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WBRU REPRESENTATIVE GAMES THIS WEEK AT THE STADIUM OR AWAY

AT THE STADIUM

WBRU 16's vs Wellington U16 Selection: FRIDAY 6.00 PM

RDO SHEILD WBRU DEVELOPMENT vs WELLINGTON MAORI: SATURDAY 5.00 PM

WBRU Under 14 Training: Sunday 9.00 am

WBRU Under 11's vs. Horowhenua –Kapiti: Sunday 12.00 pm

WBRU Under 13's Horowhenua-Kapiti Sunday: 13.15 pm

AWAY

WBRU Under 20's vs East Coast/Poverty Bay U20's Palmerston North: SATURDAY 1.00 PM

Wairarapa-Bush have made an auspicious start to their 2015 Heartland championship rugby campaign

They ran in four tries without reply to beat Thames Valley by a convincing 39-6 at Paeroa on Saturday, a result which means they have already scored the same number of wins as they did over the whole of last season's Heartland programme. Head coach Josh Syms was, however, keeping his own feet firmly on the ground despite being pleased his side had come out of their first championship fixture not only with a win but also a bonus point.

"Obviously it's great to start off with a win but, at the end of the day, it's only one game and we can't afford to get too far ahead of ourselves," he said. "There's still plenty of scope for improvement and that's what we've got to keep in mind."

The Wairarapa-Bush forwards impressed with their solidity in the set pieces of scrum and lineout. And several of them also shone in general play, none more so than flanker Brendon Campbell who made several surging runs in attacking situations and was equally as prominent for his hard-nosed defence.

Lock James Goodger was a regular winner of lineout ball and was rewarded for his mobility in other facets of the forward game with two tries. Hooker Andrew Makalio and No8 So'otala Fa'oso'o were both powerful runners with ball in hand and were invariably at the head of the many short passing rushes which gained Wairarapa-Bush handy metres during the course of the game.

The ability of the Wairarapa-Bush backs, notably Tim Priest and Tipene Haira, to keep their forwards on the front foot, with judicious tactical kicking, played a big part in the end result.

Haira was a somewhat surprise selection on the wing, as he has played little rugby in that role, but he made a decent fist of it and was an outstanding second option for Priest whenever his team had to kick themselves out of trouble. The biggest minus for Wairarapa-Bush was the lack of finish to their attacking movements, with basic handling and passing errors probably costing them as many tries as they scored. "We have to be more clinical in that area, there will be games when we might get only two or three prime scoring chances and we need to be making the most of them," Syms said.

James Goodger (2), Nick Olson and Inia Katia scored the tries for Wairarapa-Bush and Priest demonstrated his goal kicking skills by landing two conversions and four penalties for a personal tally of 16 points. Jonny Te Ruki kicked three penalties for Thames Valley.

In other Heartland championship matches on Saturday Buller beat King Country 32-20, Mid-Canterbury beat South Canterbury 34-17, Poverty Bay hammered East Coast 60-15, Wanganui edged out Horowhenua-Kapiti 39-34 and North Otago had just a solitary point to spare over West Coast, 17-16. [Wairarapa Times-Age](#)



Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union

Winners Junior Rugby Club Finals 2015 – held Saturday 24th August 2015

Under 8: East Coast

Under 9: Gladstone

Under 10: Gladstone

Under 11: Masterton Red Star

Under 13: Masterton Red Star





Wairarapa Bush Rugby Referees Awards Night 2015

Ross Andrew Cup for Top Marks in Law Exam - [Alistair Payne](#)
 Prince Cup for Most Promising First Year Referee - Peter Semmens
 Basil Marsh Trophy for Most Improved Referee - Paul Thompson
 Graeme Northcott Cup for Most Outstanding Performance - Shay O'Gorman
 Gleeson Memorial Trophy for contribution to the WBRRRA (as voted by Members) - Shay O'Gorman
 Life Members Cup for Best Senior Reserves Referee - Vaea Peterson
 Francis Trophy for Premier First Grade Referee - Alistair Payne
 Peg Leg - Bex Mahoney
 Most Yellow Cards - Mike Wakefield
 Most Red Cards - Vaea Peterson



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