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Welcome SCRUM members and guests to another edition of 'Ruck and Maul', where we keep you informed on all things Rugby here in Morobe.

Happy Birthday SCRUM

2013 will see this fantastic organisation celebrate its 20th Birthday, and we would like to thank everyone who has been involved with SCRUM over the years for the support.

In September 1992 a group of Rugby loving businessmen attend a meeting to create a supporters group, whose aim was to support Rugby Union in Lae. Two months later the inaugural general meeting was held and SCRUM was formed, with Bart Philemon elected patron. The first elected committee of Kerry McDonough (President), Chris Black (Secretary), David Drake (Treasurer), Mike Quinn and Bob Finall quickly went to work organising SCRUM's first luncheon, which was held on the 18th of March 1993, with speaker Peter Fenton and comedian Phil Cass setting the bench mark for all future lunches with a ripper of a day for the 100 people in attendance, this was to be the first of many such lunches to come.

PNG National Provincial Sevens

During the first week of June SCRUM Oval hosted the National Provincial Sevens Tournament, which saw 16 teams competing throughout the two day event. With selection for the National Sevens side up for grabs, it was an opportunity for PNG's best Rugby players to showcase their talent, which they did, the intensity and quality of Rugby were of the highest level. With tournament favourites the Kimbe Rebels winning out the cup with a dominant performance against Lae 1.



Scrum Development Team Vs Kimbe Rebels, National Sevens

Total Rugby Concepts Scholarship

The TRC Rugby Development Scholarship, part of the Pacific Rugby Program was designed to give young men from the Pacific a chance to participate in a short-term exchange in Australia with a rugby focus. This year two young men who are products of the SCRUM, Butler Morris and Isaac Chandrol were the first recipients of this scholarship, where they would attend the Sunshine Coast Grammar School and play Colts Rugby for the Sunshine Coast Stingrays. Having been involved with our Rugby Programs since early childhood through to senior rugby, they were key players for the Under 19 development squad during the National Sevens which saw them selected in the Puk Puks training squad, with Butler making it all the way into the National 7's side, however declining in order to take this scholarship opportunity.

Feedback from TRC Director Dan Robotham.

"The two year 11 students Butler Morris and Isaac Chandrol were the first recipients of the scholarship and have been excellent ambassadors for their country and the program that SCRUM is running in PNG. The boy's attitude and conduct both on and off the field was outstanding and they are a real credit to their families and the SCRUM organisation."



Isaac Chandrol (L) and Butler Morris (R)

SCRUM Merchandise

To commemorate our 20th Anniversary, SCRUM has for sale a range of one off commemorative merchandise including Polo Shirts, Caps, Ties and Beer Mugs. Don't miss out on the opportunity to own your piece of SCRUM history, order forms are available on tables or with committee members.



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SCRUM Under 17 Tour

The final weekend of September again saw the SCRUM/PNG Under 17 National side compete in the Queensland Junior Rugby Championships held at Downlands College in Toowoomba. Our 2012 performance was the best ever achieved by our boys and is a credit all players and coach staff, and in particular Robin Tarere the SCRUM development officer.

1st Pool Match Vs Darling Downs

Result: PNG 34 beat Darling Downs 5

Strong start to the tournament with a very good result against the Downs, our backline were able to take advantage of speed out wide and score 5 tries to 1.

2nd Pool Match Vs Sunshine Coast

Result: PNG 14 beat Sunshine Coast 13

Close match to hold off a late charge from the Sunshine Coast.

3rd Pool Match Vs Brisbane Red

Result: Brisbane Red 10 beat PNG 0

The Brisbane Red team were tournament favourites, in the past known as Brisbane North's. Our boys put in a very good performance over a stronger opposition, but must be commended for the heart and determine shown.

Cup Semi Final Vs Brisbane Green

Result: PNG 20 drew Brisbane Green 20

This was the Semi Final match with the winner advancing to meet Brisbane Red in the Cup Final, our boys fought gallantly, with nothing separating the teams in the end. Unfortunately Brisbane Green advanced to the final due to a better for and against record for the tournament.

Plate Final Vs Gold Coast

Result: PNG 31 beat Gold Coast 14

A fantastic effort by the team, to finish with a convincing win over the Gold Coast in the Plate final, giving us our best ever result for this tournament.

SCRUM is committed continue to 100% support this tour, as we see this trip to be a vital stepping stone in developing junior rugby players, as they prepare to make the transition from schoolboy to senior Rugby.



SCRUM development team (Red/Black) Vs Kimbe (Grey) during National Sevens at SCRUM Oval



Lae 1 Vs Central Province during National Sevens at SCRUM Oval



Butler Morris and Isaac Chandrol playing for Stingrays Colts in Sunshine Coast.



Isaac and Butler at TRC training camp in Sunshine Coast.