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NEWSLETTER

March 2013

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2013 rugby season. In our 75th Jubilee year we look forward to the seeing the Chiefs , Waikato and our own Under17 team play. NZ Harlequins will also be continuing our two fund-raising events the 'Test Dinner' and our annual breakfast, see you there.

NZ Harlequin's President- Graham Jefferis

NZ HARLEQUIN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB Inc. AGM

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday March 27th 5.30pm.
Venue: Clubrooms at Waikato Stadium.

AGENDA

Apologies
Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM 28/03/2012.
Matters arising
President's report
Membership report
Financial report
Club Captain's report
House Manager's report
Membership
Election of officers
General business

NZ HARLEQUINS MEMBERSHIP SUBS NOW DUE

Memberships subs for this season (1/4/13-31/3/14) of \$40 are now due. For members who would like to pay online, put your name as reference. NZ Harlequins Club bank No. 03 0306 0179170 00.

Members, sign up at www.nzharlequins.co.nz to keep your email and mailing addresses current.

NZ HARLEQUINS 75th JUBILEE

Join the NZ Harlequins this year and celebrate this club's great history.



NZ HARLEQUINS TEST DINNER 2013

NZ Harlequins Test Dinner 2013, will be held on Thursday 5th Sept, Sky city, 6pm for a 6.30 start. Speaker to be announced. Please contact Lance for more ticket details.

Contact Club Captain: Lance Fletcher - Mob: 027 222 2185
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CHIEFS SUPER 15 HOME GAMES

Round 6 v Highlanders

Waikato Stadium, Hamilton, Friday 22nd March 7.35pm

Round 7 v Blues

ASB Baypark Tauranga, Saturday 30th March 7:35pm

Round 9 v Reds

Waikato Stadium, Hamilton, Saturday 13th April 4.30pm

Round 11 v Sharks

Waikato Stadium, Hamilton, Saturday 27th April 7:35pm

Round 13 v Force

ECO Light Stadium, Pukekohe, Friday 10th May 7.35pm

Round 15 v Crusaders

Waikato Stadium, Hamilton, Friday 24th May 7:35pm

Round 20 v Hurricanes

Waikato Stadium, Hamilton, Friday 28th June 7:35pm

For more information go to:

www.chiefs.co.nz



THE HARLEQUINS V BARBARIANS – Memorial to Stan Thomas. Sunday, 6th April, 1975, Campbell Park, Morrinsville.

HARLEQUINS

(Black, Green, Magenta, Blue, Grey, Brown Patches)

- 15 R. Litt
(Waikato)
- 14 T. Mitchell (Canterbury) 12 L. Hohaia (Waikato) 13 A. Brown (Bay of Plenty)
- 11 L. Hohaia (Waikato) 10 E. Dunn (Auckland)
- 9 P. Sheehan (Thames Valley)
- 8 P. Carroll (Auckland)
- 7 R. Stafford (Waikato) 4 K. Everleigh (Manawatu)
- 5 M. Welsh (Waikato) 6 G. Senior (Wellington)
- 3 R. Moore (Bay of Plenty) 2 G. Crossman (Bay of Plenty) 1 B. Johnstone (Auckland)

Reserves — R. HART (Auckland), D. AGNEW (Auckland), G. SCRIMSHAW (Waikato), B. FLETCHER (Waikato), R. RUSHTON (Waikato), L. GREENE (Waikato).

Referee: Mr I. J. Clarke.

BARBARIANS

(SCARLET)

- 15 G. Rowlands
(Bay of Plenty)
- 14 D. Palmer (Auckland) 12 G. Kane (Waikato) 13 J. McLachlan (Auckland)
- 11 G. Ross (Waikato) 10 M. Richards (Auckland)
- 9 B. Gemmell (Auckland)
- 8 L. Knight (Poverty Bay)
- 7 D. Thorn (Auckland) 4 A. McNaughton (Bay of Plenty)
- 6 C. Kennings (Auckland) 5 J. Hodge (Thames Valley)
- 3 P. Ketles (Counties) 2 D. Syms (Auckland) 1 B. Campbell (Wellington)

MESSAGE FROM THE HARLEQUINS CLUB PRESIDENT. Sunday, 6th April, 1975.

As one of the Founders of our Club, Stan Thomas was an inspiration to all of us and certainly set an example of sportmanship that should be a criterion to all Rugby people. It is most appropriate that this game should be played at Morrinsville, a town which meant so much to him and we are grateful for the opportunity to associate ourselves again with the Barbarians and all other friends on this occasion.

Pat Greene, NZ Harlequin President 1975

G. Rowlands (Bay of Plenty): Has switched with good results, from five-eighth to fullback in recent seasons to show just how versatile he is. Starred at last year's All Black trials and many considered him unlucky to miss out on the All Blacks.

D. Palmer (Auckland): Big, strong winger who won back his place in the Auckland side as soon as he made himself available late last season.

J. McLachlan (Auckland) : Injury prevented him from playing after he made his All Black debut in Australia last season. A fine winger who will be all out to regain his place in the top bracket.

G. Kane (Waikato): A solid mid-field back who toured to Australia and Ireland last year with the All Blacks. Could be set for his best ever season, particularly if he concentrates on second five-eighth, the weak spot in the All Black backline.

G. Ross (Waikato): A young player who burst onto the rep scene last season and won many admirers. Kicked four penalties to keep Waikato in Ranfurly Shield against Wellington last year. His progress this season will be watched with interest.

M. Richards (Auckland): 'Mr Drop Kick' of New Zealand Rugby. He won back his place in the Auckland side late last season and became a key figure in the Shield winning side.

B. Gemmell (Auckland): All Black tour to Australia, but lost favour in the eyes of the selectors during the year and didn't make the side to Ireland and had to play second-string to Auckland skipper Lin Colling. Too good a player to be in the background for long.

L. Knight (Poverty Bay): This former Auckland loose forward, now living in Gisborne, seems set for a long career at the top and with Ian Kirkpatrick will form a strong partnership.

D. Thorn (Auckland): A former winger who has made the switch to loose forward very successfully. Was the key figure in Auckland's shield win against Wellington last season.

A. McNaughton (Bay of Plenty): A former All Black who has maintained good form for his rep side. One of the players who were chopped after The Lions beat the All Blacks in 1971, but still up with the best.

J. Hodge (Thames Valley): 'The grand old man of the Valley' Hodge has held the Valley pack together for many seasons and often inspires it to play well above its ability.

C. Kennings (Auckland): Unlucky to be injured when many thought he had a good chance of reaching higher honours last season. His performances at lock should be worth watching this season.

P. Ketles (Counties) : A young promising prop who gets his chance today to show his worth in top-class company.

R. Stafford (Waikato): Best loose forward in the area and plays a big part in Waikato's performances. Made the All Black trials last season and was considered highly by the experts.

D. Syms (Auckland): A top hooker who led University to the Auckland title last season and now has his opportunity to go a lot further in the game at a higher level.

K. Everleigh (Manawatu): Star forward of last year's North-South clash at Auckland and went from strength to strength when on tour with the All Blacks.

R. Litt (Waikato): Established himself as Waikato's best fullback last season and made the All Black trials. Performed outstandingly on Waikato's South Island tour.

M. Welsh (Waikato): Finally showed some of the potential his supporters have been talking about for several seasons when he came into the Waikato side last season. Has the ability to become one of Waikato's top forwards.

A. Brown (Bay of Plenty): A star of the Corinthians' Club recent East Coast tour and seems set to gain higher honours before long.

T. Mitchell (Canterbury): Leading try-scorer in the country last season and made the All Black team for Ireland.

G. Senior (Wellington): A solid worker in the Wellington pack and one who is often overlooked when the plaudits are being handed out.

E. Dunn (Auckland): The country's most promising first five-eighth who would make any provincial side outside of Auckland, where he has had strong competition from Richards. Their clash today should be one of the highlights of the day.

R. Moore (Bay of Plenty): A highly promising lock or prop who starred for the Corinthians on their recent tour. Looks to be better placed at prop. His progress will be watched with interest.

P. Sheehan (Thames Valley): A half-back who continues to make a good impression. Often shines behind beaten packs and made the Juniors tour last season.

G. Crossman (Bay of Plenty): Surprise choice at second-string hooker to Tane Norton last season, Crossman silenced all his critics with many fine displays.

P. Carroll (Auckland): Extremely capable loose forward from the Grammar club.

B. Johnstone (Auckland): A solid prop from the North Shore club who seldom turns in a bad game.

These pen portraits are from the original programme of this match, the programme at the time cost 20 cents.

NZ HARLEQUINS HISTORY

The Harlequin Rugby Football Club (Inc.) Hamilton, New Zealand, was formed in the State Fire Office, Hamilton, Waikato, on June 15, 1938.

The Harlequins first team played in Tauranga in 1939. After the war In 1946, there was a meeting of the club and the club stated it's aims and objects as:

- To renew and maintain old friendships of playing days.
- To engage in football free from competition, for the joy of it.
- To invite promising juniors to play for the club and teach such youngsters the spirit of the game.
- To play friendly games with similar clubs when such can be conveniently arranged.

Many All Blacks have played in the New Zealand Harlequin's jersey over the years and since the inclusion of the under 17 development programme in 1992, has given a clear development pathway for young up and coming Waikato rugby players.

The annual NZ Harlequins' under 17 programme has been hailed as an outstanding success since its inception in the early 1990s. Nominations for our trials, up to 160 in some early seasons, exceeded all our expectations.

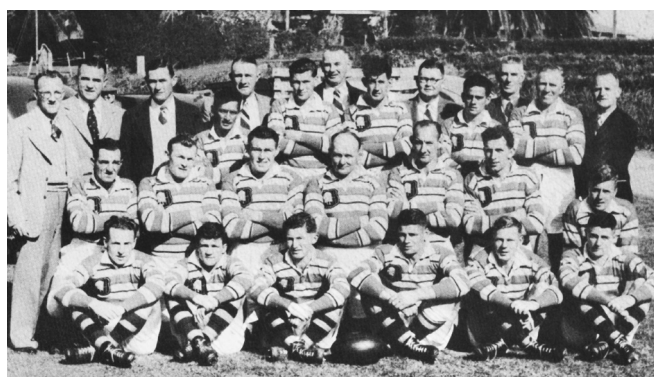
In the earlier days the special squad trainings got the youngsters excited and the battle for places in the playing side was intense. "Every team featured players from smaller country schools and they grabbed their opportunities with relish. It's the same today."

The progress of youngsters such as Bruce Reihana, who made the first under 17 team, then Mark van Gisbergen, Isaac Boss and Regan King proved the value of giving these players the opportunity to shine.

Annual matches with NZ Area Schools and the NZ Vikings Club from Northland have become regular features. A NZ Harlequin camp, backed by the NZ Rugby Foundation and supported by the Waikato Rugby Union for approx 40-45 players, is staged at St Paul's Collegiate annually.



NZ Harlequins Rugby Team 1939



NZ Harlequins Rugby Team 1951



NZ Harlequins Rugby Team 1983



NZ Harlequins Rugby U17 Team versus NZ Area schools 2010

The NZ Harlequins Current Committee

President: Graham Jefferis, **Vice President:** Tony Tissingh **Club Captain:** Lance Fletcher, **Secretary:** Paul Street, **Treasurer:** Murray Pratt, **Committee:** Peter Gilbert, Martyn Steffert, Brian Clarke, Paul Martin, Chris Luman, Kevin Hart, Dave Hall, Bernard Murphy.

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