MEDIA RESULTS FORM

Venue	Hamilton Marist
Grade	U85
Date	24/08/19
Opposition	Waikato

Details	Half-time Score	Full-time Score
North Harbour	18	23
Waikato	15	18

North Harbour Points Scorers

Scorers Name	Tries	Con.	Pen.	D/Goals
Ken Tupuola	1			
Aaron Fletcher	1			
Matt O'Brien	1			
Kelly Douglas		2	1	

Opposition Points

Tries	Con.	Pen.	D/Goals
2	1	2	

Game Highlights

In conditions fine, clear, cool and with a steady southerly wind, North Harbour and Waikato U85 teams kicked off the rep season with a win to Harbour at Hamilton Marist grounds in Hamilton. The conditions underfoot were heavy and energy sapping.

With the wind behind them, North Harbour started strongly, with the scrum dominating, and opened the scoring after a period on defence with a penalty to Kelly Douglas. His was replied to within a minute by a penalty to Waikato – 3-3.

Harbour were then hot on attack, turned the ball over and Waikato scored a length of the field try which was converted. 10-3 Waikato.

Then Harbour got into their work and scored two tries on the 28 and 35 minute marks (Matt O'Brien and Aaron Fletcher) the second one converted. Harbour 18-10.

Waikato then had a sustained period on attack and the pressure told with a short range try.

Half Time – Harbour 18-15

The second half was much tighter as the Harbour defence improved to build on the forwards dominance at set piece and hold Waikato tryless.

Harbour scored a try at the 20 minute mark (Ken Tupuola) after a sustained period of attack. Unconverted Harbour 23-15

Shortly after Harbour conceded a penalty to make it 23-18.

There were then several Harbour breaks and attacks that small errors from Harbour and desperate defence from Waikato stymied. The last 5 minutes saw Harbour conceding three penalties in a row making for a stressful watch for Harbour supporters! However North Harbour held on for the win.

Players of the day

Kelly Douglas, Matt O'Brien, Sam McEwen.