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AFLPNG NIUS

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GAME DEVELOPMENT

Welcome to the sixth Issue of *AFLPNG NIUS,* a newsletter from AFLPNG Game Development, providing information and updates on our programs and participants around PNG, in Australia and news from the Pacific.

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AFLPNG MISSION STATEMENT

AFLPNG will provide a vibrant sporting culture for Papua New Guineans to achieve self-discipline and teamwork. Fostering natural talent and providing the opportunity for individual growth and success, AFLPNG will promote individuals to become productive members of local communities.

South Pacific Nations Squad

THE UNDER 16 Championships commence on July 3 in Western Sydney with PNG having a strong presence within the Pacific Nations Squad.

The South Pacific Team also includes players from Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands and New Zealand.

Endorsed by PNG lad Peter Labi, the team can field players up to 18 years of age to compete in the championships.

Coached by former Hawthorn Defender Trent Croad, the Pacific side plays their first game in Blacktown against the World team on July 4.

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Peter Labi in the Pacific Nations Kit

Southern Sharks Game Development Region – NCD Competition

Junior Girls Ladders R6

Under 13s

1. **Idubada Tigers**
2. **Defence**
3. **Boreboa**
4. **Coronation**
5. June Valley
6. Bavaroko
7. Taurama Diggers
8. Gordons Kokofas

Under 15s

1. **Idubada Tigers**
2. **Defence**
3. **Coronation**
4. **Bavaroko**
5. Boreboa
6. Gordons Kokofas
7. June Valley
8. Taurama Diggers

Open

1. **Kelu Bombers**
2. **Reds**
3. Taurama Diggers
4. Blues

Junior Boys Ladders R6

Under 13s

1. **Defence Green**
2. **Idubada Tigers**
3. **Kelu Bombers**
4. **Defence Gold**
5. Wardstrip Primary
6. June Valley
7. Taurama Diggers
8. Boreboa Primary

Under 13s

1. **Defence**
2. **Kelu Bombers**
3. **Gordons Kokofas**
4. **Kanudie McDues**
5. Taurama Diggers
6. Idubada Tigers
7. Boreboa Primary
8. June Valley
9. Wardstrip Primary

Under 17s

1. **Defence**
2. **De La Selle**
3. **Kelu Bombers**
4. **Kanudie McDues**
5. Uni Bulldogs
6. Taurama Diggers
7. Boreboa Primary
8. June Valley

Round 6 has completed in the Junior Competition for both boys and girls in POM.

The season has strengthened on a weekly basis, with more and more kids attending both Murray Barracks and the Colts Ovals.

In a successful start to the season, the standard of football has been high from all age groups.

For the Under 13 boys competition, Defence Green and Idubada Tigers are the early frontrunners dominating the competition.

Under 15 boys sees Defence out in front with a perfect season so far, followed by Kelu Bombers and Gordons Kokofas. Whilst the Under 17 boys competition is led by Defence and De La Selle (The AFLPNG Academy side).

For the girls competition, the Idubada Tigers lead the Under 13s and 15s Competitions. Whilst in the Open comp the Kelu Bombers are the early leaders.

The Regional Championships will commence throughout PNG in July. The best young players will play in the knockout style championships with the opportunity to be selected to represent their regions.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – 10TH OF JULY – MURRAY BARRACKS OVAL - POM

Under 14 Binatangs Heading to Brisbane

"...Kids from Hagen, Goroka, Lae, POM, Kimbe, Hoskins, as well as other provinces."

THE UNDER 14 Binatangs will head to Queensland on June 24 to partake in the under 14 AFLQ Championships.

Offering a great opportunity for the talented young PNG Nationals to visit Australia, play football and hopefully achieve success.

As part of the development program at AFLPNG, the best Under 14 players are selected from different provinces throughout PNG to represent their country.

Kids from Hagen, Goroka, Lae, POM, Kimbe, Hoskins and other provinces will make the journey south for a great experience and an opportunity for further development.

AFLPNG officials Raga Raga , Mesea Dorigori and Ian Karme will take care of the lads in Brisbane.

"Competing against state teams in a regional carnival, the Under 14 Binatangs have a strong squad and are hoping for successful campaign".

Let's hope the boys take a leaf out of the Under 16 Binatangs recent journey and play some great football.

AFLPNG Officials: Mesea, Ian and Raga will be managing the boys in Queensland.

GOOD LUCK BINATANGS

Coca Cola Commits Support for 2010-2011

AFLPNG Manager Walter Yangomina and AFLPNG Highlands Development Officer Moses Kar met with Coca Colas National Marketing Manager Louise Maher in Lae to discuss plans to further develop the partnership between AFLPNG and Coca Cola.

AFLPNG Heads to Enga Province

AFLPNG has expanded into the Enga Province in the Highlands.

The Highlands Lutheran International School, two hour's drive from Mt Hagen, experienced an introduction to AFL Football led by AFLPNG highlands development officer Moses Kar.

Schoolchildren as young as 4, took part in a day of activities and games, thoroughly enjoying the day's events.

As part of the AFLPNG's development program, the expansion to the Enga province in PNG is vital to the growth of the sport, and the development of the local communities.

"..Peter Labi descends from Enga, so there are opportunities for these kids to follow in his footsteps."

A Young Student enjoying AFL Football

Preparing for a practice match

AFLPNG manager Walter Yangomina said that AFLPNG hopes to give Enga kids the opportunity to play AFL football,

"We are trying to cast a net wide enough to reach everyone", Yangomina said , "There are a lot of quality Enga Kids coming through based in Hagen, POM and Lae and we are trying to give everyone an opportunity".

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The talent on display at the Highlands Lutheran International School highlighted the importance on branching the AFL further throughout PNG.

"Peter Labi descends from Enga and now plays in Australia, so we think there are opportunities for the kids from these provinces to follow in his footsteps", Yangomina concluded.

AFLPNG has development plans for further expansion throughout PNG in the near future.

Moses Kar, presenting the Highlands Lutheran International School with a bag of balls and some playing singlet's.

2010 BE MOBILE GAME DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

JUNE	❖ Selection of Regional Teams for Nationals ❖ School Holidays: Australia (25/6 - 12/7) PNG (26/6 - 12/7) ❖ Under 18s National Titles, Australia (Continue) ❖ Board meeting (18) ❖ Corporate Golf Day POM (TBC) ❖ AFLQ Under 14 Championships Sunshine Coast (28/6 - 3/7) ❖ Coca Cola Under 14 Binatangs Tour (25/6 - 4/7)
JULY	❖ BEMOBILE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS U13, 15 & 17 and 15 Girls - HIGHLANDS : HAGEN (5&6) - SOUTHERN: POM (10) - NORTHERN : LAE (12&13) - ISLANDS : KIMBE (19&20) ❖ U16 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AUST. West Sydney. (11-17) ❖ Pacific Touring Squad - Under 18s (6-19) ❖ Scholarship / Academy Testing Day 3 (25) ❖ Auskick(PPR) 2nd Intake (13th) ❖ Board Meeting (23) ❖ AFLPNG Senior Regional Titles. (TBC)
AUGUST	❖ AFLPNG JUNIOR FINALS ❖ AFLPNG Commencement Senior Finals ❖ Function ❖ Board Meeting (20)

SEPTEMBER	❖ AFLPNG Senior Finals Nationally. ❖ JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ❖ U13, 15 & 17 Boys & U15 Girls (21/22/23rd) ❖ ISLANDS, HIGHLANDS, NORTHERN & SOUTHERN ❖ LAE – Army Barracks ❖ SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Aust(18- 3/10) PNG(17- 3/10 TBC) ❖ SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS(16-19th). ❖ Planning Seminar (17th) All Centres. Seniors. ❖ AFL Grand Final - Melbourne (25)
OCTOBER	❖ Board meeting. (22nd) ❖ Queensland Under 16 Girls Championships. Cairns (TBC) ❖ Kurakums Touring Squad (TBC) ❖ Sportsman Function(22) ❖ Scholarship/Academy Testing day 4.(17) ❖ AFLPNG MOSQUITO'S v Gold Coast All Stars POM(21) Lae(24) ❖ BEMOBILE SCHOOLS KNOCKOUT FINALS NATIONALLY.
NOVEMBER	❖ DRAFT/PRE SEASON AFL (TBC) ❖ BSP Super series Game 1-3 and GF.(6,13,20,27) ❖ Board meeting(19) ❖ International Scholarship Nominations Close(1)
DECEMBER	❖ National TALENT CAMP – Goroka (TBC) ❖ U13/U15/U17 & SCHOLARSHIP ❖ OCEANIA CUP UNDER 16'S - Tonga (TBC) ❖ BEMOBILE SCHOOLS SQUAD (TBC) ❖ Board meeting (17) ❖ AIS ACADEMY - Canberra ❖ AFLPNG Regional Offices Close (17/12 - 24/1) ❖ School Holidays. Aust (6/12 - TBC) PNG (3/12 - TBC) ❖ OCEANIA CUP. SENIORS (TBC)

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