

Counties Maaori Rugby Report November 2010

Te Hiku o te Ika (THOTI) Northern Region Maaori rugby Council (Inc)

Maaori Regional Body has had their AGM and has elected a new Chairperson Toni Mariner.

Their first meeting for the newly elected committee was held on 28th November 2010 the focus was on:

- Regional Tournament to be held in March 2011
- Reviewing N.Z Maaori Rugby “Tikanga Maaori” and the implementation
- Reviewing Regional and Provincial Union Constitutions to align with NZMR

The Counties Manukau Maaori Women’s:

7’s team attended the inaugural Sumarai 7’s tournament held at College Rifles Rugby Club on Saturday 13th November. The team was affected by some of their ‘trophy’ players playing for Marist and College Rifles who they had travelled to the Raro 7’s a week earlier with, but managed to scrape up a team to field for the day tournament.

The team was coached by Paul Ale and majority of team were from the Manurewa Women’s side with two late additions by East Tamaki players. The first game saw them score first versus Marist with only six players of the field! They went on throughout the day to go through unbeaten with a show of gutsy, skillful and hearty 7’s rugby. So with no training, two players on the bench for the entire day our wahine showed everyone what it means to be an athlete from Counties Manukau and wahine Maaori at that! Acknowledgement from other teams was received to support the display of fine footy. Our next kaupapa is the Aotearoa 7’s tournament in Rotorua 18th December which gives our wahine an opportunity for selection in the Aotearoa 7’s team 😊

Day’s results were:

<u>Round robin:</u>	CM Maori Rugby 27	Marist 5
	CM Maori Rugby 47	East Tamaki 0
	CM Maori 50	Northland 7
<u>Semis</u>	CM Maori 14	Marist 12
<u>Final</u>	CM Maori 22	College Rifles 17