

Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



*"Our Rugby -
Just brilliant"*



Tui Cup Senior Draw
Round 1 Senior Draw (2.30pm)
26th April 2014 (Home teams first)

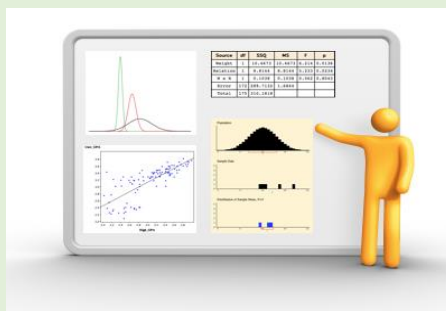
Carterton vs. Gladstone
Eketahuna vs. East Coast
Greytown vs. Martinborough
Marist vs. Pioneer



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

Burger King Player of the Week
Brian Mitchell of Eketahuna
Wins \$50 Burger King Bucks
Voucher

This week's Burger King
game will be
Greytown vs. Martinborough
Senior Reserves @
Greytown



2014 Stats

Tui Cup 3 Top Points Scorer

Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 40
Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 34
Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 33

Tui Cup Most Tries (More than 5)

No player has reached 5

Tui Cup Most Conversions

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 11

Tui Cup Most Penalties

Byron Karaitiana (East Coast) 9

Ultimate Club Points Machine

(Senior & Reserves combined)
Pioneer 247
Greytown 209
Eketahuna 179

Ultimate Try Scoring Premier Team

Greytown 22
Eketahuna 19
Pioneer 14

2013 Nunn Shield

Eketahuna retain the Nunn Shield and
goes on the line against East Coast
this weekend

WHO WILL BE THE FIRST TRY SCORER FOR 2014?

Tom Meuli (Eketahuna 10 minutes)

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"Lest we forget"

The Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union comes
together with our nation to remember
our ANZAC's.

In recognition of our ANZAC's and
soldiers who have fallen for our country
and the Wairarapa, there will be a
moment silence before the start of each
senior club rugby game on Saturday

We encourage all of our rugby fraternity
to attend the dawn parades in your local
community.

Rest in Peace: Eva Francis

On Sunday Eva Francis passed away. Our
sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Bob
Francis and his family. Eva had a smile
and enthusiasm to match, which all our
community will remember dearly.

Directors of Rugby in Colleges

In a new initiative with the NZRU the
WBRU is please announced the following
appoints as Directors of Rugby at the
following schools
Lawrence Matthews – Kuranui
Jono Hurley – Chanel
Zeb Aporo – Makoura
Wairarapa College
Jake Ross – Rathkeale

It is a three year project which we hope
will benefit the clubs and colleges in the
long run.



Dead Ball Charlie's Highlights of the week

I bet Mark Rutene and co have tough decisions soon regarding the initial WBRU Heartland squad, from what I can see there is a lot of guys putting their hands up.

DBC did a quick flick over the next 4 weeks draws and the table is going to getting interesting – all the top 4 teams have to play everyone and the bottom teams each other with the odd exception. The race for the Moose Kapene Cup is well on track for a bolter of a finish.

DBC is predicting it won't be decided until the last round if Greytown, Eketahuna and Pioneer all beat each other.

Finally who converted Ritchie Robertson famous caravan into a hotdog stand at East Coast's ground? Leads to DBC question of the week.

Question of week

This one came up at the Tui game. What was tomato sauce first invented for?

Answer on the last page of the newsletter

Ground Control

Clubs are reminded that players and coaches are to be in their designated areas and spectators behind ropes.

Wairarapa College vs. Marlborough Boys

A great crowd attended the game between the two colleges at Trust House Memorial Park on Easter Monday. For the record Marlborough Boys won.

Junior Coaches – "Be brilliant"

A number of clubs are reporting increases in junior registrations but are short of junior coaches. Take an opportunity to enjoy a rewarding experience and ask if your local club is wanting extra coaches – be part of our game and **"be brilliant"** – become a coach.

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	3	0	0	3	15
Pioneer	3	0	0	2	14
Eketahuna	3	0	0	1	13
Martinborough	1	0	2	1	5
Gladstone	1	0	2	1	5
Marist	1	0	2	1	5
East Coast	0	0	3	0	0
Carterton	0	0	3	0	0

Team	Wins	Draw	Losses	Bonus	Points
Pioneer	3	0	0	3	15
Greytown	3	0	0	2	14
Marist	2	0	1	3	11
Martinborough	2	0	1	2	10
Tuhirangi	2	0	0	1	9
Eketahuna	2	0	1	1	9
Bush Sports	0	0	2	0	0
East Coast	0	0	3	0	0
Gladstone	0	0	3	0	0
Carterton	0	0	3	0	0

Note the Bush vs. Tuhirangi game was postponed to a later date.

Playing numbers

The electronic team cards has proven to be a success and the data we can now extract makes interesting reading. There is 134 Under 21 players registered in Colts and Senior rugby. Clubs on average have 4 extra players registered compared to the same time last year. Based on trends there could be an additional 100-200 registered players in 2014.

Alcohol surveys and Submissions

Local councils and government are running surveys – look out for the papers in the mail box that should be addressed to your clubs.

Mouthguards

Mouthguards are to be worn – no exceptions. The WBRU fully supports referees who send a player off the field for not wearing a mouthguard

Concussions

There is a lot of press at the moment regarding the long term effects of concussions. The WBRU reminds all coaches that they have responsibility to ensure a player does not re-enter the field of play if they have been concussed and only should they return to training after a minimum three week stand down or after medical advice has been sought.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Date	Details
Front Row Factory, Tackle Box, Small Blacks	April 27 th Sunday	Memorial Park 10 am (All under 8's coaches if possible)
	April 30 th Wednesday	Eketahuna Club Rooms 6pm
Queen's Birthday Weekend	31 st May – 2 nd June	NO CLUB RUGBY PLAYED



The Whistle Blower

The rugby gods shone on Wairarapa Bush Rugby over Easter. Whilst the whole country faced extreme weather, rugby on Saturday afternoon and Monday midday was played in pretty good weather and Thursday night at Gladstone was meant to be terrible but was just a bit damp. And excellent crowds turned up to watch and enjoy our national game played locally.

But, and there is always a but, when Eketahuna and Gladstone both played in Black and Yellow strips on Thursday night in wet conditions I was disappointed. It was almost impossible for our referee to adjudicate with accuracy on who was doing what at each phase in the game. In these trying conditions, referee inaccuracies are often costly to the teams as knock-ons are adjudged as knock-backs; off sides go unnoticed and fringing players get away with niggling disruptive play. And if the Referee is having difficulty out in the centre, spare a thought for those good crowds of spectators watching from the side-lines. The clash in colours detracts from their enjoyment of the game. Every week Referees performances are always subject to comment by players, spectators and officials. Well this week I want to pass judgement on the administrators of both clubs. Turning up to play a night game in almost identical uniforms does a disservice to your players, your fans and your referees. I ask those decision makers to think about what is best for this game on this day. All over the world in every sport, alternative strips are worn weekly by teams playing sports in bigger arenas than ours. They can make the adjustments. Why can't we?

Will other clashes occur? I hope not. Just watch. I will be.

The Whistle Blower.

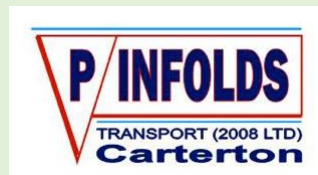


Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union can confirm that Benji Marshall is off contract.

**Eketahuna 2ZE FM 106.5FM will broadcast live from
Trust House Memorial Park
Carterton vs. Gladstone
Commentator: Sean McBride**

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Answer: Medicinal purposes – true (It was on a Tui Bottle cap) – so Dead Ball Charlie says go for gold on your hotdogs