



HAMILTON HORNETS RFC

Hamilton Hornets Senior Men sign New Head Coach

The Hamilton Hornets are proud to announce the signing of Will Tangaroa. By bringing Will on as our new Senior Men's Head Coach, the Hamilton Hornets hope to add a lot of high level rugby experience to the club. Will has played well over 200 first grade games of rugby. As a loose forward he played at the highest level of provincial rugby in New Zealand and will be bringing venom to the forward pack and steel to our defensive lines.

Apart from playing at the highest level, Will has also worked as a player-coach with New Zealand rugby club Moutere R.F.C in Marlborough. After immigrating to Australia he captained and coached the very successful Braidwood R.F.C of Canberra A.C.T. Transferring to Melbourne, Will again demonstrated his coaching skills by soloing as Head Coach

and creating a very successful Senior Women's Rugby program. With the knowledge and

experience Will brings to the game, the Hamilton Hornets will be looking for an improved performance in the 2010 season.



Will has excelled in his rugby career and now looks forward to apply his skills and experience with the Hamilton Hornets Senior Men.

Hornets Pre-Season, 2010

Outdoor Training starts April 1st meet at the club for 6:15pm, practice runs from 6:30pm—8:00pm every Tuesday and Thursday at the school across from the club.

The Senior Men's pre-season schedule is as follows:

- April 03, Hammer Cup @ Corktown
- April 10, Club Trials - The Black and Gold game
- April 17, Toronto Saracens @ home
- April 24, Toronto Nomads @ home
- May 01, Toronto Dragons @ Home

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Special points of interest:

- Registration Day # 1 is March 13th, from 2-4 at the clubhouse
- Registration Day # 2 is April 17th, from 12-3 at the clubhouse

Meet you 2010 Hornets Club Executive

Your 2010 Executive has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season. Below are your volunteers, and will be happy to speak on your behalf at any Executive meeting.

Please note executive meetings are open to members to sit in on.

Your Committee:

- President, Tom Edwards (Director of Club)
- Secretary, Dan Croskerry (Director of Club)
- Treasurer, Tim Gainfort (Director of Club)
- Fixtures, Maarten Geritsen
- Clubhouse Manager, Seabass
- Club Captain, Peter van Zyl
- Women's Rep, Julie Marteneau
- Junior Development, Elfyn Scourfield
- Social Secretary, Josh Robinson
- Membership Officer, Chris Lawson
- Publicity Officer, Roger Pizzaro

Life Member Dai Rhys-Jones - Bio



Dai Rhys-Jones - Not Just for Breakfast anymore. Centre - Front Row.

David (Dai) Rhys-Jones was born in Cardiff Wales, Dec 20th 1937. Educated at Cardiff High School, Llandaff Technical College, and Welsh College of Advanced Technology he played first game of rugby in Sept. 1949. Addicted to the game from that day on, he went on to play rugby for Cardiff High School and Whitchurch Youth. His first senior rugby experience came with Cardiff High School Old Boys, currently the Cardiff Harlequins.

After immigrating to Canada in June 1966, Dai joined the Hamilton Hornets RFC, captaining the 2nd XV in 1968, 69, 70 & 1980. Almost as active off as on the pitch, Dai filled an impressive number of executive positions. President in 1971, 74, 99 & 2000, Chairman of the Game Committee 1980 and 1981 and club Treasurer from 1999 - 2008.

Dai's illustrious service to rugby did not end with the Hornets. He was elected to the board of directors of the Niagara Rugby Union in 1972, serving as president of that union from 1973 to 1979. After six suc-

cessful years Dai was elected to the Rugby Canada Board in 1983, becoming a vice president in 1984.

Taking a break from the demands of volunteering on the national stage, Dai returned to the ORU 1985, and, in 1986, served as Director of Game for Ontario Rugby. Building on his Ontario Rugby portfolio, Dai was elected President in 1987. Returning to his old union Dai set the mark for all NRU presidents with an unprecedented 19 year run as union president from 1990 to 2009.

In 1982 his old club, recognizing his outstanding contributions to the game, Dai was elected a Life Member. In 1997, he was the recipient of the Ontario Sport Recognition Award. To show that a life dedicated to rugby does not go unrecognized, Dai was elected to the Ontario Rugby Hall of Fame in 2000. A beacon of service to rugby, Dai is an inspiration to all Hornet members.

Thank you for your efforts in rugby.

The Hammer Cup Touch Tournament

The Hammer Cup Touch Tournament is an annual spring tradition since 2006.

This year, the Hammer Cup will be played on Saturday April 3rd at Cork Park (by the Corktown).

Games will start at 12 High Noon. Each team will play 3 games minimum.

Teams are made up of 10 players. Organize your own team, or come as a mercenary and you'll be put on a team.

Rules of the Hammer:

- Games are 7 minutes a half
- Touch is 2-hands below the waste - and yelled clearly.
- 5 touches, turn over ball
- Scrummie can run, but if touched, turn over ball.
- Restarts are done with a 3 man scrum
- All are welcome to play



Will the returning "partial-pinks" retain the Hammer Gnome?

The Junior Development Committee (JDC)

The Hamilton Hornets RFC had created the Junior Development Committee in order to better focus our attention to our grass roots rugby.

Their mandate is to set up a system within our local high schools that will feed into our Junior Programs.

Our Junior Development has been working since November, and have made major strides in the high school arena.

The JDC is made up of the following hard working volunteers:

Elfyn & Colleen Scourfield, Julian Thomas, John O'Gorman, Dai Rhys-Jones, Morgan Thorne, and Anne Saunders.

With help from our club members, the Hornets will be involved in the following High Schools this year:

- Cathedral High School
- Westdale High School
- St Mary's High School
- Sherwood High School
- Bishop Tonnos High School

Our Juniors are the Life-Blood of our club, without them we will not grow"

The 2010 Social Calendar

- April Annual Hammer Cup Touch Tournament
- May Season KO Party & Beer Pong Tournament
- June Family Day
- July Rookie Night
- August Luau Night and Pig Roast
- Sept Tim O'Hara Memorial Golf Tournament
- Oct Oktoberfest 10's

Visit the Web Page for specific details as the dates get close @ www.hamiltonrugby.com



If past seasons of socials are any indication of what's to come this year, then God help us!

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Cathedral High School: A Junior Rugby Success



The Cathedral Catholic High School Rugby Program is currently preparing for the 2010 season under the watchful eye of current first team Hornets, John Tavares and Peter Van Zyl. Building on a gold medal finish in the Halton Division in 2009, the team has now set its sights on the new Hamilton Catholic Rugby League.

With a host of returning players including Bryan Hunter, who has already been capped at the 1st XV level, the Cathedral Gaels will certainly make a big splash on the inaugural competition. Along with u18 players Dylan Graham, Christopher Silva and Ruddy Reyes, the Gaels have some offensive talent that will surely give opposing defenses headaches throughout the season.

Although they have been training at Wilma's Place for the last month, the Gaels will soon move into the more spacious Cathedral Gym. Shortly after that, the Gaels will be moving outdoors to the Woodlands pitch located on the corner of Barton & Wentworth. If you wish to be involved as a coach, please contact either of the aforementioned coaches or our Club Junior Director, Elyfynn Scourfield.

JT can't play rugby? : An Offsider lighter-side humour story

What will John Tavares play in 2010?

Having made the successful transition from #9 to #10 last season, there is significant speculation regarding where the recently appointed Hornet Men's Coach will utilize JT's skills this upcoming season.

Undisclosed sources have stated that JT's speed is viewed as a valuable asset by Coach Tangaroa who believes that "JT's skills will be instrumental to our success this season at the Jones level".



One of our finest young lads doing us proud.

Tangaroa explains that "when one considers the conditions in which we play during the later parts of the season, the intense dry heat, the role that Tavares can play is pretty self-explanatory."

"We are going to play running rugby!" said Tangaroa, "and JT's skills perfectly suit that style of rugby".

Although the Outsider attempted to approach Hornet Captain, Peter Van Zyl, after last weeks indoor session, his only comments where that "JT is a phenomenal player, but I can't really discuss this matter with you at this moment".

"It is ultimately up to Tangaroa what JT will play" said Van Zyl.

What remains to be seen is whether Tavares will be able to make yet another potential transition.

Best friend and long time idol, Roger Pizarro, suggests that Tavares could "definitely be able to fill in this new role from a physical standpoint".

"Johnny has always been one of the quickest guys since high school" he said.

"But I just don't know if his heart and enormous ego will allow him to truly enjoy playing such a different role within the team", he said.

Pizarro went on to explain that, "water boy is one of those positions that doesn't really get much credit".

"I personally think that maybe Tee Boy would be more suitable since it would allow him a little more attention", Pizarro explained, as he watched his teammate practice from across the field at Wentworth Arenas.

"I guess only time will tell..."