

## EdRugby Junior Reporter covers Brisbane

How many 16 year old kids do you know who have had the opportunity to spend the day with the Wallabies? I certainly didn't think my name would ever be included on that exclusive list, but after my wonderful experience on Thursday 3rd of September, I'm extremely happy to say that it is!

### New EdRugby Reporter



Charters Towers Bulls Under 16 player Tom Vinson with Berrick Barnes on assignment in Brisbane

On Wednesday the 2nd of September I flew from Townsville to Brisbane with my Dad, to take part in the EdRugby Junior Reporter competition, which would take place the next day. Dad and I walked to the Sofitel Hotel to start off the day, for our meeting with Tessa Pentony and Matt McLraith from ARU, who I would be spending the day with. After Dad and I got the run down on the day's proceedings, Matt took me upstairs to have breakfast with the Wallabies. Getting the opportunity to sit down with the boys and have a chat was a great way to kick off my day with this team.

Next on the agenda for the day was training. As the team headed for their bus, I went with the team's medical staff in a separate car. Our next stop; Ballymore, home of Queensland Rugby. When we arrived, the team went into the dressing room and got ready for training. Whilst the boys were putting on their boots, Coach Robbie Deans prepared them with the aim of the day's session and a recap of the plan for Saturday's game. With his words still ringing in their ears, the boys took to the paddock. I sat with Matt and experienced their training from the sideline. What a sight!

As I was sitting with Matt, he spoke to me about his career in the media. His public relations jobs with the All Blacks and, after their defeat at the World Cup, the Wallabies. Photographers and journalists started to come in and sit in the stands, all awaiting their chance for the next big scoop. As the field session was nearing its end, I was asked if I wanted to go out and stand behind the goal posts and retrieve the balls as Matt Giteau, Berrick Barnes and James O'Connor all practiced their goal kicking. I grasped the opportunity and was quick to jump off my seat and give them a hand.

After a good stint out on the field, the team was called in for their gym session. Before going, players were asked for interviews and photos and they were all happy to oblige. This saw the end to the training part of my day.

When the team arrived back at the hotel, it was time for lunch. Matt and I sat with the team and talked about what was happening for the rest of the afternoon. I was to go with Berrick Barnes and Lachie Turner, to meet Tessa at Villanova College for a school based fan day. The boys were up on stage and were being asked questions about various topics related to their Wallaby careers. With some interesting questions and some even more interesting answers, the boys were doing really well. After the questions, it was photo time, but before this could happen, Berrick was in desperate need of a toilet break. As he left, Lachie approached me with his wallet and phone and said to me with a devilish smile on his face, "Hold these for Berrick and we'll see if he notices that he has lost them!"

I agreed to the plan and after all the photos were finished, Berrick started to panic. Lachie gave him absolutely nothing in his search for his belongings. After five minutes of searching Berrick looked at me and I couldn't hold it in any longer. All the children had gone, but the people that remained were all laughing.

After having a bit of fun, it was back to the hotel for the final part of my experience.

I met up with Matt again, and we went and sat in on a small press conference with Berrick. Questions about his fitness, the game, the coach and his move to the Waratahs were all asked. After being involved in my first press conference it was time for me to say my goodbyes. I thanked Matt for his time with me that day and got a few quick photos with some of the boys. My day with the Wallabies had now come to an end. I was extremely pleased with everything that took place in the day and would like to thank everyone who was involved in making my experience very worthwhile.

A special thank you also needs to go to Michael McCarthy, who signed off on my nomination form on behalf of my school, Columba Catholic College.

Tom Vinson



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# Townsville and District Rugby Union Scoreboard

Saturday, 5 September 2009

**Club Championships**  
**Senior Club Championship**  
Teachers West

**Junior Club Championship**  
Brothers

**Minor Premierships**

**A Grade**  
Brothers

**Reserve Grade**  
University

**Under 19**  
Teachers West

**Under 17**  
Grammar School

**Under 16**  
Charters Towers

**Under 15**  
Grammar School

**Under 14**  
Brothers

**Under 13**  
Brothers

**Under 12**  
Western Devils

**Under 10**  
North Ward

## Preliminary Finals

### A Grade

**University 22** (A Matalau 1t, I Tuibuca 1t, A Ross 1t, G Adcock 2c 1p)  
defeated **Brothers 10** (M Douglas 2t) 1t, T Johnston 1c)

### Reserve Grade

**Brothers 24** (M Whitten 1t, P Day 1t, I Bowrey 1t, R Dowd 3c 1p)  
defeated **University 7** (H Conroy 1t, T Robertson 1c)

### Under 19

**Teachers West 17** (A Neilsen 1t, J Thompson 1t, J Savu 1t, H Payne 1c)  
defeated **North Ward Old Boys 12** (M Carty 1t, N Qicatabua)



## The President's Message

Congratulations to all the teams who have qualified for Grand Finals this week-end. The strength of our competition structure is evidenced by the fact that there are nine different clubs represented across 10 grade competitions this year.

The TDRU intends to continue to develop the local competition in both junior and senior grades next season; however, the well-publicised financial constraints of the QRU suggest 2010 will be a challenging year.

Our Grand Final week-end marks the end of the 2009 Club Rugby season. On behalf of the Committee, I thank the players, referees, sponsors, managers and coaches, club administrators, parents, volunteers and supporters for their involvement in the game of Rugby in the Townsville regional area.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe "off season" and look forward to receiving your continued support and participation in 2010.

Dan Morton  
President TDRU



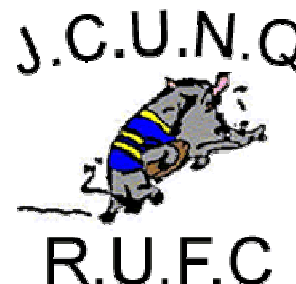
## Changes to the Junior Club Championship

There has been a change to the winner of the Junior Club Championship. Brothers club has been awarded the Championship after an error was discovered on a team sheet from the final round in the Under 13 competition. The resulting reversal generated an eight point turnaround and which put Brothers club in front of Grammar School.

# Townsville and District Rugby Union

## Preliminary Final

Kick off at 5:15 PM



<b>Teachers West</b>	verses	<b>University</b>
Maroon and Blue		Blue and Gold
Chris Barlow	1	Samuela Newa
Sakio Pakome	2	Ken Hogarth
Rikki Abraham	3	Apaitia Matalau
Farand Thompson	4	Richard Hardy
Andrew Donkin	5	Mitchell Sharrock
Marty Hampton	6	Elliot Field
Joel Shiells	7	Tom Williams
Leo Pakome	8	Iliesa Takelo
Shane Shepherd	9	David Sexton
Aka Tuala	10	Viliame Tuinona
Anthony Boyle	11	David Morris
Ashley Saltner	12	Terry Poole
Shaun Barclay	13	Glen Adcock
Robbie Newman	14	Andrew Ross
Brendon Bowring	15	Kurt Vella
Brendan Hume	16	Dave Brearley
Nathan Huppatz	17	Damien Spann
Barry Neilsen	18	Jacob Watson
Grant Stallard	19	Hadlee Conroy
Daniel Davis	20	Danny Van der Laan
Francis Saqato	21	Kitione Saukuru
Henry Payne	22	Michael Dalton
Pita Thompson	Coach	Apenisa Rabai
Steve Erikson	Assistant Coach	
Wayne Reaston	Manager	Jeremy Moffat
Steve Jones	Assistant Manager	

Referee: Rolly Holmes

Assistant Referees: Tristan Clements, Tim Huppatz

Officials 4 and 5: Dave Ruff, Shamus Howlett

### The Questions

1. How many rugby teams were there in the Townsville and District Rugby Union Competition?
2. How many divisions of competition did they play in?
3. How many Brolga Rugby Teams were there?
4. Which Townsville players have been selected for the Festival of Rugby, City verses Country?
5. How many divisions of competition might be played in the 2010 season?
6. How many people have coached both Teachers West and University Clubs?

And for the bonus points...

7. Name the people who have coached both Teachers West and University clubs?



**Friday, 04 September 2009**

**Under 10**

**Western Devils 40** (L Soa 1t, D Bell 1t, L Sanderson 1t, D Chong 2t, L Connors 3t) defeated **Brothers 20** (C Batic 1t, D Potgeiter 1t, P Conn 2t)

**Under 12**

**North Ward 38** (A Small 1t, R Bell 1t, A Bharau 1t, J Cocking 1t, Z Kenway 2t, G Meekin 4c) defeated **Teachers West 7** (F Ray 1t, J Smith 1c)

**Under 13**

**Teachers West 22** (J Horton 1t, N Iosefo 1t, I Vickery 1t, A Losberg 1t, J Lamb 1c) defeated **Grammar School 5** (J Thomas 1t)

**Saturday, 05 September 2009**

**Under 14**

**Brothers 17** (W Gallogos 1t, M Forno 2t, J Dsantos 1c) defeated **Charters Towers 5** (J Phillott 1t)

**Under 15**

**Grammar 20** (T Butcher 1t, N Ioannou 1t, J Arnold 2c 2p) defeated **Teachers West 17** (S Hubbert 1t 1c, T Ryan 2t)

**Under 16**

**Brothers 24** (A Pether 1t, S Hammond 1t, I Tipene 1t, V Mataa 1t, A Preston 2c) defeated **Teachers West 17** (A Gaiden 1t, T Curley 1t, J Ries 1c)

**Under 17**

**Charters Towers 20** (S Pegler 1t, D Stanley 1t, J Robins 1t 1c 1p) defeated **Teachers West 12** (M Ford 1t, D O'Connor 1t, B Grevsmuhl 1c)

**The Answers**

1. There were 61 rugby teams.
2. Nine divisions. Under 10,12,13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19, Reserve Grade and A Grade.
3. 7 Teams. Under 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, A Grade
4. Under 17s Russel West, Rickardt Daniell, Edan Campbell-O'Brien, Faumui Viliamu, Bradley Grevsmuhl.  
Under 19: Nick Douglas, Apitia Matalau, Jack O'Shea,  
Heelers: Brendan Bunyan
5. Twelve divisions. Under 10, 11,12,13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 Second Grade, First Grade and Premier.
6. Three  
And for the bonus points...
7. John "Tractor" Tracey, Terry Shiells, Apenisa Rabai.

**Who's doing what?**

**Friday 11 September 2009.**

**Under 10**

Kick off: 5:15 PM

**North Ward v Western Devils**

Referee: Henry Roebuck

Assistant Referees: Tony Reddy, Ian Kuhl

**Under 12**

Kick off: 6:15 PM

**Western Devils v North Ward**

Referee: Jo-anna Egart

Assistant Referees: Tara Whiteford, Tiina Kauppila

**Under 13**

Kick off: 7:15 PM

**Brothers v Teachers West**

Referee: Robert Henaway

Assistant Referees: Josh Kuhl, Jo-anna

Officials 4 and 5: Tara Whiteford, Tiina Kauppila

**Saturday 12 September 2009.**

**Under 14**

Kick off: 10:20 AM

**Grammar School v Brothers**

Referee: Ross Burry

Assistant Referees: Josh Kuhl, Jo-anna

Officials 4 and 5: Tony Reddy, Ian Kuhl

**Under 15**

Kick off: 11:20 AM

**Southside v Grammar School**

Referee: Tim Huppatz

Assistant Referees: Bob Spillane, Col Bamblett

Officials 4 and 5: Josh Kuhl, Jo-anna

**Under 16**

Kick off: 12:20 PM

**Charters Towers v Brothers**

Referee: Grant Whiteford

Assistant Referees: Russell Stanford, Tara Whiteford

Officials 4 and 5: Bob Spillane, Col Bamblett

**Under 17**

Kick off: 1:20 PM

**Grammar School v Charters Towers**

Referee: Greg Cottier

Assistant Referees: Gabriel Oriti, Wayne Rickerby

Officials 4 and 5: Russell Stanford, Tara Whiteford

**Under 19**

Kick off: 2:30 PM

**Burdekin v Teachers West**

Referee: Warwick Howlett

Assistant Referees: Robbie Kelly, Simon O'Donnell

Officials 4 and 5: Gabriel Oriti, Wayne Rickerby

**Reserve Grade**

Kick off: 3:50 PM

**North Ward Old Boys v Brothers**

Referee: Andrew Barr

Assistant Referees: Dave Ruff, Shamus Howlett

Officials 4 and 5: Robbie Kelly, Simon O'Donnell

**Under 10**

Kick off: 5:05 PM

**Exhibition Game**

Referee: Henry Roebuck

Assistant Referees: Shamus Howlett, Jo-anna Egart

