

# Weekly News

09 June 2011



## IAN PARLANE RIP 1920 – 2011

Ian was a member of the Tawa Rugby Club for over 50 years.

With the rapid development of Tawa Flat as a desirable place to live together with the post-war baby boom, there was an urgent need in the late 1940s for the establishment of schoolboy rugby. At the time the club had two 11-12 age group teams but there was nothing available for younger boys.

Ian was asked if he would organise rugby for the younger set. He accepted the challenge and within two years, Tawa had four teams playing rugby on Saturday mornings. Not only did Ian organise this section of the club, he was able to set up a fund-raising team to buy jerseys for the players. This was a very successful operation and in the short space of a few months, all teams were playing in the club jerseys.

The title “Godfather of Tawa Schoolboy Rugby” sat well with Ian.

Towards the end of the 1950s, Ian became a member of the Executive of the club and in 1960 was appointed Club Captain. He held this position for three years. In 1994 he was made Life Member of the club.

Ian was very proud of his achievements within the club and at the 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee he was one of the speakers who captivated the members with his knowledge of it in the early days. He was a very loyal supporter.

Ian passed away last Thursday and our deepest sympathies go to his wife, Dorothy and her family.



*Paul McEnaney*

## Club Profile



<b>First Name:</b>	Luke
<b>Last Name:</b>	Tomlinson
<b>Nickname:</b>	Smiley Eyes
<b>How long I played for Tawa:</b>	1 Year
<b>Secondary School attended:</b>	Tawa College
<b>Most memorable rugby moment:</b>	Norths Onepoto U11
<b>The person I admire the most:</b>	Tony T & the T-Rex
<b>My pre-game rituals:</b>	Music and Eat
<b>My favourite home cooked meal:</b>	Nachos
<b>If I was a car, I would be:</b>	Scooter
<b>Best advice someone game me:</b>	Get in the gym – Matt Treeby

## Upcoming Games – Saturday 11 June

	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Premier</b>	Avalon	Fraser Park 1	3.00pm
<b>Senior 1st</b>	Avalon	Fraser Park 1	1.15pm
<b>Senior 3rd</b>	P-Plim	Lyndhurst Park	3.00pm
<b>Colts</b>	Avalon	TBC	1.15pm
<b>85s</b>	HOBM Robots	Redwood Park	3.00pm
<b>Presidents</b>	Upper Hutt	Davis Field 1	3.00pm
<b>U6 Tawa All Roof Solutions</b>	U6 Tawa Absolutely Maintenance	Lyndhurst Park	9.30am
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<b>U6 Tawa United Video</b>	P-Plim Stingrays	Ngati Toa Domain 8	9.30am
<b>U7 Tawa North City Motors</b>	P-Plim Marlins	Lyndhurst Park	9.30am
<b>U7 Tawa Vaughanos Diesel Services</b>	Norths Puppies	Porirua Park	9.30am
<b>U8 Hawkings Plumbing</b>	P-Plim Stingrays	Kowhai Park	9.30am
<b>U9 Tawa I-4 Clothing</b>	Waikanae Crusaders	Redwood Park	9.30am
<b>U9 Tawa North City Hiab Hire</b>	Norths Titans	Elsdon Park	9.30am
<b>U10 Tawa Harcourts</b>	Norths Marlins	Redwood Park	10.30am
<b>U11 Tawa Skinforme</b>	Norths Red Hot Chilli Peppers	Porirua Park	10.30am
<b>U11 Tawa Totalflow</b>	P-Plim Piranhas	Ngati Toa Domain 1	10.30am
<b>U12 Tawa Barbarians</b>	Norths Firestone	Porirua Park	10.30am
<b>U13 Tawa Rough Terrain</b>	West's Wolves	Lyndhurst Park	10.30am

## Notices:

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### WIN A \$50 Bar Tab!

Simply sign up to the Tawa Weekly Newsletter then come join us for speeches on Saturday night and if your name is called out... you win a \$50 bar tab.

Draw is only for people who have joined the newsletter the week before game.



### Coming Soon

We will soon have Tawa Rugby Football Club Merchandise for sale on

You will be able to purchase Hoodies, T-Shirts, Singlets, Hats and Scarves. So keep an eye out!



## Premiers



Most would have thought Avalon to be a bunch of easy beats, but the Premier competition this year suggested different. Points on the table don't reflect the closeness of the sides. Anyone could beat anyone and we were more painfully aware of that than any other side. We were so close to the top eight but just missing out. It is one of those seasons where the words "re-building" and "developing" appear.

Avalon is one of those clubs you just don't want to let into the game. They have a lot of heart and a great deal of pride. Even though they have struggled and found it difficult to get a win on the board, they were a monkey we struggled to get off our backs. With the end of the first round upon us, pride was on the line for both teams. Due to the amount of available players, it needed a solid club effort of the wider Premier squad to pull off a win.

The game started for Tawa in a very controlled fashion, defence seemed to be sound and our attack was working towards our game plan. Points, however, seemed to be hard to get for both teams. Then with the plan working with forwards driving the ball up and great finishing off by the backs, the floodgates seemed to open and we found ourselves 20 points up at half-time.



Now, for most, this would seem to be a good position to be in but for us, this was dangerous ground. With games like Upper Hutt still fresh in our minds, being complacent was not an option.



The second half started and if you could put a bet on it, you would have bet Tawa would run away with a comprehensive win and you would have lost your money. Avalon scored two quick tries within five minutes - all of a sudden the game was tied and the true battle started. Who wanted the game more? Had we lost enough, or been close enough to want it and have the ball bounce the right way for us?

Then it happened. As if it was written in the stars, Avalon were heading for a try with a two-man overlap with five minutes left on the clock. Ten metres from the goal line a pass eventuated and would you believe it? A dropped ball. Now this usually happens to us. Then a very lucky break. Avalon sneaked ahead with a penalty. Only minutes to go and with a chance to counter-attack, our backs set up an amazing break from our own half. With hearts in our mouths and one final pass to go, we watched and waited in desperation to see the ball be touched down under the posts.



A win, but the celebration of previous wins didn't eventuate. Could it be winning isn't now enough? Playing to a well set game plan from start to finish is a key to setting up a successful season. If that is what the first part of the season teaches us, it is a start which can only lead to better tidings. Coaches and players want only the best and now the best seems to be closer to our grasp.

### **A special note to the Senior First team:**

Congratulations on your win this week! Without your support, this game would have been a hard one to win. Your support and player availability is greatly appreciated.

*Flippy*

## Senior 1<sup>st</sup>

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It was the bottom of the table clash and something both teams were fighting to avoid the wooden spoon!

But both teams came out fighting and was tough in the first 10mins, but the Tawa pack needed to make a stand, backs and forwards combined well and played well above themselves, which we knew they could, the forwards dominated the Stokes pack.

Scoring 2 tries in the Forwards to new comer prop George, but outstanding winger Osi Sola score a strong try on the wing.

Blooper of the season was Osi who ran more than 60 meters beating players at will only to drop the ball on the try line!

Good win and something to build on, going into the 2<sup>nd</sup> round



**Jason Holtham**  
Coach



## Senior 3<sup>rd</sup>

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Senior 3rds had a loss in the weekend against HOBM, but it was not a bad effort from a team that is struggling with numbers.

A big thank you to the Senior 1<sup>st</sup> for helping us out on Saturday.

**Players Needed:** If you are keen to play or know anyone who is interested in joining the senior 3<sup>rds</sup> **WE NEED YOU!** If you are interested email [amyvnz@gmail.com](mailto:amyvnz@gmail.com) or turn up to trainings 6.30pm Thursdays!!!

**Fred Ama**

On Saturday the Titans travelled to Delaney Park to take on bottom-placed Stokes Valley. With the boys all wearing their new Tawa Titans hoodies and looking the goods, we were expected to trounce Stokes Valley and continue our unbeaten season for another week.

With less than a handful of reserves due to injury (Cam and Pig) and being frightened (Rhys), we were immediately put to the test. The boys started relatively slowly (wow, that's new! Not!) and were defending our try line early on.

One thing that has been a constant for the Titans over the years is our defence and this game was no different. We were able to hold off Stokes Valley early on but were behind 3-nil after a Stokes Valley penalty.

With Geno's tactical kicking and our forwards rolling off metres with every run, we were able to spend the next 30 minutes in Valley's half. A scrum just metres out from the Valley try line had the TAB sweating like crazy, seeing as Butterbean was paying \$14.50 for first try scorer. Moments later, the old fart slammed over for the 5-pointer. Shortly after, Geno was able to put in Big Ears Zac for another 5-pointer.

In the second half the boys struggled for momentum. We had brief moments in the Valley's half but couldn't make the most of our chances. We needed to get another two tries for the bonus point win but in typical Titans' fashion, we made it hard for ourselves. Some silky footwork saw Zac dot down for his second of the match but we were unable to get the fourth.

Overall, a decent performance from the boys. Our loose forwards were awesome and our midfield created opportunities.

Also of note, the first yellow card of the season goes too ..... Penny.  
Drinks on you buddy!

**Player of the Day:** Zac "Ears" Malcolm

**Joseph Denyer**

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## Colts

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The Colts travelled up the road to Helston Park to play Johnsonville and like most Saturdays this season, it was perfect rugby conditions.

We started well with halfback Solomonea Fifita scoring a try in the first 10 minutes that was converted by Simon Middleton. This was followed by a penalty to Simon, which increased our lead to 10 nil. This fired up J'ville and after an arm wrestle for the next 20 minutes, they were rewarded with a converted try to be in with a sniff at half time only trailing 7-10 down.



Going into the second half with a firm message from Petelo and Senior to be



patient, we managed to increase our lead with a try to Cody Akanoa converted by Simon. From the kick-off, we secured the ball, executed a perfect kick back down the field to keep J'ville in their half. From the resulting lineout, we took the ball in and drove over the line with a try to Luke Tomlinson, again converted by Simon. The boys were now in total control and from a quick tap after a penalty, Felix Aiono scored again with Simon keeping his 100% kicking record

and converting to finish the game 31-7. It was an awesome second half effort by all players with Simon Middleton being awarded with Player of the Day for his near-perfect game.

The first round is now over and the boys finished a very satisfying second, achieving a total of 5 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Unfortunately only the first-placed team get promoted up for the next round.

So now the focus is on continuing with our good form into the second round and maintaining the team's positive attitude towards training, games, and after-match gatherings.



**Tony Tomlinson**  
Colts Manager

## Presidents.

The Pressies had a convincing 9 tries to 1 win over Norths White at Lyndhurst.

It was a very satisfying result as I was asked, "How much would you like us to smash you by?" by one of their team the night before.

Try scorers were:

Fats	1
Lee	1
Zarks	2
Lakes	1
Tye	1
Hooch	2



**Player of the Day:** Mr. Happy, for a tireless effort in the rucks and mauls. See what you can do when you're not hung over!



**Rick Stonnell**

## Juniors

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Tawa Juniors were saddened to hear of the passing of Ian "Inky" Parlane, a great club stalwart. We would like to pass on our condolences to Ian's family at this time.

### U55 Tawa College

v St Pats at St Pats - lost 7-42.

The conditions were perfect for rugby on Saturday.

The boys certainly had their fair share of ball but couldn't seem to turn pressure into points. In my opinion, the score line was not a true reflection of the way the game played out.

The forwards competed well, setting up plenty of plays, but we struggled to get over the gain line quite a few times. C. Woolfe went well at hooker with good lineouts to our jumpers at two and four J. Pender and A. Middleton. Also at scrum time, we managed to get five tightheads off the opposition. As an ex prop, this in itself felt like winning the game.

St. Pats played a strong kicking game which often put us under pressure but turned into points for them as well. A cruel intercept try also added to their score - Offside surely, Ref!!!

Still, we never gave up and with some sharp passing through the backs, we put T. McLean over in the corner for a well-earned try after some solid pressure from the forwards.

Once again the boys never gave up and showed true grit. G. Bloomfield was Player of the Day. Well earned! We look forward to next week's challenge!

**Des Bloomfield**  
Coach

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### U6 Tawa United Video

Vs Paraparam Boas  
9.30am  
Paraparam

**Fulltime score: Tawa – 18, P'param Boas – 16**

Our Tawa UV crew arrived in Pram, to notice a Pram Boas team short with only 5 players. A quick fix and Anthony Hunt & Oliver Cuff went to play for the Pram Boas. For our Tawa boys it was a training run but they showed a lot of competitiveness amongst each other as it was shown on the score board with the usual suspects on the score sheet and they had fun, in doing so too.

Highlight of the game, Pram parents applauding great skills shown by our Tawa UV players and the Pram Coach commenting that our Tawa group was well drilled.

The Pram coach also commented of 'How do I get my players, running, ripping tags and playing like your group?' My response 'Well, it's a bit like the movie 'Blindside'- you should get to know your players better, Burt.....enough of the stiff plays Burt, run the damn ball!...1 Mississippi, 2 Mississippi, 3 Mississippi, 4 Mississippi –and then there maybe one or two kids running around the paddocks every Saturday morning, that may change the play of this game- Rugby, in the future. Anything's possible!

#### **Try Scorers:**

Matthew Cuff	7
Ethan Johnson	6
Preston Talamaivao	1
Dallas Talamaivao	1
Cliff Hunt Jnr	2
Tomas Parkin	1

Anthony Hunt	11 (Tries for Pram)
Oliver Cuff	5 (Tries for Pram)

#### **Player of the Day:**

Dallas Talamaivao – Who showed great ball skills and good defence work. Dallas also scored a fantastic try.

**Cliff Hunt**  
Coach

## U6 Absolutely Maintenance

Tawa U6 Absolutely Maintenance played the Norths' Little Taniwhas.

We had a great game with the whole team getting involved. Our little lads never give up and will chase the opposition right to the try line to get any rip possible!

It's great to see the team sportsmanship when we pick up the opposition's rips and hand them back to them! It was definitely a great game to kick off Saturday at Lyndhurst and set a platform for a great win from the Pregs!! Our Player of the Day, Ty Teau, pulled off a superman style rip that left the sidelines gasping.

Congratulations Ty on a great game!!

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## U7 Tawa Vaughanos

v P'ram Cobras.

Awesome game! Attack is fantastic but still needs more work on defence.

We won 15-11.

Also a BIG thank you to the Bull and Bear Bar in Wellington for their sponsorship towards getting our kids hooded sweatshirts and bags. If you are ever in town, please stop by the bar and have a drink.

**Kili**  
Coach

## U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing



The Tawa under 7 i-4 Clothing team had a name change this week and we are now called Tawa

under 7 North City Motors. We played the North's Puppies at Lyndhurst.

But before we get to the game, the team had a special guest at training on Wednesday – **Andre Taylor** from the **Hurricanes** who plays wing/fullback and has been in good form this year starting most of their games. He was also a member of the Under 20 World Cup winning team.

The kids were very excited and enjoyed training with a Hurricane. Thanks Andre!

We had one of our toughest games this week. It was a very close first half with Tawa leading by only 6-5. Having no subs, the kids are doing very well this season.

Norths had a couple of very fast kids and one who must be related to Benji Marshall. He had a step that the team just could not get close to. Both teams scored some great tries but with the last play of the game, North's got the ball to the speed out wide and they scored the winning try, to win the game 12-11.

Tries scored:

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

**Sportsperson of the Day:** Jack Singer

**Player of the Day:** Jared Woodgate

**Dean Pettersson**

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## U8 Tawa Hawkins Plumbing

Tawa U8 Hawkins Plumbing v Paraparaumu Taipans

After the previous weekend game being cancelled, the Under 8s were pleased to get back on the field.

The U8s had a good free-flowing game against Paraparaumu. The boys did well scoring a number of long-range tries in the first half, with the score in Tawa's favour at the break.

The second half saw Paraparaumu get back into the contest as the scores got closer.

The Hawkins Plumbing Player of the Day was Harry Kirkman. Harry showed great skills on attack, always going forward. He provided a solid foundation for the team as well as supporting the ball carrier well too.

Final score: 12 tries all.



**Karl Kalders**

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## U9 Tawa North City Hiab

Another great start to a Saturday with a fine crisp morning at what must be one of the best Junior Rugby grounds around, Kowhai Park. Both teams turned up ready to play some impressive rugby. Thanks to Taiteariki for helping the Waikanae team for the first half!

Three tries to each team in the first half but we came out a bit slow in the second half allowing the Waikanae Highlanders (who played in their traditional colours rather than opting for lime green) to score three times before getting a couple of our own on the board. Final score was 35-25.

Some excellent rugby was played with lots of passing and retaining possession for multiple phases. Great to see the support turning up at the breakdown and some effective blocking allowed us to get good clean ball. As usual, lots of hard work was done in close by Jack H-B, John and Tokorua. Teone harassed at every opportunity and Luke made some excellent runs out wide with Marcus jinking his way through tackles all over the place. Still waiting for it all to come together for the whole

game but it sure is enjoyable to watch in the meantime!

**Chris Hickey**

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## U9 Tawa i-4 Clothing

Another good game of footy today with some good hit ups & run away tries but we were unable to commit to the break downs quick enough to retain the ball which saw the Paraplim dolphins take advantage & capitalize on our loose play, close result with Tawa 5 Tries - Paraplim 8 Tries.

Players of the day - Ellie Wilson with strong hit ups, tackles & steeling the ball  
- Jayden Mallon with good tackles & strong running

**Junior Teau**  
U9 Coach

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## U10 Tawa Harcourts

Another cracking fine and dry Saturday for our home game against the Paraparaumu Rattlers, and we hit the try line early with a well-worked period of play.

The Demolition team made up of Dan, Sam and Cam normally knock a lot of players to the ground early in the congested areas of the field, enabling quick rucks to be formed by them and the remainder of the forward crew Jamie, Sean and Ezy.

Coincidental with Daniel's absence in the middle of the field, the forwards generally got bogged down in mauls, and coupled with a hesitation to commit to rucks, the visitors established a go-forward platform.

The importance of body position when making tackles was hammered home with several first-up tackles missed due to the body position being too high. Keeping up the habit of applying new things, the team used this week's new strategy of a clearing kick several times.

Unfortunately counter attack rugby can be devastating and the Rattlers had wheels to burn! When you have good go forward and leg speed,

you're generally gonna do ok and the Rattlers did going into half time at 6 tries to our 1.

The second half followed after a few stern words with the oranges. With a refocus back to our game plan and a positional change of Ezy to the backs and Kahana making his season debut at forward, things got serious.

A number of set pieces had the ball flowing thru to the wingers and we had more great running from the backs Jo, Connor and Max. The pairing of Max and Estevaan at 1/5 and half back continues to strengthen providing, good ball to their outsides and structure. A stiffened defence stopped the of the game with solid work in the tight and in defence, running in some great tries.

The boys were dominating so much in the first half, that a few players fell to the old "white line fever" trap, having a go themselves when a couple more passes would have led to easy tries.

In the second half, the boys played more as a team, continuing to dominate the play, particularly in the forwards.

A scrum, midfield on about halfway, led to the coach's requested team try, with winger Mathew Toseland running down the touchline 40 metres, tries and solid defence.

Point scorers:

**Tries:**

Mathew Toseland 2  
Troy Howe 2  
Josh Mallon, Daniel Fouhey

runaway tries and balanced things out with the Rattlers. The second half ended at a try a piece which is a far better reflection of the team's ability.

**Rob**

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## U11 Tawa Skinforme

The Tawa Under 11 Skinforme played the Paremata Plimmerton Makos at Redwood Park.

The boys put on a good all-round performance, dominating most

Half time score 24-5 to us.

The coach in the half-time talk pointed out that the game was being watched by ex All Black and current Hurricanes co-coach Alaima Iremia, and said how good it would be to show him a team try, scored by the winger in the corner after a set piece.

beating two defenders to score in the corner – his second of two good tries.

Final score 48-12 to Tawa.

**Player of the Day:** Mathew Toseland for two great

Troy Howe 2  
Ethan Hutchinson 2  
Jack Harris, Josh Mallon.

**Conversions:**

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**Peter Mallon**

## Lions Super 15 rugby team trains at Lyndhurst Park

In preparation for their match against the Hurricanes last week, the Johannesburg-based Lions rugby team conducted their entire outdoors training at Lyndhurst Park. Glorious blue skies and an excellent pitch surface allowed the Lions to hold two full-length training sessions at our home ground. It also gave a chance for our Premier coach, Graeme Ross, to see how these guys train and to rub shoulders with the Lions coaches, John Mitchell, Johan Ackermann and Carlos Spenser, who were all willing to pass on their rugby knowledge.

The Lions' fitness trainer, Waiarapa-born Wayne Taylor was so impressed with our weights, gym and green room that the players also conducted all their gym work at our club. Even though it was a light-weight training week, most of the forwards were comfortably squat lifting 200 kgs. What was even more impressive, when the gym session finished, was that some of the Lions hunted down brooms to sweep out the room. This unprompted action should set the standards for all of us who use the gym and changing rooms.

John Mitchell was pleasantly surprised and impressed that a club of our size had such fantastic facilities. He would be more than happy to bring his teams out here again. He particularly liked our catch phrase ".....It's about belonging".

In recognition of using our facilities the Lions presented the club with a signed playing jersey.



**Kevin Pulley**  
Liaison Officer for the Lions



## Club Captain

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A week to remember with highs and lows. Ian Parlane, a Life Member since 1994, passed away last week. I gave a small eulogy to the members and teams at the clubrooms, thanks to Paul MacEnaney's notes.

Afterwards, we went to the Captains' speeches and I was very impressed when the Captain of Avalon made mention of condolences along with the Tawa Premier spokesman. I am sure Ian was looking down to see both the 1sts and the Premiers log a win apiece.

It was great to see our President, Paul Mac at the club to watch the Premiers. Paul has had a tough few weeks but is bouncing back - albeit slowly. I think he will be ready for the "roll-up" prior to the bowling season.

This had to be one of our best weekends with no rain and 4 wins on Saturday. As noted above, the Premiers and the 1sts had wins which was very good. The second round planning has started for a Hardham Cup win and to cement the 1sts where they belong. The 3rds had a loss after some logistical transport manoeuvres put a team on the park.

The 85s had another win on their campaign to take out this grade. Our Colts registered another win to put them in second place on the table.

The Club Rugby was played early to enable people to watch the Hurricanes play at Westpac Stadium. Finally they (like us) are starting to find their way to the goal-line. The Hurricanes may be out of play-off contention, but we are planning to be in contention for the Hardham Cup. The second round for the Premiers and 1sts starts this weekend, so let's get to Fraser Park and support our boys!



Allan Davidson

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