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TWO BAY OF PLENTY REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS TASTE DEFEAT

Two Bay of Plenty representative rugby teams started their Northern Region championship campaigns against their Waikato counterparts, in the Waikato on Saturday (21 August 2010).

The Bay of Plenty Development team gave archrivals Waikato plenty of cheek, before suffering a relatively narrow 25-18 loss. Bay of Plenty were right in the match, with the game going down to the wire, before the home side emerged with the victory.

Bay of Plenty made a number of effective line breaks, which resulted in two Bay of Plenty touchdowns to Wayne Hughson and Whakataki Cunningham. The team's first choice kicker Kelly Haimona slotted two penalty goals, with Whakataki Cunningham adding a conversion.

However Bay errors around the ruck area, allowed Waikato to breach the advantage line on a numbers of occasions, with the home side turning the mistakes into points in several instances. One real negative factor on the day, was the broken arm suffered by Matt Henwood, which has ended the dynamic loose forwards season.

Team management believes that the hard fought match, was just what the Bay second fifteen needed, to face the rigors of a tough Northern Region campaign in the coming weeks.

The Bay of Plenty Under 20 team also underwent a baptism of fire against Waikato Under 20's. While beaten 24-10 the Bay side produced a number of promising moves without reward. The Bay of Plenty try was awarded to loose forward Jamie Culligan with Keanu Apply-Sue kicking a penalty and a conversion.

Results

Development

Waikato 25 BOP 18 (Wayne Hughson, Whakataki Cunningham tries; Kelly Haimona 2 pens, W Cunningham con)

Under 20

Waikato 24 BOP 10 (Jamie Culligan try; Keanu Apply-Sue pen con)

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