

From the Editor

Well another Super rugby season has come and gone and it has to be said how much of an anti-climax the final was. After such an epic season the Chiefs really tripped at the final hurdle. I have to admit that getting up at 3.20am to watch the Chiefs get destroyed by the Bulls wasn't much fun! Although upon reflection, it was a mighty effort from the Chiefs this season and hopefully it is the start of something special from our local franchise.

The international season is now upon us and it is with great disappointment that both Richard Kahui and Sitiveni Sivivatu have been ruled out through injury. We all know how much Kak's and Siti will be hurting right now to miss out on what promises to be a massive international campaign. On the other side of the coin congratulations to Liam Messam and Bryn Evans for their All Blacks selections. Exciting times are ahead for Bryn if he is able to get a taste of



the action against France. And also a big congratulations to Aled De Malmance, Hika Elliot and James McGougan on their Junior All Blacks selections.

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

- We give our Inside Running Recruitment clients an update now that the recruitment season is in full swing;
- We launch the Inside Runners, our very own invitational 7s team;
- We introduce our clients to our new interactive vacancies page; and
- We outline how friends of Inside Running can join our Facebook page.

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 of them take your interest.

*Cheers, — Mike Rogers,
Director, Inside Running*

The Inside Runner's

Next month sees Inside Running embark on the exciting new project of putting together an invitational Sevens Squad, The Inside Runners!

We have brought together a squad of promising and exciting young players that have been involved with sevens squads from Zimbabwe, Scotland, Ireland, Tonga, The Netherlands and the West Indies. Players from the New Zealand NPC and Australian Sydney first grade tournaments should give the squad the experience it needs.

The Inside Runners will compete in their

first tournament on 11th and 12th of July at the invitational section of the Manchester 7's, www.manchesterrugby7s.com.

If you are interested in looking at talented players or chatting to the UK agents please come along to the event and say hello.

If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss player recruitment over that weekend please drop Damian Pearson a line on damian@insiderunning.com.

From the field:

- **Ben Allen signs with Melrose, 14/5/09** Former Hawkes Bay centre, Ben Allen, signs with Scottish premiership club; Melrose for the 2009/10 season.
- **Willie Lawson signs with Ruislip, 28/5/09** Former Otago NPC B halfback, Willie Lawson, signs with English club Ruislip.
- **Sivivatu ruled out of IVECO Series, 31/5/09** Inside Running client & All Blacks star wing, Sitiveni Sivivatu, is ruled out of the IVECO Series due to an ongoing shoulder injury.
- **Messam, Kahui & Evans named in All Blacks squad, 31/5/09** Inside Running clients; Liam Messam; Richard Kahui & Bryn Evans named in the All Blacks squad for the IVECO Series.
- **Chiefs hookers named in Junior All Blacks squad, 31/5/09** Inside Running clients, Aled de Malmance & Hika Elliot, are named in the Junior All Blacks squad for the Pacific Nations.
- **Inside Running form partnership with Oakley, 1/6/09** Inside Running Elite Management form sponsorship partnership with Oakley. Oakley will sponsor Casey Williams, Richard Kahui & Sitiveni Sivivatu & are prepared to offer a substantial discount to all Elite Management clients. Contact Kent Hale for more info.
- **Dan Snee signs with Sanyo, 3/6/09** Former Otago NPC 10 & 12, Dan Snee, signs a one year deal with Japanese professional club, Sanyo.
- **Kahui Ruled out of all rugby for 6 months, 5/6/09** Richard Kahui is ruled out of all rugby for 6 months due to a shoulder injury requiring surgery.
- **Matt Treeby signs with Chinnor, 5/6/09** Former Wellington NPC B hooker, Matt Treeby, signs with English club Chinnor for the 2009/10 season.
- **Gougs gets call up to Junior All Blacks squad, 11/6/09** Inside Running client & Chiefs prop, James McGougan, gets the call up to the Junior All Blacks squad for the Pacific Nations as a replacement for injured Jamie MacKintosh.

Recruitment Season in Full Swing

The recruitment season for Inside Running Recruitment is now in full swing with UK and European clubs starting to sign players. There has definitely been a bit of a shift in the market this year so we thought we would take the opportunity to outline what we have seen so far:

- **Professional deals are very hard to come by.** There are many factors that are influencing this, such as the economic recession; reduction of clubs at National 1 level in England; an excess of players on the market (especially in the UK); new foreign player regulations in France; some Japanese clubs not recruiting at all, etc.
- **Semi-pro and amateur clubs are offering less.** Without a doubt your standard UK club that recruits a few players each year are offering less this season. What this means for players is that they really need to revise their expectations if they are going to pick up a deal this season. Basically, what clubs have offered in the past, or what players have heard their mates getting in the past is now irrelevant in this market.
- **Semi-pro and amateur clubs are being more specific.** Clubs at these levels are really being a lot more specific in terms of what they are looking for. This is largely driven by the fact that money is a lot tighter so they are just looking to spend it in certain areas. Key demand positions are prop, lock and 10, with the

vast majority of clubs only looking to recruit in these positions. Unfortunately if you are a hooker, flanker or halfback, deals are very hard to come by this year.

- **Visas.** The Youth Mobility visa (which has replaced the UK working holiday visa) and seems to be taking 4–6 weeks to process and we haven't had any issues as yet with players having visas declined. We have a partnership with FastrackUK who complete the applications for our players and they have already pre-warned us that August is the peak season for applications and that during that period the visas may take longer than 6 weeks. Clubs and players alike should bear this in mind. We are advising all players to apply now if they wish to take up contracts in the UK this season.

We trust that this gives our clients a good feel in terms of where the market is at the moment. Whilst it might seem quite a negative update, we are still confident of achieving the same number of placements as previous years.

It is now just a case of clubs being more selective — and rightly so. ▶▶▶

Vacancies page www.insiderunning.com/vacancies

Inside Running have recently launched a vacancies page to keep our clients up to date on what clubs are currently seeking in terms of positions and what clubs are offering.

This really gives us the opportunity to keep all players well informed of what's currently out there, and furthermore, gives players the ability to apply online for a specific position.

The page can be viewed on: www.insiderunning.com/vacancies.

Clubs also have the ability to load their own vacancies directly onto the site to generate leads, and we do offer clubs and coaches the opportunity to advertise on this page — which is already receiving in excess of 500 page views per day.

We update the page every day, so we encourage all of our clients to visit it regularly. If you have any questions or queries about the vacancies page please contact your Inside Running agent.

Join us on Facebook Inside Running Recruitment has decided to really amp up our Facebook presence.

We have set up a group called Inside Running Recruitment. You can find us on Facebook by searching by group, or alternatively contact your Inside Running agent and they will send you a weblink.

We intend to use the group to send regular updates in terms of vacancies and interest articles — to keep in touch with our clients overseas, etc.



Current Vacancies:

English National 3 Club Seek 8 12 June 09
#ENGN3E English National 3 Club based in London seek strong running 8 for coming season. Aug start. Will only consider UK BASED PLAYERS. Attractive pkg avail.

Scottish Premier 2 Club Seek 3, 4 & 12 12 June 09 #SCOP2G Scottish Premier 2 Club based in the Borders seek TH Prop (3), 2nd Row & strong running Centre. August start. Seeking real quality. Pckg up to flights, accom, job & 150GBP match fee avail.

London Div 3 Club Seek Prop & Lock 12 June 09 #ENGL3I London Div 3 Club Seek Prop & Lock. August start. Pckg to include flights, accom, job assistance & match fees (depending on the player).

Portugese Championship Club Seek Hooker & 10 12 June 09 #PORB Portugese Championship club based in Lisbon seek Hooker & 10. Hooker must be EU, 10 can be a foreigner. Seeking real quality. Pckg of flights, accom, bonuses & retainer of up to 1000Euro.

Scottish Premier 2 Club Seek 12 12 June 09 #SCOP2A Scottish Premier 2 Club Seek 12. Aug start. Seeking strong running player, in the Ma'a Nonu type mould. Flights, accom, job & 100GBP match fee avail.

Irish AIL1 Club Seek 10/12/15 12 June 09 #IREA1C Irish AIL 1 Club based in Cork seek Utility Back for coming season. 1 Sept start. Attractive pkg avail. Seeking real quality.

Scottish Premier 2 Club Seek 13/12/10 12 June 09 #SCOP2P Scottish Premier 2 Club seek a Midfielder that can also play 10. Goal-kicker. Club based in the Borders. August start. Can provide a pkg of flights, accom, job & 50GBP match fee.

London 3 Club Seek Players 12 June 09 #ENGL3AC London 3 Club Seek UK based players for coming season. Will consider all positions. Pckg of match fee/travel expenses avail.

English Championship Club Seek 10 12 June 09 #ENGCC English Championship Club seek proven 10. July start. Suit NPC level from NZ. Player must have EU passport, ancestry/spouse visa. Attractive pkg avail.

Irish AIL1 Club Seek Lock or 10 12 June 09 #IREA1G Irish AIL 1 Club seek Lock & 10 for the coming season. The player MUST have an IRISH passport. Attractive pkg avail.

London Div 2 Club Seek Prop & 6/7 12 June 09 #ENGL2B London Div 2 club based in London seek LH Prop & 6/7 for coming season. August start. Club can offer a pkg of flights, accom subsidised & employment.

London Div 3 Club Seek 10 & Centre 12 June 09 #ENGL3L South London based Div 3 club seek 10 & 12 for coming season. August start. Very attractive pkg avail for the 10 (up to 7,000GBP), & slightly lesser pkg for the Centre. Club is looking for star quality.