



INFORMATION PAGE

Week of June 12th 2011

1 The Picture

This month's picture is of last year's Caribbean Selects team playing against the Bahamas in the 2010 NACRA Women's Championships. You can read about the Caribbean Selects and this year's squad in item 3 below.

2 NACRA Men's XVs Finalists to be Decide This Weekend

The 2011 NACRA Men's XVs Championships is nearing a conclusion, with the one finalist already decided and the other to be determined this weekend. Bermuda has placed first in the North Division with wins over the Bahamas and Mexico, while Barbados plays Guyana on June 11th to determine the winner of South Division. Guyana will win the pool with a win, tie or close game. A strong win by Barbados sees them clinch first spot, while a close victory by Barbados could allow Trinidad and Tobago to grab top spot. The location and date of the final will be announced soon after the finalists are confirmed.

3 2011 Caribbean Selects Women's Team

The Caribbean Selects is a senior women's team collected from rugby Unions across NACRA, in an effort to progress women's rugby in Unions that are not able to consistently field a national women's team.

The 2010 Selects came from 7 countries- Mexico, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, St Vincent & the Grenadines, played in the NACRA Women's Championships, facing the U20 sides from Canada and the USA and the Bahamas Senior Women.

The 2011 team listed at right will meet Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and Cayman Islands in the 2011 NACRA Women's Championships from July 9-15 in Grand Cayman.

Several videos of last year's Selects matches can be seen on Youtube, such as this vs. USA U20- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ys0bgKF7qzQ> .

Union	Name
Bermuda	Anna Knapman-Scott Emma Msowoya
Mexico	Samara Yael Tuyu Salcedo Daniela Carolina Arellano Lopez
Barbados	Cherisse Harte Karen Holmes
Guyana	Nicole Nero Sabola Gray Grace Jarvis
BVI	Cassandra Molver Christine Nissen
SVG	Josephine Charles Shervonne Cato Alexia Glasgow
St Lucia	Marline Cherry Gezel Frederick Renatta Fredericks
Bahamas	Alex Mackey Bronia Beckford Morganna Thurston
Curacao	Vianelly Raven Gilliany Eustatius

4 **Tonga Capitalizes on Eagle Mistakes**

I have heard many comment on how much they have enjoyed watching this year's Churchill Cup games on TV. If you want it to continue make sure to let the broadcaster and your local provider know!

Surrey, ENGLAND – Four tries by winger Viliami longi helped Tonga defeat the USA 44-13 in the second round of the Churchill Cup on Wednesday at Moseley Road in Surrey.

The match was much closer than the score suggested, with Eagles center Paul Emerick putting his team within three points near the end of the first half. The second 40 minutes, however, saw danger man longi touch down three more tries for Tonga putting the match beyond doubt.

“It was a very disappointing performance. We didn’t start well, but played ourselves back into the match, coming close to lead at half time,” said Eagles Head Coach Eddie O’Sullivan.

Tonga struck first with a penalty from flyhalf Kurt Morath, which was followed by longi’s first try. The flying winger took a skip pass, and then sold an excellent dummy to touch down in the corner. Morath converted the try to give Tonga an early 10-0 lead.

The Eagles came back strongly, and flyhalf Nese Malifa got his team on the board with a successful penalty. Tonga then extended their lead to 13-3 as Morath added one of his own penalties.

It was Eagle hooker Chris Biller that sparked an excellent turnover, sending Louis Stanfill on a 40-meter run. From the ensuing ruck, Malifa sent a skip pass to Roland Suniula, who put Emerick over for a great team try. Malifa kicked the sideline conversion, leaving the half time score trailing by 13-10.

The Eagles did have another 10-phase attack, seeing the hard working Scott LaValla almost cross the tryline, but just knocking it on. With Tongan loose-head prop Tonga Lea'aetoa receiving a yellow card for a high tackle, the momentum had swung back to the Eagles late in the first half.

The second period didn’t start well for the United States as longi scored a well-worked try, converted by Morath. Prop Shawn Pittman then received a yellow card for a high tackle, and the penalty conceded saw Tonga stretch their lead to 23-10. longi added another converted try near the 60th minute. The Eagles worked hard, almost replying with one of their own, but could just add another Malifa penalty.

With both teams emptying their benches, Tonga scored two further tries to close out the match 44-13.

“We conceded some early scores in the second half, with lots of unforced errors. We definitely need more time together as a team. With two games in four days, we now have to pick ourselves up for the final match,” said O’Sullivan.

Todd Clever echoed his coach’s sentiment saying, “I am extremely disappointed. We couldn’t put it together. We just switched off and we were not on the same page – that’s partly because we are not together very often. But we have got one game left in the Churchill Cup so hopefully we can re-group and get our attitude right.”

The Eagles will play their third and final Churchill Cup match on June 18 at Sixways in Worcester against the third place team from Pool B, which will be decided on Sunday June 12 when Russia takes on Italy A.

USA EAGLES

15 Roland Suniula (Boston Rugby)
14 Colin Hawley (Olympic Club)
13 Paul Emerick (Life University)
12 Andrew Suniula (Chicago Griffins)
11 Kevin Swiryn (Agen)
10 Nese Malifa (Glendale)
9 Tim Usasz (Nottingham RFC)
1 Mate Moeakiola (Bobigny 93)
2 Chris Biller (San Francisco Golden Gate)
3 Shawn Pittman (London Welsh)
4 Louis Stanfill (Mogliano)
5 Scott LaValla (Stade Francais)
6 Inaki Basauri (L'Aquila)
7 Todd Clever (Suntory Sungoliath) *Captain
8 Nic Johnson (Unattached)

Reserves:

16 Phil Thiel (Life University)
17 Eric Fry (Las Vegas Blackjacks)
18 John van der Giessen (Utah Warriors)
19 Pat Danahy (Life University)
20 Mike Petri (New York Athletic Club)
21 Tai Enosa (Belmont Shore)
22 Troy Hall (New York Athletic Club)

USA Tries: Emerick (33') **Conversions:** Malifa (35') **Penalties:** Malifa (15', 65')

Substitutions: Thiel on for Biller (47'), Fry on for Basauri – yellow card for Pittman (50'), Basauri on for Fry (57'), van der Giessen on for Basauri (66'), Fry on for Moeakiola (69'), Petri on for Usasz (71'), Enosa on for Emerick (75'), Hall on for Malifa (75'), Danahy on for Stanfill (75').

TONGA

15 Mateo Malupo 14 Viliami Helu 13 Suka Hufanga 12 Etueni Siua 11 Viliami longi
10 Kurt Morath 9 Soane Havea 1 Tonga Lea'aetoa

2 Ilaisa Ma'asi

3 Kisi Pulu *Captain

4 Sione Timani

5 Emosi Kauhenga

6 Pasuka Mapakaitolo

7 Pepa Koloamatangi

8 Vili Ma'afu **Reserves:** 16 Atonio Halangahu

17 Ta'u Fainga'anuku

18 Josh Afu

19 Paula Kaho

20 Daniel Morath

21 Edmond Paea

22 Sillivenusi Kauhea Taumoepeaul

Tonga Tries: longi (10', 44', 58', 75'), Mapakaitolo (80') **Conversions:** K Morath (11', 45', 60', 76', 80') **Penalties:** K Morath (2', 21', 48')

Substitutions: Fainga'anuku on for Koloamatangi – yellow card for Lea'aetoa (29'), Koloamatangi on for Fainga'anuku (39'), Kaho on for Ma'afu (52'), Afu on for

Kauhenga (56'), D Morath on for Havea (61'), Fainga'anuku on for Pulu (66'), Paea on for Hufanga (68'), Halangahu on for Ma'asi (75')

CHURCHILL CUP SCHEDULE | ENGLAND

June 18, 2011: Elimination Match (Sixways, Worcester)

Visit www.churchillcuprugby.net for more details on the tournament

Universal Sports will be broadcasting the USA pool matches as well as the Bowl and Cup finals. These will be LIVE online and delayed on television, with the schedule available at www.universalsports.com or by [clicking here](#).

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5 Trinidad 7 Tobago Prepare for Commonwealth Youth Games

Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC) president Michael Romany visited a Trinidad and Tobago Rugby Football Union (TTRFU) Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) Rugby 7s training session last Saturday at the King George V Park. Trinidad and Tobago will participate in CYG 7s for the first time. TTRFU president Leslie Figaro was also in attendance.

Romany, Figaro along with Team manager Rudolph Jack, each gave a brief address to the eager youngsters who face a grueling training programme ahead of the 4th edition of the Games scheduled for 7-13 September in the Isle of Man.

Romany told the youngsters that "it is an opportunity of a life time" and that they should approach their training and preparations with discipline, dedication and commitment, "You will meet very tough opposition. Your mental and physical fitness will be tested like never before. But it is a challenge you should embrace, especially as rugby 7s will be an Olympic sport come Rio 2016."

Romany also made a presentation of rugby balls and other training equipment to the TTRFU on behalf of the TTOC. Team Manager of the Commonwealth Youth Games rugby 7s team, Rudolph Jack expressed thanks on behalf of the players, coaches and TTRFU. "This donation is appreciated. All of us - players, coaches and myself, understand the responsibility and the trust that has been placed in us. Playing rugby at the Commonwealth Games at any age level is a tall hill to climb. You are up against the very best rugby nations in the world. As Manager I will do my best to motivate the



Murray Roulston (TTRFU Technical Director-New Zealand), Leslie Figaro (TTRFU President), Michael Romany (TTOC President) and Rudolph Jack (CYG Team Manager) with players in background.

players and coaches. I have accepted the opportunity to serve my country in a different capacity with this assignment. I assure you that I will give it my best."

TTRFU president Leslie Figaro told the young rugby players that coming close on the heels of T&T's recent loss to Guyana (22-20) in the Caribbean 15s rugby

championship, discipline and dedication to fitness and a positive life style are

important ingredients if they are to be at their best. " Participating in the CYG is a leap of faith and an investment in the future with Rio 2016 firmly in mind. You young men have an opportunity to lay down your mark and let the senior national players know and understand that if they are not serious you are. I encourage you to work hard, but above all enjoy the training, hard work and knocks that will come" said Figaro.

There are seven sports on the CYG programme which is for young athletes between the ages of 14-18 years.

6 Cayman Islands Age Grade Tour

The following announcement on an Cayman Rugby Union's impressive mini-rugby program was sent by Richard 'Grizz' Adams, Director of Rugby for the CRU.

On Friday June 10th around forty Rugby players aged eight to twelve from the Maples community Rugby program will depart Robert Owens International airport for Freeport Bahamas for a series of Rugby matches culminating in two full age grade Rugby internationals between Cayman and the Bahamas at under 10 and under 12. The matches will give the coaches and Junior development manager of the Cayman Islands Keswick Wright, a further opportunity to see these young players in International competition and identify potential players for further elite development for the Cayman Rugby sevens program that is aiming to compete in the Rio 2016 and 2020 Olympic games.

The two age grade Rugby programs have been in training since last September along with U4, U6, U8, U14 and U16 programs and have been playing domestic matches since Christmas on a Saturday morning. Most of the players have been attending U10 RE/MAX and U12 Mourant Academy sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Head Coaches Chris Rowland U10 and Roger Priaulx U12 are confident of their teams chances of fairing well against the Bahamas this weekend.



Director of Rugby Richard Adams is pleased with the progress,

"Chris and Roger have done very well this year really driving improvement along with the other coaches Alasdair Robertson, Brett Hill & Greg Link. Kes has recruited well through his school programs and the numbers in each group are on the increase. Both programs have a number of coaches and parents who volunteer week in and week out so the management side is strong and this is reflected in the playing ability of the athletes.

Originally we were supposed to go to Bermuda for the Conyers Cup but were unable to agree suitable dates for both sides. I am delighted that Bahamas has started a program this year and I am very happy that we are going to play them despite some very difficult financing and travel arrangements as the games are in Freeport. Brett Hill of Fidelity and Fidelity themselves have been a great help in getting these matches off the ground.

I have also made contact with a program in Miami and that has grown in the past year to four teams. Next year we are planning on setting up one or two festivals in Miami

that will see four to six sides at U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U19 play and hopefully we will be able to finance running this twice a season.

From my perspective this is another opportunity to identify players with the talent, drive and desire to enter our elite sevens training program that is geared to preparing players to qualify for the 2016 and 2020 Olympics where sevens Rugby will now take part. It is also a great opportunity for participation in itself and a great opportunity to identify future fifteen a side players to represent the Cayman Islands as well as domestic players for the future growth of the sport.

Players who enter the Maples Academy now at eight or twelve years of age will be the guys we are looking for in 2020. As part of this process we have sourced a number of Universities, Colleges and apprenticeships in the UK in association with a Division 1 professional and now Premier professional Rugby club that will start in 2012. The club will foster the development of the player and their education once they depart education here in Cayman be it at seven years old for boarding school or older after High school and with all levels of education which is very exciting. What we have to ensure here in Cayman as a Union is that the players are of a high enough caliber before they leave, games and weekends like this are a large part of that development.”

7 IRB Memo to Officials

Attached please find a recently distributed memo from the IRB regarding management of the game. Some useful reminders for refs, coaches and players about key areas of play.

8 Canada Rugby Foundation Fundraising through Airmiles donations

The Canadian Rugby Foundation is now accepting your donation of Aeroplan miles through June 30, 2011.

Through their participation in Aeroplan's Charitable Pooling Program, the miles collected will help raise endowment funds for the development of youth rugby and to assist the National U20 Program.

Donating miles is easy - simply visit <http://supportrugby.ca/aeroplan> to download a pledge form and submit it to the Canadian Rugby Foundation by fax to 250-380-6355. The form can also be mailed to:

Matthuw Ronald-Jones
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PO Box 8003
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Pledge forms will be accepted during the month of June and must contain the Aeroplan Miles holder's original signature.

Matthuw Ronald-Jones, Executive Director of the Canadian Rugby Foundation, is excited to participate in this campaign and has set a goal of 1,000,000 miles for this year. "The common challenge of any charitable organization is to keep our costs to a minimum so that we can provide greater support to the programs that make an impact to youth rugby in Canada. All donated Aeroplan miles will make a difference and help the Canadian Rugby Foundation "Invest in the Future of Canadian Rugby"

For more information or to request a pledge form by email, contact Matthuw Ronald-Jones at mrj@canadianrugbyfoundation.ca or call 250-386-5350.

9 Information Pages Archives

Information Pages from the end of February 2011 are now available at the NACRA web-site www.nacrugby.com, and we'll continue to upload each week's Info Page. The archive can be found at www.nacrugby.com/technical/downloads/.

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