

CANTERBURY RED WIN SILVER



The South Island Tournament was held from Sunday, 28 September to Tuesday, 2 October in Nelson at the Saxton Fields. Four teams were selected to represent Canterbury in the 11th Grade. One of the four teams which made it to the finals was Canterbury Red which included Cashmere players and one Ferrymead player. The tournament was very well organised and the facilities were fantastic.

In total, eighteen teams took part in the tournament and Canterbury Red did really well in the group stages and went through to the quarter finals. In the quarter finals, they played against Nelson Bays winning 5 – 0. In the semi finals, they played Otago Blue and managed to win 3 – 1. The boys played good football using the wings and crossing the ball to the big box so the midfielders and forwards could run onto it. The boys constantly passed the ball around and played really well as a team.

When Canterbury Red got to the finals, they played against Otago Central. Canterbury Red played the better football and created heaps of opportunities and managed to score two goals. Otago Central scored two excellent goals from free kicks just outside the big box. The game ended with a 2 – 2 draw with extra time. A penalty shootout followed resulting in a loss to Canterbury Red of 3 – 2.

In one football season, the Cashmere 11th Grade players have experienced winning the Konica Minolta Division 1 League and all the excitement that comes with it and now after the Jack McKnight Tournament in Nelson how it feels to get silver. After the penalty shootout the emotions were high but the boys displayed fantastic team spirit.

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