



# Weekly News

16 June 2011

It sure did rain on Saturday during the Firsts and Colts game at Fraser Park. Fortunately there was no wind to make the situation worse. The Firsts had a very well-deserved win in "monsoon" conditions. It was very hard going on such a boggy field, but they made the most of it and took the win.

The Colts were next door. I was amazed at the great skill level these boys have and the confidence that is growing amongst each other. The ball was being passed, kicked and caught as though it was a dry day – nothing wreckless – just good solid rugby!

The Premiers had a real hard day at the office. A major turnaround from last week. A freaky injury to the Captain whilst warming up set the tone for the afternoon. Fili leads by example every time he is on the field and an injury-depleted side struggled after this bitter blow. They never gave up though.

It is the time in winter when games will be changed, cancelled or otherwise and I guess we have to go with the flow.

This year the Jubilee Cup will be televised live on Sky. This is a real opportunity to showcase Wellington Rugby and maybe next season we will be there to showcase Tawa Rugby.



*Allan Davidson*

## Club Profile



<b>First Name:</b>	Steve
<b>Last Name:</b>	So'oialo
<b>Secondary School attended:</b>	Mana College
<b>Most memorable rugby moment:</b>	International Rugby
<b>The person I admire the most:</b>	Dad
<b>My pre-game rituals:</b>	Music
<b>My favourite home cooked meal:</b>	Samoan Food
<b>Best advice someone game me:</b>	Don't forget your mates.

## Upcoming Events

- 2 July 2011 – Presidents will host a Night at the Club
- 6 August – Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Poker Night

## Upcoming Games – Saturday 18 June

	Opponent	Location	Time
Premier	OBU	Lyndhurst Park	2.15pm
Senior 1st	OBU	Lyndhurst Park	12.30pm
Senior 3rd	Petone Randwick Meats	Redwood Park	2.15pm
Colts	Paraparaumu	Te Atiawa Park	2.00pm
85s	OBU	Prince of Wales	12.30pm
Presidents	Wests	Ian Galloway	2.15pm
U6 Tawa All Roof Solutions	P-Plim Makos	Ngati Toa Domain 5	9.30am
U6 Tawa Absolutely Maintenance	P-Plim Eels	Lyndhurst Park	9.30am
U6 Tawa United Video	P-Plim Hammerheads	Lyndhurst Park	9.30am
U7 Tawa North City Motors	Tawa Vaughanos Diesel Services	Lyndhurst Park	9.30am
U7 Tawa Vaughanos Diesel Services	Tawa North City Motors	Lyndhurst Park	9.30am
U8 Hawkings Plumbing	P-Plim Makos	Kowhai Park	9.30am
U9 Tawa I-4 Clothing	Norths Wolves	Onepoto Park	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Hiab Hire	Para'umu Pythons	Redwood Park	9.30am
U10 Tawa Harcourts	P-Plim Eels	Ngati Toa Domain 3	10.30am
U11 Tawa Skinforme	P-Plim Piranhas	Ngati Toa Domain 2	10.30am
U11 Tawa Totalflow	Para'umu Cobras	Te Atiawa 2	9.30am
U12 Tawa Barbarians	Waikanae Hurricanes	Waikanae Park	9.20am
U13 Tawa Rough Terrain	Norths Warriors	Porirua Park 2	10.30am

## Notices:

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### Unsung Hero

Tawa RugbyFootball Club relies hugely on the generous support of its volunteers, who give up their time week after week, month after month, year after year. Their contributions are all GREATLY appreciated but often go unrecognised.

TV3 and Coca Cola are running a competition where we can nominate our "Unsung Heroes" and show our appreciation.



**So let's use this opportunity to recognise those people!** It can be anyone who has made a huge contribution to the club. If you already know who you would like to nominate go to <http://www.tv3.co.nz/Competitions/UnsungHeroes.aspx> and complete your nomination.

**So get your nominations in ASAP!**

### Wellington U20 Trialists Named

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The Wellington Rugby Football Club has just announced the players that have been selected for this year's U20 trials.

Tawa Rugby Football Club would like to congratulate the following people:

- Jonathan Boyd
- James Coburn
- Otutolu Fahamokioa
- Phillip Finau
- Kalim Kelemete
- George Tilsley
- Lotu Tuipolotu

**GOOD LUCK!**

## Premiers

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Well... A day that would screw your undies up (a most uncomfortable feeling)!

As you would expect, Avalon at home was a different story to playing at Tawa. With a loss still fresh in their minds, they wanted a win badly. When we arrived at Fraser Park, we were able to watch both the Senior Firsts and Colts play good, hard, wet, weather rugby. The rain held off and hopes of getting started on a soggy ground were lifting. However it wasn't to be – as we were changing, the skies opened up and dropped a fair amount of water from the sky.



Warmups started and our first major earthquake took place. Fili, our Captain, went down rolling his ankle while doing line-out drills. It became pretty clear he would be out for the game and maybe for longer. Players were asked to set up and fill the gap, but Fili as we know has huge shoes to fill. He was going to be sadly missed.



With the rain still falling heavily, the game started. As you would expect, Avalon did not take a backward step and we could not step up. Avalon deserves a lot of credit for playing to a good game plan, putting the ball in the corners and in old fashioned wet weather rugby style, just toughing it out. It didn't seem to matter what Tawa was doing – it wasn't working and we couldn't get good field position. Half-time came and went, words of wisdom were spoken, but alas, it did not help our situation – no matter what we tried, it wasn't happening.



The time came to use our impact players – those guys who had already toughed it out for the Senior Firsts and Colts. You have to take your hat off to them. On a day when it was wet and cold and the game was slipping away, they came on, gave 100% and managed to reduce the scoring of Avalon.

Thanks to those who fronted up for the Prems, it won't be forgotten.

Well, the inevitable happened! The whistle for full-time blew and left us searching for answers. This was a game to forget, but as a wise man once said, "Forget the game but don't forget the feeling of defeat because you don't want to feel that way again!". It sucks and it does us no good to celebrate after a loss like that. So let's put it to good use, remember that feeling, and don't let it happen again.

Special thanks to the Colts and Senior Firsts. Thanks for stepping up and being available.

Now we need to make sure we support each other by supporting our Club after the game, celebrating how we managed to win or lose and why we play the game in the first place.



## Senior 1<sup>st</sup>

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Wet and cold are the two elements that change a game and it becomes forward power. The game plan was simple – kick the ball down and trust our defence.

And that's how the first try was scored – applying pressure and playing in their half. A well worked try set up by the forwards but finished off by the well trained and skilled backs. But not to be outdone by the classy backs, the forwards rumbled the ball down and that was finished off by James George.

Taking a lead into the second half was encouraging but like other times throughout the season, it has been our undoing. Straight after the half, Avalon capitalised from our mistake on halfway and scored in the corner to take the score 10-5.



Once again, not listening to the expert coaching from two of the best, the team went away from the game plan and paid for it, letting Avalon have a sniff of winning the game. But due to some tactical replacements and getting back to what they know best, the boys kicked for the corners, not before a massive defensive effort put in by the forwards lead by Johnny, Ephraim, and Mike who dislocated a finger during the match.

Well done boys – two in a row!  
Final score 19-10



**Jason Holtham**  
Coach

## 85s

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Another week off due to the weather, which couldn't be more frustrating with just one game left in the first round.

Hopefully, with this ash cloud comes some sunshine and we get to rattle HOBM and head into the second round on the back of an unbeaten first round.

One last thing if anyone knows of a coach (other than Mark Hammett) who turns up to HIS team games on Saturdays instead of becoming the next spokesman for Subway, could you please let Tye know. The Titans coach seems to take all the glory yet can't get to the games on Saturdays.

**Joseph "The Explosive" Denyer**

## Colts

The Colts travelled to Fraser Park to play Avalon in wet and heavy conditions.

The sun was not shining and the perfect playing conditions experienced in previous games had passed and it took a while for the boys to adjust. Avalon came out firing, maintaining great defence which did not

allow us to settle into our usual game plan. Avalon secured an intercept on halfway which looked certain for them to score a try, only to be denied by Kalim Kelemete whose determination allowed him to run down the opposition just a metre from the line. This never-give-up attitude sparked up the boys and we were finally rewarded, late in the half, with a try to Felix Aiono converted by Peter Goldsmith, heading into half-time 7-0 up.



During the second half, the rain continued to fall steadily but we managed to get straight back into the game building on the intensity we were at towards the end of the first half. A J Tuveve scored out wide to increase our margin. However, Avalon hit back also scoring out wide bringing the score line to 12-5.

With the weather conditions worsening, we found another gear and started playing what would be our best rugby so far this season. The forwards were working hard with their game plan. The forward coach, Senior Moli, must have been impressed with their pick and goes around the ruck and running off the half-back, seeing all moves being executed perfectly – all the skills of dry weather rugby. Axle Reynolds scored with Avalon buckling under the pressure, and the try was converted by Simon Middleton. The forwards took control which gave the backs room to move and Kelo Latuila scored out wide. This was followed by a show-and-go try to Cleveland Wairau after more good running by the backs, and was again converted by Simon Middleton.



This second half effort in the atrocious conditions showed that all the repetition and hard work put in at trainings does pay off, and the coaches Willy, Senior and Petelo know that the boys have been listening.

With an awesome effort by all players, Ioane Motu (Undeez) was Player of the Day and was rewarded with 20 minutes reserving for the Prens.



**Tony Tomlinson**  
Colts Manager

## Presidents.

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The Pressies were able to play despite the WCC's precious ground cancellation policy.

Davies Field, property of the NZ Army, was open for business and we took the opportunity to avenge a narrow defeat last year by them scoring 5 tries to 3 in cold and wet but relatively firm conditions.

Try scorers were Ziggy: 2, Biddo: 1 and Gordy: 1

**Player of the Day** scoring the 'clincher' on full-time was Omar. Lastly, a welcome back from injury to 'The Seagull'...aah! aah!



*Rick Stonnell*

## U9 Tawa i-4 Clothing

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Another great game of footy and everyone played as a team with the forwards setting up the platform with strong hit-ups and mauls which we were able to capitalise to go into the half 8 tries up. In the second half, the Crusaders scored two tries so we had to make sure we kept our momentum up and sharpen our defence which we did. Tawa 11 tries - Waikanae 2 tries.

Players of the Day: Sam and Riley for getting involved, tackling and hitting up.

## U10 Tawa Harcourts

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The U10s took the opportunity for the whole team to get along to Strike Porirua. What a fantastic morning! The boys all rocked up with their jerseys on and ripped into two lanes that were booked the night before. The strike staff were fantastic, taking everything in their stride and making the morning great for the kids. Bowling certainly leveled the field with a new set of physical attributes and attitudes displayed. Best bowling action goes to Max, and Brick Bat to Kev for representing the parents with a solid 5th, of 6!

We would like to thank Strike Porirua for their support to the Club this year and for the great morning out.

Rob

## U12 Tawa Barbarians - Match Report - 4 June 2011

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Half-time – Barbarians 5 - Eels 15

Full-time – Barbarians 5 - Eels 29

### **Player of the Day Opposition:**

Nathan Childs. A mid-field centre who made our backs look very ordinary. Our defence was outclassed by 'Nato'.

### **Player of the Day:**

Magnus Mclaughlin (fullback). Fantastic effort at fullback. For two weeks in a row, this kid has been our Player of the Day.

### **Team Report**

Even after coming back from a 12-0 deficit to 12-5 midway in the first half, I knew we were not going to get home. All the talk was, "The Babas will win by 20-30 points" and the problem was, the players started believing that all they needed to do was just turn up! Well, rugby isn't like that and we were humbled by a team that was more passionate and hungrier than us.

The game was played in a very a good spirit and when Bosman presented the opposing team their Cadbury Player of the Day award, their supporters gave our boys great applause and their coach said to me afterwards, "No other team in the grade does this – that's very classy and very professional and we can learn a big lesson by this action!". I said to him, "Mate, this is Junior Rugby, there's no money and no trophy in who wins and loses – all we have at the end of the day is our integrity to set a good example."

Congratulations to the Eels – absolutely no complaints.

### **Babas results after 1st Round**

#### ***Preseason***

Babas vs Wellington Axemen	Win
Babas vs MSP	Win

#### ***Under 12 Western Bay***

Babas vs Hurricanes	Win
Babas vs Norths Dobermans	Win
Babas vs Hurricanes	Win
Babas vs Norths CJ Ryan	Win
Babas vs Paremata Sharks	Win
Babas vs Souljahs	Loss (0-29)
Babas vs Paraparamu	Win
Babas vs Paremata Eels	Loss (5-29)

#### **8 wins – 2 losses**

Thanks to all the parents and supporters and most importantly to the lads, for a top effort in the first round. Good luck to our Seniors in their competitions and all the other grades representing the Tawa colours.

#### **Highlights (biggest hit this season)**

Youtube - Bosman hit vs Eels. Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XluzF3wd2zg>

## **U12 Tawa Barbarians - Match Report - 11 June 2011**

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vs Norths Firestone

Half-time – Barbarians 12 - Firestone 17

Full-time – Barbarians 12 - Firestone 29

#### **Point scorers**

Hashzyre Milini (Prop)	1 try
Bosman (no 8 Captain)	1 try, 1 conversion.

#### **Team Report**

On one hand I was disappointed for the boys because the score didn't reflect their possession and territory domination. On the other hand, I was very proud of my nephew from Firestone (Makalilo) scoring three of the four tries!

But the big question on everyone's lips has been this argument between **Fun and Participation vs Winning** and the real questions come down to, "What do the lads think? Do they care, or is it just adults trying to relive their youth through their sons and daughters?"

### Second Round

With the first round out of the way, we're excited that this weekend we're rolling out new combinations and the lads have worked on our new game plan.

All the talk has been about this 35 point mercy law. We've told our boys that we want to focus on winning and playing hard but also being fair in all facets of the game. There's plenty of fun in winning and we enjoy it. If parents and coaches can't handle their teams being beaten by 50, 60, 70 or 100 points, then they need to look harder at themselves and how they run their teams.

In the end, we're all volunteers. We don't get paid to get out of bed on a cold Saturday morning and trudge in the mud to watch Junior Rugby. We do it because the boys depend on us to be there. I know for a fact that every one of the 18 players in our team love winning and they accept that loses will occur and that this should be motivation to work harder – not complaint.

Youtube – tawababas for the latest highlights.

Babas coaches.

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