



Ruck and Maul

Scrum Incorporated Newsletter



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Welcome Scrum members and guests to another exciting year of Rugby action and the first issue of our newsletter "Ruck and Maul", where each edition will keep you updated on all Scrum and PNG Rugby related activities.

2011 Qld Junior Rugby State Championships

In what has become an important annual event, during the September school holidays, the Scrum back PNG under 17 team travelled to Downlands College in Toowoomba to compete in the 2011 QJRU State Championships. This year marked the first time for our boys to compete in the u/17 division, with the team very keen to impress as quite a few of the side were returning to the tournament after participating in the previous year's u/16 side.

1st match Vs Dowling Downs

Result: Dowling Downs 3 beat PNG 0.

In a very hard fought defensive battle, the boys were very disappointed to walk away with a penalty goal loss. On a positive our set pieces (line outs and scrums) were very strong, but handling errors squandered a couple of try scoring opportunities.

2nd match Vs Sunshine Coast

Result: Sunshine Coast 8 beat PNG 6.

In another close match that our boys again had opportunities to win. Despite two disallowed tries our boys led at half time 6-0. Our boys fought hard but the pressure and experience from the much bigger Sunshine Coast team saw them snatch victory with the games only try late in the second half.

3rd Match Vs Brisbane Norths

Result: Brisbane Norths 20 beat PNG 5.

Tournament favourites Norths, which is predominately made up of players from Nudgee college, had too much strength, power and skill over our boys, in a forgettable half were we missed too many tackles, Norths went into the break with a 20 - 0 lead. During the second half our boys showed a much improved performance and played an outstanding half of rugby, crossing over for a try and keeping their much bigger opponents scoreless for the second half.

4th match Vs Brisbane East

Result: Brisbane Easts 21 beat PNG 17.

Our final game of the tournament was against last year's champions, with our boys putting in their strongest effort. This was a game we should have won but for a lack composure during the dying stages of the match, we were unable to maintain our 17 - 14 lead, Easts with good ball control using their size and weight with a rolling maul scored under the uprights to secure a hard fought victory.



PNG u/17s in action against Brisbane Easts.

Our participation in the QJRU State Championship provides an opportunity to measure our development against Queensland's top junior rugby teams. Scrum sees this trip to be vital stepping stone in developing junior rugby players, as they prepare to make the transition from schoolboy to senior Rugby.

2012 Scrum Trans Highway Sevens

During the final week in March Scrum oval hosted the annual Scrum Trans Highway Sevens tournament, which is fast becoming PNG's premier sevens tournament. This year's event featured 18 teams from the Momase, Highlands and Islands regions, vying to take home the K10,000 first place prize money.

The Cup final saw tournament heavy weights Kimbe and Madang battle it out, with Kimbe walking away victors. In other results Buka defeated Royals (Lae) in the Plate Final and Pirates (Lae) defeated Morobe Schoolboys in the Bowl final.



Anthony Whitfield presents STH trophy to Kimbe captain.

PNG Player Profile

Aiden Toua

DOB: 19-01-1990

Weight: 87kg

Height: 1.83m

Place of Birth: Port Moresby

Current Club: Queensland Reds



A former Qld U16 and Qld and Australian Schools player, Aiden was a member of the National Talent Squad for two years before being elevated to the QAS Reds Academy.

Ruled too young to play in the Australian U20s at the 2008 IRB Junior World Championships, Aiden focused his attentions on playing senior Premier Rugby with his club side, Easts.

Unfortunately a knee reconstruction brought a premature end to his 2009 season.

Despite injury limiting him to just two appearances in the Queensland Reds Super Rugby winning campaign, and has been signed to the fulltime squad from 2012.

Scrum Oval Development

The Committee has been discussing the need for a five (5) year development plan for SCRUM Oval.

With PNG gaining “target nation” status with the IRB, the hosting of the 2015 Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea, exciting sevens rugby entering Olympic level from 2016 *and* the opportunity for International rugby matches to be brought to PNG from 2012, the time to develop the Oval is now.

A field survey and asset pickup was recently undertaken of the entire lease site, facilitated by corporate member Designscope Architects and concept plans will be developed this year.

Support from our membership and more importantly from Government is necessary to provide the Momase region with a world class rugby facility. The bonus of developing this facility is that it will also greatly improve the Morobe Provincial Agricultural Society’s asset at the same time.

Stay tuned for updates.



Scrum Oval ready for season opening round on 21st of April

Old Croc’s Wanted !!!

The Old Croc’s Rugby Club of Lae are looking for interested players for their over 35’s Rugby Sevens Team. If you keep fit and want to lace up the old boots again, the Old Croc’s might be what you’re looking for.



Masters Rugby Club

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Scrum Needs Your Support

Once again Scrum is raising funds for the PNG under 17 tour to Brisbane for the QJRU State Championships. On your tables will be forms requesting you to sponsor a player for K2,500. Please dig deep and sponsor a player as your help goes a long way to get these boys to Brisbane, each sponsor receives a framed team photo in recognition of your generosity



Upcoming Event

Inaugural Luncheon
 27th of April

Gateway Hotel (Port Moresby)

Tickets: K400 person / K4,000 table of ten

Guest Speaker: Robbie Deans

Comedian: Scott Williams

For tickets contact Fiona Speedy: fiona@steelindustries.com.pg

