



2023

North Sydney Brothers

J.R.L.F.C

Annual Report



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BROTHERS U10!
PREMIERS



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Andrew Capelin – General Committee

President's Report

2023 was another very successful season for North Sydney Brothers JRLFC both on and off the field.

The North Sydney district is one of the fastest growing areas for rugby league in NSW, and North Sydney Brothers along with the other seven clubs in the North Sydney Junior League and with the support of the North Sydney Bears are at the forefront of attracting new participants and their families to the great game of rugby league.

Registrations were strong with the club fielding teams in the Under 7's, Under 9's, Under 10s, Under 11's, Under 13s (two teams – silver and bronze), Under 15s and Under 17s (Combined team with Lane Cove). There were over 130 registered players at North Sydney Brothers in 2023.

North Sydney Brothers teams participated in the North Sydney Junior League Competitions, the NSWRL Conference Competitions, The Under 9s Greg Florimo Cup Gala Day, The Under 10s and Under 11s Don Mackinnon Cup Gala Day and pre-season trials versus Hills Hawks, Pennant Hills Stags and Berowra Wallabies. The club also hosted the North Sydney Bears Harold Matthews Team at Tunks Park for a fun and interactive session which coincided with the Come and Try Day.

On-field success was highlighted by Under 10's who won the Division 1 Grand Final and Under 11's who lost narrowly in the Division 1 Grand Final, whilst six teams in total played finals football with U13s Silver, U14s Girls Tag, U15s and the U17s Combined Team, all making it to the preliminary final, just one game short of the grand final in their respective competitions. All teams across all age groups were highly competitive, played in the right spirit and with great sportsmanship and represented the Brothers club admirably.

A special congratulations to those players from our Under 13s and Under 15s that were selected in the North Sydney Bears Junior Development Squads, giving them a taste of representative football and advanced coaching methods.

Off the field, the club was able to run the "Brothers Play For Free" Initiative, which has been an integral part of generating interest and participation in rugby league in the highly competitive junior sport landscape of the Lower North Shore.

The club's finances are in great shape thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, the club raffle and record takings from the Tunks Park match day canteen. The club was unable to successfully hold the Brothers State of Origin Lunch this season but look out for a return in 2024.

Congratulations and thank you to the North Sydney Brothers Committee who did a fantastic job of ensuring a successful and enjoyable season for all participants. North Sydney Brothers is a volunteer run club so anyone who gives their time should be highly commended. The

Committee aims to make incremental improvements to the club and the experience of all participants each year with the priority being player enjoyment, improvement and retention and creating a welcoming environment for all players and their families.

Congratulations to Sean Daggett (Under 11's) who was awarded the North Sydney Junior League Volunteer of the Year Award for North Sydney Brothers. Sean is a highly successful Under 11's coach, a committee member, regular Tunks Park Ground Manager and a sponsor of the club via his business, Lower North Constructions. What a contribution he has made this season and over several seasons.

In anticipation of the 2024 season, North Sydney Brothers will continue to focus on recruitment, player and coach development, sponsor engagement and promotion and creating a fun and inclusive environment for everyone involved. Initiatives will include, filling out missing age groups, achieving at least two girls tag teams and a girls tackle team, increasing sponsor promotion and engagement and resurrecting the North Sydney Brothers club song.

Thanks to all for a great 2023 season and see you all in 2024!

Gareth Uys

President

North Sydney Brothers J.R.L.F.C.



North Sydney Brothers Club Values

Respect

Fun

Community

Treasurer's Report

The club's finances remain in great shape at the end of the 2023 season, despite the club not proceeding with the annual Brothers State of Origin fund raising lunch. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, the Tunks Park match day canteen (record year), the club hamper raffle and a NSW Government grant arranged through MP Tim James, Brothers was again able to run the "PLAY FOR FREE" initiative.

"PLAY FOR FREE" has been integral to rebuilding playing numbers at the club over the last 5 years, with playing kit, insurance and association fees all covered by the Brother's club and providing a great incentive to local boys and girls to try the great game of Rugby League.

The junior sporting landscape on the Lower North Shore is highly competitive but Rugby League, apart from being a brilliant game for kids, is significantly more accessible for children from all socio-economic backgrounds due to the low (or zero) cost to play versus soccer or rugby union.

Thank you to our sponsors for season 2023. There are always opportunities for businesses to get involved with North Sydney Brothers JRLFC through sponsorship, aligning with a strong local community club that actively promotes sport and a healthy lifestyle for local children and young adults.

2023 Sponsors:

Norths Cammeray / Norths Collective

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Looking forward to a big 2024 including the return of the Brothers State of Origin Lunch in 2024.

Daniel Dickson - Treasurer

North Sydney Brothers J.R.L.F.C.

Canteen Report

2023 was a highly successful year for the North Sydney Brothers Tunks Park match day canteen which recorded record takings as the club hosted an increased number of games and received great support from both Brothers families and also by visiting teams and their families.

Thank you to all the parents and players that cooked the BBQ, served behind the counter or helped clean up and pack away. Special thanks to Rachel Uys for her assistance and for picking up the bread and meat each Friday and delivering to the canteen ready for Saturday.

A special thanks to Harris Farm Markets, Cammeray for their fantastic support and for providing the sausages, bacon, eggs and bread each week as part of their amazing sponsorship of our club.

The canteen is a major financial contributor to the club and helps fund many of our key initiatives. I strongly encourage everyone to help out as much as they can throughout the season to share the workload and help make the canteen an ongoing success.

Saskia Uys – Canteen Manager



Sponsors

Thank you to our club sponsors for 2023 and to our community sponsors. There are always opportunities for businesses to be involved with a community organisation such as North Sydney Brothers which encompasses a wide range of local families and actively promote a healthy active lifestyle for children of all ages. Please reach out to a committee member if your business would like to sponsor North Sydney Brothers JRLFC in 2024.



CAPELIN LAW

2023 Under 7s Season Report

It's been a long time since Brothers has fielded two Under 7s teams so thank you and congratulations to all parents and players for their support, patience and commitment.

The Under 7s commenced the season within the NRL League Ready program under the coaching of Mark Madden (NRL and North Sydney Bears) and Clint Lucas (Brothers Under 7's Head Coach). League Ready is a 6 week program that teaches the fundamental skills of the game with a particular focus on tackling and correct tackle technique. During this time the Under 7s play League Tag on Saturday, with the program this year culminating in an Under 7s tackle gala day at North Sydney Oval.

The back half of the season was played as tackle under the Safe Play Code. It was tremendous to see the players individually develop in both their footy skills and confidence as the season progressed. A Grand Final Gala day at North Sydney Oval was a great way to finish a successful season.

There were some wonderful performances over the course of the season led by JP Dixon with his brilliant cover defence, Archie Bible's speed and ability to get on the outside of the defence, Sora King's "hot feet" and electric footwork and the king of hard, straight running Archie Boorman. Special mention's also to Henry Lucas and Yasmin Lichaa each of whom played their 3rd season of rugby league, well done and congratulations on your dedication to the game.

This is a spirited, enthusiastic and talented group of players who have the makings of a great team if they stick together through the age groups. The step from Under 7's in 2023 to Under 8's in 2024 is a big and challenging one, with a bigger field, no coach on the field during games and the introduction of a First Receiver (FR).

See you all in 2024, Go Brothers!

Clint Lucas



2023 Under 7's Coaches: Clint Lucas, Nick Fredericks, Grant Boorman

Under 7's NRL League Ready Facilitator: Mark Madden

First Name	Last Name	Games 2023	Total Career Games
Archie	Boorman	11	20
Toby	Findlay	2	2
Patrick	Clare	10	10
Henry	Lucas	10	28
Hudson	Fredericks	12	21
Sora	King	7	17
Kingston	Donovan	6	6
Jefferson	Dixon	7	16
Henry	Tyson	8	16
Archer	Bible	9	18
Cooper	Smith	10	10
Miles	McEvoy	9	9
Xavier	Lane	6	16
Wilson	Li	6	15
Yasmin	Lichaa	10	28
Ayla	Kotarac	9	9



2023 Under 9s Season Report

Under 9's is the first season of competitive rugby league, i.e. games are scored, scores are recorded, there is a competition ladder which leads to semi-finals and a grand final.

North Sydney Brothers Under 9's embarked on a steep learning curve in 2023, with many players new to the game and match day clashes with other sporting codes meaning there were challenges in fielding a consistent line up of players, but full credit to the coaches, parents and players who stuck with it and showed notable improvement over the course of the season.

Some of the highlights of the season included a Round 4, 32 – 28 victory over the highly fancied and physically imposing Asquith Magpies at Storey Park, which shocked the competition and showed what this Brother's team was capable of, with players available and with some self-belief.

The progression and development of the team was highlighted by a spirited and agonisingly close, Round 14, 26 – 28 loss to eventual Grand Finalists the Willoughby Roos, with the team showing tremendous heart, courage and skill to get so close to a final round victory over a much fancied opponent.

Under 9's also acquitted themselves well at the inaugural Greg Florimo Cup Gala Day held at North Sydney Oval, which was a great experience for all players and parents.

Well done to all players new and returning. Everyone came to training ready to listen and learn, and all players showed great improvement over the season.

A special mention to Aiden Kells, Max Rice, Aaron Lim and Jackson Taylor who all played at least 10 games for the season.

Congratulations to Aaron Lim for taking out the Best Forward Award with his hard running, skilful play out of dummy half and solid defence, Kingston Davis, who was awarded the Best Back Award with his speed, footwork, play-making ability in the FR vest and nose for the try line, not to mention his fearlessness in defence, often tackling opponents many time his size and finally Jackson Taylor who impressed with his dedication, commitment to the game and who's play went from strength to strength as the season progressed, becoming one of the most reliable players on the team.

With a season of competitive footy under our belt, many players gaining their first season of experience and with continuing development of our fundamental skills, particularly defence, this groups of players could be big improvers in 2024 as they move to the bigger field with more players (11 on the field).

Thanks to Charles Heffernan for his efforts as trainer and on occasion, stand in coach. Thanks also to Warwick Kells as Manager and to Pru Bolton and Nathan Davis for scoring.

Brent Rice – Under 9's Coach - Go Brothers!

Special Awards:

2023 Under 9's Best Forward: Aaron Lim

2023 Under 9's Best Back: Kingston Davis

2023 Most Improved: Jackson Taylor



2023 Under 9's Coach: Brent Rice







2023 Under 9's Trainer: Charles Heffernan

First Name	Last Name	Games 2023	Total Career Games
Max	Rice	11	17
Opal	Moran	9	9
Eric	Livingstone-Foggo	5	29
Harry	Griffiths	5	5
Aaron	Lim	10	25
Kingston	Davis	8	35
Ollie	Robertson	8	8
Aiden	Kells	11	25
Leo	Sommers	9	9
Nicholas	Bradshaw	4	10
Archie	Giuffrida	4	4
Michael	LALOR	8	30
Jackson	TAYLOR	10	42
Sol	Setu	7	7
Edward	Wright	6	6
Seojin	Hearnshaw	7	7
Coda	McIntosh	4	4
Steven	Sand	4	4

COMPETITIONS

NORTH SYDNEY JRL /

North Sydney Junior League - Under 9's

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Pos	Team	Played	Points	Wins	Drawn	Lost	Byes	For	Against	Diff.	
1	 Hills Hawks U9	14	41	13	1	0	0	426	148	278	
2	 Willoughby Roos U9	14	35	10	1	3	0	416	232	184	
3	 Asquith Magpies U9	14	32	8	2	4	0	422	302	120	
4	 Berowra Wallabies U9	13	25	3	3	7	1	258	368	-110	
5	 North Sydney Brothers U9	14	19	2	1	11	0	196	384	-188	
6	 Pennant Hills Cherrybrook U9	14	18	1	2	11	0	184	468	-284	



2023 Under 10s Season Report

What a season! What a Team! North Sydney Brothers Under 10s finished the season as both Minor Premiers and Grand Final Winners, taking out the Grand Final 36 – 12 against the Kuring-gai Cubs at Hills Grammar.

It was a tremendous season, with all players contributing to the success of the team, displaying great camaraderie and good sportsmanship for the 2 trial matches, 14 regular season rounds and three weeks of finals.

The regular season brought 13 wins and 1 loss with 480 points scored (34 points scored on average per game) while conceding 150 points (10.7 points conceded per game) with the foundation of the team's success a willingness, to a player, to DEFEND. In the end, clearly the best defensive team won the competition.

In a season of highlights, a few memorable moments stood out.

Playing and winning a hard fought, top of the table Round 11 clash with Kuring-gai Cubs under lights @ Primrose Park (24-22 win to Brothers!) in what was the closest of matches, with Brothers rallying back from a 10 point deficit with 8 minutes to go to take the win.

Making the Grand Final of the Don McKinnon Cup, Under 10s Gala Day on North Sydney Oval as the curtain raiser to a North Sydney Bears NSW Cup game. In the grand final, Brothers U10s lost by a single try to the Windsor Wolves who play in the Division 1 Penrith U10s Competition and along the way defeated Berowra Wallabies and the Mona Vale Raiders (U10 Division 1 winners in the Manly Under 10 competition).

The North Sydney Junior League Grand Final, that saw North Sydney Brothers crowned Under 10s Premiers was a memorable day, with the team saving its best performance of the season for the biggest game of the season. Some words to describe how the team played in the Grand Final: **ruthless, dominant, clinical, powerful, committed, confident, intimidating**...it wasn't the flashiest footy we've played this year but it was just a classic power game of hard running in attack, swarming defence and mistake free footy....we simply overwhelmed the Cubs physically and eventually broke their spirit....it sounds mean but it was beautiful to watch. Every player in the team contributed to the win, but special mention to Bertie Owens who took home the Grand Final Match Ball as judged by the North Sydney Junior League Ground officials for the Man of the Match, capping off an outstanding season for him.

Thanks to John Maddalena, for all his commitment and efforts as our trainer and Andrew Capelin for scoring, always a calm presence on the sidelines. Congratulations to the Under 10's parents for their commitment to the team whether we are playing at Tunks, Dural or anywhere else.

The team this year showed great improvement in individual skills, but it was in their teamwork, passing, communication and bravery in defence where the greatest strides were made from last season in which they were runners up.

Already looking forward to defending our title in 2024 in the Under 11s.

Gareth Uys – Under 10s Coach

Player	Coaches Notes
Ben Bailey	Strong runner, can find a hole in the defence and with underrated speed can go all the way and score. A good organiser at FR who brings others into the game and doesn't overplay his hand. On field leader who can lift the team and take them with him. Offseason - work on left shoulder tackling.
Archie Boyle	Showed enough in a handful of games to suggest he could be a huge contributor to the team. Brave in defence and a brilliant legs tackler, and naturally suited to the DH vest, with a good turn of speed and an eye for space.
Jack Burgun	Season cut short by a broken arm as he was playing his best footy of the year. Long striding, naturally gifted ball runner with a taste for length of the field tries. As his comfort and confidence within the playing group increased, his involvement went up and he developed into a brilliant one on one defender, highlighted by his cover tackle at Berowra. Offseason - rehab his arm ready to come back and pick up where he left off.
Joe Capelin	A competitor in every sense of the word who exudes confidence that rubs off on his teammates. Excellent footwork, has played a lot more direct this year, very good offloader of the ball and a great eye for space in attack. Equally good at FR and DH, always challenging the defense by running at the line. Great one on one defender, making some key tackles on the edge. Strong post try celebration game. Offseason - work on his passing off the ground, both sides and with more speed.
Archie Carnegie	New to the team, but infectious personality, won over his teammates early. Hard running player who gradually upped his involvement, particularly with a shift to the middle of the field. Really improved his workrate in defence, and capable of making strong and effective tackles, with a strong defensive effort in the GF. Offseason - Work on lowering his tackle height and catching the ball in his hands not on his chest.
Jack Connolly	Intercept king. Fast with a good step and plays low to the ground, making him hard to tackle. Looks a natural fit in the DH vest with his speed and eye for when to run, always lifts in defence when wearing a vest too. Brave in defence and on his day has excellent technique. Offseason - Off the ground passing, both sides and catching the ball in his hands not on his chest.
Kingston Davis	Late season addition as injury cover, who is brave and effective in defence and who can be trusted to make his tackles in a higher age group. Fast with a great step and the ability to break the line and a high work rate off the ball in support.
Iggy Findlay	Fearless runner, who hits the ball at pace and with purpose, not scared to challenge the defensive line, and has developed a nice step and dummy. Became a noted try scorer this year. Tireless in defence in the middle of the field, with a high work rate and good technique. Offseason - Catch pass both sides
William Hawkins	Great new addition to the team but needs more games under his belt to take his game to a new level. Strong ball runner, with the pass always an option and deceptive speed. Defence improved over the course of the season as did his defensive work rate. Superb goal kicker. With more games could be very effective in the FR vest. Offseason - Tackle technique, more shoulder and lower point of contact.
Sarah Lichaa	Dominating ball runner and middle forward who has taken her game to the next level by running hard onto the ball. Strikes fear into the opposition, runs through contact and strong leg drive helps gain post contact metres. Strong defender, with a high work rate and key to stopping opponents going through the middle. Love to see her develop an offload in her game next season. Offseason - Work on her passing skills both sides and improve her goal kicking.
Harry Maddalena	Strong ball runner, with good footwork at the line and nice offload capabilities. At his best hitting the ball at speed and runs with purpose. Great line speed in defence, always advancing and pressuring the opposition ball carriers, strong defender. Onfield leader and excellent organiser. Offseason - catching on the run, passing skills both sides.
Jude Miller	Under the radar player who grew in confidence as the season progressed. Most improved tackler, moved to the middle of the field and increased his involvement and work rate. Defensively very good with correct technique. Can up his involvement in attack, as he is a strong ball runner with a good dummy and swerve. Offseason - Catch on the run, passing on the run, catch in his hands not on body.
Ramond Moran	New player who took time to find his feet, but grew in familiarity and confidence as the season progressed. Brilliant footwork, natural mover, very difficult for defenders to tackle one on one. Deceptive speed and can capitalise on line breaks by going all the way to the try line. Good support player who puts himself in the game. Very strong one on one defender, and great cover defender. Doesn't realise how good he could be. Offseason - left and right passing
Bertie Owens	Powerful ball runner, with exceptional speed and ability to accelerate. Can go around them or through them. He is strong into the tackle and gets huge metres after contact. Excellent footwork combined with pace and power means a constant linebreak threat and leading try scorer. Defensively dominates the middle, drives into contact and huge work rate. Ability to sting his opponents in tackles. Leads the team through his actions. Offseason - Catch pass skills, catch ball in hands not on body, develop passing on both sides.
Gonzalo Perez-Jimenez	Strong ball runner with excellent late footwork, and ability to make defenders miss. Thrives with greater responsibility and superb wearing the DH vest, good organiser, level head and cool under pressure. Hard to stop close to the line due to his strength, low centre of gravity and powerful leg drive. Excellent front on defender, and improved his work rate this season in defence overall. Excellent kicking game. Offseason - Needs to incorporate more passing into his game and practice passing both sides off the ground (i.e. DH passing)
Toby Uys	Fierce competitor who always bring maximum effort and energy and plays with good intensity. Strong ball runner, good footwork and carries the ball in two hands with a vastly improved passing game which keeps the opposition guessing. Has the speed to break the line and go all the way to the try line. Trusted FR who is positionally strong, is a good organiser and brings others into the game. Improved eye for when to run and when to pass and has a good kicking game. High work rate in defence, strong out of marker and always pressing forward. Strong job defending out wide later in the season. Offseason - Work on tackle technique and timing.

2023 Under 10's Coach: Gareth Uys

Special Awards:

2023 Under 10's Trainer: John Maddalena

2023 Coaches Award: Sarah Lichaa









2023 Under 10's Manager: Andrew Capelin

2023 Trainers Award: Jack Burgun

Player	Games 2023	Tries	Goals	Points	Career Games Brothers
Ben Bailey	14	14	5	66	36
Archie Boyle	5	1	4	12	5
Jack Burgun	12	8	3	38	12
Joe Capelin	16	10	8	56	70
Archie Carnegie	12	2	5	18	12
Jack Connolly	13	1	5	14	39
Kingston Davis	3	1	0	4	35
Iggy Findlay	16	10	5	50	29
William Hawkins	7	2	5	18	7
Sarah Lichaa	16	7	2	32	48
Harry Maddalena	13	1	3	10	89
Jude Miller	16	1	5	14	69
Ramond Moran	16	5	6	32	16
Bertie Owens	13	19	7	90	26
Gonzalo Perez-Jimenez	14	6	7	38	41
Toby Uys	15	8	8	48	67

COMPETITIONS

NORTH SYDNEY JRL /

North Sydney Junior League - Under 10's										
			Draw	Ladder	Stats					
Pos	Team	Played	Points	Wins	Drawn	Lost	Byes	For	Against	Diff.
1	 North Sydney Brothers U10	14	40	13	0	1	0	480	150	330
2	 Berowra Wallabies U10	14	34	10	0	4	0	410	316	94
3	 Kuringgai Cubs U10	14	33	9	1	4	0	436	316	120
4	 Willoughby Roos U10	14	29	7	1	6	0	342	314	28
5	 Lane Cove Tigers U10	14	24	4	2	8	0	264	356	-92
6	 Pennant Hills Cherrybrook U10 Blue	14	24	4	2	8	0	276	442	-166
7	 Asquith Magpies U10	14	20	3	0	11	0	326	462	-136
8	 Pennant Hills Cherrybrook U10 Red	14	20	2	2	10	0	240	418	-178





2023 Under 11s Season Report

North Sydney Brothers Under 11's enjoyed yet another successful season, making it back-to-back Grand Final appearances, but ultimately running into a slightly better team on the last day of the season after tasting victory against the same opponent in 2022.

All players and parents can be incredibly proud of this talented, committed, and passionate team who battled through a tough draw with many away games and clashes with school sports to be clearly one of the best teams in the competition.

A real rivalry has emerged between North Sydney Brothers and Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Stags over the last few seasons in this age group and this season was no different as the two teams bring out the best in each other, with every game being tough and hard fought.

Brothers were the second-best attacking team and second-best defensive team with a for and against record of 470 points scored to 212 conceded, meaning an average score of 34 – 15 across the regular season.

In a memorable season, a few games stood out.

- A round 10 clash with Willoughby Roos ended in an 18 all draw as a short-handed Brothers dug deep to share the points with the fast-finishing Roos. Last year's wet weather and an early season forfeit, meant these two teams hadn't played each other for over two years, and with Willoughby still salty from being dumped out of the finals early last season and Brothers going on to win the title, there was added feeling in this one. An 18-All draw was a fitting result for a tough game.
- The following week, Brothers played out a brutal 18 All draw with archrivals Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Stags under lights at Greenway Park in a top of the table clash. The Stags came out hard and fast looking to make a statement against the reigning Premiers and took a lead into the half time break. Brothers rallied after half time with strong ball running and some big tackles, managed to tie things up, leaving the best two teams in the competition all locked up. It was the match of the year, played tough but with great respect and sportsmanship between the two sides.
- The preliminary final saw North Sydney Brothers defeat Willoughby Roos 18-6 to earn a spot in the Grand Final. In a match played in windy conditions, Brothers put on 18 first half points with the breeze at their backs and then managed to defend their way to victory as the Roos dominated second half field position courtesy of the stiff westerly blowing down the valley at Tunks.
- The Grand Final saw Pennant Hills Stags defeat North Sydney Brothers 24-18 in a typically tough and sometimes spiteful match. Brothers were slow to jump out of the gates but never gave up and were launching a stirring comeback from 24-6 down to

make it a one score game as time ran out. Every player gave it their all and played to the final whistle making the coaches and parents proud and a special congratulations to Archie Smith who turned in a brilliant two try Grand Final performance to win the award for best Brothers Player in the Grand Final as voted by the North Sydney Junior League Ground Officials.

Thanks to our committed group of parents who went to extraordinary lengths to get our players to games, often rushing from one side of Sydney to the other (sometimes for half a game), showing how much this team means them all.

Thanks to Andrew Pearson (Trainer) and Michelle Smith (Manager) for all their work through the season to make it such a success.

2024 will be an exciting step up, as we move to 13 a side footy, played on a full field and in an expanded competition that sees the merger of North Sydney and Manly teams into graded Gold, Silver and Bronze Competitions. Looking forward to the challenge.

Sean Daggett – Under 11s Coach

2023 Under 11's Coach: Sean Daggett

2023 Under 11's Trainer: Andrew Pearson

2023 Under 11's Manager: Michelle Smith

Special Awards:

2023 Under 11's Best and Fairest: Archie Smith

2023 Under 11's Players Player: Leon Walsh











2023 Under 11's Most Improved: Joshiro Han

First Name	Last Name	Games 2023	Total Career Games
Sam	Courtenay	10	21
Jock	Pearson	12	12
Tyler	Schramm	10	29
Leon	Walsh	15	25
Keanu	Rudd	15	27
Flynn	Daggett	15	76
Jock	Griffiths	15	26
Jamison	Rose	13	13
Henry	Pearson	12	25
Theo	Harris	15	40
Henry	Higgins	15	38
William	Messara	11	11
Archie	Smith	12	75
Joshiro	Han	15	27
Freddie	Adamo	12	30
Will	Dixon	7	29

COMPETITIONS

NORTH SYDNEY JRL /

North Sydney Junior League - Under 11's

Pos	Team	Played	Points	Draw	Ladder	Stats	Byes	For	Against	Diff.
				Wins	Drawn	Lost				
1	 Pennant Hills Cherrybrook U11	14	41	13	1	0	0	510	200	310
2	 North Sydney Brothers U11	14	36	10	2	2	0	470	212	258
3	 Willoughby Roos U11	14	31	8	1	5	0	380	272	108
4	 Asquith Magpies U11 White	14	31	8	1	5	0	436	428	8
5	 Lane Cove Tigers U11 Orange	14	30	7	2	5	0	418	380	38
6	 Kuringgai Cubs U11	14	26	6	0	8	0	320	394	-74
7	 Hills Hawks U11	14	23	4	1	9	0	358	444	-86
8	 Berowra Wallabies U11	14	23	4	1	9	0	256	446	-190
9	 Lane Cove Tigers U11 Black	14	21	2	3	9	0	368	492	-124
10	 Asquith Magpies U11 Black	14	18	2	0	12	0	322	570	-248





2023 Under 13's Season Report

North Sydney Brothers Under 13's had 26 registered players who participated in the Under 13's NSWRL Silver and Bronze Northern Conference Competitions in 2023.

The squad was an exciting mix of returning players and players new to both the club, to rugby league and indeed some new to contact sport in general. With individual player development front of mind for the coaching staff, early season training was focussed on the fundamental skills of the game with more advanced structures and concepts introduced as the season progressed. It was the first year of international rules for these players so a lot to learn and they embraced that opportunity.

Both Silver (3rd) and Bronze (4th) teams showed tremendous improvement over the course of the year, both qualifying for finals footy. Unfortunately, injury and eligibility, cruelled the finals hopes of the Under 13's Bronze team, whilst Under 13's Silver made it through to Week 2 of the Finals, ultimately outclassed in a hard fought Preliminary Final against Lane Cove.

Congratulations to all players for their dedication and commitment, many of whom played multiple games on a Saturday to ensure both Silver and Bronze could field a team and to the parents who went above and beyond to have their players at far flung grounds or rushing between venues. There was no Under 13's Silver and Under 13's Bronze teams specifically, this was a squad effort with all players helping where they could, to make sure everyone got as much game time as possible.

Under 13's Silver had a tough start to the season, running into two very good teams in Willoughby and Pennant Hills who would both subsequently be promoted to Gold, before turning a narrow loss in Round 3 to Narraweena into their first victory of the season which was a comprehensive 36 – 4 victory over Cromer. A couple more losses culminated in a 6-54 drubbing by Lane Cove at the mid-point of the season, and after some soul-searching from players and coaches alike, it pleasingly triggered an on-field response, as things really turned around during the back half of the season. The team won 5 of their next 6 games to rocket into finals contention, with both individual and team improvement clearly evident.

The first week of the finals saw the battle of "The Brothers", with North Sydney Brothers taking on Manly Brothers under Friday night lights. After a tense and tightly contested first 10 minutes, North Sydney broke the game open with a dummy half try to Harry Beverley, quickly followed by an Archie Keenan four pointer in the opposite corner. From there, Manly Brothers clawed their way back into the game with a couple of tries of their own, sending the players to the sheds for halftime all locked up at 10 All.

The second half, saw NS Brothers having to defend stoutly, before some opposition errors gave us field position which was turned into points via tries to the ever-reliable Will McKay and try scoring freak Max Pearson. Manly Brothers were shut out for the 2nd half giving NS Brothers a hard fought 18-10 victory and a passage to Week 2 of the finals.

The following week's Preliminary Final saw North Sydney Brothers' season ended at the hands of a red hot Lane Cove Tigers side, defeated 12 – 22 at Tunks Park, but there was plenty to celebrate and be proud of with the season's results against Lane Cove Tigers clearly showing the development and improvement of this age group. Round 8 - Lost 6-54, Round 15 - Lost 0 – 32 and the Preliminary Final Lost - 12-22....clearly the gap was narrowing, so with a big offseason, North Sydney Brothers will be right in the hunt for a premiership next year with this group of players.

This season for the Under 13's Bronze team was all about experience, game time, player enjoyment and skill development. On all these metrics the season was a great success with a host of new players blooded in the great game of rugby league. Although wins were few and far between, the effort, commitment and bravery of the players was unmatched, often fielding less than 13 players against teams with extended numbers of reserves.

The clear highlight of the season was a Round 12, 22-28 loss to Kuring-gai Cubs, the eventual Grand Final winners, playing with just 11 men! This effort showed that on their day, this Brothers team had what it took to match it with the best in the comp.

After falling 10 - 0 down early in the match, some tactical changes saw the defence stiffen up, possession swing the way of Brothers and off the back of some great efforts from Jack Fullilove and Harry Childs, Brothers hit the half with an 18-10 lead. Fatigue crept in during the second half and after again levelling the scores at 22 All, Brothers failed to keep the Cubs out, seeing them take the lead 28-22. Still this gallant Brothers team wouldn't lay down, with one final shot at a try cut short by the full-time bell. All-in-all a magnificent effort from the undermanned Brothers team, doing themselves and their coaches proud.

Congratulations to those players recognised with special awards at the Presentation Day, but every player that strapped on a boot for the Under 13's should be incredibly proud of their efforts this year.

Ben Ives / Andrew Kaless – Coaches Under 13's

Special Awards:**2023 Under 13's Players Player: Will McKay****2023 Under 13's Players Player: Jack Fullilove****2023 Under 13's Best Forward: Tom McKay****2023 Under 13's Best Back and Leading Try Scorer: Max Pearson****2023 Under 13's Coach's Award: Tommy Davis****2023 Under 13's Rising Star: Eddie Ohlsson****2023 Under 13's New Talent: Will Freeman**

2023 Under 13's Coach: Andrew Kaless
 2023 Under 13's Coach: Ben Ives
 2023 Under 13's Trainer: Grant Boorman
 2023 Under 13's Manager: Nathan Davis
 2023 Under 13's Manager: Leng Ohlsson











First Name	Last Name	Games 2023	Total Career Games
Harry	Arneman	14	14
Kim Johan	ARNESEN	14	56
Justin	Barba	17	29
Harry	Beverley	11	11
Hugo	BOORMAN	8	28
Miller	Boyle	15	15
Harry	CHILDS	14	24
Mathis	Christensen	10	38
Michael	COURTENAY	18	18
Thomas	DAVIS	10	59
Monty	DOUGLASS	11	47
Lachlan	Feltham	8	8
William	Freeman	13	13
Jack	Fullilove	19	19
Edward	Godfrey	13	13
Monty	Hartman	5	7
Phoenix	HATTON	20	69
Allen	James	9	9
Archie	Keegan	15	15
Cameron	Lyons	15	15
Jack	Matthews	9	26
William	McKay	20	30
Thomas	McKay	21	29
Edward	Ohlsson	15	32
Max	PEARSON	13	55
Zachary	PRIOR	9	61
Angus	Whyte	14	14
Jakub	WLUDYKA	11	11

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2023 NORTHERN UNDER 13 SILVER

Pos	Team	Played	Points	Draw	Ladder	Stats	For	Against	Diff.	
				Wins	Drawn	Lost				Byes
1	 Forestville Ferrets U/13	15	34	10	0	4	0	346	211	135
2	 Lane Cove Tigers U/13	15	33	10	0	3	0	416	266	150
3	 North Sydney Brothers U/13 (1)	15	29	6	0	8	1	205	322	-117
4	 Mona Vale Raiders U/13	15	27	6	0	9	0	245	240	5
5	 Avalon Bulldogs U/13	15	27	7	1	6	1	290	327	-37
6	 Manly Brothers U/13	15	25	7	2	5	1	254	361	-107
7	 Harbord United Devils U/13 (2)	15	24	8	1	6	0	162	383	-221
8	 Narrabeena Hawks U/13	15	17	2	0	11	0	124	538	-414

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2023 NORTHERN UNDER 13 BRONZE

Pos	Team	Played	Points	Draw	Ladder	Stats	For	Against	Diff.	
				Wins	Drawn	Lost				Byes
1	 Belrose Eagles U/13	15	38	11	1	3	0	360	152	208
2	 Kuringgai Cubs U/13	15	28	5	1	8	1	302	302	0
3	 Cromer Kingfishers U/13	15	22	4	0	10	0	169	403	-234
4	 North Sydney Brothers U/13 (2)	12	11	0	0	8	1	46	371	-325







2023 Under 14s Girls League Tag Season Report

For the last few seasons, North Sydney Brothers has not entered a team in any of the North Sydney Junior League Girls League Tag Competitions, and it was one of the aims for the Committee this year to fill this gap in participation at the club, especially as this is the largest segment of player growth in the district.

Thanks to the recruitment efforts of Vice President, John Dickson and Tamara Charlton, the nucleus of an Under 14's Girls Tag team emerged early in the year, and with some word of mouth, a buzz developed around this team, and with some final recruits, the playing roster was finalised.

What a talented, committed, competitive and delightful group of girls took to the field for the first trial match of the year at Berowra taking on the experienced Wallabies team. A 32-6 win in their first game of tag (albeit a trial) signalled to the competition that this team were not a bunch of newbies learning the ropes of League Tag, but a skilful and talented group of players who were out to give the competition a shake!

What followed was a highly enjoyable and incredibly worthwhile season of 14 rounds plus two finals matches, that saw this team finish 4th on the ladder and get to within 1 win of the Grand Final. An incredible effort in their first season as a team and first season of League Tag.

Some of the season highlights:

- A Round 1 - 54 – 14 demolition of the Hills Hawks which saw 6 different try scorers and provided a great launching pad for the season ahead;
- Two “after the bell” wins, a Round 8 - 32-28 win over the Hills Hawks, with Brothers trailing by 2 points, 10 metres out from their own try line and one play left (the bell rang as the ball was played). A line break by an exhausted Mischa Saunders was supported by Abigail Paki resulting in a try under the posts to break the hearts of the Hawks. In similar vein, a Round 12 – 16-12 win over Berowra Wallabies in front of their home crowd was only secured in the last play of the game. Both examples of this team's tremendous will to win and never say die attitude.
- The Round 10 clash was a battle of 3rd vs 4th as Brothers took on Asquith Magpies at Storey Park, suffering a 22-26 defeat but doing themselves and their coaches proud as they took on the Magpies one player short, with no reserves on a warm July day.
- The 32 – 8 semi final victory over Berowra Wallabies in week 1 of the finals was our most comprehensive win of the year, with amazing ball movement and great commitment in attack and defence.

Every player improved over the season and made a contribution to the team, but a couple of special mentions:

Mischa Saunders – Leading regular season try scorer across the entire competition with 31 tries!

Charlise Cannon – Outstanding natural footballer, who played first receiver, orchestrated much of the attack and the leading goal kicker in the competition.

Claudia Taylor – First receiver, great organiser and selfless team player with great passing skills allowing her to bring others into the game.

Congratulations to all our players, who learnt a new game, improved their skills and attacked the season with enthusiasm and great commitment.

Will Chan / Gareth Uys U14's Girls Tag Coaches

Player	Trainers Notes
Charlise Cannon	A natural footballer, with great instincts, incredible passing and kicking skills and showed tremendous on-field leadership and ability to organise the team from the first receiver position.
Abby Chan	Fiesty in attack and defence. Always in the thick of the action looking to make something happen. Great passing skills and deceptive speed off the mark, a great dummy half and very good tagger in the middle.
Saya Han	A real competitor, always looking to get into the game and affect the outcome, a fierce tagger up the middle, with dangerous speed in attack. A physical player, prepared to make the opposition stand up and take notice.
Lily Kitchen	One of the most improved players on the team, a hard, straight runner, who loves to take the tough carry but also very good at finding space back up the middle. Competitive and plays very tough in defence....brave.
Lauren Murray	A big improver over the season who gained confidence. A committed player who is loved by the team. Has potential to take her game to the next level with some added belief and a little extra skills practice. So close to that elusive first try.
Avril O'Brien	Long striding player, who found her feet and got increasingly involved as the season went on. Doesn't yet know how good she could be. Tough to tag, deceptively fast and quietly very competitive. Hungry in defence and a great tagger out wide.
Sofia Le Bouriscot	A no-nonsense player, who is great in defence, and not afraid to step in front of the ball runner and put her body on the line to effect a tag. A nice direct runner with deceptive speed and a good step.
Eva O'Sullivan-Mejia	Still getting a feel for the game, but has a great attitude, is a hard, straight runner and defensively good in the middle. With more experience, could be a key player who dominates the middle of the field.
Abigail Paki	Plenty of pace and has a nose for a try. Can run to space and has the pace to go all the way. Intercept queen and master of the one handed put-down. Great attacking weapon.
Lucy Proctor	Focused, dialed-in and committed. Runs hard and direct and is a commanding presence in the middle of the field in defence, rarely misses a tag. Leader.
Alex Rees	Outstanding speed and a key attacking weapon, always dangerous out on the edges and knows how to score a try. Scored 50% of the tries (2) conceded by Pennant Hills (4 tries conceded) this whole season.
Mischa Saunders	Top try scorer and dominant attacking player of the entire competition. Outstanding speed, eye for space and incredible body control in how she runs the ball. Underrated defender, committed player and a great leader.
Claudia Taylor	Unsung hero of the team, selfless player and highly skilled first receiver. Good ball player, hard worker in defence with the ability to play big minutes, always trains and plays with maximum effort.
Charlotte Thomas	Naturally competitive, always giving 100% effort and incredibly focused. Great on-field leader, strong runner and fearless defender out wide. One of the most improved over the season.
Saskia Uys	Versatile and talented who has good passing skills, a high work rate in defence and the ability to make crucial tags. Can play wider out with deceptive speed and step or closer in to the action at dummy half where she is always scheming and threatening the opposition.

2023 Under 14's Coach: Will Chan

2023 Under 14's Trainer: Gareth Uys

Special Awards:

2023 U14's Most Outstanding Player: Mischa Saunders

2023 U14's Coach's Award: Charlise Cannon

2023 U14's Trainer's Award: Claudia Taylor









2023 U14's Most Improved: Lily Kitchen

Player	Games Played	Tries	Goals	Points
Charlise Cannon	15	7	30	88
Abby Chan	9	3	0	12
Saya Han	15	3	0	12
Lily Kitchen	16	1	0	4
Lauren Murray	15	0	0	0
Avril O'Brien	14	3	0	12
Sofia Le Bouriscot	14	1	0	4
Eva O'Sullivan-Mejia	8	0	0	0
Abigail Paki	12	10	1	42
Lucy Proctor	15	1	0	4
Alex Rees	15	6	0	24
Mischa Saunders	16	31	4	132
Claudia Taylor	16	4	2	20
Charlotte Thomas	14	1	0	4
Saskia Uys	14	4	2	18

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North Sydney Junior League - Blues TAG U14's

											Draw	Ladder	Stats
Pos	Team	Played	Points	Wins	Drawn	Lost	Byes	For	Against	Diff.			
1	 Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Tag U14	14	42	14	0	0	0	658	18	640			
2	 Lane Cove Tag U14	14	38	12	0	2	0	524	114	410			
3	 Asquith Magpies Tag U14	14	32	9	0	5	0	396	244	152			
4	 North Sydney Brothers Tag U14	14	32	9	0	5	0	410	288	122			
5	 Berowra Wallabies Tag U14	14	25	5	1	8	0	306	310	-4			
6	 Hills Hawks Tag U14	14	21	3	1	10	0	262	446	-184			
7	 Willoughby Roos Tag U14	14	20	3	0	11	0	172	626	-454			
8	 Kuringgai Cubs TAG U14	14	14	0	0	14	0	80	762	-682			





2023 Under 14s Girls Tackle Season Report

Given the growth in female participation in all levels of Rugby League and the rapid rise in popularity of the NRLW and Harvey Norman Women's Premiership, the North Sydney Junior League, established a girls development tackle rugby league competition in 2023. Primarily helping Under 14's and Under 16's girls who play League Tag in the North Sydney district to transition to tackle rugby league, 6 rounds of 7 aside modified, non-competitive tackle matches were held on Friday nights through-out winter and which culminated in a gala at North Sydney Oval.

There were seven girls from the Brothers U14's Tag team that formed the first ever junior female tackle team to represent Brothers and these trail blazing pioneers did themselves and their club proud. Thanks to sponsor N-Pro Headgear for fitting out the girls with the best scientifically proven headgear on the market.

Amongst the teams, there was enormous respect and camaraderie on display, North Sydney Brothers partnering with Hills Hawks and on occasion Willoughby Roos for match days.

The bravery, strength into contact, tackle technique and skills under pressure that the players in this team displayed were amazing, and hopefully it will prove to be valuable experience and a great launching pad for these girls to continue in tackle rugby league in the future.

The North Sydney District will be represented by an Under 17's representative female tackle team in 2024 along with the Under 19's Tarsha Gale team that played this year. The Under 14's and Under 16's Girls Tackle competitions will run again in 2024 with a view to being competitive with ladders and finals.

Well done to all players, parents and coaches on a fun and exhilarating year.

**2023 Under 14's Girls Tackle Coach:
John Dickson**

**2023 Under 14's Girls Tackle
Manager: Tamara Charlton**



**2023 North Sydney Brothers Under
14's Girls Tackle Players:**

Charlise Cannon

Lily Kitchen

Charlotte Thomas

Avril O'Brien

Saskia Uys

Sofia Le Bouriscot

Lucy Proctor



2023 Under 15's Gold Season Report

The North Sydney Brothers Under 15's Gold team is the premier team representing the Brother's club. The challenge of not just participating in a Gold competition, but to also be highly competitive, is immense, and this team did themselves, their parents and coach's proud this season.

The Brothers Under 15's is loaded with highly talented and physically imposing players, many of whom have experienced a number of years of representative footy with the North Sydney Bears.

After demolishing the Berowra Wallabies in a trial match, The Brothers Under 15's hit the ground running to start the season. Buoyed by full fitness and some brilliant new recruits, Brothers started the season with statement wins against their main rivals Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Stags (40 -12) and Narraweena Hawks (18-10). These were followed by a round 3 bye and Round 4 and 5 forfeits by Mona Vale Raiders and Narrabeen Sharks, who were running scared of this dangerous North Sydney Brothers team.

Some big wins against the newly promoted Asquith Magpies, The Stags and Narrabeen Sharks had Brothers sitting nicely at the top of the table two-thirds of the way into the season before the team got its first big reality check against the mighty Narraweena Hawks, with an under manned North Sydney Brothers suffering a 0 – 48 drubbing in Round 11.

From this point on, a mix of injuries to key players and clashes with school footy provided some tough obstacles, but the team took care of business against the lower ranked opponents and cemented their position in 2nd spot on the ladder.

The first week of the finals, didn't go according to plan, as second placed Brothers played Minor Premiers Narraweena for an express pass to the Grand Final, but the loss of key players to injury was too much to overcome, with a brave Brothers team going down 0 – 52.

Coaches and players had to regroup quickly for a grudge match against arch rivals Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Stags the week after, to see who would take on the Hawks in the Grand Final.

For the Preliminary Final, it was a windy mid-August Saturday at Tunks Park and the Brother's 15's Gold came out full of intensity and intent. The collisions early in the game were BIG, with Brothers imposing themselves physically on The Stags. Yousif Salman, Kai Brennan and Bailey Dickson were brutal in defence and Brothers took a handy lead into the break against a willing Pennant Hills team, equally desperate to make the Grand Final. Unfortunately, the second half didn't go according to plan with the Stags able to take advantage of a low completion rate by Brothers and piggy back penalties to end our season.

It was a case of what 'might have been' for this outstanding North Sydney Brothers Under 15's team, who proved early in the season they were as good as any team in the competition and could beat anyone.

A big congratulations to all players and parents for their efforts throughout the season, playing Gold is not for the faint-hearted, but this is a skilful, talented and tough group of players.

Daniel Dickson – Coach Under 15's

2023 Under 15's Coach: Daniel Dickson

2023 Under 15's Trainer: Anthony Kotorac

2023 Under 15's Trainer: Tony Prykiel

2023 Under 15's Trainer: Jordan Dickson

2023 Under 15's Manager: Simone Harrison



Special Awards:

2023 Under 15's Best and Fairest: Max Prykiel

2023 Under 15's Best Back: Austin Hatton

2023 Under 15's Best Forward: Kai Brennan

2023 Under 15's Most Consistent: Bailey Dickson

2023 Under 15's Coaches Award: Yousif Salman

2023 Under 15's Coaches Award: Corey Kingston


2023 Under 15's Most Improved: Samuel Crotty

2023 Under 15's People's Choice Award: Max Prykiel






2023 Under 15's Players Player: Max Prykiel



Player		Games 2023	Total Career Games Brothers
Chase	BURROWS	13	39
Austin	HATTON	14	63
Max	Prykiel	14	28
Oliver	Smith	9	33
Corey	KINGSTON	12	24
William	DOUMIT	14	14
Bailey	DICKSON	14	130
Nicholas	KOTARAC	11	53
Kai	BRENNAN	11	107
Angus	Kooyman	10	10
Samuel	Mackellar	10	10
Dominic	LEE	13	26
Yousif	Salman	10	17
Jeremy	BREMNER	9	9
Braeden	Le Maitre	10	10
Lawson	Armstrong	5	5
Will	GERBER	14	23
Hunter	Chan	3	17
William	Powell	9	9
Charlie	North	7	7
SAMUEL	CROTTY	14	14
Hayden	JOHNS	14	14


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2023 NORTHERN UNDER 15 GOLD

Draw Ladder Stats										
Pos	Team	Played	Points	Wins	Drawn	Lost	Byes	For	Against	Diff.
1	 Narraweena Hawks U/15	15	41	10	0	2	3	419	108	311
2	 North Sydney Brothers U/15	15	39	9	0	3	3	314	170	144
3	 Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Stags U/15	15	32	6	0	5	3	290	205	85
4	 Narrabeen Sharks U/15	15	30	5	0	6	3	118	271	-153
5	 Asquith Magpies U/15 (1)	15	23	5	0	8	2	82	413	-331





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