

Weekly News

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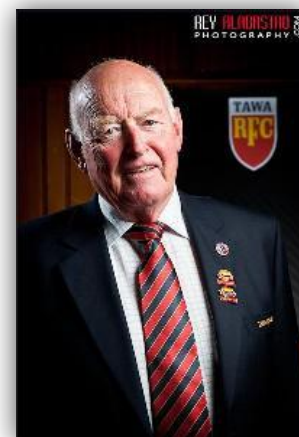


Last Saturday I watched two games at Lyndhurst Park and one could not imagine the difference in the type of rugby that was on display.

Firstly our Colts played Petone and both teams played with an emphasis on attack and although both made many mistakes, they at least did their best to entertain. Our boys showed a lot of guts and determination to come from behind to beat Petone and it is a credit to their coaching staff that the team did their best to keep to the game plan.

The second game involved our 85kg team against MSP. This was a game of 15 individuals playing 15 individuals – the word ‘team’ was nowhere to be found. Talk about bash and crash – most of the time it looked as if I was watching a game of league except the play did not stop at the tackle. And yes, after 80 minutes of boredom watching the game, it finished 3 all. One well known Englishman who was sitting beside me, said he thought he was back home 20 years ago watching a typical game.

From a personal point of view, the good thing to come out of it all was that the Captain of our team bought me a beer. Thanks Geno.



Paul McEnaney
President

Club Profile



First Name:	Filisione
Last Name:	Koloamatangi
Nickname:	Spriggs
How long I have played for Tawa:	1 Season
Playing position(s):	Lock/Blindside
Secondary School attended:	Nayland College (Nelson)
Most memorable rugby moment:	Stomping a gingers head in intermediate and then crying after the game.
The person I admire the most:	Anyone who speaks the truth and gets straight to the point
My pre-game rituals:	Dvd's, breakfast then laxed out music
My favourite home cooked meal:	Corn Beef wrapped with Taro Leaves and Kumara
If I was a car, I would be:	Rolls Royce - Black

Upcoming Games – Saturday 30 April

	Opponent	Location	Time
Premiers	HOBM	Hutt Rec 1	2.15pm
Senior 1st	HOBM	Hutt Rec 1	12.30pm
Colts	Wainui	Lyndhurst Park	2.15pm
85s	Wainui	William Jones1	2.15pm
Presidents	Poneke	Redwood Park	2.15pm
U7 Tawa Vaughanos Diesel Services	P-Plim Makos	Ngati Toa Domain 5	9.30am
U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing	Paraparaumu Vipers	Te Atiawa 6	9.30am
U8 Tawa Hawkings Plumbing	Paraparaumu Vipers	Kowhai Park	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Motors	Waikanae Highlanders	Redwood	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Miab Hire	P-Plim Sharks	Ngati Toa Domain 2	9.30am
U10 Tawa Harcourts	Para-Plim Sharks	Ngati Toa Domain 3	10.30am
U11 Tawa Totalflow	BYE		
U11 Tawa Skinforme	Norths Cougars	Redwood Park	10.30am
U12 Tawa Barbarians	Waikanae Hurricanes	Lyndhurst Park 1	9.20am

Premiers

Some would say five games without a win would be a disaster, some would say it's time to give up and quit, but here we are sitting in the middle of the Premiers competition with a team that is ready to explode with its full potential.

Standing, watching and listening to our coaches and players there is belief in our side, and it seems such a small hurdle to step over but one that means so much – that elusive win. One that I am sure we are set to get this Saturday. The intensity that is building and determination that is in our side can only lead to greater achievements.

The weekend's game was one we let get away. Apart from the first twenty minutes, it seemed to me we had the better of Poneke. However, due to a slow start, we found ourselves in a position where we had to come from behind. Unfortunately coming back from twenty points down was just beyond us. I guess if we were a luckier side, a so-called forward pass that lead to a disallowed try under the post would have drawn the game, or a couple of fantastic runs by our back which were set up by our forwards could have lead to two or three more tries. However it wasn't to be and that will make our first win taste that much sweeter when it comes.

With strength, determination and a very good game plan, our opposition this week are in for an extremely hard time.

Kia Kaha Kia Manawanui brothers - Stand proud and be determined, the power is in your hands, take control of your own destiny and don't leave it to anyone else.

Flippy

Final Score: 21 - 28

Player of the Day: Stephen Sasagi



Senior 1st

It was a tough game but once again the boys didn't play to their full potential with silly turn overs, dumb penalties and slowness to react costing the boys a "need to win" game.

With a few injuries and guys away it was still no excuse with good depths in the senior team.

Quote by Matt: "If the boys don't turn the season around, my head as head coach will get the chop."

I now know how Mark Hammet feels.

Bring on the summer, I say!

Player of the Day: Jono

Senior 3rd

Senior 3rds had an awesome game in the weekend... even though we didn't play. We won in our hearts...

Fred Ama

Colts

We started out well, dominating the first 10 minutes but could not manage to put any points on the board. Petone scored first with their big centre crashing over under the post to go into half-time 7 nil up.

After half-time Petone scored again – we looked dead and buried but like last week we dug deep and a try to Lotu Nuku converted by Simon Middleton lifted our hopes.

This was followed by a great try in the corner by Jordan Kapua converted by Peter Goldsmith, with our reserves rolling on and bringing plenty of energy. Peter got a penalty and Simon a well worked try to seal the game.

A great effort again with no one panicking when we were down and chipping away for a hard fought win. We came out victors 22-14.

Player of the Day: Grant Penno who showed commitment and worked hard all game.

Juniors

No Junior Rugby was played this week due to school holidays and the long weekend. Everyone is keen to get back into training and games this week.

Tournaments coming up that Tawa has been invited to enter teams are:

Para-Plimm Sevens – Sunday, 5 June at Para Plimm RFC

Wellington Junior Sevens – Sunday, 1 May at Trentham Memorial Park.

Tournament information has been sent to all Junior coaches and they need to decide if they are to enter a team.



Jason Holtham
Senior 1st Coach



Tony Tomlinson
Colts Manager



Des Bloomfield
Junior Club

TAWA JUNIOR RUBY 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
Des at 232 7870 or 027 440 4955.**

Club Captain

Once again we ran close at the Premier level, but not quite. The write-up in the Dominion Post said that "Tawa punches above its weight" and I can't help but feel how true this is in the Premiers and the Firsts.

When I visit the Clubrooms on practise nights, I am heartened by the amount of people taking part - from the Juniors on the field and in the "green room" through to the Senior Club members.

The Colts are still training with a large squad and coming together as a unit with self belief. This is our future and I feel these guys have ability to play the game along with the ability to be personable. There are a number of eligible Colts playing in the Premiers and the Firsts - this gives our Club the continuity to "punch above our weight".

We are struggling a bit with numbers in the Thirds, but meetings this week are helping to show the Club's commitment to this team. If you know of any guys wanting to play but unable to practise every training, then get hold of me and I shall do the necessary work to get them underway in our Club.

The 85s are playing a good brand of rugby and their trainings are more intense than they were this time last year - the results are showing (no constant weigh-ins)

The Prezzies had a well-deserved rest last weekend, but will be back with a venge



Allan G. Davidson
Club Captain

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