



# RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER

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## UC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND SIX: 1<sup>st</sup> XV v Marlborough Boys College

Rangiora High travelled to Blenheim last weekend to play Marlborough Boys' College. The locals had had mixed results this season but a recent win against Nelson suggested they were improving.

Rangiora High started with solid defense and clever tactical kicking had them in opposition territory regularly. However a clever step by an MBC midfielder saw their wing free to run down the touchline. Scrambling defense halted him short, but unmarked blindside at the following ruck allowed a support player to dive over.

Soon after when Rangiora had again earned its field position, good defensive pressure created a mistake from Marlborough's midfield backs this time, and Kerran Jenkins' quick reactions had him ball towing through, collecting it on the bounce and scoring under the posts, which Patrick McCallum converted. The small lead was quickly lost as a penalty to MBC was converted.

Although the bigger Marlborough side still held slightly more possession, Rangiora used theirs wisely and more defensive pressure meant a McCallum penalty had the visitors ahead 10-8 at half time.

Disappointingly the Rangiora defense started the second half poorly. Ten quick points from the home team changed the game significantly. Rangiora was not finished as a clever evasive play by Harley Robinson who unselfishly offloaded to Travel Tuaputa to run 50 metres and score for McCallum to convert.

At 18-17 after ten minutes into the second half, the underdogs were very much "in it". The MBC side had different ideas. More defensive lapses crept in and with less possession the Rangiora team found it harder to exit from within its own territory. Tacklers began to fall off the big ball runners and this allowed them to score at a point a minute for the last twenty five.

Rangiora's forwards battled hard and used their share of ball well, in particular Robinson, Matt Deaker and George Gardner, who continued his good form at 7 with another never-say-die effort. Travel Tuaputa was a constant threat on the wing and received Player of the Day. Jayden Pearce showed his potential in his debut on the wing also. Inside backs, Patrick McCallum and Rhys Smith were outstanding in the first half, with solid defensive work and controlling the attack.

Final score 46-17; unfortunately not a true reflection of the contest.



**Hell Pizza Player of the Day**  
Travel Tuaputa

**Principal's Pin** Oscar Howat

**Game this week:** vs Ashburton College at RHS, kick-off 12 noon



## 2<sup>nd</sup> XV/U18 vs West Melton/Rolleston

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV/U18 lost 24-7 to West Melton/Rolleston.

**Hell Pizza Player of the Day:** Sebastian McKenzie

**Game this week:** vs Kaiapoi at RHS, kick-off 1.30 p.m.



**CHECK OUT THE AUCTION  
ITEMS AT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> XV  
DINNER THIS SATURDAY**

The annual 1<sup>st</sup> XV Dinner and Auction is to be held at Kaiapoi Working Mens Club this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 6.00 p.m. **Please note that there are no door sales for this event.** We are very excited to have **Mike Cron, All Blacks Forwards coach** as guest speaker and are looking forward to a fun and successful evening.

Some of our great auction items are:

- Rarotongan holiday for two including \$1600 of flights, five nights beach front deluxe suite accommodation at the Edgewater Resort with tropical breakfasts, airport transfers and tickets to the Island Feast and Show, and island tours
- 2015 Crusaders signed jersey – last chance to get Richie McCaw and Dan Carter's signatures
- 2015 World Cup ball signed by Crusaders
- Fencing gear for 100m of fencing
- 30 steel bollards
- Fully processed wild pig
- Two nights midweek stay in a Hanmer Holiday home
- Interislander ferry voucher
- KiwiRail voucher for TranzAlpine Rail Journey for two people
- Four rounds of golf at Pegasus Golf course
- MediaWorks radio advertising voucher (\$3000)
- Three one on one personal training sessions
- Three live lambs
- Service voucher for Miles Toyota
- Valuation of a residential house or lifestyle block (North Canterbury)
- All Blacks signed ball

## ASSOCIATE REFEREE EDUCATION COURSE

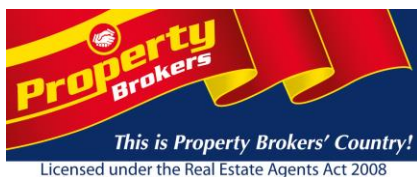
North Canterbury RSU is holding an Associate Referee Education Course in North Canterbury on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. If you are interested in being upskilled to act as a Club Referee, with an emphasis on the U11.5 and U13 grades, then please sign up through your home club or contact Ross Dixon on [admin@ncrsu.co.nz](mailto:admin@ncrsu.co.nz)

The course will be approximately 2.5 hours, with further details to come.

## RHS 1<sup>st</sup> XV Player Profile: Oscar Howat



Name	Oscar Howat
Year	13
House	Lydiard
Preferred Position	Flanker/Lock
Previous Club	Ohoka
Most memorable Rugby moment	Going to Wales on an U15 tour
Favourite Food	NW Smokey BBQ Bacon Pizza
Rugby player you admire most and why	Tom Taylor – a legend!
Other sports played	Tennis and cricket



**John and Betty Ashby**

**Rob and Jillian Yates**