

DII Club Roundup

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In matchups between the top DII club teams from **Florida**, the Southern teams held sway, as Naples beat Orlando in a shockingly high-scoring game 69-41, and Boca Raton surprised the Tampa Bay Krewe 41-5.

Because of these results, the final crossover games are set, with Tampa visiting the high-flying Naples club, and Orlando playing at Boca Raton.

See video of the Naples v Orlando game

In the **True South**, Little Rock still leads despite being idle this past weekend. In the big game in that region, Memphis downed New Orleans 24-17 to move to 3-1 and break the tie for 2nd place. Baton Rouge got their first victory, 25-21 over still-winless Jackson.

In the **South-East**, reports have been enormously sketchy. However, we have figured out the following: Atlanta Old White defeated Cape Fear 41-12 Saturday to go 4-0. With everyone off for the Savannah Tournament this weekend, the big game to look forward to is likely the Old White v. Atlanta Renegades match March 30.

In the **South-North**, Chattanooga moved to 5-0 with a convincing 46-17 defeat of Birmingham. The Nooga offense was clicking despite the cold. Fullback Steven Jones had a big day, scoring three tries and setting up a couple of others as Derek Hillery, Tom Snow, Korey Chambers, Luke Collins, and David Williams also touched down.

Everyone is waiting for the meeting of the two undefeated teams, as Knoxville (idle this week) is at 4-0. Knoxville plays Chattanooga in Knoxville March 23.

No games in Texas, Southern California, Colorado or the Pacific Northwest this week.

But it was an active weekend in **Arizona**, where Phoenix, Tempe, Red Mountain, and Scottsdale all won.

It was unusually hot when Scottsdale faced the Tucson Magpies, and it was increasingly physical, also. The Blues struggled with lineouts early, but scrummed well and that set up some good ball for wing Sean Todd to exploit. Scottsdale fullback Marshall Gross added one, and while Tucson made it 12-8 at 60 minutes and 19-15 at eight minutes left, Scottsdale ran away with it late. Center Tyrell Williams broke three tackles to score a 70-meter counter-attack try. Then scrumhalf Tim Wells raced over for the 33-15 win.

The victory moved Scottsdale to 3-2, but they are still chasing the other teams, as Phoenix is now 4-2, Red Mountain 4-1, and Tempe 6-0. The only worry for Tempe is a small one, as they gave up 21 points to Camelback, the most they've given up in one game all season.

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In **Northern California**, Santa Rosa put Fresno to the sword to move to 4-0 and drop Fresno to 3-2. Paced by the powerful running of their back row, the San Jose Seahawks crushed Chico 79-10 to improve to 3-1. Baracus is at 4-1 after coming back to beat Vacaville 30-21, and the Diablo Gaels are also 3-1 after beating Sacramento easily.

The NorCal league, then is a league of two halves. Idle Berkeley is 4-1, and leads along with Santa Rosa, BA Baracus, San Jose, Diablo and Fresno.