



**Trust House  
Wairarapa Bush  
Vs  
West Coast**



At Rugby Park Greymouth 1.30PM

**At Trust House Memorial Park**

Wairarapa Scrap Metal Ltd Under. 18's vs Wellington 1.45PM

Wairarapa Under 14's vs Horowhenua-Kapiti 12.00 PM



**Wairarapa Bush Development Sides takes on Wanganui for the  
RDO Shield 12PM Cooks Garden Wanganui**

**McCarthy Transport Wairarapa Bush Under. 16's Vs Manawatu  
at Ongley Park 1.30pm Palmerston**



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## Clash vital to play-off hopes

By Gary Caffell



CHARGE: Paul Tikomainavalu comes off the reserve bench for Westport match. PHOTOS/FILE  
 ABATTLE royal is in prospect when Wairarapa-Bush confront West Coast in a Heartland championship rugby match at Greymouth tomorrow.

The Meads Cup aspirations of the two teams hang in the balance, with Wairarapa-Bush occupying sixth place on the points table with 10 and West Coast 10th with 6. With half of the eight preliminary round games already gone, defeat would virtually mean the end of their top four play-off hopes.

Taking a line through their results to date it is hard to imagine anything other than a close result tomorrow. Wairarapa-Bush went down to North Otago by two, West Coast by one. Against Buller, Wairarapa-Bush won by one and West Coast won by 14. Against South Canterbury, Wairarapa-Bush lost by nine and West Coast lost by 16. The odd match out for either team was Wairarapa-Bush walloping Thames Valley 36-9 and West Coast giving defending Meads Cup champions Mid Canterbury a whale of a game before losing 26-36.



There are five changes to the Wairarapa-Bush starting line-up from that which took the field against South Canterbury at Memorial Park last weekend.

Four are in the forwards, Kurt Simmonds coming in at prop, James Wall and Lachie McFadzean at lock and Chris Raymond at openside flanker.

James Goodger, who was at lock, will be on the blindside flank. In the backs, Paul Tikomainavalu comes off the reserve bench to start on the wing. Retaining the No10 jersey is Tim Priest, who was a star member of last season's West Coast Heartland side.

Wairarapa-Bush's chances of success will hinge on how their forwards respond to what is sure to be a rugged West Coast pack.

The southerners invariably adopt a "take no prisoners" approach up front and nothing different should be anticipated on this occasion.

The return of Simmonds and Wall will give Wairarapa-Bush greater bulk in the tighter exchanges and perhaps enhance their effort in the vital set pieces of scrum and lineout.

Goodger's placement on the flank should boost their mobility in the loose. He was clearly the player of the match against South Canterbury and would only need to maintain that form to be a leading contender for a place in the national Heartland squad further down the track.

Wairarapa-Bush are taking just two reserve backs to Greymouth, Inia Katia and Cameron Hayton, both of whom have the versatility to play several positions.

Midfielders Andy Humberstone and Tipene Haira combined for the first time last weekend and obviously did well enough in the eyes of coaches Josh Syms and Wayne Roache to keep their spots. It would be a big help to the Wairarapa-Bush cause if they could unleash the attacking qualities of wingers Tikomainavalu and Nick Olson and fullback Viliami Hala on a regular basis.

**Wairarapa-Bush:** Viliami Hala; Nick Olson, Tipene Haira, Andy Humberstone, Paul Tikomainavalu; Tim Priest; Cody Whittaker; So'otala Fa'oso'o; Chris Raymond, Lachie McFadzean, James Wall, Chris Raymond; Kurt Simmonds, Andrew Makalio, Matt Kawana. Reserves: Kody Thompson, Jacko Hull, Johnie McFadzean, Brendon Campbell, Rima Marurai, Inia Katia, Cameron Hayton.

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## The Gravel Pit

The Gravel Pit welcomes all supporters from Wairarapa Bush

With the season under way we have organised trips to Westport, Greymouth and Ruatoria for details.

This year we are

1. Assisting the "Under 14's" with their trip to Ruatoria.
2. Continuing a 1, 2, 3 points system for the senior team.

With 140 members already signed up, the Gravel Pit looks good for another great season.

The new 'patio' is finished! We will be providing continuous barbeques at each game. An official opening was held on the day of the South Canterbury game.

The Gravel Pit is open to all members and supporters both before and after each game.

Finally "Good Luck" to all teams for the 2015 season.



### Wairarapa Bush Heartland Draw

Date	Time	Opposition	Venue
19 September	2.30pm	vs West Coast	Greymouth
26 September	2.30pm	vs Horowhenua Kapiti	Masterton
3 October	2.30pm	vs East Coast	Ruatoria
10 October	2.30pm	vs Wanganui	Masterton
17 October		<b>Semi Finals</b>	
22 October		<b>Finals</b>	

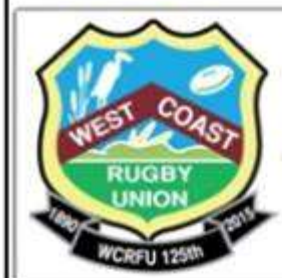
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## NOTES and AUTOGRAPHS







### Overall Stats West Coast

Games Played	22
*Games Won	10
*Games Lost	11
Games Drawn	1
*Longest.Winning.Streak	3
*Longest Losing Streak	4
*Largest Points For	37
*Largest Points Against	47
*Largest.Winning.Margin	19
*Largest Losing Margin	-46
*Total Points For	336
*Avg Points For	15.27
*Total Points Against	533
*Avg Points Against	24.23
*Total Points Difference	-197
*Avg Points Difference	-8.95

**\* = By West Coast**

### Overall Stats Wairarapa Bush

Games Played	22
*Games Won	11
*Games Lost	10
Games Drawn	1
*Longest.Winning.Streak	4
*Longest Losing Streak	3
*Largest Points For	47
*Largest Points Against	37
*Largest.Winning.Margin	46
*Largest Losing Margin	-19
*Total Points For	533
*Avg Points For	24.23
*Total Points Against	336
*Avg Points Against	15.27
*Total Points Difference	197
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**\* = By Wairarapa Bush**

*Played 'Bush' in 1934 / 1961 / 1964 - Played 'Wairarapa' in 1958 / 1961 since 1972 matches have been played against Almagamated Team Wairarapa-Bush  
Statistics derived from Official First Class Results*

Date	Home	Score		Away	Venue
August 1st 1934	West Coast	10	3	Bush	Greymouth
September 6th 1958	West Coast	21	13	Wairarapa	Greymouth
September 16th 1961	Wairarapa	3	17	West Coast	Masterton
September 20th 1961	Bush	14	14	West Coast	Eketahuna
July 22nd 1964	West Coast	11	8	Bush	Greymouth
July 15th 1972	Wairarapa Bush	25	4	West Coast	Pahiatua
August 3rd 1975	West Coast	16	23	Wairarapa Bush	Greymouth
August 21 1999	Wairarapa Bush	0	9	West Coast	Masterton
October 9 1999	West Coast	31	12	Wairarapa Bush	Greymouth
September 9 2000	Wairarapa Bush	43	6	West Coast	Masterton
September 15 2001	Wairarapa Bush	47	13	West Coast	Masterton
September 21 2002	Wairarapa Bush	37	5	West Coast	Masterton
August 23 2003	West Coast	37	32	Wairarapa Bush	Greymouth
September 25 2004	Wairarapa Bush	42	7	West Coast	Masterton
September 24 2005	West Coast	12	39	Wairarapa Bush	Greymouth
26 August 2006	Wairarapa Bush	31	18	West Coast	Masterton
18 August 2007	Wairarapa Bush	46	0	West Coast	Masterton
23 August 2008	Wairarapa Bush	31	37	West Coast	Masterton
29 August 2009	West Coast	13	10	Wairarapa Bush	Greymouth
2 October 2010	Wairarapa Bush	30	35	West Coast	Masterton
8 September 2012	West Coast	8	12	Wairarapa Bush	Greymouth
31 August 2013	Wairarapa Bush	32	12	West Coast	Masterton