



# BROTHER RED

**Marist St Pats Rugby Football Club  
Under 21 Grade Newsletter**

**1 July 09**

## Breaking out of the second round rut

### Upcoming events:

**Saturday 4 July**  
**Petone—home game**

**Saturday 11 July**  
**Upper Hutt—away**

**Saturday 18 July**  
**Waikanae—away**

**Saturday 25 July**  
**Johnsonville—away**

**Saturday 1 August**  
**Grade Semi— Finals**

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The last couple of weeks have been the toughest weeks of the year for the young Colts by far.

A culmination of injuries, sickness, exams, work & church commitments has led to a number of players being unavailable for trainings and games.

Injuries in the clubs Premier sides has meant that a couple of players have been given the opportunity to play at a higher level. Afa Fa'atau has started at Fullback for the John Daignan coached Prem 2 side the last two weeks, and by all accounts has made a great impact.

Nick Wanden also had a start at halfback playing against the top OBU team at the Basin, but was delivered a huge blow when injuring ankle ligaments, putting him out of action for at least 4

weeks.

While we hope that both return to the Colts team soon, we also understand that they are currently the best players available to play for the club at that level.

The effects of battling against flu and other commitments on players' time has certainly been seen in poor training attendance, which has then reflected in the team's performance on the field.

The last two games, the Colts have had to overcome a 12 point deficit and hold on to the slimmest of margins for a win. Winning by 2 & 3 points respectively in the last two weeks has certainly challenged the players to play under pressure. The good news is that the team rallied in each game to ensure the win.

But with just four games of the round left we need to make drastic improvements to be able to compete in the finals. Our focus is now on developing our game plan to take advantage of our playing strengths and reintroduce the continuity and pace that we showed in the first round.

While the coaches will be introducing new game elements in to trainings, it is now up to the players to step up and show their leadership and commitment.

The extra effort needed now will be the difference between 2009 being an average season to one that you can talk about for the many years to come.

I know one coach would love to tell you about his U21 championship winning season—if you have a spare hour or two.

### Injury rehabilitation — how the club supports

Marist St Pat's understand how expensive it can be getting your injuries treated so it has two deals to help players.

The first is a deal with Habit Physiotherapy & Rehabilita-

tion Clinics where they will not charge fees for MSP sports injuries on ACC. Habit also have a physio available at trainings on Tuesday & Thursday.

The second is deal is where

the club will reimburse financial players for any medical expenses up to \$100. If you have medical expenses from rugby injuries then please present your receipts to Manager Robbie to claim.

## E. N. Ramsbottom Contracting

**Major financial supporter of the Marist St Pat's U21 Team.  
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**Paris Memorial Trophy - U21 Div 1, 1st Round**

Teams	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	For	Against	Bon/Pen	Points
U Hutt	7	7	0	0	215	47	5	33
MSP Red	7	6	1	0	208	90	6	30
OBU Green	7	5	2	0	149	164	2	22
HOBM	7	4	3	0	132	180	3	19
Petone	7	2	5	0	93	111	5	13
Ories	7	2	5	0	130	197	5	13
Poneke	7	1	6	0	117	200	4	8
Norths White	7	1	5	0	110	165	1	5

**For the record**  
**Top point scorers**  
 1st round only—not grading games

**Top Try Scorers**

Ben Tuiatua	9
Afa Fa'atau	5
Nick Wanden	5
Alex Bostrovas	3
<b>Kicking</b>	<b>Points</b>
Jordan Simpson-Heft	38

	Opposition	Date	Result	Player of the day
<b>Grading Games</b>	Poneke	04-Apr	Won 41 - 7	Sloan Mailo
	Stokes Valley	11-Apr	Won 69 - 5	Tovio Apollo
	Norths White	18-Apr	Won 71-42	Richard Tau'Alupe
<b>1st Round - Paris Memorial Trophy</b>	Ories	25-Apr	Won 50 - 14	Chris Moeono
	Poneke	02-May	Won 25 - 21	Jeremy Focas
	Upper Hutt	09-May	Lost 11 - 10	Lucky Tuiatua
	OBU	16-May	Won 46 - 15	Alex Bostrovas
	Norths	23-May	Won 22 - 3	Blake Thompson
	HOBM	30-May	Won 38 - 14	John Muollo
	Petone	06-Jun	Won 17 - 12	Nick Wanden
<b>2nd Round</b>	Ories	13-Jun	Won 31 - 0	Blake Thompson
	OBU	20-Jun	Won 22 - 20	John Muollo
	Ories	27-Jun	Won 9 - 6	Jordan Simpson-Heft

## Remember... Wellington is home of the Ranfurly Shield

The Vodafone Wellington Lions kick-off their 2009 season in early July with Ranfurly Shield defences against Hurricanes region Heartland Championship sides Wairarapa-Bush and Wanganui.

The Lions take the Ranfurly Shield on the road to Masterton on Thursday 2 July and Wanganui on Thursday 9 July, ahead of six scheduled defences at Westpac Stadium during the Air New Zealand Cup between July and October.

These include defences against Otago, Auckland, Canterbury, Southland, Manawatu and North Harbour. The Lions host Otago for the Shield in their Air NZ Cup season opener on Friday 31 July, followed by defences on consecutive Saturday nights against arch-rivals Auckland and Canterbury in weeks four and five.

They then play Southland in week nine, Manawatu in week 10 and North Harbour in week 12 in the last week of the round-robin series which would also be Wellington's 100<sup>th</sup> Ranfurly Shield game.

### 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

### And finally...

**Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.**

**One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him. 'Little Johnny asked, 'Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture ?**

**Back in class the maths teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said,**

**'Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Little Johnny quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'**

**At home Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, mummy?' he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter?' asked Little Johnny. 'Giving up?'**