



Sydney Convicts Win Again (15 May 2007)

Sydney's only gay rugby team went into battle again on the weekend with the boys from the Convicts Halligan Cup team scoring a 17 to 10 win against Petersham. The Convicts Noice team put up a valiant struggle against Norwest but lost by just two points.

Convicts Club President Andrew "Fuzz" Purchas said it was a pleasing result. "The boys from Halligan played with their trademark solid defence," he said. "A lot of regular players were unavailable and there were no reserves but the boys dug deep and came away with their second consecutive victory.

"There were a lot of newer players in the team so it's particularly pleasing to see. Christian scored his first try after a mighty burst running almost the full length of the field. Spence, Mike and Aron also had great games."

The Noice forwards also played hard and tough against the boys from Norwest at the Convicts Rose Bay home ground, being pipped at the post 15 to 17.

Convicts Captain Charlie Winn said the game was close. "There was a lot of spirit shown by the Convicts who never gave up the battle, I think that was shown by the close score. Kev played a spectacular game, making a lot of good breaks and making his presence felt on the field, while Jayson also played a vital role helping the team out when they were in tight spots.

"Gus got stuck in as usual, keeping the pack rolling forward and scored a great try while Stevie and Sam also put in a lot of effort."

This weekend Halligan plays Mosman at Balmoral while Noice is up against Rockdale at their home oval at Woollahra No. 3 in Rose Bay.

This is the Convicts fourth season competing in NSW Suburban Rugby and only the second year they have fielded two teams in the Sydney competition.