



Whakatane High School – Sports Report

Week ending: 19 SEPT 2021



HOCKEY

1st XI Girls

team with a 2-0 win over Trident last Sunday night (12th Sept) night in the WHK Womens comp. A great game from the girls with goals coming through from Lara Longney and Kendall McKane.

They also went into a penalty shoot out with Rovers team Sunday 19th Sept.

1st XI and **2nd XI** boys have recommenced training as they prepare to resume their BOP schools comp this Thursday.

FOOTBALL

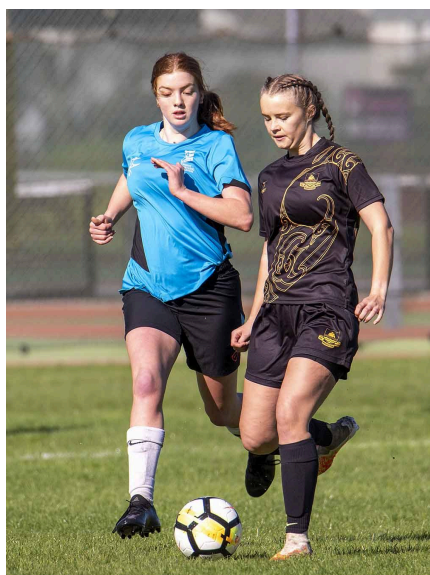
1st XI Girls had a great game against Trident 1st XI on the weekend. The girls playing some great football managed to have 3 different goal scorers! This showcasing the real teamwork that goes into their style of play.

The first goal came from some great determination from Eva Sexton driving down the left side of the field into the penalty box and managing a nice lay off for Sophie Growden to finish. Eden Moloney was the next to find the back of the net after some great pressure from the girls upfront which resulted in a ball landing at Eden's feet to finish it off.

Eva Sexton was the final goal scorer for WHS. A well deserved and well executed goal after putting some real pressure on the defence all game.

Player of the day went to Captain Tayla Jones for always leading the right way, both in her verbal support and her physical game. Never giving up and always playing with a smile on her face.

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2nd XI Girls also had a great game against Trident 2nd XI at Trident on Wednesday afternoon. The 2 teams have been very evenly matched this season with the 1st game going to Trident, 3-1 the 3rd game 3-2 to WHS then this final game ending up 2-1 to Trident. The girls have all had a great season and faced some real challenges but have persevered to field a team week in, week out of this EBOP league which also includes Edgumbe and Opotiki College.

A very special thank you to Shirley Patterson who has been the coach/manager of this team for the season.

Junior B Boys played a fantastic game of football against visiting side Bethlehem College U14/15th grade team. The last time the 2 sides faced, the boys went down 8-1 so full credit to Mr Knapton and Mr McFarlane who have been working with the boys to develop their game over the season as the boys were leading the game for large parts and it really was a closely contested match.

The final score was 3-2 to Bethlehem. Both our goals were scored by Jordan Cook but some great team play led to the finishing. Other stand outs were Jacob Hewitt in the backline, Spencer Hughes up top and Mason Nurkka working hard in the midfield.

1st XI Boys Have had to delay their game against Tokoroa but will look to play at a later date.

Junior A Boys won by default from Tauranga boys



Ex-WHS Student, Rachel Weatherly (year 13, 2020) has been in the starting line-up for all 3 games of the NJCAA Div. 1 Junior College - Region XVII - Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association Conference.

Her South Georgia State College team were victorious 10-0 over Andrew College in the first match. Rachel playing on the wing, assisted many goals and had a couple of close chances herself. She is thoroughly enjoying the experience over in the USA although adjusting to the heat, (most days 28 degrees already at 7am in the morning) has been the biggest challenge. Rachel also says "the team has been really cool, there's heaps of us internationals so it's quite funny getting used to all the accents. My teammates used to think I said "pool" when I was saying ball."



Sam Littlejohn was also named MVP (Most Valuable Player) for the year in his Papamoa clubs federation side. Sam plays football for both the school in the Junior A boys football team and in this Papamoa side who play across the WAIBOP Federation. Great achievement Sam and you should be very proud.

RUGBY

Huge congratulations to Jake Gilbert who was named as the player of the day for the Bay of Plenty FMG Rural XV team in their curtain raiser game against Hawkes Bay FMG Rural XV at McLean Park, Napier on the weekend.

Jake was joined by his WHS 1st XI team mates, Jaden Andrews and Ohane Poihipi-Black in the team that was selected from college 1st XV players across Opotiki to Reporoa, Katikati, Murupara and Te Puke. The team has been training for this match for several weeks now coached by Steve Axtens and Aaron Bidois. The BOP team was successful in a 65-5 victory over the Hawkes Bay.

Well done Jake, Ohane and Jaden!



ADVENTURE RACING

We have had our Hilary Team (Adventure Racing) out on a 44km tramp last weekend (11th/12th Sept) and continued training and challenges set for them throughout the lockdown as they prepare for the finals, 11 October – 15 October 2021.