

the Inside Oil



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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.
- **Tal Weizman signs with Watsonians, 4/8/09.** Former Hawkes Bay NPC B Second Row, Tal Weizman, signs with Scottish premiership club, Watsonians.
- **Bowater Bandits sign with Perthshire, 7/8/09.** Bay of Plenty club players, Daniel and Zeke Bowater, sign with Scottish club, Perthshire.
- **Tauranga Sports win 3rd consecutive Baywide title, 8/8/09.** Tauranga Sports beat Te Puke Bridesmaids 31-23 in the Baywide final in front of a crowd of 4,500 at the Tauranga Domain.
- **Willie Tafo'ou signs with Bury St Edmunds, 12/8/09.** Former Tongan international sevens representative, Willie Tafo'ou, signs with London club, Bury St Edmunds.
- **Tony Dodunski signs with Rainey Old Boys, 18/8/09.** Former Southland NPC B centre, Tony Dodunski, signs with Northern Irish AIL club, Rainey Old Boys.
- **All Blacks retain Bledisloe Cup, 22/8/09.** The AB's retain the Bledisloe Cup, defeating the Wallabies 19-18 in Sydney.
- **South Africa ominously good, 29/8/09.** South Africa look to have wrapped up the Tri-nations with a comprehensive victory over Australia in Perth, 32-25.

From the Editor

We are coming to the end of the peak of the recruitment season and things have gone relatively well to date. We are still slightly ahead year to date which is very pleasing given the economic times. We have noticed a few trends to date:

- Visa's have proved to be less of an issue than in past years. Processing times have reduced to 2-3 weeks. The only players that have had issues are those who have applied themselves, without using FastrackUK to assist. We now require all players to use FastrackUK to assist with their applications to avoid any issues.
- Clubs are offering less than in past seasons. Players are having to reduce their expectations if they are going to pick up a deal.
- There is still plenty of demand for players in key positions: Prop, Lock, 8 and 10.

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

- We launch a new service offering assistance to clubs with the recruitment of coaching staff;
- We discuss the Air NZ Cup, which is well and truly alive and well; and
- We explore how the face of rugby is about to change should rugby's inclusion into the Olympics be rubberstamped.

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.

Finally, a big congratulations to my local club, Tauranga Sports, on taking out a **third consecutive Baywide title!!**

Cheers — Mike Rogers, Director, Inside Running

Is your Club looking for Coaching Staff?

We have launched a new service for clubs looking to recruit coaching staff.

We currently have a database of around 2,000 coaches from all around the world, but with a definite bias towards NZ and Australian based coaches.

This presents a great opportunity for clubs to market directly to coaches through Inside Running, rather than the more hit and miss approach of typical advertising.

We are offering the following services:

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| 1 | Advertising only. \$350 — We will advertise the vacancy directly to all coaches on our database and will also load a vacancy on our website for a period of 30 days. All correspondence will be directed to the club. Note: Fee is not based on a successful placement. |
| 2 | Standard. \$750 — We will advertise the vacancy directly to all coaches on our database and will also load a vacancy on our website for a period of 30 days. All correspondence will be directed to Inside Running. We will answer queries, reference check, and put forward a short-list of candidates to the club. Note: Fee is not based on a successful placement. |
| 3 | Comprehensive. 10% of contract value, minimum \$1250 fee — We will advertise the vacancy directly to all coaches on our database and will also load a vacancy on our website for a period of 30 days. All correspondence will be directed to Inside Running. We will answer queries, reference check, short-list and conduct initial interviews of all short-listed candidates. We will make a recommendation/s with supporting evidence. Note: % of fee is based on a successful placement. If a successful placement is not made, standard fee (\$750) applies. |

Please make contact with your local Inside Running agent if you are interested in taking up this new service offer.



Air NZ Cup Alive and Kicking

After 5 weeks of compelling rugby, the Air New Zealand Cup is well and truly alive and kicking. Crowd numbers are up, All Blacks are playing, the competition is the most even it has ever been — Canterbury, Southland, Bay of Plenty and Manawatu round out the top 4. What? Southland, Bay of Plenty and Manawatu? Aren't they 3 of the 6 teams that are in the firing line for demotion to the new second division?

The head honcho's at the NZRU must be losing sleep. How are they going to justify cutting four teams from a competition that seems to be thriving? Counties, Northland, Tasman and Manawatu are the four logical teams for demotion to the second division, but what is going to happen when these teams finish the competition mid table, or even make the top 4? What happens if Waikato, North Harbour, Otago and Auckland finish in the bottom half of the competition?

We only have to look at the talent that has emerged from this years' competition already to understand that the competition is working... If it aint broke why fix it... >>>



Rugby on the Biggest Stage

Credit where credit is due and hats off to the IRB for delivering two fantastic results for the development of rugby in 2009. Japan hosting the Rugby World Cup in 2017 will go a long way to unlocking the potential of Asia. And, the biggest coup of them all, it looks like a foregone conclusion that rugby will be part of the Olympic programme from 2016.

In my view rugby becoming part of the Olympics is set to change the face of the sport as we know it. Rugby will all of a sudden be on the agenda in the world's sporting powerhouse nations — the USA, China and Russia.

There are roughly 300 Gold medals available at the Olympics, and with two being available in rugby union, we would be naïve to think that these nations aren't going to do everything possible to win them. It might seem ridiculous to some that these nations will be able to compete at rugby, but we only have to look at China's success

in rowing to understand that China, with over 1 billion population, do produce raw athletes.

Should rugby's entry into the Olympics get rubberstamped later in the year we foresee some drastic changes to the international rugby landscape:

- Rugby union will get access into the USA's College sporting programme with Olympic funding. They will recruit players and coaches.
- Rugby will develop in China and Russia, to what extent is anyone's guess.
- Sevens rugby will take on a new focus. The World Series will grow and countries will take it a lot more seriously.
- We will see the emergence of top level players who choose to focus only on sevens. Sevens will present opportunities for players world over.
- Will rugby sevens overshadow 15s in the future? >>>

Current Vacancies:

Irish AIL1 Club Seek TH Prop 28 August 2009 **#AIL1B** Irish AIL 1 Club Seek TH Prop. Flights, accom, job & good match fees available.

French Fed 2 Club Seek Lock, 8 & Wing 28 August 2009 **#FED2D** French Fed 2 Club Seek Lock, 8 & Wing. Players must have EU passports. Flights, accom & 1000Euro per month.

London Division 2 Club Seek Utility Back 28 August 2009 **#ENGL2C** London Division 2 Club Seek Utility Back. Would prefer a player with size. Flights rebate, subsidised accom & job.

London 2 Club Seek Lock 28 August 2009 **#ENGL2T** London 2 club Seek Lock. Club would like a two year commitment. Flights, accom arranged, job & match fee available.

Irish AIL2 Club Seek Lock 28 August 2009 **#IREA2BR** Irish AIL2 Club Seek Lock. Player must hold Irish passport. Flights, accom, job & match fee.

Scottish National 1 Club (level 5) Seek 7 28 August 2009 **#SCON1A** Scottish National 1 Club (level 5) Seek 7. Flights, accom & job.

National 2 North Club Seek 7 28 August 2009 **#NAT2NH** National 2 North Club Seek 7. Player must be on EU passport, ancestry visa, etc (no youth mobility visas). Package TBA.

Italian Serie A Club Seek TH Prop & 8 28 August 2009 **#ITASAM** Italian Serie A Club Seek TH Prop & 8. One foreign spot only available. Club would prefer the TH Prop to hold the EU passport. Package of flights, accom retainer of 1000-2000Euro dependent on the player.

English Championship Club Seek Big Centre 28 August 2009 **#ENGCEC** English Championship Club Seek Big Centre. Happy to wait until the end of the Air NZ Cup. Player must have EU passport, ancestry visa, etc (no youth mobility visas allowed). Pro package available.

Irish AIL 1 Club Seek Second Row 28 August 2009 **#IREA1G** Irish AIL 1 Club Seek Second Row. Mid to late September start. Flights, accom, job & good match fees available.

Spanish Premiership Club Seek EU Lock 28 August 2009 **#SPAPLV** Spanish Premiership Club Seek EU Lock. Immediate start. Flights, accom & 1000-1200Euro per month.

English Championship Club Seek 10 & 12/13 28 August 2009 **#ENGCC** English Championship Club Seek 10 & 12/13. Players must either have EU passport, ancestry visa (no youth mobility visas). Pro package available.

Irish Level 5 Club Seek 10 28 August 2009 **#IREM1D** Irish Level 5 Club Seek 10. Player must be in Ireland & registered by 5 September 2009. Flights, accom, job & match fee for the right player.

Italian Serie A Club Seek 10 28 August 2009 **#ITASAP** Italian Serie A Club Seek 10. Foreign passport okay. September start. Flights, accom, car & 1000-1200Euro per month. NPC B or higher standard player required.

Portuguese Club Seek Prop 28 August 2009 **#PORA** Portuguese Club Seek Prop. NPC B or equivalent standard. Flights, accom & monthly salary of 1000Euro.