

Weekly News

7 April 2011



Well, what a way to begin our home games last Saturday. The weather was great and so the players in both the Senior 1st and Premier teams gave us two games of real entertaining rugby. And to make it a good day the supporters turned out in great numbers.

After the Prem's game I was invited to talk to the players and I appreciate this gesture by the team management. I would also thank the players for the respect they afforded me during my talk.

The after-match function went off very well and the use of the new overhead projector was a great success.

One of the day's highlights was seeing all the players in their No 1 dress code, having them all in attendance and seeing them enjoying themselves says a lot for their management. Let's not forget the singing – something that has been missing in the Club for too long.

These guys have set a standard and it is hoped that other teams will follow suit and support the Club by attending after-match festivities.



Paul McEnaney
President

Club Profile



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| First Name: | Hendrix |
| Last Name: | Feite Puleaga |
| Nickname: | Rampage |
| How long I have played for Tawa: | 2 years |
| Playing position(s): | Tight Head |
| Secondary school attended: | Onslow, Aotea College/ Porirua College |
| Most memorable rugby moment: | When I got 4 yellow cards last year |
| The person I admire the most: | Tito Ioane |
| My pre-game rituals: | 100s Club....LMAO |
| My favourite home cooked meal: | Caesar Salad |
| If I was a car, I would be: | Monster Truck |
| Best advice someone gave me: | Up the guts |

Upcoming Games – Saturday 9 April

| | Opponent | Location | Time |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Premiers | Wainui | William Jones | 3.00pm |
| Senior 1st | Para Plim | Ngati Toa Domain 1 | 3.00pm |
| Senior 3rd | Stokes Valley | Delaney Park 1 | 1.15pm |
| Colts | Wellington A | Hataitai Park 1 | 3.00pm |
| 85s | Avalon | Lyndhurst Park | 3.00pm |
| Presidents | Johnsonville | Fraser Park | 3.00pm |
| U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing | Nothern United Hawkes | Onepoto 1 | 9.30am |
| U8 Tawa Hawkings Plumbing | Waikanae Chiefs | Ngati Toa Domain 1 | 10.00am |
| U9 Tawa North City Motors | Paremata Plim Piranhas | Ngati Toa Domain 2 | 10.30am |
| U9 Tawa North City Miab Hire | Northern United Alsations | Ngati Toa Domain 1 | 11.00am |
| U10 Tawa Harcourts | Northern United Makos | Ngati Toa Domain 1 | 9.00am |
| U11 Tawa Totalflow | Paraparaumu Cobras | Redwood Park 1 | 10.30am |
| U11 Tawa Skinforme | Paremata Plim Piranhas | Redwood Park 1 | 9.30am |
| U12 Tawa Barbarians | Waikanae Hurricanes | Lyndhurst Park 1 | 10.30am |

Upcoming Events

| Date | Description |
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| 16 April | Old Timers Day |

Premiers

Tawa vs MSP Lyndhurst Park 3pm
HT 20 - 23
FT 40 - 48

Eleven tries were scored in glorious sunshine at Lyndhurst Park as MSP overcame a Tawa side that just wouldn't give in.

Both teams traded early penalties before MSP finished off a slick move to score the first try of the day. Their second was scored within the minute as the MSP centre crashed over in the corner. Both tries went unconverted and with Tawa's second penalty, the score was Tawa 6 MSP 13.

Tawa drew level when pacy left winger George Tilsley crossed for a try which was converted by Randall Bishop. This was followed by a penalty to MSP and then Tawa took the lead for the first and only time of the match with a penalty try after an MSP player was adjudged to have tackled a Tawa player without the ball. Tawa 20 MSP 16.

MSP quickly responded with tries (only one converted) either side of half time and a further penalty which took them out to an 11 point lead. Tawa 20 MSP 31.

Tawa centre Ross Taurima then had a free run to the line after scooping on loose ball from the back of an MSP ruck. Both teams then traded penalties. Tawa 28 MSP 34.

The game by this stage had lost its structure and mistakes inside their own half cost both teams with replacement MSP centre crossing and then Tawa's best forward Pati Gaulofa scoring a deserved try. Tawa 33 MSP 41.

Tawa had worked hard to get back within striking distance, but the pattern of the day continued with the MSP left wing scoring to take them beyond 7 points. Tawa 33 MSP 48.

Tawa applied plenty of pressure over the last 10 minutes and after more messy play on the MSP line, Tawa's fifth try to first-five Randall Bishop rounded out a very entertaining match. Tawa 40 MSP 48.

Player of the day: Pati Gaulofa



Graeme Ross
Premier Coach

Senior 1st

Playing against one of the top clubs is always a challenge and something that the boys were geared up for. We started off with a hiss and roar, putting pressure on their team and Elvis Madar charged down and followed up with the first try, straight from kick-off from the backs.

Kepe Finau spotted a gap and with some quick stepping set the backline alight and Alex So'oialo ran 40 meters for our 2nd try. Not to be outdone by the backs, the forwards started to put some grunt.

The engine room lead by veteran Juice Finau who rumbled the pack to the try line, half back Mike sneaked over against his old team to score the 3rd try.

Half time score 18–10. 2nd half was a different story and the Ref wasn't on our side. Within 15 mins we were down to 13 players with 2 in the sin bin. MSP took full advantage of the overlap and raced to a 32-18 lead.

Once the boys were back to 15 players it was a hard task to play catch up football, but they tried and got the score up to 28-32.

Then a huge call by the touch judge to disallow a try in the corner by the forwards. That would have given the boys the lead after the Ref had awarded the try. But he was going to be called on again with the final play of the game.

MSP were on the line and ready to kick it out and were charged down when Terrance pounced on the ball scoring what would have been the winning try, but that dam TJ disallowed the try saying the ball was out over the dead ball line!

It was a 100% better effort than last week that they Club and players can be proud of, but the Senior 1st need to put a win on the table if we want to aim for top 4 this year.

Player of the day: Alex So'oialo with outstanding running from the back.



Jason Holtham
Senior 1st Coach

Colts

With a melting pot of players from different colleges and coaching staff Petelo, Willz, Andy, Senior and Pati, the Colts of 2011 are rearing to go this Saturday against Wellington Club.

There has been great commitment and attitude at both trainings and preseason games so we are now looking ahead to an awesome season on and off the field.

Tony Tomlinson
Colts Manager



EVENT REMINDER

Old Timers Day - Saturday 16 APRIL

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| 11.30am | Formal Function starts with light refreshments available in the clubrooms |
| 12.00noon | The Tawa Presidents Team V Paremata-Plimmerton |
| 12.30pm | Lunch served in the clubrooms |
| 1.15pm. | Tawa Senior Firsts V Johnsonville Senior Firsts for the Carmen Cup |
| 3.00pm | Tawa Premier V West's Roosters Premiers for the Forsyth Trophy |
| 5.30pm | Speeches |

stay on into the night and enjoy Drink Specials and DJ

Juniors

Juniors will kick-off on 9 April, we are all really excited for the first games of the season .

This year we are fielding 12 teams:

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| 3 x Under 6 | 2 x Under 11 |
| 1 x Under 7 | 1 x Under 12 |
| 1 x Under 8 | 1 x Under 13. |
| 2 x Under 9 | |
| 1 x Under 10 | |

Notices:

- **Keen To Coach?** We are looking for a coach for our 2nd Under 7 team. If you are interested or would like more information call me on the number below
- **Junior Clubrooms for HIRE!** The Junior Club are available for any team to use for meetings

If you have any questions about Junior Rugby, contact me on

04 232 7870 or 027 440 4955.



Des Bloomfield
Junior Club Convener



Juniors photo of the week!

Submit your photos to amyvnz@gmail.com

Cliff with sons Anthony & Cliff Jnr Hunt
with Great All Black Legend- Andy Leslie

Pressies

Once again we were off to a flyer, 4 tries to 1 at half time against a formidable but more often than not beatable Norths Red side lead by the charismatic Club Captain of Norths, Alex.

The half time team talk was all about scoring first to keep momentum and pretty much finish them off. Unfortunately we handed the momentum over by throwing 2 intercepts and 2 short kick-offs. Norths team with their tails up amounts to possession and territory 1% and a tackle count of 99% per player!

Needless to say we are looking forward to the return of some key players, most of all our 1st 5/8 who doesn't throw intercepts and do short kick-offs and a couple of our tightys/fattys getting out on the road! the score is still controversial, an appeal has been lodged, can't have Alex thinking he beat Tawa.



Rick Stonnell

Club Captain

What a night at the Clubrooms on Saturday after the various games. The Club was a buzz of excitement that everyone I spoke to felt. Even after the MSP team and supporters left, a number of our teams and friends returned to the Club and kept it pumping. This is the legacy our Club has always had and I think this year we are well on the way to bringing it back.

We were a bit unlucky with the results at the top level, but the supporters and members I spoke to felt we have the teams to go forward from here. Our new team, the 3rds, had a huge result and we have big aspirations for them. The 85s and the Pressies drew - something to do with non-competition games I suspect.

Old Timers Day is on 16th April. We always have a great turnout from the "Originals", but it would be even better to get groups of team members who gave up playing in the last 10, 15, 20 years. I challenge you to phone a couple of mates who you know are around town and meet at the Clubrooms for this annual event.

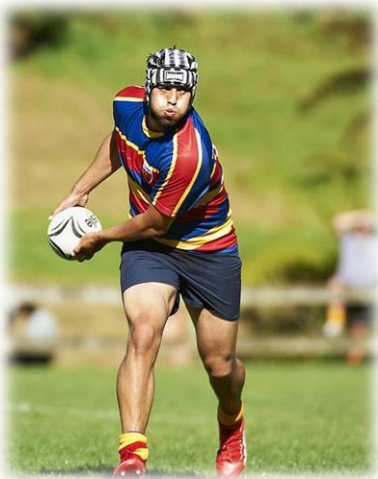
It was our first "Home Game" for the season, with heaps of people commenting on the new look of our presentation for speeches.



Allan G. Davidson
Club Captain

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Some of the photos added to our gallery this week:

To view more photos from our galley go to www.tawarugby.co.nz

