

Weekly News

26 May 2011



On Saturday I was requested by the WRU to weigh-in some 85s' players who had proved to be over 85kg at the previous week's game. The guys involved obviously took it serious and there was a positive outcome. The support for them weighing in from the rest of the team was huge. Great team spirit! The 85s continued this spirit into a game that was tough and at times evenly contested, but they won through in a convincing fashion. In so doing, they won the Ron Holmes trophy. It is somewhat of a mystery where this trophy is, so if some reader can shed a light on its whereabouts, please advise me.

The next game was the Colts on their home ground. As I have said previously, they're the future of the club. I have been watching the Colts this season and it is pleasurable to see them bonding as a unit both at practice and at the game. There is a solid coach/management structure that is allowing these guys to grow into this great game of rugby by allowing them to show individual skills whilst being part of a team game plan.

Our two Senior teams travelled up into the Hutt Valley over the weekend. The Premiers started in grand style and were unlucky not to win a close tussle. The Firsts played at Rimutaka but did not quite get the result they had hoped for. The talent is there and we all know it will come through.

On Saturday, Tawa College played Bishop Viard College for the Max Bramley Cup. Tawa won 34-15.

Club Profile

Allan G. Davidson
Club Captain



First Name:	Eric
Last Name:	Franklin
Nickname:	The Eel
Playing position(s):	Physio
Secondary School attended:	Auckland Boys Grammar
Most memorable rugby moment:	When the Bay won the Ranfurly Shield from Auckland
The person I admire the most:	Colonel Sanders
My pre-game rituals:	Counting backwards from 10
My favourite home cooked meal:	Meatloaf
If I was a car, I would be:	A Bus
Best advice someone gave me:	Fear is your only enemy.

Upcoming Games – Saturday 28 May

	Opponent	Location	Time
Premiers	Petone	Lyndhurst Park	3.00pm
Senior 1st	Petone	Lyndhurst Park	1.15pm
Senior 3rd	Petone	Redwood	3.00pm
Colts	Wests	Redwood	1.15pm
85s	OBU	Prince of Wales	1.15pm
Presidents	HOBM	Petone Rec 3	3.00pm
U6 Tawa United Video	Norths Titans	Lyndhurst Park	9.30am
U6 Tawa Absolutely Maintenance	P-Plim Marlins	Ngati Toa Domain 8	9.30am
U6 Tawa All Roofing Solutions	P-Plim Sharks	Lyndhurst Park	9.30am
U7 Tawa Vaughanos Diesel Services	P-Plim Stingrays	Ngati Toa Domain 6	9.30am
U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing	Para'umu Cobras	Te Atiawa 7	9.30am
U8 Tawa Hawkings Plumbing	Para'umu Pythons	Kowhai Park	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Motors	P-Plim Sharks	Redwood Park	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Miab Hire	Para'umu Boas	Te Atiawa 4	9.30am
U10 Tawa Harcourts	Norths Labradors	Porirua Park 4	9.30am
U11 Tawa Totalflow	P-Plim Makos	Ngati Toa Domain 3	10.30am
U11 Tawa Skinforme	Norths Red Hot Chilli Peppers	Porirua Park 4	10.30am
U12 Tawa Barbarians	Para'umu Cobras	Redwood Park	10.30am

Notices:

ALL BLACKS TICKETS - Tickets to All Blacks v South Africa.

Saturday 30 July 7.35pm Westpac Stadium.

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Payment required by 7 June, the club has a limit of 100 tickets first in first served

Contact Dave Banks for tickets dave@montagenz.co.nz

UPCOMING EVENT – 4 June 2011, Colts are hosting an event in the Clubrooms.

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Premiers

An opportunity gone begging...

17 points up in ten minutes with the second try one of the most clinical you'll ever get to see in a game of rugby. Upper Hutt didn't seem likely – they started slow and we took great advantage of that. The game plan that was set was working a treat. Then it happened! Was it a drop of intensity, the thought that we had this game in the bag, Upper Hutt waking up, or all of the above? We seemed to lose our way. No more points were scored by us in the first half, but 17-3 up at half time and still a great position to be in.

However, it wasn't to be. Upper Hutt came out firing and we played into their hands. We kicked the ball away, failed to find touch and they counter-attacked with great effect. They put the pressure on and scored quick points. All of a sudden we were staring down the barrel of being behind. Then we were behind. A come-back resulted. A lift in intensity and a very good try put us back in front 6 points up with about 15 minutes to go. Upper Hutt wouldn't have a bar of it. It was their home ground, on a day when they weren't prepared to lose. They posted an 8 point lead with five minutes to go. Tawa made a valiant effort to counter-attack and to score a try in the last moments of the game, but that full-time whistle blew straight after the conversion attempt.

It was another one that got away and one we should have closed out. It was a game where we seemed to move away from our game plan and every time we did, we got burnt. I guess that is what is so great about the game of rugby and one of the reasons we love to hate the game. The lessons we learn from losing like the way we did are lessons which will serve us for a lifetime. These are games we live to forget, but never do, because they're the ones that get away.

For us, the Jubilee Cup is still a mathematical chance but we now have to rely on other teams failing for us to get through. Still 10 points up for grabs! If we miss out, we miss out fighting all the way. We haven't given up yet and why should we start now?

I would like to take the opportunity to mention one of our management team. Without the experience of people like Eric, our physio and strapper, a lot of our players would be worse for wear and wouldn't be on the field as quick as they are. Eric is kind of a quiet guy but has a major impact on our side. Good on you, Eric! It's great to know we have people like you assisting our players.

I would also like to thank the club that provided a bus for the Premier and Senior First teams on Saturday. It was much appreciated by all and was well supported by the players and management of both teams. I must say the trip on the way back to the club showed the true heart of the players. It was a bus trip like no other and I challenge more people to find a seat on the bus next time we have one provided and to join in. What an experience!

Flippy



Senior 1st



It's always hard playing a top team in club and Rimutaka is no exception. This is a team that is looking to get into the top four.

But the boys came out firing, with a midfield scrum 15 metres out. James George fended off two players and powered over for the first try.

The boys knew not to get ahead of themselves and that it was going to be hard work, but Rim came with a lot of experience and some fought right back into it with three tries throughout the first half.

Going into the break, the score was Tawa 10-Rim 26. We weren't out of it but needed a strong stand on defence. Throughout the game Rim tried many times to break the try line but couldn't. The boys were held tireless in the second half, they pinned one try back but couldn't get any more, ending the day 29-15.

Two more games till the second round!

Jason Holtham
Coach

85s



Playing at Lyndhurst against a struggling Eastbourne team, the Titans knew a bonus point victory was needed to keep their hopes alive of claiming the JC Bowl.

Being notorious slow starters, probably due to old age (Butters, Al, etc), Saturday would be no different. Some sloppy work from forwards and backs alike kept the game tight at the beginning and Eastbourne were able to take a 3-nil lead. After some stern words from Geno and Tye, the boys turned the corner and started playing as a unit. A well rewarded try for a hard running Grandpa Butters got us off the mark. Another try soon after from a Benji-like inside ball from Helmet to Zac set the rookie Titan on his way for his first try of the season.

Now on the front foot, the Titans were able to play the game in Eastbourne's half and some quick thinking led to an intercept try to bulldozing prop Graeme Horo. Some strong defence on our own line led to a loose pass from Eastbourne which was quickly scooped up by a flying penguin in Cam Cornelius. Running like he was being chased by a pack of angry midgets, Cam was able to scoot 90 metres for the try.

The only real downside in the first half was losing Api to, in medical terms, a Torus (a.k.a buckle) fracture of the forearm. For more info on his condition and general well-being, txt him. Don't be lazy. Or send flowers to the Tawa clubrooms: Attention Api. Api loves roses.

The second half was almost the complete opposite with a lot of time spent in our own half. Leaking a few tries but countering with one of our own to D-Wayne, the Titans were able to pull away with a comfortable 33-13 victory. **Player of The Day:** Helmet



Joseph "Cullen" Denyer



Colts

Last weekend we played Paraparaumu at home in perfect conditions. The first 20 minutes were our best so far this season with tries to Cody Akanoa and Lotu Nuku which were both converted by Peter Goldsmith. We were unable to maintain our intensity, straying a wee bit from our game plan and unfortunately allowing Paraparaumu to score a very weak try which was also converted. We finished off the half with a well executed try by Tyrone Tanuvara from the back of the scrum, again converted by Peter.



With a score line of 21-7 at the break, we started off well with Teakin Otang breaking the line to score. However, straight after this, we failed to clear the ball from our 22 allowing Paraparaumu to reciprocate with a try. We settled back into our game with Teakin once again scoring from a great dummy. However, the try of the game was scored by Victor Faletutulu which was initiated by the forwards and finished by the backs. The full-time score was 36-12.

The final score did not reflect how tough the game was with Paraparaumu never giving up and displaying both a great attitude and great tackling. The Tawa coaches must have also been pleased with how the boys went, starting off firing and finishing strong, and transferring the skills learnt at training to the game situation.

Player of the Day was Cody Akanoa with a great all-round game.

The Colts have a couple of hard weeks ahead of them with competition round games against unbeaten Wests at Redwood this Saturday and J'ville the following week. There is also the game against Tawa College, the current trophy holders, on Monday 6 June for the

Furrie Cup. The Colts are hosting a dance party on 4 June with DJ Smiley Eyes. Write it in your diaries as it is a "must do"!

Tony Tomlinson
Colts Manager



Presidents



The Pressies put it all together at Redwood against MSP, scoring 6 tries to 3 despite Pat Dunne, an ex Lions lock and his locking partner of similar size challenging us at lineout time, though we did hold our own in the scrums. The game was played in fair conditions and with great spirit amongst the teams, with their joining together for post match cheers. Our player of the Day was the “Manaia Express” Zarque, who scored two tries and defended staunchly. The other try scorers were Nate, Lakes, “Hooch the Tawa Express” and me, finally off my donut of a couple of years. Thanks to 'Fats' bulldozing the path clear. Thanks also to WCC for keeping the grounds open after it threatening to rain.

Rick Stonnell

Juniors

U55 Tawa College

My older son, George is in the team and the bulk of the side is made up of ex Junior players from several local clubs.

Tawa U55 team are now two weeks into the season with two wins. Game 1 Away vs Para Pram College winning 17-10. J. Bloyd one try, T. Southern two tries, one conversion.

Some good play in this game in very windy conditions that did not make anything easy. Game 2 Home vs Upper Hutt College winning 27-17. G. Bloomfield one try, J. Boyd one try, J. Fantham one try, D. Wiggins one try, A. Chesney two conversions, one pen.

A good team effort by forwards and backs. Some hard work on defence with some top try-saving tackles. Clearly the skills the team has gained in junior rugby has set them up for the next step, the college games. Well done to the team and parents so far!

Des Bloomfield
Coach

U6 Tawa All Roofing Solutions

The Paremata Plimmerton Eels did not prove to be too slippery for the Tawa U6 All Roof Solutions team when they met at the Para-Plim home ground on Saturday, 21 May. Tawa won 12 tries to 10.

Sideline supporters were impressed with the skills being developed by all the players in a very competitive and enjoyable game. Narnia Ioane was a standout with her excellent ripping technique, whilst Isaiah Pauta showed good side-stepping style to run home some field length tries. The total Tawa team displayed fine running with the ball both on and off the field.

Player of the Day: Toby Tomkies

U6 Tawa United Video

vs U6 Paraparaumu Taipans

Time: 9.30am

Te Atiawa Park, Paraparaumu

Full-time score: Tawa 14, Para'umu Taipans 4

With the wind behind us and being the visitors, we got the pleasure of first use of the ball. From the get-go tap-off pass, we started our work on building a comfortable lead with pressure defence rips applied on our opposition and a few turnover balls that eventuated into tries for us. The Tawa U6 knew we had this one sealed up by half-time. Worth the trip, worth the petrol and loved the view of Kapiti Island!

Parents and kids all happy, fresh cut oranges at half-time, 'Freddy the frog' chocolates at full-time, and the coach exhausted and thirsty from all the running!

Great skills on display from Tomas Parkin who turned his man inside then outside, then ran down the sideline like Sean Fitzpatrick used to do to set up a try of many tries to Ethan Johnson who completely put on a "rugby skills" show throughout the game and impressed both the Pram and Tawa supporters.

The Talamaivao brothers, Dallas and Preston, and Cliff Hunt Junior were my work horses and ball carters; they showed what they do best in aggressive hard running up the middle.



Oliver and Matthew Cuff banged three tries each, were the usual suspects on defence and

scooped any loose ball on the floor, making good use of their fast twitch fibers for TRYTIME and TRYTIME again!

I would like to thank Monty the Pram Taipans' coach and his team for warming up for so long and wondering, "Where the hell's this Tawa team", but once they saw me holding our team kit bag and walking from the side of the tennis courts with my "TUV crew", they knew we were on "Island time"!

Thank you for the game and the wonderful memories. My team will never forgive me for the four knock-on tries we gifted to your team's score but hey, it's only U6 and kids at this age don't take any notice of the score....or do they? See you in Round 2!

Try Scorers:

Ethan Johnson	7
Oliver Cuff	3
Matthew Cuff	3
Dallas Talamaivao	1

Player of the Day: Anastasia Pio. She showed excellent sportsmanship and was the only player who handed the ripped tag to her opponent and said, "There you go," and at the end of the game, said "Great game!" That's priceless.

Cliff Hunt

U6 Absolute Maintenance

Our team lined up against the Para-Plim Stingrays at Lyndhurst bright and early on Saturday. The full team played a full game and it was great to see them all giving 100% from start to finish. We saw a great running game of rugby that even had the coach and assistant coach getting a sweat up!

Another great Saturday on the paddock!

Player of the Day: Hayden McElwee

U7 Tawa Vaughanos

vs Waikanae

Awesome game on Saturday. We were four players short to start the game. 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 Paremata Plimmerton Stingrays at Lyndhurst. It was a beautiful morning for rugby on Saturday and it was good to see Lyndhurst busy with three teams playing on the field. We had another tough game this week; it was a very close first half with Tawa leading by only 8-5. Having no subs, the kids demolished the oranges at half-time. The team played very well especially in defence, and scored some great tries. Ben Park scored seven tries in total, helping the team to a great second half, and winning the game 15-9.

Tries scored:

Ben Park	7
Dylan Pettersson	3
Tristan So'oialo	2
Jared Woodgate	1
Isaac Parker	1
Jack Singer	1

Sportsperson of the Day: Ben Park

Player of the Day: Isaac Parker

Dean Pettersson

U8 Tawa Hawkins Plumbing

Tawa U8 Hawkins Plumbing vs Paremata Plimmerton Eels

The U8s had a tough game against a well drilled Para-Plim team. The boys did well not to give up in a one-sided contest and pulling off a number of big hits that left the opposition hurting at times and running the ball up strong. Sadly the boys went down losing this one.

The Hawkins Plumbing Player of the Day:

Owen De Does. Owen showed great skills on attack, scoring a run-away try in the second half and was committed in defence.

Final score: Tawa 2 tries to Para-Plim 16.

9 Tawa North City Hiab

A good local derby against the other Tawa team resulted in a draw that was a fair representation of how the game went. Congratulations to Ellie on the other team who proved very hard to get the ball off and who made excellent yards straight up the middle.

John was a standout player this week, making some good runs from the back of some mauls and, especially in the second half, showing excellent skills as a blocker around the tackle ball. Player of the Day went to Luke for his determined running and the support he provided to the ball carrier out wide.

Great to see the development of all players over the season so far. They are responding well, correcting the mistakes from each week's game and focussing on new skills every game.

Chris Hicky

U9 Tawa Northcity Motors

Another good game of rugby today. Both teams played very well with good tackles, hit-ups, and passing and set plays which resulted in a draw.

Players of the Day: Caleb and Kynan for tackling, hit-ups and scoring tries.

Tawa Northcity Motors 4 tries - Tawa Northcity Hiab 4 tries

Junior Teau

U10 Tawa Harcourts

We played against a new look Waikanae team, who made their way down to Redwood Park on a cracking Saturday morning.

Our team fronted up in their new positions introduced for last week's game. There was an improved forwards' performance, providing a great platform for our halfbacks to unleash the backs. The backs used the ball well, providing opportunities to score out on the flanks.

Plenty of tries were run in by forwards and backs due to the team sticking to the gameplan and the space that this created. Defence was much improved with new roles introduced to counter anticipated clearing kicks. Defence had a huge influence with only one try scored by the opposition late in the game.

Congratulations to Danial for almost scoring his first try of the season, and the presence of mind to release in the tackle to Sam who did cross for his first try of the season. Fantastic Man of Match Performance from Max for providing driving defence and smooth decisive running on offence that left the defence stumbling in his wake.

Vs Waikanae Blues
Won 11 tries to 1

Rob

U11 Tawa Skinforme

The Tawa U11 Skinforme team played Paraparaumu Cobras at Lyndhurst Park. The game was a goon demonstration of the old cliché of "Rugby is a game of two halves". Paraparaumu dominated most of the first half with strong play at the breakdown and open running back play. It caught our boys by surprise, which was surprising as at practice we drill strongly around competing at the breakdown. Katuta Mwila tackled strongly as fullback, saving three certain tries. We went into the half-time break 15-5 down, our only points coming from a try to Trowe Howe scored from a solid break away and strong running for the line.

During the half-time lecture, the boys were told to forget about the score and concentrate on competing at the breakdown, protecting the ball, running hard, and working as a team. They seemed to listen and the second half of the game was a complete turnaround from the first, with us dominating most of the play.

The work in the tight by the forwards led to a number of turnovers and our pick and go led to several good break-away tries. Josh Mallon scored four tries, two coming from great all-round forward work in the mauls, leading to Josh breaking away

with the ball and running in strongly to score. Cayden Teau also got a good break-away try, again from strong forward work, to score under the post.

Jarrold Woolf then stepped up to kick with what ended up being the game winning conversion. The game finished with Tawa winning 32-30 and the coach being able to reconfirm to the team the half-time statement that if they do what he asks, the score will take care of itself.

All round a great second half performance and a good demonstration of each player contributing to a great team performance.

Points scored: Tries - Josh Mallon (4) Troy Howe (1) and Cayden Teau (1). One conversions to Jarrod Woolf.

Players of the Day: Katuta Mwila for great defensive work and saving three certain tries. Josh Mallon for strong work in the rucks and mauls and the work that led to his four tries.

Peter Mallon

U12 Tawa Barbarians

versus Northern United Souljahs

Venue: Onepoto Domain

Half Time – Barbarians 0 – Souljahs 10

Fulltime – Barbarians 0 – Souljahs 29

The Haka performed by the Souljahs as a mark of respect for the Babas was absolutely brilliant the positive encouragement from the sideline from both parents and supporters. The Souljahs came out firing and built a 10-0 lead, the Babas pushed back with some very nice phases and stretching their defence screen sideways running their big boys around. All was set for an intriguing 2nd spell until the game was interrupted.

Highlights

http://youtu.be/X7xV5Op_FN8

<http://youtu.be/igpUlwk2BoY>

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ASPEQ was nominated in the annual wellington Gold Awards. The awards were rugby themed, from the invites, guest speakers (Graham Henry) to some of the guests outfits who scrapped their formal attire in exchange for rugby boots and Shirts.

Below are a couple of pictures of the team at ASPEQ:



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