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### **PGG Wrightson XV 'Quietly Confident' ahead of Tui clash**

Playing conditions could favour the PGG Wrightson Rugby XV when they run out against Team Tui (aka the Mangatainoka Invitational XV) in Mangatainoka on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

The game, a curtain raiser ahead of the pre-season Super 15 match between the Hurricanes and Crusaders, will be played as a modified „golden oldies“ game of 30 minutes each way.

PGG Wrightson Regional Manager and team spokesperson Duncan Fletcher says playing conditions at Neil Symonds farm could “ideally suit” the rural services team style with many of the team having „grown up“ playing in similar paddocks.

He admitted there could be a partisan crowd: “The challenge will be in keeping the boys focused ahead of the game, particularly given the clearly stated strategy of Tui to distract the boys from the task at hand!”

The curtain raiser kicks off at 1pm before the main game at 3pm in front of a capacity crowd of 7,000.

Playing for the PGG Wrightson XV are:

- 1 Richard Johnston (Waikato NPC squad 2010 and 2011. Livestock Rep in the Waikato)
- 2 Maurice Stewart
- 3 Greg Somerville (66 tests for the All Blacks, ex-Crusader and Melbourne Rebels. Works for Fruitfed Supplies at Kumeu)
- 4 Luke Brice
- 5 Mack Lynn (King Country Heartland team 2011, Lock, Livestock agent in King Country)
- 6 Campbell Harding
- 7 Sam Wright
- 8 Wayne McEntee (Ex Waikato Chiefs Super 14, NZ Maoris“ No 8. North Island Finance Manager)
- 9 Ryan Shaw
- 10 Chris Lock
- 11 Chris Johnston (Waikato under 20“s, Waikato 7“s 2011, Wing. Livestock Waikato)
- 12 Harry Stanway
- 13 Daniel van der Salm
- 14 Shay Moseby (Southland 7“s 2011, Southland Country 2009-11, Fullback. Southland Finance manager)
- 15 Kane Adams (Waikato under 20“s, Waikato Chiefs Development Squad, Fullback. Livestock Waikato)
- 16 Rhys Mellow
- 17 Geoff Smith
- 18 Nathan O“Reilly
- 19 Daniel Groundwater (North Otago Heartland team 2011. Property Finance Manager, Oamaru)
- 20 Eugene O“Neill
- 21 Hamish Black
- 22 Quentin Brears
- 23 Ryan Shaw.



Playing for the pride of Mangatainoka will be:

- 1 Peter Cleaver (DB)
- 2 Jamie Hunt (his dad works for Tui Brewery)
- 3 Rhys Morgan (a Taranaki local who just returned from playing in Russia)
- 4 Zac Haumaha
- 5 Kevin Barrett (Taranaki)
- 6 Dan Martin (DB)
- 7 Scott Barrett (Kevin Barrett's son)
- 8 Jarrod Bear (DB)
- 9 Grant Caunter (DB)
- 10 Chopper the Copper (Nathan Riwai-Couch, local policeman)
- 11 Hamish Clentworth (DB)
- 12 Ian Breedon (DB)
- 13 Rua Tipoki (former NZ Maori Captain; played for Munster and coaching Gisborne)
- 14 Alex Florian (DB)
- 15 Ryan Bambry (ex Highlanders)
- 16 Chris Heketoa (DB)
- 17 Dan Herlihy (His dad worked at Tui Brewery)
- 18 Luke Rive (DB)
- 19 Chris Wotton (DB)
- 20 Jonathan Alve (DB)
- 21 Charl Marais (DB)
- 22 Steve Walters (WRFU)
- 23 Mark Robinson (TRFU and former All Black)

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