad once or thrice, but Munchers' exceptional captaincy on his 50th game calmed everyone down coughcoughbullshitcough and he wank wank wank fuck it I'm over this writing malarky.

All I can say is the biggest and best incentive to win is to look around you and have faith and trust in the Keith next to you and have faith and trust in yourself. Can't go wrong.

Keith vs Shirley – 30th July 2011

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45

Team List

Fred BROADMORE
Isaac ARAPAI
Ian COWAN
George PHILIP
Kristen CURRIE
Hayden SMITH
Colin GRAVETT
Barrie GIBBS
Shane BOYD
Nick BROWN
Paul CRICHTON
Rob FOLEY
John LUXTON
Adam JOHNSTON
Gary RICHARDS

Reserves

Phil HUGHES
Steven JACK
Kevin WILLIAMS
Greg BROWN
Bevan WEBB
Brendyn LAWSON
Kyle McLEOD

Points: 5-0, 10-0, 12-0, 17-0, 19-0, 24-0, 29-0, 31-0, 36-0, 36-5,
36-10

Tries: Rob FOLEY, John LUXTON, Paul CRICHTON, Brendyn LAWSON,
Barrie GIBBS, Greg BROWN
Conv: Rob FOLEY (3)
Pen:

Player of the Day: Isaac ARAPAI

SI VOUS VOULEZ DANSER, VOUS FAIRE?

Par la puissance qui me sont conférés par la CRFU je prononce le finaliste a été trouvé. Bien sûr, les équipes de l'opposition de nombreux démenti nos chances de gagner, même un jeu, mais notre croyance en l'autre comme une équipe et la croyance en des joueurs par le personnel d'entraîneurs nous a donné toute l'impulsion de quitter à 100% sur le terrain.

Leur emballage avant a pas de réponse à notre mêlée et le dos Shirley ne pouvait pas contrôler leurs mains. Cela inclut une grande tête de quelques plaqués sur les Webby et Rob, mais ils secouaient que hors de conduire avant et faire de l'entreprise.

Braconnier qu'elle a commencé avec un essai rapide, et un couple de intercepte échoué, mais Bravo et Toad a pris le relais pour nous donner un 3 essayer de plomb à la mi-temps.

Aucun changement à la mi-temps a montré les gars toujours sur le côté en ligne que tout est sur ??l'équipe et non pas le joueur individuel, mais à temps plein tout sauf quatre réserves obtenu sur le terrain.

Lars, Baz et Unit arrondi les essayez de notation dans la deuxième moitié, mais nous avons laissé nos gardes et a permis deux essais rapides à droite Shirley à la mort. Ce fut une déception, mais pas la fin du monde.

Il y avait une autre déception plus tard ce soir-là le nombre de garçons qui revint à Keastys pour une bière. Et quand je dis nombre de garçons, je veux dire l'absence de nombre de garçons. Il semblait que nous avions perdu le match sacrément au lieu d'entrer dans le final de la Cinquième Division Championship. Eh bien, leur perte.

Keith vs New Brighton – 6th August 2011

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Fred BROADMORE
Greg BROWN
Ian COWAN
George PHILIP
Kristen CURRIE
Hayden SMITH
Colin GRAVETT
Barrie GIBBS
Shane BOYD
Nick BROWN
Paul CRICHTON
Brendyn LAWSON
John LUXTON
Rob FOLEY
Gary RICHARDS

Reserves

Phil HUGHES
Kevin WILLIAMS
Richard BRACEY
Isaac ARAPAI
Bevan WEBB

Points: 0-3, 5-3, 5-8, 5-10, 10-10, 15-10, 17-10, 17-15, 17-17, 22-17, 24-17, 24-22, 24-27, 29-27, 29-30, 34-30

Tries: Brendyn LAWSON (2), Greg BROWN, Gary RICHARDS, George PHILIP, Phil HUGHES
Conv: Nick BROWN (2)
Pen:

Player of the Day: Ian COWAN

IS IT A TROPHY? IS IT A PLAQUE? IS IT A PLATE? WHATEVER IT IS, WE'VE WON IT.

Six years, eleven months and three weeks ago Keith did beat Merivale / Lincoln University to win the Division Six Championship Trophy. I cried.

Today, that countdown clock was reset after the closest sewsawiest nervewrackingest game of rugby I've ever witnessed.

Finals rugby is all about selecting the right team, which can mean some team members don't get to start or come on as a reserve, and giving your all and leaving it totally spent on the paddock. Trouty and Lars selected their starting team, leaving 14 Keiths on the sideline. But both Trout and Lars will tell you all of the 14 were fully capable of taking the positions of the starting 15.

With a slightly changed New Brighton side from earlier in the season putting their stamp on proceedings early, we knew that there was a fight on our hands to come out on top. Not an actual fight, just a tough uncompromising battle between two teams deserving to be there.

The graph below will show you exactly how the score changed from behind to in front to equal to in front behind in front. But as Unit said after the game, when New Brighton moved in front with two minutes to go, they all thought they'd won the game. We knew that there was still two minutes remaining and that we had not yet lost. Not until the ref blew his whistle.

Unit, much to Uli's chagrin, continued his scoring run, with Gaz, followed by Lars making the halftime break close, but us ahead by 7 points. The first half was a half of attrition with gaps in the defences of both teams providing the space to score. We seemed to have them in the scrums, but our lineouts and our ability to clean up loose ball was not up to par and consequently we suffered and often were penalised for it. At the break, we were reminded that it still wasn't over and wouldn't be for another 40 minutes so every single one of us would have to step up a notch and bust our guts or break a leg.

Second half was almost a repeat of the first, except during the course of the half, there were a few personnel changes. Each one proving equal to the task.

The closeness between the teams became even more apparent with each try being matched by an opposition try. The sideline of reserves and supporters alike at times couldn't watch but then like a car crash, couldn't turn away.

This game was literally a cliff-hanger of a match with the lead changing four times in the final 10 minutes.

I've said it before, that I don't mind losing to a team that deserves to win as long as we've given our all, but even with the closeness and the changing lead, I never thought we'd loose. A whole season's effort was being portrayed out on the field and that effort was too much to waste. The outcome was inevitable. We would triumph. We just didn't know how.

And then, 104 games later, Sonny Phil Hughes had nothing else to do except hold on to the pass and fall over the line. And avoid being tackled and pushed into the sideline. And he did, becoming a genuine Keith Hero.

Winning / Losing Margins - 2011

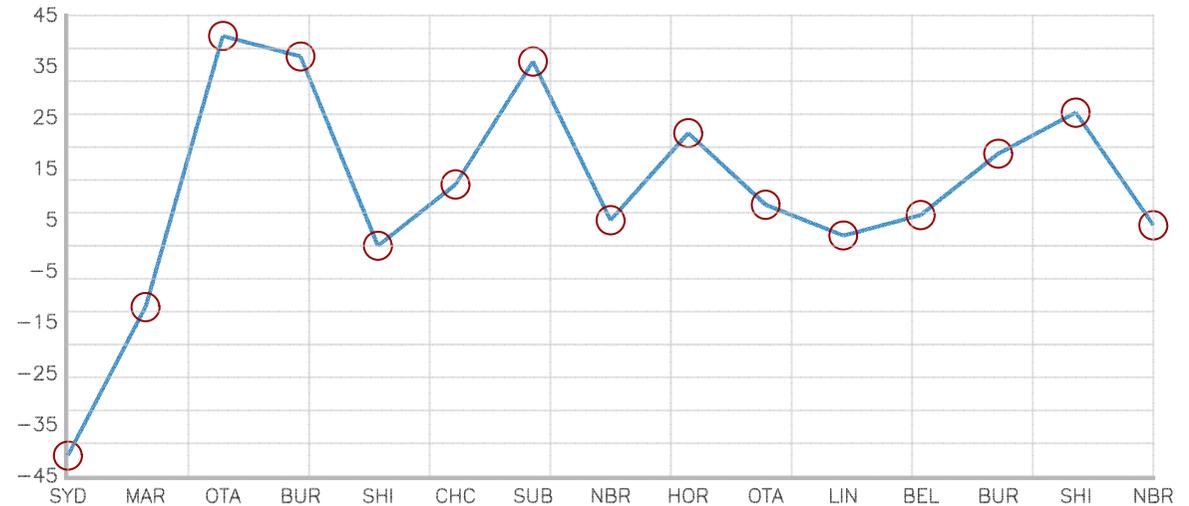
This graph shows a representation of the margins between the game score for each game.

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.

Lowest Losing Margin	-41
Greatest Wining Margin	41
Mean Winning / Losing Margin	0.00
Average Winning Margin	16.69
Average Losing Margin	26.50

Winning / Losing Margins - 2011



Players Per Game – 2011

This graph shows a representation of players used for each game during the season.

Number of Players Used

43 Previous record 64 (2009)

Average Number of Players per Game

23.53



For & Against Game Scores – 2011

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.

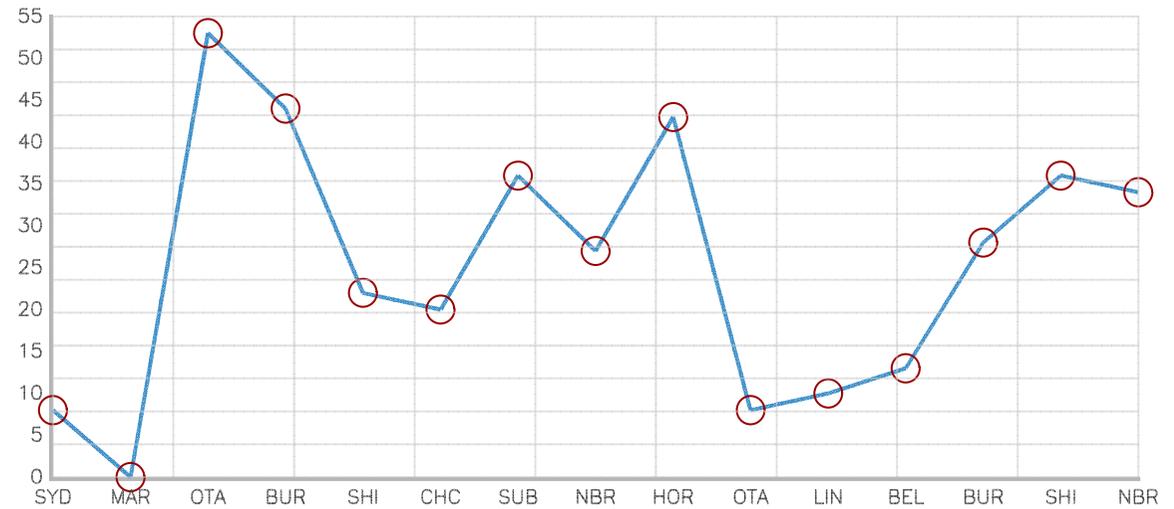
Average Score – For

26.22

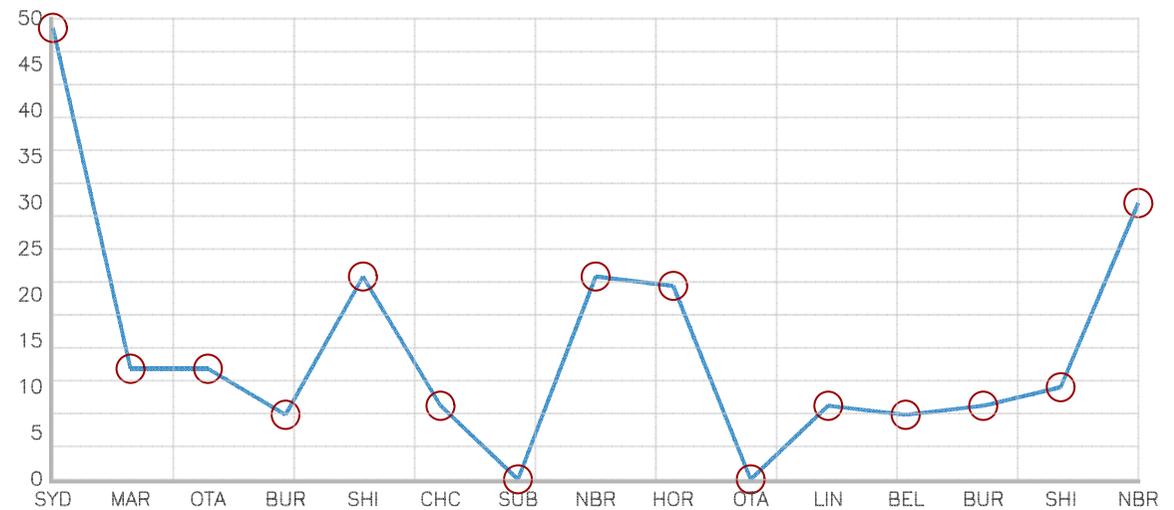
Average Score – Against

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Game Scores – For – 2011



Game Scores – Against – 2011



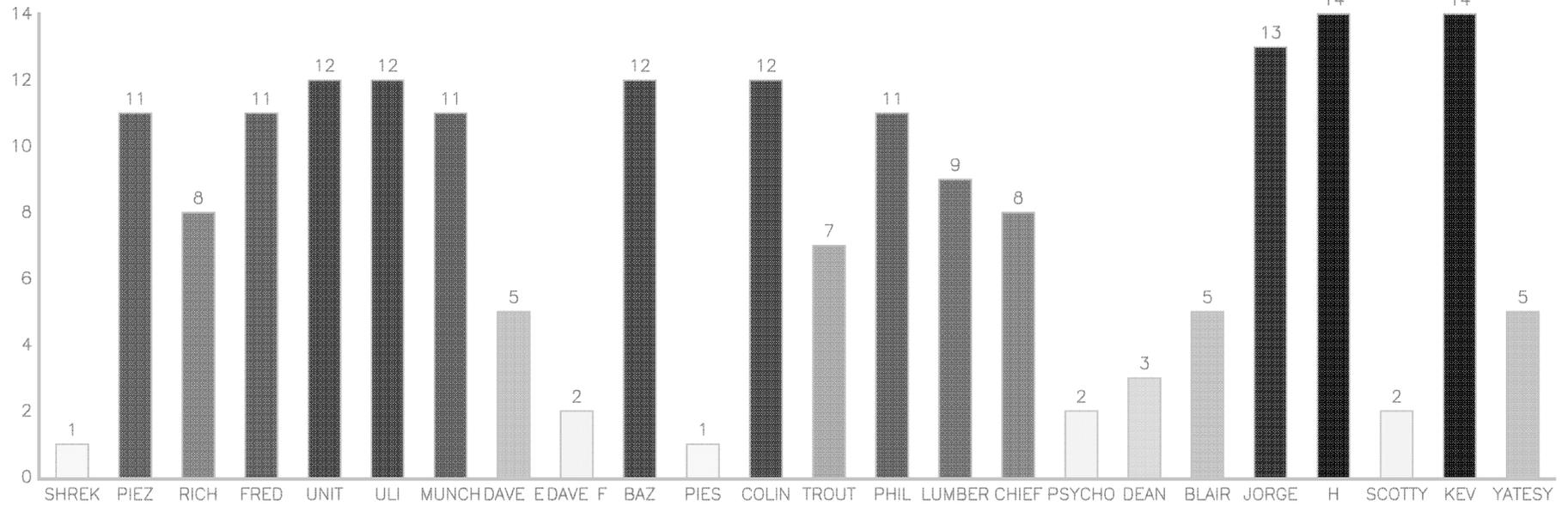
Forwards – Games Played 2011

	SYD	MAR	OTA	BUR	SHI	CHC	SUB	NBR	HOR	OTA	LIN	BEL	BUR	SHI	NBR	
AITCHESON Darren							1									1
GIFFORD Simon								1								1
FALVEY Dave									1				1			2
LOCKWOOD Ian		1	1													2
THOMPSON Scott	1	1														2
LORY Dean		1	1					1								3
ELDER David	1		1		1	1			1							5
MacINTOSH Blair		1		1	1		1		1							5
YATES Matthew	1					1	1					1	1			5
HADDOCK Peter	1			1		1	1	1	1	1						7
BRACEY Richard		1	1		1		1	1				1	1		1	8
KEARNS Phil	1		1	1	1	1	1		1		1					8
JACK Steven	1		1	1			1	1	1			1	1	1		9
ARAPAI Isaac			1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	11
BROADMORE Fred		1	1	1	1	1			1		1	1	1	1	1	11
CURRIE Kristen		1			1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	11
HUGHES Phil	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1			1		1	1	11
BROWN Greg	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	12
COWAN Ian	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	12
GIBBS Barrie		1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	12
GRAVETT Colin			1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	12
PHILIP George	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
SMITH Hayden		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
WILLIAMS Kevin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	14

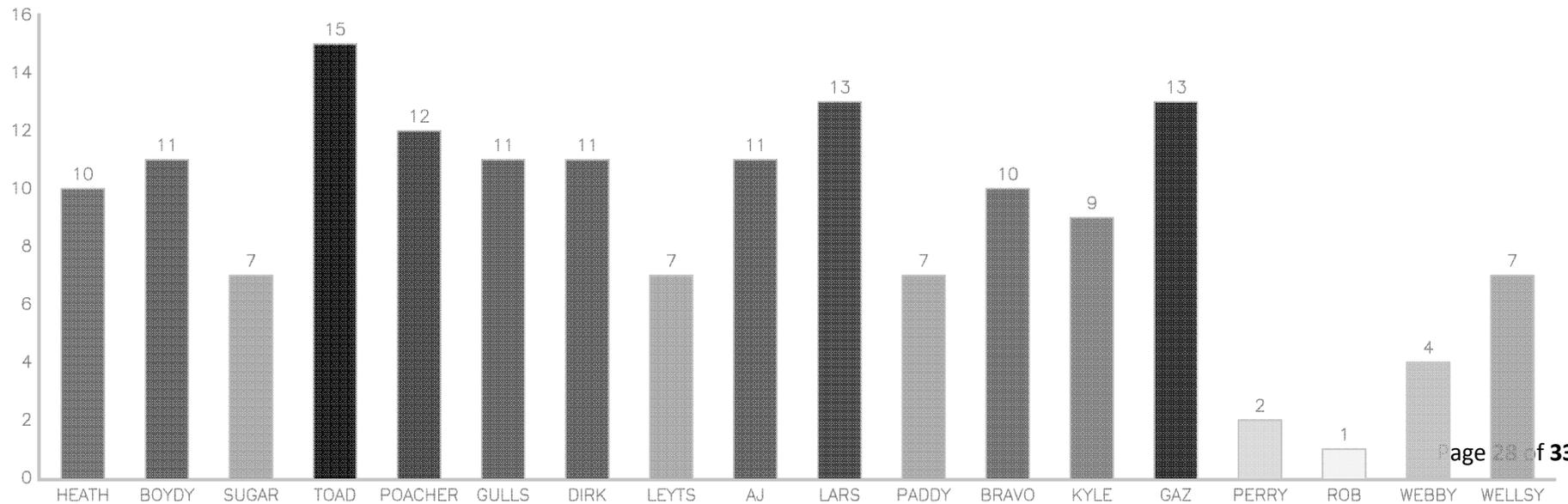
Backs – Games Played 2011

	SYD	MAR	OTA	BUR	SHI	CHC	SUB	NBR	HOR	OTA	LIN	BEL	BUR	SHI	NBR	
TOTH Robert	1															1
SCARLETT Perry		1							1							2
WEBB Bevan												1	1	1	1	4
BROWN Nick				1		1	1	1			1			1	1	7
HUNT Leyton		1		1	1	1	1		1	1						7
LUCEY Patrick	1	1			1	1			1			1	1			7
WELLS Paul	1	1		1	1	1	1	1								7
McLEOD Kyle	1		1	1		1	1				1	1	1	1		9
BARLOW Heath	1*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		1			10
LUXTON John		1			1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	10
BOYD Shane	1	1	1	1	1		1			1		1	1	1	1	11
GULLERY Justin	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			11
HERRIOT Stuart	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1			11
JOHNSTON Adam	1	1			1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		11
FOLEY Rob	1		1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	12
LAWSON Brendyn	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	13
RICHARDS Gary	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
CRICHTON Paul	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15

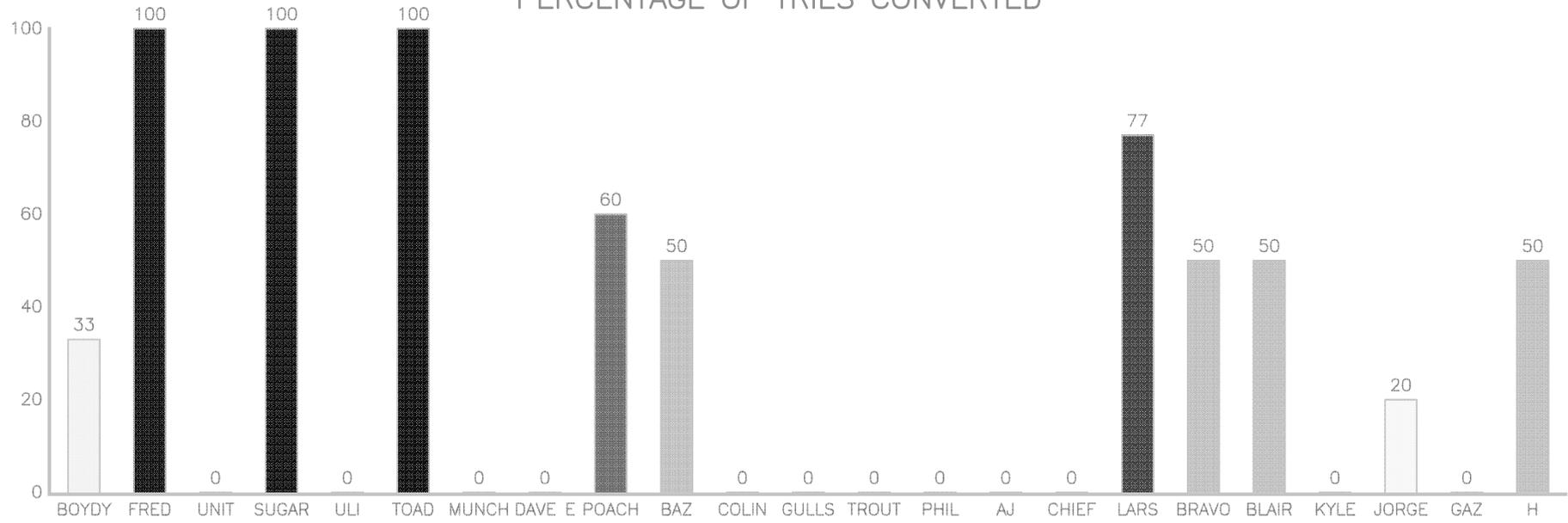
NUMBER OF 2011 GAMES – FORWARDS



NUMBER OF 2011 GAMES – BACKS



PERCENTAGE OF TRIES CONVERTED



MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

9th April 2011 - George PHILIP
16th April 2011 - Richard BRACEY
30th April 2011 - Brendyn LAWSON
14th May 2011 - Rob FOLEY
21st May 2011 - Fred BROADMORE
28th May 2011 - Kevin WILLIAMS
4th June 2011 - Adam JOHNSTON
11th June 2011 - Isaac ARAPAI
18th June 2011 - Phil KEARNS
25th June 2011 -
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6th August 2011 - George PHILIP

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

9th April 2011 - Phil HUGHES
16th April 2011 - Shane BOYD
23rd April 2011 - Steve JACK
30th APRIL 2011 - Kevin WILLIAMS
7th May 2011 - Garry KEAST
14th May 2011 - Hayden SMITH, Heath BARLOW
21st May 2011 - Greg BROWN
28th May 2011 - Gary RICHARDS, Kristen CURRIE
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Players of the Day are authorised by Article 2.7 of the Keith Charter

Every year at the Keith Sportsman of the Year Awards and Dinner, Keith presents to members of the team several awards for outstanding performances and celebrate the past season.

Most Tries – The Keith (Forward or Back) who scores the most tries during the season for the Keiths. If that player is lent to another Club team and scores, those tries do not count in the total for this award, but they still count for the official Club stats. In the event of a tie, the Award is shared.

Most Points by a Back – The Keith Back who scores the most points (tries, conversions, penalties or dropped goals) during the season for the Keiths. If that player is lent to another Club team and scores, those points do not count in the total for this award, but they still count for the official Club stats. In the event of a tie, the Award is shared.

Most Points by a Forward – The Keith Forward who scores the most points (tries, conversions, penalties or dropped goals) during the season for the Keiths. If that player is lent to another Club team and scores, those points do not count in the total for this award, but they still count for the official Club stats. In the event of a tie, the Award is shared.

Most Improved Back – The Keith Back who has improved their play the most from their first game of the season to their last game of the season. Not to be confused with an improvement from a previous season.

Most Improved Forward – The Keith Forward who has improved their play the most from their first game of the season to their last game of the season. Not to be confused with an improvement from a previous season.

Most Keithly On/Off the Field – Is given to the Keith who by their efforts on the field of play and by their attitude and commitment to the team off the field, exemplify the ideals of what being a team member really means.

New Boy of the Year – Awarded to a New Boy (see Article 1.4.2 of the Keith Charter for definition of New Boy) who has shown on the field play and off the field commitment above and beyond what a new member of the team would usually perform to. This includes game time, training and after match events.

Warwick Taylor Hard Bastard of the Year – Donated by Warwick Taylor for the Keith who shows guts, commitment, endeavour, that bit of mongrel and an overall toughness on the field.

Ladies Award for Player of the Year – Chosen by the sideline Ladies as the Keith who in their view shows ability and is that one step above other players on the field.

Longevity Award – This award shall go to the Keith who has played for a minimum of five seasons, a minimum of five games for the current season and is the oldest playing Keith in terms of age. In the event that no Keith fulfils those requirements then the Award shall not be issued that season.

Back of the Year – Is awarded to the Keith Back whose efforts during the season have been consistently of a high standard and who has stepped up to the plate and was prepared to give 100% every time, all the time.

Forward of the Year – Is awarded to the Keith Forward whose efforts during the season have been consistently of a high standard and who has stepped up to the plate and was prepared to give 100% every time, all the time.

James Graham Memorial Trophy – Players' Player – Donated by Scott Graham in memory of his brother. This Award shall be voted on by Players only, on the occasion of the Awards ceremony for the Player they themselves think is the best all round Keith Player. The recipient is not required to be at the Awards ceremony and in the event of a tie, the Award shall be shared. There are no restrictions on the number of times a Keith may be awarded this prize.

The main Keith Award is not given out at the Keith Awards and Dinner, but is traditionally awarded during the Keith end of season trip.

Keith of the Year – The premier Keith Award is voted on at an official Keith function (usually if possible the end of season trip) by Keiths, players and non players alike, they think has shown all round Keithly behaviour for the entire season and has proudly been a member of Keith for that season.

Restrictions and Regulations:

1. If you have previously been awarded Keith of the Year, you are ineligible for nomination and any votes cast in your favour are invalid.
2. To be eligible you must be present at the voting meeting/occasion.
3. No proxy votes permitted. To cast a vote you must be present at the voting meeting/occasion.
4. You may vote for yourself if eligible.

The Ashes – The raison d'etre for the Keith end of season trip. Is a doubles knockout challenge pool tournament with the winning pair being known as the Ash Holders. Due to fluctuating numbers year by year, local ad hoc rules may be determined if agreed by all teams. The following rules can not be changed or altered.

1. The current holders are to be challenged by the remaining teams. If only one Ash holder is present, his team shall be deemed to be the holding team.
2. The order of challengers shall be determined by points from the throw of darts.
3. If no Ash holders present, then the above darts points shall determine the order of play.
4. The winner of the Ashes shall be the last team remaining.
5. The Ashes must be on display one hour prior to the tournament commencing.

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