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2024 SEASON WINDING DOWN

As hard as it is to believe, the Club season is coming to a swift end despite the fact we are in only just in July!

Each of our teams has a different format to complete this season, but it would appear all Club rugby will be over by 27 July 2024. From there, a number of our players will move on to representative fixtures to complete their season.

All supporters are encouraging to get along and support our teams over the final few games and then come back to the Club on Saturday evening.

SENIOR CLOSING NIGHT AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

FRIDAY 9 AUGUST 2024

Doors Open 6pm

Presentations start at 7pm

All Sponsors, Social, Go for Gold and Golden Oldies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A further communication will be sent out prior to the event to confirm who is going to attend.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Well the season is ticking along and so far the weather has played its part.

The juniors were so lucky with the weather for their club day and what a great morning it was. I really enjoy being part of junior club day and what a great team there to organise it. It is a big job but the crew worked so hard to make it successful.

Our teams are heading towards the business end of the season and we wish them well for the playoffs. As of writing our press unfortunately missed the top 8 but can still place as high as 5th if the next few games go their way. The Premier Reserve and Under 85kg sides are looking good and Colts are competing really well but I am not sure how their playoffs are arranged but wish our teams well.

The seasons seem to be finishing real early with end of July the last matches. Our Premier final in 1978 was on the 2nd week in September!

A big thank you to the extra helpers putting gear away after matches .This is really appreciated.

Both Committees will now be finalizing prize giving events which is always a nice way to wind up the season. Then I will sit back and decide if I want to stand as President for the 14th time. Big decision lies ahead

Kia Kaha
Derek Davidson

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PREMIER, PREMIER RESERVE AND COLTS



AN UPDATE FROM OUR RDO

Nearing the end of the season now as we look towards the end of competitions, representative rugby, and the U85kg National tournament.

It has been a yo-yo of a year for the premier team, with some excellent performances recently taking out the top of the table Marist Albion, they are looking to finish the season strong. We also have seen Carisbrooke To'omalatai bring up his 100 games, and three 50-game blazers for Cody Broekhuizen, McGregor Best, and Phil Burleigh - all massive achievements.

Premier Reserves are looking to continue their dominant streak with a couple more pool games before playoffs. The boys have continued to train well and are aiming for that title to promote the team into the Premier Reserve Tahī grade for 2025.

The Colts have had a tough run recently through injury and a couple of close games. They continue to train hard and are playing some great rugby. Being clinical in a few areas and minimizing mistakes will allow them to finish strong when it breaks into the bowl section.

The U85kg grade continue their hot streak in the competition. They had a massive performance against Sydenham, hitting the triple digits, and are continuing to gel well as a group. There are a couple of weeks left following the university break.

As a club, we have registered for the National U85kg tournament. We will find out more information in the coming weeks. This grade will shift from a social grade to Premier, Premier Reserve, Colts, and U85's all be eligible for the games providing they make weight.

With representative rugby slowly starting, there are a few club members to congratulate.

Scott Pawson - Canterbury B Head Coach

Marcel Cummings-Toone - Waitaha Head Coach

Radford Powell - Canterbury U19 Training Squad, Luke Atkinson - Canterbury U19

Training Squad, Tino Leuta - Canterbury U19 Training Squad, Harry Jamieson - Canterbury U19 Training Squad.

With nominations for teams just starting, I'm sure we will get many more players involved in representative rugby this year.

Trent Fleming

THE SEASON SO FAR

COLTS

Colts (Tahi)									
	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bonus	For	Against	Diff	Total
University	10	10	0	0	10	490	125	365	50
Lincoln University	10	9	1	0	8	398	118	280	44
Marist Albion	10	7	3	0	7	317	216	101	35
Sumner	10	7	3	0	7	262	170	92	35
High School Old Boys	10	6	4	0	6	280	201	79	30
Sydenham	10	5	5	0	9	241	180	61	29
Linwood	10	5	5	0	4	281	243	38	24
Shirley	10	3	7	0	6	227	336	-109	18
Burnside	10	3	7	0	3	186	303	-117	15
University	10	3	7	0	3	206	407	-201	15
New Brighton	10	1	9	0	7	188	345	-157	11
Christchurch	10	1	9	0	2	107	539	-432	6

The 2024 season for the New Brighton Premier Colts rugby team continues a real mix of challenges and promise.

Despite the current standings, the team's performance's reflect strong effort and continuing signs of development. Losses to Shirley and Sumner were very close, competitive matches that could have gone either way with a bit more luck and precision. Even in our recent matches against the current top 4 teams we have been extremely competitive (playing and score wise) for the most game, constructing some great tries only for the score to ballon out during small pockets of the game. This level of performance is also evidenced in the high number of bonus points that our team has accumulated during the season.

It is pleasing to witness the squad continue to work hard together on the grass and enjoy each other's company off it. Since our last communication, the team has welcomed the recent addition of Sam, Philip and Chad from the US who are currently attending the Crusader International Rugby Academy.

We have one game remaining in the round robin and have our sights firmly on continuing our development in preparation for the end of season play offs.

Ngā mihi nui

Wayne Robertson

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THE SEASON SO FAR PREMIER RESERVE

	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Byes	Bonus	For	Against	Diff	Total
New Brighton	10	9	1	0	2	8	396	164	232	44
Sydenham	10	7	3	0	2	9	360	189	171	37
Sumner	11	7	4	0	1	9	309	321	-12	37
Belfast	10	5	5	0	2	8	276	245	31	28
Christchurch	10	5	5	0	2	7	229	231	-2	27
University of Canterbury	10	3	7	0	2	4	199	318	-119	16
Ōtautahi	11	0	11	0	1	0	168	469	-301	0

The Premier Reserves side has again kept to its winning ways with good wins over, UC and Belfast over the last few weeks. After our bye week the side sits 7 points clear of Sydenham and Sumner both on 37 points. A bonus point win this week over OT will secure a home semi and also the Minor Premiership for the round robin. This has been a clear goal for the side as we look to regain good momentum going in to the semi finals in a few weeks time.

With good numbers to training and good connection off field, this side is on the right track to bring home a championship for the club and gain promotion to the top section in 2025. The core group of players from the last 2-3 years mixed with youth from last year's Colts side has proven to be a fantastic mix. High standards and work rate is what this group pride themselves in and as a coaching group it fills us with confidence that the side is aiming high.

Up the Puks  

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BLAZER DAY — 8 JUNE 2024



BLAZER RECIPIENT – STEVE BLACKLER

1980-1989 Games 103

1st Five/Fullback

Member of championship winning team in 1984

Named in our Centenary team as a Reserve when announced three years ago



BLAZER RECIPENT - JOHN TE AMO

Games 135

Loose Forward

Captain of 1978 Championship winning team when they beat Linwood 14-12 in final



NOT A BAD LOOSE TRIO!!!

Peter McLaren

John Te Amo

Na Katae

1984 CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING TEAM REUNION



From left to right Wayne Burleigh Terry Mitchell (Coach) Steve Crotty
 Trevor White (Manager) Ian Boyce Greg Lamb
 Kieron Fonotia (son of the late Tony)
 Tyson Keats (son of Trevor) Peter McLaren



From left to right Garth Samuels Phil Holstein Na Katae
 Tony Williamson Ron Vette Steve Blackler

Thanks to Alan Berke for the photos in this newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS BILLY!



After another stellar season as Captain of the Highlanders, we congratulate Billy who has been named as co-Captain for the Maori All Blacks for the tour to Japan.

Billy will be back in Canterbury colours again for the upcoming Bunnings Cup, before he departs with his young family to take up a contract in Japan.

Billy has brought a great deal of pleasure to Club members as we followed his career in New Zealand, and hopefully he has a successful end to his New Zealand career over the coming weeks before departing for Japan.

KIA KAHA

NEW BLAZER CLUB MEMBERS



CODY BROEKHUIZEN
50th game—Sat 15 June
Debut - 2021

McGREGOR BEST
50th game—Sat 22 June
Debut—2020



PHIL BURLEIGH
50th game—Sat 29 June
Debut - 2005

Photographed with his father
Wayne and Brother Matt who
are also Blazer Club members

GOLDEN LIONS UPDATE



Since the last update we've hosted Woodend at Rawhiti on the 9th June. As always, the game was played in great spirits, plus it's always special playing Woodend as our very first hit out ever was at the Woodend tournament. We were heavily criticised at the tournament for having almost an entire team of reserves waiting on the sidelines, how times have changed. It was probably a good thing at the time as by Monday afternoon at least half a dozen had turned up to the Bealey Ave Medical centre seeking attention.

We also had a couple of cameo appearances from Ryan Hooper and Jamie Rangihuna, against Woodend, after some encouragement from Tyson at Blazer Day the night before. We welcome anyone who's keen for a run around to come down for a game to see if they want to join the team.

Our next game is away versus Amuri in Hanmer on the 7th July. There's an advance party heading up early Saturday to play Golf with the next wave due in later that afternoon before a strategy meeting at O'Flynn's Irish pub Saturday night. The balance of the squad will then be heading up for the 1pm Kick-off Sunday.

Then it's a short 3 week turn around before we host Linwood at Rawhiti at 2pm on the 28th July. There's several of the previous New Brighton Golden Lions team that migrated to Linwood when the team disbanded so it's always a game both sides look forward to.

Remaining Games

July 7th	v Amuri - Away
July 28th	v Linwood - Home
August 25th	v Kaiapoi Tournament

Team Captain	Michael Woodrow
Managers	Rob Arnold, Shakey McBeath
Treasurer	Andrew Kelso
Secretary	Darren Reeves-Smith
Water Boy	Corey Dorset



Andrew Kelso

2024 GO FOR GOLD FUNDRAISER

The "Go for Gold" Club remains one of our two major fundraising events each year, and we are keen to continue it again this season.

Thank you to all ticket holders for your continued support of the New Brighton Rugby Football Club.

RESULTS SO FAR

Week One				Week Seven			
1st	\$500	36	David Beaumont	1st	\$200	15	Doug & Cara Stewart
2nd	\$200	128	Tengiz Partnership	2nd	\$100	131	Allan Jackson (Koru Textiles)
3rd	\$100	72	Andrew & Fleur Kelso	3rd	\$100	120	Garth Samuels
4th	\$100	78	Trevor & Ralene White	4th	\$50	140	Jim Faithfull
Week Two				Week Eight			
1st	\$200	72	Andrew & Fleur Kelso	1st	\$500	130	Angela & Shane Simpson
2nd	\$100	67	Steve Muir	2nd	\$200	13	Shireen Spaul
3rd	\$100	79	Bruce & Trish Gibson	3rd	\$100	38	Wayne Turner
4th	\$50	38	Wayne Turner	4th	\$100	83	Tony Claxton & Paul Kendall
Week Three				Week Nine			
1st	\$200	139	Chantelle/Nick McCrostie	1st	\$200	74	Nikos Cummings-Toone
2nd	\$100	41	Nigel & Kate Turner	2nd	\$100	86	Alan Hyett
3rd	\$100	119	Chantelle/Nick McCrostie	3rd	\$100	97	Ching Evans
4th	\$50	63	The Macs Syndicate (Mike & Dave)	4th	\$50	101	Ben Murphy
Week Four				Week Ten			
1st	\$500	91	Mark & Emma Lanyon	1st	\$200	101	Ben Murphy
2nd	\$200	63	The Macs Syndicate (Mike & Dave)	2nd	\$100	87	Andrew Weastell/Glenn Webley
3rd	\$100	72	Andrew & Fleur Kelso	3rd	\$100	55	Chris & Christine Bates
4th	\$100	15	Doug & Cara Stewart	4th	\$50	57	Bruce Lamb
Week Five				Week Eleven			
1st	\$200	127	Bill Barry	1st	\$200	125	Christina Harris
2nd	\$100	9	Aleisha McConnell	2nd	\$100	53	Bill & Mitchell Barry
3rd	\$100	23	Trevor Salt	3rd	\$100	59	Wendy & Brent Harris
4th	\$50	50	Steve Crotty	4th	\$50	19	Ross Workman
Week Six				Week Twelve			
1st	\$200	89	Craig Hubert	1st	\$200	49	Andrew Littlejohn
2nd	\$100	62	Steve Blackler	2nd	\$100	87	Andrew Weastell/Glenn Webley
3rd	\$100	52	Steve Messervy	3rd	\$100	39	Christie Kids
4th	\$50	21	Ron Vette	4th	\$50	89	Craig Hubert