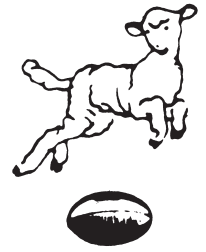




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The newsletter of The Barbarian Rugby Football Club Inc
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Room with a View



The view of part of the playing field from the front seats of the Barbarians' ASB bank boxes.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

"The finest clubrooms I have ever seen" was the comment from Tom Johnson, a Barbarian from Hawkes Bay after he had seen our the new clubrooms and boxes at our Eden Park headquarters.

A special invitation is extended to all Barbarian members to the opening of the new Clubrooms on June 24, at 6 pm.

This will be another highlight of the season. The Barbarians play New Zealand Maori at Whangarei on June 12, at 4.35 pm and all Barbarians have been invited to the game. Considering the Barbarians style of play and the the Maori flair it should be one of the better games of the year to open the new grandstand and facilities at the Whangarei Events centre.

The exact personnel of the Barbarians team has to wait until the All Black and Maori selectors have made their choices -- the All Blacks are playing Ireland on the same day at New Plymouth. However, two Irish squad members will be available for our side.

Things have been busy on the home front, with the Barbarians Middleweight side and a new contract with New Zealand Secondary Schools Association getting publicity in Rugby News by Barbarian member Campbell Burnes.

The Middleweight side won their Eden Park curtainraiser against the Sydney club, Beecroft, which they also beat on tour at Sydney.

We have a new three-year contract to support New Zealand Secondary Schools rugby.

Under the Convenorship of Vice President/Club Captain, Mike Mills, the Committee is working on a strategic plan, looking forward to the next five years.

I look forward to seeing you all in the new clubrooms.

John Mills -- President.

Top Fun Day

Club members who are regular workers at the annual Fun Day were delighted with the number of 'new' old faces who turned up at Ngataranga Bay earlier this month.

Ron Williams and Roger Moore, the Conveners of the Fun Day both said they were delighted with even more club members than last year, offering to help with teams or other duties. The Fun day has certainly created a focus for members. The support is great.

It was estimated that over 500 youngsters from North Harbour, Auckland and Counties primary schools took part. They easily polished off 1000 sausages.

The judges nominated a dozen schools for special praise for playing ability and style, unselfish work, good tackling and running and smart appearance.

This years winners were Pt England, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Baverstock Oaks, Hillpark, Ardmore, Chaucer, St Joseph's Pukekohe, Mangatangi, Karaka, Pukekohe East, St Joseph's Takapuna, Belmont.



Obituaries



Bob Irvine, Broadcaster

After a solid grounding in radio organization and commentating Bob Irvine moved into the top ranks of rugby commentators in 1960, taking over from the redoubtable Winston McCarthy, who had a novel and breezy style of describing the game.

Irvine had a solid background in radio, and even deeper feeling for rugby. His grandfather had played for Auckland, his father Bill was an All Black in the 20's and his brother Ian, hooked for both North Auckland and the All Blacks.

In fact Bob sometimes wondered whether he had become too close to the game ... "as a boy I heard about rugby morning, noon and night when living on the family farm in North Auckland."

However, Irvine's radio expertise started with J Force, moved through office work in New Zealand and by 1960 was ready to bring his new style of commentary to the game.

The flamboyant style of McCarthy was put aside and Irvine concentrated on expert comment, all the time knowing that radio listeners wanted to know what was really happening, and where. So Irvine's style was very accurate and he had the knack of keeping the listeners informed about where the game was moving and the names of the players closely involved in the action.

His colleagues, Bill Francis, Keith Quinn and John McBeth, moulded their accurate styles along the lines that Irvine had developed.

After his commentating finished, Irvine returned to broadcasting administration, and took up pottery as a hobby -- he feared that his radio-tapes might disintegrate, so he wanted his pottery to survive into the future.

Mate Jakich

Auckland rugby has been home to many outstanding rugby stars over the last 50 years -- great coaches such as Fred Allen, the great Ranfurly Shield reign of 1985-93, brilliant backs such as Bryan Williams, great loose forwards like Michael Jones, a fabulous points-scorer in Grant Fox.

Mate Jakich never ranked among those on-field stars. He had 61 games for Auckland as a tight-loose forward, hundreds for the Marist club, but never reached the international level. As a player, that is. But as a rugby man of sheer character and humour and honesty, Mate Jakich's name will be recalled in the future when some of the recent heroes are forgotten.

Mate was 69 when he died, and the wonder was that he should make such an impact in the game when a crippling back complaint mercilessly dominated perhaps the last 40 years of his life.

As a player Mate was instantly recognizable -- tall, quite fast over the ground, good hands and, a rarity for those days, a white scrum cap, when more modest dark brown was the preferred colour.

Mate sometimes sauntered around the park. More often when he had the ball he would, in 'Snow' White's words, "gallop about like startled stag."

Off the field he was so often the centre of the Auckland team humour.

On one South Island trip the Aucklanders were slipping and slithering over Arthur's Pass on their way to Greymouth, fresh

snow put a slick on the road and some of the U-turns made the bus shudder as it reversed into the gravel at road's edge. Most of the players were eerily quiet. One or two Maori lads were an interesting shade of pale.

Mate draped his overcoat from the luggage rack and huddled inside it.... announcing that "Father Jakich is now hearing confessions."

On bus trips the Herald reporter would provide a copy of the report for the previous days game. Mate would include this in his bus bulletin -- sub-editing it as he went along and as some players had received high praise Mate might by-pass that bit completely.

After Mate could no longer move freely about he helped out at Marist, and took over coaching the St Peter's College 1st XV. When he was mobile Mate ran the players on the field. When he was forced to go to hospital, the St Peter's lads went to his bedside and had their coaching there -- and sometimes Mate would be scrambling around on the floor showing the right way to perform some manoeuvre.

As a bright young man, Mate wooed and wed Sue, a most elegant young lady good enough to be tipped for a modelling career. About the same time Mate moved out of the family coffee-shop and set up a fish-and-chips shop in Newmarket, and instead of gliding gracefully along the catwalk Sue would be in gumboots and rubber pinny, fixing up the fish in the back room.

Some time later, when Barbarians were on call to run the clubhouse of an evening Sue took over the whole business of getting the troops lined up for duty.

Freddy Allen the other day mentioned Mate was not picked for the All Blacks because he was an 'in-between' -- not really quick enough as a loosie, not in the days of the Meads brothers and other solid giants an essential choice as a tight forward.

A pity. Mate had such vitality, a resonant bass-baritone voice, a natural gift of humour that he would qualify as 'morale officer' on even the severest sporting mission.

Then, again, perhaps it was proper that Mate remain a free rugby spirit...the kind of totally genuine bloke that is rugby's greatest service to sporting humanity.--

Don Cameron

Doug Hamilton

In the late 1940's Doug, having set up home in Mairangi Bay, moved from the Ponsonby rugby club to the Takapuna club where he became a competent first five-eighths at senior level.

Soon after joining Takapuna he became the club's senior delegate to the Auckland Rugby union, an office he filled for many years and during that time he formed a lasting friendship with the late Jim Bracewell, the secondary schools delegate to the ARU.

As an administrator Doug was always respectful of the ideals initiated by the club's founders of one generation earlier, and he himself progressed to the office of president in 1978-79

As a Barbarian member Doug gave the club a number of years of service as Club Captain and fulfilled that role splendidly, knowing the maintenance of the club's high image rested very much with the club captain.

His mentors at the Baa-baas included such as Ron Bush, Jack Bourke and Andy McBeath.

As Club President Doug gave valuable service. He seemed always competent and confident in the roles he filled. His time was



Eagles and Barbarians at the annual bowls tournament at the Mt Eden club where the play was fun, and the lunch the best meal in town.

through the era of true amateurism, which when achieved was the result of enthusiasm, plus individual effort.

He deserves to be, and will be, remembered by those who had the good fortune to be associated with him.

Peter Fogarty

Pat Murphy

It may seem strange in these days of professional players and administrators that back in the 1950's and 1960's it was the players and officials and, in North Auckland's case, the referees who could be equally powerful members of the rugby establishment.

Duncan Ross occupied an almost mystical control as chairman of North Auckland, who changed the face of northern rugby by leading North Auckland to Ranfurly Shield glory in 1950.

Ted Griffin followed on as holder and the twice loser of the shield at a time when the rugby gamblers did not always win. Eric Weston was the third, showing impeccable class as an administrator who had the knack of public relations that the powerful folk in Wellington never quite reached.

And then came along the fourth man of the quartet, Pat Murphy, Irish by name, and with a solid grounding in the needs and duties of a top-class referee. Pat had been a non-stop loose forward in his playing days, his build befitting a tall and tireless loose forward.

He was possibly equally straight-forward in his refereeing, taking no nonsense from the players but with the ex-player's gift of realising that what started with player A often ended with player B being the victim.

The Welsh arrived in New Zealand in 1969 as Five Nations champions, but over-confident enough to start their tour with a tough match against Taranaki and then a few days later the first test.

The Welsh management accepted Murphy for the first test. During this first test an unwise Welsh flanker named Jeff Young tugged on Ken Gray's jersey after the ball had long departed.

Colin Meads provided the rough justice by punching Young so hard his jaw was broken. When the Welsh pointed out this dark deed Murphy could honestly say he could not find the reason for Young's injury.

The Welsh yelped, but retained Murphy for the second test at Eden Park, by which time the tour was close to disaster, and this was completed --through no fault of Murphy's refereeing -- by a 12-33 defeat.

The next day the Welsh manager sailed into Murphy, bitingly commenting that he had refereed "to the best of his ability."

If the Welsh had planned their tour more sensibly they might well have had a happier tour.

After retiring from refereeing, Murphy resumed his busy life in Whangarei, as a chartered accountant, Whangarei city councillor, Northland Harbour Board member, secretary of the Northland Trotting Club and becoming involved with various school, church and community committees.



Subs Please



Club secretary John Cresswell is pleased at the early rush of members' subscriptions, but says there are some still outstanding -- and now more necessary than ever.

When the new clubrooms are open only members who have paid their subscriptions will be entitled to two new tickets (for self and friend) needed for entry to the new facilities.



Email Addresses - Please



With so much correspondence now conducted by email, Club secretary John Cresswell is again asking those members who have changed their email address or have not sent him their email address to do so, ASAP, at johnc@seculo.co.nz.



Join the Web



The Club now has a new website, most useful for members keeping in touch with what is going on. The website address is www.barbarianrugby.co.nz.



"Middles" Mighty



The Club's pioneering team in the under-85kg Middleweight division is heading for a bumper season. Two warm-up matches against Counties and the Thames Valley top XV were followed by the defeat of the side from Sydney, Beecroft, where the Barbarians started their touring career last year.

The Middleweights are gaining strength in Auckland, Counties and North Harbour and there are likely to be six representative teams bidding for a place in the tournament at College Rifles on September 11-12.



FIXTURES



NEW ZEALAND MAORI

June 12 v NZ Barbarians, Whangarei, 4.35 pm
June 18 v Ireland, Rotorua 7.35 pm
June 23 v England, Napier, 7.35 pm

ALL BLACKS

June 12 v Ireland, New Plymouth, 7.35 pm
June 19 v Wales, Dunedin, 7.35 pm
June 26 v Wales, Hamilton, 7.35 pm

TRI-NATIONS

July 10 v South Africa, Auckland, 7.35 pm
July 17 v South Africa, Wellington, 7.35 pm
July 31 v Australia, Melbourne, 10 pm
August 2 v Australia, Christchurch, 7.35 pm
August 21 v South Africa, Johannesburg, 3 am
September 11 v Australia, Sydney, 10 pm

BLEDISLOE CUP

October 30 v Australia, Hong Kong
Grand Slam Tour
November 6 v England, Twickenham
November 13 v Scotland, Edinburgh
November 20 v Ireland, Dublin
November 27 v Wales, Cardiff

ITM CUP DRAW

Home teams first

WEEK ONE

Thursday July 29: Taranaki v Northland, New Plymouth, 7.35 pm
Friday July 30: Canterbury v Hawkes Bay, Christchurch, 7.35 pm
Saturday July 31: Manawatu v Southland, Palmerston North, 2.35pm;
Counties-Manukau v Otago, Pukekohe, 4.30 pm;
Waikato v Bay of Plenty, Hamilton, 6.35 pm
Sunday August 1: North Harbour v Auckland, Albany, 2.35 pm;
Wellington v Tasman, Wellington, 4.35 pm.

WEEK TWO

Thursday, August 5: Manawatu v Canterbury, Palm North, 7.35pm.
Friday, August 6: Hawkes Bay v Bay of Plenty, Napier, 7.35 pm;
Taranaki v Tasman, New Plymouth, 7.35 pm
Saturday, August 7: Auckland v Waikato, Auckland, 2.35 pm;
Southland v Otago (RS), Invercargill, 4.35 pm.
Sunday, August 8: Wellington v Counties-Manukau, Wellington,
2.35pm; Northland v North Harbour, Whangarei, 4.35 pm

WEEK THREE

Thursday, August 12: Tasman v Hawkes Bay, Blenheim, 7.35 pm.
Friday, August 13: Canterbury v North Harbour, Christchurch, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, August 14: Bay of Plenty v Auckland, TBC, 2.35 pm;
Southland v Counties-Manukau (RS), Invercargill, 5.30 pm; Otago v
Wellington, Dunedin, 7.35 pm
Sunday, August 15: Northland v Manawatu, Whangarei, 2.35 pm'
Waikato v Taranaki, Hamilton, 4.35 pm.

WEEK FOUR

Thursday, August 19: North Harbour v Otago, Albany, 7.35 pm.
Friday, August 20: Taranaki v Bay of Plenty, New Plymouth, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, August 21: Tasman v Canterbury, Nelson, 2.35 pm; Counties
-Manukau v Manawatu, Pukekohe, 5.30 pm; Wellington v Waikato,
Wellington, 7.35 pm.
Sunday, August 22: Auckland v Northland, Auckland, 2.35 pm;
Hawkes Bay v Northland, Napier, 4.35 pm.

WEEK FIVE

Thursday, August 26: Otago v Taranaki, Dunedin, 7.35 pm.
Friday, August 27: Tasman v Southland, Blenheim, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, August 28: Waikato v Counties-Manukau, Hamilton, 2.35
pm; Wellington v Northland, Wellington, 5.30 pm; Canterbury v
Auckland, Christchurch, 7.35 pm.
Sunday, August 29: Manawatu v Hawkes Bay, Palmerston North, 2.35
pm; Bay of Plenty v North Harbour, TBC, 4.35pm.

WEEK SIX

Thursday, Sept 2: Count-Manukau v Tasman, Pukekohe, 7.35 pm.
Friday, Sept 3: Canterbury v Bay of Plenty, Christchurch, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, September 4: Manawatu v Wellington, Palmerston North,
2.35 pm; Northland v Southland, Whangarei, 5.30 pm;
North Harbour v Waikato, Albany, 7.35 pm.
Sunday, September 5: Auckland v Taranaki, Auckland, 2.35 pm;
Otago v Hawkes Bay, Dunedin, 4.35 pm.

WEEK SEVEN:

Thursday, Sept 9: Bay of Plenty v Manawatu, TBC, 7.35 pm.
Friday, Sept 10: Southland v North Harbour (RS), Invercargill, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, September 11: Hawkes Bay v Waikato, Napier, 2.35 pm;
Northland v Canterbury, Whangarei, 4.30 pm; Auckland v Wellington,
Auckland, 6.35 pm.
Sunday, September 12: Tasman v Otago, Nelson, 2.35 pm; Taranaki v
Counties-Manukau, New Plymouth, 4.35 pm.

WEEK EIGHT

Thursday, September 16: Waikato v Southland, Hamilton, 7.35 pm.
Friday, Sept 17: Manawatu v Auckland, Palmerston North, 7.35 pm
Saturday, September 18: Taranaki v Canterbury, New Plymouth,
2.35 pm; Wellington v Hawkes Bay, Wellington, 5.30 pm;
Tasman v North Harbour, Nelson, 7.35 pm.
Sunday, September 19: Otago v Northland, Dunedin, 2.35 pm;
Bay of Plenty v Counties-Manukau, TBC, 4.35 pm

WEEK NINE

Thursday, Sept 23: Southland v Auckland (RS), Invercargill, 7.35 pm.
Friday, September 24: Bay of Plenty v Otago, TBC, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, September 25: Canterbury v Wellington, Christchurch,
2.35 pm; Hawkes Bay v Taranaki, Napier, 5.30 pm; Waikato v Tasman,
Hamilton, 7.35 pm.
Sunday, September 26: North Harbour v Manawatu, Albany, 2.35 pm;
Counties-Manukau v Northland, Pukekohe, 4.35 pm.

WEEK TEN

Thursday, Sept 30: Wellington v Bay of Plenty, Wellington, 7.35 pm.
Friday, October 1: Auckland v Hawkes Bay, Auckland, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, October 2: Northland v Waikato, Whangarei, 2.35 pm;
Otago v Canterbury, Dunedin 5.30 pm; Taranaki v Southland, New
Plymouth, 7.35 pm.
Sun, Oct 3: Counties-Manukau v North Harbour, Pukekohe, 4.35 pm.

WEEK ELEVEN

Thursday, October 7: Hawkes Bay v Northland, Napier, 7.35 pm.
Friday, October 8: Waikato v Otago, Hamilton, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, October 9: Taranaki v Manawatu, New Plymouth, 2.35
pm; Counties-Manukau v Auckland, Pukekohe 5.30 pm; Southland v
Canterbury(RS), Invercargill 7.35 pm.
Sunday, October 10: North Harbour v Wellington, Albany, 2.35 pm;
Tasman v Bay of Plenty, Blenheim, 4.35 pm.

WEEK TWELVE

Thursday, Oct 14: Manawatu v Waikato, Palmerston North, 7.35 pm.
Friday, October 15: Tasman v Northland, Nelson, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, October 16: Bay of Plenty v Southland, TBC, 2.35pm;
Canterbury v Counties-Manukau, Christchurch, 5.30 pm; Wellington v
Taranaki, Wellington, 7.35 pm.
Sunday, October 17: Auckland v Otago, Eden Park, 2.35 pm; Hawkes
Bay v North Harbour, Napier, 4.35pm.

WEEK THIRTEEN

Thursday, October 21: Northland v Bay of Plenty, Whangarei, 7.35 pm.
Friday, October 22: Waikato v Canterbury, Hamilton, 7.35 pm.
Saturday, October 23: North Harbour v Taranaki, Albany, 2.35 pm;
Otago v Manawatu, Dunedin, 5.30 pm; Southland v Wellington (RS),
Invercargill, 7.35 pm.
Sunday, October 24: Auckland v Tasman, Auckland, 2.35 pm;
Counties-Manukau v Hawkes Bay, Pukekohe, 4.35 pm.

SEMIFINALS

October 20 30.

FINAL

November 5.

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Email: johnc@seuro.co.nz. Phone: 09 303 0606. Dress Code; jacket and tie

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N.Z. MAORIS

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See you after the GAME for a DRINK.