



NEWSLETTER FROM TRUST HOUSE MEMORIAL PARK

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BREAKING NEWS

Pink Batts Front Row Seats

See www.classichits.co.nz
For your chance to of being
hosted in the Pink Batts
Corporate box at this
weekend's game.

Radio Commentary

Trust House
Wairarapa Bush
vs.
East Coast
Live on Radio Sport
91.9 FM

U16 Hurricanes Tournament in Ruatoria

Results to date:
Wai Bush **10** vs. Poverty
Bay **52**
Wai Bush **7** vs. Wtgn B **34**

Next Week Heartland Game

Vs. Thames Valley
Paeroa
2.00 pm
Take a long weekend and head
up North.
This is our last game before
Semi's.
Only \$5 entry
BUSH

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

DEAD BALL CHARLIE'S HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

Dead Ball Charlie's Top 5 for this week

1. Trust House Wairarapa Bush secured a vital 4 points against Buller in the wind and rain
2. Apparently the Supporters Club attending just about outnumbered the locals
3. Confirmation is coming through we are getting the biggest crowd in the Pink Batts Heartland Competition
4. Wairarapa Scrap Metal Limited Under 18's pounced back against Wanganui to win 35 – 15 and are now in the finals next weekend
5. McCarthy Transport Under 16's take on Wanganui for 3rd and 4th today in the Hurricanes Under 16 B competition



This week we had 1906 hits on our Facebook Heartland posts plus we emailed over 220 people our newsletter.





Heartland Points Table Week 6

Team	Played	Won	For	Against	PD	Points
Wairarapa Bush	6	5	144	90	54	23
Mid Canterbury	6	5	157	107	50	23
West Coast	6	5	143	117	26	23
North Otago	6	4	157	115	42	20
Buller	6	3	100	97	3	15
Wanganui	6	3	119	111	8	14
South Canterbury	6	2	143	137	6	13
King Country	6	3	116	136	-20	13
Thames Valley	6	3	119	141	-22	13
East Coast	6	2	106	134	-28	9
Horowhenua Kapiti	6	1	95	127	-32	8
Poverty Bay	6	0	101	188	-87	2

Governance Training Sessions

WBRU is proud to announce in conjunction with Sports Wairarapa, a Governance training session for Rugby clubs.

Dates:

Wednesday 16th & 23rd October 2013

Time:

5.30 pm

This is free and a valuable opportunity. There are approx. 25 places so please ensure your club sends 1 or 2 members.

For further details please contact tony@waibush.co.nz

Wairarapa Bush Supporters Club

Well done the Bush. Six games down and the team is well on its way to a place in the top four. Last weekend a group went down to Westport for the Buller Game which was played in pretty adverse conditions. The boys came through with a really solid effort in which they played for the full 80 minutes. Great effort guys.

It has been great to see so many supporters at the home games, especially from the outlying areas of the union. To date the Supporters Club has 214 members which is over 100% more than last year. The revamped bar has made things a lot easier for the bar staff and a couple of extra leaners will also be a big help.

Each week a group of the committee pick a player of the day award on a 3-2-1 basis. After 6 games the standings are:-

- Finbar Kerr-Newall 9 points
- Lachie McFadzean 6
- Jonathon Fuiamono 4
- Paul Tikomainivalu Richard Puddy, James Goodger & Glen Walters 3
- Nick Olson 2
- Johan van Vliet, Nathan Hunt & Nathan Iro 1

Our next trip away is to Paeroa on 11th to 13th October. There are still 5 places available. Cost is \$50 for transport plus pay your own Motel bill (\$50 per night) for the two nights in Taupo. Call Nick Ives 027 321 8227 if you would like to come along. Bus leaves from the main gates at 1 pm Friday 11th October.

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.



The Whistle blower

Well, another 'home' season could almost be over in the Heartland Championship. But I reason that the promise the Rep Team showed us in early season fixtures was no aberration and I am picking that we will see them at least once more in a home game. Hopefully it will be twice more. In America they call this "Post Season". So I hope our boys make the Post Season at home because they have been good to watch and it would also be a nice pay-back for all the loyal supporters who have turned out this year at our home games.

There's a bit of a 'post season' for Referees as well. When we get down to the Semi Finals and Finals weekends of 19/20 and 26/27 October, the Referee High Performance Office at NZR Headquarters selects the best performing referees to control all semi's and finals. And they also select the best performing Assistant Referees to patrol the sidelines at those fixtures. Sometimes it's an easy task to sort out the best performers, but this year for Heartland Semi's and Finals, it's anyone's guess.

But for the past two seasons, our own Chris Jefferies has been one of those sideline officials (AR's) at both Semi Finals and Finals. And he deserves to get that prestigious appointment again. So I'm expecting he will be called upon to travel somewhere in the country on those two weekends to be the Assistant Referee and Reserve Referee for both Semis and finals. That would be fine acknowledgement for CJ's performances all year round but especially for his accuracy and efficiency on the sideline in our home Rep games.

And in return, NZR will send AR's to our home games to ensure no "local bias" could creep into any of the sideline decisions that will be made. As If!

But I'll be there and watching, just in case.
The Whistle Blower.

Wairarapa Bush Supporters Club Committee

Tod Brooks, Bruce Alderson, Malcolm Willoughby, Roddy McKenzie, Wyane Loader, Nick Ives, Graeme Pedersen, Terry O'Brien. Absent: Kevin Ruatoto & Boh Waitere.



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
Scrap Metal Ltd
U18
Vs.
Wellington
Centurions
Porirua Park
2.30 pm

Last Week's Results

Wairarapa Bush
Scrap Metal U18 **29**
Vs.
Wanganui U18 **13**

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

Play Rugby!



Wairarapa-Bush remained at the head of the Heartland championship rugby table after their hard-fought 13-3 win over Buller at Westport on Saturday, and a place in the semifinals of the premier section, the Meads Cup, is now tantalisingly close to being confirmed.

With two preliminary round matches still to be played Wairarapa-Bush will qualify for the semifinals if they can pick up a minimum of 2 points in total from these games, against East Coast in Masterton on October 5 and Thames Valley in Paeroa on October 12.

However, if they win both times and secure at least 4 points for doing so on each occasion they will actually host their semifinal match at Trust House Memorial Park in Masterton and it's safe to assume that is now the major priority for the side.

Wairarapa-Bush lead the Heartland competition on countback from Mid-Canterbury and West Coast. All three have 23 points, followed by the fast improving North Otago 20, Buller 15, Wanganui 14, King Country, South Canterbury and Thames Valley 13, East Coast 9, Horowhenua-Kapiti 8 and Poverty Bay 2.

Mid-Canterbury and West Coast are in much the same position as Wairarapa-Bush, probably needing just 2 points from their last two preliminary games to qualify for the semis.

Mid-Canterbury have Thames Valley at home and Buller away to come while West Coast have the prospect of two "toughies" North Otago at home and Wanganui away. North Otago follow their away clash with West Coast with a home game against Horowhenua-Kapiti.

Beating Buller at home was always going to be a tough proposition for Wairarapa-Bush and the wet conditions meant points were hard to come by. Once again the boot of Glen Walters was a big factor for Wairarapa-Bush in the result. He kicked a penalty, dropped goal and conversion to take his tally for this year's Heartland campaign to 74 points. Wairarapa-Bush also managed the only try through Cameron Hayton while all Buller could come up with was a penalty by Andrew Stevens.

The elements dictated most of the match was going to revolve around the two packs and while there was little between them overall the Wairarapa-Bush eight were quicker and more constructive in the loose.

In other Heartland matches played on Saturday West Coast beat Thames Valley 33-18, North Otago beat Wanganui 27-15, South Canterbury defeated Horowhenua-Kapiti 30-13, East Coast beat Poverty Bay 22-0 and Mid-Canterbury accounted for King Country 32-17.

Meanwhile, the programme for the New Zealand Heartland XV has been confirmed with matches against New Zealand Defence Force in Methven on Tuesday, November 5 and New Zealand Marist in Timaru on Saturday, November 9.

King Country's Kurt McQuilkin will coach the side and the squad will assemble in Timaru on November 1. He said the New Zealand Defence and New Zealand Marist sides would provide stiff opposition.

"Traditionally, both New Zealand Defence and New Zealand Marist have proved tough sides to beat and I'm sure this year's matches will be no different. This year's Pink Batts Heartland Championship has been as exciting and competitive as ever, with a large number of players across all teams showing some exceptional form."

NZRFU general manager of community and provincial rugby, Brent Anderson said it was a great to have both games taking place down south.

"I'm sure fans from throughout the region will come out in force for what are always great contests and a fantastic showcase for the standout players of the Heartland championship."

The New Zealand Heartland XV is a selection of the top eligible players from the Pink Batts Heartland championship and will be named after the semifinals on October 19.