

Trust House Wairarapa Bush Vs. Thames Valley 2.00 pm Trust House Memorial Park

This will be broadcast live on Radio Sport 91.9 Fm & Eketahuna FM 106.5

Sir Brian to honour former AB Players

A tree planting ceremony will take centre stage before the Heartland championship match between Wairarapa Bush and Thames Valley tomorrow.

As part of the annual Living Legends promotion, Sir Brian Lochore will plant a native tree just inside the main gatet of Trust House Memorial Park at 1.15 pm.

It will become one of more 170,000 such trees which have been planted throughtout New Zealand from 2011 to 2013, honouring rugby legends and made available through sponsorship from the Tindall Foundation, Project Crimson, Department of Conservations and Meridian.

Sir Brian Lochore is an iconic figure in Wairarapa Bush and New Zealand rugby. Among his many notable achnievements was captaining the All Blacks to just three losses in 18 tests and then guiding them to success as coach in the inaugural World Cup in 1987.

WBRU president Rex Playle said it was "very appropriate" that Sir Brian should do the planting at Memorial Park.

"His contribution to rugby in this part of the world has been immense. He truly is a legend," Playle said.

Our NZ Heartland U19 Members:



Chaz Matthews Greytown, Daryl Pickering Carterton, Cody Cunningham Tuhirangi

The first day of action on Sunday 28 September can be found below:

2 Auckland B v Hawke's Bay 11.05am

11.05am 3 Counties Manukau v Southland

Northland v Manawatu 2.05pm 2

2.05pm 3 Bay of Plenty v Canterbury

4.05pm 1 **Heartland v Tasman**

5.05pm 2 Waikato v Otago

5.05pm 3 North Harbour v Wellington

Auckland A v Taranaki 6.05pm 1

Sky Channel 4 will have coverage from these game on Sunday 28th September at 4 pm and 6 pm

Congratulations to Sam Tufuga making the NZ Barbarians Team

New Zealand Schools and Barbarian Schools Fixtures:

Friday 26th September

Levin Domain

Australia Schools vs. Fiji Schools 5.00 pm NZ Barbarians vs Australia 1.10 pm

Tuesday 30th September

Porirua Park

NZ Schools vs Fiji 2.50 pm

Saturday 4 October

Porirua Park

NZ Barbarians vs. Fiji 1.10 pm

Nz Schools vs. Australia 2.50 pm

This game will be replayed on Sky Sport 1 on Saturday 4th October 11.15 pm and Thursday 9th October Rugby Channel @ 8am and Friday 10th October Rugby Channel @ 2pm

This game will be replayed on Sky Sport 1 on Tuesday 30th September @10pm

and Thursday 2 October Rugby Channel @ 3pm





At this time of the year we start to see which referees are performing and which of them are struggling on the First Class stage. The NZR Referee Selectors are evaluating performances so that they can promote the best referees to the next level. So there is a lot of robust debate going on amongst the Selectors and there is a lot of fine tuning and soul searching going on between referees and referee coaches.

It's no different from being a rugby couch. There are skills displayed by referees which are exactly what is required at the higher level. But at the same time, they may have shortcomings which raise real concerns about whether they can make the step up. Sometimes the only way to find out is to make the selection and see if he performs. And that is what you will see over the next few weekends as Heartland Refs are put on the ITM Cup stage and a few ITM Cup refs are sent to the Heartland provinces to plug the gaps.

And just like Team Coaches, Referee coaches silently wait to see the outcome with restrained confidence. Seldom will a referee step up to the next level and simply 'nail it' on their first game. Their transition is usually evaluated over two or three games. But sometimes there are complete 'train smashes'. That's when coaches have to step in and rebuild the confidence lost by that referee's poor performance.

It's been a few years since I've seen a real 'train smash' from a new referee. But it does happen. So I will be watching confidently but tinged with a little anxiety over the next few weeks.

I hope you will be too.

The Whistle Blower

Referee Appointments this week

Wairarapa-Bush v Thames Valley Memorial Park #1 2.00pm Liam Scanlon (Cant)

AR1: Chris Jefferies & AR2: Scott Andrew Subs Controllers: Paul Thompson & Vaea Peterson Blood Bin & Sin Bin: Pat Baucke & Mike Wakefield

Sideline Manager: Peter Debney

Memorial Park #2

Memorial Park #3

Wairarapa-Bush U14 v Horowhenua-Kapiti U14 Memorial Park #1 12.00pm Pat Baucke

AR1: Breck Stewart & AR2: Mike Wakefield

12.30pm

12.00pm

Paul Thompson

Vaea Peterson

JNL XV v Premier Bacon

Millhillians v Taradale 69's





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Just a reminder that on the back of your Wairarapa Bush Season Pass entitles you to 5% off purchases \$20 or over at any Wairarapa Bottle-O store.

And for the Youth season passes – 10% off food and beverages at Café Solway PLUS buy one get one free on buckets of golf balls.

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