

Weekly News

5 May 2011

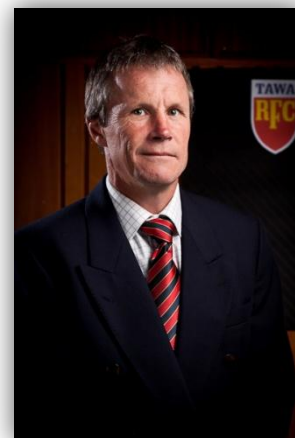


Here we are now with the 2011 season well underway, the planning prior to the season start, coming to fruition on the field. Like any sports organisations in the current climate, a lot of effort and vision is required to maintain past tradition, deliver key objectives for the present and have a solid game plan going forward.

As a committee we strive to deliver an environment which not only encourages members to succeed on the field but also off the field. While success is generally measured by being on the winning side of the score sheet, this can only be achieved by a lot of hard work and creating a culture of self belief by all involved.

With a new management team at the helm of our Premier team this season and a big emphasis on our Colts players, I believe that we are on the right path and that this will show in the upcoming weeks of rugby.

I encourage all past players, social and the community to show their support for our teams by turning out on Saturdays and showing that they are committed to the advances of the TRFC.



Kevin Dur

Club Profile



First Name:	Brian
Last Name:	Burridge
How long I have played for Tawa:	4 years
Playing position(s):	Lock
Secondary School attended:	Aotea College
Most memorable rugby moment:	Winning Hardham Cup 2008 Beating Norths
The person I admire the most:	My sis and brother
My pre-game rituals:	Take a nervous one
My favourite home cooked meal:	Roast
If I was a car, I would be:	Mustang

Upcoming Games – Saturday 7 May

Opponent	Location	Time
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Premiers	Ories	Polo Ground 1	3.00pm
Senior 1st	Ories	Polo Ground 1	1.15pm
Senior 3rd	Ories	Polo Ground 2	3.00pm
Colts	Poneke	Lyndhurst Park	3.00pm
85s	Poneke dogs of war	Lyndhurst Park	1.15pm
Presidents	Petone	Petone Rec	3.00pm
U7 Tawa Vaughanos Diesel Services	Waikanae Cats	Waikanae Park 1	9.30am
U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing	P-Plim Makos	Ngati Toa Domain 5	9.30am
U8 Tawa Hawkings Plumbing	Waikanae Chiefs	Waikanae Park 3	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Motors	P-Plim Dolphins	Ngati Toa Domain 2	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Miab Hire	Waikanae Highlanders	Redwood Park 1	9.30am
U10 Tawa Harcourts	Norths K9 Dogs	Porirua Park 3	10.30am
U11 Tawa Totalflow	P-Plim Makos	Ngati Toa Domain 3	10.30am
U11 Tawa Skinforme	Waikanae Force	Waikanae Park 2	10.30am
U12 Tawa Barbarians	Norths CJ Ryan Limited	Porirua Park 4 1	10.30am
U13 P2 Tawa Rough Terrain	P-Plim	Ngati Toa Domain	10.30am
U6 Nursery Grade Teams			
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Premiers

How do you find something you have never lost? Where do you look and who do you rely on to search for it? The answer lies only within the players who take the field, for it is their hearts and souls that are put on the line. The coaches can provide the game plan, the support personnel can provide the strapping, rubdowns and even inspiration, but the players are the ones who put it on the line every game. They are the ones who know what is missing and where to find it.

It would be easy for everyone to lose their tempers, and in complete frustration throw all the Tawa toys out of the cot. Only problem is when the smoke clears, we still have another game to play on Saturday and we would have to find our toys again, settle back down and get on with playing rugby. As a player I was never keen on wasting time and I believe there is no point in blaming anybody. A loss is a loss, and we have to keep our heads up, be proud of who we are, and find that win we are desperately searching for. So let's get on with it. We are a bigger and better team than one that throws their toys out of a cot. The season is long, and I don't know anyone who has won a marathon by sprinting at the start.

This week we saw Steve Sasagi have another strong game, crashing his way up the field with bone crunching runs, which shows he is prepared to lead by example and put his body on the line. Our front row showed how good they can be battling hard providing a stable platform for our backs to run the ball.



Hats off to Thomas George. Along with his guts and determination which he gives every week, he is turning into an outstanding prop. It is hard to believe Coe is still a teenager. He is playing outstanding rugby at tight head and is gaining experience which is only going to benefit himself and the Tawa Rugby Club for the future. Juice coming on in the second half provided an impact player that all premier clubs would be proud to have.

Good work, Juice, keep putting it on the line on Saturdays. You can rest on Sundays. We also saw a massive impact when JT took the field. His strong runs off the back of the scrum set our forwards an excellent platform to feed our backs, which lead to opportunities that we just could not finish off. It was also good to have Randle back after a week away and his playing a good game at full back.

It is hard to explain how we let this one slip away. A solid start, 10-5 up at half time, intense forward driving in the second half, dynamic breaks by our backs and a great deal of ball to work with – to lose 27-10 is a soul-searching question. Heads up guys, take a deep breath and let's find that winning feeling. If the Canes can find it, so can we.

Flippy

Player of the Day: Stephen Sasagi

Senior 1st

Playing the top team in the comp was always going to be a tough ask. With a few injuries and players away, we gave an SOS call to veteran Vice Salatele to lead the team.

Once again it didn't start well with HOBM from the kick off running in the first try. The forwards fought hard to claw back a try, but with a powerful running game and depth in their ranks, HOBM ran off with a comfortable lead 20-5.

Hard words and "To look deep within and show some pride in the Tawa Colours" were the words from Head coach, "Holtham".

Tawa showed some flair and grunt and came very close to winning the game with some strong defence in the mids lead by Vice, and with some slick play closing the gap, but once again we couldn't cross the line and lost 28-34.

Player of the Day: James George



Jason Holtham
Senior 1st Coach

Colts

Last week's game was against Wainuiomata at Lyndhurst Park and the conditions were perfect for rugby. It would be fair to say it was a game of two halves with Wainui winning the 1st half with 3 unanswered tries, a conversion and a penalty making the score 22-0 going into the break.



With a few home truths from the coaches at half time, the boys started the second half with a lot more enthusiasm and scored early with a dart from the back of the ruck by the new boy Tom Burgess. This was converted by Peter Goldsmith.

The team was gaining momentum and the second try was scored by Lotu Nuku which was unconverted. As in previous weeks, a comeback was looking likely. Kalim Kelemete scored the try of the match leaving

many Wainui tacklers in his wake scoring in the corner, but unfortunately again it went unconverted.

Tawa etc hed their way back to trail by only 5 points with 9 minutes remaining, Kelo Latuila scored tying the score at 22-all with the kick to come, but again this was unsuccessful. A penalty shot on full time was also fruitless so we settled with the draw, a fair result.

Player of the Day: Kalim Kelemete with a strong all round game.



Tony Tomlinson
Colts Manager

Presidents

The Prezzies put together one of our best displays of running rugby, scoring 10 tries to 1 against a formidable Poneke.

It was no coincidence that it was on the return of our dynamic all rounder 'Ziggy' at halfback scoring a try even after a long break sunning himself in Bali – shame about the string line, mate.

We also welcomed aboard 2 debutants, Keith from East Coast provincial fame and Gus from being Nates mate fame. Well played boys, very adequate.

The only other point worth a mention is that 'Flash' Gordy scored his 100th try for us which is great but mate you probably should have left it to someone else to put in the Kapi Mana.

Player of the Day: Dave Mc Knight for being completely unfazed by his wife dragging him from the field to get the kiddie seat out of the car.



Rick Stonnell

Juniors

U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing

The Tawa Under 7 i-4 Clothing played the Paraparaumu Vipers on Saturday, 30 April at their home ground. It was a great running game with 36 tries in total, and Tawa winning 20-16. Some outstanding tries were scored by both teams, with Tristan So'oialo dotting down 9 times and Dylan Pettersson 4 times!!!

Tries scored:

Tristan So'oialo	9
Dylan Pettersson	4
Ben Park	2
Jared Woodgate	2
Isaac Parker	2
Jack Singer	1

Sportsperson of the Day: Isaac Parker

Player of the Day: Tristan So'oialo

U8 Tawa Hawkins Plumbing

Tawa U8 Hawkins Plumbing vs Paraparaumu Vipers Close loss 9 tries to 7.

Player of the Day: Fuka, who showed great skills and athleticism. Definitely one to watch out for in the future!

Lots of fun had on a beautiful Saturday morning.

U9 Tawa North City Hiab

The boys played a good game, coming together really well in the second half to score some excellent tries. With only nine players, there were some gaps out wide that the opposition took

advantage of during the first half but our defence tightened up to contain them after half time.

Great tackling by Jack H-B with some excellent steals by Taiteariki. T-M saw us with more of the ball which we managed to successfully convert into points.

The back line were impressive, passing well and supporting each other to score some good tries. Player of the Day Josh C, scored a great try in the first half, running straight down the left wing ably supported by Marcus W who provided the options that drew the defence, creating the gap for Josh to exploit.

A great hit out for only our second game of the season.

U10 Tawa Harcourts

Due to school holidays we were down on numbers. Fortunately Paraparaumu had 3 subs that they loaned us. This gave all the players the opportunity to play a full game, with no subs.

During the first half we struggled against a well organised team with some really quick players. The game was a really physical encounter and all the team members stood up to the challenge. During the second half, the communication between the players on the field improved and our game lifted. Unfortunately we lost 9 tries to 5 tries.

The parents decided there would not be a Player of the Day as the whole team had put their best efforts in throughout the game and had the knocks to prove it.

Next weekend we will be back to full strength and should have a better outing.

U12 Tawa Barbarians

vs Waikanae Hurricanes

Half time – Barbarians 52 Hurricanes 0

Full time – Barbarians 117 Hurricanes 0

Point Scorers

1. Magnus McLaughlin (Full Back) – 1 Try
2. Sam Taylor (No 7) – 3 Tries
3. Bos Hunt – (1st 5/No 8 – Captain) 2 Tries, 7 Conversions
4. Otto Ioane (Right Wing) – 2 Tries
5. Rikele Grey (2nd Five) - 2 Tries
6. Flynn Aupa'au (Prop/Winger)– 3 Tries
7. Tevaka Timoteo (1st 5/Wing) – 4 Tries
8. Cullen Keating (Half Back)– 1 Try
9. Damon Chandlor-Harris (Prop/lock) – 1 Try

10. Edward Bloomfield (Hooker/Centre) – 3 Conversions

Player of the Day

Flynn Aupa'au. A top effort from Flynn on Saturday. We brought Flynn in from the wing to prop and he excelled out of his comfort zone.

Barbarians Opponents Award

Ruarioah Anderson. A useful nuggety little player

Team Report

We were given too much freedom in this game and Waikanae couldn't stay with us at any stage. Norths (this Saturday) won't afford such freedom and we'll be doing it tough if we don't retain our strategic shape in key areas.

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
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Club Captain

Another weekend of "Ifs, Buts and Maybes". We are indeed struggling in the Senior Club, but then again, so are other Clubs. A bit of a break, a nose in front and it will be the turning point for Tawa Rugby at the top level.

I was involved with the Senior Thirds at the weekend. Game was due to start at 12.30pm at Redwood. At midday we had 7/8 players. With a number of strategic phone calls, a few of the Colts came to the rescue. Our team played well and relinquished the lead about 20 minutes into the second half. Final score 15-14. So easily we could have won, but then again we struggled for numbers. With Fred's rally around after the game, I feel sure we can continue on in fine style.

Prior to this game starting, I was impressed by our U11s who cleaned out Norths by 12 tries to 5. It has to start somewhere – great to watch!!

Sean Fitzpatrick would definitely have been waxing lyrical about the Colts' "game of two halves ...". It was so good to have both our Colts and the entire Wainui team with coaches, managers and others in the Clubrooms after the match. We drew the rugby, but I believe we won the boat race with Tony as the anchorman for the Colts.



Allan G. Davidson
Club Captain

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