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Yeah Right! PGG Wrightson XV tame Team Tui

It was a case of brawn over beer as the PGG Wrightson XV put in a terrific team effort to run away with a well-deserved 33-15 win at the weekend in front of a large crowd at the Mangatainoka RFC. Playing in overcast conditions as a curtain raiser for the Hurricanes-Crusaders preseason Super Rugby game on Neil Symonds farm next to the iconic Tui Brewery, Dan Maw (at 1st five) dictated the pace of the game ably supported by a dominant front row in Greg Somerville and Maurice Stewart (captain).

Wayne McEntee scored the try of the game following a movement that went the length of the field with all forwards handling the ball. Kane Adams at fullback, Shay Moseby on the wing and centre Dan van der Salm combined well to keep the Tui team on the back foot. Regional Manager and team spokesperson Duncan Fletcher said while the PGG Wrightson XV were probably favourites given the rural playing conditions, overall it was a great team effort for a bunch of guys that were brought together from across all parts of the country, playing together for the first time.

For the record, the Crusaders beat the Hurricanes 19-8 in the preseason match in front of 8,000 spectators.

Final score: **PGG Wrightson XV 33 Team Tui 15**

PGG Wrightson XV

Tries: Shay Moseby, Kane Adams (2), Dan van der Salm, Wayne McEntee

Conversions: Kane Adams (3), Dan Maw

Team Tui

Tries: Hamish Clentworth, Steve Walters, Charl Marais

No conversions.

Playing for the PGG Wrightson XV were:

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 Rebel. Fruitfed Supplies, 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 Chris Lock

10 Dan Maw

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.

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