



MATCH REPORT: WAIMEA v HILO at Waimea – April 18th 2009 – SEASON FINAL

U13 Game

What a season final game this was. In line with the expectations of our players, this game was played in the great spirit of rugby. The pressure was on for the player to maintain their unbeaten record for the 2009 season. Waimea got off to a quick start with tries by Joey and Gabriel. Hilo came back with two tries from Samiu, but Gab and Joey added another four tries while Hilo only added one and at the half time whistle Waimea held a 30-15 lead.

The second half was a continuation of the first half; Joey added another three tries and Paul had a fantastic breaking run to score a try. As a celebration of his 13th birthday, Mark scored the last try for Waimea. Samiu responded with one try for Hilo and so Waimea ended their 2009 Big Island Season with no losses and claimed the trophy for the year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE U13 TEAM



U16 Game

Hilo was unable to secure a full side for this game so the decision was made to play 7-a-side, with 15 min halves.

Hunter opened the tally for Waimea with a great try and Mark was able to convert to give the home side a 7-0 lead. However Urban soon put Hilo on the boards with a try and Nu'u added 2 points to draw the teams level at 7 points each at the end of the first 15 minutes.

In the second half Waimea added another 10 points with unconverted tries from Raymond and Joshua, while Nu'u added 7 points to Hilo with a successful conversion of his own try. Waimea managed another 7 points when JR crossed the line for a try and Hunter was able to add another 2 points with his first ever successful drop kick.

The final 15 minutes ended with Waimea the home town victor's with 24 points to Hilo's 14. This being the final Big Island game for the U16 for the 2009 they too



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were able to secure enough points in the log to secure the Big Island U16 Trophy.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR ALL THE BOYS WITH THEIR GROWTH IN THE PAST SEASON, NOW FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

U19 Game

While not the last U19 Big Island game for the season, this game represented the final for the boys. Heading into this match these rivals were tied at 14 points a piece, with Hilo having a game in hand. SO a bonus point victory was essential for Waimea. Coach Kevin and Andrew ensured the boys were mentally prepared for the game. With the game whistle blown, the Waimea boys gathered in the middle of the field



while Hilo greeted the crowds. Ref Aisea set the rules out clearly to both teams before starting the game. Connor got the points rolling with a penalty kick and at the end of the first half; Hilo had 12 points from 1 try each from Kaulana and Ola, and a conversion from Micah. Waimea ended the first half with 24 points from 3 tries (one each from Raymond, Kimo and Connor) and 3 conversions from Connor to add to the 3 points – still one try short of the bonus point.

The second half had Kaulana add another try for Hilo, but Waimea was successful in getting not only the bonus try from Dale (conversion from Connor), but another two unconverted tries (one each from Dale and Connor) with the final score 41 – 17 in favor of the home side. While Hilo still has a game against Kona next week, a bonus point victory for them would tie them with Waimea at 19 points for the season. In that case the teams revert the Tie Breaker rules in the league, with the first deciding factor being the head-to-head result for the two teams. Out of the three games Waimea and Hilo have played, Waimea was victorious twice and so Waimea retain the Big Island trophy for the 2009 season



WELL DONE GUYS, YOU HAD US BITING OUR NAILS TO THE VERY END.