

Te Puke Sports & Recreation Club

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Compiled by Rick Hannay Cover image: Nathan Harris, Te Puke Sport's first homegrown All Black



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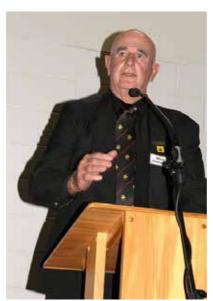


Season 2014

2014 was both an historic and momentous year for the club. Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the formation of United Pirates in 1964 and the commemoration of 103 years as the town's pre-eminent club was central to all activity. The Easter weekend festivities were attended by more than 600 past and present members.







Club Patron Brian Stapleton



Club Captain Kim Hinaki as Master of Ceremony

The Jubilee weekend was an outstanding success. Friday night entertainment included "a walk down the time-tunnel" which was a Bruce Gordon narration of humorous extracts from the club's Minute Books from 1964 onward along with an auction of the centenary jerseys to be worn by the Premier team the following day.

On Saturday evening, with the backdrop of wins by the Development and Premier teams against the old foe Tauranga Sports, a formal function held in the gymnasium was attended by 320 guests. With Club Captain Kim Hinaki, Master of Ceremony, the evening included key speeches by the President and Patron.



Bruce Gordon





The evening continued with the cutting of the Centennial cake by Betty Freeman and the presentation to the Simpson family of a Posthumous Life Membership to Alastair Simpson. The Basham family presented a framed picture of Phil Basham in recognition of Phil having the honour of being awarded the club's first Life Membership in 1959. The book, "A 100 Year History – The Making of a Rugby Club" was launched.

The evening concluded with a spontaneous standing ovation for Deborah and Dennis Keenleyside in recognition of their substantial voluntary contribution to the club.

The reunion weekend resulted in a pleasing \$21,000 profit for the club and was widely acclaimed as an outstanding success.





Above left: Betty Freeman cutting the Centenial Cake. Above top right: Dennis and Deborah Keenleyside. Above middle right: The presentation to the Simpson family of a Posthumous Life Membership to Alastair Simpson. Above bottom right: The Basham family presented a framed picture of Phil Basham in recognition of Phil having the honour of being awarded the club's first Life Membership in 1959.





Adding hugely to the significance of 2014, in February Nathan Harris was selected in the Chiefs squad and then went on to create club history by being selected for the All Black training squad during May.

Te Puke born and breed, Nathan commenced his rugby career with Te Puke Sports and played in all age grades. He reached Premier level in 2011 and by 2013 had played 45 senior games. He was selected for the Bay of Plenty Steamers in 2012 and in the same season was selected for the New Zealand Under 20 side.

His selection as an All Black created club history. Nathan became the first ever club player to be selected for the All Blacks whilst playing for the club.



He played his début game for the All Blacks against Argentina 29 September 2014 at La Plata and was in the starting fifteen against the USA at Chicago on 1 November.

His achievements epitomised all that any rugby club can aspire to; taking a player from JAB grades to senior, provincial, Super 14 and All Black status. Nathan's single minded determination that took him to All Black level has set the highest possible benchmark for the club. He is recorded as All Black number 1135.

Premiers long serving Manager Ross Flexman commented; "Nathan's achievements in reaching higher honours are the results of seeking advice, listening to others along with a lot of hard work and dedication".





The club competition season commenced with the senior team in top form winning against Greerton (28-19) in March, Opotiki (23-13) and Rangataua (25-18) in the first two weeks of April.

Te Puke Tímes 3 Apríl 2014

Te Puke kick season off with win

Te Puke Sports opened this season's Baywide Premier rugby season with a win.

They leapt to a matchwinning 18-0 lead at halftime away to Greerton Marist and then held off a late flourish from the home side to win 24-19.

Steamers winger Elliot Hagan and last year's Tauranga Boys' College pivot Dan Hollinshead enjoyed winning debuts.

Hagan was among the try scorers, along with Dave Whitecliffe-Davies, who dotted down twice, and prop Matt Wallace added one.

Hollinshead kicked two penalties and a conversion. The Development team also played Greerton and won 24-17.

Te Puke Tímes 10 Apríl 2014

Win takes Te Puke to top of rugby table

Te Puke Sports joined Whakarewarewa on the top of the Baywide premier rugby standings, after defeating Opotiki 23-13 at the Murray Salt Stadium on Saturday.

Te Puke opened the scoring with a try after four minutes to 2013 Steamer Elliot Hagen, with David Whitecliffe-Davies crossing for the home team at the halfway mark of the first spell to lead 13-6. Optiki came back with a converted try two minutes from the hal time break, levelling the scores at 13 all.

Te Puke held the visitors scoreless in the second spell with a penalty goal and a second try to Elliot Hagen, taking Te Puke Sports to a 23-13 victory.

Te Puke also won the development sides' tussle, with the final scoreline Te Puke Sports 27 Opotiki 20. Bay of Plenty Times 14 April 2014

Te Puke off to a flying start

Baywide rugby By Peter White

Te Puke Sports know all about peaking at the business end of the club season but are off to a flying start to the Bayfair Baywide premier championship.

They are unbeaten after Saturday's 25-18 win over Rangataua at Te Ariki Field, and with a new-look team from last season are a different proposition from past Te Puke teams for opposition coaches to prepare for. Te Puke are playing in a special commemorative jersey this season to mark six separaté founding clubs. It is 50 years since United Pirates began and 104 years since United Football Club.

Te Puke Sports 25 (Elliot Hagen, Sipa Moimoi, Dan Hollinshead tries; Hollinshead 2 cons. 2 pens) Rangataua 18 (Matt Clutterbuck, Siaosi Iongi tries; Daiyu Ishimori con, pen; Alex Jessop pen). HT: 15-8 Rangataua.







Try Time: Te Puke Sport's Dan Hollinshead pushes over the tryline to score the match-winner against Rangataua

Te Puke Tímes 17 Apríl 2014

Te Puke Sports battle back to keep clean slate

Te Puke Sports had to come from seven points behind against Rangataua, before they retained their unbeaten start to the season on Saturday.

Elliot Hagen crossed for Te Puke Sports in the first spell, with Rangataua's Ross Taurima and Siaosi Longi dotting the ball down, to give the home team a 15-8 lead at halftime. Two second-half tries to Sipa Moimoi and Dan Hollinshead and a penalty and a conversion to Hollinshead gave Te Puke Sports a 22-18 victory.

The Te Puke Sports premier team sits at the top of the Baywide premier standings with Whakarewarewa, both sides having an unbeaten start to the season.

The keenly anticipated and eagerly awaited Jubilee game against Tauranga Sports was watched by a large crowd of locals and visitors. This much heralded Premier encounter played on Easter Saturday 19 April lived up to all expectations with Te Puke Sports proving superior on the day, winning 31-26 to commence the festive weekend in grand style. The team played in the Centennial jerseys and was filmed by Sky Sports Toyota Grassroots rugby.





The development team convincingly won their game against Tauranga Sports 31 - 19.

Coached by Craig Jeffries with assistant Rameka Poihipi who played his 310th Premier game for the club during the season, the team went on to defeat Te Puna 21-15 on April 21st, but suffered a huge loss to Mt Maunganui 53-10 the following weekend.

Hitting formidable form, they proceeded to win their next six games and were first round winners of the Baywide competition.

Six straight wins:

46 - 38	May 3rd
12 - 9	May 10th
21 - 15	May 17th
28 - 6	May 24th
24 - 14	May 31st
22 - 17	June 2nd
	12 - 9 21 - 15 28 - 6 24 - 14

Te Puke Tímes

24 Apríl 2014

Sports on top and unbeaten

By BARRY LEABOURN

Te Puke Sports remain the only unbeaten team in the Baywide Premier rugby title race after the Easter weekend double-headers were played out.

Te Puke Sports took time off from their Jubilee celebrating over 100 years of rugby in Te Puke, to beat defending Baywide titleholders Tauranga Sports in the only premier match played on Easter Saturday.

Tauranga Sports made the early running to lead by nine at the break, before Te Puke Sports rebounded in the second spell to post a hard-fought 31-26 victory.

Te Puke Sports picked up a bonus point courtesy of four tries Trophy) that they took from to David Whitecliffe-Davies. Elliot Hagen, Gideon Uelese and Sipa Moimoi. The visitors returned home with two points from four touchdowns awarded

to Lewis Hancock, Kevin Harris, Phillip Togotogorua and Aifai Esera and a second bonus point for finishing within seven points. Te Puke also retained the Jordan Cup (Western Bay Challenge Rangataua the weekend before.

Just two days later, on Easter Monday. Te Puke backed up in their round five match-up against Te Puna at Maramatanga

Park.

The side from the Western Bay outskirts belied their position near the bottom of the standings to give the Te Puke visitors a real shake before they emerged with a hard-earned 21-15 victory.





Te Puke Times 8 May 2014

Te Puke back on top after scoring spree

By BARRY LEABOURN

Te Puke Sports regained the lead in the Baywide premier title race on Saturday defeating Whakarewarewa 46-38, in a game with 13 tries dotted down.

Te Puke's Dan Hollinshead opened the scoring with a try after just two minutes before the home side replied with two touchdowns at the seven- and 14-minute mark to jump out to a 14-5 lead.

Whakarewarewa led 26-24 at the halfway stage of the encounter, with the two teams then trading tries.

With the clock ticking down, the try tally was six apiece before Te Puke crossed again to post an 8-point victory and deny Whaka a second bonus point. Gideon Uelese grabbed a double for the winners, with Siegfried Fisiihoi also running in two tries for the Rotorua team

Te Puke Tímes 22 May 2014

Te Puke clinch first-round honours

By BARRY LEABOURN

While Te Puke Sports wrapped up the Baywide Premier first-round trophy on Saturday they had to withstand a spirited performance from Rangiuru in the Te Puke local derby at Centennial Park.

Rangiuru, who earned promotion to the premier ranks last season, belied their position at 29-14 win. the bottom of the standings entering the last game of the premier first round, to serve it up to the competition leaders in the first half.

Trailing 5-10 at the break, Te Puke Sports dug deep in the second spell to run in two further touchdowns to clinch a hardfought 21-15 victory.

The Development curtainraiser was an entertaining affair with Te Puke Sports grabbing a

Te Puke Times 15 May 2014

Te Puke retain lead with tough win

minutes of the second half, with Matt Wallis grabbing a second

home team touchdown with 12

a 12-9 victory. With one game

remaining in the first round of

first round trophy - with just

the points ladder, standing in

encounter, to give Te Puke Sports

the Baywide premier title race, Te

Rangiuru, who sit at the bottom of

their way in a Te Puke local derby

at Centennial Park next weekend.

By BARRY LEABOURN

Baywide premier competition front-runners Te Puke Sports continued their run at the top of the standings with a hard-fought minutes remaining in the win against Rotoiti at Murray Salt Stadium on Saturday.

Each side's forward pack produced a intense physical battle, with Rotoiti holding a 3-nil Puke Sports have one hand on the lead at the break courtesy of a penalty goal slotted by Tyson Ripia.

Te Puke halfback Jono Kitto ran in his side's first try after 17

Bay of Plenty Times 26 May 2014

Te Puke bring Greerton back down to earth

Baywide rugby By Peter White

Te Puke Sports stretched their lead at the top of the Bayfair Baywide table after a comprehensive 28-6 victory over Greerton Marist at Murray Salt Stadium on Saturday

Greerton arrived in Te Puke confident they could topple the leaders after a first-ever win over Tauranga last week. They had the gusty wind at their backs in the first half but were unable to make full use of it or the truckload of ball their hardworking pack laid on.





Bay of Plenty Times 26 May 2014

Licence to thrill as Bond sets tone for victory

Baywide rugby By Peter White

Tim Bond is an old-fashioned type of tight forward every coach loves to have. He never puts in less than a 100 per cent performance, whether it is for Te Puke Sports, who he captains with so much pride, or for the Bay of Plenty Steamers. But even by his lofty standards, his performance for Te Puke against Greerton Marist on Saturday was extra good. He dominated the lineouts, was a huge presence in the torrid ruck and mauls throughout the match, and scored the vital opening try of that set the tone for the win.

The winning streak came to a halt against Tauranga Sports with a 26-37 loss.

Regaining the excellent form that had been displayed throughout the season, the team bounced back to win their next two games in June against Te Puna 36-34 and Mt Maunganui 24-18 but were thrashed by Whaka 17-67 in a highly forgettable game on 28th June.

Te Puke Tímes

19 June 2014

Action from Te Puke Sports' homeground win

Te Puke Sports played Te Puna at home on Murray Salt Stadium last Saturday. Both Premiers and the Development teams played Te Puna. Photographer **Anita Le Gallais** was there, following the action in the Premiers game which Te Puke won 36-34.



ALL EYES: Following the flight of the ball against Te Puna last Saturday at Murray Salt Stadium, Te Puke Sports players, from right, Davy Whitecliffe-Devys, Michael Hinaki and Mark Nicolaas.



WRAPPED UP: Jonno Kitto caught in possession with Dan Goodwin in support.



SLIPPING THROUGH: Sipa Moimoi evades a tackler.





Bay of Plenty Times 23 June 2014

Charged-up Te Puke gain revenge

Side retain top spot ahead of their arch rival Mount

Baywide rugby **By Peter White**

motivation against Mount was always going to be intense. Maunganui Sports in the battle of the top two Baywide Bayfair teams at Murray Salt Stadium ing out Mount's final surge to on Saturday.

clash at Blake Park in April by 53-10, which has stuck in Te Puke's craw ever since.

Add in the chance to gain one of the few remaining Bay of Plenty contracts up for grabs,

Te Puke Sports were not short of and this top-of-the-table clash

It went right down to the final whistle, with Te Puke just holdclaim a 24-18 win and retain top Mount won the first round spot on the Bayfair Baywide table.

> Te Puke Sports 24 (Jonno Kitto, Dan Hollinshead, Eru Smith-Wano, Andy Lee tries; Sipa Moimoi 2 cons) Mount Maunganui Sports 18 (Mason Walker, Cayden Matahaere tries; Matahaere con, 2 pens)

Te Puke Tímes 26 June 2014

Te Puke take revenge



JUBILATION: Te Puke's Eru Smith-Wano (left) Mike Hinaki, and Declan Barnett celebrate Smith-Wano's try in their side's 24-18 win over Mount Maunganui on Saturday. PHOTO: ANDREW WARNI

Showing remarkable fortitude and immediately recapturing the form displayed for most of the season, in early July and heading toward the semi-finals, the team avenged their miserable defeat by Whaka by annihilating Rotoiti 68-7 and dispensing of Rangiuru 43-3.

Entering the semi-finals, Te Puke Sports drew Mt Maunganui. In dramatic circumstances the team was defeated 20-35 ending the Jubilee season on a disappointing and very controversial note.

David Whitecliffe-Davies and Luke Perrott achieved their milestone 100 games during the season.

Whilst the rugby season ended in despair, on the credit side, 2014 will be long remembered for the outstanding form and style of rugby played by the senior team and their epic victory against Tauranga Sports on the day of the Jubilee and Centennial celebrations.





Te Puke Tímes 24 July 2014

Hopes shattered by red card call

By PETER WHITE

Te Puke Sports had led the Premiers competition all season but their hopes of adding another Baywide title were shattered early in the match against fourth qualifiers Mount Maugganui Sports.

Flanker Dan O'Rourke was sent off for punching and when he received his marching orders, it tipped the scales firmly in favour of the highly efficient Mount side.

The visitors jumped out to a 19-3 lead by halftime and never looked like losing.

like losing. They were fortunate, however, not to be reduced to 14 players themselves halfway through the opening spell, after a dangerous tackle prevented Te Puke fullback Elliot Hagen from scoring and trijured him out of the game. The sending off of O'Rourke in the 11th mounte will stir censtions:

the 11th minute will stir emotions on both sides long after this season is

over. O'Rourke had made an early mark with two huge tackles and an off-ball scuffle with Mount Maunganui flanker Johan Bardoul, but a more serious exchange between the two was reported by assistant referee Amon Rimene. His advice was a red card for

O'Rourke for punching, although O'Rourke later said he was retaliating to being hit himself. Referee Richard Jensen sent off O'Rourke and essentially Te Puke's

season went with him. Given the intensity and importance of the match, and the fact no player was injured in the fracas, a yellow card would have

traces, a yellow card would have been a much incre sensible option. The decision became an even higger taiking point after 20 milnutes, with Mount Maungarous leading 6-0. Te Puke fullback Elliot Hagen

made a brilliant break from inside his 22 and as he chopped inside the final defender on the Mount 10-metre line, he was knocked to the ground by a swinging arm from Malakai Kisina that hit him across the head. There was no doubt the foul play saved a certain try and it forced a heavily concussed Hagen out of the match a few minutes later. Kisina was given a yellow card for what was a game-changing

offence and there was certainly evidence for a much harsher penalty.

Mount made full use of the wind behind them and the extra man to go to the break 19-3 ahead, thanks to Cayden Matahaere's fine goalkicking and a well-worked try finished off by evergreen centre Zar Lawren

Tawrence. Te Pade showed pienty of their renowned fighting spirit at the start of the second spell but were down to 13 players for 10 minutes after a yellow card for repeated offences defending their line, which made it an impossible task. Flanker David Whitecliffe Dovies scored a try in his 100th game for Te Paike and gutsy winger Declan Barnett and centre-Junior Toffa Va'a also scored for the hore side, but tries to Kisina and Mason Walker meant Mount Matanganti never looked like losing this ore. meant Mount Maunganui never looket like lostag this one. Mount Maunganui 35 (Zar Lawrence, Malaka Kaina, Mason Walker thes, Cayden Mathaere con, 5 pens) Te Puke Sports 20 (David Whiteofife-Davies, Declan Barnett, Junior Tota Va'a tries; Dan Hollimitead con, pen) HT, 19-3.

EYES ON THE PRIZE: Declan Barnett heads for the corner flag despite the attention of three opponents



CENTURION: David Whitecliffe-Davies, playing his 100th game for Te Puke Sports, breaks through the tackling efforts of the Mount oppositio ANITA LE GALLAIS





TRICKY CUSTOMER: Halfback replacement Andy Lee dummies his way upfield.

The Development team won the first round of the competition, ran second in the round robin however lost the semi-final to Greerton 13 -28.







Te Puke Sports & Recreation Club - Premiers Team 2014

Back Row: D.Barnett, L. Keenleyside, E. Smith-Wano, D. O'Rourke, A. Ross, T. Carter, L. Morrice, J. Tofa-Va'a, E. Hag D. Hollinshead, M. Hinaki, C. Savage, J. Smith-Lawson

Middle Row: A. Peat (President), L. Walsh, J. Moore, G. Uelese, E. Apisai, T. Draffin, G. Scheres, R. Parsons, R. Jon R. Flexman (Manager), M. Salt (Life Member)

Front Row: C. Jeffries (Coach), S. Moimoi, A. Lee, M. Wallis, B. Ward, T. Bond (Captain), D. Whitecliffe-Davies (Vice Captain) L. Perrott, D. Goodwin, J. Corbett, R. Poihipi (Assistant Coach)

Absent: N. Harris, J. Kitto, J. Gordan (Aqua Technician), B. Finn (Physio), M. Nicolaas, J. Ormsby



Te Puke Sports & Recreation Club - Premier Development Team 2014

Back Row: N. Rissanen, R. Harwood, E. Takai, T.O. Headifen, B. Ward, E. Oram, C. Mabbett Sowery, K. Craig, T. Draffin, M. Collins, C. Pittman

Middle Row: B. Walsh (Coach), J. Tane, R. Jones, C. Walker, T. Scott, J. Moore, R. Parsons, J. Janson, K. Walker, A. Peat (President), M. Salt (Sponsor)

Front Row: K. Hinaki (Manager), E. Takai, J. Sanson, J. Watton, M. Broughton, A. Wallis (Captain), J. Hawke, L. Keenleyside, S. Tamihana, J. Smith-Lawson, N. Thomas (Coach)

Absent: R. Wallis (Manager), Q. Harris (Technical Ádvisor), K. Utimawa, G. Crowe, R. MacKenzie, D. McCormack, C. Smith

