



Eversley Wild Boar 7s - Review of tournament held on Sunday 29th of May 2011 at the Eversley Sports Association ground.
Main sponsor - Nirvana Spa.

Whilst the party animals headed to Bournemouth, the 7s purists gathered in Eversley, Hampshire for the second staging of the Wild Boar 7s and were treated to an exceptionally high standard of rugby that exceeded the quality of the inaugural event last August.

With all games played on one pitch in the wonderful setting of the Eversley Sports Association ground, supporters, players and their families enjoyed 8 hours of exciting rugby without having to leave their seats, bar or food concessions.

12 teams competed for three trophies and a total of £1,500 in prize money with defending Champions Samurai Sharks hoping to do the double, but there were a few dark horses in the field that threw up one or two surprises.

With the White Hart Marauders Elite side enjoying a weekend off, the famous Eversley based club was well represented with the Vets, Academy and Development squads in attendance and they were joined by Reading RFC, Samurai Sharks, CRY Crusaders, Camberley RFC, Redingensians RFC, Tsunami Castaways, Farnborough, Broncos and the Welsh Buccaneers who had been specially formed for this event and featured players from a number of the top Magners League sides.

The first round of pool games saw Samurai beat Reading and Redingensians get past CRY Crusaders before a surprise defeat for the Marauders Academy by the impressive Tsunami Castaways followed by the evergreen Marauders Vets bringing the Broncos down.

Round 2 gave us our first look at the Welsh Buccaneers and it was clear they would be challenging for the prizes in dispatching the Broncos into the Bowl competition followed by Reading, Camberley and Farnborough.

The Marauders Development squad gave Samurai a wake up call only to lose by 2 points after swapping the lead on more than one occasion but they had put a marker down.

Round 3 followed the form book so the quarter finals were set with Samurai, Redingensians, Castaways and the Buccaneers progressing to the Cup semi finals whilst Crusaders, joined the three Marauders squads in the Plate semi.

In the Bowl competition Broncos and Camberley moved through to the final with Broncos taking the trophy with a 35-12 victory margin.

The Plate gave up another shock defeat for the Marauders Academy by the Marauders Vets, who pipped them with a 24-19 win. This set the stage for an "All Marauders" Plate final. The enormous efforts of the day finally caught up with Marauders Vets as the younger Development squad put on an impressive display of speed and handling skills to go on and win the Plate final by 56-5.

The Cup semi finals produced two high tempo games with Redingensians edging out last year's winners Samurai 17-7, before the Buccaneers booked their Cup final slot by eventually getting past the impressive Castaways with a 26-10 win.

So with Redingensians last years runners up facing the Welsh Buccaneers the stage was set for an exciting high-scoring final which saw the local side take the spoils at the second time of asking, with a winning margin of 38-21.

Overall it was a very successful tournament with a very high standard of rugby enjoyed by an enthusiastic crowd. The organisers of the Wild Boar 7s should be justly proud of their achievements in staging this event and bringing Rugby 7s to Eversley. It is surely destined to go from strength to strength in the coming years.

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On his day off!