

# the Inside Oil



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## From the Editor

We are yet again right in the middle of the recruitment season and to date things are going well. We have noticed a few trends to date:

- Visa processing timeframes have reduced to around 4 weeks;
- Players are reducing their expectations re: package in line with a definite downturn in what clubs are offering;
- We are slightly ahead with placement numbers compared with this time last year, which is encouraging; and
- Clubs are being really specific with what they are looking for. In particular, we have a heap of vacancies for Prop, Lock and 10. If you know of any players that may be interested, please get them to contact us.

So what has the Inside Oil got for you this month?

- We outline how the Inside Runners went at the Manchester 7s in their debut tournament and the special offer that team sponsor, Puma, are offering our clubs; and
- We talk about our latest marketing initiative with Jed and the guys at the Rugby Roundtable.

Standard features each month include news and current vacancies which highlight some of the more urgent club vacancies we have available. Make sure that you check them out and get in touch if any take your interest.

*Cheers — Mike Rogers, Director, Inside Running*

## Inside Runners debut at Manchester 7s

Last weekend saw the Inside Runners compete in the international invitational division of the Manchester Sevens.

It was never going to be easy for the scratch team competing against squads such as Samurai International, Les Blues, Kooga Wailers and the Kukri Marauders — and with prize money of 6000 pounds up for grabs, teams were always going to be at full strength.

The first day was tough for the Inside Runners as they got to know their team mates whilst playing against Les Blues, who were made up of the Top 14 players from France, and then the Kooga Wailers who are from the Newcastle Falcons academy.

Games against the Wailers and Macclesfield RFC ended in disappointment as opposition tries in the dying seconds gave them the wins.

The second day saw the Inside Running boys in the plate competition. The first game would be against Ben Fodens' Mighty Minnows.

The forward pack, Sion Williams; Billy Russell; Mike Barber; Alex White and Pat Shanahan were too physical for the opposition, preventing them



retaining possession. Some big hits and Maori-side-stepping from Billy Russell helped the back line take the glory and start piling on the points. Half time saw the team with a 21–5 lead.

Feeling that the pressure was off in the second half, the combined backs of Mark Bruce, Alex Hayman, Morgan Ward, Jay Jay Boske and the Brown brothers, Neil and Liam, were able to show their flair and ended up putting 45 points on the opposition with some great tries.

This meant the Inside Runners were through to the semi finals against SLB Portugal, which was a great result for our first ever outing as a squad. Some tenacious defending and an uncanny ability to hang on to the ball by the Portuguese invitational side saw them come

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## From the field:

- **Mark Burman loaned to BOP, 21/7/09.** Waikato and Chiefs Second Row joins Bay of Plenty on loan for the Air NZ Cup.
- **Inside Runners compete in the Manchester 7s, 13/7/09.** The Inside Runners compete in the Manchester 7s dipping out in the plate semi-finals.
- **Dave McLean signs with Hamilton, 9/7/09.** Former Waikato B midfielder Dave McLean signs with Scottish club, Hamilton.
- **Ryan Wilson signs with Currie, 8/7/09.** Former North Harbour Second Row, Ryan Wilson, signs with Currie in Scotland for the 09/10 season.
- **Aled De Malmanche makes AB's, 4/7/09.** Inside Running client, Aled De Malmanche, is announced in the Tri-nations Squad.
- **Bryn Evans makes Tri-nations Squad, 4/7/09.** Inside Running client, Bryn Evans, is announced in the Tri-nations Squad.
- **Sivivatu back in for Tri-nations, 4/7/09.** Inside Running client, Sitiveni Sivivatu, is announced in the Tri-nations Squad.
- **Richard Kahui on Facebook!**  
In response to a number of enquiries, we have assisted Richard Kahui in setting up a Facebook profile which he will use to keep in touch with fans.  
Kaks has an existing Facebook account which he'll use for close friends and family only, but the new page will be open to anyone.  
You can add Kaks as a friend by hitting this link:  
[www.facebook.com/richard.kahui](http://www.facebook.com/richard.kahui)  
Kaks will be online a couple of times a week and will endeavor to answer any messages, etc, and will also update everyone on what he has been up to.

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out eventual winners. Congratulations to them as they went on to defeat Les Blues in the Plate Finals. Congratulations also to Samurai, who overcame the Marauders, and were the eventual winners of the cup competition. (The Marauders had a few of the Welsh World-Cup-winning-squad on their side).

A big thanks to the players who took part and to coach, Nigel Baker, who was able to get the guys playing together in a limited time frame.

Look out for the Inside Runners in future! >>>



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## The Rugby Round Table

Inside Running have teamed up with Jedi and the lads at The Rugby Round Table as part of our latest marketing initiative.

The Rugby Roundtable is the Rugby Universe's finest Podcast; the great mysteries of the game are made plain as former North Otago representative, Jed Thian, and former All Black, Stephen

Bachop, traverse The Rugby Universe to explore the matters of interest within it. As New Zealand's most internationally recognised podcast the Rugby Roundtable started in 2006 and now with over 150 episodes published, it has become the most popular independant Rugby podcast on the internet.

Inside Running Recruitment

will feature with current vacancies and players of interest each week commencing late this month. It's a great way to get the heads up on the latest Rugby opportunities.

We would encourage all Inside Running clients to check out The Rugby Round Table and subscribe to the weekly podcast, it really is informative and a real laugh! <http://whip.podbean.com>

## Current Vacancies:

### London Div 2 Club seek Prop & 8

17 July 2009 #ENGL2W.

### London Div 2 Club seek 2 & 8

Pkg of flights, accom & job. Aug start.

### London Div 1 Club seek Hooker & Lock

17 July 2009 #ENGL1S

### London Div 1 Club seek Hooker & Lock

Pkg of accom, job & match fees.

Probably not flights at this stage.

### English Nat 3 Nth Club seek 10/12/13

17 July 2009 #ENGN3NS

### English Nat 3 Nth Club seek 10/12/13

Late Aug start. Club can provide pkg of flights, accom, job assistance & 50GBP match fee.

### Dutch Div 1 Club seek Front Row

17 July 2009 #NETHD1B

### Dutch Div 1 Club seek Front Rowers

Late Aug start. Pkg of accom, job & match fees (no flights).

### Spanish Prem Club seek 15-17

July 2009 #SPACC

### Spanish Prem Club seek 15

Early Sept start. Player must have played high level rugby (NPC in NZ or equiv). Professional pkg avail.

### London Div 1 Club seek Prop & 2nd Row

17 July 2009 #ENGL1G

### London Div 1 Club seek Prop & 2nd Row

Club based 20 miles from London. Flights not avail. Pkg to include accom & up to 100GBP match fee.

### Northern Irish Club seek Hooker

17 July 2009 #IREU1C

### Northern Irish Club seek Hooker

Sept start. Pkg of flights, accom & job assistance avail.

### Ulster Div 1 Club seek 15/13

17 July 2009 #IREU1C

### Irish Ulster Div 1 Club seek 15/13

Player MUST have EU passport. Pkg of flights, accom, job & potentially a small match fee avail.

### Irish Leinster Div 3 Club seek Prop & 10

17 July 2009 #IREL3

### Irish Leinster Div 3 Club seek Prop & 10

One player must have EU passport. Club can offer flights, accom, job & potentially a small match fee.

### London Div 3 Club seek Prop

17 July 2009 #ENGL2H

### London Div 3 Club seek Prop

Late Aug start. Club can offer pkg of flights, accom & job.