

and defended like tigers for fifty-five of the sixty minutes available. In doing so we almost pulled off the upset of the tournament, however Otago slotted the penalty that counted and deservedly won the game. Half time score 6-4 to us.

We learnt to ruck! — we tackled magnificently, we were like terriers and we didn't quite make the top four! But we sure can look back upon the game with a lot of pride.

Scorers. Try: Chris King; Conversion: Chris King.

Day 3 vs Rongotai College, won 13-4.

They were huge — physically dominant, physically dominating! In the critical stages we were intimidated by the size of our opposition, and took some time to settle on the necessary tackles to beat such opposition. In the end skills and pace won through, but it was not without a battle. Half time, down 4-0.

Scorers. Chris King 2 Tries, 1 Conversion; Byron Foley 1 Field Goal.

vs Kings High School (Dunedin), lost 11-4.

Yet another large, mature side — which made the most of their territorial advantage to be ahead 11-0 at half-time. Our defence had been excellent but unfortunately it wilted under extreme pressure to concede two quick tries just before half-time.

However the commitment and spirit of the side was evident in the second half — our only reward, a fine try to Sean Korau. The pace, pressure and size of the opposition had caught up with us in this game. We gave it our best shot but on the day the better side won.

On reflection, an excellent tournament, an invaluable learning experience for our promising young players and a type and pace of game unavailable to our players locally. We thank our hosts, Otago Boys High School and in particular Ross Brockbank, for a well organised, superbly ran tournament. Our team can look back with a great deal of satisfaction on their performance, both on and off the field. Team members: Captain J. Pape, K. Te Whaiti, O. Coleman, M. Atkin, W. Anderson, J. Howe, R. Mitchell, M. Ball, D. Turnball, D. Mudgeway, S. McGregor, G. Fanin, B. Foley (V.Capt), R. MacLean, R. Port, S. Korau, C. King, C. Smith, N. Thompson, S. McKenzie, T. Hewett. Coaches: Mr. M. Love, Mr. P. Pottinger.

THE CONSEQUENTIALS AND INCONSEQUENTIALS OF THE SEASON

Look at that magnificent publication, *The Game For All New Zealand* — Through the lens of Peter Bush. Read page 20 and see what rugby is in New Zealand — a tabulation. At secondary level here, some of it has gone. It once all existed. View too, the warming photo on p. 143 of the young chap. He has a message. It is to be hoped it is not lost but learned.

Question Time

1. Who went to Oroua Downs when playing Oroua?
2. Name the "woodworkers."
3. Who won the Best and Fairest?
4. How will the Silverstream linesman get through the Pearly Gates?
5. Did the 1st XV have a problem with the last practice at 2pm prior to Silverstream?
6. Which coach lost the most balls?
7. C'mon Kia Toa! Which grade was it? Unbelievable. What does all this mean?
8. Which school accumulated the most lost balls?
9. What is meant by home and away games?
10. How were the Under 16 finances?
11. When is a safety course not a safety course, when it is one but it isn't?
12. Which player got hit on the head by a parent at QEC?
13. Who didn't reach Dunedin?
14. Did the sin bin operate in the Deep South?
15. M.R.U. rep games. Is there a question?
16. Why were there problems leaving the field in the Under 16 final?
17. Which bus company has strong glass doors?
18. Who made the most phone calls and to whom?
19. One C----a. to he who first correctly answers all. [Ladies not eligible to enter this competition]. A.R.R.

RUGBY WORLD TOUR

1ST XV RUGBY TOUR

December 1988 — JANUARY 1989

WEEK ONE December 4-11

Departed Palmerston North for Auckland and a 17hr stopover in Honolulu (including tour of Ohau). Arrived in San Francisco at 12.00am Monday 5 December and transferred to Palo Alto to be billeted by a group of local families organised by Mary Jean Place. A grand effort considering the lack of contact with PNBHS and with the game of rugby and with only 3 days notice!

Visits to Stanford University, Fishermans Wharf, Golden Gate Park and Exploratorium.

Wednesday 7 — GAME vs Northern California High School Reps at the Polo Field Golden Gate Park. Clear calm conditions.

Mathew Sexton 2 tries, Nikora Lewis 1 try, Heath Findlay 2 tries, 2 conversions and 3 penalties.

Half time score 20-3. Final score WON 33-3. A sound start, but the game may not have begun because of local rulings on accepted sprig types (with international kite mark).

Andrew Cross 5 stitches in ear (\$US98.00!), Chris Alexander pulled a hamstring at practice (not to play again until Canada).

Departed the next day (8th) for Heathrow and Sevenoaks School (Kent). An uneventful flight (on the same plane that was bombed over Scotland 2 weeks later!) Met by an enthusiastic Mike Williams.

Saturday 10 — Training run at Sevenoaks school before attending second half of London Welsh vs Cardiff. (Bus driver lost his way).

WEEK TWO December 12-19

Following training travelled to London for Reception at New Zealand House with High Commissioner. A quick stroll through Piccadilly being the first taste of London at Christmas time.

Tuesday 13 — GAME vs Sevenoaks School at Solefields Sevenoaks, a sloping ground, mist covered and light failing. Inability to adapt to local power scrummaging rules costly. The third time the two teams had played and first win for Sevenoaks. Half time 0-7. Final score LOSS 0-10.

James Doughty received severe bruising to thigh (misses next 4 games).

Formal dinner and presentations capped off an enjoyable stay in the "Stockbroker Belt".

Wednesday 14 — travelled to Eton to be hosted by Mr Cameron Rose (ex PNBHS) and his ever willing assistant Claude. The following day after a visit to the Eton doctor (Mathew Sexton — flu, Anthony Stephenson — virus, Chris Alexander — hamstring) a quickly reshuffled team and growing band of supporters set off for Harrow on the Hill and Roger Uttley's XV.

Thursday 15 — GAME vs Harrow — Harrow number one (of eight). A large forward pack (with SA leader). Half time 10-0. Final score Won 18-0.

Brett Harris 1 try, Nikora Lewis 2 tries, Hylton Bayliss 1 try, Heath Findlay 1 conversion.

Friday 16 — LONDON DAY — train to Slough and then to Paddington — met by David Hoskin who assisted with guiding the team around the sights. All accounted for by 6p.m. and with leather jackets donned a very tired group returned to the sanctuary of the rooms of Rose.

Saturday 17 — Training and then walked to Windsor Castle followed by a look through the rooms of Eton, complete with cinema showing of the life of Eton (a C Rose production).

Sunday 18 — Departed Eton for Champion College (John Davies) Hornchurch. Trained the following morning before heading to Cambridge for guided tours of the town's educational Halls and Colleges. Returned via Duxford airbase — inspected a great range of aircraft including B52 and Concorde — Flight simulator a real thrill.

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Harrow overcome by visitors' aggression

By Mick Cleary

Harrow School..... 0
Palmerston North HS.. 18

The New Zealand boys had suffered the worst before this in their seven-week tour, against venoaks on Tuesday, they had lost miserably in the first game and lost 10-0. But despite a row failed to prevent a narrow victory.

concerted by the New Zealanders' aggression. All too soon they were knocked over by a powerful tackle. Palmerston North's early try was a powerful blow.

NZ boys win

Jutes tackle top-rated Kiwi XV

Coach Bruce Howe of the Victoria Vikings has more than passing interest but he feels that fans in Victoria should be treated when visiting Palmerston North. The unbeaten UVic Jutes Thursday afternoon exhibition match kicking off at 3 p.m. at Centennial Stadium.

Firstly, Palmerston North — just north of Wellington, the capital of New Zealand's North Island. Howe's old high school graduate and was a Palmerston North player.

Tough tourists tame St Cyres

St Cyres First XV 0 pts.
Palmerston North HS, NZ 17

Tactical ploy pays off for touring side

WEEK THREE December 20-27

Tuesday 20 — GAME vs Campion College (another return fixture). Fine clear conditions (and throats having sung and entertained at Christmas Carol Service). Highlighted by Heath Finlay's 100% kicking performance and a powerful second half. Final score Won 33-15.

D. Parsons, A. Cross, A. Stephenson, F. Saua — tries, Heath Finlay 4 conversions and 3 penalties.

Wednesday 21 — Trained at Campion, coached form 2 boys in interclub final (with no kicking rule) and played an impromptu Sevens Game against form 5 team.

Departed for Quorn Hall (a Leicestershire Residential Hall for Educational Groups).

Thursday 22 — GAME vs Leicestershire Secondary Schools at Wyggeston School Leicester. A brisk easterly blowing otherwise firm footing.

Forwards dominated second half. Half time score 6-6. Final score Won 25-6.

Andrew Wells and Hugh Lintott — tries, Andrew Cross 2 tries, Heath Findlay 3 conversions and 1 penalty.

Returned to Quorn after post match presentations.

Friday 23 — Left mid-morning for Rugby School to train on the historic pitch. An enthusiastic practice finished with a game of soccer and John Pothan (who had won the sweepstake) "picking the ball up and running with it". A quick shower and the lads found themselves in the Gilbert Rugby Ball factory and museum in Rugby itself.

Transferred to the Holiday Inn, Leicester on Christmas Eve.

Christmas dinner at the de Montfort Hotel, Kenilworth (south of Coventry) and returned to Leicester.

Boxing Day most of the team travelled to Moseley to be guests of Moseley RFU for their local derby with Coventry.

A 'gut-buster' run at Wyggeston School saw the results of over indulgence in Christmas pudding.

Tuesday 27 — Morning shopping in Christmas sales before travelling north to Kirkham for a warm northern welcome from Brian Gornall and assistants.

WEEK FOUR December 28 - January 3

Wednesday 28 — Trained at Grasshoppers RFC (with traditional team Bath) before heading south to Liverpool for the day with Scouse speaking guide Paul Smith. First stop Anfield Road via Aintree. Following some active negotiations and persuasion the group found themselves beside the famous Liverpool pitch, thanking our now enthusiastic guide with a team Haka! Lunch at the rejuvenated Liverpool docks then onto the Cavern (of Beatles fame).

Thursday 29 — GAME vs Kirkham Grammar School on school grounds. Fine crisp conditions — sloping ground, corner to corner. Half time score 4-0. Final score Won 12-0.

Troy Kimpton, Andrew Cross, Anthony Stephenson — tries.

Formal after match dinner (all videoed for archives!)

Friday 30 — Trained at Kirkham then bused to the Lake District. Ended up at Gretna Green — Scotland. (Brian the bus driver couldn't resist the temptation!)

New Year's Eve — Left Kirkham (Brett Harris having early morning physio in Blackpool) travelling to Shrewsbury.

Stop off at Widnes RLC to meet Emosi Koloto and watch the team prepare for St Helen's game. Widnes very helpful providing physio for Chris Alexander and photo opportunities with Kurt Sorenson and Doug Laughton (coach). Following day travelled to Penarth (Wales). With passports at the ready the group waited dutifully for inspection at a border garage before continuing south. Met by John Huw Williams (WELSH secondary school's coach) and dispersed.

Tuesday 3 — GAME vs St Cyres Comprehensive School (named British Isles team of the month). An early morning game with a large crowd. St Cyres having lost only once in last two and a half years. Half time score 11-0. Final score won 17-0. A thoroughly deserved result from a committed team, the best tour performance.

Nikora Lewis, Dean Austin — tries, Heath Finlay 1 try, 1 penalty, 1 conversion.

Dean Parsons in Cardiff hospital with concussion. A severe blood disorder leaving a number with unsightly sores. An enjoyable visit at a difficult time of year.

WEEK FIVE January 4-10

Wednesday 4 — Travelled to Ynysawdre ("In-us-our-dree") to be met by John Lloyd (ex Welsh captain). Our boys whisked away to the Ponty Cymmer Vale.

Thursday 5 — GAME vs Ynysawdre Comprehensive School. The skies opened (first day of rain) and continued all day. Despite the atrocious conditions a large crowd and the BBC turned out to see the local side win 7-6 in the closing minutes. A powerful forward pack matching every PNBHS initiative. Half time score 0-0. Final score Loss 6-7.

Anthony Stephenson 1 try, Heath Finlay 1 conversion. John Pothan in Ynysawdre Hospital with concussion, Hylton Bayliss checked for shoulder injury.

After match function in Ponty Cymmer RFC a traditional Welsh thank you.

Friday 6 — Visit to Welsh National Museum (a living museum) and on to Cardiff for the afternoon. Guided tour of Cardiff Arms Park including Dean's corner and Hayden's touch line.

Saturday 7 — Travelled to Maestag and dispersed for lunch before reassembling with hosts to travel to Bridgend to be guests of Bridgend RFC for their first division fixture against Newport.

A disco that evening at Nanty RFC (Di Arthur). Trained Sunday morning in readiness for last game in British Isles — a night game.

Monday 9 — GAME vs Maestag under 19 reps. Under floodlights in front of a large crowd including supporters from three previous games. Half time score 12-0. Final score Won 20-4.

Nikora Lewis, Andrew Cross, Tony Moore, Hylton Bayliss — tries, Heath Finlay — 2 conversions.

Following the evenings functions and a fond farewell the group left Maestag thankful for their Welsh experience.

The evening's drive to Heathrow (5 hrs), nine hour wait in the terminal and 20 hours travelling finally ended at the Century Plaza Hotel Vancouver and a recent snowfall.



1st XV haka against Kirkham Grammar School.

WEEK SIX January 11-17

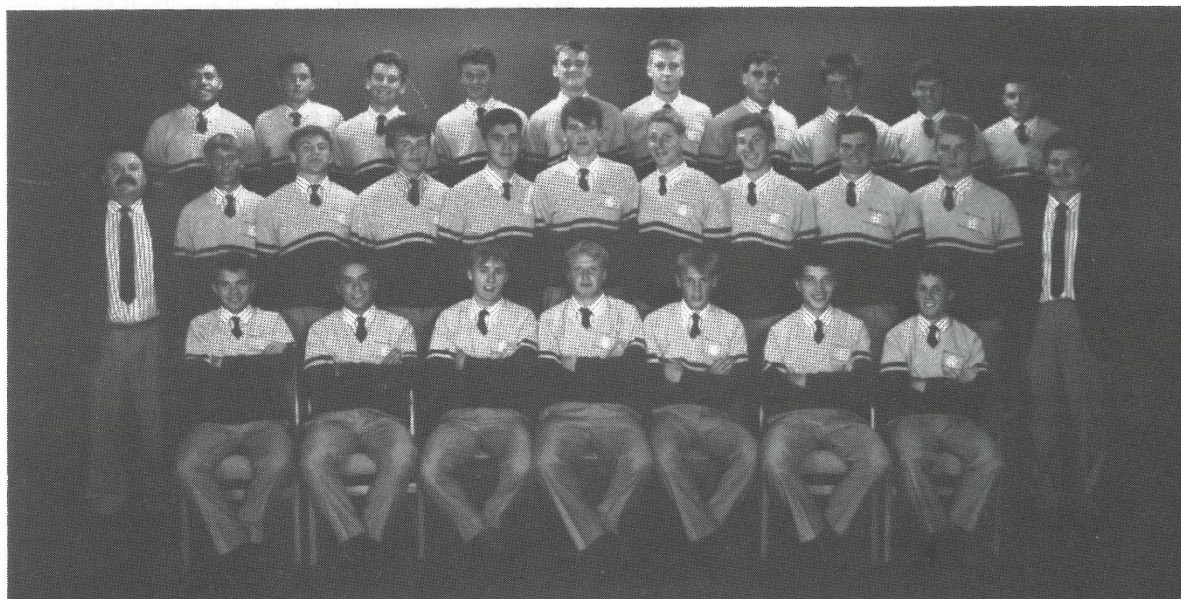
Wednesday 11 — Transferred to University of Victoria (Vancouver Island). Hosted by University Rugby Club, a well-oiled machine with Bruce Howe at the helm.

Thursday 12 — GAME vs University of Victoria Under 19's — undefeated in two years. Perfect conditions. A poor showing, but a game that could/should have been won. Half time score 4-15. Final score Loss 7-22.

James Doughty 1 penalty, Mathew Sexton 1 try.

Friday 13 — Returned to Vancouver to be hosted by Lord Bing/Spencer McTavish (Canadian World Cup VC). Visits to Ice Hockey and night Skiing.

Sunday 15 — GAME vs University of British Columbia Under 19's at Jericoe Park overlooking harbour. Cool snow clad surrounds. A festival atmosphere. Half time score 12-0.

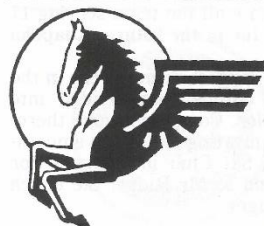


RUGBY WORLD TOUR TEAM

Back Row (Left to Right): F. Saua, T. Attenborough, R. Howe, B. Harris, J. Doughty, K. Eglinton, A. Cross, D. Austin, A. Wells, T. Kimpton.

Middle Row: Mr J. Adams (Coach), B. Norwood, H. Lintott, C. Anderson, D. Cameron, M. Evans, D. Parsons, B. Davey, K. Woolford, J. Pothan, Mr R. Brown (Manager).

Front Row: M. Sexton, N. Lewis, C. Alexander, H. Bayliss (Captain), A. Stephenson, D. McKay, B. Quigan.
Absent: T. Moore, H. Finlay.



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v Kirkham Grammar School.

Final score Won 36-0.

Duncan McKay 2 tries, Anthony Stephenson 2 tries, Michael Evans, Troy Kimpton — tries, Heath Finlay 1 try, 2 conversions.

Spencer had caught and barbecued two salmon that fed both teams and supporters. Only one other has managed to feed such a large hungry throng with so few fish!

A marvellous way to finish the final game.

Monday 16 — Flew expectantly to Los Angeles and Disneyland for a day visit on 17th — a quiet time for Disneyland but busy day for the group.

WEEK SEVEN January 18-23

Flew to Honolulu via San Francisco for three days rest and recreation in and around Waikiki.

Departed Honolulu (on United 811) at 1.30am on 22nd arrived Auckland (a 9 hr stop over!) on 23rd January.

An emotional reception at Palmerston North airport welcomed the party 49 days after an equally emotional departure.

Tours such as this don't just happen. They require considerable planning and even more enthusiastic, co-ordinated support. The tour administration wish to thank the parents, school and greater Palmerston North community for providing these young men the chance to broaden their horizons and develop their social and sporting skills —

"Life is not a Rehearsal".

SUMMARY

Played 11, won 8, lost 3.

Points for 207, against 67.

Top try scorer — Nikora Lewis — 5.

Top points scorer — Heath Finlay — 72.

Best Performances — Heath Finlay vs Champion — 100% kicking. Hylton Bayliss vs St Cyres.

Best in Defence — Brent Quigan.

Best Tries — Mathew Sexton vs University of Victoria.

Nikora Lewis (+ Hylton Bayliss) vs St Cyres.

Best on Attack — Brett Harris.

Most Improved Back — Nikora Lewis.

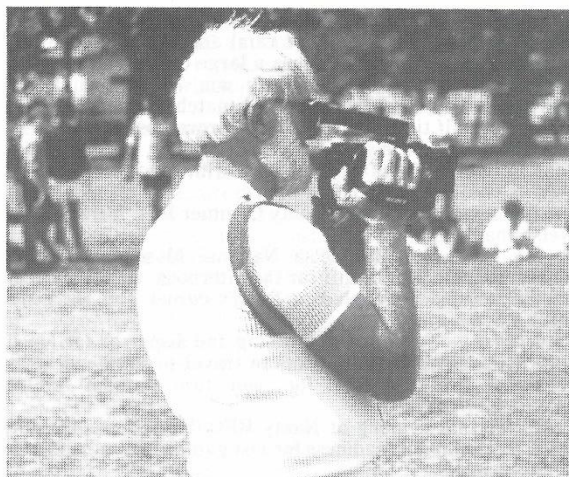
Most Improved Forward — Dean Parsons.

COACH: Mr J. G. Adams

MANAGER: Mr R. Brown



SKI TEAM (Left to Right): David Macrae, Thomas Jones, James Broadbent, Derek Roberts, Craig Yates.



SKIING

Teacher-in-charge: Mr J. Ridge

The 1989 North Island Secondary School Ski Competition was held at Turoa Skifields on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 September. The event was originally planned for 3 days to leave a spare day (Wednesday) in case of bad weather, but as it turned out we didn't need the extra day.

On Monday a timed slalom race was held. The senior men's course was approximately 200 metres long with about 20 gates. Times ranged from Ben Tidswell's 25.89s to over 50s. Most times however in the 30-45 second range. The weather was variable, with visibility changing even between runs, so chance played a part, and the fact that no re-runs were allowed in the event of a fall meant that many big names ended up well down the field. Unfortunately our chances were sunk when two team members fell on the course and thus had slow times.

Points were awarded on a 1-20 scale on the basis of these times (fastest gaining 20, average 10 and slowest 1). Times and points after the first day's racing were —

Senior course: James Broadbent 31.88 (32nd), 16pts; Thomas Jones 38.07 (120th), 11; Craig Yates 33.54 (56th), 14; Derek Roberts 53.18 (150th), 8.

Junior course: David Macrae 22.91 (24th) 16pts. (Out of 165 senior competitors, and 121 juniors).

On Tuesday a non-timed dual slalom course was set up. Here, two parallel courses about 100 metres long, one red the other blue, follow each other turn for turn to the finish gate. Competitors start simultaneously, one on each course, and the winner is the first racer to the finish gate.

The competitors were paired off according to their times from the first day, i.e. 1st raced 2nd, 3rd raced 4th, 37th raced 38th and so on. The order was reversed so that to the slowest pair raced off first, building up to the clash between the two fastest. In every race, the winner had a point added to his score from Monday, and the loser had one point subtracted. With a difference of two points riding on the result the competition was fierce, and crowds lined the course, cheering on their team-mates.

Apart from David Macrae (who tragically fell on the last gate) all the PNBHS team members won their races, with a good run by Astie Williamson, the team reserve standing in for Craig Yates who had twisted his knee.

Final points therefore totalled 59 (best 4) and PNBHS came 35th out of 106 schools — not our best result in recent years (cf 6th in 1988), but respectable nevertheless. Since it is a team competition, in order for a team to do well its members must score consistently i.e. all the team scoring 17 or more, and this is what to aim for in the future. Ruapehu College won with 78 points.

This event is claimed to be the largest skiing event in the Southern Hemisphere with 530 competitors divided into male and female, senior and junior. Congratulations therefore to Ruapehu College for organising the event smoothly. Our thanks go to Rangitikei Ski Club in Ohakune for providing the accommodation, and to Mr Ridge, the coach and Dr Broadbent the team manager.