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WESTERN HEIGHTS WIN BOP POLYTECHNIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS DIVISION ONE TITLE

The BOP Polytechnic Secondary Schools Finals Day, that took place at Murray Salt Stadium in Te Puke on Saturday (28 August 2010) - lived up to expectations, with plenty of fast paced open running rugby on display.

The first fifteen Division One championship was taken out by Western Heights High School, who defeated Opotiki College. The first half was a even contest, until Bowen Ngare intercepted the ball and scampered 50 metres to score under the posts. The resultant conversion and long range dropped goal from Brook Amon saw the Rotorua school lead 13-3 at the break.

A second field goal to Amon stretched the lead, before Jordan Ngamata-Poi nailed his second penalty of the game, with Western Heights taking out the championship 19-3. Opotiki made several attacking raids on the line, however the Western Heights defence held firm to deny Opotiki College back to back titles.

Bay of Plenty Polytechnic Chief Executive, Dr. Alan Hampton, said “Congratulations to all of the competing teams – and especially to Western Heights who showed great skill and commitment to take out the Division One title.”

“The Polytechnic is pleased to be able to support emerging rugby talent through our partnership with the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union. Anything we can do to keep local talent in the Bay is a huge step forward and we look forward to bringing these young players tertiary opportunities in the future.”

Otumoetai College not only won the Division Two crown, but also denied Mount Maunganui College an undefeated championship record. Three tries to Taylor Jones, Leon Ngatai, Kayleb Barke took Otumoetai to a 26-5 victory, with Danny Kayes crossing for the Mount touchdown.

The Otumoetai victory reversed the round robin match-up between the two schools, where Mount Maunganui prevailed by seven points.

There was a home town victory in the Division Three decider, where the Te Puke High School second fifteen defeated Aquinas College 22-10. The Te Puke team who earned promotion from the second fifteen competition after round one, played with real commitment in front of their large band of supporters.

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Otumoetai College also took out the Under 15 title, when they beat Mount Maunganui College 28 nil. Trident High School caused a minor upset in the Under 14 championship winning 31-5 against Rotorua Boys, after holding a narrow 12-5 advantage at the break.

In the opening game Western Heights set the scene for they're first fifteen later in the day, when they defeated Otumoetai College 29-8, in the second fifteen championship.

At the conclusion of the inaugural BOP Polytechnic Finals day, honours were shared, with Western Heights and Otumoetai taking home two trophies apiece and Trident and Te Puke grabbing a title each.

Bay of Plenty Polytechnic Secondary Schools Finals Day Results 28 August 2010

First Fifteen Division One Championship

Western Heights HS 19 (Bowen Ngare try; Brook Amon 2 dg, Jordan Ngamata-Poi 2 pens con) Opotiki College 3 (Brogan Connor pen)

First Fifteen Division Two Championship

Otumoetai College 26 (Taylor Jones, Leon Ngatai, Kayleb Barke tries; Devon Cleaver 2 pens con, Jamie Newman pen) Mount Maunganui College 5 (Danny Kayes try)

First Fifteen Division Three Championship: Te Puke 2XV 22 Aquinas College 10.

Under 15 Championship: Otumoetai College 28 Mount Maunganui College 0.

Under 14 Championship: Trident HS 31 Rotorua BHS 5

Second Fifteen Championship: Western Heights HS 29 Otumoetai College 8.

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