



# THE RED MACHINE

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## Jubilee Cup champions 2009!



THE PREMIERS CELEBRATE their 21-16 Jubilee Cup victory over Norths at the Stadium on 9 August. It was a case of third time lucky for the team, after a finals loss two years ago and a drawn final last year. As the *Dominion Post* headline said: "This time it's all yours, MSP".

### Annual Prizegiving and Club Captain's Dinner

The 2009 end-of-season finale will be at the clubrooms on  
Friday 28 August, starting at 7.00 pm.

The presentation of awards starts at 7.30pm. A \$10 buffet meal from 8pm. Formal dress/no.1s. Entertainment later.

- All players, club members and supporters invited.

**A YEAR TO CELEBRATE!**

# Red Machine 'dream team'

by John Holden  
MSP chairman

"What a dream, what a team, the Red Machine," Marist St Pats' President Mick Robbers announced as he welcomed the premiers to a jam-packed Hataitai clubrooms following the team's Jubilee Cup win on Sunday 9 August.

The Jubilee Cup was presented by the Wellington Rugby Football Union in 1929 in recognition of its golden jubilee year. Now in its 81st year, the Cup remains the definitive accolade in Wellington club rugby.

Congratulations to the premier 1 team captained by Nick Passi (coached by Kevin Horan and Murray Tocker), the premier 2 team (captain Sean Hay, coaches Dave McGuinness and John Duignan) and the senior 1s (captain John Hamlin, coaches Gus Slade and John Poutawera) who made the 2009 dream a reality with their dedicated teamwork and squad training system.

## Finals' winners

MSP master statistician, Barrie Smith, noted there have been 17 semi-finals since the current premier grade finals system was introduced in 1993; Marist St Pats has won 11 (80%) of the 14 semi-finals it has qualified for, and gone on to win the Jubilee Cup in eight of those finals (75%).

Congratulations also to the coaches, managers, players and supporters of the other teams that have reached 2009 semi-finals. The thirds (coaches Sione Saviinaea and Sio Mapu) have qualified for the senior 3 grade final!

And both the 80/80 Blues team

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(coach Andrew Robinson) and the reserve grade MSP Internationals (coaches Edwin Meachen and Cameron Bath) have qualified for their grade semi-finals. The under-21s (coached by Dave Wanden and Steve McGill) also qualified for their semi-final before losing 12-14 in a nail-biter.

Club Patron Archbishop John Dew and Club Chaplain Fr Geoff Broad celebrated Mass for members in July. And the House Sub-Committee planned a successful "Junior players and parents evening", with the juniors relishing photo opportunities with MSP's Wellington Lions Victor Vito, Fa'atonu Fili and Ged Robinson.

Alan Woods also arranged the guest appearance of Wellington's Leo the Lion and the Ranfurly Shield.

However, members should not take the club's strength for granted. It takes a dedicated group of volunteers who willingly give their time, energy and knowledge, to achieve such a strong position.

Every volunteer richly deserves an award but the MSP Management Committee was pleased to support *The Dominion Post* and the WRFU by nominating on behalf of such volunteers for the '2009 Volunteer

of the Year' awards:

- Bryce Tietjens - club captain and premier manager
- Mere Wilson - women's coach and House Committee member
- Andrew McLean - junior club convenor
- Barrie Smith - club statistician and premier ground facilities coordinator.

Marist St Pats own annual dinner and awards evening is set down for Friday 28 August. All players, coaches, managers and supporters are invited to attend this finale to what has been the Red Machine's season.



**SLADES ON FORM:** Premier lock Marcus Slade (left) who played every game this season, and kicking maestro Chris Slade (right) with father Gus, coach of the senior 1s.



**BUDGIE'S CUP RUNNETH OVER:** A big night at the clubrooms for supporters (from left): Fr Geoff Broad, John Wootton, Paul Quinn, John Holden, Tony Duffin, Paul Simeon, and Brian McGuinness. In front: Paul (Budgie) Jacobsen.







**CENTRE CHRIS SLADE** landed seven out of eight penalty attempts.



**HAPPINESS IS** being ahead on the scoreboard at full-time in a Cup final - Marcus Slade (left), Brendan Watt, Peter Sciascia and Charlie Graham celebrate.



**CAPTAIN NICK PASSI** holds up the prized trophy - on average, MSP has won a Jubilee Cup every three years in its 38-year history.



◀ **A DOMINANT SCRUM** was responsible for some critical turnovers late in the match - front rowers (from left) Jamie Parkinson, Liu Taituave, and Arden David.

## Jubilee Cup 2009



**HALFBACK PETER SCIASCIA** ran the game behind a strong set of forwards, and was awarded the Jim Brown Trophy for player of the final.



**WINNERS' MEDALS:** (from right) Craig Simeon, Jamie Parkinson, Jackson Martin, JP Tocker and Mike Kingsbeer line up to collect their medals.

**THE VIEW FROM THE STANDS** after the final whistle ►







## Mighty senior 3 Ace side in grade final

The senior 3 Ace side will contest their grade final on 22 August after a 42-6 demolition of Paremata-Plimmerton in the semi-final.

The senior 3s, who are coached by Sione Savai'inaea and Malama Sione avenged a first-round defeat by Paremata-Plim, the only team they have lost to all season.

Well led by evergreen forwards Terry Tuiloma and Taua Sione, the pack dominated with lively hooker Sio Mapu scoring two tries and the backs playing some enterprising rugby.

The final will be against Petone at Evans Bay Park at 2.30pm - all supporters welcome!

## Well done to MSP's rep players

Congratulations to the following MSP players on their selections to various Wellington representative sides:

**Wellington Lions:** Fa'atonu Fili, Ged Robinson, and Victor Vito

**Wellington B:** Anthony Bradshaw, Michael Kingsbeer, Nick Passi, Apoua Stewart, Alex Tulou, and Brendan Watt.

(The B's assistant coach is John Duignan, coach of MSP's premier 2 side, and the manager is Bryce Tietjens, who manages the prems.)

**Wellington colts:** Sean Hay, Ryan Setefano, and Liu Taituave.

**Wellington under-19:** Jeff Allen and Ben Tuituia.

**Wellington Maori:** Dan Kauraka, Matt Mullany and Jamie Parkinson.

**Wellington women:** Mel Roewen and Sera Tokacece.

## And the junior reps too!

Congratulations also to these stars of the future, the MSP juniors who have won Wellington rep selection:

**Under-11:** Willie Sauea, Utu Ah Kuoi, Naitoa Ah Kuoi, Junior Uelese, Tina Vaaua-Hamlin.

**Under-12:** Matthew Moncrieff, Ethan Meredith, Rhodes Featherstone.

**Under-13 restricted:** Louis Chemis, Marco Mollo, Tukia Purcell.

**Under-13 open:** Jacob Dunn, Fitu Savaiinaea, Nese Solia, Jordan Uelese.

## Around the traps

### Finals time

The under-85 kg Blues and the reserves as well as the Senior 3 Ace (above) have big matches coming up on Saturday 22 August.

The reserves, who have gone the season undefeated, have a semi-final against OBU, while the Blues take on Johnsonville in their semi.

Best of luck to all three teams.

### Post-season sevens

There's plenty of sevens action coming up now that the regular club season has all but finished. MSP has a good sevens record and will be entering teams in the following tournaments:

**Local Point 7s:** on Saturday 12 September at Porirua Park, 2-4pm.

**WRFU sevens:** on Saturday 26 September, venue tbc.

**Ambassador 7s:** Saturday 3 October, venue tbc.

Rep selectors will be at these tournaments to select a Wellington

side to compete in the national tournament in Queenstown next February.

### O'Callaghan Cup donated

This year's most meritorious under-21 player will be the winner of a cup donated by the family of the late All Black and Marist player Ray O'Callaghan.

Apart from being the grandfather of Craig and Mark Simeon, Ray's other claim to fame was being an All Black in 1949 and a Wellington rep for seven seasons.



**NORINE O'CALLAGHAN** with the cup donated by the family.

## Junior prizegiving

Prizegiving for the juniors this year will be on a Friday night at the MSP clubrooms:

Friday 11 September

U6 to U9: 6.30-7.30pm

U10 to U13: 7.30-8.30pm.

Junior team photos will also be taken at the clubrooms, on Monday 31 August.