



Old Timers Day went off reasonably well considering the weather, with a good number in attendance throughout the day. I understand the evening was also very well supported with reports of a number of sore heads on Sunday.

The lunch was very good thanks to Pam and it was pleasing to see the Premier players in attendance prior to the lunch.

Despite the foul weather, the Under 6 teams entertained the crowd prior to the Premiers' game and also formed a guard of honour for the players as they ran onto the field.

The only drawback of the day was the theft of a jacket and purse belonging to one of our guests. Whoever the low life that was responsible for this is not welcome in our Club.



Paul McEnaney
President



Club Profile



First Name:	Leo
Last Name:	So'oialo
Nickname:	Leonidus
Playing position(s):	Winger
Secondary School attended:	Porirua College
Most memorable rugby moment:	Finals Senior 1 st Hampstead vs Collegiate
The person I admire the most:	Fafo So'oialo – Big Brother
My pre-game rituals:	Listening to music
My favourite home cooked meal:	Taro and Corn Beef
If I was a car, I would be:	Jeep Cherokee 4 Wheeler
Best advice someone gave me:	Impossible is possible

Upcoming Games – Saturday 16 April

	Opponent	Location	Time
Premiers	Poneke	Evens Bay 1	3.00pm
Senior 1 st	Poneke	Evens Bay 1	1.15pm
Senior 3 rd	Wellington	Hataitai Park 1	1.15pm
Colts	Petone White	Lyndhurst Park	1.15pm
85s	MSP Blues	Lyndhurst Park	3.00pm
Presidents	Wainui	Redwood Park	3.00pm

Premiers

Before I write about our season so far, I want to acknowledge the magnificent work that Colleen, Greg and Tompy provide for our Premiere side. Without the fantastic support they supply, our players would be truly malnourished and uncared for. It also goes without saying that Graeme, Steven and Ueili provide excellent guidance and great strength. May they continue to do so for some time.



Nothing worthwhile ever came easy, so it is said about that elusive win.

With every week we grow stronger, fitter, faster and better. It will not be before time when we come away with our first win. Our forwards are starting to hit their straps and are developing into a force to be reckoned with; one that other teams in the Wellington competition will learn to fear. Our backs are full of youth and speed. In time, with experience, they will grow into a force to behold. Developing a winning team takes time, energy and courage which I see the players possess. The coaches, management and supporters have invested belief and faith, the players courage and determination. The season is just beginning — what a truly exciting time this season holds for all of us.

Final Score: 13-13

Player of the Day: Livingston Finau

Mike Abraham
Premier Manager

Senior 1st

It was Old Timers Day — and the team wanted to put on a good show for the “old blokes” of the Club. The weather wasn’t good so it was going to be a forwards game.

The return of Club veteran Vice Salatele in the back line will bring some experience and direction that has been lacking lately, and it did within the first 15mins. Vice made a line break and fended off 3 players inside his 22 and put over a nice kick to take the boys 20 meters from Jville’s try line. From the line-out the ball was stolen but Toa Madar ran 20 meters beating players at will to score the first try for the Tawa side.

It was a hard fought battle for Tawa that managed to go to the break 5-3 up, but playing J’ville’s top team it was going to be tough. With experience in the Blues team they got the lead and didn’t let go of it with — Tawa going down 20-10.

Player of the Day: Seli moa Latuila



Jason Holtham
Senior 1st Coach

Colts

With the Prezzies playing before us and showing us how it should be done, it was good of them to slow it down so we could take it all in. With Petone Colts coming off a good win against Norths the week before, we knew we would be in for a hard game, and with the rain coming down it was going to be testing.

We scored first with a great winger's try to Kelo Latuila but this was soon followed by an unconverted try by Petone to make it 5 all at half time.

In the second half, Tawa came out fired up and started dominating in the forwards setting Kelo up to score his second try for the day. With the Reserves rolling on, we maintained our momentum and a Simon Middleton penalty put us out to an 8 point lead with 10 minutes remaining.

The boys took control and Felix Aiono scored after a big break down the left wing, the try was converted by Simon with the final result and convincing win 20-5. With a good all-round team effort, both the boys and coaches were pleased.

We would like to wish Hendricks all the best in Australia — he will be sorely missed.

Player of the Day: Rakai Rangiawha



Tony Tomlinson
Colts Manager

Juniors

U6 Tawa United Video

Our team gladly accepted the opportunity to curtain-raise in a friendly game with another Tawa Under 6 side for our Premier team at the 2011 Tawa Old Timers Day.

We all had a good first run as a team and enjoyed the occasion, in particular forming the tunnel for our Premier side to run out in.

Tries scored:

Cliff Hunt Jr
Oliver Cuff
Ethan Johnson
Anthony Hunt (2)

Player of the Day: Anthony Hunt

Coach Cliff Hunt would like to say a big thank you to all players and parents for participating in such wintry conditions.

Angela Hunt - Team Manager

U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing

The Tawa under 7 i-4 clothing played the Paraparaumu Boas in the gym on Saturday as the weather was not good and we both had only 6 players. Tawa ran away with it in the end winning 17 tries to 10. All the boys played very well with

everyone getting a try and some very good defence.

We do two awards.

Sports Person of the Day: Ikhan Learwood.

Player of the Day: Jack Singer

U7 Tawa Vaughanos Diesel Service

vs Paraparaumu Vipers.

We won 13-11. Was a very testing game in wet conditions. After a slow start we were able to tighten up our defence and take the lead which we were able to keep.

Tries scored:

Joseph Walsh 4
Joseph Samuelu 3
Rodger Cocker
Brooklyn Dave
William O'Toole
William Pita
Joshua Spice
Jakson Perez

Player of the Day: Joshua Spice

U8 Tawa Hawkins Plumbing

A wet game played at Porirua Park against Northern United Hornets. The boys are coming together nicely as player combinations are being formed and getting a feel for the game.

Overall a marked improvement as well as lots of fun in the wet.

Player of the Day: Brey Lees who showed great enthusiasm and a willingness to pass the ball.

Final Score: Tawa 0 Norths 10

U9 Tawa North City Motors

We started with 9 players going into the second half 10 points up. Norths came back fighting, taking advantage of our team numbers to even the scores 10-10.

In the last 5mins we were down to 8 players due to an injury so the kids had to dig even deeper; coming from set play was some hard running, awesome passing and determination which resulted in a bustling try in the corner to win 15-10.

Awesome game of footy,

Player of the Day: Regan Devine – great tackling & support play

Junior Teau

U10 Tawa Harcourts

Vs. Paremata Plim Eels.

Game was played in persistent rain, winning 10 tries to 1.

The game was won with some very strong forward play, enabling our halfbacks to get the ball out to our backs, who in turn maintained a very organized back line.

Parents voted Samuel Carline our Player of the Day, due to playing a strong forward - hitting every ruck, tackling well, not picking up ball from the back of the ruck and generally playing a very strong forward game.

This was also Abela McBride-Wilson's last game for our team, who she has effectively played with for the last 5yrs, her reading of the game and all round rugby skills will be missed.

U12 Tawa Barbarians

Tawa Barbarians vs Northern United Dobermans

Date: Sat 16th April 2011

Venue: Ngati Toa Domain

Time: 11.30am

Half Time: Tawa Barbarians 10– North's Dobermans

Final Score: Tawa Barbarians 34–North's Dobermans 22

Point Scorers

- Ezekiel Ioane (Prop) – 2 Tries
- Otto Ioane (left Wing) – 1 Try
- Tevaka Timoteo (First Five) – 1 Try
- Bos Hunt – (Number 8 – Captain) 2 Tries and 2 Conversions
- Total – 6 Tries, 2 conversions

Player of the Day: Barbarians

Sam Taylor. As with last week, we could easily have picked up to 9 players deserving of this award. Sam showed that fitness is critical in the game of rugby and his support work was outstanding.

Player of the Day: North's

This week we presented the Baba's Opponents Player of the Day award to Second Five, Connor Bachop.

Game Report

After absorbing pressure from the much bigger North's team, it was pleasing to see our lads trusting and implementing our systems which in the end resulted in the Barbarians pulling away by full time. We're very grateful and congratulate North's for their sportsmanship and aggressive competitiveness.

U13 Tawa Rough Terrain - Prem 2

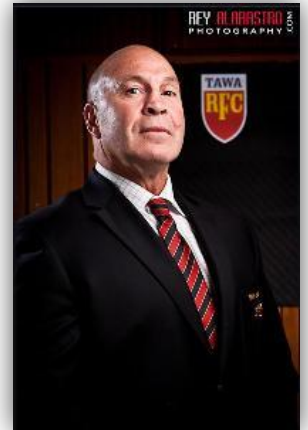
We had a great win over Wests at Nairnville Park 74-12. Not the sort of weather for a good running game but a great effort by our forwards, allowing all of the backs getting at least one try each with Damon Creasy getting three out on the wing. But the best moment had to be Kyle Preston on his way to score his second try kicking the ball ahead twice along the ground-When the ball crossed the try line, Kyle using his speed and being well ahead of the rest of the pack, dived to force the ball down, only to miss it by a few feet! Never mind – it was still the dive of the day.

Prezzies

The Prezzies celebrated Old Timers Day in style scoring 9 tries to 2 in a local derby against Para-Plim. The only disappointment was being transferred off Lyndhurst as some of the tries were champagne rugby but may have been too much for some Old Timers bringing them to their feet like Nigel Carmichael and Craig Holden with their joint replacements.

Biddo handed over the Player of the Day title to Nathan due to his 3 tries and 5 conversions' haul – I would also like to offer my sincere commiserations on your pending marriage Nathan – how many times have I told you, "Prezzies and marriage don't mix"? Well played Prems, you were robbed by some pretty average refing, you're playing some good footy and deserved that one-over and out.

Player of the Day: Nathan



Rick Stonnell

Club Captain

Last weekend I was at the V8 Supercars racing in Hamilton – my other passion. Shane van Gisbergen won the first race of his career. This young Kiwi showed determination, maturity and a will to win in the face of some of the greatest V8 drivers in Australasia.

Why am I mentioning this? Our Tawa Rugby teams are no different – determined, very good coaches, and a wanting to win every time they are on the field. I believe that like the young Kiwi I mentioned above, we can and will win games at all levels. We are a small Club with a sound base of supporters, administrators and players. I have no doubt that once we crack the "win" at Premier level, we shall get over the psychological barrier and show our true form to all contenders.

In the meantime, the 85s (playing at home this weekend) are playing a good standard of rugby with a few of the "old heads" stepping up – both coaching and playing. The Colts also continue to have a very good squad of players with a good ethic emanating from the Coaching Team.

Tawa has a very proud heritage of players going on to greater heights in rugby – let's keep the momentum.



Allan G. Davidson
Club Captain



Shane van Gisbergen – Photo from www.hamilton.v8supercars.com.au

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