

Under 18

Squad list & fixtures for the 2010 North Harbour Under 18 representative team.

NORTHERN REGION RESULTS & STANDINGS

2010 Fixtures

(Pre-Season) v	Under 18 Dev	Sun	22-Aug	1.00pm	NH Domain, Albany
(Pre-Season) v	Eden Colts	Sun	29-Aug	TBC	Auckland
v	Counties Manukau	Sat	4-Sep	1.00pm	Silverdale RFC
v	Bay of Plenty	Sat	11-Sep	2.00pm	NH Domain, Albany
v	Waikato	Sat	18-Sep	2.00pm	St Pauls Collegiate Hamilton
v	Auckland B	Sat	25-Sep	2.35pm	Bell Park, Auckland
v	Auckland A	Wed	6-Oct	2.35pm	Bell Park, Auckland
v	Northland	Sat	9-Oct	1.00pm	Silverdale RFC

v Northland, 9.10.10

Harbour 18 Northland 22, HT score 8-15

Point Scorers: R Thompson, A Papali'i Tries, J Botica 1 Con 2 Pen.

Another case of this team not fulfilling its true potential. Two well constructed tries and some attractive and effective rugby played at different times throughout the match but defensive frailties proved costly and missed tackles were one of the key differences between the two sides. Harbour had opportunities to win the game, even in the last minutes of proper time, but failed, ultimately, to take their chances.

A disappointing end to a disappointing season.

v Auckland A, 6.10.10

Harbour 9 Auckland 36

v Auckland B, 25.9.10

Harbour 27, Auckland B 27, HT score 27-0.

Point Scorers: F Fricconet, S Pole, M Coleman Tries, J Botica 3 Con, 2 Pen.

Harbour had first use of a strong wind. Intelligent kicking from Jacob Botica ensured good field position. Strong defensive work from midfielders Michael Little and Fabian Tago produced a turn over, from resulting phase play prop Frank Fricconet scored, 7-0. A Botica penalty, 10-0 to Harbour. A decisive break from half back Raniera Takarangi, supported by Sam Quinn lead to a 5m scrum to Harbour. A well worked back move resulted in wing Mark Coleman scoring, Botica converted, 17-0. More pressure and excellent continuity led to another 5m scrum, Harbour No 8 Solomon Pole scored, Botica converted and added a late long range penalty, 27-0 at halftime.

Harbour weathered early Auckland pressure and countered creating phases and denying Auckland the ball. 10 mins in still 27-0. A free kick awarded to Auckland from an attacking Harbour lineout led to the pressure being relieved by a kick. Another lineout infringement led to Auckland pressure and eventually missed tackles and a try near the posts. Another quick try 27-12. With 20 minutes left in the game, Harbour again went on the offensive and desperate Auckland defence denied a scoring opportunity to left wing Saula Aipolo. 12 minutes left, the ref penalised and sin binned Harbour Prop. Auckland capitalised on the numerical advantage and scored twice 27-22 with 4 minutes left. With time up on the ground clock, Auckland pressure led to a final play try. Desperate cover defence unable to stop the Auckland player. Final score 27-27.

v Waikato, 18.9.10

Harbour 7, Waikato 13, HT score 0-3.

Point Scorers: M Little Try, J Botica Con.

Weather once again played a part in this match. Rain and blustery conditions throughout. Harbour took too long to get into their stride, but stoic defence meant that the HT score was only 3-0 to the home side. Waikato pushed out to 10 - 0 in the 6th minute of the second half and it looked like Harbour might crumple. The score was 13 - 0 seven minutes later following a Waikato penalty. However, this score fired a response and Harbour enjoyed some of their best rugby of this rep season. Raniera Takarangi opened up the defence with a break which put Michael Little away for a try in the corner. Botica's conversion from out wide pulled Harbour back to within 6. Minutes later, Harbour appeared to have grounded the ball after a mistake from the Waikato No 10, but the officials ruled otherwise. Despite sustained pressure in the last quarter, Harbour could not get the all important second try.

v Bay of Plenty, 11.9.10

Harbour 10, Bay of Plenty 15, HT score 10-3.

Point Scorers: J Botica 1 Try, 1 Con, 1 Pen.

An equal contest played in deteriorating weather conditions and a game of two halves. Harbour played the better rugby in the first half. They were controlled and patient in their build up play. An exchange of penalties in difficult kicking conditions had the scores all tied at 3-3 in the 27th minute. Botica converted his own well worked try in the 34th minute when BOP had been reduced to 14 through a sin binning.

However, Harbour allowed BOP to creep back into the game in the second half. For long periods they were tied down in their own 22 and failed to dominate the field possession stats. BOP leveled the scores in the 25th minute of the second half with a converted try and sustained pressure in the last 10 minutes to snatch the winning try in the last minute. Once again Harbour buckled at the end and failed to close the game out.

v Counties Manukau, 4.9.10

Harbour 16, Counties Manukau 19, HT score 11-0.

Point Scorers: J Manihera, T Faiva Tries, B Blucher 2 Pen

NH absorbed a great deal of pressure from Counties from the start. Counties were physical at the breakdown and had a good set piece. NH absorbed the pressure, maintained composure and played the right kinds of rugby in the right parts of the field. Manihera's try was the result of quick ball, good support play. Created good opportunities in the first half and capitalised upon them.

Second half - conceded a try in the first two minutes of the second half, but were unrattled by the Counties onslaught. Thomas Fiava's try was the result of quick thinking after sustained pressure in the Counties 22. Substitute Sam Quinn controversially denied a try by the officials which was a turning point. Counties snatched the win with a try in the last minute.

2010 Under 18A squad

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected in the North Harbour Under 18A squad for the 2010 season.

Frank	Fricconet	Orewa College
Torin	Rensford	Orewa College
Zane	Turner	Orewa College
Damien	Stratful	Massey RFC
Shea	Turner	Massey HS
Abraham	Papali'i	Massey HS
Boyd	Wiggins	Westlake HS
Jordan	Manihera	Westlake HS
Sam	Quinn	Westlake HS
Charles	Elton	Westlake HS
Vernon	Issacs-Brunning	Takapuna RFC
William	Godfrey	Takapuna Grammar
Ryan	Thompson	Rosmini College
Solomon	Pole	Northcote RFC
Raniera	Takarangi	Takapuna Grammar
John	McCarthy	Orewa College
Warwick	Cheney	Orewa College
Ben	Blucher	North Shore RFC
Jacob	Botica	Westlake HS
Michael	Little	Westlake HS
Peter	Hellesoe	Westlake HS
Fabien	Tago	Westlake HS
Mark	Coleman	Westlake HS
Chase	Hay	Marist RFC
Thomas	Faiva	Marist RFC
Saiav	Aipolo	Massey HS
Rodrigo	Costa	Rosmini College

The team will be coached by Dan Takarangi, assisted by Phil Cheney and managed by Jason Laverock. Regular Tuesday/Thursday trainings will commence at North Harbour Marist RFC, 6.00pm – 8.00pm from August 24.