

## Colts Win at Spillane Tournament

### Upcoming events:

**Saturday 11 April**  
**Colts Blue v Waikanae**  
**Cobham @ 3pm**

**Saturday 11 April**  
**Colts Red v Stokes Valley**  
**Delaney 2 @ 3pm**

**Saturday 18 April**  
**Last Grading Game**

**Saturday 25 April**  
**First Competition Games**



The colts got their season off to a good start with their first taste of victory at The Spillane tournament this year in Wanganui. Pictured here with The Moran Cup, the players had a great weekend away and enjoyed the company of the winning feeling with The Premiers.

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## New Coaches for Second Colts Team

We welcome Damian Rapira-Davies and Will Black to the coaching team for 2009 to coach the Colts Blue team.

Damian has coached teams at numerous levels for many years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Colts.

We are fielding two Colts teams again this year and still need more players to make for a great season. So make sure you get your mates along and share the passion and joy of the game they play in heaven.

Trainings for both teams will be Monday and Wednesday

for both teams for the remainder of the season at 6pm.

With a committed coaching and management team now in place, we can focus on training, playing, and enjoying the game of Rugby with continued success.

## Fabulous support from new team sponsor **E. N. Ramsbottom Contracting**

A huge thank you goes out to our sponsor for the Colts for the 2009 season - EN Ramsbottom Contracting.

You will recognise their name from the side of their green trucks as you drive past the various road works site around the region.

The Ramsbottom family have kindly supported the 2009 Colts teams generously recognising the need to develop the youth and talent that the club has in it's age grade ranks.

The Ramsbottom family are long and loyal supporters of MSP with the boys all herald-

ing from St Pat's Town playing various levels of rugby.

The assistance and the loyal support from the Ramsbottom family enables us to keep our subs low for the colts, as well as to assist with the expenses incurred with running the team.

## Subs due NOW!

The 2009 players subs for the colts teams has been kept at the same level as 2008 of \$60.

Please get your subs money into Robbie Schneider (manager) this week. Your payment now will keep us off your back asking you every time we see you.

Along with E N Ramsbottom Contracting, we are hoping to have further sponsors to assist us during the season. We will announce these as they come to hand.

Fundraising will start soon which will include raffle tickets for you to sell. The good sponsorship & successful fundraising activities will enable us to produce a more professional look for the teams.

### Team Physio

We are looking to add a physio to our team to help with player injuries. If you know someone who may be interested, please let us know.

In the meantime, we have several avenues we are exploring to find the right person for the 2009 Colts.

We hope to be able to announce a team physio for you soon, and have them start turning up for the games.



Photo: Colts and Premier players stretching and warming down after the first day's victories at the Marist Spillane Tournament in Wanganui 14 March 2009

## New format for Colts draw in 2009

With the changing number of teams in the Colts grade the WRFU has moved to a new format for 2009.

The 16 U21 grade teams will play grading games for the first 3 rounds. The competition will then split in to 2 divisions of 8 teams.

The winner of the 1st round of div 2 will be promoted up to div 1 for the 2nd round replacing the bottom div 1 team.

Semi-finals and finals are played in the 2nd round competitions to determine the trophy winners with the season planned to finish 8 August.

The new draw format gives the opportunity for clubs like MSP with 2 teams to have both teams playing in the top division. While this is an exciting prospect that opportunity will be a real challenge for any club as the competition is looking stronger in 2009 than ever.

### Check it out on the web

Make sure you check out [www.msprugby.co.nz](http://www.msprugby.co.nz) for all the latest club news. The club website is looking great full of up to date and relevant content. We will have more Colts content as the season progresses. If you have any photo's to add to the clubs website please email them through to David Wanden—address on front page.

Another site to add to your favourites is [www.wrfu.co.nz](http://www.wrfu.co.nz) which has all the latest club rugby draws and results for each grade.

### And finally...

Two 80 year old men, Mike and Joe, have been friends all of their lives. When it's clear that Joe is dying, Mike visits him every day. One day Mike says, 'Joe, we both loved rugby all our lives, and we played rugby on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour, when you get to Heaven, somehow, you must let me know if there's rugby there.'

Joe looks up at Mike from his death bed, 'Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you.'

Shortly after that, Joe passes on peacefully. One night at around midnight a couple of weeks later, Mike is awakened by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, 'Mike--Mike...'

'Who is it? Asks Mike sitting up suddenly. 'Who is it?'

'Mike--it's me, Joe.'

'You're not Joe. Joe died a couple of weeks ago.'

'I'm telling you, it's me, Joe,' insists the voice.'

'Joe? is it really you? Where are you?'

'In heaven', replies Joe. 'I

have some really good news and a little bit of bad news.'

'Tell me what the good news is,' says Mike.

Joe says, 'The good news, is that there is rugby in heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here too. Better than that, we're all young again, and even better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. But best of all, we can play rugby all we want, and we never get tired.'

'Oh wow Joe, that's fantastic,' says Mike. 'It's beyond our wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?' You're in the team for Tuesday.