



Condor Rugby Football Club (Inc)

**ARRA REFEREES IN ACTION AT THE 24th ANNUAL CONDOR SEVENS
CORNWALL PARK 28/3/010; Report by Roger Drew (ARRA HOC)**



The ARRAs referees who partook in the days action at Cornwall Park, the home of the Grammer Carlton RFC and the Condors RFC for the New Zealand National Secondary Schools SEVENS championship annual tournament.

REFEREE ATTENDEES

Tommy (gun) Tapara, Roger Drew, Yasuhiro Takahashi, Steve Piacun, Rob Ah kuoi, Pete Pender (CM) Ant Sowerby, Moe Mata'afa, Paul Van Etten, John Muldoon (NH), Geoff Knight (& TJ Piacun, hydro technician & score card runner)



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GAME DAY NOTES

The annual 24th event of the CONDORS RFC was held to celebrate the skills of many a rising talent from the many high schools attending from through out the North Island region...

The 44 matches were played over two fields at Auckland's picturesque Cornwall Park starting at 9:30 am, with each of the 16 teams playing a minimum of five matches.

This was the 24th Condor Sevens tournament which followed the IRB Sevens format of Cup, Plate, Bowl and Shield championships and at its conclusion had a representative tournament team selected by former Auckland Sevens coach, Ramsey Tomokino .

The defending 2009 champions Mt Albert Grammar School were confirmed as the top seeds and were captained by Matt McGahan, the son of former Kiwis rugby league captain Hugh, and coached by Charlie McAlister, the father of the current Blues & All Black, Luke...

Also two well known New Zealand sevens 'teammates' were sparing against each other in the coaching arena. Chad Tuoro, whose most recent appearance was in Edinburgh last year was coaching Tauranga Boys' College whilst the Condor "Invitation Selection" was in the hands of Ed Cocker (28 tournaments from 2005-2009) plus, a range of well known NZ "rugby names were represented in many of the teams, due to many sons of some well-known rugby playing fathers took to the field as well, with these proud dads on the side-line cheering them on ... It will be interesting to see how many of these names actually pop up in the NZ Sevens Olympic team in 2016 in Rio de Janerio, Brazil.

The members of the refereeing team were well looked after and catered for by the hosts and the officials were highly complimented by both teams and management alike to adding to the success of the day with some very good refereeing and AR displays.

The team was managed by Roger Drew & Paul Van Etten and special mention must be made for our small support member TJ Piacun who ran water and returned the score cards to the organisers after each match.



ACTION FROM THE FINAL; KBHS verses MAGS

Referee Paul (in the pink) van Etten



The day's final came down to a show-down between two Auckland school arch-rivals, MAGS verses Kelston Boys High after both team had fought through tough quarters and semi finals.

Paul Van Etten refereed the match in what turned out to be a very good contest, which was initially tied 12-12 at half time and then won by Kelston 26-17, who had last held the title in 2002.

The ARRA team would also like to thank the efforts of the two neighbouring associations of both Nth harbour & Counties Manukau for supplying a representative to the tourney as well. A good day was had by all...