

WAIRARAPA BUSH RUGBY UNION



**NEWSLETTER FROM  
TRUST HOUSE MEMORIAL PARK**

17 October 2013 No 27

**BREAKING NEWS**

**MEADS CUP  
SEMI FINALS**

**Trust House  
Wairarapa Bush  
Vs**

**North Otago**

**Oamaru**

**2.30 pm**

**Radio Commentary**

Eketahuna FM will broadcast live the  
Trust House Wairarapa Bush Heartland Team  
Vs. North Otago  
On Radio Eketahuna  
106.50 FM  
(Best heard on car radio)



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**DEAD BALL CHARLIE'S HIGHLIGHT  
OF THE WEEK**

The highlight of week has to be surely that  
Trust House Wairarapa Bush is the only North Island team  
left in the competition.

This is our big chance – let's keep North Island rugby to the  
fore and show our true Green and Red colours.

We can't pack the park this week but start sending through  
your messages to [debby@waibush.co.nz](mailto:debby@waibush.co.nz) and we will get  
them to the team.



This week we had 2439 hits on our Facebook Heartland  
posts plus we emailed over 220 people our newsletter.



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**Rugby Season  
Passes are  
available for \$60  
from the Office.  
This covers the  
whole club  
season and all  
the  
Representative  
Game played at  
Trust House  
Memorial Park.**



## Heartland Points Semi Finals

Team	Played	Points	Bonus Points	Total
Mid Canterbury	8	28	5	33
North Otago	8	24	5	29
Wairarapa Bush	8	24	4	28
West Coast	8	24	4	28
South Canterbury	8	16	7	23
Wanganui	8	16	5	21
Buller	8	16	4	20
Thames Valley	8	16	1	17
King Country	8	12	3	15
East Coast	8	8	5	11
Horowhenua Kapiti	8	4	6	10
Poverty Bay	8	4	2	6

### **This Weeks Draw Meads Cup**

**Mid Canterbury vs. West Coast  
North Otago vs. Wairarapa Bush**

### **Lochore Cup**

**South Canterbury vs. Thames Valley  
Wanganui vs. Buller**

### **Rippa Rugby**

Rippa Rugby will be delivered to 8 Early Childhood Centres in the 4<sup>th</sup> term. Each centre will receive 3 lessons and then they will play games amongst the various centres.

A leadership programme is provided for students selected by local schools to referee and provide on field support for our up and coming All Blacks

### **Congratulations**

To Tipi Haira and his Partner on the birth of their baby during the week.

### **Condolences**

Our sincere condolences to the Waitere family on the passing of Bob Waitere , who was recently made a Life member of the Wairarapa Bush Supporters club.

### **Wishes**

Just a quick note to wish the team all the best in their Meads Cup semi final this weekend. Lets keep the Meads Cup firmly based in the Hurricanes Franchise.

Pass on my regards to the team and management on behalf of Wanganui Rugby.

Regards  
Dale Cobbs  
Executive Officer  
Wanganui Rugby Football Union

## The Whistle blower

As I alluded to a few weeks back, our No 1 Referee, Chris Jefferies, has in deed been recognised for his excellence by NZ Rugby. He will travel to Timaru this weekend to be the Senior AR in the Semi Final match in the Meads Cup between Thames Valley and South Canterbury. In the words of the criteria required by NZ Rugby the ***“AR1 comes from a Heartland province and is someone who is capable of refereeing the game should the referee be injured”***. Chris is the only AR1 in all this weekend's finals who has not actually refereed in the ITM or Heartland Competitions. Just shows you how highly regarded he is across the country.

The often quoted saying that “you are only as good as your last performance” is one that must surely be echoing around the Rep Teams dressing shed this week. This year, this team has performed better than any I have seen in the past 5 seasons – but then they have let themselves down with substandard performances against East Coast and Thames Valley. Unfortunately, it's the proximity of those performances which will be remembered in the off season. I really do believe that this team deserved to play a semi at home in front of their own fans so that they could receive some of the acclaim that they deserve.

But, unlike a lot of us who have erred along the way, this team has a chance to redeem themselves this weekend and find themselves in the final. All they have to do is win. And if West Coast could do the same against Mid Canterbury, then we will see our team back in our park for the final. That would be just reward.

Well, it's an ear to the radio stuff this weekend.

Go the Bush  
The Whister Blower

## RDO Report

Another Representative season coming to an end a big thank you goes out to coaches and management Under 14's Justin Herbert, Sean Bennett, Graeme Chettham, Doug Bracewell. Under 16's Craig Pepperell, Joe Roberts, Jeff Jones, Dave Reiri. Under 18's Jake Ross, Cody Whittaker, Jordan Mcdowell. B's Steve Thompson, Chris Osborne, Wayne Roache, James Bruce. We have some exciting talent through these age grades and these guys are huge part in there development.

Wayne Taylor and Rachel Svenson are running High Performance Sport Seminar called Creating Success & Maximising Potential This is must see.

### Seminar Dates: (Series of 5 seminars over 3 weeks)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**6.30 – 8pm at St Matthew's Collegiate School – Library Seminar Room**

**\$80.00 for 5 sessions or \$20.00 on the night per session**



We're on the Web!!  
[www.waibush.co.nz](http://www.waibush.co.nz)

**HEARTLAND WEBSITE**  
[www.heartlandchampionship.co.nz](http://www.heartlandchampionship.co.nz)

For all the updated information from NZRU.



# PARTY MARTY

**Saturday 16th November 2013**

**Live Concert Fundraiser  
4pm to 8 pm**

**Martinborough Rugby  
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It was just the type of good news Wairarapa-Bush needed to boost their confidence leading into their Heartland rugby championship Meads Cup semifinal match with North Otago at Oamaru on Saturday.

Gun flanker James Goodger has been given the green light to return to the action after being sidelined since the game with West Coast at Memorial Park on August 31.

In a sickening clash of heads with opposition No 8 Rowan O'Gorman as the two of them competed for ball after a kickoff, Goodger was left with, among other less serious facial injuries, a broken cheekbone which seemed likely to rule him out of all rugby for the remainder of the 2014 season. However, his recovery has been quicker than expected and he has been given the required medical clearance to resume this weekend.

Aiding Goodger's chances of being included in the starting line-up for the Oamaru match is that while he has kept away from physical contact since his injury he has continued to train and therefore his fitness levels have not been adversely affected.

Head coach Mark Rutene and his assistant Paddy Gough had not confirmed their side at the time these notes were penned but Rutene made no secret of his delight at having a player of Goodger's calibre to call on. "It's great to have him back in the mix, he was clearly one of our outstanding players before the injury and it does give us extra options."

If, as expected, Goodger is chosen to start in his usual role of blindside flanker, the probability is that the loose forward trio will also include skipper Johan Van Vliet on the openside flank and Nathan Iro at No 8.

Van Vliet will also be returning after missing the Thames Valley match with an ankle sprain while Iro has held his place throughout the Heartland campaign. He has probably not made the expected impression as a rampaging ball runner in his last couple of appearances and consequently could be under pressure from the consistent Johnie McFadzean. The odds are, however, that Rutene and Gough will stay with Iro in the hope he regularly asks questions of the North Otago defence around the fringes of the scrums and mauls.

Further good news for Wairarapa-Bush came at Tuesday's training session when prop Campbell Lawrence appeared to have recovered sufficiently enough from his calf strain to be available for the North Otago match as well. If that is the case Rutene and Gough could be tempted to start with Lawrence and have Jonathan Fuimaono enter the fray early in the second half. That plan has worked well in the past with Fuimaono making a decent impact with his powerful running, especially in broken play situations.

Gary Carffell

**Mainfreight Rugby TV Show**

This is aired on Thursday on Sky Sport One @ 6.30 pm  
Then free to air on Prime on  
Sunday's @ 2pm.

This has all the highlights from the Heartland Competition.