



# THE RED MACHINE

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## Support MSP in the Jubilee Cup semi-final!

**Marist St Pats will take on Poneke in the semi-finals of the Jubilee Cup on**

**Saturday 2 August, at  
Evans Bay Park  
Kick off at 2.30pm.**

***The team is having a great year - help the Red Machine go all the way by coming along and giving your full support!***



**PREMIER CAPTAIN Dan Scanlon accepts the Andy Leslie Trophy for winning the second round on 26 July.**

## Semi-finals continue a fine tradition

*by John Holden  
MSP chairman*

Congratulations to our premiers on winning a place in the Jubilee Cup semi-finals.

This demonstrates they have the spirit to succeed and the club invites all its supporters to enjoy the achievement and come along to Evans Bay Stadium next Saturday.

This outstanding effort continues a history of which MSP should be very proud. Congratulations to coaches Murray Tocker and Kevin Horan, club captain Bryce Teitjens, captain Ged Robinson and Dan Scanlon and all the team.

Special mention must also be made of the senior one's performance in the Hardham Cup. They came within one win of making the Hardham Cup semi-finals.

Coaches Dave McGuinness, John

Duignan and technical adviser Kevin Horan have done a great job with this team which has an average age of 22 and a constantly changing team list because of demands from the premiers.

Many young players will have gained valuable premier experience which can only assist the club's depth in years to come.

Club coaching coordinator John Duignan says MSP's squad system has worked well in 2008 and has been a key to the team's success. The club's top three teams run as one squad. A common style of play is developed and every week three teams are selected from the squad.

Most would be aware of recent media coverage about the non-availability of NPC players for the Jubilee Cup semis and finals.

MSP has made strong representations to ensure all club players

be available for these important games, which are the showcase of club rugby.

We have been vocal at WRFU Board meetings and have submitted our recommendations on a NZRU proposal that provides for separate NPC and club seasons. This would ensure club players can see out full club rugby competitions.

Congratulations to the MSP players who have been named in the Wellington Lions: Ged Robinson, Brendon Watt, Bernie Upton and Victor Vito. Alex Tulou and Arden David have also been contracted to Taranaki and Bay of Plenty respectively.

It is a tribute to all MSP's players that the premier teams have done so well in recent weeks despite the rep players' absence.

See you at Evans Bay - 2.30pm Saturday afternoon, 2 August!



## Second-round winners

The premiers after their 22-22 draw against Hutt Old Boys Marist on 26 July. The result was enough to secure the Andy Leslie Trophy for winning the second round - although MSP shared equal top points with Petone, they had defeated Petone 20-15 earlier during the round. Fa'atonu Fili was in sparkling form in the HOB Marist match, a brilliant solo run setting up MSP's only try. He also scored all the rest of the points with a conversion, drop goal, and four penalties to bring his season's tally to 217. P.S. Note the earlier 2.30pm kick-off for the semi-final.

## Short cuts

### Young stars

Congratulations to Telea Fa'atau and Liu Taituave who have been selected for the Wellington under-18 reps.

Hooker Liu is a former MSP junior and Rongotai College player who has appeared in quite a few premier games in his first year with the senior club.

Colts fullback Telea is a cousin of Lome and Ene Fa'atau.

Also in the under-18s is St Pats College 1st XV captain Ben Nansett. Ben is the grandson of Mick Nansett who does a lot of work looking after the gym and training grounds.

### Shamrock Club turns 17

The Shamrock Club's annual test dinner on the eve of the All Blacks v South Africa Test was an outstanding

occasion, says Shamrock Club chairman Brian McGuinness.

The 4 July dinner marked the Shamrock Club's 17th anniversary, and Brian says guest speakers Tony Johnson from SkyTV and South African Kobus Wiese were right up with the very best speakers the club has had over the years.

Fifty-six companies now make up the Shamrock Club, MSP's business fundraising arm, providing not only vital sponsorship but also an additional social dimension for MSP.

Brian thanked Alan Woods and his

team for a great job over the whole test weekend as MSP supporters gathered at the Boatshed for pre- and post-test camaraderie.

### Bumper night at clubrooms

Another outstanding occasion at the clubrooms was the visit by members of the St Marys Old Girls netball club to a social function on 19 July.

A packed clubrooms and a near-record bar take was a good reward for the efforts of social committee organisers Richie Renouf and Henry Fidow.

**SUCCESSFUL DEBUT:** MSP's first women's team (right) enjoyed a great debut season, sharing the second-division title with Ories after a 0-0 draw in the final.

Coach Damian Rapira-Davies says the 31-strong squad was well captained by Mere Wilson, daughter of former MSP player Alby Wilson, and showed a 'massive improvement' over the season. The team enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere back at the MSP clubrooms, says Damian, and they are committed to being back in MSP colours next year.

