



NEWSLETTER FROM TRUST HOUSE MEMORIAL PARK

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BREAKING NEWS WBRFU Club Competition

2013 Top Points Scorers (Both Competition 50 points or more)

Cameron Hayton 227
Joseph Thompson 154
Tom Meuli 127
Tipi Haira 119
Nick Olson 98
Hamish Meyrick 85
Tavita Issac 80
Teihana Brown 60
Jordan Bennett-Davies 59
James Goodger 62
Danny Brown 54
Byron Kaiaitiana 52

Top Try Scorers (Both Competitions)

Cameron Hayton 19
Tavita Issac 16
Ben Holmes 8
Johan Van Vliet 8
Dan Griffin 8
Nikora Ewe 8
Nathan Hunt 8
Jacob Tipene 7
Luke Jones 6
Pua Tafa 6

GRAND FINALS DAY
Trust House Memorial Park
Saturday
3rd August

DEAD BALL CHARLIE'S HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

TUI CUP FINAL

After 20 weeks of rugby, excitement, drama and anticipation finally we are here. Only one team can now climb the podium.

Who will it be?

Greytown – the slick outfit with the best backs in the Wairarapa Bush and a forward pack that matches their free-flowing game OR Eketahuna who are organised, determined, straightforward and a defence with a big heart.

Chuck in two top goal kickers in Glen Walters (Greytown) and Tom Meuli (Eketahuna).

Dead Ball Charlie says "Bring it on".



This week we had 1638 hits on our Facebook posts plus we emailed over 200 people our newsletter.



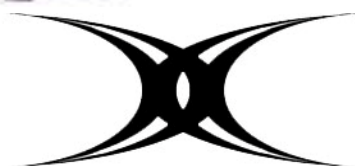
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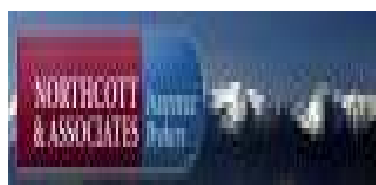


GILBERT

**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.**



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COMMUNITY RUGBY REPORT

A feature of semi-finals day was the very large crowds that turned up to support their teams. This was particularly evident at Tuhirangi, Greytown and Eketahuna. This once again emphasizes the important role Rugby plays in connecting communities.

Eketahuna had a particularly memorable day. Eketahuna womens went down narrowly to hot favourites Freyberg. The Reserve team earned a place in the Reserve plate final. To cap off a highly successful day for the club Eketahuna seniors fought off a strong challenge from Pioneer to secure a place in the Tui Cup final.

Memorial Park is in excellent order for finals day and I look forward to seeing all the supporters dressed in their team colours.

RDO REPORT

Good luck to all finalist in Senior club games this weekend also to the Junior & Open grade secondary school competition for there quarter finals.

Wairarapa Bush under 11's & 13's are playing there Manawatu counter parts this Sunday at Ongley park Palmerston North 1pm .

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Well another club rugby season has nearly come to an end and I would personally like to thank all the volunteers of the various clubs I have dealt with over the past season. I appreciate the time you give up to deal with my queries in your free time.

Congratulations to all the finalist teams for this weeks finals. For some it has been a long season but the end result has been worth it.

LIFE MEMBERS CELEBRATIONS

Life Members of every club will be attending a function from 11 am at the WBRU Clubrooms and at 2.45pm there will be a walk to the middle by the Life Members for all WBRU supporters to celebrate what these men and women have done for your club and rugby as a whole.

This is going to be an annual event and a chance for all us to celebrate our clubs and our Life Members

Let's stand and be tall with them.

LAST WEEKS SEMI RESULTS

Premiers Tui Cup Semi Finals:

Greytown 31 vs. East Coast 23

Eketahuna 28 vs. Pioneer 20

Premiers Hodder Steffert Plate Semi Finals:

Gladstone 30 vs. Marist 26

Bush Sports defaulted to Carterton

Senior Reserves Ryan Cup Semi Finals:

Masterton Red Star 18 vs. Greytown 13

Tuhirangi 19 vs. Martinborough 25

Senior Reserves President Cup Plate Semi Finals:

East Coast 67 vs. Gladstone 8

Eketahuna 13 vs. Carterton 5

Womens Finals Debrief:

Eketahuna came within a solitary point of upsetting hot favourites Feilding Old Boys in their Prue Christie Cup women's rugby match at Eketahuna on Saturday.

With both teams going into the game having won their previous four matches it was a virtual final and the star-studded Feilding Old Boys side, which included several national sevens and secondary school representatives, was expected to have too many guns for an Eketahuna side somewhat depleted by injuries.

But while FOB did eventually claim the honours 11-10 it was a close go with Eketahuna deservedly holding a 10-6 lead at halftime and only a late FOB try stopping them from causing what would have been a major upset.

The game was something of a stop-start affair with Eketahuna on the wrong end of a hefty penalty count. They also had two of their most experienced forwards - Raylene Reiri and Perri Tatana-Williams - spend time in the sin bin, with the winning FOB try was scored while they had 14 players on the paddock. Apart from these misdemeanours both Reiri and Tatana-Williams had strong games for Eketahuna, Reiri being a dominant figure in the lineouts and running powerfully in broken play and Tatana-Williams scrapping hard for loose ball and having a huge tackle rate.

Another Eketahuna forward to shine was Katie Turnbull, who was prominent on both attack and defence, and much the same could be said of Hera Edwards. Eketahuna's backs lost nothing in comparison with their highly-regarded opposites. Fullback Huia Paul was an elusive runner on the counter attack and stoic on defence, midfielder Lisa-Marie Ireland used her pace and strength to score a fine try and was seldom halted by the first tackle and the inside combination of Laura Gavin and Rebecca Mahoney functioned effectively. Also welcomed back to the Eketahuna fold was Black Ferns representative Shakira Baker, who was having her first game for some months. She made a couple of storming runs but had few opportunities to display her attacking skills. Narrow as their win was, credit must also be given to FOB, who went through the 2013 club season undefeated, having earlier won the first round competition by a wide margin.

They were obviously keen to play the game at pace but, like Eketahuna, were stifled by penalties being handed out on a monotonously regular basis.

Ireland scored a try for Eketahuna and Mahoney kicked one penalty and one conversion. **Gary Caffell Wairarapa Times Age**



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JAB DRAW

For the weekly JAB draw check our website or our Facebook page.

Any questions give Cynthia a call
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This weeks College Draw

Kuranui vs.
Wgtn College
3XV Kuranui 12.30pm

Wai Col 2XV vs.
Tu Toa2XV
Wai Col 12.30 pm

There are a number of Play offs and Quarter Finals this weekend

GOOD LUCK TO ALL

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**A Rugby game
is only 80
minutes, your
team mates are
with you for life**

Play Rugby!



This weekend at finals day you will not only see the best players in both competitions on display but you will also see our top referees in action.

At the Referees Association we believe in the best referees being appointed to the best games. These finals deserve the closest examination of our referee's performances before we make our appointments. Here are the results of our deliberations.

The Senior Final will be controlled by **Chris Jefferies** who is probably most well known in the Wairarapa as a top level cricketer but this week is appointed to control his 5th Senior Grade Club Final thereby showing what a marvellously versatile sportsman he really is.

Assisting Chris on the side lines will be **Alistair Payne** and **Andrew Stringer**. Alistair is Wairarapa born and bred and a Wairarapa College Teacher who is displaying enormous potential to referee at a higher level in future years. Andrew Stringer, a locally respected Police Sergeant, who has displayed excellent form in the past two weekends when controlling some of our biggest Senior matches.

The Senior A Plate Final is controlled by **Shay O'Gorman**, a Rathkeale College Teacher, and another referee best known for his cricketing prowess having played professionally both here and overseas. His leadership skills are on display every game he controls.

And the Senior Reserve Finals are under the watchful eye of the very experienced **Scott Andrew** who has been a top referee in the Waikato as well as here in his home Province and the high flying **Paul Thompson**, a former Senior A player who has improved out of sight this season and who will be right in contention for bigger games next season.

We are all proud of these refs. I hope you will be.

The Whistle Blower

THIS WEEKS FINALS DRAWS

SENIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL - TUI CUP:

Greytown vs. Eketahuna Memorial Park 1 3.00pm

SENIOR A PLATE FINAL - HODDER STEFFERT CUP:

Gladstone vs. Carterton Memorial Park 2 12.30pm

SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL - RYAN CUP:

Mstn Red Star vs. Martinborough Memorial Park 1 1.00pm

SENIOR RESERVE PLATE FINAL - PRESIDENT'S CUP:

East Coast vs. Eketahuna Memorial Park 3 12.45am

**Club Rugby
Draws & results**

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