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BOP POLYTECHNIC SECONDARY SCHOOL RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP PLACES ON THE LINE

The business end of the season in the BOP Polytechnic Secondary Schools rugby competitions has arrived, with the championship semi-finals of the various grades, being played on Saturday (21 August 2010).

In a new initiative this season, championship playoffs have been introduced in the first and second fifteen competitions, and under 15 and 14 grades. In the past, the season would often meander to a finish with the top finisher being awarded the championship title.

This year there has been meaningful competition from the opening day of the season - with teams eying post sections places throughout the year. The success of the Baywide playoffs, is that there is a real spread of schools, from throughout the Bay of Plenty and Taupo regions.

In the first fifteen Division One grade, defending champions Opotiki College resume hostilities with Reporoa College, after Reporoa defeated the Eastern Bay School last weekend. Top qualifier Western Heights High School who has long and successful history in schools rugby, will host fellow Rotorua team John Paul College.

Both Division Two games will be played in the Western Bay of Plenty. Mount Maunganui College, who will enter the post section game with an undefeated championship record, will host Tauhara College from Taupo, with Otumoetai College at home to Rotorua Boys thirds.

A second Taupo region school has earned a place in the Div Three playoffs, with Tongariro College travelling to face Te Puke seconds. In the second semi-final Aquinas will host the Opotiki College second fifteen.

Bay of Plenty Polytechnic Secondary Schools Semi-Finals 21 August 2010

(Home Team first)

First Fifteen Championships

Division One: Western Heights HS v John Paul College, Opotiki College v Reporoa College.

Division Two: Mount Maunganui v Tauhara, Otumoetai v Rotorua BHS 3rd XV.

Division Three: Te Puke 2nd XV v Tongariro, Aquinas v Opotiki 2nd XV.

Under 15 Championship: Otumoetai v Opotiki, Mount Maunganui v Trident.

Under 14 Championship: Rotorua BHS v Opotiki, Trident v Mount Maunganui.

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