



Newquay Surf 7s

In last years inaugural tournament Marauders just missed out in the final following a massive game against the Army which went into extra time with the Army stealing the all important Golden Try to take the spoils.

Although we had a few changes to the squad due to injury and Bunny Burenivalu returning to play for the British Army we were keen to build on last weekend performance. Kameli Vuadreu, Paul Jarvis, Ryan De La Harpe and Matt Williams joined the squad.

Comfortable wins in the pool matches against Elite ID and Kuru Kamikaze set up a quarter final against Plymouth Albion with the new additions to the squad fitting in well. The downside was that we lost Welsh International Ifan Evans with a serious thumb injury during the first game and he took no further part in the tournament except at the bar!

Unfortunately the fine summer weather that graced the tournament last year deserted us and a number of matches became something of a lottery with heavy rain making ball handling and footwork decidedly slippery, however Marauders made better job of it than Plymouth to set up a semi final against Kooga Wailers for the second weekend in a row.

Over the last few years it is probably honours even whenever these two sides have met but Andy Howells would not want to see his side lose to us two weeks in a row so we knew we would be in for a tough match.

The horrendous weather during the game made the prospect of a fast running and handling game very difficult but once again it was the superior handling and determination of the Marauders that took them through 4 scores to two.

So once again it was British Army v Kukri Marauders in the final and the crowd stayed on in pretty poor conditions to cheer both sides on.

The Army have changed their playing style over the last few seasons and there is less flamboyancy and much more physicality in their game with their talisman Appo Satala carrying the ball up before bringing on the runners.

Army were 3 tries up at half time but Marauders got back into the game with an early try and then had one disallowed through following a dubious decision by the in goal touch judge.

Despite some courageous defensive work by Marauders the Army continued to keep the ball live through some excellent off loads and ran out winners 26 – 7.

Newquay Squad: Howard Graham (Cpt), George Dixon, Craig Hill, Adam Bishop, James Reilly, Kameli Vuadreu, Paul Jarvis, Ryan De La Harpe, Ifan Evans, Alex Cuthbert, Matt Williams.

Next Stop Cwmtawe on Saturday August 1st.

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