

Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



17th July 2015

**Tui CUP – Final Round 13 weeks gone, 3 games to crown a
new Tui Cup Champion**



2015 WBRU Club AWARDS

FRIDAY 7th AUGUST – Confirmed

Only 250 tickets so book in now!

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Our Rugby – Just Classic

Coach keen to stick to locals



GOING FURTHER: Pioneer flanker Rima Marurai on the burst in a club match against Gladstone is a contender for a loose forward position in the Heartland squad.

Wairarapa-Bush rugby coach Josh Syms has not changed his mind on "imports" being added to his squad for the Heartland championship. It's not that he is totally against the idea, just that he won't be going down that track unless he is convinced that those being recruited will offer something special to his side.

"I don't want players coming in from outside the local region who aren't significantly better than what we've got here now," he said. "If we bring them in they have to add that bit extra to the team, otherwise why bother."

It was hardly surprising the possible need for "imports" was being raised after Wairarapa-Bush's 58-7 loss to Hawke's Bay in the Ranfurly Shield fixture in Napier last Thursday.

They were totally outgunned in the scrums, struggled to gain any sort of parity in the lineouts and lacked sting in the midfield although the latter could be seen as a rather harsh judgment because of the lack of quality ball they received.

While conceding his team did have shortcomings in those areas, Syms said critics also needed to understand that Hawke's Bay were a professional unit with skilled players who had the benefit of a much more thorough preparation than their Wairarapa-Bush counterparts.

"It's a huge leap from club rugby to this level of competition for our guys and the set pieces are always likely to demonstrate that more than other areas.

"It was also going to be a big ask there."

Syms said there were enough positives from the Napier match to give optimism that Wairarapa-Bush would make their presence felt during their Heartland campaign. He was especially pleased with how the forwards scrapped aggressively for ball at the breakdowns and the surety of the first-up tackling through most of the game.

"Defensively we were pretty good, particularly when you consider they had most of the ball.

"We had to make a lot of tackles and, generally, we made a decent fist of it."

Syms said it was wrong to think, however, that those players involved in the Ranfurly Shield challenge necessarily had the inside running for Heartland selection.

With "friendlies" against the Manawatu development squad and Wellington Samoans and the annual Jeremy David Memorial Trophy match with Poverty Bay to be played before the championship starts, there was still time for others to force their way into contention.

"There are still some important club games to come and we'll be watching them closely," he said.

Those who could come off the fringes and into the Heartland squad include Marist backs Malatai Malatai and Michael Te Whare. Malatai is unquestionably one of the most gifted attacking players in the premier division club competition where he usually plays at fullback.

He still has work to do on his kicking game and might be best suited on the wing at rep level.

Te Whare is a strong-running midfielder who has overcome injury hassles.

Talented Greytown youngster Nick Robertson is a winger definitely worth consideration and there has been no better halfback on the club scene than Pioneer's Joseph Thompson, however, there is a question over his interest in playing at the higher level.

In the forwards, a couple of loosies not available for the Shield game who are sure to come into Heartland reckoning as the season progresses are Pioneer's Rima Marurai and Marist's Kieran O'Brien while Matt Kawana, also from Pioneer, perhaps has the potential to make a difference in the front row. - [Wairarapa](#)

[Times-Age](#) By Gary Caffell

APPLAUD

Masterton Red Star perform the haka before their game against Brisbane Norths which

Masterton Red Star won



A cuddle cot for the Wairarapa Hospital Maternity Ward

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A cuddle cot allows parents to be able to take their angel baby home and place them in their bassinet. It is a cooling system which fits inside a bassinet and preserves angel babies. It allows grieving parents the opportunity to be able to take home their babies and spend as much time as possible with their newborn- to take pictures, hold their newborn, create memories and grieve for their loss.

The Cuddle cots cost \$5000 and are imported from the UK.

All proceeds will go towards the Cuddle Cot for Wairarapa Hospital and for purchasing the bassinet and linen.

To allow the Wairarapa Hospital Maternity ward a Cuddle cot so parents of angel babies can spend all the precious time they have with their babies instead of having to worry about keeping them cool.

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"Our Rugby -Just brilliant"



Tui Club Rugby this Week 2.30pm

Home ground team named first.

Marist vs Martinborough

(Alistair Payne)

Carterton vs Pioneer

(Shay O'Gorman)

Gladstone vs East Coast

(Paul Thompson)

Greytown vs Eketahuna

(Chris Jefferies)



Burger King Senior Reserve (1pm)

Marist v Tuhirangi

(Graeme Reisima)

Carterton vs Pioneer

(Dean Goodin)

Gladstone vs East Coast

(Ryan Hardman)

Greytown vs Masterton Red Star

(Mike Wakefield)

CONCUSSIONS

Please follow the guidelines and ensure all players are wearing mouth guards.

Enjoy the game so all can enjoy the evening.



2015 Stats

Tui Cup 3 Top Points Scorer

Joseph Thompson (114) Pioneer

Bryon Karaitiana (103) Greytown

Andy Humberstone (97) Carterton

Tui Cup Most Tries

Shannon Lewis (10) Marist

Nick Robertson (10) Greytown

Malatai Malatai (9) Marist

Tui Cup Most Conversions

Joseph Thompson (22) Pioneer

Kieran Te Whare (22) Marist

Andy Humberstone (18) Carterton

Tui Cup Most Penalties

Abe Southey (23) Greytown

Joseph Thompson (20) Pioneer

Andy Humberstone (17) Carterton

Ultimate Try Scoring Premier Team

Greytown 46

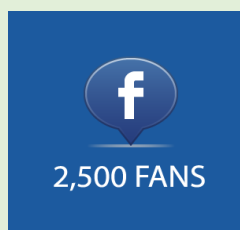
Marist 46

2015 Nunn Shield

Holders:- Pioneer

EVENT MANAGEMENT

Please ensure all fields are roped off and make sure your club's alcohol policies are followed.



What Saturday is all about before the big game



The WBS Junior Rugby

Club Rugby Results on Saturdays on Facebook and Web page

Please note these are only **preliminary** scores and are subject to confirmation on Monday when the team cards are received and then entered accordingly.

What's on at the Stadium

Wednesday – College Rugby

Friday Night – JAB Rugby

Saturday – Senior Rugby and Football

Website stats for last week

14,898 views June - "our people just brilliant".





Dead Ball Charlie's Highlights of the week

Had a great time down at the Pioneer Club House Saturday night – well done Pioneer for hosting an old buggar like me.

Wairarapa College is doing us proud over the holiday break including the young Masterton Red Star team – great to see teams travelling again – DBC supports rugby trips – let's hope there are few more.

Now rumour has it that if Horowhenua-Kapiti beats Hawkes Bay in the Ranfurly Shield – then Wairarapa Bush has the first challenge!

College Finals are coming up on 5th August

“Our Rugby– Just Brilliant”

Question of week: Answer on the last page

What year did the All Blacks first play Argentina

Old Timers/Past Players Dates



College Rugby has started – watch for details on WBRU Facebook and the WBRU website

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS BOOMING

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 TABLES - JUST BRILLIANT”

Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Bonus	Points
Greytown	11	0	2	7	51
Pioneer	11	0	2	6	50
Marist	8	0	5	7	39
Gladstone	8	0	5	7	39
Eketahuna	5	0	8	7	27
Carterton	5	0	8	6	26
Martinborough	3	0	10	5	17
East Coast	1	0	12	1	1

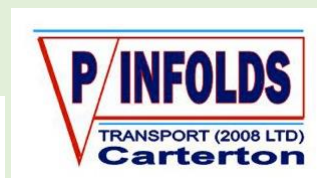
Team	Wins	Draw	Losses	Bonus	Points
Tuhirangi	3	1	0	3	17
Pioneer	3	0	1	2	14
Marist	2	0	2	3	11
Carterton	2	1	1	0	10
Greytown	1	0	3	1	5
Masterton Red Star	0	0	4	1	1

Team	Wins	Draw	Losses	Bonus	Points
Gladstone	2	0	0	0	9
East Coast	1	0	1	1	6
Eketahuna	0	0	0	0	0

No College or JAB rugby this weekend

“Our Rugby -Just brilliant”

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Answer:

The New Zealand All Blacks first played against Argentina (Los Pumas) on 30 October **1976**, but New Zealand did not award test caps for the two internationals on that tour, nor for Argentina's first internationals in New Zealand in **1979**.