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2006 Under 15's trip to South Australia



Zac Ward in the special tour jumper



The boys enjoying sightseeing in Adelaide

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Special thanks to all our sponsors for the South Australian Trip. Without you it would not be possible to undertake such a great trip for the boys.

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TOUR DIARY

After our enjoyable 2005 end of season trip to the central west rugby stronghold of Bathurst the parents and players made a commitment to a week long development tour to Adelaide at the end of 2006 with two games during the first week of the October school holidays.

The boys & parents worked hard fundraising during the season to ensure that everyone who wanted to go could, resulting in 21 of the 26 registered players making what was a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable trip away.



(Picture) Mrs Ford was the winner of the John Eales framed jumper. Kevin McNamara and Jarryd Battishill presented the jumper to Mrs Ford.

Touring apparel was sponsored by Toshiba, Greg James Garage Doors, Andersons Fencing and Mister Minit Lakehaven - the gear was eye catching.

Our tour bags were sponsored by Warnies.

The touring players were:

Dylan ACREMAN
Travis ANDESON
Byron ANDERSON
Jarryd BATTISHILL
Tyrone BILTON
Jack BRINDLE
Shane CORDING
Matt DAVIES
Sean DAVIES
James FAHEY
Peter GAY
Ben GILLIES
Sam JAMES
Sean KANYASI
Trent LAKE
Kevin McNAMARA
Heath McDONALD-PHYTHIAN
Andrew RADFORD
Nathan SAIPA'IA
Leo SOANE
Zac WARD



Team Officials & supporters on tour:

Chris, Michelle, Brenton and Kira
ACREMAN
Mark ANDERSON
Jim, Glenda and Clark BILTON
Craig BRINDLE
Steve CORDING
Rob DAVIES
Greg, Wendy, Mitchell and Emma
GILLIES
Sue JAMES
Joe, Cheree and Alisa KANYASI
John McNAMARA
Steve RADFORD
Dave WARD

Day 1 Monday 2nd October 2006- Travel to Adelaide

Everyone arrived mid-morning (flying) or mid-afternoon (driving) at our well suited accommodation, the Warradale Urban Camp, in suburban Morphettville. With twin dorms, caterers kitchen, large dining area, table tennis table, laundry and large oval it provided a great base for us for the week ahead.

Some of the weary travellers enjoyed some refreshment at the Warradale Tavern, conveniently located just around the corner and regularly frequented during the ensuing week, before returning to camp and indulging in copious pizza's ordered by Mr Mac – Mr Brindle was in awe that pineapple could be served on every type of pizza – even chicken.

We then settled down for probably the quietest nights sleep for the whole trip as all the travellers were weary.



Mark Anderson flying down Conrod straight at Bathurst on his way to Adelaide in 20 hours.



About half the touring party decided to fly to Adelaide in one and a half hours.



Warradale Urban Camp was the ideal accommodation for the week.





Tuesday 3rd October

Down to business. after a hearty breakfast prepared by our 'dorm mums' Glenda, Michelle, Cheree and Sue the boys had a training/development session at 11am with our hosts SA Rugby. Our tour co-ordinator from SA Rugby Jason Harding brought along his boss and Adelaide Black Falcons coach Carl JONES who focused the session on defence, ruck & maul and breakdown. As well as coaching the state senior rugby team Carl is the Adelaide Crows AFL defensive coach. The boys enjoyed a tough hour and a half hit out, as did Jim & Chris who got a lot out of the session as well (by watching & listening). Sean Kanyasi picked up a niggling calf injury during the session.



This was a new drill that Carl showed Jim and the boys.



Chris, Dave and Jim ready for action



Carl Jones has the boys attention



Sean Davies presenting Jason Harding, South Australian Rugby Development Manager, a Warnervale memento for his kind assistance in planning our tour.



With the temperature high the afternoon was devoted to taking the boys to the 'Beachhouse' water slides at Glenelg for the afternoon.



Beachhouse water slides at Glenelg



Relaxing afternoon at Glenelg



No shops around here.

That night the dorm mums prepared a great pasta meal for the boys so they

would be ready for the first big tour game the next day.



Pasta meal being prepared in our kitchen

Wednesday 4th October

Game Day. - At 9.30am the whole squad went down to Brighton Oval, home of the Brighton Tigers Rugby Club, for an hours ball work to get to know the oval we would be playing on that afternoon. The game was scheduled for 3.30pm, however was moved back to 4.30pm as the temperature was expected to reach 40. After ball work we went back to camp had lunch and everyone relaxed. Whilst it didn't hit 40 it was certainly a hot day reaching the mid 30's.

The game against the SA U14 rep team was a solid hit out and the boys worked hard to achieve a very satisfying 12 – 0 victory





Kevin McNamara shows the back of our tour jerseys that had their initials on instead of a number. The boys loved this unique tour memento.



Sean Kanyasi ready for the first game.



Travis and Byron Anderson get ready for their Rugby game together.

GAME ONE REPORT

The Wednesday game was against the SA U14 rep team whose skill level was somewhere between CC U14 and NSW Country U14. We played unlimited interchange and the early stages of the first half saw both packs testing each other in attack and defence, however our forwards stood out in the set plays taking a couple of tight heads and winning a dominant share of lineout ball. Midway through the half Sam James ran into a gap of a 'gregan ball' from Jack to score near the posts. The rest of the half saw an arm wrestle with our backs mid field defence rock solid and our scrambling cover defence spot on shutting down their very fast and elusive left winger who looked a danger with a couple of good runs. Another highlight was Matt Davies making a great head-on tackle on this player on our side of halfway and then driving him backwards 10m. At half time we were up 7 – 0.

The second half saw the boys determined to go on with the job, our forwards worked hard and our backs started to run a few moves with Trent, Ben and Peter Gay looking sharp with the ball. Mid way through the half great work by those three moving the ball to the left saw Ben



loop around to score a great try to put us up 12 – 0. This was the final score, the boys had played really well and took confidence out of a quite solid performance. Leo Soane was awarded the game ball by Jason who refereed the game and we enjoyed the presentation of t-shirts, caps, ties and plaques that we had bought with us for our opponents.

The after game BBQ did not eventuate and we returned to our camp at Warradale and then took the tour party to the Warradale Tavern Dining Room for dinner – I don't think they have served as many mixed grills at one time as they did that evening – the boys certainly had hearty appetites after the game.



Shane Cording jumps high for a line-out ball.



Well played



Both teams showed great sportsmanship after the game.



Both teams sit together in the stands in front of the Brighton Rugby Union Club.





Wildcats Cheersquad



Adelaide Oval Tour



After-match food and drinks enjoyed by Steve Radford.

Thursday 5th October

This was a day to relax and tour Adelaide itself. We started by catching the train into the CBD and then walking to Adelaide Oval, hoping to not only take in one of the great cricket grounds in the country but enjoy a tour of the ground and museum, alas we were too big a group for the crowd eaters who politely told us that they only took groups of twenty (we had 40 and couldn't understand why they didn't want to make twice as much money for one tour – typical capitalist New South Welshmen!).

We moved onto to Rundle Mall and did the tourist shopping trek. Some of the boys enjoyed meeting and interacting with some of the local young ladies during their travels. As we returned to Adelaide Station the boys also took a keen interest in the 'Bollywood' movie being shot in and around the River Torrens and Festival Theatre.



Skyline of Adelaide

We returned home and that evening we went ten-pin bowling. This was an experience in skills from two distinct levels, providing both highs and very lows, the highlight of the evening undoubtedly was the cheeseburger meal for those who were 'lucky' enough to order it.



Friday 6th October

Look out the Barossa Valley, here come the touring Wildcats. This was a day for the parents and we hired a 48 seater coach, with a driver who hadn't been to the Barossa before, and off we went. Our concerns were sadly confirmed with John Mac seemingly giving our driver directions - this was going to be a trip to remember.

First stop was the Rocking Horse where we were greeted by an ex-pat South African rugby mad owner who made us extremely welcome and discussed our tour and SA rugby.



The giant Rocking Horse on the way to the Barossa Valley



Some of the boys under the Rocking Horse

We then set off to our first winery the Whistler Winery a smaller, newer winery. Whilst the parents sampled the wines the boys wandered around the vineyard and asked that typical repetitive question "When are we going, this is boring".



Great wines at Whistler Winery



We lunched at Tanunda at an oval where the local AFL club was formed in 1908. After our picnic lunch prepared by our 'dorm mums' both the boys and parents were intent on showcasing their AFL and Cricket skills with simultaneous displays being conducted – ahh, a pure sporting delight.

The tour then moved onto the Richmond Grove winery and the Jacobs Creek winery for the afternoon. Many wines were sampled and many purchased before we headed home to Camp Warradale.



Richmond Grove Winery

Saturday 7th October

2nd game day. The mood was good amongst the boys, there was an air of expectation of wanting to finish the job, but also knowing we would have to lift. We were aware that S.A. were going to include four boys from their U16 team who had just returned Friday evening from the Australian U16 championships in Sydney, one being a 130 kg front rower.

We had a light ball work session and then enjoyed lunch and everyone relaxed until it was time to go to Brighton Oval.

This game lived up to expectations being another tough grinding affair highlighted by a strong dominant set piece performance by our forwards complemented by outstanding one-on-one and scrambling defence by our backs. We won the game 14 – nil to round of an excellent end of season trip.

GAME 2 REPORT

We started this game tentatively, not quite settling into our pattern in the early stages and whilst we were in the S.A half for prolonged periods we turned the ball over too often. A combination of stamping our authority in the scrum and lineouts and strong defence saw us shake the nervous start and start to apply pressure. In contrast to the first game where he spread the ball Trent was making some incisive runs and offloading as well as leading the inside backs up quickly in defence.

A highlight was a Sean Davies tackle on their rampaging loose head prop where he took him front on, flipped him over and the ball popped into Sean's hands and off he went in counter attack.

Mid way through the half Zac Ward won a tight head in the S.A 22m zone and from the ensuing breakdown Sam James stormed over to score to the right of the posts. Ben Gillies converted and we were up 7 – 0. Whilst we made a number of breaks, one in particular being a long burst down the right side of the field by Sean Kanyasi, the score remained 7 – 0 at half time.

In the second half S.A bought on their 130 kg prop, this caused the boys some concern, but as the coaches pointed out Tyrone, Sam, Sean and Kevin weren't too much smaller and certainly appeared fitter.



Straight from our kick off we won the breakdown with Trent making a good break up the middle, followed by a storming run by Sean to about 5m out. Again we turned the ball over and the big prop made his first run carting the ball back 20m with a few boys hanging off him. As the game went on the boys tackled lower and were bringing him to ground quickly, although everyone marvelled at his great ball skills and 'soft hands'.

We again kept S.A in their half for long periods and were putting some moves on through Trent and Ben. From a scrum in our half Matt Davies came onto a short ball in a set move and made a searching run deep into their 22m, but again we turned the ball over, this lead to a number of turnovers one after the other by both teams.



From a scrum on their 22m Dylan Acreman won us another tighthead and Trent slipped down the blind and passed to Nathan who was tackled just short, a pick and drive from Sam saw him held up over the line and a 5m scrum to us. From the scrum Jack darted around the open side to race over untouched to the left of the posts. With Ben Gillies conversion we moved ahead 14 – 0 which remained the final score.

Another well deserved, hard fought win against tough opposition rounded off a great end of season trip away and provided us with a solid benchmark in performance to work from next season.



Jack was awarded the game ball by Jason our referee and we enjoyed a b-b-q and the traditional presentation of t-shirts, caps and ties with our hosts.



TOUR AWARDS

Jack Brindle won Best Back and Shane Cording won Best Forward for the tour. These awards were given by our host, Jason Harding.

On our last night the touring team again enjoyed the hospitality of the Warradale Tavern and returned home for what was probably the least amount of sleep we had on tour.



Sunday 8th October

This was break camp and head home day for all the weary travellers.

Thanks must be documented to our Tour Managers John McNamara and Craig Brindle for an excellent job done and a constant itinerary during the tour. To the dad's who were dorm masters, Rob, Dave and the two Steve's (Cording & Radford) I'm sure you enjoyed the challenge – wasn't Andrew heard to say in passing that 'dad is one of the biggest kids here.'

Also special thanks to our 'dorm mums', Glenda, Michelle, Sue and Cheree who ensured our hungry touring party were always well fed and provided for.

Look out for our next tour – I think you'll like it.

OCTOBER 2008 – Under 17's tour of Los Angeles

