

Keith Almanac

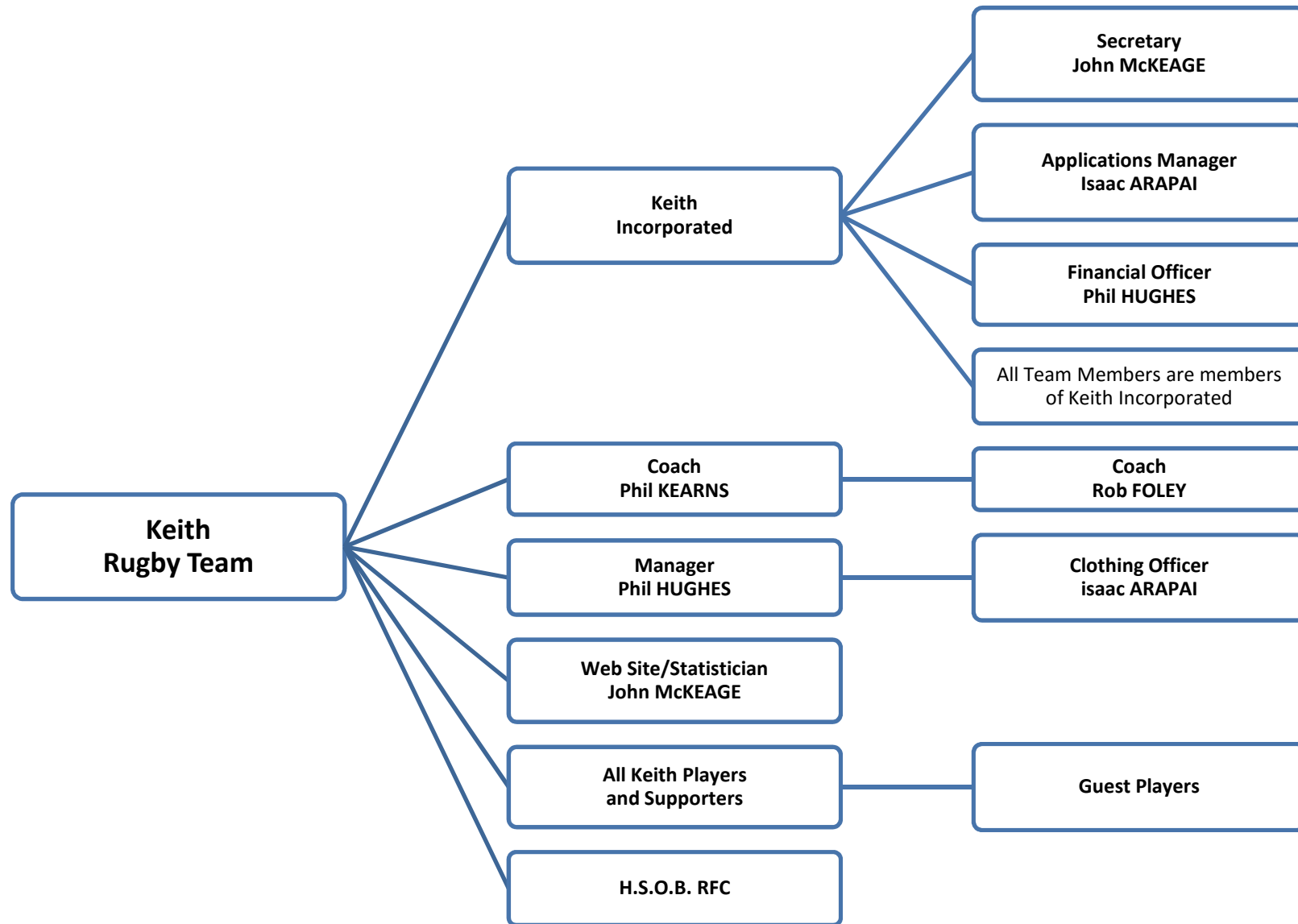
2015

A review of the years' games with Player Information,
Scoring Positions, Match Reports and General Keith Statistics.

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2015 Team List

AGAFILI Tupu *
ARAPAI Isaac
BARNES Simon
BOLTON Nick
BREEN Damien
BREUKER Mike
BROWN Brent
BROWN Sam
BROWNE Sean
BROADMORE Fred
COWAN Ian
CRICHTON Paul
CURRIE Kristen
DALL Calum
DEMPSEY Patrick
ELLS Steve
FATU Fatu
FERGESSON Jackson *
FOLEY Rob
GIFFORD Simon

GRAVETT Colin
GRIEVE James
GUISE Isireli *
HALLINAN Bruce
HARRISON Patrick *
HERRIOTT Stuart
HIGGS Steve
HUGHES Phil
HUNT Leyton
IOANE Matt
JAKOB David *
JOHNSTON Adam
JONES Rob
JONES Steve
KEARNS Phil
KEELER Scott *
KING Peter *
LAWSON Brendyn
LALI Jonathan *
LANGI Emili
LANGI Sione
LUCEY Patrick

LUXTON John
MacDONALD Iain
MATTHEW Thomas
MOKE Darren
NUGENT Jeff
NUMIA Suta
ORSBOURN Neil
PAULIN Kristian
PETI Andrew
PICKEN Murray
POUWHARE Jarden
POWER Richard
RYAN Paul
SANELE Zac
SEMIOLA Tito
SINCLAIR Ross
SMAWLLEY Spencer
SOLI Frankie
STRINGER Brad
VAN GROENEDAAL Mark
WEBB Bevan
WILLIAMS Geraint
WILLIAMS Kevin

* Guest Player from other HSOB Team

Team Management

Coach - Forwards
Phillip KEARNS

Coach - Backs
Rob FOLEY

Coaching Assistant
Peter HADDOCK

Manager
Phil HUGHES

Assistant Manager
Peter HADDOCK

Financial Controller
Phil HUGHES

Statistician / Web Site Administrator
John McKEAGE

Keith Rugby Online

Keith Rugby Web Site

keith.org.nz

Keith on FaceBook

keithbook.info

Keith on Twitter

keithtalk.info

Keith on YouTube

keithtv.info

Keith on Instagram

[instagram.com/keithrugby](https://www.instagram.com/keithrugby)

Keith Touch

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Keith E-Mail

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2015 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

2015 Sportsman of The Year Awards

Most Tries	Richard POWER (7)
Most Points by a Back	Richard POWER (86)
Most Points by a Forward	Emili LANGI (25)
Most Improved Back	Simon BARNES
Most Improved Forward	Stuart HERRIOTT
Most Keithly On/Off the Field	Steve JONES
New Boy of the Year	Murray PICKEN
Hard Bastard of the Year	Bevan WEBB
Ladies Award for Player of the Year	Sam BROWN
Longevity Award	Simon GIFFORD
Back of the Year	Murray PICKEN
Forward of the Year	Sam BROWN
James Graham Memorial Trophy	Sam BROWN
The Ashes	Bevan WEBB & Mark van GROENEDAAL
Keith of the Year	Stuart HERRIOTT
HSOB Club Awards	
Most Valuable Player	Sam BROWN
Most Improved Player	Stuart HERRIOTT

Scores at a Glance

Date versus	For	Against
11/4 Shirley D4	15	20
18/4 Suburbs	13	30
25/4 Shirley W	10	38
2/5 Christchurch	12	36
9/5 Burnside	43	24
16/5 Belfast M	37	3
23/5 Lyttelton	22	27
30/5 Linwood	Lost Default	Won Default
06/6 Belfast D4	55	7
13/6 Sydenham	18	34
20/6 Sumner	27	5
27/6 New Brighton	12	18
4/7 Marist-Albion	32	15
11/7 Burnside	26	10
18/7 Belfast D4	23	25
25/7 Sumner	10	11
1/8 Marist-Albion	0	15
8/8 Lyttelton	34	28
FOR	389	AGAINST 347

Games

Scheduled	18
Played	17
Won	7
Lost	11 (1 by default)
Drawn	0

Scores

Highest Score	55-7	v Belfast D4 6 th June
Lowest Score	0-15	v Marist-Albion 1 st August
Average Score	22-19	
Mean Score	18-18	
Highest Margin	49	v Belfast D4 6 th June
Lowest Margin	-28	v Shirley W 25 th April
Average Margin	2	
Mean Margin	-2	
Average Winning Margin	23	
Average Losing Margin	-11	

General Statistics

Number of Tries	54
Number Players who Scored Tries	18
Average number Tries per Game	3
Number Conversions	31
Number Players who kicked Conversions	6
Average number Conversions per Game	2
Number Penalties / Dropped Goals	19
Number Players who kicked Penalties	5
Average number Penalties per Game	1

Averages are rounded up or down to nearest whole number

Number of Games

Paul CRICHTON	17
Isaac ARAPAI	16
Richard POWER	16
Kevin WILLIAMS	16
Simon GIFFORD	15
Bevan WEBB	14
Ross SINCLAIR	14
Total Players Used	74
(including Guest Players)	
Average Players used per Game	24

Points Breakdown

Name	Tries	Conv	Pen	Total
POWER R	7	12	9	86
SEMILOA T	6			30
DALL C		7	5	29
LANGI E	5			25
ELLS S	4			20
LUXTON J	4			20
SINCLAIR R	4			20
SOLI F		7	2	20
WILLIAMS K	4			20
NUGENT J		3	2	12
BROWN S	2			10
CRICHTON P	2			10
FERGESSON J	2			10
GRIEVE J	2			10
PICKEN M	2			10
BREUKER M	1			5
BROADMORE F	1			5
DEMPSEY P	1			5
FOLEY R	1			5
JONES S	1			5
POUWHARE J	1			5
JONES R			1	3
BARNES S		1		2
LUCEY P		1		2
PENALTY TRY	2			10
TOTAL	54	31	19	389

Most Valuable Player

11th April - Kevin WILLIAMS
 18th April - Fatu FATU
 25th April - Sam BROWN
 2nd May - Iain MacDONALD
 9th May - Mike BREUKER
 16th May - John LUXTON
 23rd May - Emili LANGII
 6th June - Calum DALL
 13th June - Stuart HERRIOTT
 20th June - Jamie GRIEVE
 27th June - Adam JOHNSTON
 4th July - Ross SINCLAIR
 11th July - Bruce HALLINAN
 18th July - Steve JONES
 25th July - Murray PICKEN
 1st August - Simon GIFFORD
 8th August - Paul CRICHTON

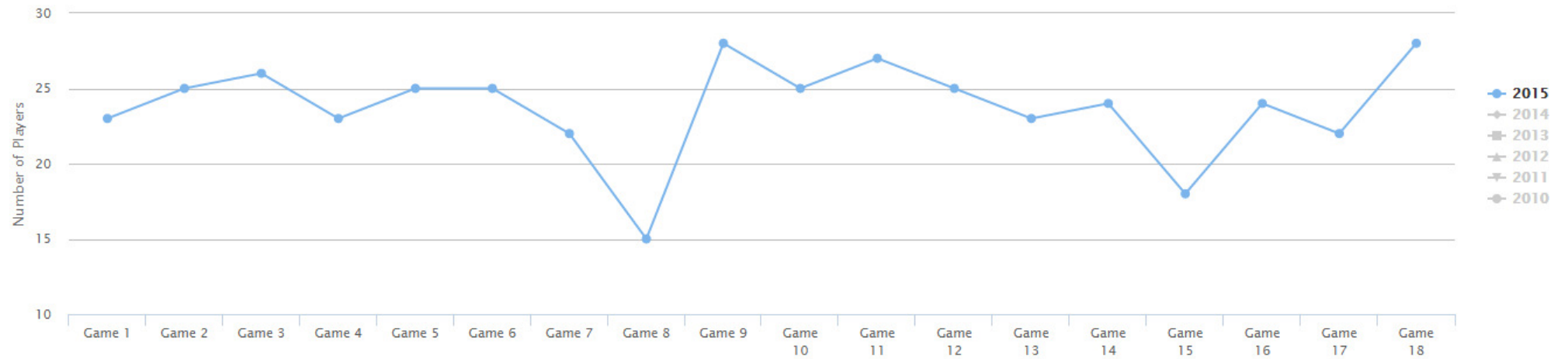
Sargentina Trophy

The Sargentina Trophy was lost in 2015 to Christchurch on the 2nd May

Players per Game 2010 – 2015

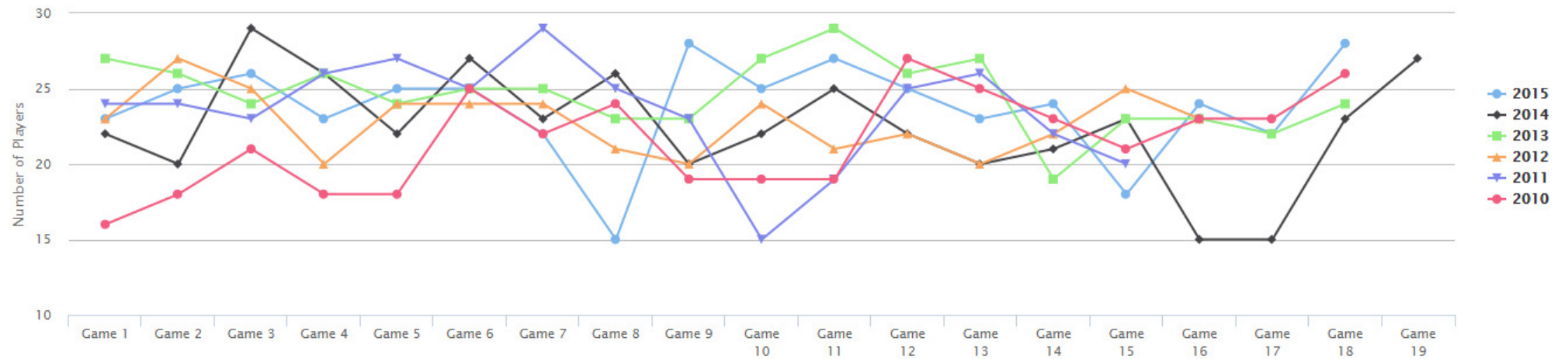
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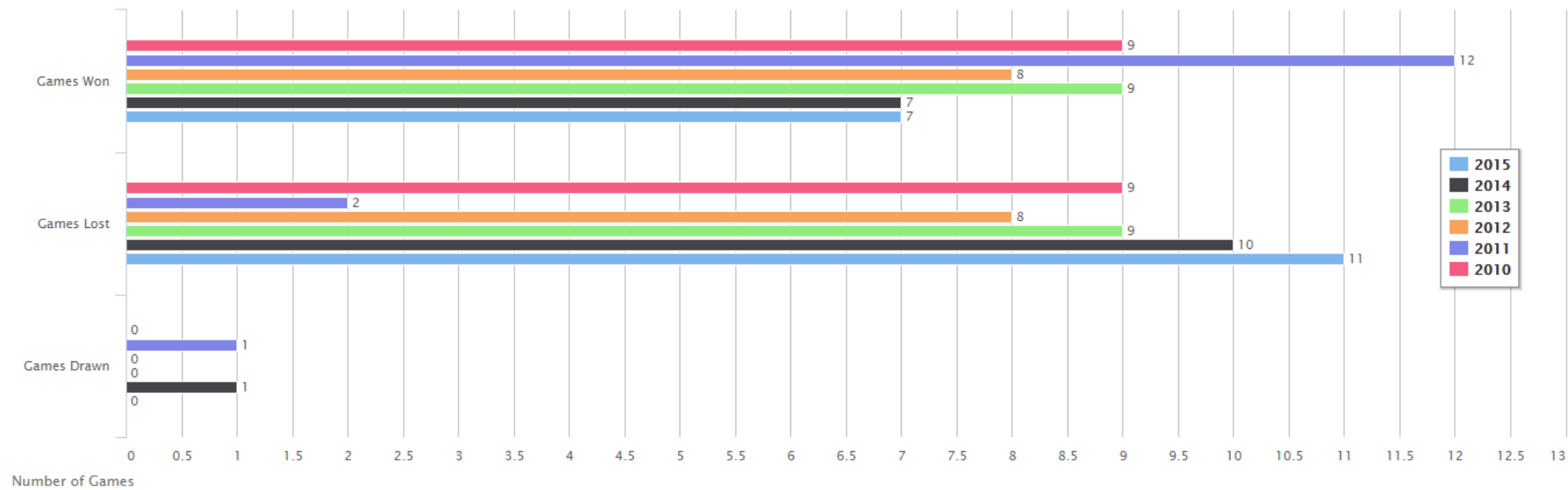
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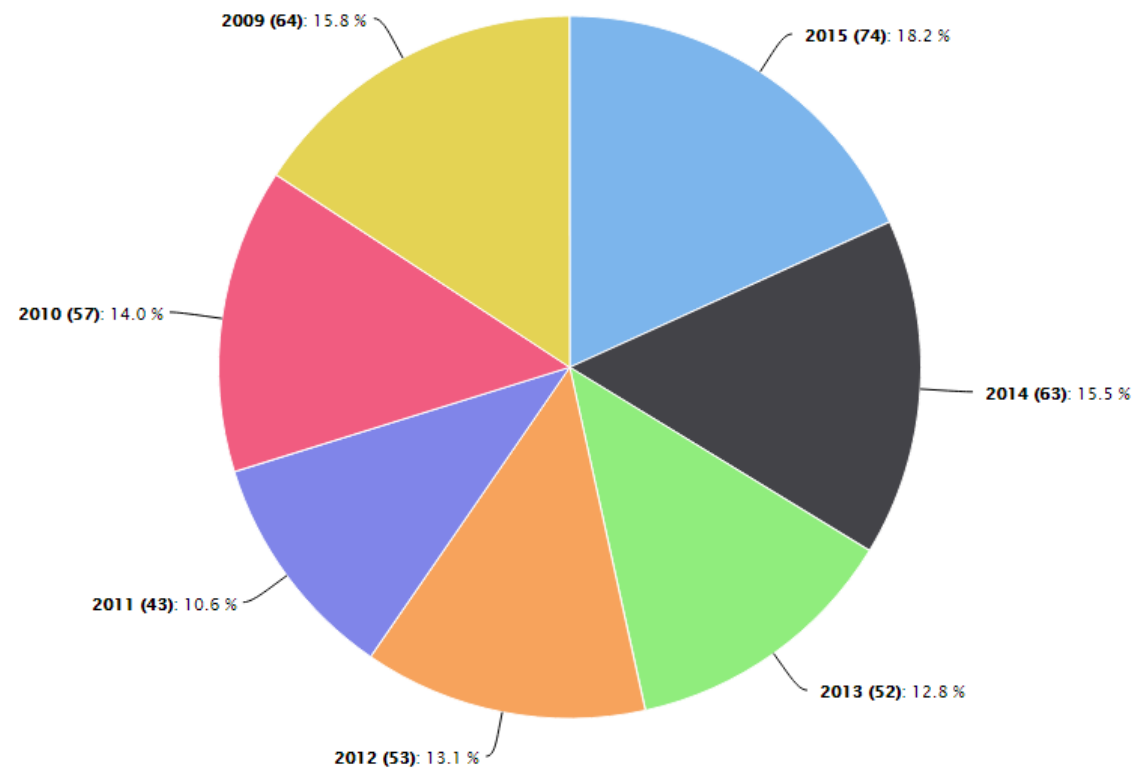
Keith Games Won - Lost - Drawn 2010 - 2015

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 - 2015



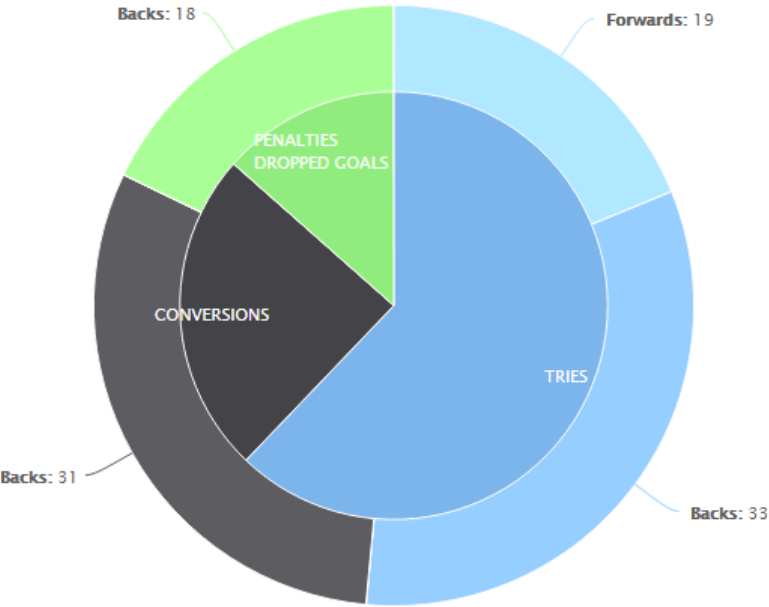
Players per Season 2009 – 2015

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2015



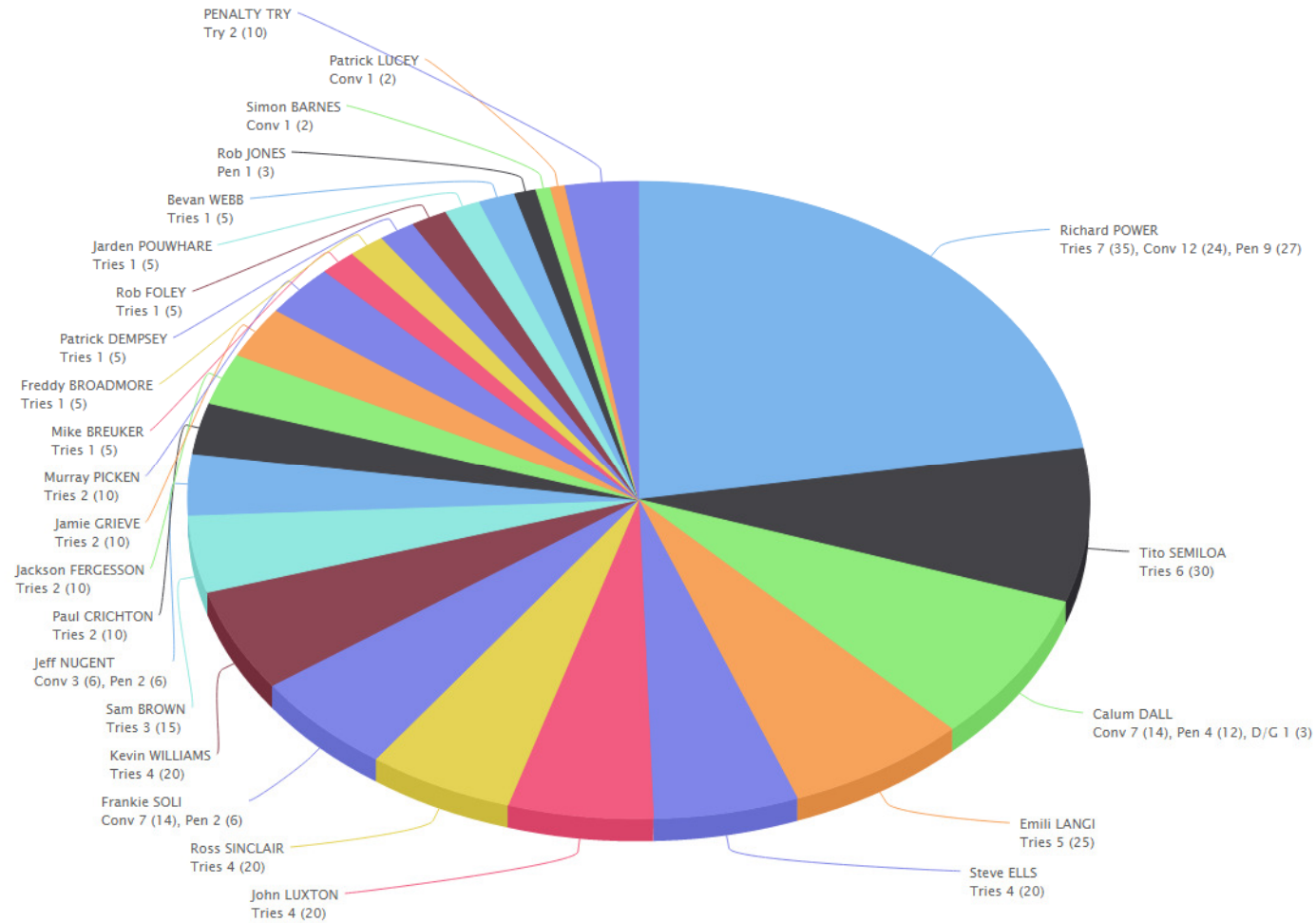
Percentage of Type of Points Scored by Player Type 2015

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2015



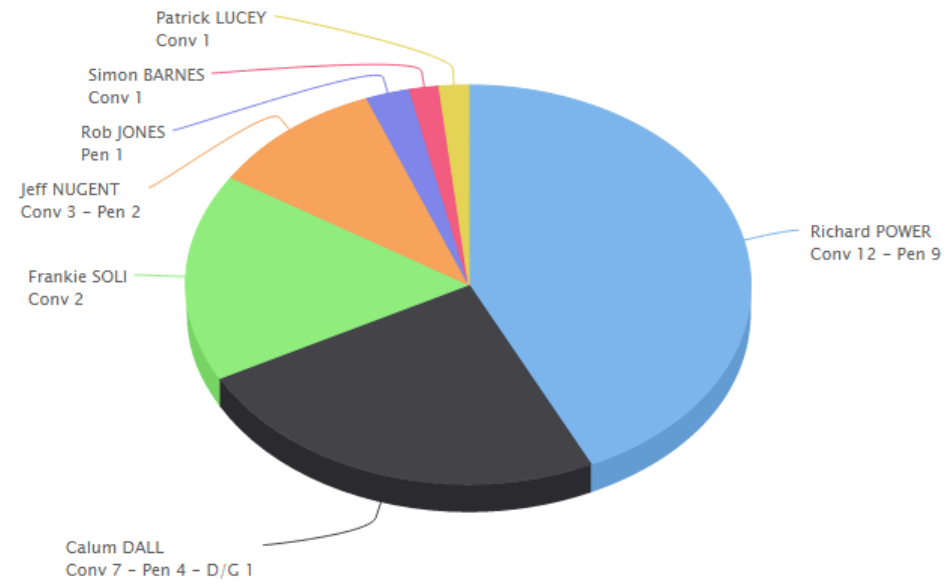
POINTS SCORERS 2015

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2015
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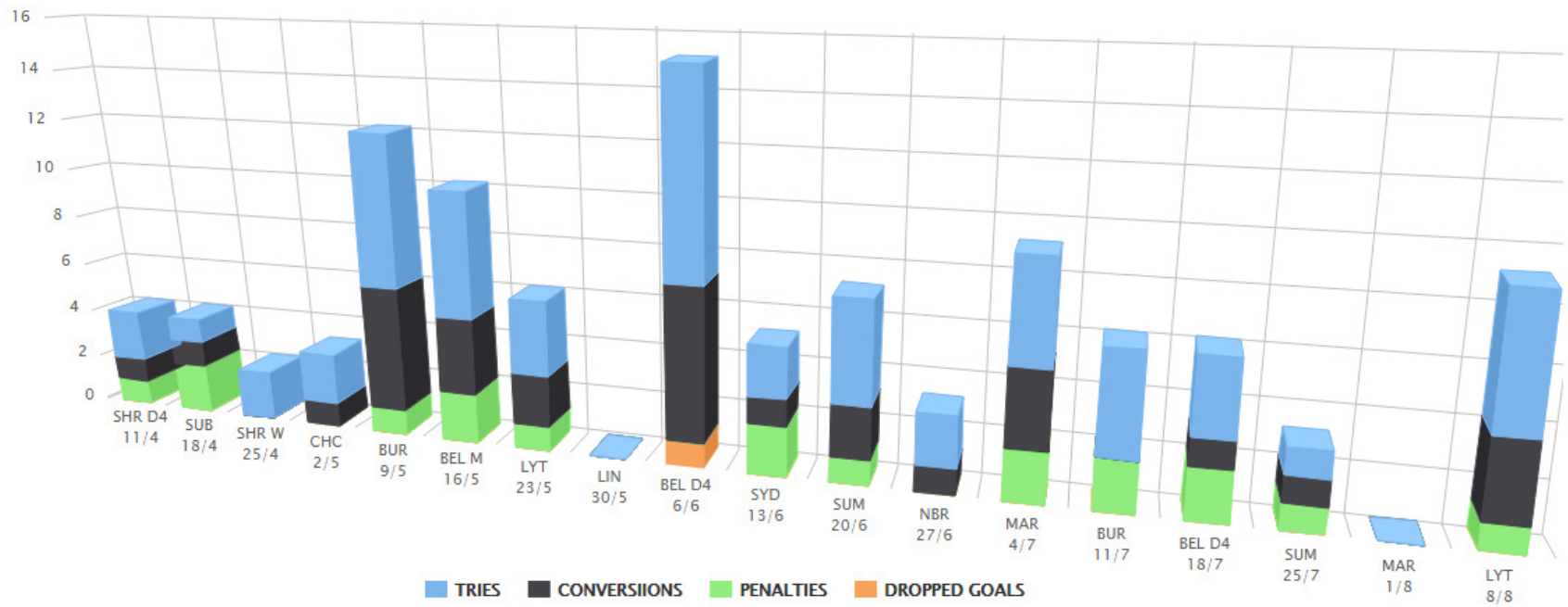


NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL CONVERSIONS/PENALTIES 2015

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2015



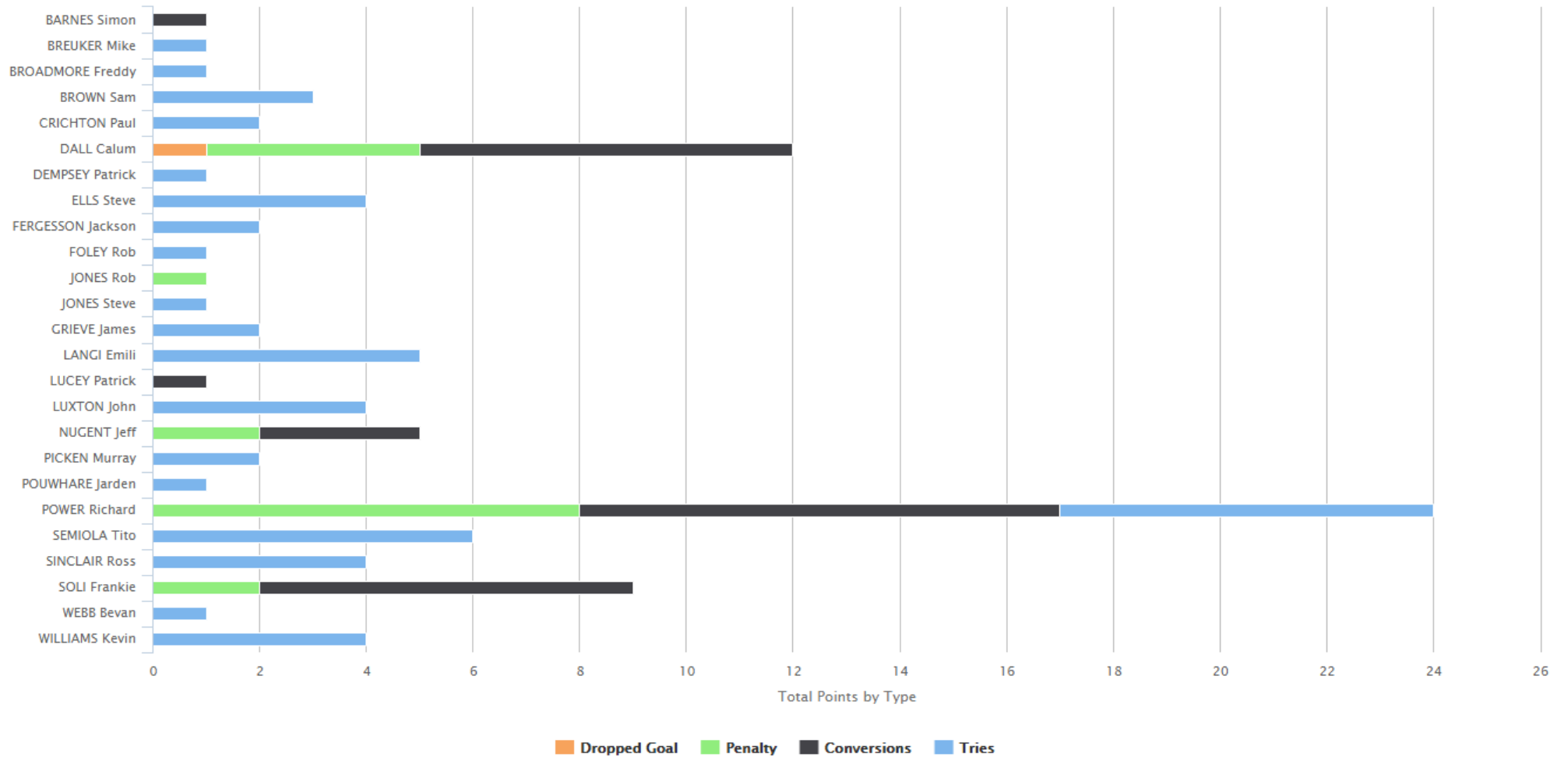
Points Breakdown per Game – 2015



Number and Scoring Types per Player 2015

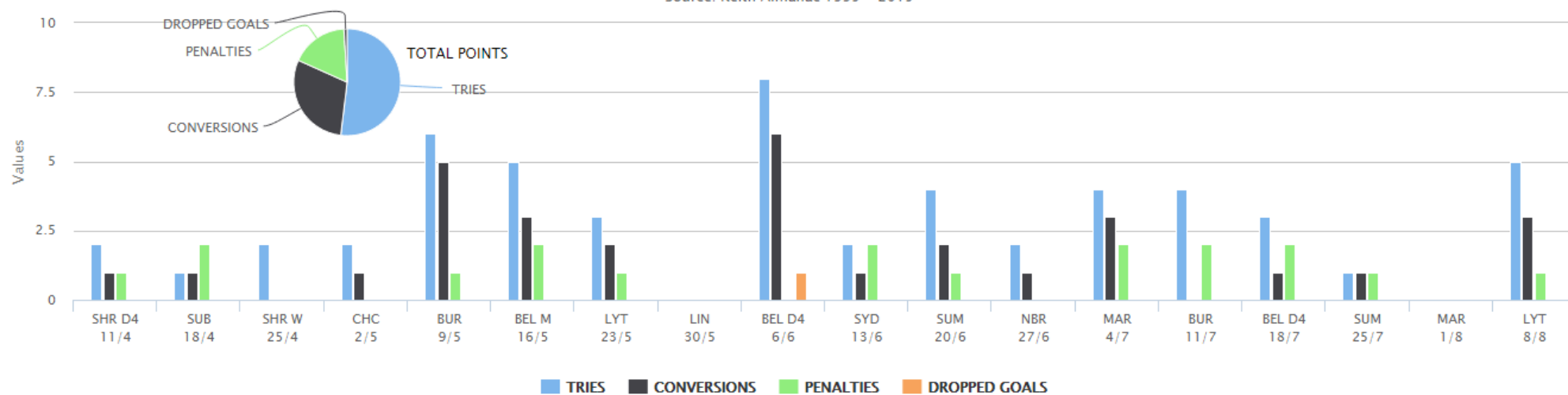
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Number Tries – Conversions – Penalties per Game 2015

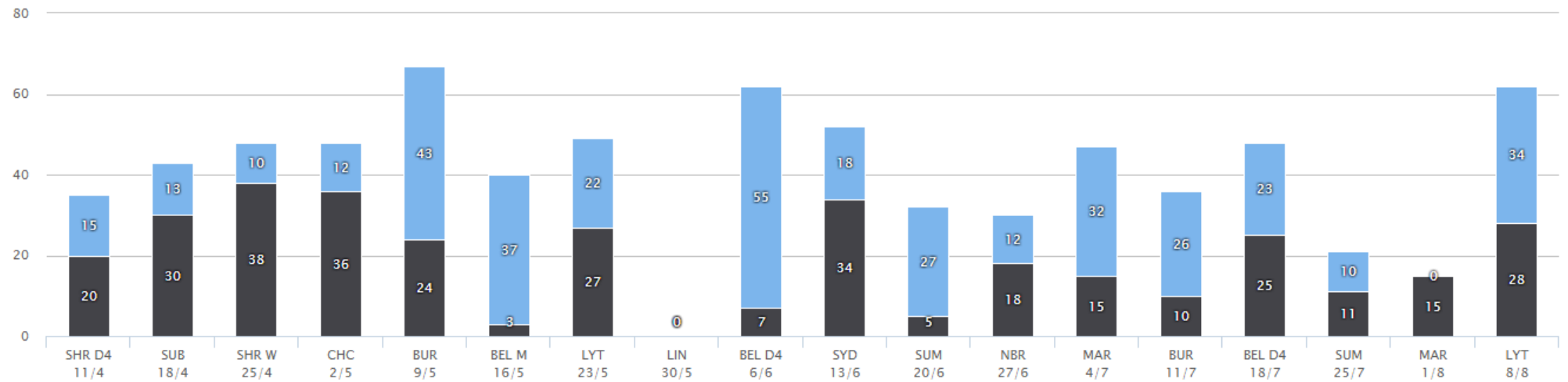
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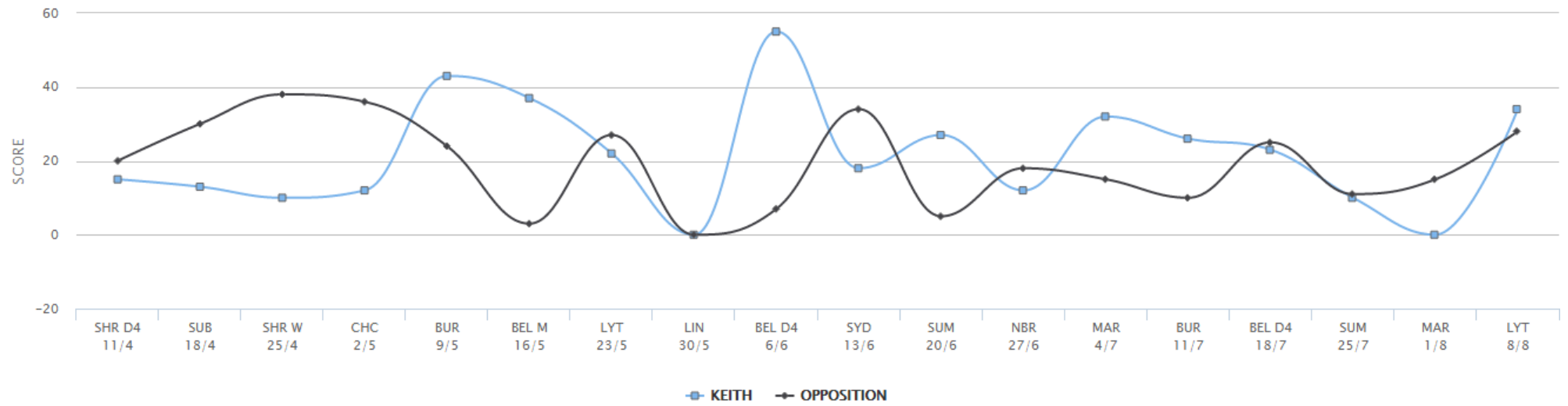
Final Scores 2015

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 - 2015

Keith Score Opposition Score

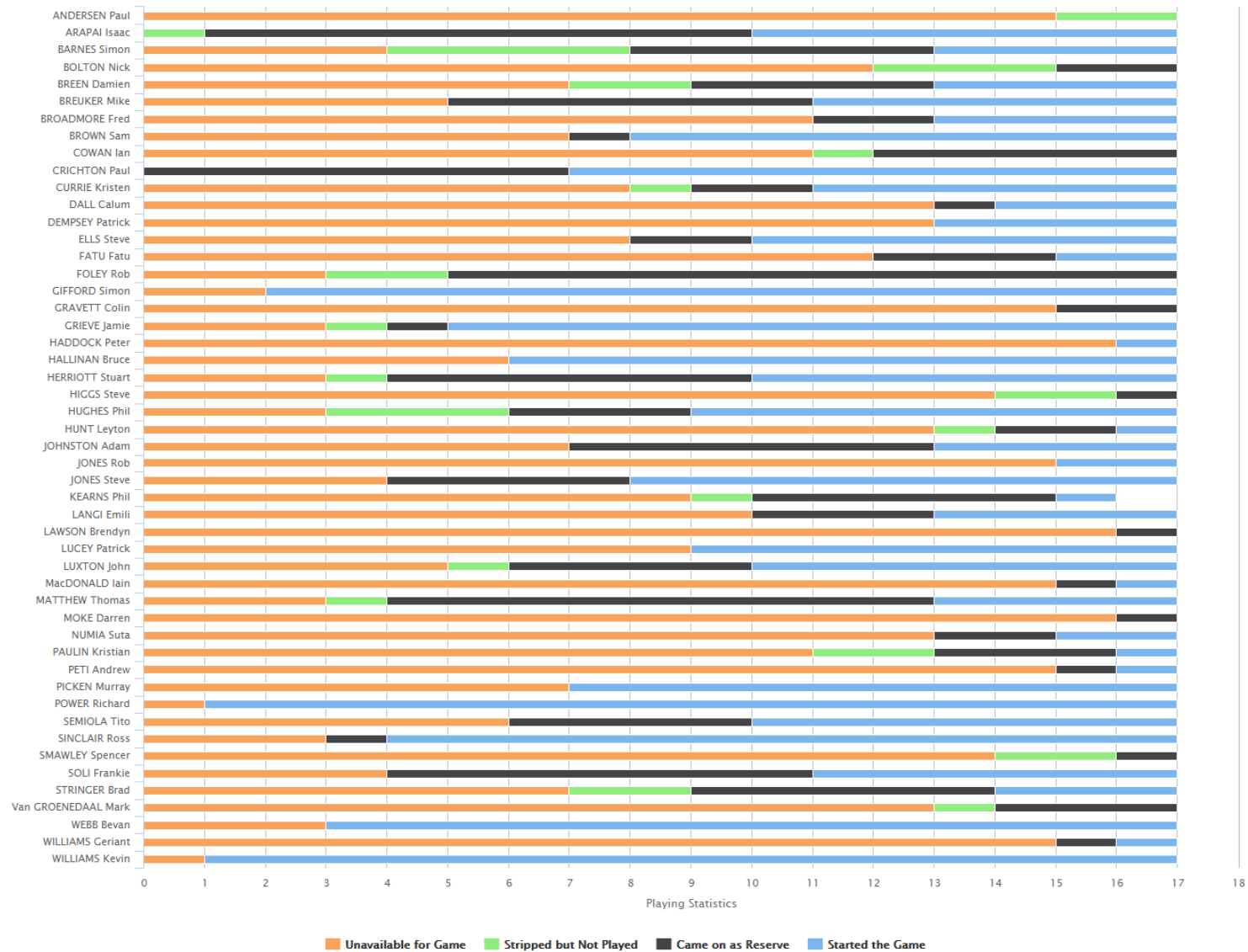


Weekly Scoring Differential - 2015



Games Played / Not Played 2015

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2015



Guest Players – Games Played / Not Played 2015

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2015



Keith v Shirley D4 - 11th April 2015

Ground: Bob Deans 3

Time: 2:45pm

Team List

Bruce HALLINAN
Jamie GRIEVE
Steve JONES
Patrick DEMPSEY
Simon GIFFORD
Freddy BROADMORE
Damien BREEN
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Rob JONES
Paul CRICHTON
Ross SINCLAIR
John LUXTON
Patrick LUCEY
Richard POWER

Reserves

Thomas MATTHEW
Isaac ARAPAI
Mike BREUKER
Patrick HARRISON
Brad STRINGER
Fatu FATU
Geraint WILLIAMS
Calum DALL

Points: 15-20

Tries: Jamie GRIEVE, Richard POWER

Conv: Calum DALL

Pen: Rob JONES

Player of the Day: Reo-Tobias HAYAMA

Most Valuable Player: Kevin WILLIAMS

AND I WOULD WALK 500 MILES AND I WOULD WALK 500 MORE. EXCEPT I DIDN'T.

Seven strangers in the Keith Pavillion on an early April Saturday. Only one thing it can mean. New Boys!!

So welcome to all those new to Keith and welcome back all those who forgave us last year and the many that years preceded. It's good to have you all drinking Speight's and playing rugby.

Thanks also to Chief and Poacher for remaining at their posts of Coaches and to Trouty for being the "Manager" although Sonny Phil still seems to be doing the same things he's been doing since he retired as manager. But hey ho.

As usual, Poacher and Chief we getting anxious about numbers and then they checked their watches and we still had an hour to go but as happens every time, numbers arrived in time. Some Keiths are still away doing pre-rugby shit and they'll be back in a week or so fit and rearing to go.

The game started as we meant to continue, with Rob JONES slotting a penalty, but naturally, Shirley Not The Wankers came back with a try and some kicking to take out the first half even though Jamie GRIEVE stole a certain try off Pieman AND Bruce. And Lucey, true to form, coughed a try scoring opportunity. Luckily it was caught on video so he can't embellish how many were tackling him.

There were a few instances of argy bargy and a bit of unnecessary handbags which resulted in a few cases of ten in the bin for both sides. Not an auspicious start, but not surprising considering Shirley Not The Wankers are in fact, Wankers.

Second half proved much the same as the first, except Dick Power proved his name and slotted in for an easy try while half the Shirley squad was busy telling Freddy how much they hated his rugby jersey. New Boy Calum (One "L") showed us we have more than one kicker now, since Motu defected over to University.

I know Chief and Poacher are sorry some of the New Boys and the Old didn't get to play, but more numbers is better than too few, right? Later on in the season you'll be glad of a rest when the body starts to show the slings and arrows of the outrageously hard games still to come.

Breen, now starting his third season, has reached the personal milestone of being in the double figures club by reaching 10 games. Frankly, I didn't think you'd ever make. But well done.

Bur today saw the last regular game for Paddy Dempsey who's moving up to the capital to be closer to the seat of governmental power (and prostiutes). We will miss him on the field tremendously. Not so much back in the clubrooms as he didn't appear often. Good luck Paddy.

Keith v Suburbs - 18th April 2015

Ground: Hoon Hay 1

Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Bruce HALLINAN
James GRIEVE
Phil HUGHES
Kris CURRIE
Simon GIFFORD
Fred BROADMORE
Damien BREEN
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Rob JONES
Calum DALL
Ross SINCLAIR
Patrick LUCEY
Fatu FATU
Richard POWER

Reserves

Thomas MATTHEW
Steve JONES
Isaac ARAPAI
Phil KEARNS
Brad STRINGER
Paul CRICHTON
Rob FOLEY
Simon BARNES
Frankie SOLI
Stuart HERRIOTT

Points: 13-30

Tries: Richard POWER

Conv: Calum DALL

Pen: Calum DALL (2)

Player of the Day: Thomas MATTHEW

Most Valuable Player: Fatu FATU

KNICK KNACK PADDY WHACK, GIVE THIS KEITH A BONE, THIS OLD KEITH CAME ROLLING HOME.

Not sure if it's because there's a lot of New Boys in the team this year, or because Old Coves are realising that we need to start switching on, but Keith seem to be filling up the changing sheds an awful lot earlier than previously. It's good, but making me nervous that I've missed something of importance. I'm sure I'll figure it out soon.

What does need to be figured out is the "What's going on with the scrums?" question. We were knocked around a bit. If it was by experience and technique, we can counter it, but if it was by having a front row not large enough, then I'm unsure where we went wrong, because our front row is of the huge variety. I'm sure Chief will sort something out at training.

In the distant past, our lineouts were won by Pieman on a very regular basis, and in 2014, they were won by Paddy. With the departure of him, Pieman has shown he can still jump (assisted) and do what's necessary. Oh, and Muncher was doing something in the lineout too, but he didn't just celebrate 175 Keith games like Simon just did. Well done that man.

The backline seemed almost as it always has been. Composed, poised and like a coiled spring ready to unwind at blindingly fast speeds. Until things went a tad pear shaped. From a points perspective, the only bright spot was Dick's runaway try, but if you looked carefully, there were some good solid runs, break out and tackles. Webby had a huge hit on an unsuspecting former Indian Dairy robber but Chester's absolute demolition of someone three times the size and weight of the little 45kg yarpie was a joyous sight to behold indeed. He can rightly regale audiences on that tackle well into his dotage. Sadly, I didn't get either in photographs or videos.

It was somewhat disconcerting however, to see so many Keiths come off the field with serious injuries over and above the usual knocks and "Jesus I need a beer" breaks. Webby's ankle, Steve's orbital bone, Damien's ummmm, fatness - fitness whatever it was plus Rob's possible concussion. That at least was solved by having Muncher there to administer the concussion test because his wife's a gynecologist. Good thing he married her and knew what to do.

Being down at half time, then with good skills, coming back to level the scores, a win was in our grasp. Two quick and dare I say it, dirty tries to Suburbs didn't give us time to come back and top off the scoring with a win. We did win some free drinks from the local Somali Church who tried to prosthetize us so that made up for it.

Speaking of free drinks, 36 free bottles of beer divided by the 11 Keith who showed up at the clubrooms is not a good statistic, unless you were there drinking the free drink. Where the fuck were you?

Keith v Shirley W - 25th April 2015
Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45

Team List

Bruce HALLINAN
James GRIEVE
Phil HUGHES
Simon GIFFORD
Stuart HERRIOTT
Sam BROWN
Freddy BROADMORE
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Geriant WILLIAMS
Paul CRICHTON
Ross SINCLAIR
Fatu FATU
Simon BARNES
Tito SEMIOLA

Reserves

Isaac ARAPAI
Phil KEARNS
Thomas MATTHEW
Brent BROWN
Adam JOHNSTON
Jarden POUWHARE
Zac SANELE
Iain MacDONALD
Suta NUMIA
Brad STRINGER
Frankie SOLI

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN, AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Twass an important day to some, and just another day to others, but it was good to see both teams respecting the moment before the game commenced, and respecting each other later on during play. A good start to ANZAC Day rugby.

Shirley The Official Wankers are always a good team to play historically, even if the skill level was in the past a bit one sided. In our grade, once you've been around as long as we have, you get to form relationships with teams and opposition players. The Wankers are no different in the regard and I am always pleased to see Keiths joking around and having fun with the other side.

Talking about having fun together, Sam and his father seem to be a good pairing on the field. Both playing like champions gave us something good to watch instead of watching Breen play. So more Father/Son days on Saturdays I say. More also of bringing speedy and talented New Boys. Tito, Zac, Jarden and Suta woke us up a bit as to what we could accomplish if we weren't fat and slow (or Breen). Notwithstanding the impact of those New Boys, some of the older generation of Keith proved why they are still on form. Freddy, who wasn't even going to play, scored and gave his all. Kev just continued to be Kev right up the middle and get out of my way. Pieman gave another huge 80 and dirty old Frankie still has some moves.

Which is all good as a team that's been around as long as ours understand the importance of mixing old and new, slow and fast, daring and considered methodology, speights and lion brown.

Points: 10-38

Tries: Freddy BROADMORE, Jaden POUWHARE

Conv:

Pen:

Player of the Day:

Most Valuable Player: Sam BROWN

Keith v Christchurch - 2nd May 2015

Ground: Christchurch Park 2

Time: 1-00pm

Team List

Bruce HALLINAN
Scott KEELER
Phil HUGHES
Simon GIFFORD
Stuart HERRIOTT
Sam BROWN
Thomas MATTHEW
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Richard POWER
Paul CRICHTON
Murray PICKEN
Patrick LUCEY
Brad STRINGER
Iain MacDONALD

Reserves

Isaac ARAPAI
Mike BREUKER
Damien BREEN
Phil KEARNS
Freddy BROADMORE
Leyton HUNT
Rob FOLEY
John LUXTON

ROLLIN'. ROLLIN'. ROLLIN' LIKE A RIVER. IN THE DEEP.

There were beards everywhere. And I mean beards. Luxuriant and flowing. Didn't make for good rugby though, but still. Beards.

Piez took great delight in rubbing his balls along the rim of the Sargentina Trophy before the game, just in case we lost it. Which was fortuitous as we did indeed, lose it. The trophy and our focus.

Things aren't going well, but they're not falling apart. Having different combinations to play with every week is a coaches dream, providing every combination has played together before. In our case, injury and unavailability has made these player combos like having a Big Mac combo as your wedding breakfast instead of the more traditional KFC. Not too bad separately, but together they just leave a funny taste in your mouth.

Only time and players getting to know one another should alleviate this problem.

That being said, there was, as always, some individual brilliance from a lot of Keiths. Sam, Kev, Dick, Webby, Murray gave 110% but on the day, we just weren't good enough to capitalise on the mistakes Christchurch made and the very strange refereeing decisions.

Plenty of heart on the field, but not enough something else. We'll know what it is when we see it.

Points: 12-36

Tries: Murray PICKEN, Richard POWER

Conv: Richard POWER

Pen:

Player of the Day: Damien BREEN

Most Valuable Player: Iain MacDONALD

Keith v Burnside - 9th May 2015

Ground: Burnside Park 7

Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Bruce HALINAN
James GRIEVE
Phil HUGHES
Simon GIFFORD
Damien BREEN
Patrick DEMPSEY
Tito SEMILOA
Kevin WILLIAMS
Frankie SOLI
Richard POWER
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Patrick LUCEY
John LUXTON
Neil ORSBOURN

Reserves

Phil KEARNS
Mike BREUKER
Isaac ARAPAI
Darren MOKE
Adam JOHNSTON
Fatu FATU
Rob FOLEY
Leyton HUNT
Paul CRICHTON
Simon BARNES

Points: 43-24

Tries: Kevin WILLIAMS (2), Tito SEMILOA, Ross SINCLAIR, Rob FOLEY, PENALTY TRY

Conv: Richard POWER (2), Frankie SOLI, Patrick LUCEY, Simon BARNES

Pen: Richard POWER

Player of the Day:

Most Valuable Player: Mike BREUKER

KEITH STRIKE BACK. WITH A VENGEANCE. THE SEQUEL. 2.

The Fortunes and Misfortunes of the Famous Paddy Lucey, &c. Who was Born in Ireland, and during a Life of continu'd Variety for Twodozen Years, besides his Childhood, was Four Year a Keith, five times a Lover (whereof once to his own Sister), Twelve Year a Scholar, Five Year a Transported Felon in New Zealand, at last grew Rich, liv'd Honest, and died a Penitent.

Kevin was stopped short of skiting with three tries, but two is a good haul. Tito, Ross and Poacher made their tries seem easy, but how desperate is Richard Power to stay on top of the points ladder? How could anyone deny Lucey and Chester their moment in the sun? Finally.

It's a truth universal that the tighter one squeezes what one wants, the more it slips between ones fingers. Or is that just in porn? Anyway, we've proven it today, as we have in the past (but seemingly forgotten) that when we relax and trust ourselves, the game opens up and we come together. No, hang on, that IS porn.

Everyone in the squad has individual skills and long may we continue to utilize them; but a winning performance relies on basic fundamentals and if we continue to get those right, more wins will come.

Thank you to those whose injuries were not so onerous so as to stay at home fidgeting with themselves, but who turned up and played their part on the sideline running touch, passing water, running drills and generally being supportive. It's good to remember that team spirit isn't only for those on the field.

Thank you also to those who put their bodies on the line in past weeks but sensibly took themselves out of selection availability so that they may be better and faster and stronger later in the season. Hopefully those who injured themselves today will not have to sacrifice too much time for recovery.

Our injury woes are not the worst I've seen, but it is important to recover well so that the team can continue to function. Doug Jack has a spa for those needing Sunday soothing.

It was a funny game to watch with brilliant rolling mauls and back line bursts but also with "what the fuck are you doing" moments, but I from the sideline, thoroughly enjoyed the game. Mainly because of the result, but I still enjoyed it.

I missed it last week back at the clubrooms, but no fighting tonight please. Just like the fuzzy wuzzys, Div3 don't like it up 'em. And neither do the bar staff.

Keith v Belfast M - 16th May 2015

Ground: Bob Deans 4

Time: 1-00pm

Team List

James GRIEVE
Bruce HALLINAN
Phil HUGHES
Simon GIFFORD
Patrick DEMPSEY
Scott KEELER
Sam BROWN
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Richard POWER
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Brad STRINGER
Patrick LUCEY
John LUXTON

Reserves

Isaac ARAPAI
Emili LANGI
Thomas MATTHEW
Paul CRICHTON
Nick BOLTON
Tito SEMIOLA
Tupu AGAFILI
David JAKOB
Jonathan LALI
Jackson FERGESON

Points: 37-3

Tries: Jackson FERGESON (2), Ross SINCLAIR,
John LUXTON, Paul CRICHTON

Conv: Richard POWER (3)

Pen: Richard POWER (2)

Player of the Day: Steve JONES

Most Valuable Player: John LUXTON

PANIC AT THE DISCO. AS USUAL.

With Poacher not there to calm him down, Chief did his usual 'ohmygodwhatarewegoingtodobecauseunooneishere' routine. Until it was pointed out that we had enough players and reserves. And then we got some more courtesy of Jamie Livingston. Cheers buddy.

And then we had to decide what we were going to do with Currie. Unco-ordinated afoot plus not too sure on which way his arms go in a lineout call, we decided that retreat was the better half of valour and gave his touch judge position to a real live referee who just happened to be passing by. Phew.

The starting 15 was all Keith and the first 40 was old school Keithliness and hard yakka. It reminded me of the 1972 Lions tour. Ahhh, those were the days of real rugby players. And real rugby scores.

There weren't even any injuries, so possibly we have remembered how to play rugby the right way now?

Just a penalty apiece made for an interesting half time get it up them speech from Chief. And a few judicious changes in personnel gave us the impetus to score some fucking good tries for a change. We even got denied some fucking good tries for a change instead of just pushing over or intercepting a wayward pass to score. Clear thought out moves result in clear and thoughtful points on the board. Or on my wee pad that I keep track of the scores on.

Lucey tried his damndest to score, but didn't quite make it, but still, Dick (am I saying that right Dick?) wont let anyone topple him from the points perch he has cemented himself onto (Article 4.1.7 of the Keith Charter in case anyone is interested).

We didn't miss Breen at all! Ha!! Or Dirk. Although I suspect Freddy will regret missing this game. It would have been right up his alley.

Keith v Lyttelton - 23rd May 2015
Ground: Lyttelton Sports Ground
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Bruce HALLINAN
Isaac ARAPAI
Steve JONES
Simon GIFFORD
Mike BREUKER
Emili LANGI
Sam BROWN
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Richard POWER
Paul CRICHTON
Ross SINCLAIR
Patrick LUCEY
Simon BARNES
Tito SEMIOLA

Reserves

Jamie GRIEVE
Damien BREEN
Thomas MATTHEW
Stuart HERRIOTT
Frankie SOLI
Rob FOLEY
Fatu FATU

Points: 22-27

Tries: Emili LANGI, Paul CRICHTON, Tito SEMIOLA

Conv: Richard POWER (2)

Pen: Richard POWER

Player of the Day:

Most Valuable Player: Emili LANGI

BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE LEGEND OF GREYSKULL, I HEREBY PRONOUNCE ALL THE IRISH IN THE TEAM, HAPPILY MARRIED

I've been keeping Team records and results since 1995 and it's been over 20 years since Keith traveled to Lyttelton and I know this because a) I remember playing against them back when it was 3rd Grade and b) I don't have a record of the match.

Some in the team may have been put out by the fact that Lyttelton needed help from another team so that a full team and a match could be played. Fair enough, until you remember we did that ourselves only 1 week earlier. So karma, bitch. But seriously, Lyttelton were in a grave position of nearly defaulting the game, so we're thankful they didn't.

Half One was gotten off to with a hiss and a roar, immediately followed by the opposition repeating that hissing and roaring and all sorts of noises and expelling of air from the lungs. It made for some exciting rugby to watch and some hopeful nervousness at half time. Paddy was as keen as an expertly honed knife to have Tito pass him the ball, but Tito may have had trouble discerning the Irish lilt in Paddy's voice for that of a seagull, so consequently, Paddy didn't get to handle many try scoring opportunities. Again.

Tito, however scored quite brilliantly, so that was all right then. Toad and Emili did likewise and that was also all right.

Big Hard Dirk was almost 100% with his kicks and still managed to keep his top spot on the points table.

Pieman (Simple Simon) was our go to jumper, no matter what position he was in the lineout and Lyttelton hardly ever noticed and their constant calling for short lineouts wasn't at all related I'm sure. Piez (Who Ate All The) was picked in the starting front row much to his bodys annoyance, but muscle (fat) memory soon kicked in and it got used to playing more than 20 minutes in a single go.

Stand outs in the first half were Sam and Emili being everywhere man and Trouty for not recognising any possible children in the crowd. Steve Jones and other men needing claps on the back for in the second half are Dick and Fatu for facing certain death defying injuries and Red and Breen for being ginger and proud of it. Also to Chester for his hair.

Other points of note in Half Two were the lack of any points from our team at all and the coldness of the air once the sun went behind the rim of the volcano.

I wont mention me being all alone at the clubrooms as it's a sore point and unworthy of mention as I said at the start of this sentence.

Keith v Linwood - 30th May 2015

Ground: Linfield 3

Time: 2:45pm

Keith Defaulted this game to Linwood due to High Injury and Availability Issues.

Keith v Belfast D4 - 6th June 2015

Ground: Bob Deans 3

Time: 2:45

Team List

Bruce HALLINAN
Steve JONES
Thomas MATTHEW
Patrick DEMPSEY
Simon GIFFORD
Emili LANGI
Sam BROWN
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Calum DALL
Murray PICKENS
Ross SINCLAIR
Simon BARNES
Steve ELLS
Richard POWER

Reserves

Kristen CURRIE
Stuart HERRIOTT
Ian COWAN
Scott KEELER
Mike BREUKER
Isaac ARAPAI
Brad STRINGER
John LUXTON
Adam JOHNSTON
Paul CRICHTON
Brendyn LAWSON
Frankie SOLI
Tito SEMIOLA

Points: 55-7

Tries: Sam BROWN (2), Emili LANGI (2), Bevan WEBB, Steve ELLS, Patrick DEMPSEY, Tito SEMIOLA

Conv: Calum DALL (5), Frankie SOLI

Dropped Goal: Calum DALL

Player of the Day: Phil KEARNS

Most Valuable Player: Calum DALL

AND THE LORD GOD SAID, TAKE OFF THY CLOTHES AND PROSTITUTE THYSELF FOR PRETEND MONEY FOR I REQUIRE A BITCH FOR THE EVENING.

How can such a cold day be so good for playing rugby in? whatever the reason, the temperature brought out the best in the boys. Also, Rob Foley wasn't there to pick the backline, so maybe that had something to do with it? We'll never know for sure. Rugby being the mysterious game it is.

First of all, welcome back to the playing XV for Calum DALL & Steve ELLS. One because he is soft and the other because he actually plays for another team. Oh, and Uli. Good to have a full benchwarming squad available in case we need it. We actually had 31 available players today, but left 3 on the sideline, otherwise it may have looked somewhat over the top to play two completely different teams in the one match.

What can we say to the birthday boy Webby except, thanks to your Dad for not pulling out and congratulations on your first try of the season. Even though Paddy should have rightfully claimed it.

No doubt about who scored the next 7 tries. Steve, Paddy, Sam, Emili and Tito were well in from damn good moves and opportunities. Training pays off in the end. And Chief is never going to let us forget it.

The second half Belfast pushed us a lot more, but not as much as the ref did. With each passing minute his penalty count kept mounting against us even though he himself admitted he didn't know what they were for. He just needed his oral fixation seen to and so kept on blowing the whistle. But we've had worse. Just ask Bevan's wife.

Doesn't it feel so much better when we win? When we play together and follow the lead of those who (say) they know what they're doing? Let's keep this going for Sydenham next week and Sumner the week after that and New Brighton and Marist-Albion for the weeks to come. I have faith. Do you?

Keith v Sydenham - 13th June 2015

Ground: Sydenham Park 2

Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Thomas MATTHEW
Bruce HALLINAN
Steve JONES
Stuart HERRIOTT
Simon GIFFORD
Mike BRUEKER
Adam JOHNSTON
Kevin WILLIAMS
Frankie SOLI
Calum DALL
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Patrick LUCEY
John LUXTON
Richard POWER

Reserves

Damien BREEN
Ian COWAN
Isaac ARAPAI
Kristen CURRIE
Steve ELLS
Pete KING
Rob FOLEY
Kristian PAULIN
Suta NUMIA
Paul CRICHTON

Points: 18-34

Tries: John LUXTON, Kevin WILLIAMS

Conv: Frankie SOLI

Pen: Calum DALL (2)

Player of the Day: Simon GIFFORD

Most Valuable Player: Stuart HERRIOTT

50 WAYS TO MAKE KEITH YOUR LOVER

Have you ever just thought, 'Today's the day. The day things are going to work out for the better.' Nothing can spoil this day? I had that feeling. But, to match the rest of my life, it didn't work out and it was indeed, spoilt. Oh, not by a tidal wave of awfulness, but by a slow and creeping better team. Not even Dicks new friend, the Lady Ref could have helped us if she tried. And she tried her very best.

But back to the beginning.

AJ was late to his 50th match and Poacher and Chief were "panicikinging" about who to place in which ever position needed a person to be placed into. As usual. And, as usual, everyone turned up and we even had spares to give to Sydenham. If they had of asked, which they did. We chose, however, to not exercise that particular spirit of co-operation. Them being Bus Drivers and all.

With numbers looking up for us, we could do some selective resting soon. There are some players whose fitness has been on the wane recently and pushing yourself to and then past the limit to which your body is attuned is not good. For the team as a whole as well. Same with those niggling injuries. Get them healed, get them sorted. We all know and appreciate that you're keen as dijon mustard, but we want you for the long haul, not short term. Dick seems to be more effective back at his usual spot at fullback with the opportunity to shine and show everyone how it's done. Murray too, is shining at 2nd five with Calum inside him at 1st being marvelously effective and photogenic.

Even with all this good ball the backline was producing, Paddy still couldn't score. He's coughed so many try scoring opportunities, he's contracted pneumonia. Speaking of tries, Kev used all of his inertia and exponential energy reserves to barge through to flop down over the try line, but Bravo bravely did it the old fashioned way by being a nippy back with plenty of go. Cal and Frankie slotted some kicks but after leading on two occasions, Sydenham pounced on our weaknessslashtirednessslashwhatever to pop out the back side of 80 minutes with the win. Sydenham were as they have always been, good hosts after the game but we were not quite in the mood to appreciate their hospitality.

It also seems not many Keiths were in the mood for our own brand of hospitality either, despite their being an huge array of beverages to partake in on the table.

People assume that Keith is a strict progression of cause to effect, but *actually* from a non-linear, non-subjective viewpoint - it's more like a big ball of I can't get off the couch and I'd rather be out with my GAA mates anyway type of stuff.

Keith v Sumner - 20th June 2015
Ground: St Leonards Square
Time: 2.45

Team List

James GRIEVE
Isaac ARAPAI
Steve JONES
Stuart HERRIOTT
Kristen CURRIE
Damien BREEN
Sam BROWN
Kevin WILLIAMS
Frankie SOLI
Richard POWER
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Patrick LUCEY
Steve ELLS
Leyton HUNT

Reserves

Thomas MATTHEW
Phil HUGHES
Colin GRAVETT
Adam JOHNSTON
Emili LANGI
Andrew PETI
Spencer SMAWLLEY
Paul CRICHTON
Kristian PAULIN
Simon BARNES
Steve HIGGS
John LUXTON

Points: 27-5

Tries: Steve ELLS, Richard POWER, Ross SINCLAIR,
John LUXTON

Conv: Frankie SOLI (2)

Pen: Frankie SOLI

Player of the Day: Patrick LUCEY

Most Valuable Player: Jamie GRIEVE

FROM THE MIGHTY GLENS OF ANTRIM, FROM THE RUGGED HILLS OF GALWAY, FROM THE WALLS OF LIMERICK AND DUBLIN BAY (PAUSE) HE DID COME.

There is nothing better than a cold day, cold beer and warm friends to help celebrate a Keith on his final game. Was a shame about the quality of Whiskey afterwards though. Sumner, as always bring it tough but fair and for the first 40 minutes we had the ref and the gods on our side. The seashiders managed one solitary penalty and never escaped out of their half. A record for them, and for us as well. Our attack was finally matched by our defence, or vice-versa, depending on if you're a forward or a back.

Sam was taking his frustration of not being able to shoot wild animals out via his tackling and Sumner were targeting him in return, but to no avail. He was everywhere, man. Kev, of course had a few storming runs, not as many as he used to. We suspect his contented domesticity has something to do with that. Dirk, who is surprisingly, turning into a half capable father, also pressed himself hard against the opposition in tackles and in ball carrying episodes. Breen; pfft. You know, was Breen.

Jones, Steve has been playing well these past few weeks. All determination and effort, but with not as much reward as he would like, often being injured or pulled off early (purile chortle). Higgs, Steve traveled a long way to get 15 minutes of fame which in a squad that's becoming as large as ours, will happen more and more with players. Ells, Steve imitated his long lost son and scored in typical winger fashion from a questionable pass from Frankie, who, is chasing Dick (purile chortle) for the bestest kicker in the team. And speaking of Dick, it does seem Dick is interchangeable from the back to the front (purile chortle) I mean, from fullback to 1st Five. It seems he can play everywhere and still score.

Fifteen points up at the half time whistle gave us a breather, but we weren't resting on our hard fought points just yet. The ref saw fit to have a polarity reversal and awarded Sumner almost all the penalties in the second half.

Wee Paddy, in whose name we dedicated this win, was denied several chances to score (see the videos for evidence) by the ref imagining forward passes, and also denied tries because of catching, or the inability thereof to do so. Or maybe Dick just didn't want him to score? We'll never know. Leyts decided that rugby wasn't afterall, the game for him, and will probably retire officially after fucking up his chances of beating Valerie Adams at shotput. A fully working shoulder is needed for that.

Despite the penalty count against us, Sumner never managed to break out and score until the final few minutes where we kindly let them slip one passed the gate. As always, their loss on the field did not impact their hospitality off it and we were as we always are, welcomed warmly into the clubrooms for a feed and a few beers. With Red taking charge of the drinking and the speaking we mingled and got to catch up after a year of not seeing them. A good kiwi day of footy.

The roadworks back from Sumner may have caused a couple or three Keiths who shall remain nameless (rhymes with Bed, Hurry and Steve Jones) to become ill and vomit their lunch into a rubbish bin. I'm sure it possibly could not have been anything else such as some God awful whiskey which caused it.

As an end note, cheers Paddy. Five years has been too short a time.

Keith v New Brighton - 27th June 2015
Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Isaac ARAPAI
James GRIEVE
Phil HUGHES
Kristen CURRIE
Simon GIFFORD
Adam JOHNSTON
Emili LANGI
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Richard POWER
Paul CRICHTON
Murraay PICKEN
Kristian PAULIN
Steve ELLS
Tito SEMIOLA

Reserves

Ross SINCLAIR
Rob FOLEY
Frankie SOLI
Simon BARNES
Brad STRINGER
Steve JONES
Damien BREEN
Stuart HERRIOTT
Sione LANGI
Mike BREUKER

Points: 12-18

Tries: Ross SINCLAIR, Tito SEMIOLA

Conv: Richard POWER

Pen:

Player of the Day: Bevan WEBB

Most Valuable Player: Adam JOHNSTON

WHERE MOUTHGUARDS PROVE ELUSIVE AND THE CANTERBURY RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION CHOOSE THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST.

So what happened there then, huh? Was the cry from New Brighton when they thought they'd scored but hadn't and had to come back for a drop out 22 from us which ultimately confused Dick's lady ref friend later on when she added up the score and mixed up that non try with a successful penalty and thrice denied any mistake (just like Peter) causing an argument with Chief and New Brighton and the CRRRA grader chap who was nearby but it was all sorted in the end hopefully but which will be confirmed in the CRFU results on Monday. And that's how our game went. No, but seriously, she wasn't up to par. At all.

When we hit the field jogging, I thought we started particularly well. The usual suspects did their usual 110% effort and with others seeing their example, pushed themselves to above 80% which was a joy and a pleasure to watch. Even two runaway(ish) tries against us didn't dampen our efforts. Scrummaging was spot on with Jamie being particularly strong. Uncle Phil donned his boots for a start and showed us all he's still up there and will always be so. I often have a few jibes at Muncher's expense whenever he plays or doesn't play, but today he paired up with Pieman nicely even though he is an ungainly looking gangly moving lump of legs and arms. And speaking of arms and legs, congratulations to Courtney for letting Col put a new persons arms and legs and everything inside her. More Keiths are needed. Leyt's arm and shoulder or whatever has proved fixable by means of an operation and months of therapy but even after his announcement of permanent retirement we will welcome back into the skitteries next year.

Webb started at 9. Frankie took over at 9. Both left unusually early due to tiredness. Chester started at 11 but was replaced before the game, He then went on at 11 only to moved to 9 where the power of jebus took hold and he's become officially a multi positional player after showing us his wing and fullback skills in the past. It's so much fun to watch opposition players laugh him off only to find themselves upside down and wondering what the hell just happened. Toad's age is catching up with him, as is Poacher's which is lucky we have Murray and Dick and Tito and Ross to inject some speed and youth into the centres. Experience, however, is just as important so we're lucky to still have them both guiding and directing the back line to success. Thanks have got to go to Webby this year, who has taken over Lucey's role of bringing in the good players. Tito, Emili and Sione so far with more to come, or so he says. Next weeks match against Marist-Albion will be Webby's official 175th so hopefully his body will hold up til then.

My father said to me many years ago that the mark of a good player was that he was hardly ever seen on the field. I always took it in the opposite manner for what it was meant because I was tall and ran everywhere and very noticeable and wank wank. I think the mark of a good player is one where you are noticed for the work you do and on occasion, even though I see the work on the field, I don't always write about it here. So, if your name doesn't appear in highlighted paragraphs praising you, it doesn't mean you were crap or not noticeable. The most likely explanation is I was trying to think up amusing things to say about Breen. Or Dirk.

One final slight observation, if I may. Murray and Dick seem to do an awful lot of pre-game stretching and warming up before each game but Breen doesn't. Murray and Dick are always ready to run and kick and tackle and pass and be noticed but Breen isn't. Murray and Dick don't particularly turn up to Keith things, such as aftermatch drinks at the clubrooms, but Breen does. Does this make Breen (sharp intake of breath) the more Keithly?

Keith v Marist-Albion - 4th July 2015

Ground: Bob Deans 3

Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Bruce HALLINAN
Phil HUGHES
Isaac ARAPAI
Kristen CURRIE
Simon GIFFORD
Sam BROWN
Emili LANGI
Mike BREUKER
Bevan WEBB
Richard POWER
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Suta NUMIA
Brad STRINGER
Jeff NUGENT

Reserves

Thomas MATTHEW
Colin GRAVETT
Steve Jones
Paul CRICHTON
Rob FOLEY
Frankie SOLI
Tito SEMIOLA
Isireli GUYISE

Final score 32-15 or 28-15 what we put on results sheet.

But as we didn't want the bonus point for 4 tries as that would put us in top division we didn't count the penalty try and counted it as a penalty which was what we were taking when ref gave the penalty try.

Was a scrappy game with MA not playing with any structure and trying to run from everywhere.

We had them in the set piece and stuck to our game plan and were unlucky or maybe lucky not to get another 3 tries with the ref not seeing a clear try by Spook in the first half and 2 others in the in the second by Emili.

They had a yellow and red card and game was called off early as their indiscipline was too much for the ref.

Jeff the newboy Irish recruit came down to watch and got to play 80 min at fullback and do the kicking putting in a solid display and running and tackling hard.

Good Keith victory and many beers had to celebrate.

By Chief.

Points: 32-15

Tries: Emili LANGI (2), Tito SEMIOLA, Penalty Try

Conv: Jeff NUGENT (3)

Pen: Jeff NUGENT (2)

Player of the Day:

Most Valuable Player: Ross SINCLAIR

Keith v Burnside - 11th July 2015

Ground: Bob Deans 3

Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Jamie GRIEVE
Bruce HALLINAN
Phil HUGHES
Kristen CURRIE
Stuart HERRIOTT
Mike BREUKER
Steve JONES
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Richard POWER
Ross SINCLAIR
Paul CRICHTON
Steve ELLS
Suta NUMIA
Tito SEMIOLA

Reserves

Ian COWAN
Sean BROWNE
Thomas MATTHEW
Mark Van GROENEDAAAL
Isaac ARAPAI
Adam JOHNSTON
Kristian PAULIN
Rob FOLEY
John LUXTON

Points: 26-10

Tries: Jamie GRIEVE, Kevin WILLIAMS, Richard POWER, Mike BREUKER

Conv:

Pen: Richard POWER (2)

Player of the Day: Steve ELLS

Most Valuable Player: Bruce HALLINAN

COLD DAY. WET FIELDS, WARM HANDS. HOT ATTITUDES AND COLD BEER. PERFECT.

Numbers numbers numbers. Where the fuck was everybody? Nevermind, those that stayed away missed a hell of a good game. I mean it, a hell of a good game.

Mr Jones had to play out of position on the blindside but didn't appear to cause much damage. He then returned to hooking after Mr Hughes retired from play. His teaming with Mr Grieve and Mr Hallinan made mincemeat of the Burnside front row which off set the lineout pairing of Mr Currie and Mr Herriot who both sustained body changing injuries.

The ref took a ball to the balls and got in the way of play a few other times but overall, kept things under control quite well.

Our previous game against Burnside, as Mr Kearns pointed out before the game, went along the lines of we score, we relax, they score. He asked us nicely to stop doing the relaxing part. We didn't listen. Until the 2nd half that is when we scored then kept scoring without the intervening bother of letting Burnside score. It seems the coach knows what he's talking about.

This pose by Mr Power seems to be his now preferred kicking style, although, it doesn't seem to be working for him at all. Mr Grieve's try, Mr Williams's try, Mr Breuker's try and even his own try were unconverted. Two penalties in which there was less arse wiggling and more actual ball kicking were successful though.

Mr Numia emulated Mr Fatu in having lower leg difficulties as did Mr Herriott. Mr Arapai also had difficulties standing on his ankles.

Non-soft-cocks were many. Stand outs for me were Mr Breuker, Mr Sinclair, Mr Power, Mr Webb and Mr Williams.

Mr Hallinan played excellent rugby as was demonstrated by Mr Haddock awarding him MVP.

Again, not many Keiths back at the clubrooms, but as is often the case, not many Keith = lots of Keith Beer.

Keith v Belfast D4 - 18th July 2015
Ground: Sheldon Park 2
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Jamie GRIEVE
Thomas MATTHEW
Steve JONES
Simon GIFFORD
Stuart HERRIOTT
Adam JOHNSTON
Mike BREUKER
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Frankie SOLI
Murray PICKEN
Paul CRICHTON
Steve ELLS
Tito SEMIOLA
Richard POWER

Reserves

Rob FOLEY
Sean BROWNE
Sam BROWN

Points: 23-25

Tries: Murray PICKEN, Steve ELLS, Steve JONES

Conv: Frankie SOLI

Pen: Richard POWER (2)

Player of the Day: Kevin WILLIAMS

Most Valuable Player: Steve JONES

O FOR AWESOME UNTIL IT BECAME O FOR AWFUL

For once, for actual once, Shithole Park was only semi-wet and muddy. And then it rained and got muddier. So that was a good start to a bad result.

Ok, let's just back up a bit. We started good; we started real good. This try from PICKEN, Murray for a start, followed by some farking good forward stuff. Sometimes the rain played merry havoc with the hands of the skitteries, but nothing a forward couldn't take off their hands and use to score tries with. Which JONES, Steve did. After doing a dry run a few minutes earlier. ELLS, Steve also scored in usual winger style to celebrate his actual 100th game for the club.

I'm not going to say we had it all over Belfast, because we didn't, but we were certainly on top in aspects that actually mattered, like the points and not being whiney pricks.

WEBB, Bevan had to be replaced for blood oozing from between his fingers of which Foley, Rob warmed up his body for ten minutes until WEBB, Bevan returned to play. Later on, the very same ten minutes of warm was replaced by ten minutes of cold in the sin-bin. It seems head high dangerous tackles are not appreciated for the artistry they truly are. Moving on.

Second half seemed to be played in opposite land to the first. Maybe it was the cold and wet taking us off the boil, but we simply let things go Belfast's way. Error compounded error, particularly in the final ten minutes when we had it all but won. Defence proved our strong point but silly kicking proved our ultimate undoing.

We can start laying blame on individual people, or we can simply accept that we all made mistakes and critical errors that the Ref misinterpreted to Belfast's advantage.

Whatever the reason for the loss, I'm just glad it wasn't snowing.

Keith v Sumner - 25th July 2015
Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45

Team List

Isaac ARAPAI
Jamie GRIEVE
Steve JONES
Simon GIFFORD
Kevin WILLIAMS
Mike BREUKER
Adam JOHNSTON
Andy PETI
Bevan WEBB
Frankie SOLI
Paul CRICHTON
Murray PICKEN
Johnny LUXTON
Steve ELLS
Richard POWER

Reserves

Phil HUGHES
Thomas MATTHEW
Phil KEARNS
Stuart HERRIOTT
Mark Van GROENEDAAL
Tito SEMIOLA
Rob FOLEY
Neil ORSBOURN
Isireli GUYISE

CAN THIS COCKPIT HOLD THE VASTY FIELDS OF SUMNER? OR MAY WE CRAM WITHIN THIS EARTHY O THE VERY CASQUES THAT DID AFFRIGHT THE AIR AT SAINT LEONARDS SQUARE?

A bit of pregame panic as locks were in short supply, then we found some, then loose forwards were in short supply, then we found some, then mid fielders were in short supply, then we found some. So, all in all, our usual Saturday.

Our usual Thursday also happened. With key players and positions not there because of whatever reason. Not a good thing if we want to win by using pre planned and tested moves on a team we know can pull rabbits out of hats. That philosophy was reaffirmed immediately prior to the commencement of the game. "We need to do A and B; Slow down some C and Pass some D". Instead, we did W, X, Y and Z. To say the least, it was not our finest moment(s).

Blah blah blah individual Keiths stood out individually, but individuals don't win test matches. And yes, I will mention Dick and Murray and Mike and Andy and Bravo (and his Dad) as examples of Keithly play, but others need to step up their game and as the song says, join together and let the laughter fill the air. Sad Keiths Always Make Me Cry is an old Keith song that I don't want to have to get the boys singing next week. Capisce?

Not the ideal way Isaac would have wanted his 150th game to go, nor the ideal way for us to carve our path to the final. We can only hope that other teams have the same misfortune as we have had as I for one do not want to go gentle into that good night, nor have my old age burn and rave at close of day. i want to rage, rage against the dying of the light. So do me and yourselves a favour, win one for the Gipper.

Points: 10-11

Tries: Richard POWER

Conv: Frankie SOLI

Pen: Frankie SOLI

Player of the Day: Mark van GROENEDAAL

Most Valuable Player: Murray PICKEN

Keith v Marist-Albion - 1st August 2015

Ground: South Hagley 6

Time: 2-45pm

Team List

James GRIEVE
Isaac ARAPAI
Steve JONES
Simon GIFFORD
Stuart HERRIOTT
Sam BROWN
Freddy BROADMORE
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Frankie SOLI
Paul CRICHTON
Ross SINCLAIR
Simon BARNES
John LUXTON
Richard POWER

Reserves

Ian COWAN
Matt IOANE
Emili LANGI
Mark Van GROENEDAAAL
Adam JOHNSTON
Rob FOLEY
Steve ELLS

Points: 0-15

Tries:

Conv:

Pen:

Player of the Day:

Most Valuable Player: Simon GIFFORD

FUCK IT. THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE RUGBY PARK. WHO LET BIG RED BOTH DRIVE & NAVIGATE?

I think we actually lost this game, and last weeks game, three weeks ago we the team somehow or other decided to not put the effort in. I also think we lost this game we the team somehow started relying on players who we knew may not be available and still didn't factor that in as a possibility. I also think that it doesn't matter what I think. It matters what you guys want and it matters how you guys respond to set backs.

The response, no matter how solid and Keithly it may be, may not be enough in the time frame left to us.

So if we give up and say the season's finished or give our all to make the season end worthwhile is the choice that is put before us. Choose wisely.

Was good to have Ross back to replace the sudden departure of Murray and good to have Uli, Freddy and Mark settling the forwards. Some aspects of forward play were better than others and I wont mention the lineout throw ins at all except to say that can Kevin Mealamu come and give us some pointers please?

Webby talked his way into a marriage he didn't know he was partaking in and yet still managed to talk the forwards into doing excellent forwardy things at rucks and mauls so the skittery backs could do skittery back things like run and pass and stuff. I'm still not sure if I prefer Dick up front or deep in the back, but whichever position he finds himself in on a week by week basis, he doesn't disappoint. Bravo and Ross also did not disappoint but Toad who pulled a hammy last week came off early with the same problem. His old old old mate Rob filed in nicely for him though.

Talking about disappointments. Am I disappointed in our season scores and position in the competition? Yes. Am I disappointed in you guys? No. Except for Breen naturally. He's like the puppy I USED to have who wouldn't do as he was told. But I showed him.

I'm really looking forward to next week against Lyttelton. Maybe we can unleash ourselves fully knowing we've got nothing to lose.

Next week is also a huge week for some players. Mr JONES, Mr BARNES and Mr GRIEVE will all reach 25 games, Mr BROADMORE will be on 50, Mr WILLIAMS will be on 75 and Mr CRICHTON will be on 300. Celebratory drinks all round I think.

Thanks to those who turned up at Keasty's for a few so we could listen to Mike and Trouty bleat about how much money they were losing gambling on future dog food and to watch the Warriors disintergrate as usual.

Keith vs Lyttelton - 8th August 2015
Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Isaac ARAPAI
Jamie GRIEVE
Phil KEARNS
Kristen CURRIE
Simon GIFFORD
Peter HADDOCK
Sam BROWN
Kevin WILLIAMS
Bevan WEBB
Richard POWER
Paul CRICHTON
Ross SINCLAIR
John LUXTON
Steve ELLS
Tito SEMIOLA

Reserves

Fred BROADMORE
Ian COWAN
Steve JONES
Stuart HERRIOTT
Isireli GUYISE
Phil HUGHES
Mike BREUKER
Simon BARNES
Nick BOLTON
Frankie SOLI
Rob FOLEY
Shane WELSH
Dave CLAUSEN

Points: 34-28

Tries: Tito SEMIOLA, John LUXTON, Sam BROWN,
Steve ELLS, Richard POWER

Conv: Richard POWER (3)

Pen: Richard POWER

Player of the Day: Phil HUGHES

Most Valuable Player: Paul CRICHTON

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I BELIEVE, WHERE I'LL BE ON A SATURDAY EVE. IF I DIE IN A LYTTTELTON DITCH, BURY ME WITH DIRKY'S EX-WIFE.

Big Day 'O' Footy. And decision time too. Do we play to celebrate our seasons end, play to deny Lyttelton a chance at the title or play just to get an awful season over and done with? I'm proud to say we played for Keith and our Team mates and Toad and Kev and Freddy and Chester and Jonesy and Jamie who all reached personal game milestones. And we played because we wanted to beat bloody Lyttelton whom we have never beaten before. Toad gave us some inspiration to help us on our own way to reach the same number of games (300) and the same number of points (806 or 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ points per game) as he did. A remarkable achievement that the club didn't seem to really care about as much as we did.

As expected, Lyttelton came out strong in their pool of available players, while we came out strong in scoring first. Which set the tone for the entire game. Until it changed a bit to pushing and shoving and sin binning and stuff later on. But the start was the start we'd been wanting for the previous 16 games or so, so I was well chuffed we finally got it right. Tito, once he learns the rules and where to position himself and gets to know the difference in wing and full back will be a bloody good asset to the team next season provided his probation officer (Webby) can get him to the games on time. Or at all.

Bravo and his Dad also have a career in Keith rugby if they want it. They've only played 250 (actually 249 but who's counting) games between them and both dotted down in casual, yet comfortable style each. Dick, the friendliest player in the team with more friends than you and I and 4 random strangers put together have, kicked most of the tries (including his own) which went down well with his friends. many of whom were at home flicking through the TV channels trying to find the game but eventually giving up and watching women's softball instead. Oh, and Sam scored too.

Talking about backs like this makes me wonder if I'm getting soft in my old age. Probably, but my heart will always lie in the forwards. Amongst the scrums and mauls and lineouts. Of which Dirk needs practice at and Muncher needs a full face guard to protect his nose. Jamie just needs someone to run the fuck at in imitation of Kev circa 2012-14 style, and Simon can do whatever he wants. He's old enough (54) to have this rugby lark down pat.

But you would think Trouty and Uli would know better.

The ref gave us some moments of incredulity but to his credit, made the same decision throughout the game with equal parity. Although we had 50% more sinbining than Lyttelton. Split second decisions at crucial end of game moments have been the hallmark of our undoing this year. And another possibly happened. At 3 points up, and a penalty close to the line, debate raged on the side line as to go for the try or take a shot at 3 points. 3 points were eventually taken which of course, left a converted try open to Lyttelton to snatch victory from us. Of which situation they, and the Ref, took advantage of for longer than was good for our collective hearts. Luckily, time ran out for them, keeping the score in our favour.

Ending on a High (or so I'm told) was a damned good feeling and I hope the boys remember that feeling when deciding on what to do over the summer for next season.

Oh, and Breen, you've changed brother. Marriage has changed you.

Awards Criteria

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.

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.

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.

The Ashes must be on display one hour prior to the tournament commencing.

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