



**Media Release**

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## **BAY OF PLENTY REP TEAMS POST MIXED RESULTS**

The curtain raiser to the Steamers game at the Rotorua International Stadium on Sunday (29 August 2010) - was an entertaining contest between the Bay and North Harbour Development sides, in which over seventy points were scored.

While the Bay second fifteen were beaten 46-26 by their North Harbour counterparts, the home team picked up a bonus point courtesy of four tries. Cory Aporo and Wayne Hughson who have both played in the Steamers colours in the past grabbed a try apiece, with Chris Elvin and Doug Edwards also dotting the ball down.

At the Silverdale Rugby Club in North Harbour, the Bay of Plenty Under 20 side had a hard fought encounter with the home team, before going down 30-21. The Bay side made an outstanding start leading 14 nil after the first quarter.

However North Harbour worked their way back into the match, to lead 23-21 with the clock ticking down. With the Bay hot on attack the opposition snatched an intercept to touch the ball down under the posts, and take out the encounter by nine points.

The Bay of Plenty tries were awarded to Te Hata Wilbore, Tutere Waenga, Josh Walker. Team management praised the performance of Te Hata Wilbore at halfback, with lock Riki Green and number eight Carl Axtens also having strong games.

A strong performance by the Bay of Plenty Under 18's in their pre-season hitout with Hawkes Bay in Taupo, suggested that they could be Northern Region contenders, when the competition kicks off next weekend.

For the Bay side Gareth Burton, James Wilbore, Te Ohu Hohepa-Balzer, Mike Shaw picked up tries, with Jordan Ngamata-Poi adding nine points with his kicks at goal. Jacob Procter and Jordan Ngamata-Poi impressed in the backline, with the front row of Rico Flavell, Nathan Harris and CJ Carston dominating their Hawkes Bay counterparts.

The Bay under 16 side were involved in a thriller with Hawkes Bay, as they also prepared for their Northern Region campaign. The match went down to the wire with the Bay representatives tasting a narrow 24-22 defeat. However the match will have given the side plenty of confidence heading into next weeks game against Thames Valley in Paeroa.

**BOPRU Representative Results 28/29 August 2010**

North Harbour Development 46 BOP Development 26 (Chris Elvin, Doug Edwards, Cory Aporo, Wayne Hughson tries; Kelly Haimona 3 cons)

North Harbour U20 – 30 BOP Under 20 – 21 (Te Hata Wilbore, Tutere Waenga, Josh Walker tries; Keanu Apply-Sue 2 con, N Evely con)

BOP Under 18 – 29 (Gareth Burton, James Wilbore, Te Ohu Hohepa-Balzer, Mike Shaw tries; Jordan Ngamata-Poi 3 cons, pen) Hawkes Bay 22

Hawkes Bay U16 - 24 BOP Under 16 - 22

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