



THE RED MACHINE

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2006 prizegiving

< After a great season, premier hooker Ged Robinson won the club's Sportsman of the Year Award (full list of prizewinners over the page).

It was a good night for the senior 3 Reds > - Rocky Leofa (left), Sio Tauipu and Poto Masina (right) along with WRFU vice-president (and former MSP lock) Gerard Wilkinson.



FATHER AND SON DUO: Ben Kilkenny picked up the MVP Award for the under-85 A team, while Richard Kilkenny was awarded the Brother Fabian Cup for Outstanding Administrator.

Spillane Cup moves pre-season

The Spillane Cup will be held in early March 2007 in a major change from its traditional Easter timing.

Marist teams first competed for the Spillane in 1926. In recent years many clubs have stopped sending their top sides because of local club commitments at Easter.

The 2007 Spillane Cup will be held in Rotorua on 10 and 11 March. MSP was among the clubs who supported the change, and the tournament will be an important part of the club's pre-season's programme.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with the club's constitution, notice is given that the

36th Annual General Meeting

of the Marist St Pats Rugby Football Club Inc will be held on

Thursday 30 November 2006 at the

MSP Clubrooms, Hataitai Park, commencing at 7.00pm

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Confirmation of minutes of 35th annual general meeting
- Matters arising
- Presentation of annual report and balance sheet, 2005
- Election of officers
- Honorary solicitor
- Honorary auditor
- Subscriptions
- General business

Colleen Upton
SECRETARY

MSP awards and trophies 2006

Sportsman of the Year (Paul Donoghue Trophy)	Ged Robinson
Outstanding Club Member (WM O'Connor Memorial Cup)	Brendan Reidy
Mick Horan Memorial Trophy	Craig Simeon
Outstanding Administrator (Brother Fabian Cup)	Richard Kilkenny
Outstanding Contribution by non-Office Bearing Club Member (John Rennie Memorial Cup)	Tony O'Brien
Special Merit Award	John Duignan
Team Scoring Most Championship Points (William Te Oka Shield)	Under-85 kg Bs
Most Meritorious Snr 2/3 Club Member (Pat Aylett Memorial Cup)	Poto Masina
Most Outstanding Snr 2/3 Club Player (Alan McLean Memorial Cup)	Rocky Leofu
Most Outstanding Age-Grade Player (Reg Parkin Memorial Cup)	Matt Thomas
Most Outstanding Under-85 Player (P.D. Jacobsen Cup)	Simon Gini
Player Scoring Most Tries (Monsignor Heavey Cup)	Julian Tupai
Player Kicking Most Points (St Pats College Old Boys Cup)	Mike Duncan
Most Consistent Tackler (A.C. O'Connor Cup)	Tony Natoli
Most Consistent Trainer (Jack McLellan Cup)	Patrick Sellars

Team awards (outstanding contribution)

Premier	Nick Passi
Senior 1	Jackson Martin
Senior 2	Arnold Politini
Senior 3 Red	Sio Taoipu
Under-85 A	Ben Kilkenny
Under-85 Blues	Mark Houghton
Under-85 B	David Annals
Colts	Glen Noble
Under-19	George Ironside
Presidents	Mark Porter
Sevens	Jon Paul Tocker

OBITUARY

E.B.Meachen 1924-2006

A remarkable involvement in Marist rugby came to end on 4 October when Brian Meachen passed away one week before his 82nd birthday.

A chairman of Marist St Pats from 1985-87, Brian's first administrative role was as club secretary with the old Marist club back in 1947.

Brian had been a fullback in his playing days, and he had followed in the footsteps of his father who had played for Marist in Christchurch.

During the 1940s and 50s he both played and coached, and he continued coaching his sons Tony, Dennis, Michael and Ellis at St Pats Town during the 1960s. In 1967-68, he was vice-president of the Marist club before its merger with St Pats Old Boys in the early 1970s.

Brian moved to Papamoa in the Bay of Plenty during the 1990s, but he always maintained his strong links with Marist St Pats.

The club extends its sympathy to the Meachen family for the loss of a father, grandfather and stalwart of Marist rugby.

AROUND THE TRAPS

Welcome back Bernie

Former MSP premier lock Bernie Upton, who has spent the past few seasons with Bay of Plenty and the Waikato Chiefs, will be back in Wellington playing for the Hurricanes in 2007.

Already back in town, he recently visited his old school, St Pats Silverstream, to talk to school leavers about playing for MSP next year.

The visit was organised by MSP coaching coordinator Ian Snook, who is talking to school leavers at a number of local colleges.

The club is always looking for more players - if you know of anybody coming to Wellington or a school leaver who is thinking about which club to play for, phone Snooky on 387 2316 or 027 353 3063.

Well behaved Blues

The under-85 Blues team was MSP's best behaved side this year, according to Wellington's referees.

After each game during the

season, the refs award points to teams for their conduct. The Blues rated second equal out of all the teams playing club rugby in Wellington.

Baby daughters

Congratulations to premier coach Brendan Reidy and wife Paula on the birth of their little girl, Isabella Anastasia.

Best wishes also to premier manager Bryce Tietjens and Catherine on the birth of their daughter Meg.

MSP jerseys in the Solomons



The jerseys look good - now for some rugby boots...

Rugby players at St Josephs school in the Solomon Islands are the proud wearers of MSP rugby jerseys after the club dispatched a kit to the islands during September.

An SOS for some jerseys came out from Fr Manu, an old boy of St Pats Town. CCO Ian Snook organised the dispatch and they were distributed by Malcolm Lamont to the delight of the players.