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Friday(ish) Flash – 14th October 2011

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Captain's's notes
- Maree's bits
- Finally – Egg-shaped balls, sheep and silly anthems

CAPTAIN'S NOTES

Club Championship Singles will be played during November/early Dec.

Entries are invited.

Please write your name , grade and contact number on notice board in covered way.

Games are to be played in your own time by certain dates.

Minimum entries are required for events to take place.

MAREE'S BITS

Dunlop Slazenger Tournament

As I write this at 10.45pm on Thursday night I just want to say what a fantastic tournament we are having and a huge thank you to everyone involved. The Junior Committee, and the support we have had from the Club, is amazing!!

Neville and Wilton, in the control room, have been organised, calm and there are such big smiles on the players' faces. Wednesday and Thursday have been pretty trying at times, thanks to the weather. Paula has had the kitchen running like a charm and Dave has just been running – overseeing the players, the committee members, running the 10s Boys draw at the collegiate courts today and making sure everyone is looked after. There are so many people to thank and we'll do that over the coming week. I'm 100% confident we're sending everyone home with a positive memory.

If we jumped from 121 players in 2010 to 163 players this year..... hmmm, anyone want to join the junior committee before 2012???

Paula, Wilton, Kevin Luff and Nick Caton are playing in the Open Grade – I'll let you know next week how they get on.

Like always, photos are on Facebook for those who want to see them. Just type 'Wanganui Tennis Club – Junior Players' into the search bar.

FINALLY

The end is nigh. After what seems like an eternity, there is only a week left of this rugby thingy. Despite being able to ignore most of it, the damned thing seems to be able to thrust itself into my otherwise blissfully ignorant existence far too often. To put this silly game to bed once and for all, allow me to observe:

a) The ball is the wrong shape. It doesn't bounce properly. The only games that should use egg-shaped objects are egg-throwing and Aussie rules.

b) Running past some-one while holding a ball in your hands is not that difficult. Try it while controlling it with your feet.

c) Scoring a try is child's play. Putting the ball on the ground does not require much of a skill set.

d) Kicking the ball over the bar and between the sticks without anyone tackling you and with no goalkeeper. How do they ever miss??

e) Scrums. Just how close a bond do these guys have with their teammates? If some bloke grabbed my tackle from behind I should be wanting to wear several pairs of substantial underpants.

f) Popularity. As far as I am aware, only New Zealand and Wales seem to have rugby as their national sport. Their shared passion for woolly creatures is also well known and unique. There is some psycho-social conclusion to be drawn here but I'm not particularly inclined to explore it.

g) Rugby players don't shout at the referees nearly enough.

h) Rugby players are not nearly willing enough to explore their Thespian skills when receiving a love-tap from the opposition. Watch any South American or European footballer to see how this is done.

For all that, I suppose I shall end up watching the final and maybe even the semis. For the Welsh couple that are renting my holiday apartment for the duration, I'll be cheering for the boys from the valleys. I am actually only assuming they are Welsh – I can't understand a bloody word they say. They may even be French now I come to think of it. As far as the Aussie/NZ game goes, I only know the words to one of the national anthems, but because it has the silliest of lines..."Our land is girt by sea", it will have to be the ABs for me. Next week may require a rethink, but for fickle supporters such as I, this is no great hardship. I think I shall be cheering for sanity, which will be the only sure winner, but will not prevail until after next weekend.

Enjoy your tennis.

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