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## Press Release

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# **BAY OF PLENTY SECONDARY SCHOOLS RUGBY FINALE IN TE PUKE THIS SATURDAY**

For the first time, the BOP Polytechnic Secondary Schools Rugby competitions will come to a finale, with six championship titles on the line.

This Saturday (28 August 2010) the Murray Salt Stadium in Te Puke, will host the inaugural BOP Polytechnic Secondary Schools Championship Finals day. Twelve teams from throughout the Bay of Plenty will be in action, as they endeavour to have their names engraved on the brand new championship trophies

The Secondary Schools Finals day format, replicates the hugely successful Baywide Club Finals day held at the Tauranga Domain in early August. A large crowd from throughout the Bay of Plenty, is expected to be on hand at Murray Salt Stadium, to watch the best secondary school rugby teams in the Bay in action.

The main event at 1pm is the first fifteen Division One match-up, between defending champions Opotiki College and Western Heights High School.

Last weekend Opotiki College had a real tussle with Reporoa College in the Eastern Bay, in their semi-final match-up. The 21-7 victory to the Eastern Bay team reflected a game of real intensity with both sides taking few backward steps.

Western Heights High School who has a long and proud history in secondary schools rugby, defeated John Paul College 28-13, in the other semi-final played in Rotorua. In a game where the forward packs were evenly matched, the difference was the Western Heights back line.

The Division One Final matches up two of the best halfbacks in Bay. James Wilbore, gives outstanding service behind the Opotiki College scrum, with Western Heights number nine Jordan Ngamata-Poi no less authoritative in charge of the Rotorua School backline.

Western Bay rivalry is on the line in the Division Two Final. Mount Maunganui College, who provided Otumoetai College with their only defeat of the championship round, will resume hostilities. In the round robin match-up, Mount Maunganui preserved their unbeaten record when they won a battle of attrition taking out the encounter 19-12.

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The Under 15 premiership, which is a direct pathway to first fifteen rugby, is another Western Bay local derby. Otumoetai and Mount Maunganui Colleges will meet in the championship decider, with the draw having been stage-managed to allow supporters of both schools, to watch their teams in both the Under 15 and Div Two games.

Rotorua Boys High School who is one of the real heavyweights of Bay of Plenty School rugby, will provide one of the starters in the Under 14 title decider. The top qualifier should have a good battle with Trident High School to lift aloft the championship trophy.

Bay of Plenty Polytechnic Secondary Schools Finals Day Draw 28 August 2010 - at Murray Salt Stadium Te Puke.

9.30am	Second XV Division: Otumoetai College v Western Heights HS (field 2)
10.10am	Division Three: Te Puke HS 2XV v Aquinas College (field 1)
10.50am	Under 15: Otumoetai College v Mount Maunganui College (field 2)
11.30am	Under 14: Rotorua BHS v Trident HS (field 1)
12.10pm	Division Two: Mount Maunganui College v Otumoetai College (field 2)
1pm	Division One: Western Heights HS v Opotiki College (field 1)

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

First Fifteen Division One: Western Heights HS 28 John Paul College 13, Opotiki College 21 Reporoa College 7

Division Two: Mount Maunganui 20 Tauhara 18, Otumoetai 15 Rotorua BHS 10.

Division Three: Te Puke HS 27 Kawerau 17, Aquinas 17 Opotiki 7.

Under 15 Championship: Otumoetai 23 Opotiki 13, Mount Maunganui 22 Trident 10.

Under 14 Championship: Trident 11 Mount Maunganui 5, Rotorua BHS defeated Opotiki.

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