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HBHS Senior Touch Team HB Secondary Schools and Regional Champions 2011

For the twelfth time in thirteen years Hastings Boys' High School has won the HB Secondary Schools Senior Boys' Touch title. After convincing wins against Te Aute College and Napier Boys' High School in the semi finals and finals our team qualified for the regional tournament which was to be held in Ashhurst on Sunday 27 March. Expectations were high and with the team goal of making the finals for the tournament, four pool games to get through including a game against 2010 regional winners Hato Paora to make the final it was going to be a tough day.

The team started well with a big win over Wanganui City College 8 – 0. The team gelled well and was able to execute both their attacking and defensive policies. This provided a great confidence boost for our second game against Francis Douglas Memorial College. In this game junior players Mataeus and Hunta Marsh combined well to prove a handful for the middle defence of the Francis Douglas team. The team came away with a comfortable 9 – 1 win. Game 3 was against a very confident Otaki College side. This team was a lot bigger than us and the game was very physical. At half time the score was 4 – 3 to us. We talked at half time about the importance of sticking to our own game. The second half saw our team put in a huge attacking effort. Standouts were Ash Robinson, Jade Araia and captain Tyson Johnson. The team came away with a very satisfying 8 -3 win. By this stage the team was really playing well and the sense that we could make the final was starting to become a reality. The next game was against Hato Paora. In cold, wet conditions both teams traded touch downs and at half time the scores were locked at 3 - 3. Tyson Johnson and Jade Araia again showed their class and led the team from the front by displaying a focus and skill level that inspired the rest. At the conclusion of the game the score was 5 - 5. HBHS was granted a finals berth because of their superior points differential. At this stage of the tournament the team had only conceded 12 touch downs and it was this statistic, combined with scoring 30 touch downs that saw us go through to play fellow Super Eight School Palmerston North Boys' High for the regional title.

The final was a tough game. After travelling down early that morning and playing 4 pool games in atrocious conditions the players were tired. But the satisfaction of achieving the goal of making the final and the realization that we could win, the final was all that was needed to get the team back to playing with focus and passion. Once again Tyson Johnson, Jade Araia, Ash Robinson and Mataeus Marsh stepped up to the challenge and lead from the front. In a game that saw our team cross the line 3 times and have all 3 touch downs denied added a lot of frustration and unneeded tension. A solid defensive policy was the difference between the two teams and HBHS ended up winning the final 6 – 5. The last time the school had held regional touch titles was back 1998 – 2003 when Nui and Anaru Bartlett the uncles of the Marsh brothers and Ash Robinson were playing for school. The team will now meet again in August to start preparing for the Super Eight Touch Tournament which we are hosting in October. From there it will be a steady build up to the NZ Maori Tournament in Hōpūhōpū and then to the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament in Hamilton in December.



Senior Touch Captain Tyson Johnson



Senior Touch Team: Regional Champions 2011



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Inter House Swimming

HOUSE	POINTS	PLACE
Manu Huia	572	=1st
Te Mata	572	=1st
Te Kahu	563	3rd
Heretaunga	499	4th



Swimming Sports 2011 - Scores By Year Level By House

	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Seniors	Total	Placing
Heretaunga	50	78	68	163	359	3 rd
Manu Huia	197	121	93	60	471	1 st
Te Kahu	63	115	30	126	334	4 th
Te Mata	79	70	131	97	377	2 nd
Totals	389	384	322	446	1541	

House leaders and senior students this year are extremely eager to create a real sense of passion and pride in their Houses. This was evident in their approach to Swimming Sports which was the first House event of 2011. The participation level of all year levels increased again as the senior students led from the front. The large intake of Year 9 students saw an excellent injection of enthusiasm. All the house and championship events were enormously competitive with houses having various degrees of success in the different year levels. Congratulations to the winning House— Manu Huia. Whilst well led by their senior students the large winning margin was primarily due to the dominance in Year 9 and the excellent results in Year 10 .



Hastings Boys' Swimming Champions



Individual Age Group Champions

The Championship races at the 2011 swimming sports proved to be as hard fought as ever with some very close races contested. There were however some standout swimmers. Year 9 student Joshua Greening won all of his races except one, contributing a massive 66 points to Manu Huia's Year 9 total of 197 points. Another dominant display was delivered by Year 10 student Thomas Hulena, winning every race he competed in providing 70 points for his house Te Kahu. Whilst the Year 11 competition was more even, Te Mata's Thomas Sturch won the Year 11 title with 61 points. The senior swimming champion was Daniel Gregory-Campbell. Daniel won every race contributing the maximum 70 points to Heretaunga's Senior Year Level total of 163 points! Congratulations to the boys shown below for their top 3 placing in the 2011 Hastings Boys' Swimming Sport Championships.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 9	Joshua Greening	Adam Colman	Kaleb Jones
Year 10	Thomas Hulena	Michael Burnham	Andrew Bowden
Year 11	Thomas Sturch	Sam Carter	Waven Hapi
Year 12 / 13	Daniel Gregory-Campbell	Mitch Glasgow	Jay Barrett

1st XV Rugby

The 1st / 2nd XV Squads have trained hard over the summer months on technical skills and in the gym. The coaches' policy has been hard work and dedication will pay dividends. With the 'no short cuts' policy, boys that train hard and are fully committed, will put themselves ahead of others and selections will reflect this. The team has become more unified as a result. The photos below are from the Kelston Boys' pre-season game.



Colts Cricket Report

A new team to start the school year saw six Year 9's join the more experienced Year 10's in the squad. The team was captained by Jacob Henry. After a tentative start v NBHS and St John's the Colts then found their form and won seven of the remaining eight games, to be one of only two teams to have one loss in the Colts grade after Term One—a fine effort which promises much for Term Four.

The highlights were numerous, both from a team perspective and individually. We defeated the strong Lindsfarne Colts team with a highly disciplined performance under pressure and displaying pride in playing for HBHS. The other team highlight was the trip to Gisborne Boys' High School to play three matches. The team played exceptionally well in the first two games with comfortable wins in the 20/20 and first 50 over match. However a change in the batting and bowling orders saw the team lose shape and play poorly to lose the last match. Two wins from three was a good result. The confidence this trip gave the boys saw them then dominate all their remaining Colt's games during Term One.

There were several noteworthy performances: James Field with 351 runs (3 x 50's) and 8 wickets and Tobie Birchall with 211 runs formed a fine opening partnership. Jacob Henry's leadership, 162 runs and 9 wickets were crucial contributions, excellent bowling from Michael Stirling 8 wickets (4/5 v GBHS) and Tully Gilbert 11 wickets (4/11 v HNHS) were both consistent and reliable performers. Newcomer Jarrod McLeod added value with a batting average of 19 and 12 wickets (6/8 v St Johns). Kaleb Jones was a big improver with both gloves and bat. Middle order batsmen Sam Field, Jack Newbery and Michael Stirling all showed great promise. Year 9 all rounders Bryce Green and Ibanez King Edwards displayed potential until injury curbed their seasons.

A fine start to 2011.

Batting	Innings	N.O.	Runs	Average	HS
James Field	10	1	351	39	73
Tobie Birchall	9	0	211	23	48
Jacob Henry	10	2	162	20	41
Tully Gilbert	9	0	79	8	16
Jack Newbery	6	1	66	13	25
Sam Field	8	0	64	8	23
Jarrod McLeod	4	1	58	19	34
Mickey Stirling	6	3	43	14	11
Bryce Green	4	1	35	11	12
Ibanez King Edwards	7	1	30	5	18
Kaleb Jones	3	2	26	26	10

Bowling	O	M	Runs	Wickets	RPO	BB
Jarrod McLeod	28	4	78	12	2.78	6/8
Tully Gilbert	60	5	188	11	3.13	4/14
Jacob Henry	61	9	178	9	2.91	2/19
Mickey Stirling	51	6	156	8	3.05	4/5
James Field	50	0	214	8	4.28	2/14
Raj Maiah	34	2	83	6	2.44	3/13
Bryce Green	18	2	54	4	3	1/2
Phoenix P-Samuels	10	2	30	1	3	1/12
Sam Field	7	1	33	1	4.71	1/1

1st XI Cricket Review

The 2010/2011 season has been a vibrant and positive one for cricket at Hastings Boys' High School. The 1st XI was promoted at the start of the season to the Hawke's Bay Senior Men's competition after it won the 1st XI School grade in 2010. Before Christmas the 1st XI registered wins over Havelock North Cricket Club Senior Men's, Central Hawke's Bay Cricket Club Senior Men's and Napier Old Boys Marist Senior Men's. Since Christmas the 1st XI beat Havelock and CHB again and also had a win against Celtic Cricket Club Senior Men's. Overall the team finished 6th out of 11 teams, an outstanding result for the first year back in the men's grade.

The team was well lead by senior player Jayden Wiggins who captained the side well and was the top run scorer for the season. Gabe Papuni and Alex Withington at times contributed with the bat but more consistency will be expected from these two talented players next season. Luke Bradley contributed well with the ball and bat and assisted Jayden in the leadership role within the side. Reuben Henry and Jarod Hughes were at times very difficult for opposition batsmen to face. Reuben beating the bat with pace and Jarod Hughes tying the batsmen down with good line and length. With a number of young Year 11's already in the squad and a strong 2nd XI squad that has been playing in the 1st XI schools' competition the 2011/2012 season should be a prosperous one for the Hastings Boys' High School 1st XI cricket team.

Outstanding Performances:

J Wiggins

4 – 29 vs NOBM
3 – 9 vs Havelock
6 – 13 vs NOBM
3 – 30 vs Taradale Senior Men's
53 runs vs Havelock North Senior Men's
79 runs vs Napier Boys High School
54 runs vs NOBM
86 runs not out vs CHB men's
61 runs vs Lindsfarne College 1st XI
86 runs vs Celtic Senior Men's
47 runs vs Havelock North Senior Men's

L Bradley

55 runs not out vs Taradale Cricket Club
41 runs vs Gisborne High 1st XI
4 – 46 vs Celtic Senior Men's
4 – 47 vs Marochydoore High School
3 – 17 vs Havelock

R Henry

4 – 37 vs Taradale Cricket Club
52 runs vs Napier Tech Senior Men's

J Hughes

3 – 33 vs Cornwall Senior Men's
3 – 41 vs CHB Senior Men's
5 – 37 Celtic Senior Men's
5 – 27 vs Taradale Senior Men's

G Papuni

43 runs vs Havelock North Men's
43 runs vs CHB Senior Men's

R Henry

4 – 37 vs Taradale Cricket Club
52 runs vs Napier Tech Senior Men's



Report by:

Mr T Miller
Coach, 1st XI Cricket



Junior A Cricket Review

The talented Junior A cricket team enjoyed a very successful start to the season in 2011, with many good victories over quality opposition. Beating Lindsfarne College 10A twice was a fantastic achievement. We also had victories over Karamu and CHB. The team contains some immense talent that will no doubt be representing our 1st XI in the future. Top order batsman Michael Burnham and Nicholas Rogers Rehn have both been in great form with the bat, consistently setting a good platform for others to bat around. Hamish Sykes scored an outstanding unbeaten 50 in our last game of the season that enabled us to chase down a sizable total. Many middle order partnerships between the likes of Hamish Sykes, Jeffrey Alderton, Luke Stanley and Dominic Nash were crucial to seeing the team score plenty of runs. Hunter Chapman and Ethan Flanders developed significantly as the season went on and will be important contributors again later on in the year. Jeffrey Alderton was a very reliable and skilled wicketkeeper, who often had to back up after scoring runs with the bat. Our bowling line up always supported our batters by bowling a good line and length and restricting any free scoring. Jordan Lay, Dominic Nash and Hamish Sykes were the pick of the bowlers in the team and were consistently rewarded with numerous wickets. Luke Carrington and Nicholas Rogers Rehn also chipped in with some excellent spells of medium pace bowling. The team showed an outstanding commitment to training and always played with a great deal of sportsmanship. I hope this momentum from term one will be carried into the second half of the season in Term 4.

Mr S Small – Coach

Mr C Alderton – Technical Advisor



Hastings Boys' Inter House Athletics

HOUSE	POINTS	PLACE
Manu Huia	782	1st
Heretaunga	781	2nd
Te Kahu	749	3rd
Te Mata	651	4th

WINNERS
BY 1 POINT

MANU HUIA

Year Level House Scores

House	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Senior	Total
Heretaunga	201	179	198	203	781
Te Mata	133	240	137	141	651
Manu Huia	239	113	190	240	782
Te Kahu	184	197	154	214	749
Total	757	729	679	798	2963

Super 8 Tennis Tournament Report

The 2011 tournament was held in New Plymouth this year and despite a lengthy drive over (largely due to some dodgy travel advice in Feilding) the team arrived safely on Thursday night eager to compete over the next three days for Tennis glory. Disappointingly two of the Super 8 teams (Gisborne and Rotorua) could not make this year's event, meaning a "B" and "C" team from New Plymouth Boys' High School were entered to make up the numbers.

HBHS kicked off their campaign against Hamilton Boys' (eventual winners of the tournament) and while we were competitive could not match their level of experience across the board, losing all four singles and two doubles matches. This result unfortunately, was repeated throughout the following two fixtures as our small and comparatively less experienced team came up against stern competitors from Napier and New Plymouth "A". Special mention goes to Stefen Kitching-Nicholson who played some fantastic shots against some of leading national players, and also Jake Vesty, a late inclusion in the team, who quickly became a crowd favourite with his unique style of "slicing" the ball with such audaciousness he was promptly dubbed "The Jedi" for the remainder of the tournament.

HBHS were then pitted against the New Plymouth "B" and "C" teams, and this was a far more equal contest; Lance Knauf convincingly won his 2nd fixture 6-0, 6-0 which was a highlight and on the last day of play we secured five of six matches. The overall placing was 7th which, though out of 6 schools that showed up, gave no indication of the passion, sportsmanship and commitment that the four HBHS students displayed over the three day tournament. The team entered the bus on Sunday tired but with their spirit intact, and as a young team many valuable lessons were learned in preparation for a more robust campaign in 2012.

Mr Jon Greer (Manager)

HBHS Team: Stefen Kitching – Nicholson (1st Seed)
Lance Knauf (2nd Seed)
James Fergusson (3rd Seed)
Jake "Jedi" Vesty (4th Seed)



Hastings Boys' Summer Sports Teams



1st XI Cricket Team



2nd XI Cricket Team



Junior A Tennis Team



Colts Cricket Team



Senior Softball Team



Senior A Volleyball Team



Junior A Touch Team



Senior B Volleyball Team



Winter Seasons Sports Calendar 2011

Date	Event
Sun 11 Apr	1st XI Hockey v Paraparaumu College at Napier
Mon 2 May	TERM TWO STARTS
Fri 6 May	WINTER CODE FEES DUE
Sat 7 May	1st XV Rugby v CHB College (Home)
Sat 14 May	1st XV Rugby v Lindisfarne (Home)
Fri 13 - 14 May	Super 8 Cultural Festival Napier BHS
Thurs 19 May	Super 8 Clay Target at Hastings Boys' HS (<i>date and venue to be confirmed</i>)
Mon 21 May	1st XV Rugby v St John's College (Away)
Fri 27-Sun 29 May	Super 8 Badminton at Hastings Boys' HS
Sat 28 May	1st XV Rugby v Fielding (Home)
Mon 30 May	Super 8 Cross Country Tauranga BC
Thur 2 Jun	1st XV Rugby v Westlake (Home)
Sat 11 Jun	Round 1 Super 8 Rugby vs PNBHS (Home)
Sat, 18 Jun	Round 2 Super 8 Rugby vs NBHS (Away)
Sat 25 Jun	Round 3 Super 8 Rugby vs GBHS (Home)
Sat 2 Jul	Round 4 Super 8 Rugby vs RBHS (Home)
Sun 3—Tues 5 Jul	Super 8 Football at Rotorua
Sat 9 Jul	Round 5 Super 8 Rugby vs NPBHS (Away)
Fri 15 Jul	TERM TWO ENDS
Sat 16 Jul	Round 6 Super 8 Rugby vs Tauranga BC (Away)
Sat 16—Tues 19 Jul	Junior Zone 3 Basketball Premierships at New Plymouth
Tues 19—Sat 23 Jul	Zone 3 Basketball Premierships at Porirua
Sat 30 Jul	1st XV Rugby v Wanganui (Dannevirke)
Mon 1 Aug	TERM THREE STARTS
Thur 4—Sun 7 Aug	Super 8 Basketball at GBHS
Sat 6 Aug	Round 7 Super 8 Rugby vs Hamilton BHS (Away)
Sun 7—Tues 9 Aug	Super 8 Hockey at PNBHS
	WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK
	NZSS Football—Napier or Palmerston North
	NZSS Hockey—Napier (Mayhill Cup)
	Basketball Nationals - Palmerston North (<i>Ending 27 Aug</i>)
	NZSS Golf— Tauranga Golf Club (<i>22 Aug Only</i>)
	U15 Rugby - Hosted by Hastings BHS
	U14 Rugby - PNBHS (Exact dates to be confirmed)
Sun 21 Aug - Fri 26 Aug	(<i>Tournaments and Venues subject to change</i>)
Fri 26 —Sun 28 Sept	NZSS 1st XV Rugby Finals—Rotorua
Sat 1—Sun 2 Oct	Super 8 Hockey at Hastings BHS
Fri 24 Sep	TERM THREE ENDS



East Coast Athletics Champs 2011



East Coast North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships 2011				
Event	Grade	Result	Name	Time /
4*100m Relay Final	Intermediate	2nd	HBHS 4*100	48.52
4*100m Relay Final	Junior	2nd	HBHS 4*100	51.85
Male - 100m - Final	Junior	3rd	Ibanez King-Edward	12.44
Male - 100m - Final	AWD	1st	Otis Horne	33.9
Male - 1500m - Final	Junior	3rd	Nathan Thompson	05:02.8
Male - 800m - Final	Senior	3rd	Daniel Gregory-	02:15.3
Male - Discus	Junior	2nd	Dwain Teariki	29.67
Male - Discus	AWD	1st	Otis Horne	5.2
Male - High Jump	Intermediate	1st	Liam Truuts	1.75
Male - High Jump	Intermediate	2nd	Shayden King-	1.75
Male - Long Jump	Intermediate	3rd	Jordarn Harmer	5.44
Male - Long Jump	Senior	3rd	Liam Karatau	5.77
Male - Long Jump	Junior	2nd	Thomas Agnew	4.87
Male - Shot Put	Junior	1st	Dwain Teariki	10.17
Male - Shot Put	Senior	1st	Master Lauvao	12.69
Male - Shot Put	AWD	1st	Otis Horne	2.85
Male - Shot Put	Senior	3rd	Salevao Tuliau	12.48

1st XI Hockey Results

Pre-Season Games v Gisborne BHS

The first of two pre-season games against our Super 8 friends and rivals ended with a win to Hastings Boys' by three goals to one. HBHS goals were scored by Dylan Thomas [1] and Jake Webber [2]. The second game was played the following day and again Hastings Boys' 1st XI Hockey won the game 3 - 1. Goal scorers in the second game were Luke Bradley [1] and Dylan Thomas [2].

In both games HBHS dominated the majority of possession. Whilst Gisborne worked extremely hard in midfield to create turnover Hastings Boys' faster, more expansive game paid dividends as the team played some really exciting hockey. The HBHS Hockey Academy, which delivers high intensity full year training, was introduced three years ago and is clearly now paying dividends producing some excellent players.



Pre-Season Games v Napier BHS

This was a clear indication of how far the HBHS 1st XI Hockey team has come over recent years. The game was a game of two halves with Hastings totally dominating possession in the 1st half. At the break they were deservedly 2-0 up with a well constructed goal and an excellent goal from a penalty corner.

NBHS increased pressure in the second half and took advantage of Hastings' coach Dean Hulls experimenting with a changed formation. Napier scored two goals from breakdown and broke HBHS hearts with a last second goal to win 3-2. The NBHS coach was clearly relieved to win. It was clear that although his team were ranked 6th in NZ in 2010, Hastings Boys' 1st XI Hockey team has closed the gap and we look forward to taking them on at Super 8 later in the year.



2011 gen-i Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools High Performance Academy



Sport Hawke's Bay have recently announced the 2011 gen-i Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools High Performance Academy. The Regional Sports Organisation received over 60 applications for the Academy. The judging panel of 13 had an extremely hard task in selecting the 23 Athletes, ranging from a large number of sports.

Congratulations to the Hastings Boys' students on being selected for the 2011 High Performance Academy:

- **Matt Wilson** NZ U21 Basketball team (left in picture below)
- **Jay Barrett** NZ Junior Downhill Mountain Biking Champion (middle in picture below)
- **Kane Herbert** NZ Junior Softball (right in picture below)



Thanks to the National Bank the majority of winter code teams have now been supplied with water bottles

Hastings Boys' High School Sports Captain

Reuben Henry

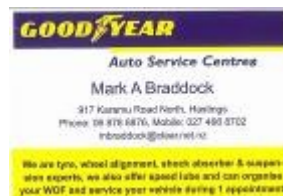


Hastings Boys' Sports Director

Hastings Boys' High School are pleased to announce that they have recruited Mr. Te Ahu Teki as the new Sports Director following Mr Cotton's departure for the United Kingdom. Mr. Teki previously held a similar position at St. Patricks Silverstream in Wellington. At St. Patricks Mr Teki coached the 1st XV Rugby team to much success. He also built up the athletics programme to a point where St Pats had the biggest contingent of athletes at the National Secondary Schools Championships this year held in Hastings winning many medals in the process. Mr Teki has been appointed Hastings Boys' HS 1st XV backs coach. He is also the Year 9 Rugby Academy Head Coach. Mr Teki is now in the process of starting a full year athletics training programme in which talented sportsmen from all Sports Codes are identified and offered an athletics training plan to suit their individual requirements.



THANKS VERY MUCH TO OUR SCHOOL'S SUPPORTERS



1st XI Hockey: Western Heights Tournament Report



Game	Opposition	Result	Score
Round 1	Heretaunga College	Win	7-1
Round 2	John Paul College	Win	9-1
Round 3	Western Heights High School	Win	2-1
Round 4	Whakatane High School	Win	9-1
Final	Western Heights High School	Loss	2-3

The Hastings Boys' 1st XI hockey team continued their pre-season programme by competing at the Western Heights Tournament. Both Heretaunga College and John Paul College will be at the same National Schools Tournament as HBHS. With Western Heights being in the tournament above, this would be a good test of how far we had come. The first game started at a frantic pace as both teams struggled to settle. Once we started to pass more quickly we cut Heretaunga College to pieces with some excellent hockey winning by seven goals to one. We got into our game very quickly against John Paul College. Dylan Thomas scored five goals and Luke Bradley scored two. We were able to play all of our junior players as well as trying a few new tactical play patterns.

In the third game we played Western Heights High School who will compete in the India Shield Tournament. Although this was by far the toughest test we dominated the majority of the game in terms of both territory and possession. We were comfortably two nil up playing some excellent hockey when towards the end WHHS turned over ball in their defensive quarter and went the length of the pitch to score a hotly contested goal. The score ended 2-1 however, with Hastings deservedly running out winners. Our last game in pool play was against Whakatane High School. We rested many of our senior players at the start of this game again giving valuable experience to many of the newer squad members. Whilst the changes didn't lead to a drop in our standards, players struggled a little bit to put play patterns together against such a defensive team. As the game went on Whakatane tired leaving large holes in their defence. As a result we started to score freely running out comfortable winners.

The final was against Western Heights HS. Once again we started the better team dictating play. We could have scored ten goals in five minutes if we had executed more efficiently in the circle. WHHS were potent again on the counter attack and in particular had one player who caused issues for us. We found ourselves incredibly 2-0 down at half time as we turned over ball on attack. We traded goals in the second half and then scored with 10 minutes to go to make the score 2-3. We piled the pressure on Western's defence but we couldn't score. We were the best team there but this just went to prove that the best team doesn't always win. Everyone was very disappointed not to lift the trophy, finishing runners up but we've improved out of sight thanks to the work done over the summer. Congratulations for the progress made so far. To win our national tournament later this year we need to improve again becoming more ruthless in the circle, turn over less ball on attack and again improve our defensive structure.

NZSS Softball National Division 2 Report

This year's event was held at Hickford Park in Bell Block, New Plymouth over 4 days from Tuesday 29th March to Friday 1st April. Since this year's Division 1 Championship was to be held in Christchurch many strong softball schools decided to compete for the Division 2 Championship a little closer to home in New Plymouth. This resulted in a very strong and hotly contested Division 2 Championship. The format for the tournament was a round robin where all 9 teams played each other over 1 hour and 30 minutes with the top 2 teams to contest the Championship in a 7 innings no time limit Final.

On day one Hastings Boys' High School had three games. Game one was against Wellington's St. Pats Town. The boys played well and were victorious 6-2. Our boys then had to play again straight afterwards and put in another good performance to mercy Gisborne Boys' High School 13-3 in the 4th innings. Game three on Tuesday evening pitted us against eventual Champions Avondale College. This game was the highlight of the tournament where great pitching from Kane Herbert and hitting from Mace Price set the team up well for their come from behind victory 6-5 in the 2nd extra time tie breaker innings.

Our great day one was then followed up by a disastrous day two. We played our arch rivals Napier Boys' High School in the morning and went down 10-2 in a very lack lustre performance, which was followed up by a worse performance to lose to Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Ngati Kahungunu 2-0. This bad day ultimately pushed us back to third overall behind Avondale College and Napier Boys'. Day three saw us up against Wanganui College and the Hutt Valley's Taita College. Our boys picked themselves up from a tough day 2 to mercy Wanganui 10 nil in the 4th innings with a solid all round performance. Then the boys again played well to beat Taita College 9-0.



On the final day of the tournament HBHS played Hato Paora where the mercy rule once again came into effect as we were up 10-0 in the 4th innings again. This gave us a 6 wins 2 losses record. Our win / loss record put us tied 2nd after the round robin play but in softball if two teams are tied then the winner of the game between those two teams advances and since NBHS beat HBHS they went through to the final. Avondale College had seven wins and just one loss (to HBHS) so they were the 1st placed team and other finalist. Avondale won the final 9-2. At the prize giving a tournament team was announced and Kane Herbert was announced as the Pitcher for the tournament. This accolade was a great reflection of his dominance with both the bat and the ball. Unlucky to miss out was Mace Price who had a great batting average for the tournament. It was good to see two seniors perform so well on the national stage, with Cody Tamati and Devontae Roberts putting in some outstanding contributions on behalf of our juniors in the team.

Hastings Boys' High School Golf Team: Regional and Super 8 Golf Report

Hawke's Bay Schools' Golf Championship

On Friday 11th March Hastings Boys' High School won the Hawke's Bay Regional Secondary Schools golf tournament to qualify for the National Secondary Schools tournament in Tauranga in August.

Liam Stops led the way with a well constructed 77 backed up also by Max Gill who shot 78. Hamish Carruthers compiled a superb 85 which clinched the title for Hastings Boys' who haven't won the trophy since 1997.



Super 8 Golf Championship

Two days later the team travelled to Gisborne to play in the annual Super 8 competition held at the Poverty Bay Golf Club. Liam Stops once again led the way with a superb 73 to see him third in the individual section after the first round. Stops though found trouble in the latter half of his second round to fall slightly off the pace. Max Gill again proved his worth as the Year 9 student shot rounds of 79 and 78 to help Hastings Boys' to a 6th place finish at the end of day one. The final 18 holes proved a mixture of results with Stops and Gill producing rounds of 76 and 78 respectively to consolidate Hastings place of sixth overall. Hamish Carruthers and Poroa Kaa also had periods of good play and will benefit much from the experience as they prepare for the nationals.

Jay Barrett - NZ Mountain Biking Champion 2011



Canoe Polo Team

New Zealand Secondary Schools Canoe Polo Championships Report



The New Zealand Secondary Schools Canoe Polo Championships were recently held from the 1st to the 3rd of April. The Hastings Boys' High School junior team qualified for this tournament through our regional tournament held back in March, where we received a wild card entry to Nationals. The team consisted of Rueban Papuni, Andrew Bowden, Ryan Warren, Harry Skelton, Cory Atkinson and Liam Warren

A result of this is that the team was put into the "Pool of Death" containing among others Karamu High School and Horowhenua College. The tournament started with a sensational 2 – 1 win over Karamu, a team who had beaten us twice at the regional tournament. That win gave the boys an understanding of the intensity needed at this level, and also gave us the belief that we had the ability to compete for the title. The next game resulted in a 5 – 2 win over Onslow college and set up a crucial game against Horowhenua, a game which would determine the top qualifier in our pool. If anyone had any doubts about our team before this game, they were gone after our 6 – 5 win. The score was close the whole game but we always managed to keep our noses in front and fully deserved the win.

Our semi final was against Northcote College, who provided stiff opposition in the first half but fell away in the second as we upped the tempo of the game, winning 11 – 3. This set up a final against Horowhenua who we beat in pool play. The first half turned into an arm wrestle with shots being saved at both ends of the pool. Horowhenua did gain the upper hand with a goal mid way through the half however. In the opening stanza of the second half, Horowhenua put immense pressure on our attack and forced 3 turnovers, each resulting in goals. Being 0 – 4 down we could have relented and let Horowhenua run away with the rest of the game. The team had played too well throughout the tournament to let this happen however and we rallied to score 2 goals, but couldn't make up the deficit. The final score being a 2 – 4 loss.

The boys should feel extremely proud of their achievement. This was only the second time HBHS had a team at nationals and the second placing was a reflection of the commitment and hard work put into training throughout the term. They learned to play to a team pattern and stuck with this at all times which was a pleasing aspect for the coaches. Canoe Polo is building at Hastings Boys' High School and we now have the resources to compete with other schools around the country. Watch this space.

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