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# THE BULLS ROAR

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Greetings to our sponsors, players, Golden Oldies, past players and lovers of rugby!

### FINALS FEVER

Congratulations to all the teams who made it through to the next round of finals. A summary of the results -

Under 12's - Drew at 1 try all to Teachers - we were higher on the ladder so progress on to play Grammar this Friday night at 6.30pm

Under 14's - Beat Grammar 13-5. Next match is against Brothers this Saturday at 9.10am

Under 15's - Lost 24-18 to Brothers but progress on to play Grammar on Saturday at 10.10am

Under 17's - Won against Brothers, 28-10. The boys go straight into the Grand Final on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Reserves - Went down 55-7. Sad to see them out of the competition but what a great effort.

All matches are played at Hugh Street, Townsville

### CANCELLATION OF MATCH

The proposed Under 10 game against Brothers this Saturday has been cancelled. Brothers will find it too difficult to field a side due to their finals on Friday night. There will be normal Sunday Fixtures this weekend.

### CTRUF 30<sup>TH</sup> REUNION BALL PHOTOS

If you would like copies of photos taken at the Ball please contact Adrian & Liz Guldbransen, PO Box 545, Charters Towers Q 4820  
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### EAGLE BOYS PIZZA

Come & get your hot pizza from Eagle Boys, selling from the canteen at home games! And don't forget, all players in the TDRU comp for 2010 can get this great deal from the U15's sponsors EAGLE BOYS. Just show your 2010 TDRU players card when purchasing from their store and an \$11.95 pizza will only cost you \$8.95.

### TEAM REPORTS & INFORMATION

#### BARR'S BATTERIES & TYRES RESERVES

Depleted Bulls beaten in first final. Bulls 7-Brothers 55

The Bulls weren't off to a good start with players out due to injury, work and players not allowed to play due to the fact they had not played the five games that had to be played to enable them to play in the finals. With only 15 men to take on a full brothers outfit we hadn't gotten away to a good start, with brothers taking full advantage of our disadvantage. Brothers started scoring try after try, and the bulls didn't have that spark they didn't only a couple of weeks before with the fellas not really enjoying their

rugby, but that didn't stop us, even with brothers streaking away to an unreachable lead, the bulls crossed in the last minutes of the game with Shane Raymond scoring of a nice play from Graeme Harding and Troy Williams. With Harding converting the final points of the game and for the year, the final score was 55-7. Although the score wasn't what we wanted, the lads played their hearts out, we ended up with only 13 on the field after Jamie Gallagher injured his knee and Mick McQueen was concussed. With the season finished I would like to thank everyone who has supported the bulls and helped out and of course the players who turned up week in week out to play the game they love to play, I'm proud of every one of the players. Good luck to the juniors for the rest of the finals. Seniors presentation night is yet to be confirmed. Dale Larpent

### **CHARTERS TOWERS VETERINARY SURGERY U17'S**

The CT Vet Surgery U17 Bulls convincingly beat Brothers 28 - 10 in the major semi-final on Saturday. Brothers scored first, capitalising on our mistake in our 22. Forwards leader, Dan Tuiqali then opened our account with a 30m run through the Brothers defence. Zac Santo then scored another individual try running around the opposition. Digby Doyle scored next after the forwards laid a good platform in general play. Tom Vinson converted 2 tries and added easy points with 3 kicks for penalties successful. 'The general structure and discipline of the team is where we want it to be. These couple of weeks before the grand final will give us ample time to prepare for our final onslaught for the coveted Premiers shield. The boys understand the importance of the task at hand and they will do the club and Charters Towers proud once again. Jone Tuiqali

### **EAGLE BOYS UNDER 15'S**

The Eagle Boys U15s came within seconds of defeating arch rivals Brothers in the Major Semi Final on Saturday. After a quiet bus ride and warm up, the Bulls hit the park with great enthusiasm and energy, blasting Brothers of the ball in tight and shutting down their attack out wide. With the ball in hand the Bulls always looked dangerous and capitalised early with tries to Doug Rayment and Harry Campbell in the first half, with Dan Webb converting some poor discipline from Brothers into more points. The half time talk focussed on maintaining the momentum built in the first half and speeding up the recycling of the ball. The Bulls picked up where they left off early in the second half, but some panicking in defence and questionable refereeing saw the majority of possession with the opposition. The Bulls defended valiantly, holding on to a one point lead until the final minute when Brothers found a gap in our defence and scored. Final score was 24- 18. Although the loss was very disappointing, the Bulls can hold their heads high and take some very positive feedback from the game. We now play Grammar next weekend for a spot in the Grand Final, giving us a good roll into the big game. We know now that we are more than capable of beating Brothers and have the weekend's loss as extra motivation.

### **A & D WRIGHT AUTO ELECTRICAL UNDER 14'S**

The first elimination final was held today for the A & D Auto Electrical U14's. The game started brilliantly from the kick with the lads immediately applying pressure. It was evident that the Bulls had come to play. There were several strong runs from the Bulls forward pack, with Roy Fisher leading the way. First points went to Chartres Towers from a successful penalty kick by Callum Brown, to lead 3-0 after 5 minutes. The young lads continued to ask questions of Grammars defence and were able to get on top from a barn-storming run by Roy Fisher, to score our first try. Excellent support play by the

forward pack allowed the Bulls to dominate for most of the first half, although Grammar continued to hold us out with their strong defence. The score at half time was 8-0. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half started with the same intensity but some lapses in concentration, giving away penalties, allowed Grammar to get close to our line. Tenacious defence kept Grammar out many times over, but sheer weight of possession allowed Grammar to score eventually. This shocked the Bulls pack into action. Some great forward running and broken play attack by Callum Brown and Anfernee Henry, saw the team score a well engineered try to Toby Paynter. This took the score to 13-5. Charters Towers continued to attack but unfortunately could not cross over. All in all a great team effort. There are no coaches points awarded for the Final series but all team members were a credit to the club and we look forward to taking on Brothers next Saturday. Ted, Graeme, Troy and Mick

### **TOWN & COUNTRY FOODWORKS UNDER 12'S**

Last Friday night saw the Under 12's in the first knock out round of the finals against Teachers West. The atmosphere was terrific at Hugh Street & the kids were really fired up, as were the coaches. During the first half, no one scored - it was some of the best rugby we've seen from the boys all year. Our little Bulls defended most of the time but still, kept that ball from crossing the line. The second half, Teachers scored a quick try in the first 5 minutes which left us a little stunned. The boys regrouped quickly & played on. We made ground - Luke Alford crossing the line only to have the ball held up. The minutes were ticking away. We kept on attacking that line with Jesse Kyle, Jacob Day, Aiden Reddicliffe & Lachlan Harrison really putting the pressure on the opposition. In the last 2 minutes with some great plays by all, Lachlan was able to cross the line - conversion was unsuccessful, which made the score 5 all when the whistle blew. Counsel was sought from the referees as to what to do next - there was no extra time allowed - and subsequently we were the victors as we were placed higher on the ladder than Teachers. Stand out performances by Daniel Weston, Liam Hoare and Jacob Gallagher. And so it's off to Townsville this Friday again to face Grammar. Kick off is 6.30pm at Hugh St - can we do it? - Who knows??? Our boys are so fired up, anything is possible!

### **TOWN & COUNTRY FOODWORKS WALLA**

#### **Under 10's News**

#### **Bulls Under 10 Match Report**

(Results up to and including 29/8/10)

The Bulls and Hornets completed round 6 of their regular fixtures on the weekend. The wet conditions proved difficult to handle at times but all the boys really enjoyed the challenge. It is really pleasing to witness their development as rugby players. The backlines are functioning well. Their passing and retention of possession has really improved. The boys are really trying to run to space instead of a defender and are looking to draw and pass without prompting.

With only two games to go, the season is really hotting up!

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#### **Match Summary**

Match #	Bulls	Hornets	Player of the Day
1. 25/7/10	20	10	Dominic Brennan
2. 1/8/10	20	10	Thomas Phillips
3. 6/8/10	20	10	Brendan Stone Max Harrison
4. 15/8/10	10	40	Lachlan Reddicliffe Connor Neville
5. 22/8/10	10	20	Harrison Lessells
6. 29/8/10	25	5	Harrison Lessells Watson Blaikie
7.			
Final			

### Points Table

Team	Win	Loss	Draw	Bonus Point	Total
Bulls	4	2	0	4	12
Hornets	2	4	0	2	8

### Leading Try Scorers

Tries Scored	Player
9	Lachlan Reddicliffe
6	Jack Mitchell
5	Max Harrison
4	Kyle Richards
2	Paul Drewitt
2	Watson Blaikie
2	Max Cooke
2	Harrison Lessells
2	Jamie Lessells
1	Calvin O'Connor
1	Timothy Tuiqali
1	Ronnie Berryman
1	Hayden Cluff
1	Tai Laidlow

Yours in Rugby, Keith Blaikie

### **Under 8's Walla News**

On Sunday afternoon 9 young bulls took to the field for Under 8's walla rugby. Considering the inclement weather this was a good roll-up. All boys were very keen to run around in the light drizzle and get a bit of mud on themselves. These boys don't do the clothes washing at home and didn't hold back. They warmed up and then did some passing drills before a quick game of stuck in the mud (not literally, it wasn't that wet) and some rugby baseball. Then we practised some popping off the ground which is where they started to get quite familiar with the damp ground underfoot. This put them in good stead for the game. We played 2 handed touch while trying to concentrate on

popping, passing and support play. The game went quite well with even despite some dubious video referee decisions. The Blue Bulls scoring 3 tries with 2 to birthday boy Adam Mitchell and another to Connor Lyons. Miraculously the Super Hornets also scored 3 tries with one a piece going to Thomas Lyons, Bryce Kingham and Sam Kirkwood. Thankyou to Dan Kyle & Michael Lyons who also braved the drizzle to help me out. Next week we will be running walla rugby at 4:00pm on Sunday. The following Sunday after that (the 12th of September) will be our last run for the year. We will be having a barbecue that afternoon and handing out a small presentation for the boys who have played this year so please try to keep this afternoon spare. Cheers, Chris Kirkwood

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