



Bartercard Baywide Rugby Preview

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BAYWIDE TOP FOUR LOOK TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR PLACES

With just four rounds of the Bartercard Baywide Premier competition remaining before the semi-finals, four teams have broken away from the pack to have the semi-finals in their sights.

Defending Premier champions Tauranga Sports continue to lead the points ladder, with Mount Maunganui, Rotoiti and Te Puke also in the top four.

While Rangataua still have a theoretical chance of making the post section play, they will need to beat Tauranga Sports at Te Ariki Park this Saturday (3 July 2010), to remain in contention.

The defending champions will still be smarting from just their second defeat of the season, inflicted by Mount Maunganui last weekend. While Rangataua sit some six places away from the Tauranga team – matches between the two sides are always keenly contested, going down to the wire.

One side who will be desperate to find winning form again is Rotoiti, who didn't post a win during June. Bonus points and last weekends draw with Te Teko have kept the Rotorua side in the top four.

While Whakatane Marist who face Rotoiti sit near the bottom of the points ladder, they showed last weekend when they grabbed a one point win over Rangataua, that they can never be written off.

The form team during the last few weeks has been Mount Maunganui who has been in dominant form. They have despatched Rotoiti, Rangataua, Whakatane Marist and Tauranga Sports in successive weeks to rocket into second place.

The formbook would suggest an easy Mount Maunganui victory against Te Puna on Saturday – however recent results show that upsets are always on the card.

Te Puke Sports should prove too good for Opotiki in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, with Whakarewarewa favoured to defeat Te Teko at Puarenga Park.

The only Baywide team still to hold an unbeaten record is Waikite who lead the Division One standings. The Black and Yellow brigade will be heavily favoured to beat Paroa on Saturday.

In other Div One games, Kahukura should win the Rotorua derby against Marist St Michaels, Reporoa and Ruatoki could have close encounter in Reporoa, with Ngongotaha looking to leap frog Greerton Marist.



The Baywide Colts title race gets serious this weekend, with the start of the top six round robin. A cutthroat nature is provided this season, with the top two teams from the round robin competition advancing to the final.

First round winner Te Puke Sports face a tough challenge when they meet Tauranga Sports at the Tauranga Domain. Fellow Western Bay front-runner Greerton Marist travel to Rotorua to face last years Colts title holder Ngongotaha, with Mount Maunganui taking on Opotiki at Blake Park.

BOPRU Bartercard Baywide Draws 3 July 2010

Premier (2.45pm) Whakatane Marist v Rotoiti, Rugby Park; Whakarewarewa v Te Teko, Puarenga Park; Rangataua v Tauranga Sports, Te Ariki Park; Opotiki v Te Puke Sports, Opotiki Reserve; Mount Maunganui v Te Puna, Blake Park.

Premier Points Table

Tauranga Sports 59, Mount Maunganui 52. Rotoiti 47, Te Puke Sports 45, Whakarewarewa 33, Rangataua 32, Te Puna 27, Opotiki 24, Whakatane Marist 22, Te Teko 16.

Division One (2.45pm) Paroa v Waikite, Lawson Park; Kahukura v Marist St Michaels, Kuirau Park; Reporoa v Ruatoki, Reporoa; Ngongotaha v Greerton Marist, Ngongotaha Domain; Rangiuru the bye.

Points Table

Waikite 61, Rangiuru 59, Greerton Marist 36, Kahukura 35, Ngongotaha 35, Paroa 28, Reporoa 25, Ruataoiki 20, Marist St Michaels 19.

Colts (1pm)

Division One: Tauranga Sports v Te Puke Sports, Tauranga Domain; Ngongotaha v Greerton Marist, Ngongotaha Domain; Mount Maunganui v Opotiki, Blake Park.

Division Two: Whakarewarewa v Te Teko, Puarenga Park; Whakatane Marist v Marist St Michaels, Rugby Park; Rangataua v Rotoiti, Te Ariki Park; Te Puna the bye.

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