

Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



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Francis receives top IRB ref award

The man who let rugby's "match of the century" flow has been given the international game's top award - but to Bob Francis, his greatest reward is simply to have had the best seat in the house at so many memorable games.

The former whistler received the International Rugby Board's Referee Award for Distinguished Service in a ceremony in Auckland last night, ahead of tonight's Junior World Championship final.

The former Masterton mayor struggled to express the sheer pleasure of watching top rugby up close. "After the great games, you come off feeling . . . it's one of the great motivations to get involved [in refereeing] - it is the best seat in the house."

Although his stellar rugby refereeing and administration career has spanned 50 years, close to 100 first-class games, 10 tests and three World Cups, Francis counted 15 Wairarapa-Bush club rugby finals among his fondest memories. "In my era, club rugby had a far greater profile. We didn't have Super rugby."

Another change was a more distant relationship between referees and players. Sean Fitzpatrick, Andy Haden and Peter Sloane were three captains with "strong personalities", who "tried to put a bit of pressure on the ref", but always with respect and fairness.

Technology had also evolved and referees and touch judges needed to show "more courage" in making tough calls before involving the television match official, he said.

Francis controlled 12 Ranfurly Shield games, including the 1985 Lancaster Park "match of the century", in which Auckland ended Canterbury's 25-match hold on the shield. "All the great players of that era played . . . It was an incredible game of rugby."

Another highlight was refereeing Argentina against France in the South Americans' return, at home, to international competition after the Falklands War.





"Our Rugby -Just brilliant"



Tui Club Rugby this Week:

Carterton vs. Pioneer

(Shay O'Gorman)

Gladstone vs. East Coast

(Scott Andrew)

Greytown vs. Eketahuna

(Andrew Stringer)

Marist vs. Martinborough

(Vincent Ringrose WRFU)



Burger King Senior Reserve Competition Top 5

Greytown vs. Marist

(Gary Hall)

Pioneer vs. Eketahuna

(Vaea Peterson)

Martinborough BYE

Burger King Senior Reserve Competition Bottom 5

Carterton vs. Tuhirangi

(Goff Moorcock)

Gladstone vs. East Coast

(Dean Goodin)

Burger King Player of the Week

Wins \$50 Burger King Bucks Voucher: Andrew Flake (East Coast)

This week's Burger King Player of the Burger Bucks Game is:

Carterton vs. Tuhirangi

Tune into Grassroots Rugby tonight on Sky Sport 7.30 pm or free to air on Sunday Prime TV 12.30 pm for highlight's of the East Coast vs. Eketahuna game from Saturday.



2014 Stats

Tui Cup 3 Top Points Scorer

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 102

Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 93

Nick Olson (East Coast) 77

Tui Cup Most Tries (More than 5)

Sam Monaghan (Eketahuna) 9

Sean Robinson (Pioneer) 9

Malatai Malatai (Marist) 9

Tui Cup Most Conversions

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 29

Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 19

Pua Tafa (Marist) 17

Tui Cup Most Penalties

Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 13

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 13

Byron Karaitiana (East Coast) 11

Andrew Fell (Gladstone) 11

Ultimate Club Points Machine

(Senior & Reserves combined)

Pioneer 519

Greytown 402

Eketahuna 397

Ultimate Try Scoring Premier Team

Greytown 52

Eketahuna 44

Pioneer 43

2013 Nunn Shield

Martinborough retain the Nunn Shield for this week after winning 11 – 6 over Greytown in extreme windy conditions on Saturday.

This week Marist will take on Marty here at Trust House Memorial Park.

This Sunday is looking mighty fine to watch the Millhillians vs. Yellow Bellies 12.30 pm @Trust House Memorial Park. GO YOU GOOD THINGS!



Hurricanes U18's Training Camp Congratulations

Bruce Kauika Petersen

(Wairarapa College)

Sam Tufuga

(Rathkeale)

A total of 60 players have been selected from 242 nominations, to participate in the camp from July 7 to 11 at Feilding High School including two of our local College players. Well done guys, make the most of this opportunity.



The WBS Junior rugby accounts.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Each club should have their WBS forms and can be collected from their JAB delegate. Let's get rolling into WBS and open up your accounts.

This is an amazing sponsorship by WBS and more activities are planned.

Listen to WBS rugby report on More FM with Brent Gare every Friday morning and the WBS junior rugby report in Wairarapa News each Wednesday.

Deadline: 31st July 2014 – Don't miss out

JAB Rugby

Spent last week watching JAB rugby in Auckland. A lot of good comparisons could be made between the 2 Unions. Similarities in size, commitment and mobility. What did stand out was the passing skills at Under 8 level. The players had been clearly encouraged to pass and it wasn't uncommon to see 2-3 passes in a movement. Having visited several schools in recent years it is apparent that catching and passing needs greater attention. We are not blessed with a number of big physical players so it is important smaller players are well equipped with ball handling skills.

Coaching Tip

Coaches set homework for JAB players. Catching and passing practice with family members and friends at school.



Dead Ball Charlie's Highlights of the week

Crunch time, crunch weekend – the focus is all on two games, Marist versus Martinborough and Gladstone versus East Coast – who would of the thought two middle of the table clashes meant so much in the light of the competition – Our Rugby – Just Brilliant

DBC has been enjoying watching College Rugby and delighted to see a masterful try scored by one of Rathkeale's overseas students on the weekend, 40 metre burst and a dive in the corner. DBC thinks the young man was even shocked by his own talent.

Let's give a big APPLAUD to our JAB coaches and managers who have been out there sloggng in the wind and rain making sure our future Wairarapa rep players are enjoying the game.

Well done Bob Francis for his recognition at the IRB Under 20 Awards and least we forget between Sir Brian Lochore and Bob Francis we have in this union two people who were involved in two of our most famous rugby memories, winning the first World cup and the greatest Ranfurly Shield match of all time Auckland vs. Canterbury

Question of week

How many times has Wairarapa defended the Ranfurly Shield?



Game of the Week

Rathkeale 1XV vs. St Pauls 1XV
Rathkeale College 1
11.00am
Paul Thompson

Club Rugby Draws & results

Look for this logo on our webpage under "Draws/Results" to get all Full Club rugby draws and results.

"OUR RUGBY JUST BRILLIANT"

Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Bonus	Points
Eketahuna	10	0	1	5	45
Greytown	8	0	3	10	42
Pioneer	7	0	3	7	33
Gladstone	5	0	5	5	30
Martinborough	4	0	7	4	20
East Coast	4	0	7	3	19
Marist	3	0	8	6	18
Carterton	2	0	9	3	11

Team Top 5	Wins	Draw	Losses	Bonus	Points
Pioneer	9	0	1	6	43
Martinborough	8	0	2	6	39
Eketahuna	6	0	3	5	29
Greytown	6	0	3	3	27
Marist	4	0	6	7	23
Bottom 4					
Tuhirangi	5	0	5	6	26
East Coast	3	0	7	5	17
Carterton	2	0	7	1	9
Gladstone	1	0	8	1	5

Old Timers/Past Players Dates

Gladstone 28th June

Eketahuna 12th July

Radio Eketahuna 106.5 FM

Will broadcast live from Trust House Memorial Park the Marist vs. Martinborough game and Colin Hutchby will be the commentator. Tune into your car radio or live stream from our webpage. Best if running through google chrome.

Developing Rugby Coaches Course (level 2)

30th June @ 6pm Wairarapa Bush Union rooms former Wairarapa Bush Heartland & Hawkes Bay NPC coach Peter Russell will be facilitating the course.

Modules been covered are Attack & Counter attack also Team based attack or team patterns. Open to everyone interested please let Stacey Grant know if you're attending on rdo@waibush.co.nz or 027 391 6311.

JAB Wearing of Skins

Please note the wearing of skins in the JAB grade rugby games is not permitted to cover your knees and below unless you have a medical.



The Whistle Blower

Most rugby fans love to talk about most other sports and unfortunately they are also instant expertise on the rules of all those sports as soon as a Referee, Umpire or Rules Official has been shown to be human and to have erred during their officiating.

We have witnessed it this week with the controversy over the officiating by Peter O'Leary at the Football World Cup. Essentially it goes like this. His Touch Judge decided that the Bosnian striker was offside; a call that the Referee went with. Was it right or wrong? That doesn't even come into the equation for the thousand of ardent but patriotically biased Bosnian Football supporters. It must have been a wrong decision because it went against our team.

And all over New Zealand and I suspect the rest of the world, referees of all ilks will be frustrated at the unfairness of the fan's reactions. We are a fair-minded bunch in New Zealand and we understand that sometimes refs get it wrong. That's the nature of sport. And I do detect that most New Zealanders have a great deal of sympathy for the predicament that Mr O'Leary has found himself in. But we know that the heat will die down and in no time at all it will be forgotten.

But you bet in Bosnia it will be different. The memories and vitriolic ravings will last forever. So, just like the English when Mr Kelleher sent off Colin Meads in 1967 or Wayne Barnes made a couple of errors in "that" World Cup match, I don't know if I would like to be a New Zealander hitchhiking through Bosnia Herzegovina just at the moment.

It could be a very long walk with some very cold nights.

The Whistle Blower.

Other Games This Week

COLTS (MRFU):

Eketahuna	v	Bush Sports	Eketahuna 1	1.00pm	Mike Voice
				ARs:	Gerard Beder & Pat Baucke

SECONDARY SCHOOLS (WTGN):

Wairarapa1XV	v	Aotea 1XV	Wairarapa College 1	1.00pm	Chris Jefferies
				ARs:	Graeme Reisima & Bruce Tomlin

SECONDARY SCHOOLS (MRFU):

Rathkeale U15	v	PNBHS U15	Rathkeale College 3	9.50am	Rebecca Mahoney
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SECONDARY SCHOOLS (WBRFU):

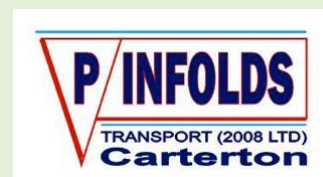
JUNIOR GRADE:

Chanel	v	Makoura	Memorial Park 1	10.00am	Ed Wallace
Kuranui	v	Wairarapa Gold	Kuranui College 1	10.00am	Liam Price
Wairarapa Blue	v	Rathkeale	Wairarapa College 4	10.00am	Baden Whale

SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2014 – MILLHILLIANS

Millhillians	v	Yellow Bellies	Memorial Park 1	12.30pm	Kelly Lochhead
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Answer:

Won it 3 times for 10 defences – the only other Heartland team to win the Ranfurly shield is South Canterbury and they only had 2 defences

