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NEWSLETTER

April 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a successful off-season with a new under 18 side going to Kuala Lumpur 10s tournament, (feature inside) we are ready for another year. It has started with a hiss and a roar with both Super Rugby and Club Rugby well under way.

Again this year we are running our under 17's and 13's teams, however due to a new structure in the northern region under 19 competition, we will not be continuing with the our under 19s.

We are busy organising our annual dinner and breakfast, which each year are well supported events, with our sponsors contributing very generously to our club. They support us with money and goods for our auctions. We once again look forward to our members and supporters backing.

Thanks again to St Pauls School and the Waikato Rugby Union for their involvement in our camp.

I am now looking forward to seeing the boys running onto the field and getting our season underway. I hope to catch up with you all at our functions and in the Harlequins Club Rooms.

Tony Tissingh President

NZ HARLEQUINS COMMITTEE 2016

President: Tony Tissingh

Past President: Graham Jefferis

Vice President: Kevin Hart

Club Captain: Haydon Ross

Secretary: Paul Street

Treasurer: Murray Pratt

Committee: Brian Clarke, Paul Martin, Reiner Van Der Nest, Dave Hall, Bernard Murphy, Lance Fletcher, Dean Kaio, Dave Collins.

COMING EVENTS 2016

Chiefs Home Games

Friday, April 8, 7.35pm v Blues, Waikato Stadium

Friday, April 29, 7.35pm v Sharks, Yarrow Stadium

Saturday, May 7, 7.35pm v Highlanders, Waikato Stadium

Saturday, May 21, 7.35pm v Reds, Waikato Stadium

The Annual Harlequins Breakfast, August, dates and guest speaker TBC, bookings to Haydon Ross- Mob: 027 4 471 590
Email: haydonross@hotmail.co.nz

The Annual Harlequins Dinner: 9th Sept, prior to All Blacks Test v Argentina

Under 17's and 13's open weight teams, dates TBC.

AGM NEWS:

Haydon Ross has taken over from Lance Fletcher as Club Captain, however Lance is still on the committee.

Martyn Steffert has stood down from the Committee due to work commitments, the NZ Harlequins Club thanks Martyn for his valued service on the Committee.

Ronnie Phillips has been honoured with a life Membership.



NZ Harlequins Under 18 team, winners of the Kuala Lumpur 10s

NZ HARLEQUINS MEMBERSHIP SUBS NOW DUE

Memberships subs for this season (1/4/16-31/3/17) of \$40 are now due. For members who would like to pay online, enter your name as reference. NZ Harlequins Club bank No. 03 0306 0179170 00.

If paying by cheque please send to:

NZ Harlequins Rugby Club, PO Box 9195 Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton

Members, sign up at www.nzharlequins.co.nz to keep in contact via email

if you have changed addresses please contact us by post, or email via the website.



NZ HARLEQUINS UNDER 18 TOUR TO KUALA LUMPUR 10 ASIDE RUGBY

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Written by Haydon Ross, NZ Harlequin Committee

How this all started was Dave Hall and myself got talking to a parent when we were away on our annual trip last season for the U17s. He told us about the Kuala Lumpur International 10's, which was played in Kuala Lumpur every year. He lived in KL and said it was a great tournament to be involved with. After a few days Hallie and I got together again and said could this work. We spoke to a few others around costs etc... and then put it to the committee who jumped on board and supported us 100%. Many thanks must go to them for looking into the future with some foresight.

We had a very short timeframe, we then spoke to coaches, who were available and that would fit the mould for our trip. The trip was an outstanding success and we came back with the U18 title by winning the competition. Its the first time that a New Zealand team had ever been to the KL tournament and the first time most of our boys had ever been out of the country. We never had a point scored against us. One of the best things I was told when we got back was we took away boys and brought back men.

THE TEAM

This is a club first and were excited to enter a team that went to Kuala Lumpur on the 16 February 2016.

Final Team for NZ Harlequins U18 10 aside Team was:

Forwards: Mathew Letoga, Jackson Morgan, Sam Cooper, R.Kelly Paikau – Rush, Sione Levao, Sam Pene, George Dyer, Jake Norris

Backs : Matt Maua'i, Karly Karauna, Nakoa Marcroft, Kaea Hongara, Logan Karl, Connor Collins, Rhys Dickinson

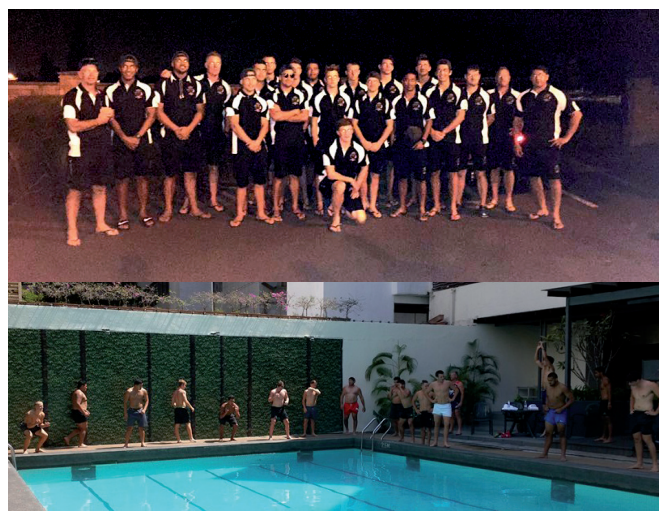
Head Coach: (Forwards) Tanirau Manawaiti

Coach (Backs): Warren Hodges

Team Manager: Dave Collins

Team Physio: Shane Derry

Assistant: Dave Cooper



THE VOYAGE TO KUALA LUMPUR

Written By Dave Collins NZ Harlequins Committee member and Team Manager

We arrived in KL on the 16th FEB after a long 14 hour flight. The boys were very excited as we stayed in the heart of KL, the Federal Hotel was our base for the next 8 days. Great food, swimming pool and hospitality 2nd to none. After experiencing the sites nearby and the abundant bargain shopping the focus was on tournament weekend. Early morning trainings at the KL Saracens home ground helped with preparation. The heat and risk of dehydration were the concerns leading in. We had prepared well while in NZ and this assisted with our preparations.

Day one tournament day we played Sabah Rugby Academy, KL Tigers and Sekolah. A great start as we went into the day with minimal knowledge of our opposition. Day two we played Sabah Rugby Academy and KL Saracens. The boys were very focussed and entertained the large crowd with a lesson in tens rugby, NZ style. The final was against Marlborough, we were simply too good and finished with another great result.

The players and management conducted themselves like true professionals. We were the talk of the weekend and had many offers to be involved in future tournaments. The Haka was preformed after the final, a crowd favourite.

This group will remember the trip for a lifetime. I am sure that many of these players will go on to higher honours.





TOURNAMENT STATISTICS

We played 3 qualifying games on the Saturday first up:

v Sabah Rugby Academy Won 58-0

Try Scorers

R.Kelly Paikau-Rush, Connor Collins, Jacob Norris, Sam Cooper, Nakoa Marcroft, Karly Karauna, Matt Maui, Kaea Hongara, Matt Letoga

2nd Game V KL Tigers Won 32-0

Try Scorers

Sione Levao x2, Connor Collins, Matt Letoga, Matt Maui

3rd Game V Sekolah Won 72-0

Try Scorers

R.Kelly Paikau-Rush x2, Kaea Karauna, Matt Letoga, Nakoa Marcroft, George Dyer, Sam Cooper, Logan Karl, Sam Pene, Rhys Dickinson

Sunday Finals Day

Played last years champs Sabah Rugby Academy Won 27-0

Try Scorers: Sam Pene, Sam Cooper, Nakoa Marcroft, Matt Letoga, Kaea

Semi Final V KL Saracens Last years runner up and hosts Won 34-0

Try Scorers: Matt Maui, R.Kelly Paikau-Rush x2, Jacob Norris, Sione Levao, Nakoa Marcroft, Matt Lotoga

Final V Marlborough , team made up of English Schoolboys based in Singapore Won 42-0

Try Scorers: Sione Levao, Sam Cooper x2, Kaea Hongara, Nakoa Marcroft x2, George Dyer, Matt Letoga

Outstanding effort by boys on and off the field 265 points for and 0 against.





The NZ Harlequin Rugby Club Hamilton, New Zealand, was formed in the State Fire Office, Hamilton, 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 objectives 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.



NZ Harlequins Rugby Team 1939

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 Gisbergan, Isaac Boss, Regan King, and Brendon Leonard 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 held at St Paul's Collegiate annually.

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