

Weekly News

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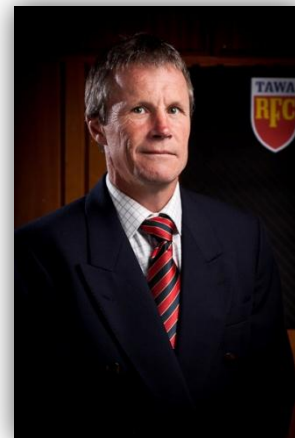
A BIG Thank you!!!

A very short message from me today, but I thought it appropriate to recognise a few people. Although I will not name individuals, those concerned will know who you are.

To all our valued sponsors, some whom have been with us for a while and those who have come onboard this year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and without you we would struggle to remain a viable organisation. Please don't be shy we would love to see more of you down at The Club.

Our supporters, I know we have had a slow start to the season but our players are really committed and play their hearts out every week. It is always great to see you on the sidelines and it does give the boys on the pitch a boost when you are there in numbers.

Don't forget the local derby at Lyndhurst this week against Norths, it promises to be an action packed game.



Kevin Dur

Club Profile



First Name:	Patelo
Last Name:	Kelemete
Nickname:	Coach
How long I have coached for Tawa:	2 years
Playing position(s):	Played for Norths – 1 st Five, Half Back
Secondary School attended:	Aorere College, Carrington Polytech
Most memorable rugby moment:	Played 1 st Five for Wgtn Samoans against Wairarapa Bush at Athletic Park
The person I admire the most:	My Children
My pre-game rituals:	Preparing the team for a game
My favourite home cooked meal:	Wife's Roast
If I was a car, I would be:	Ford
Best advice someone gave me:	Enjoy life as much as you can.

Upcoming Games – Saturday 14 May

	Opponent	Location	Time
Premiers	Norths	Lyndhurst Park	3.00pm
Senior 1 st	Norths	Lyndhurst Park	1.15pm
Senior 3 rd	Rimutaka	Maoribank Park 1	1.15pm
Colts	OBU White	Redwood Park	3.00pm
85s	Wellington	Martin Luckie 3	3.00pm
Presidents	Rimutaka	Maoribank Park 3	3.00pm
U6 Tawa United Video	P-Plim Makos	Lyndhurst Park	9.30am
U7 Tawa Vaughanos Diesel Services	Para'umu Boas	Te Atiawa 8	9.30am
U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing	Norths Hawkes	Onepoto 1	9.30am
U8 Tawa Hawkings Plumbing	Norths Terriers	Kowhai Park	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Motors	Para'umu Pythons	Redwood Park	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Miab Hire	P-Plim Piranhas	Ngati Toa Domain 2	9.30am
U10 Tawa Harcourts	Norths Makos	Onepoto Park 4	10.30am
U11 Tawa Totalflow	Tawa Skinforme	Redwood Park	10.30am
U11 Tawa Skinforme	Tawa Totalflow	Redwood Park	10.30am
U12 Tawa Barbarians	P-Plim Sharks	Lyndhurst Park	10.30am
U13 P2 Tawa Rough Terrain	Para'umu Pythons	Lyndhurst Park	10.30am

Notices:

WRITER NEEDED! I am looking for someone to do write up on 85s games each week. Submissions need to be in every Tuesday by 11am. If anyone is interested please email amyvnz@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER – You can now subscribe to the newsletter via the website www.tawarugby.co.nz. So tell your friends and family about the newsletter and get them to sign up.

PHOTOS – If anyone takes photos that they would like to share on the website and newsletter please email them to amyvnz@gmail.com (I am also usually at speeches if you want to give photo to me from your camera)

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COMPETITION

Drink Specials!

Time: 7.00pm
Date: 14 May 2011
Where: Tawa Rugby Club - Clubrooms
Who can enter: Anyone – register on the day (please bring your music)

Enter as a TEAM or as an INDIVIDUAL
 (for individual competition names will be drawn from a hat)

Win a Bar Tab!

Come join us after speeches, enter a team or simply have a drink and enjoy the entertainment!

Premiers

Oriental Rongotai Past and Present players will not forget the day Tawa was invited to play at the Polo grounds. They supplied the Mud, we supplied the Blood, Sweat and Tears. You did not have to guess what was on the minds of the Tawa players, you could see it in their faces, feel it in the way they spoke. The focus and determination to win, you could almost smell it. It didn't matter that Ories were second on the table, the heart and soul of the team was at risk. It need to show itself and it was placed on the line for everyone to see.

With a muddy field worthy of a 1960's game and heavy conditions which only a prop of old would fall in love with, it was going to be a day to remember. Tawa had a straight forward game plan, use the forwards and go up the middle.

The call was mongrel and you could hear the backs urging the forwards on calling for that mongrel to come out. Face up, put it on the line. What a battle, hit after hit after hit. Bone crunching tackles on defence and continuous hit ups, constant pressure on their line outs wore Ories down.

Our backs even though had a muddy field couldn't help themselves they joined in helping out, just when it was needed. When that whistle blew for full time and the bounce of the ball went Tawa's way, the roar from the crowd on the southern end of the field was deafening. Only to be drowned out by the dismay of the Oriental Rongotai old timers.

It is a game I will not forget in a hurry and I would go so far to suggest no one at that game will. Hats off to the Premier team, they deserved the win, it has been a long time coming.

Now the focus is on the next game, North's, with our feet firmly on the ground we start again. A home game, we have started that winning feeling. The belief is there, lets keep it going.

Player of the Day: Stephen Sasagi

**Flippy
Manager**



Senior 1st



It has always been said that "mud is a great leveller" and so it was out at Ories on Saturday. Our Senior Firsts were a bit unlucky not to be ahead several times during the game. It was a hard fought game where, quite honestly, one had to take one's hat off to the referee. He did a superb job in the quagmire – with both packs almost indistinguishable. For a while it was felt that the Firsts were going to upset Ories with good composure in the trying conditions.



This Senior 1st team is more than footing it with any opposition that fronts up and it is very close to pulling off a win. They have not been beaten into submission and with just a little bit of play to go their way in a game, they will be on a winning streak. The forward pack consistently muscles up and the backs show a keenness to show off their wares. Watch this space – the Firsts are about to break through!!

Player of the Day: Vice Saletele

Words from a Supporter

Colts



Firstly, the colts would like to congratulate The Premiers on their win against Ories. You boys have worked hard for this so keep it up.

We played top of the table team Poneke at home last weekend. Knowing it was going to be tough, we knew we had to have a good start which we did, gaining good territory and in return being rewarded with two Peter Goldsmith penalties. Against the run of play, Poneke scored a try followed by a penalty to go into the break 8-6 ahead of Tawa.

After the break, Poneke scored a converted try followed by a penalty to increase their lead 18-6 midway through the second half. A try to Lotu Nuku lifted the boys' hopes and their never-give-up attitude yet again produced a late-in-the-game try to Tomasi Tawakilai that was converted by Peter to equal the score to 18 all. With full-time showing on the clock, Poneke snatched victory with a smart drop goal to finish 21-18.

It was an awesome and committed effort by everyone with our captain and man of the match, Lotu Nuku, leading by example.

Player of the Day: Lotu Nuku



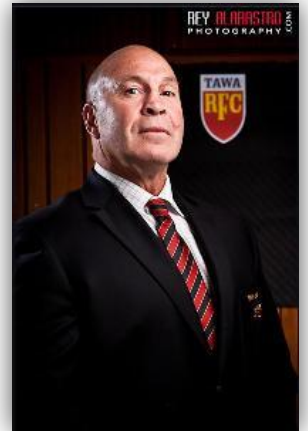
Tony Tomlinson
Colts Manager

Presidents

After being drawn to play Petone at Petone, the boys were psyching up for an epic encounter, quietly confident of an upset due to recent form and the signing of some awesome new talent. Then after being transferred to Redwood late Friday afternoon, we were starting to lick our lips with the home ground advantage going to offer a huge advantage.

On Saturday morning after already sending 22 txts twice because of the transfer changes, another 22 txts had to be sent to say they had defaulted due to injuries, most replying "they're jolly scared", "jolly pussies", "jolly wooses", etc. Such is their self esteem, a work mate of Al's said they could've beaten us with 9. Their manager didn't think so!

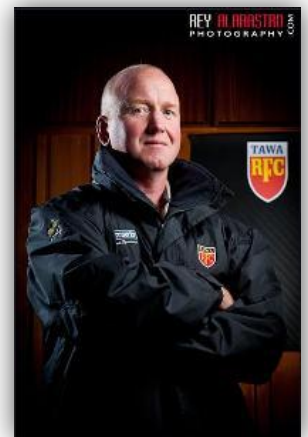
We still managed an after-match function taking in some entertaining rugby and great hospitality at Lyndhurst. And then of course came the fantastic news that the Prem's had spoiled Ories Old Timers' party and finally got the 'W' they deserved. Well done, Pati, for getting 3 points for best and fairest. March on into Norths now boys!



Rick Stonnell

Juniors

- Tournaments coaches please enter your teams.
 - 5th June Para Plim 7s
 - 23rd July Waikanae 7s.
- U6 Teams will start playing their competition games this week. Good luck to those guys.
- Please remember Junior Clubrooms available for team meetings or children's parties, etc...
- This weekend U6 United Video have had a team fundraising event at the Junior Club to raise money for tracksuits for the players. This was a run-a-thon with players getting paid by the lap. Hope all went well.
- Congratulations to player Charles Ringrose who was the winner of the registration raffle at the sign-in days. He is the winner of a digital camera which we will get to him a.s.a.p.
- Volunteers still required on the committee. Please help out if you can.
- A big "Well done" from the Juniors to the Seniors on their win at the weekend. Keep up the good work!



Des Bloomfield
Junior Club

Any problems or questions please call me anytime on 232 7870 or 027 440 4955.

U6 Tawa United Video Report

Our U6 had a busy weekend! We started out early on Saturday morning with a team training and game.

Player of the Day:

Matthew Cuff - Who put in a gutsy training and gave 110% during the game.

On Sunday we run our fundraiser for team tracksuits. The team put in an excellent effort and achieved great results.



Happy Mothers Day:

After our Runathon we celebrated Mothers Day with a shared lunch. A good time had by all.

Official U6 Tawa United Video Runathon results:

NAME	LAP
Thomas Parkin	10
West French	12
Cliff Hunt Jnr	14
Ignatius Brown	30
Erika Brown	32
Preston Talamaivao	34
Ethan Johnson	36
Anthony Hunt	40
Matthew Cuff	46
Oliver Cuff	46
Dallas Talamaivao	52

U6 Absolute Maintenance

Tawa Under 6 Absolutely Maintenance hit the indoor paddock at 8.30am on Saturday for a great game of Rippa Rugby. All the boys got on the field and we saw some great rips, passes and running with the ball against a great Tawa opposition!

Hoping for some sun next week so we can get plenty of mud on those jerseys!!

Player of the Day: George Harriss

U7 Tawa Vaughanos

vs Waikanae

Awesome game on Saturday. We were short on numbers to start the game. We started with 4 players. Five minutes in we had all players present.

A very gutsy effort and a huge improvement! After a slow start we came back to win 19-15.

Player of the Day: Adam Alifi

U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing

The Tawa under 7 i-4 Clothing played the Para Plim Makos on Saturday at their home ground.

It was another high scoring game with 40 tries in total. Tawa scored on the last play to draw the game 20-20.

This was a good result as the Makos are a very good team. The team are doing very well despite only one sub and lack of practice because of the weather.

Tries Scored:

Jared Woodgate	5
Tristan So'oialo	4
Dylan Pettersson	4
Ben Park	4
Jack Singer	1
Ikhan Learwood	1
Luana Felix	1

Sports Person of the Day: Luana Felix

Player of the Day: Ben Park

Dean Pettersson

U8 Tawa Hawkins Plumbing

Vs Waikanae Chiefs.

Tawa U8s sadly met their match again against Waikanae in a re-match from round one, losing in a wet game at Waikanae.

Player of the Day: Teui Ioane. Showed great determination and courage as he played most of the 2nd half injured and refused to come off the field. Great team player and commitment!

U9 Tawa North City Hiab

Another great run today, against a team we were warned had an awesome back line. The boys played with real energy throughout the game to shut them down, but rather like the Hurricanes the night before, they couldn't quite convert possession and field position into points.

Teone was a terrier, creating turnovers from guys twice his size and Tokorua did great work in the rucks and mauls. John worked hard all game, making some good hit ups and showing good speed running with the backs.

Another impressive tackling performance by the whole team with Jack H-B well deserving of Player of the Day in a powerful display of tackling as well as running with the ball.

Thanks to the Waikanae Highlanders, their coach Steve, and our team who all played hard and in the spirit of rugby to provide a game that was enjoyed by everyone on the pitch and the sideline. Thanks parents (from both sides) for your valuable help as assistant referees – it was great to see smiles all round.

Chris Hickey

U9 Tawa Northcity Motors

Another awesome game of footy. First half we started off strong with 3 tries. Then Para Plim came back going through our defence to even the score 3 all. During the second half we put the pressure on to contain Para Plim in their half by constantly hitting up and tackling to force turnovers and errors to win the game 9 tries Tawa – 4 tries Para Plim.

Players of the Day:

Callum Temara for tackling and clearing out the opposition at the breakdowns

Regan Temara for tackling and running hard with the ball.

Junior Teau

U10 Tawa Harcourts

This was a fantastic game providing a great display of how Junior rugby can and should be played. The sportsmanship and spirit shown by both teams, including supporters, was really impressive.

Filo from Norths United K9 Dogs refereed and controlled the game extremely well with superb use of advantage. The kids really stuck to their game plan and dominated rucks with the Player of the Match, Estevean So'oialo getting great service to launch the back line. 90% of ruck ball was left to the halfback!

The ball got out wide to the wingers through back-line lynch pin, Cameron Howey, with a couple of well worked set pieces delivering tries. Sam Carlina and Daniel Faletutulu really showed how their tackling and driving has developed whilst Jamie Woodgate was again strong in the mauls. All forwards provided strong straight runs with great yardage.

Max Wynne Jones, Ezy Tainui and Josef McB-W showing huge heart, chased down players and long kicks to save at least a couple of tries. Sean Williams with a huge run down the blind side and great offload resulted in a try in the corner to Connor Te Paa who's proven that he's no longer a forward. I'm still scratching my head as to how Kahana Whitewood came off the field almost spotlessly clean on such a muddy day.

The highlight of the day amongst many positives was seeing Josef launch a kid off the ground by driving up and through the attempted tackle. Unlucky not to score off such a strong run. The 3-5 loss didn't do the skill level of these kids justice.

U11 Tawa Skinforme

The Tawa U11 Skinforme team played Waikanae Force in Waikanae. The ground conditions were good but about 60% of the game was played in the rain. Waikanae dominated most of the game and won with a score 45-15. We clearly suffered from a lack of training due to the school holidays and bad weather the previous week.

Our tries were scored by:

- Troy HOWE (2)
- Caleb CLARKE (1)

Player of the Day: Cayden TEAU

Peter Mallon

U12 Tawa Barbarians

vs Northern United A C Ryan

Half Time: Barbarians 15 - Norths 0

Full Time: Barbarians 22 - Norths 10

Point Scorers

1. Rikele Grey (2nd Five) – 1 Try
2. Hash Zyre (Lock) – 1 Try
3. Sam Taylor (No 7) – 1 Try
4. Damon Chander-Harriss (centre) – 1 Try
5. Bos Hunt – (No 8 – Captain) - 1 Conversion

Players of the Day:

Tevaka Timoteo & Otto loane.

Opponents Player of the Day:

With 23 players and gridiron type interchanges it was very hard to pick a player from North's deserving of this award so we decided on two players from our team.

Team Report:

As I arrived late to Lyndhurst Park (20 mins prior to kick off), I could hear the North's coaches jeering up their boys and the players were yelling - "we're number 1, and who are we? – North's A C!" Even while our boys were warming up on one side of the field this North's outfit ran length wise across our warm up path and I thought to myself - you cheeky little buggers, more coaches watching far too much 'Remember the Titans' again. Adding to the challenge we only had 18 players against North's 23, so it was always going to be a tough day at the office.

Our strategy was to roll them in the first half build a handy lead (15 - 0 half time) and in the second half pin North's in their 22 and wind the clock down for the win. And that's what happened. North's clawed back to 15-10 and even when they got a sniff our boys didn't panic and move away from our game plan.

There were two turning points in the game. The first was Tevaka's brilliant 60 metre chase of their winger and catching him short of our try line, the other with 10 mins to play we had North's pinned deep in their 22 score (15-10. North's were awarded two consecutive tap penalties our Captain and Number 8 (Bos) rushed out of the line twice to meet the North's forwards in two consecutive hit ups. Both forwards were hammered in two bone crunching tackles both forwards unfortunately being helped off the field within 3 mins of each other. At this point North's were demoralised as we had nullified their pace and their power and eventually capitulated under the pressure resulting in another try to us try under the post which was converted to put this one away.

Special thanks to Coach Cliff Hunt (NZRFU Elite Qualified Coach), Assistant James Pio (Referee Association) as well as Des Bloomfield (Convenor) these guys have made building this team of 'Bad News Bears' and doing what the boys love to play winning rugby possible...but that may change on Saturday.

Barbarians Highlights:

Below is this weeks youtube uploads

Finish Off Norths CJ Ryan [Click Here](#)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9I3B_fSXmQ

Bosman Hit [Click Here](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knzxnyEssHY>

The Barbarians Team, Parents and Supporters wish the Premiers and Seniors 1st all the very best this week end against North's we are very proud of your win against Ories and believe you have the heart and the talent to come away with another win.

TAWA JUNIOR RUGBY NEEDS YOU!

New committee members are urgently required. At the end of this season, four of our volunteers will be leaving (their children no longer playing).

Positions and areas needed to be filled in the next two seasons are:

- Convenor
- Treasurer
- Finance
- Trophies
- Equipment
- Team Sheets
- Sponsorship



Without a good volunteer base to take on these tasks, Tawa Junior Rugby will struggle to operate or will not function at all.

So please, if you think you can help out in any way, call me any time

Club Captain

WE DID IT!!

What a game out at the Ories Club. Our committee were invited for lunch by Ories and Ron commented that it was about time we spoilt someone else's Old Timers Day. Ron had to pay for that comment later on – and deservedly.

The game was classic vintage "mud" rugby. Our guys got stuck in and took the game to Ories. When two key Tawa players came off, we thought this would make a difference. The replacement Tawa players measured up immediately and absolutely nothing was lost. There were some stand-out players, and the "engine-room" was awesome. This was a team believing in each other.

It was great to see so many of our supporters at the game. What a great spectacle for those who made the journey.

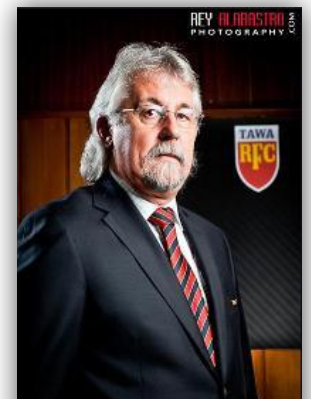
The Firsts were a bit unlucky but are definitely heading in the right direction. This is a good squad of guys who play for each other and play as a team. They will taste a win real soon.

The 85s played another hard fought game with defence being one of their many strengths. These guys are going very well in the tough competition. The 85s have always been a very keenly contested competition and our guys are in the 1st Division – an achievement in it's own right.

The Colts were a little unlucky after a second half fightback, beaten by a drop goal. Just when we all thought no-one does this anymore!

Our Senior Thirds continue to be a "work in progress". The Tawa committee is committed to this team going forward. When the numbers come together, they are winners. I hope to report a good result for the Thirds next week.

The Club was buzzing on Saturday night – felt a lot like the old days. Hopefully there'll be many more to come.



Allan G. Davidson
Club Captain

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