

State of IWIgin

9-side Rugby League Tournament

Rugby Park, Whakatane
Sunday 27th September 2009

The Whakatane Mustang Sports & Cultural Club Inc. ran it's first ever Rugby League Tournament on Sunday 27th September based around the 9-side rules, to help promote it's profile in the area.

The tournament was run alongside the Mataatua Iwi Challenge which was a great way to start as the Challenge itself is already well established in the area and we found the participants fought hard to win not only for themselves but also for their IWI.

Participating IWI were: Whakatohea, Tuhoe, Ngati Pukeko, Ngati Awa Tauranga Moana. Te Arawa participated as an invitational team also.

GRADES:

U8s – Tuhoe, Ngati Awa and Tauranga Moana
WINNER – Tauranga Moana

U10s – Tuhoe, Ngati Awa, Tauranga Moana, Whakatohea
WINNER – Tuhoe

U12s – Tuhoe, Ngati Awa, Whakatohea, Tauranga Moana (1),
Tauranga Moana (2)
WINNER – Tauranga Moana (1)

Senior Men – Tuhoe (1), Tuhoe (2), Ngati Awa, Whakatohea, Te Arawa
WINNER – Ngati Awa

OVERALL IWI CHALLENGE WINNER – TAURANGA MOANA

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER REFEREES:

Brent Jones, Dan Keepa, Wayne Boynton and John Eruera
(Whakatane Mustangs Rugby League), Bruce French and Tony Lajpold
(Tauranga Whalers Sports Club), Darren (Papamoa Bulldogs)

AND to Len Reid of Sport Bay of Plenty, Tauranga who helped put this tournament together.

Thanks also to the Whakatane Mustang Rugby League Club Committee Members, participating teams, supporting IWI, coaches and whanau for making this tournament such a successful event, one that we hope to run annually.