



Pukekohe new Counties Power Cup holders Record entries

Mitre 10 Mega Pukekohe are the new Counties Power Cup holders after beating Karaka 16-13.

Pukekohe took a well deserved home win and now remain within one point of the top spot.

Pukekohe were the dominant team in the first forty, in both territory and possession and started the scoring with a penalty to James Semple. Consistently turning over possession, they used the breeze well, plugging consistently into the corner, pressuring a seemingly flat Karaka side.

These tactics paid off with winger Peni Buakula streaking 20 metres to score the first of his two tries for the day in the corner. Karaka finally got some points on the board after one of their first sustained forays into the Pukekohe half resulted in a penalty to Tino Halalilo. Pukekohe should have been further ahead, but determined defence by the visitors prevented this.

At the beginning of the second half, Karaka came to life and equalized with a try to hooker Sione Anga'aelangi after a series of mauls close to the line.

Halalilo missed conversion attempt locked the scores up eight all.

The winning of the game for Pukekohe came after some poor Karaka defensive work on the touch line allowed Peni Buakula to get his second try, tipping 20 metres down the touch line, beating three tacklers to dive in the corner. Replacement Rob Dennison took a penalty taking the home side to a 16-8 lead.

Karaka tried to fight back with replacement winger Willy Mateai scoring after a well executed backline move but in the end Pukekohe took their second victory for the season over Karaka.

The red and white will be sweating the return of some key players as the business end of the season approaches with Steelers Baden Kerr, August Pulu and Waka Setaitaia out, as well as Counties Manukau U20 joint players of the year Tim Navabale and John Luteru who are also due back soon.

Carters Onewhero gave top of the table Waiuku a scare on Saturday but Waiuku breathed a huge sigh of relief when they secured the 13-5 win.

It was sponsors day on the hill and guest speaker, ultra-marathon runner Lisa Tamati spoke to the Onewhero side before kick-off.

She inspired the black and blue team, with her previous broken back and 130 marathons, to play out of their skins, while Phil Kingsley Jones had the sponsors in pain from laughing so much in the clubrooms.

Waiuku's Bayden Morey scored two penalties in the first half and David Bason scored Onewhero's try out in the corner which took the score to 6-5 at the break.

Onewhero upset Waiuku's rhythm preventing Waiuku gaining their dangerous momentum.

Waiuku missed a few try scoring opportunities but Notise Taufoa broke through and dotted down under the post which was converted by Morey, giving Waiuku the eight point lead. As has happened with many Onewhero home games, they gave their supporters a heart stopping finish by camping out on the Waiuku line for the last ten minutes of the game but Waiuku's defence held up locking Onewhero out.

Waiuku's second-five Ethan James played himself to a standstill and prop Mark Muir had an outstanding game.

For Onewhero, prop Rob Katu and Vaughan Holdt had top games as

did young lock Kerian Whyte who had a huge game robbing line out ball. Onewhero's Andrew MacEwan had his 200 game for the club and Onewhero's Frazier Duncan, Heremia Tupaea and Waiuku's Dominic Olsen all had their blazer games.

Next week Waiuku play Pukekohe in their sponsor's day where they will challenge for the Mitre 10 Cup and Counties Power Cup.

It was another close battle but South Auckland Motors Ardmore Marist edged out Bombay 12-6. In the first fifteen minutes Ardmore Marist conceded over ten penalties with Bombay camped on their line but their defence proved to be the winning factor in the game.

Ardmore Marist centre Tyrone Lefau scored from sustained pressure after multiple phases. This was later followed by a try to second-five Robinson Avei who crossed the line from an attacking phase. After the break the game broke down and was just stop start with excessive penalties in a boring half; however Bombay did have some scoring opportunity that they couldn't quite finish.

Bombay showed plenty of heart with their forwards putting

on a good display.

A frustrated Ardmore Marist side defended well but were never allowed to open up and gain continuity on attack.

Flanker Jeremy Corliss was fantastic for Ardmore Marist and Bombay's fullback looked dangerous every time he had the ball.

Patumahoe Hotel Patumahoe now sit only two points behind the top four after beating Ward Demolition Manurewa 29-13.

It was an even start to the game in a match that saw the Manurewa backs running and the Patumahoe forwards dominating.

Manurewa fullback Aheee Tuala scored first off a good backline move. Patumahoe hooker Ilaisa Maasi then repeated last week's effort by dotting down again, this time from a 30 metre lineout which was converted by winger Jonny Wilkinson.

Wilkinson also scored after finishing off a backline move.

The two sides traded penalties which took the score to 15-10 at the break. Manurewa scored a penalty in the second half which closed the gap to 15-13.

Then in another repeat of last week, Patumahoe's Viliami Fihaki collected five points after good forward play, with lock Rees Logan having the last say of the game by scoring his first try in four years.

Manurewa played a good kicking game and their young players did well and as we have seen in many games this season their stand out players were Aheee Tuala, flanker Mark Selwyn and halfback Samisoni Fisilau.

For Patumahoe, centre Bundellu Aki, fullback Vern Comley and lock Alepini Oloson were their best players with their goal to keep up the momentum they have created.

Netball's Qualifying Tournament for the 2011 Counties Regional Premier Netball League is coming up on Queens Birthday weekend - 4-5 June at Papakura Netball Centre.

The three teams that competed in the Inter-Regional Super 12 Club competition in March/April (Papatotoe Ranglers 2, Mellons Bay 1 & Aztec) automatically qualify for the 2011 Regional League. There are three more spaces available in Division 1 and then a further six places for Division 2.

With 18 teams entered it will be fierce

competition for nine remaining places.

There has been great interest in the Qualifying Tournament for 2011 with a record number of entries; 11 from Papakura Netball Centre, three from Pukekohe Netball Centre, two from Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre, one from Waiuku Netball Centre and one from Netball Manurewa.

The 2011 Regional League is played indoors on Friday nights starting on June 10, and features two rounds with a Finals Weekend on August 27 and 28.

Volunteers rewarded

New World is on the hunt for the most legendary netball volunteers, and is once again calling for Kiwis to nominate their local netball heroes.

Now in its third year, the annual New World Netball Volunteer Awards aim to recognise the many volunteers who contribute to the success of netball throughout New Zealand by giving away a total of \$50,000 worth of New World gift cards.

For the first time nominations can be submitted online through the New World website, and can also be submitted through participating Netball Centres around the country.

To nominate, go to newworld.co.nz/netball before August 20, and volunteers could win one of twenty \$500 New World gift cards as a thank you for their tireless efforts.

Waiuku off results

Waiuku Golf Results, Ladies Stableford, Wednesday, May 18, 18 Hole Players, Division One: J Bracken, 1, 36; M James, 2, 31. Division Two: M Devlin, 1, 37; E Clark, 2, 34. Nine Hole Players, Nett, Division One: Carol Craig, 1, 44. Division Two: Raewyn Verner, 1, 41.

Saturday Haggie, May 21, Division 0 to 15: Warren Smith, 1, 44; John Ferregel, 2,

39; Don Paterson, 3, 39; Leon Robbie, 4, 39; Darryl Robbie, 5, 38. Division Two, Handicaps 15 to 40: Carl Marriner, 1, 44; Ken James, 2, 41; Amanda Pereira, 3, 38; Phil Hunt, 4, 37; Colin Thomson, 5, 37. Gross, Division One: John Ferregel, 70. Division Two: Ned Niha, 86. Twos: J Ferregel, K James, K Martin, S McCall, F McGrath, H Minhinick, N Niha, L Robbie, W Smith, D Randall.

Mangere make most of debut stadium to take points against Waiuku

Waiuku AFC's Wolf and Beaver Premiers had the privilege of taking part in the debut game for Mangere's new Centre Park Stadium but it was Mangere that ensured they got the three points with a 3-0 win.

Mangere have erected a grandstand stadium and new facilities which has created a great base for the area and a boost for the club itself. Right from the start, it was obvious that Mangere were here to play football and some great interplay made it very hard for Waiuku to get hold of the ball.

When Waiuku did get the chance to get hold of the football, they gave it away too quickly and then spent a lot of time trying to get it back.

Derek Sinclair had Waiuku's first shot on goal when he broke free of the Mangere back four but the keeper just got enough on it and the ball evaded the on rushing Charlie Heather who was following up well.

Mangere kept the

pressure on and went ahead when Leaveil Titus hit a cross shot which evaded everyone and nestled in the far left hand corner.

Goalkeeper Phil van den Broek reacted well to stop Mangere going ahead further but it was Mangere who definitely deserved the first half lead.

The second half was a lot more even with Waiuku putting pres-

sure on the Mangere back four.

Heather managed a shot from long range and Sinclair set up Danny Baldwin but his shot was well saved.

With ten minutes remaining, Mangere broke forward and Kritesh Bala had the task of slotting into an empty net amid cries from the Waiuku back four that the ball had gone out for a goal kick.

Mangere had the last say at the death with another well worked goal from Shiraz Ali.

Coach Jim Evans admitted his team was well beaten by the better side: "Mangere fully deserved the points today and congratulations to them for the result on their new pitch. They gave our young boys a lesson but man of the match was Elliott Crean."



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