



NEWSLETTER FROM TRUST HOUSE MEMORIAL PARK

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BREAKING NEWS

GET ME TO THE GAME BUSES Will run again this week

In conjunction with the Wairarapa Bush Supporters Club we have FREE buses from Featherston, Martinborough, Greytown, Carterton Pahiatua & Tinui.

South Wairarapa Buses:

Call Tony 0274 738 637
Departs 11.30 am

Tinui

Ross 06 372 6802
Departs Noon

Pahiatua

Mike 0274 537 422
Departs 11.30 am

Eketahuna

Doc 0272 667 670
Departs Noon

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.

Radio Commentary

Trust House Wairarapa Bush
vs.
King Country
Broadcast live on
Radio Sport
91.9 FM

Congratulations

Inia Katia played his 25th game on
Saturday vs. Horowhenua Kapiti in
Masterton.

Johnie McFadzean will play his 25th
game against King Country on Saturday.

A great achievement.
Well done.

SEATS ARE LIMITED

DEAD BALL CHARLIE'S HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

What a weekend at the Park with the Under 14's, Under 18's, B's and the Trust House Wairarapa Bush Rugby team winning and going to the top of the Pink Batts Heartland Competition.

Rugby in November!

The highlight for the week for Dead Ball Charlie was receiving a photocopy of an Evening Post newspaper article dated 25th November 1886 with a match report of the first game played by Wairarapa versus Wellington. Game was played at Greytown with a crowd of 250 with fine weather but the field was described as "sloppy". There was also a letter of complaint about the umpire from the public. The reporter described the lineouts as "lining out"

It's a great read a copy is in the Union Offices for people to read.



This week we had 1843 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.



Thanks

Marist Rugby Club

It was a big day at the park last Saturday with Wairarapa Bush hosting 4 representative fixtures.

A request was made of Marist to provide their grounds and the clubrooms for the after match function

A special thank you to Marist and in particular Colin Hutchby, who set up the grounds and had the changing sheds ready to go for the respective teams.

We are extremely fortunate to have volunteers of this caliber who know how to cater for a number of teams and meet deadlines.

Also a special thank you to the parents who helped with the catering and the tidying up of the Marist clubrooms

Heartland Points Table Week 4

Please note regulations around Points Table standings when 3 or more teams are tied (as is the case for Wairarapa Bush, Mid Canterbury and West Coast); The tied Provincial Union with the most competition points against the other tied Provincial Unions in the Round Robin shall have the higher position (rather than points differential)

Wairarapa Bush bet West Coast in Week 2 and earned 5 points. West Coast earned 0 points

Mid Canterbury bet Wairarapa Bush in Week 3 and earned 4 points. Wairarapa Bush earned 1 point.

Therefore total points earned for the tied Provincial Unions against each other are; Wairarapa Bush (6), Mid Canterbury (4), West Coast (0)

Team	Played	Won	For	Against	PD	Points
Wairarapa Bush	4	3	97	74	23	14
Mid Canterbury	4	3	91	63	28	14
West Coast	4	3	95	88	7	14
King Country	4	3	86	70	16	13
Thames Valley	4	3	93	80	13	13
Buller	4	2	78	69	9	11
Wanganui	4	2	76	76	0	10
North Otago	4	2	77	82	-5	10
South Canterbury	4	1	86	90	-4	7
Horowhenua Kapiti	4	1	67	78	-11	7
East Coast	4	1	73	101	-28	4
Poverty Bay	4	0	65	113	-48	1

The Whistle blower

Last Saturday it seems we had one of those days at the park. The Bush team did come out on top but it was a scrappy performance. Every week I keep extensive stats on each game. Sometimes those stats can tell an ugly story.

Last weekend by half time, Referee Scanlon had blown 14 Penalties in the match; of which 9 had been against Horowhenua-Kapiti. And with 6 minutes left to play in the first half he sent a Horowhenua player to the bin for multiple offences at the tackle when in desperate defence.

Here the stats are interesting. It seems that Horowhenua heeded the obvious warning given by that Sin Bin because for the rest of the game they had only 3 Penalties awarded against them.

Now look at the Yellow Card incurred by Wairarapa Bush. It came in the 4th minute of the second half. Did they heed the warning though? It appears not.

Here are the stats. In the remaining 36 minutes, they were penalised another 8 times – that's 11 times in the second half in total – and 5 of those penalties came at tackle, making 8 tackle PKs in the 2nd half alone.

In my opinion they were extremely lucky not to have at least one other player in the bin for repeatedly infringing. Then what might the outcome have been. If the Bush had been down to 14 players or less again, well, who knows?

The Whistle Blower

Gate Charges

2013 Season at Trust House Memorial Park charges are:

\$5 entry including Grandstand

\$5 Car Park

\$2 Programme

Intermediate Age & Below FREE

So come PACK THE PARK

MASTERS GAMES—Rugby 10's

The Southern Trust New Zealand Masters Games

This will be held in Dunedin from 1st & 2nd February 2014

See www.nzmg.com or 0800 303 500

Last Week's Results

Wairarapa Bush B **27** vs. Horowhenua Kapiti B **34**

Wairarapa Bush Scrap Metal U18 **25** Vs. Wellington Samoans U18 **30**

Wairarapa Bush U14 **17** vs. Manawatu U14 **39**



We're on the Web!!

www.waibush.co.nz

HEARTLAND WEBSITE

www.heartlandchampionship.co.nz

For all the updated information from NZRU.



Other Representative Game this weekend

Wairarapa Bush B vs.
Horowhenua Kapiti
Finals
11.00 am
Levin Domain

Wairarapa Scrap Metal
Vs. Horowhenua Kapiti
12.30 pm
Playford Park
Levin

McCarthy Transport U 16
Vs. Horowhenua Kapiti U16
Trust House Memorial Park
No 1
12.30 pm

Wairarapa Bush U14 vs
Horowhenua Kapiti U14
1.00 pm
Trust House Memorial Park
No 2

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A win is a win is a win.

That old saying sums up perfectly the feeling after Wairarapa-Bush's 22-17 win over Horowhenua-Kapiti in their Heartland rugby championship match played at Memorial Park, Masterton on Saturday.

This was not a vintage Wairarapa-Bush performance by any means but the four points they picked up for the win keeps them well on track for a Meads Cup semifinal berth later in their campaign.

It was in the first 40 minutes that Wairarapa-Bush established what was to be a winning break. A late try to one of their standout performers, winger Paul Tikomainavalu, converted from the sideline by first-five Glen Walters, took them to a 16-0 advantage at halftime. Walters had been in fine kicking form, earlier kicking three penalties, two of them from long range.

The size of the lead was, however, a flattering one on the run of play. Tikomainavalu's try had actually started from a Horowhenua-Kapiti throw to a lineout which went horribly wrong and neither side had been ascendant in terms of possession or territory. In fact, most of the play in the first 40 minutes took place around the halfway mark such was the difficulty both teams had in breaking down their opponents' defence.

The second spell started badly for Wairarapa-Bush with hooker Richard Puddy sinbinned and Horowhenua-Kapiti's Sonny McBride landing the resultant penalty kick. Another Walters penalty restored the margin between the two sides to 16 soon after but from then on it was Horowhenua-Kapiti calling the tune and Wairarapa-Bush desperate to keep them at bay.

Horowhenua-Kapiti hopes of a comeback victory soared in the 66th minute when wing Junior Togia somehow managed to tip-toe down the sideline and beat a couple of cover defenders at the same time for a fine try. The conversion attempt failed and Wairarapa-Bush led 19-8.

A fifth Walters penalty in the 72nd minute gave the home team a little more breathing space but then with five minutes showing on the clock Horowhenua-Kapiti ran in their second try, replacement Michael Tambour seizing on some tentative defence to score close to the posts.

McBride landed the kick and there was only one converted try in it.

Fortunately for Wairarapa-Bush it was they who commanded most of the possession in those closing stanzas and there was an obvious relief amongst players and supporters when the final whistle sounded and victory had been achieved.

It was ironic that while both Horowhenua-Kapiti tries came from poor tackling it was, in fact, the assertiveness of their defensive play which was the feature of the Wairarapa-Bush overall effort. Loosies Johan Van Vliet, Sam Marshall-Wilson and Nathan Iro were all prominent in that aspect of the game as were midfield backs Byron Karaitiana and Titapu Pairama-Lewington.

Marshall-Wilson was having his first start at Heartland level and apart from the stoutness of his defence also proved to be a handy winner of lineout ball and a determined runner in broken play.

Frontrowers Jonathon Fuimaono, Richard Puddy and Finnbarr Kerr-Newell anchored what was a dominant Wairarapa-Bush scrum in the first half but there was more than one occasion in the second spell where the platform there was much less secure. In fact, they even conceded a tighthead at one stage.

Encouragingly though, the lineout play was probably as efficient as it has been all season with both starting locks Lachie McFadzean and Clark Butcher making a useful impression in that department.

There was little joy for the Wairarapa-Bush backs in an attacking sense, not so much through any unwillingness on their part to have a crack when the opportunity arose but more because the lack of quality ball largely stifled that part of their game. Halfback Zeb Aporo generally chose his options well as did Walters at first-five and Karaitiana complemented some superb defensive work with equally aggressive running whenever the ball came his way. Undoubtedly, however, it was wing Tikomainavalu who made the biggest individual impact on attack, starring in three or four stirring sideline bursts which left a handful of defenders lying in his wake.

Gary Caffell