



AFLPNG NIUS

AFLPNG is the Representative of the Australian Football League (AFL) in Papua New Guinea.



Welcome to the 14th and first Issue for 2011 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.

AFLPNG READY FOR A BIG YEAR IN 2011

AFLPNG has some big plans for 2011, and some big events in store. Development within the country has seen PNG win the Oceania Cup in 2010 and hopes to soar to even greater heights. 2011 is the year of the International Cup and PNG hopes to regain the Trophy.

MELBOURNE SCHOOL RUNS AFL CLINICS IN KAVIENG

Mentone Grammar from Victoria, Australia has ventured to Kavieng in the New Guinea Islands to help develop the game of AFL.

Every year secondary schools from Australia venture north to experience PNG culture via bike rides and bushwalks.

Thanks to Roger Williams from Mentone Grammar, students



Students from Mentone Grammar

participating in the bike ride from Dalom to Kavieng visited numerous schools along the highway to run school clinics and leave AFL equipment for the kids.

The clinics were led by AFLPNG Kavieng Development officer Herman Bubu,

“The clinics were a great success, we have plans to run them again in the near future.”



Footy Clinic In Kavieng, PNG

“A big thank you to Roger Williams & the students of Mentone Grammar for their assistance in developing the great game of AFL in PNG”.



“PNG won the Grand Final of the Oceania Cup 51 - 7 against a strong Tongan team”.



“Theo Gavuri was voted player of the Tournament.”



AFL OCEANIA YOUTH CUP

AFLPNG has won the 2010 AFL Oceania Youth Cup, proving to the wider football community that PNG’s development program is heading in the right direction.

PNG defeated Tonga by 44 points in the final of the competition which was held in Tonga and attended by AFL player Nic Natanui and Rugby converts Karmichael Hunt and Israel Folau.

PNG was rarely troubled



Top: The Boys preparing. Below: Theo Gavuri

PNG RESULTS

New Zealand V PNG

Won by 51 points

PNG V Solomon Islands

Won by 68 points

PNG V All Stars

Won by 57 points

Nauru V PNG

Won by 63 points

PNG V Fiji

Won by 51 points

PNG V Tonga

Won by 42 points

Grand Final: PNG V Tonga

Won by 44 points

throughout the competition, running away to early victories against New Zealand and the Solomon Islands by 51 and 68 points respectively. PNG then accounted for Nauru and Fiji by 63 and 51 points before defeating Tonga in the final game of the competition by 42 points.

The introduction of the AFLPNG academy in 2010 has proven monumental in the development of the standard of football in Papua New Guinea. AFLPNG manager Walter Yangomina stated,

“The introduction of the AFLPNG academy has allowed the standard of football here in PNG to take the next step. We were highly organised, well structured and played brilliantly as a team, and the AFL Academy has played a massive part in this development”.

17 of the 25 boys in the PNG squad ↓

PNG SQUAD

Brendon Beno	Raymond Prenai
Theo Gavuri (vc)	Nane Rai
Ezra Gotuno	Junior Lavu
Douglas Kaiwa	Isaac Bakani
Freddy Kalandi	Ori Nilmo
Ezra Kautu	Gideon Simon (vc)
Rau Kobale (c)	Jason Soong
Max Lavai	Harry Kambuou
Alois Luba	Michael Macca
Noel Maguna	Eddie Meli
Nathan Malbak	Jeconiah Peni
Scott Johnson	John Jim Lavatu
Samson Augera	





AFL OCEANIA YOUTH CUP (continued)

“The AFLPNG Academy has played a massive part in the development of the game in PNG”.



“The Cup was attended by Nic Natanui, Karmichael Hunt and Israel Folau”.



are based at the Academy at De La Salle Secondary School in Bomana.

“They study, live and train together every day hence the well bonded nature of the team. The remaining 8 boys who made up the team filled in their spots nicely and it didn’t take them long to understand the game plan”.

The 25 strong team, plus three officials made the arduous journey from Port Moresby via Sydney and Fiji to Tonga to compete in the championships. The long and exhausting travel times were made worthwhile as the boys put together seven strong performances to take out the championship.

Theo Gavuri, a strong bodied midfielder, won best player of the tournament after accumulating a massive amount of clearances and setting up numerous goals for PNG.

“Our boys played really well. We slept at Sydney Airport, we took 4 flights to get here, so we deserved to play hard and we deserved to win”.

The PNG coaches award was given to Jason Soong. Also a midfielder, Soong’s attitude reflected on those around him. Always one to put his head over the ball and take a hit for the team, he was well deserved of the PNG best player award.

AFL development has taken massive steps forward in PNG and the year 2011 will see development go to even greater heights.



AFL Players in Tonga



Captain Rau Kobale with the media



Ezra Gotuno intimidating the opposition



Lineup before start of play



“The 2010 PNG side celebrating the winning of the Oceania Youth Cup”.



PNG – 2010 OCEANIA YOUTH CUP - CHAMPIONS



“Congratulations Jason Soong for winning the Coaches award for best PNG player of the Oceania Cup”.



PNG – 8.3.51 defeated TONGA – 1.1.7



AFLPNG APPOINTS NEW ACADEMY DIRECTOR

AFLPNG and De La Salle Secondary School have announced a significant step forward in their joint venture at the AFLPNG Talent Academy by appointing a new director.

December last year. Recognising the success and further potential of the Academy program, AFLPNG have appointed Mr. Moses Kar as the Director of the Academy. Mr. Kar has been a senior member of the AFLPNG team running the highly successful Highlands Development Program for several years.

Mr.Kar said he was looking forward to taking the Academy to a higher level after a successful initial year.

“I am particularly excited to work closely with our project partners De La Salle Secondary School Board and Academic staff to ensure the boys improve in not only their AFL skills but also their academic performance.”

Mr.Kar will begin his newly appointed role as Director of the AFLPNG Academy in January.

Established in 2010, the partnership between De La Salle and AFLPNG saw 20 students selected to join the Academy program. The Academy promotes students to attend regular classes and focus on extra sporting, fitness and football skills.

The Academy scholarship recipients come from throughout PNG and have made incredible improvements within their first year. The Academy has achieved great success in both the Oceania Cup held in Tonga and the Australian U/16 Championships representing South Pacific. They also performed admirably against the indigenous Flying Boomerangs in

TWO AFLPNG ACADEMY BOYS HEADING TO AUSTRALIA

AFLPNG Academy students Gideon Simon and Nathan Malbak will be heading to Melbourne, Australia for a week of training and testing with AFL club Richmond Tigers.

excited about what lies ahead for him,

“It is a great opportunity for me to impress the Richmond Football Club, I have been working really hard improving my kicking and I hope to learn even more from my experience in Australia”.

Simon and Malbak, both 16, were noticed by Richmond recruitment officer Matthew Clarke at the 2009 AFLPNG Talent Camp held in Goroka. Since then their development has been closely monitored by the Richmond Football Club.



Nathan Malbak a half back flanker, born in Lae, was also looking at making the most of the opportunities in front of him,

“I am really happy to get this chance. I hope to learn a lot from the experience. The AFLPNG Academy has allowed Gideon and I the opportunity to play and develop our football, so I look forward to playing football in Australia”.

In December 2010, the AFL Oceania Youth Cup took place in Tonga, with PNG dominating the competition and claiming the championship. Both Simon and Malbak again impressed Richmond recruiting officer Matthew Clarke who offered the boys an opportunity to travel to Melbourne to be assessed by the football club.

Gideon Simon, a midfielder originating from Mount Hagen, is

“AFLPNG have appointed Mr.Moses Kar as the Director of the AFL Academy”.

“Best of luck to both Gideon Simon and Nathan Malbak”.

AFLPNG ON THE WEB

For all current news, stories, events and much more, head to
The AFLPNG website.
CHECK IT OUT AT:

WWW.AFL-PNG.COM

Second Hand Donations

THE RECENTLY established AFLPNG academy houses and schools 20 talented kids based throughout PNG.

AFLPNG hopes to develop and grow the development program to cater for a larger proportion of kids in the future. We are looking for donations to improve the facilities and to help the academy and the boys in many ways.

Donations we are looking for include;

- Computers
- Couches
- Curtains
- Weights - Exercise Equipment
- Books
- DVDs & DVD Player
- Gaming Consoles (X-Box / Playstation)
- Television
- etc

Anyone willing to donate any items can feel free to contact the AFLPNG Office.

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THANK YOU

2010 AUSTRALIA DAY WEEK IN PNG

We are looking for footy loving Aussies based in Port Moresby interested in participating in the Australia Day Week activities. Send your name to info@afl-png.com or call AFLPNG on 3254943. More information can be gained from our website: WWW.AFL-PNG.COM.

AFLPNG is gearing up for a fun filled week of activities for Australia Day festivities.

With many ideas currently on the table the week will feature games involving Aussie Expats living in Moresby and former AFL stars.

AFLPNG manager Walter Yangomina is currently in talks with the Aussie High Commission and AFL Queensland.

“We are having discussions as to what we will do for Australia Day week and I’m already excited. It is going to be a really big week for AFL football in Papua New Guinea”.

GET INVOLVED IN AUSTRALIA DAY WEEK IN PNG.

IF YOU LOVE AFL FOOTBALL, EMAIL INFO@AFL-PNG.COM or MANAGEMENT@AFL-PNG.COM TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE WEEKS ACTIVITIES.



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