



**Media Release**

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## **STEAMERS NAME UNCHANGED STARTING FIFTEEN AGAINST TARANAKI**

Travel is playing a big part in the weekly routine of the Bay of Plenty Steamers, in the early rounds of the 2010 ITM Cup. For the third time in four rounds, the Steamers hit the road again with Taranaki at Yarrow Stadium in New Plymouth, this week's assignment.

The Friday (20 August 2010) evening game in the Naki is crucial to the Steamers desire to play in the top echelon next season. Steamers manager Ross Everiss said "Taranaki at home are always a big ask, and that they showed when they defeated Waikato, that they are in solid form this season".

While the team numbers two narrow losses to archrivals Waikato and Auckland on their ledger card - they showed in the nineteen-point victory over Hawkes Bay, the firepower that the team possesses.

One of the reasons that the Steamers have built a strong fan base over the years, is that the Blue and Gold players can throw caution to the wind, and attack from anywhere on the field. The Hawkes Bay game produced two long-range tries, a brilliant solo play by skipper Colin Bourke, and two touchdowns from set plays.

Head Coach Sean Horan has gone for an unchanged starting fifteen that took the field against Auckland. Ross Everiss said "Sean has shown faith in the team that started at Baypark last weekend, and its gives the starting fifteen, the opportunity to set the record straight this week".

While the Steamers will start one of the best loose forward trios in the ITM Cup in Luke Braid, Tanerau Latimer and Colin Bourke, they have something special sitting on the bench. This time last year Sam Cane was attending Reporoa College in the extremities of the Bay of Plenty.

The 2009 New Zealand Secondary School representative earned his first Bay cap last week coming of the bench. Sam showed in the Steamers pre-season hitouts that he will give the team another more than able string to their bow in the loose forward ranks.

Bay of Plenty Steamers v Taranaki 20 August 2010 @ Yarrow Stadium, New Plymouth - kick-off 7.35pm

1 Josh Hohneck 2 John Pareanga 3 James McGougan 4 Luke Andrews 5 Culum Retallick 6 Luke Braid 7 Tanerau Latimer 8 Colin Bourke (captain) 9 Taniela Moa, 10 Phil Burleigh 11 Lance MacDonald 12 Grant McQuoid 13 Brett Mather 14 Lelia Masaga 15 Toby Arnold.

Reserves: Simon Chisholm, Joe Savage, Aiden Kuka, Sam Cane, Chad Tuoro, Dan Waenga, Ben Smith.

Head Coach: Sean Horan

Assistant Coach: Steve Miln

Manager: Ross Everiss

Physio: Paul Cameron

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Murray Pedersen

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