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## WELCOME

The 2009 Club season is coming to an end and Marist teams are once again to the fore. Many eyes, right throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand and from all round the Globe are watching the results with interest. The Marist network stretches far and wide as both the name and the people travel throughout the world.

### 2009 Club Champions (4)

Timaru Celtic, Dunedin RFC, White Star OB - Westport and Marist St Pat's - Wellington.

### 2009 Club Championship Runner-ups (2)

Nelson Marist and Wairoa Celtic

### 2009 Club Championship Semifinalists (11)

Greymouth Marist; Ashburton Celtic; Old Boys' Marist - Palmerston North; Old Boys' Marist - Gisborne; Marist North Harbour; Ardmore Marist; Marist St Michael's - Rotorua; Napier Old Boys' Marist; Tukapa - New Plymouth; Wanganui Marist; Te Awamutu Marist

DUNEDIN RFC



TIMARU CELTIC



## Coming Events

36<sup>th</sup> NZM Colts Tour 2009 - 29 Aug to 6 Sept 09

NZM Strategic Workshop - 8 October 09 - Wgtn

14<sup>th</sup> NZM 7's Tournament - 5/6 Feb 2010, Wgtn

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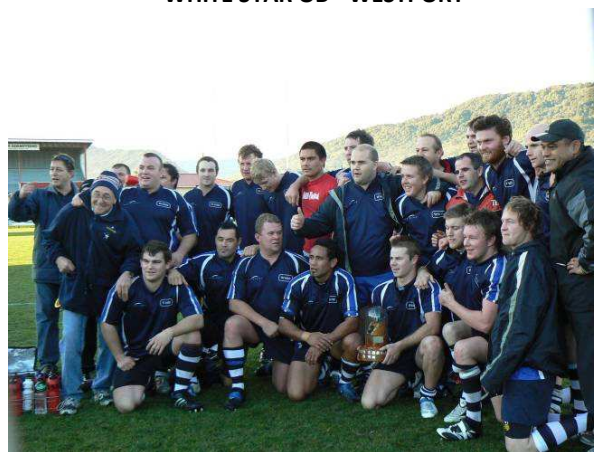
79th Spillane Hastings - 13/14 Mar 2010

Hutt OB Marist Centenary - June 2010

Celtic RFC Hastings 125 yr - October 2010

St Pat's College WLG 125 yr - June 2010

WHITE STAR OB - WESTPORT



MARIST ST PATS - WELLINGTON



Of recent interest has been the naming of the All Blacks and the Junior AB's. Once again the Marist connections are to the fore with four named in the All Blacks and four in the Junior AB's. Two others were not considered due to injury as follows:

**All Blacks**

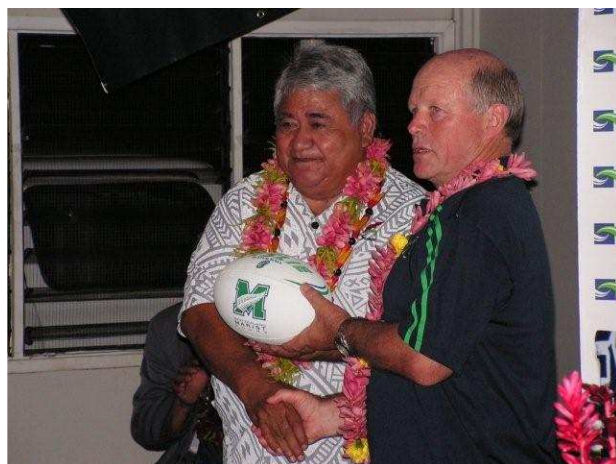
Andrew Hore	Tukapa (New Plymouth)
Tony Woodcock	Marist North Harbour
Isaia Toeava	Marist Brothers OB (Auckland)
Rudi Wulf	Marist North Harbour

**Junior AB's**

Jeremy Thrush	Hutt OB Marist
Hosea Gear	Hutt OB Marist
Victor Vito	Marist St Pat's
Ged Robinson	Marist St Pat's

Those not considered due to injury were Anthony Boric (Marist North Harbour) and Scott Waldron (Tukapa).

Congratulations also go to two former St Bede's College (Christchurch) players in the NZ Under 20 Team, Alex Ryan and Elliot Dixon, contesting the Under 20 World Championship in Japan.

**PRESENTATION TO THE SAMOAN PREMIER**

Samoan Prime Minister the honorable Tuilaepa Lufesolai Sailele Malielegaoi who is Chairman of the Samoa Rugby Union and Patron of the Marist St Joseph's Rugby Club in Apia, is presented with a NZ Marist rugby ball by Tony Meachen on behalf of the NZ Marist Rugby Federation on their recent tour for the NZ Marist 7's.

**DE LA SALLE RESULTS FROM JAPAN**

Sanix World Rugby Youth Invitational Tournament held 26 April - 8 May, 2009

DLS vs Gose Industrial High School (Japan)  
**Wn 37 - 10**

DLS vs Fushimi Technical High School (Japan)  
**Won 27 - 0**

DLS vs Kokugakuin Univ. Kugayama High School (Japan) **Won 40 - 13**

DLS vs Prairiewood High School (Australia)  
Quarter-Final **Won 43 - 12**

DLS vs Higashi Fukoka High School (Japan)  
Semi-Final **Lost 25 - 26**

DLS vs Glenwood High School (South Africa)  
Playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> **Lost 10 - 36**

**Final Placing:** 4th

Link to De La Salle College Newsletter that includes team report:

[http://www.delasalle.school.nz/dox/No\\_%2013%20-%20090512.pdf](http://www.delasalle.school.nz/dox/No_%2013%20-%20090512.pdf)

**NATIONAL U18 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT**

Every season a National U18 Secondary School Tournament is held where four Regional Teams compete for the national title in July. Players must be Under 18 as of 1 January, at secondary school and be eligible to play for New Zealand in order to be considered for selection in the regional teams.

This tournament is viewed as a "viewing platform" for selection of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Representative team each year. This year the following players from Marist affiliated Colleges were selected.

**BLUES REGION**

**De La Salle:** Thomas Kolo, Joseph Tupe.

**Rosmini College:** James Doyle, Gareth Anscombe

**St Peters College:** Bryn Hall, Francis Saili

**Sacred Heart College:** Tino Nemani

Player on stand-by: Nepia Fox-Matamua (St Peters College)

**HURRICANES REGION**

**Francis Douglas College:** Beauden Barrett, Jason Potroz

**St. Pat's Town:** Matt Proctor, Eric Sione.

**St. Pat's Silverstream:** Christian Lloyd, Ope Peleseuma, Tomasi Alosio.

**SOUTHERN SCHOOLS**

**St Bede's College:** Ben Corston, Michael Gardener, Nick Howie, Tyson Kamo, Rhys Lellwyan, James Schrader, Tim Smith, Michael Stewart.

**FLASHBACK – SPILLANE 09 at WANGANUI**

The Netball Ladies Entertain

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## BULLER UNION CLUB SCENE

In the Buller Union there are 6 clubs which provide for players from the Under 6 age group right up to senior level. The senior competition sees a number of trophies up for grabs including the Albion Cup (1st Round), Life Members Trophy (Second Round) and the main trophy for the Buller Club Championship, the Senior Shield. The Buller Senior Club sides also play a combined round with club sides from the West Coast province for the Jubilee Trophy.

White Star OB Results for 2009:

Albion Cup – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Life Members Trophy – 1<sup>st</sup>

Senior Shield – 1<sup>st</sup>

Jubilee Trophy – 1<sup>st</sup>

A great season for the Marist affiliated Club.

## BRISBANE BROTHERS CLUB REVIEW

The Brothers Club in Brisbane are having a good season. In their premier grade (men and women) squads they currently have the following players in representative and national teams:

**Wallabies:** Sean Hardman, David Croft

**Australia U/20:** Andrew Shaw

**Australia 7's:** Anthony Sauer, Damon Murphy, Dominic Shipperley

**Queensland (S14):** Sean Hardman, David Croft, Brendan McKibbin, Anthony Sauer, Andrew Shaw

**Queensland Reds Academy:** Brett Gillespie, Andrew Shaw, Dominic Shipperley

**Queensland (Uncapped):** Liam Shaw, Dallan Murphy, Dominic Shipperley

**Papua New Guinea:** Adrian Dixon, Alistair McLay

**Wallaroos (Women):** Illiseva Batibasaga

**Queensland (Women):** Illiseva Batibasaga, Helena Blair

Their Premier Club team playing in the Queensland wide competition has finished in first place. They are to play the State Cup Final (Brothers vs Easts) on 25 July and the Welsby Cup Final (Brothers vs Gold Coast) on 15 August. We wish them well.

### Brothers Rugby Federation:

The Andrew Pacey Memorial Shield is an annual carnival held between the Brothers Club in Queensland. The clubs from Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Brisbane host the event on a rotational basis. Unfortunately this year's Pacey Shield which was to be hosted by Cairns was not held due to the new QRU State Cup competition.

## BROTHERS BRISBANE DONATES BOOK TO NZ MARIST

The Brothers RFC in Brisbane have donated a copy of their Brothers in Arms (History of the Brothers Brisbane Club) to NZ Marist. The book has been signed by the five former Wallaby Captains that have played for the Club.

### Book launch sparks stories of Brothers rugby union club

It's 104 years since a group of Christian Brothers, over a few strong drinks at the Carlton Club Hotel in Brisbane, resolved to start a rugby club.

Perhaps it is best to borrow the words of one of Brothers' most famous sons, Paul McLean, the great point scoring flyhalf who played in five grand final triumphs for the club, a century of games for Queensland and 31 Tests for the Wallabies, to capture the spirit of Brothers.

"Outside of family, I always thought Brothers was the biggest influence on my life because of all the things that flowed from it," he said. "It was the platform to play rugby for my great opportunities in sport and, with it, a gateway to the world and all the people you meet along the way. "Brothers people are still my mates. Friendships might be stretched by lack of contact for years sometimes but they are never cut off."

McLean, a member of the famous family that produced seven internationals, recently completed a five-year tenure as Australian Rugby Union president. But he will always be a Brothers boy.

John Eales, who was accompanied by his mother Rosa yesterday, said he felt "unworthy" as he officially launched the book.

"I feel unworthy because so many people have contributed more to the club than I have," he said. "I can't overstate what Brothers did for me. I started in 1986 with an under-16 team and joined because my dad Jack taught Brendan Moon at Marist Ashgrove and he went to Brothers." Eales, who achieved legendary status in the game, had completed his second season in the top grade with Brothers when a famous story was spawned.

When Eales arrived for the traditional Mad Monday pub crawl, he was carrying a lunchbox lovingly prepared by mum Rosa. Not surprisingly, the yarn was revived at yesterday's function.

Inter-woven with the rich tapestry of on-field deeds are a multitude of rich anecdotes.



**BROTHERS in arms . . . the Brothers men who have captained the Wallabies, from left, Paul McLean, Rod McCall, Des Connor, John Eales, Tony Shaw. Des Connor played for Marist in Auckland from 1960 to 1966 and represented the All Blacks from 1961 to 1964 playing 15 matches including 12 tests at halfback.**

Over the years there has been triumph, drama, crisis and a smidgen of infamy. In 1988 the Fitzgerald inquiry heard evidence that infamous bagman Jack Herbert used the carpark at Crosby Park as a rendezvous for handing over money to a senior police officer.

Rousing dressing room oratory espoused by former coach Jim Kenny still resonates with ex-players, including former Wallaby prop Chris Handy who recalled game-day gatherings at the coach's home.

"We'd have steak with potatoes dripping with butter. That was the carbo-overload," said Handy. "Our team masseur Vern Honan would give us a haircut and he'd also be let loose to give us a jab with a battery-driven cattle prod." Kenny, a plumber, produced the classic quote aimed at NSW coach Dave Brockhoff: "He couldn't coach a choko vine over a dunny door."

Handy started with Brothers in 1969 and never envisaged where rugby would take him.

"I never realised I was going to have so much fun. It was a journey I wasn't prepared for," he said.

"One of the great pleasures after playing for your state or country was to come back and turn out for Brothers next day. It was expected."

Tony Shaw, the inspirational hardman for Brothers, Queensland and the Wallabies through the 1970s and early '80s, is in his fourth year as president of the club. In the 1982 grand final against University, Shaw sustained a broken jaw and played out the game.

Away from the fire and brimstone of yesteryear, Shaw flips burgers on the barbecue at home games and entertains sponsors.

"I had 15 years away from Brisbane, but I've come back to pay my dues," he said. "It's an amateur club and everyone has to do their bit.

"I'm very proud and honoured to be president of Brothers." As yesterday's gathering dispersed, John Eales had the last word.

"I've lived in Sydney about eight years and the thing I miss most about Brisbane is going down to Brothers and sitting on the hill with blokes you played with, or fellows from other generations.

"It makes me proud to say I'm a Brothers man."

**(Brothers in Arms is available through the club at [www.brothersrugby.com](http://www.brothersrugby.com))**

## **NORTHERN POMPALLIER TOURNAMENT**

Held at the North Harbour Stadium in Albany on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, host Club Marist North Harbour put on a splendid day for the 34 participating Junior teams who represented Whangarei Marist, Auckland Marist, Ardmore Marist and host Marist North Harbour.

The overall winner was the Ardmore Marist Club however the real winners were all that took part in both organizing and participating. This was the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Marist Junior Interclub Rugby Tournament to be held in the Northern Region.

The day got underway with Mass at 7:30am with the first event starting at 9:30am. As well as the U9s to U13s rugby games, the players also competed in a kicking competition and the day ended with sprint and relay races before all points were added up and the team awards given out.

One of the mottos that direct the day is "Fair Play Because We Love Sport". The rugby is played as 10-a-side games and all age groups can either be in either weight restricted divisions or open divisions in each age group.

The 2010 Pompallier is to be hosted by Whangarei Marist in Whangarei.



Great experience playing on the Main North Harbour Stadium Field



The sports races were well supported.



Behind the Scenes the hard work continues.  
Lisa Ridling, Keitha Turner & Eva Rasmussen-Brown

## LOOKING FOR FUNDING

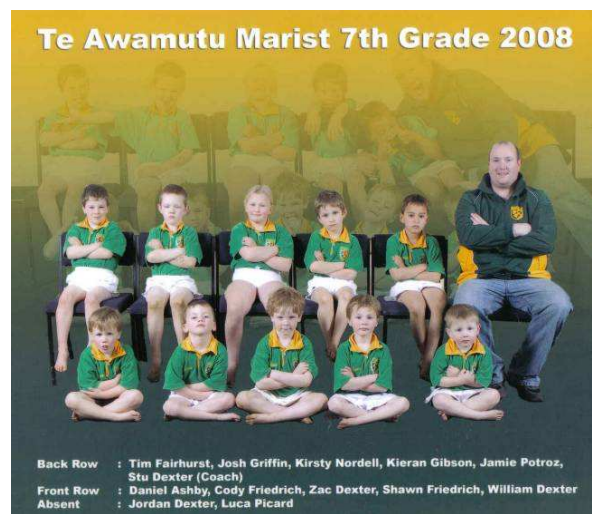
### Good Planning Can Help

The "Funding" page on the Sport Wellington website (<http://www.sportwellington.org.nz/funding-4/>) has been updated with direct links to various websites, and

with advice added on the filling in of gaming trust applications. The pool of money available from Gaming Trusts has dropped 5.3% in the last year to the lowest figure since 2002. This is why it is so important your application includes reference to how the funds you apply for fit in with your club's operational plan.

Does your club have a three year plan? Is it on your website?

## TEAM OF THE PAST HEADING FOR THE FUTURE



Future All Black Front Row? The Dixon Brothers.

## ST PAT'S COLLEGE V KING'S SCHOOL, ENGLAND

King's School from Macclesfield, (just south of Manchester) are undertaking a 17 day trip of NZ and included games against St Bedes, Christchurch and St Pat's, Wellington. A very physical encounter saw King's come away with a 16 to 15 win.

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While King's is over 500 years old and steeped in tradition, rugby was only introduced in 1929 and in 1931 a decision was made that rugby take over from soccer as the School's winter game!

Some of the 'Kiwi Kwickies' in their tour book to bring the players up to speed on New Zealand:

- NZ is the only country which has every climate in the world.
- NZ Kiwi birds are blind, hunt by smell and lay the largest eggs with respect to their body size of any bird.
- NZ has 6000 km of coastline and nowhere is more than 120 km from the coast.
- NZ invented the bungee jumping.
- NZ has won more Olympic gold medals, per capita, than any other country.

They were half way through their tour and had gone unbeaten so far. Two of their teachers had previous links with Marist Schools in NZ.

## AIR NZ CUP SQUADS – MARIST REPRESENTATIVES

**NORTHLAND (Whangarei Marist):** Junior Endolo; Cameron Eyre; Matt Wallis; Dan Goodwin and Damien Fakafanua (Auckland Marist).

**North Harbour (Marist North Harbour):** Mike Reid; Ben Afeaki; Anthony Boric; Tom Chamberlain; Rudi Wulf; with Joe Royal and Tua Saseve to be added. Tony Coughlan with All Blacks

**Auckland (Auckland Marist):** Kurtis Haiu, Peter Saili and Thomas Timani. Isaia Toeava with All Blacks.

**Counties Manukau Steelers (Ardmore Marist):** Cody Martin, Sikeli Nabou, Sherwin Stowers. Also Matt Holloway (Christchurch Marist) and Dean Cummins (Ardmore Marist) Not considered due to injury.

**Waikato (Hamilton Marist):** Kevin O'Neill, Ray Allen, Jack Lam, Josh Sutherland, Trent Renata, Callum Bruce, Roimata Hansell-Pune, Sosene Anesi.

**BAY OF PLENTY (Whakatane Marist):** Clinton Toopi

**HAWKES BAY (Hastings Rugby & Sports):** Matt Egan, Pama Petia. **(Napier OB Marist):** Michael Johnson, Dane Shelford, Matt Berquist, Sam Giddens, Mark Jackman

**TARANAKI (Tukapa):** T. Penn (Captain), L. Corlett, A. Hore, C. Walker, S. Waldrom, J. Cameron, Ed Jenkins.

**MANAWATU (OBM Palmerston North):** Sean O'Connor, Reece Robinson, Lisiate Fa'aoso, Francis Bryant, Johnny Leota.

**WELLINGTON (MSP):** Victor Vito, Ged Robinson, Fa'atonu Fili, Arden Davis-Perrot. **(Hutt OB Marist):** Jeremy Thrush, Hosea Gear

**TASMAN (Nelson Marist):** Tristan Moran, Alex Ainley, Mark Bright, Daniel Crichton, Zane Winslade, Mike Pehi, Afeleki Pelenise

**CANTERBURY (Marist Albion):** Casey Laulala

**OTAGO (Dunedin RFC):** Keith Cameron

**SOUTHLAND (Invercargill Marist):** Seminar Manu, Hua Tamariki.

We wish all these players well and will look out for their performances on the paddock. This means approximately 16% of the total numbers of players named in the 14 teams were from Marist affiliated Clubs.

## DAVID NEAME – GREYMOUTH MARIST



Greymouth's David Neame boasts a senior rugby career 18 years in the making...but like there's no "I" in team, there's no "try" in more than 200 games.

The hulking 37year-old, 104kilo, 1.98m lock forward, has never scored a try in senior A rugby, and as the big fella knocks on 40 he wonders whether this cruel denial is part of the other Big Fella's grand plan?

It's a well-known fact God destined Jeff Wilson to win All Black Test Matches (although he may have looked away there for a second in '94), He destined Keith Quinn to call them, Peter Bush to snap them, and Stu Dickinson to wreck...uh, referee them. Neamey's destiny was confined to the inglorious anonymity of the engine room. Even Five-Star General and US President Dwight Eisenhower needed someone to fix his jeep. Hard yakka was Neamey's vocation as a debutante in 1996 to Grey Marist's semi-final loss and 2009 campaign close.

Greymouth Marist's resident Brains Trust and Old Guard Messrs McMillan, Smith, Fauth, Sullivan, Heveldt and Costello seldom agree on much (in large part the reason why committee meetings go well into extra time). In Neamey, they struck a common chord. Most of them agreed it was most likely his good nature as most responsible for his paltry try tally – too selfless not to give the last pass. One or two said that selflessness extended beyond the corner flag to The Pressbox and not wanting to trouble reporters with the spelling of his name. He's good like that Neamey, generous to a fault.

There's more to Neame than simply a wealth of experience however, he's rubbed shoulders with the best. Selected for the New Zealand Marist Colts tour in 1993, he partnered up to Wellington giant Dion Waller in the second row. Waller has never mentioned Neamey among his most-respected team-mates nor cited him as a mentor, but in keeping with West Coast tradition, silence often speaks louder than words.

Perhaps most extraordinary has been his ability to emerge from such a torrid tenure with a straight nose, teeth intact, and ears un-caulifloured. Whereas West Coast forwards tend more to resemble hunks of petrified carbon hewn from Grey Valley coalmines than their distant cousins the diamond, Neamey remains a devastatingly handsome man. From his trademark pre-match taping ritual, to his inspirational words of wisdom his career is one befitting the "gentlemen's game". This in itself is an oddity, given he's buried more people than Richard Loe, Johan Le Roux and 100 Years of French Rugby put together. David Neame, you see, is also a funeral director.

Neame along with long-time compadre Adam Gilshnan is spearheading the inaugural Marist Maulers Golden Oldies campaign in September this year, holds Club Captain duties in Greymouth, is invariably the first to training (among the last to leave), practises more goal kicking than a bored Dan Carter, and can eat 12 WeetBix in one sitting.

Greymouth Marist recognises David Neame, 37, as a true 'Marist Man' for all of the above. If Chuck Norris played rugby, he'd want to lock the scrum next to this guy.

Luke O'Donnell - Greymouth

## **NZ MARIST COLTS 2009**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August the NZ Marist Colts undertake their lower North Island Tour. An enthusiastic band of young men from throughout NZ and along with a sprinkling of Aussie and Island lads will attempt to make it four unbeaten tours in a row when they take the field.

### **The Tour Itinerary is as follows:**

**AUGUST** - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Assemble in Wellington

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Travel to New Plymouth

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Game One and Team Mass

**Game at Sanders Park v Tukapa Invitational XV. 2pm**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Travel to Wanganui

**SEPTEMBER** - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Game Two

**Game at Kaierau Club v Wanganui Sub Union, 5:30pm**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Travel to Palmerston North

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Game Three

**Game v OBM Palmerston North, 5pm**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Travel to Masterton

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Game Four

**Game v Wairarapa Bush U20's at Memorial park, 1pm**

Heartland Championship Game – Wairarapa V Wanganui

Team Function and awards ceremony

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Team Disperses

As per previous tours, the team will make a number of school visits in all areas they tour.

### **GREYMOUTH MARIST 75<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION** (Some excerpts from the Easter 2009 celebrations)

"1979 Greymouth Marist Premier team were challenged to a game by the Grey Hospital Nurses. The guys agreed to play but said there were only one set of showers so they would have to share. The Nurses called their bluff and played the game much to the team's surprise." As told by Julie Lucus and Lynley McEnroe.

John Sturgeon and wife Mary attended the 75<sup>th</sup> celebrations. John, being a great supporter of NZ Marist Rugby, although not an affiliated 'Marist Man', and due to replace Andy Leslie as NZRFU President, spoke of his younger days playing against an 18 year old Ian McCrea who played for Greymouth Marist before going on to become a famous Hawkes Bay and All Black legend.

Greymouth Marist was a strong rugby club and supported by the catholic community. However a number of former (non catholic) members commented, "I used to play with Marist but didn't pray with them"

Families play a big part of the Coast and just one being the De Goldi's with Mike being a fine publican and his sons Craig and Mark representing the West Coast and NZ Marist 7's with Craig going on to represent the NZRFU 7's on the international scene.

## QUOTABLE RUGBY QUOTES

"Nobody in Rugby should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." - Jono Gibbs – Chiefs

"I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes." - Rodney So'ialo - Hurricanes - on University

"You guys line up alphabetically by height." and "You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle." - Colin Cooper - Hurricanes head coach

Chris Masoe (Hurricanes) on whether he had visited the Pyramids during his visit to Egypt: "I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."

"He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is." - Colin Cooper on Paul Tito

Kevin Senio (Auckland), on Night Rugby vs Day Games "It's basically the same, just darker."

David Nosafora (Auckland) talking about Troy Flavell "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you. Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'David, I don't know and I don't care.'

David Holwell (Hurricanes) when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to reach for 150 or 200 points this season, whichever comes first."

"Andy Ellis - the 21 year old, who turned 22 a few weeks ago"(Murray Mexted)

"Colin has done a bit of mental arithmetic with a calculator." (Ma Nonu)

"He scored that try after only 22 seconds - totally against the run of play." (Murray Mexted)

"We actually got the winning try three minutes from the end but then they scored." (Phil Waugh Warratah)

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body." (Jerry Collins)

"That kick was absolutely unique, except for the one before it which was identical." (Tony Brown)

"I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father." (Tana Umaga)

"Sure there have been injuries and deaths in rugby - but none of them serious." (Doc Mayhew)

"If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again."(Anton Oliver)

"I would not say he (Rico Gear) is the best left winger in the Super 14, but there are none better." (Murray Mexted)

"I never comment on referees and I'm not going to break the habit of a lifetime for that prat." (Ewan McKenzie)

Murray Deaker: "Have you ever thought of writing your autobiography?" Tana Umaga: "On what?"

"Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw."(Murray Mexted)

"Strangely, in slow motion replay, the ball seemed to hang in the air for even longer."(Murray Mexted)



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