

Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



*"Our Rugby -
Just brilliant"*



Tui Cup Senior Draw
Round 1 Senior Draw (2.30pm)
10th May 2014 (Home teams first)

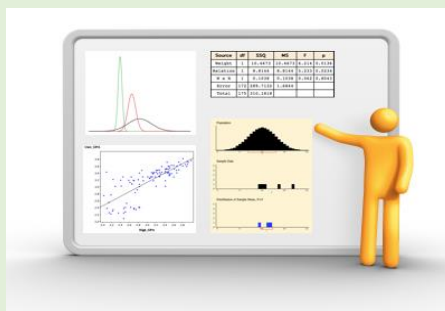
East Coast vs. Marist
Carterton vs. Martinborough
Gladstone vs. Greytown
Pioneer vs. Eketahuna



Burger King Senior Reserve
Competition (1.00 pm)
Carterton vs. Martinborough
Greytown vs. Eketahuna
Marist vs. East Coast
Tuhirangi vs. Pioneer
Gladstone BYE

Burger King Player of the Week
Wins \$50 Burger King Bucks
Voucher:
Jamie Smallman

This week's Burger King
game will be
Carterton vs. Martinborough



2014 Stats

Tui Cup 3 Top Points Scorer

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 57
Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 52
Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 42

Tui Cup Most Tries (More than 5)

Inia Katia (Gladstone) 5
Gareth Van Dalen (Greytown) 5
Sean Robinson (Pioneer) 5

Tui Cup Most Conversions

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 18
Kingi Kawai (Greytown) 11

Tui Cup Most Penalties

Byron Karaitiana (East Coast) 11

Ultimate Club Points Machine

(Senior & Reserves combined)
Pioneer 375
Greytown 315
Eketahuna 254

Ultimate Try Scoring Premier Team

Greytown 33
Pioneer 26
Eketahuna 25

2013 Nunn Shield

Greytown won the shield of
Eketahuna on Saturday and now hold
this

WHO WAS THE FIRST TRY SCORER FOR 2014?

Tom Meuli (Eketahuna 10 minutes)



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programme and our Webpage.

Ground Sign Sponsorship

We have our last Four Sign spaces
available for 2014.

If you are keen to be part of our elite
group give Deb or Tony a ring on
06 378 8369 or email
debby@waibush.co.nz. We would love
to hear from you.

Wairarapa U15 vs. Rathkeale U15
Trust House Memorial Park 1
10.00 am

Support our future Heartland Players



Dead Ball Charlie's Highlights of the week

Our Rugby – Just Brilliant!



Question of week

12,000 people attended at game at Memorial Park - what year and who was the opposition?



BREAKING NEWS

WBRU Annual Awards Dinner will be held on August 9th 2014.

This is a new concept and we will have more details to follow.

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
Greytown	5	0	0	4	24
Pioneer	5	0	0	4	24
Eketahuna	4	0	1	3	19
Gladstone	2	0	3	3	11
Marist	2	0	3	3	11
Martinborough	1	0	4	3	7
East Coast	1	0	4	0	4
Carterton	0	0	5	0	0

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Pioneer	5	0	0	4	20
Greytown	5	0	0	3	19
Marist	4	0	1	4	16
Martinborough	2	0	2	3	11
Eketahuna	2	0	3	3	11
Tuhirangi	2	0	2	2	9
East Coast	1	0	3	2	5
Gladstone	0	0	3	0	4
Carterton	0	0	5	0	0

Burger King Senior Reserve 1st Round

Sadly Bush Sports have had to pull out of the Senior Reserve competition due to lack of player numbers. These are a number of reason for the decline which includes close proximity to Manawatu. 17 Players reside in the Bush region and register with Manawatu Clubs.

Note:

WBRU Tony Hargood is meeting this seek with the CEO's of Manawatu and the Hawkes Bay about rugby in the southern Hawkes Bay area, North Wairarapa and East Manawatu.

The loss of Bush Sports has created a bye in the reserves grade. A decision was made last night at the Council of Club meeting to go with a 5/4 split in the 2nd round. The bottom 4 will play 2 rounds with the top 2 team going through to the finals.

An updated points table will be printed next week to reflect the above.

Old Timers/Past Players Dates

Carterton 24th May
Pioneer 24th May
Greytown 14th June
Marist 14th June
East Coast 21st June
Gladstone 28th June



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Date	Details
Queen's Birthday Weekend	31 st May – 2 nd June	NO CLUB RUGBY PLAYED
WBRU Annual Awards Dinner	9 th August	More information to come
Heartland Season Kicks Off	23 rd August	Vs. King Country Taupo (Book your accommodation now)



The Whistle Blower

Last week I talked about the need for Referee Coaches to compare our local referees with the referees from other Associations to see how we stack up against each other. I hope the influx of Referees last weekend helped you to appreciate that our lot are not a bad lot at all.

But I wasn't here to make that comparison. I was in Auckland where I took in a top of the table Premier game between Waitakere and Papatoetoe. This game enabled me to draw some conclusions about the standard of rugby being played in our competition judged against the Auckland Club scene.

Believe me; I came away with some very positive feelings about our top players and top teams. Whilst the Auckland club players were very much bigger and bulkier than our local players, over all our top players would compete well in that Auckland scene. Our skill level and our tactical astuteness would be a match for any of the players I saw in that top of the table clash. Sure, the collision area was not a place for the feint hearted but their scrummaging was not superior to ours and their lineout lifting, throwing and catching was below the standards I see week by week in our own competition.

So if you think that small Heartland Unions don't provide the competitiveness that "big City" games provide, then I think you may need to review your opinion. Sure we don't have the huge numbers of quality players that Urban Auckland has but the best players in our teams would easily slip into the Premier playing groups in the two club teams I watched on Saturday. I came away feeling good about the local game. I hope you do to.

The Whistle Blower.

Secondary School Games this Saturday

Wairarapa 1XV vs. Paraparaumu
Wairarapa College 1 1.00 pm

Wairarapa 2XV vs. Tararua 2 XV
Wairarapa College 2 1.00 pm

Wairarapa Blue vs. Chanel
Wairarapa College 3 10.00 am

Kuranui vs. Wairarapa Gold
Kuranui College 10.00 am

Rathkeale vs. Makoura
Rathkeale College 3 10.00 am

Monday 12 May

Rathkeale 1XV vs. Tararua 1XV
Eketahuna RFC 5.00 pm

**Eketahuna 2ZE FM 106.5FM will broadcast live from
Pioneer Rugby Club
Pioneer vs. Eketahuna
Commentator: Chuzz Taylor**



Press Release 8th May 2014

NZRU Announces NZ Heartland Team under 19 Team
Big changes to representative and colt's rugby in the Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union

The NZRU has announced a national under 19 rugby tournament for rugby players who have left college as part of a nationwide strategy. The WBRU has been a front runner in supporting the new tournament to be held in Taupo from 27th September 2014.

CEO Tony Hargood said "that come September there may be one or two under 19 players representing Wairarapa Bush in the NZ Heartland under 19 team and the search is underway right now"

The tournament will consist of all the 14 ITM Provincial Unions, an additional team from Auckland and the NZ Heartland team.

"This is the final piece the jigsaw to create a career path at all levels in the game. It also gives a the union an opportunity to build depth and a tool for clubs to encourage players to reach higher honours on a national stage" Hargood said

"However for this to be successful, we need to put a few stepping stones along the way and it provides a great opportunity now to start the first WBRU colts competition in nearly a decade to be held at the end of the club competition for a four week period. A WBRU under 19 side will be selected and the team will play in a 3-4 game competition with the best Wairarapa Bush under 19 players being selected for the NZ side."

The WBRU board and council of clubs have approved the formation of a 4 to 6 team colt's competitions and have allocated funding for the colts competition and the new WBRU under 19 side.

Tony Hargood reiterated "to think that there is a couple of rugby players involved in club rugby who will be wearing the NZ Heartland Silver Fern in under 6 months' time is an opportunity we just cannot let slip"

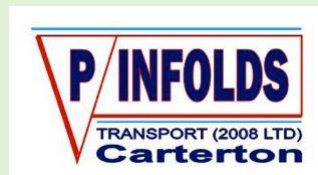
WBRU Representative Pathway

Team	Higher Honours
WBRU Trust House Heartland Team	NZ Heartland XV
WBRU B/Dev Team	WBRU Trust House Heartland Team
WBRU under 19's	NZ Heartland Under 19 team
WBRU under 18's (Secondary Schools)	Hurricanes' Under 18's
WBRU under 16's	Hurricanes' Under 16's
WBRU under 14's	Central region competition
WBRU Maori (Men and Women)	Te Tina Maori XV
WBRU Sevens (Men and Women)	National Sevens qualification

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Answer: British Isles 1971 & 1983