



HSBC PENGUINS CELEBRATE PINGVINS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Ray Niuia, Kurt Davie and Matt Vant Leve coach stars of the futur at Sandy Bay RFC Hong Kong in Marc



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HSBC Penguins and the HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy in Hong Kong in March

- Rugby Club Sydney/HSBC Penguins tie-up announced
- Beauden Barrett wins All Black Cap Plus lots more!





Welcome to the PIRFC Autumn Newsletter for 2012.

In the pages that follow you will find details of our 2012 - 2013 coaching and playing trips plus details of future events.

Since the publication of the Spring Newsletter the HSBC Penguins, together with their slightly more long-in-the-beak relations the King Penguins, have carried out a most successful series of matches in Sweden to celebrate our old friends and namesakes The Pingvin Rugby Club of Sweden's Golden Jubilee.

We also sent a strong squad over to Hong Kong in March to try (for the sixth time!) to win that first, elusive, Hong Kong Tens title.

But first, here's the latest list of up-and-coming coaching and playing trips.

Up-and-coming HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy activities and HSBC Penguins and King Penguin tours and matches:

21st September 2012 - Grass roots Coaching at the HSBC Youth Rugby Series Finals Day in Dubai.

29th October - 2nd November 2012 - Academy Coaching in Singapore (as part of Asian Sevens Series and the Singapore Cricket Club Sevens).

1st November 2012 - Moyes Brothers Penguin Dinner. Venue: The Singapore Polo Club, Singapore.

2nd - 4th November 2012 - Singapore Cricket Club Sevens Tournament. Venue: Singapore.

5th - 9th November - Grass roots Coaching in Malaysia.

10th - 11th November 2012 - 43rd HSBC COBRATens Tournament. Venue: Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

Penguin International RFC Annual University Matches 2013:

6th February, 2013, 19:15 -

Cambridge University RUFC. Venue: Grange Road, Cambridge.

27th February, 2013, 19:15 -

Oxford University RFC. Venue: Iffley Road, Oxford.

If you wish to join the Penguins on any forthcoming trips please contact Craig Brown:

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And don't forget that updates on all of our tours will appear on the PIRFC website at:

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I am sure all members will join with us once again in expressing our thanks to HSBC, Grove Industries and Tsunami for their continued support, interest and sponsorship of the Club.



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HSBC PENGUIN INTERNATIONAL COACHING ACADEMY NEWS

HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy coaching support to the HSBC Rugby Festival, Dubai, 27th & 28th January 2012



The HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy was proud to support The HSBC Festival of Rugby on Friday 27th January and Saturday 28th January at the Sevens Rugby Stadium Complex in Dubai.



This, the second leg of the HSBC Youth Rugby Series, marks the third year of HSBC's support for the Festival which forms part of a year-long programme of investment in grassroots rugby. Jointly hosted by the Dubai Exiles, Dubai Hurricanes and Arabian Knights Rugby Clubs, the focus of the programme is to give more young people the chance to take up the sport across the Middle East and deliver a legacy of increased participation in sport throughout the region. The initiative also grows HSBC Middle East's portfolio of rugby sponsorships in the GCC.

The event is the region's premier junior rugby tournament hosting over 154 teams and 2,400 players in all age grops from U6 to U18.

Jason Robinson and Lynn Evans made sure a great time was had by all in Dubai!

HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy coaching support to the HSBC Rugby Festival, Bahrain, 9th March 2012

To launch its partnership with the Bahrain Rugby Club in 2011, HSBC had its first coaching clinic as part of the bank's grassroots initiatives in the region. HSBC Ambassador and Rugby World Cup winner Jason Robinson attended the inaugural event and got involved with over 300 children from U6 to U18 to mark the start of a new partnership between HSBC and Bahrain Rugby Club.

On Friday, 9 March 2012, the HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy were proud to visit Bahrain Rugby Club to lend coaching support at the HSBC Rugby Festival Bahrain (the third leg of the HSBC Youth Rugby Series).

The partnership between HSBC Middle East and Bahrain Rugby Club continues to be a great success. As a platform to increase awareness for the commitment of HSBC to junior rugby within the GCC, the bank was able to deliver an event which was primarily driven to give back to the community.





Deano Herewini shows the kids in Bahrain how it's done!





HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy Grassroots Coaching and Coach Education, Hong Kong, 17th - 26th March 2012

Academy Coaches Grant McKelvey and Duncan Harrison arrived in Hong Kong on Saturday 17th March and immediately got to business assisting our partners Fast Track at the HSBC Rugby Festival at Kings Park. Grant and Duncan ran a series of skill stations for players and fans alike looking at the accuracy and speed of passing. Tour manager Craig Brown and Penguin Coach Rod McIntosh joined the party later in the day to look after the kicking aspect of things. The day drew to a close with the HSBC Penguins handing out prizes and giveaways.

The next session was scheduled for Monday morning when Deano Herewini joined Duncan and Grant for the first of our rugby sessions with our friends from Rwanda. We were lucky enough to share the excellent pitch at the Hong Kong Football Club with the HSBC Penguins Squad who were being put through their paces in preparation for the Hong Kong Tens tournament. The Academy Coaches focused on the contact area, tactical understanding and started the building of a basic structure that our Team would look to follow during their competition at the Kowloon Tens. The 90 minutes flew by and with only one minor injury to report all was well in the Rwandan Camp!





The HSBC Penguin Academy Coaches and HK Women's Players and Girls celebrate after another great session at Good Hope School!

Next up was an HSBC Grass Roots session arranged by Fast Track and attended by HSBC Ambassadors Jason Robinson and George Gregan. The session took place at Good Hope School where 20 girls were put through their paces with excellent help from members of the Hong Kong Women's Team. The coaches were very impressed with the enthusiasm, athleticism and technical ability of the girls taking part. The session finished with a 'foot race' between our own Jason 'Billy Whiz' Robinson and all challengers!



Group photo including the Sandy Bay Youth squads, Russian U19 Woman, U14 Boys and the Russian Hong Kong Sevens squad.

The day was not over for the Academy troops as they then managed to hail a taxi and attend a mass session at Sandy Bay where we had the task of working with a wide range of ages and abilities including a visiting touring squad of young players from Russia. Grant took on the task of running the girls session, which included girls from Hong Kong ages from 12 - 18 and the Russian National U17 Girls' Squad. Luckily enough an interpreter was on hand to help

ease the task. Unfortunately the same can't be said for Duncan who had the youngest group, including our Russian cousins with no linguistic help. All said and done we again managed to do a great job with over 100 young players experiencing the HSBC Penguin Academy way.





Tuesday found us again with our Rwandan charges on Session 2, this time looking at the final prep for the Kowloon Tournament. The task for the Academy Coaches was to ensure that the natural strengths of the Rwandan players - their speed, agility and passing skills - were aligned to a more direct approach when required. When this session finished Grant, Duncan and Deano immediately moved into school coaching mode to take what was a fantastic game-focused session with the pupils from the King George V School. The session finished off with the Rwandan players putting on a tremendous show for the children and teachers with the culmination of a traditional song and dance involving the whole class and staff – the children will remember the day the Penguins and Rwandans came to town for a long time!

The day just got better when the Academy Coaches moved onto one of the highlights of the tour. Picture the scene, a girls' school at Holly Family Canossian College, 20 very quiet and shy players, a basketball court, two coaches from the Hong Kong Rugby Union, a fantastically supportive Head Teacher, some crash mats and three HSBC Penguin Academy Coaches. Just two hours later we had a group of girls providing the coaches with an object lesson in application and skill acquisition with the session looking at offloading, leg tackling, continuity and ball retention. A fantastic experience for all concerned and a most humbling experience. The coaches left with what had once been a bunch of very shy children waving and cheering enthusiastically. Fantastic.







Three pictures of the Hong Kong Tens HSBC Penguins squad running a fun-filled training session for Sandy Bay youngsters at Sandy Bay RFC.

The Academy Coaches then hightailed it back along to Sandy Bay to meet up with the Team who were conducting their annual mass coaching session. Skill stations were set up, the mass Browny warm up completed, and the youngsters had the opportunity to work with all the HSBC Penguin players in rotation.

Wednesday took us down to the Happy Valley complex with a varied day of sessions. First up was a class of 12 year old children from one of the French Schools in the city. The session was based on lateral passing and the early stages of Tag Rugby. This session complimented the work that had already been done by the teacher and was welcomed enthusiastically by all, up to the point of them not wanting to stop and nearly missing the bus back to school! Immediately after this was a session with a highly skilled British Columbia Elite Youth Sevens Under-18 outfit coached by past-Penguin Shane Thomson. The skills on show were fantastic and the players were on the top of their game. With a little tweaking by Grant and Duncan they were ready for their hit-out the next day.

That rounded up the practical coaching sessions for this trip. Four extremely busy days with a huge variety of coaching but a consistent message of the power of rugby. The week was rounded off with an indoor Coach Education session, again with our Rwandan charges, looking at the skills required for analysing games and performances. The session took the form of indoor video work and then outside where we split into groups and analysed the HSBC Penguins match against Hong Kong Scottish. A very tired Rwandan squad completed the task very well and it was obvious to the Academy Coaches that the previous work carried out by the HSBC Penguins last year in Rwanda was still fresh in the players' minds – a very satisfying end to a very good and productive trip.

Thanks to all the players, coaches, staff, partners and supporters of HSBC Penguin Rugby!





HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy coaching support to the HSBC Rugby Festival, Doha, Qatar, 27th March 2012

As part of the HSBC Youth Festival Circuit, 2012, the HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy visited Doha, Qatar for the very first time. Academy coaches Andy Douglas and Ross Peacock supported the festival by running the HSBC Skills Zone to compliment the last stage of the Festival Circuit.

The festival was hosted by Doha Rugby Club, where 700 children ranging from 7 - 16 years from across the UAE and Qatar played a mixture of tag and contact games as well as participating in the Skills Zone Challenge which involved evasion, passing and tackling skills through a timed assault course. Upon completing the course they were presented with various HSBC rugby prizes. The Skills Zone was the perfect coaching tool for this occasion due to the large amount of children passing through, as well as the short amount of time they had to take part between fixtures.

Throughout the day both HSBC Penguin Coaches made themselves available to all teams to help out with any aspects of coaching from warm-up games to skills and drills - as well as running the HSBC Skills Zone. The Festival concluded with Qatar's Doha Rugby Club winning the U8 age category, whilst UAE provided the winning teams in the other three age groups. Arabian Knights the winners in the U10 and U12 age categories, and Dubai Exiles the victors at U14 level.

The day was wrapped with a barbecue at the Club where the children could watch Doha 1st XV play the Dubai Hurricanes 1st XV in an exciting cup final. Doha won this very tight fixture and were crowned champions.

This was a great opportunity for children to share rugby stories and interact with other team members, as well as watching a high standard of senior rugby.





Photographs from the Skills Zone at the HSBC Rugby Festival in Doha.

HSBC Penguin International Coaching Academy in Trelleborg, 30th June - 3rd July 2012

The HSBC Penguin Coaching Academy ran four coaching sessions for local youth during the Sweden Tour.

The sessions took place on Saturday, June 30th for boys and girls aged 12-15 years old; Monday, July 2nd for boys aged 12-14 and girls and women aged 14 plus; Tuesday, July 3rd for boys and young men aged 15-20.

It goes almost without saying that a fantastic time was had by all! The HSBC Penguin Coaching Academy Coaches were Hugh Campbell and Neil Young.





HSBC PENGUIN INTERNATIONAL PLAYING NEWS

HSBC Penguins to the Hong Kong Tens. 18th - 26th March 2012

In mid-March the HSBC Penguins geared up for their sixth consecutive crack at winning the coveted Hong Kong Tens title. Tour Manager Craig Brown selected a strong squad and top coaches. The Club was delighted that Liam Barry, the current North Harbour ITM coach (former Auckland Blues assistant coach and former All Black), accepted the invitation, and the coaching team was completed when Roddy McIntosh also accepted the invitation to join the squad.

The player selection philosophy was simple - let's see if we can get as many of the players back from the winning HSBC COBRA Tens squad from 2011! Fortunately eight of these champions returned to the fold and they were joined by a mixture of new Penguins and a few other Penguins making welcome returns. The squad eventually included a mix of players from New Zealand and South Africa.

The team had a busy week planned in three distinct phases. The first phase was the get to know each other, including training for the Tens and running the coaching session for the younsters at Sandy Bay RFC. This was followed by phase two - the Tens tournament itself. Phase three brought with it the more social end of the tour - including lending our support at the charity event 'The Ladies Long Lunch'; a visit to the HSBC Hexagon Suite at the Hong Kong Sevens (thank you to HSBC for the invitation) and a visit to Mid Levels to the infamous John and Thea Grove function (thank you John and Thea for the invitation). After that it was R&R and, of course, the world famous Hong Kong Sevens.







Shahn Eru in full flight

In the Hong Kong Tens Tournament itself, the HSBC Penguins started very well and had the best record of any team after day one. The squad then continued this good form into the quarter-final. Perhaps the lack of a good, hard game was not ideal, but the team went into the semi-final confident and looking to raise the level another notch. However, much credit has to go to the New Zealand Legends team who controlled most of the possession and, ultimately, the game. In the end the Legends deserved their win and moved on to the final (in which a star-studded BGC APBs, led by All Black superstar Justin Marshall, pulled off a gripping 10-7 win over the New Zealanders).

It was extremely disappointing for the HSBC Penguins to exit at the semi-final phase yet again, but thanks to the players, coaches, management, our physio and our wonderful supporters for playing their part in an honest effort, a great team spirit and a very memorable week.





Hong Kong Tens Tournament Results:

Day one, Pool B:

HSBC Penguins 57 v 0 Chinese Agricultural University HSBC Penguins 57 v 0 Hong Kong Chairman's X HSBC Penguins 69 v 0 International Panthers



Day two, Quarter-final:

HSBC Penguins 45 v 5 Hill & Associates Scottish Barbarians Semi-final:

HSBC Penguins 0 v 19 New Zealand Legends

2012 HSBC Penguins Hong Kong Football Club Tens Squad:

Back Row: Craig Wootten (HKFC Tens Tournament Director), Liam Barry (Coach -North Harbour, Blues, NZ All Blacks), Timo Tutavaha (Inglewood, Taranaki), Shahn Eru (Wainuiomata, Wellington 7s & XVs, Hurricanes Dev, NZ U20), Vili Fihaki (Mahurangi, Counties-Manukau XVs & 7s, Chiefs and Blues Dev), Leka Tupuola (Hutt Old Boys Marist, Wellington Dev, Hurricanes Dev, NZ 7s), Nafi Tuitavake (Massey, North Harbour, Blues, NZ U20s, NZ 7s), Mat Luamanu (North Shore, North Harbour, Blues, NZ U20), Chad Tuoro (Te Puna, Bay of Plenty, Counties-Manukau, NZ 7s), Matt Vant Leven (Fraser Tech, Waikato, Chiefs), Craig Brown (Manager), Rod McIntosh (Asst Coach - Waikato, NZ U17, Hong Kong XVs & 7s) Front Row: Marc Daniels (Physio), Frank Wagenstroom (Tygerberg, Sharks, Cheetahs, SAU18, U19, U21), Ben Suisala (Grammer-Carlton, Auckland U16, U18, U20, Blues U18), Adam Siddall (Auckland University, Auckland B), Kurt Davies (Canterbury University, Canterbury B, Crusaders Dev), Willie Walker (Captain – North Shore, North Harbour, Worcester, Highlanders, NZ Maori), Ray Niuia (Massey, North Harbour U20, Blues U18, NZ U17), Tua Saseve (Napier Old Boys Marist, North Harbour 7s, Hawkes Bay, NZ U17), Mitchell Crosswell (Fielding Yellow, Manawatu, Hurricanes U18)

HSBC Penguins to Trelleborg, 28th June - 5th July 2012

The match against Pingvins, played to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our old friends, took place on Saturday, 30th June under a beautiful clear sky with a loud and partisan crowd ready to support the home team.

As expected the Pingvins immediately from the kick-off tore into their guests with relish, but once this initial storm passed the superior quality of the HSBC Penguins team came to the fore. Playing in the tradition of Penguins teams of the past (i.e. moving the ball at every opportunity, from wherever on the pitch) they broke down the committed home side's defence on numerous occasions and the tries started to flow regularly throughout the 80 minutes.

The pace of the visitors back three proved too much for the home side and full-back Jaryd Robinson helped himself to four tries, but even he was outshone by James Ferguson, the young Scottish flyer on the right wing, who bagged five! The remaining two HSBC Penguins tries came from Captain and Number 8 Hugh Hogan and a penalty try. Five of the eleven tries were converted - fly-half Mark Sexton with one and his replacement Rhodri James with four.

The Pingvins never really came close to scoring a try but were rewarded for their commitment and endeavour with a penalty from their fly-half to ensure they did not record a zero against their name. The half time score was 27 - 0, full-time score 65 - 3.



Action from the Pingvin Rugby Club Golden Jubilee Match.







HSBC Penguins and the Pingvin Rugby Club teams pose together after the Golden Jubilee Match.

Game two of the HSBC Penguins tour to Sweden saw the opposition drawn from the Skane Region, but with Pingvins being the strongest club in the county, a number of guys who played on Saturday afternoon also appeared on Wednesday evening.

Despite having spent the previous three days since the victory over Pingvins enjoying the sights and sounds of Copenhagen and Trelleborg, the HSBC Penguins turned up in fine fettle and produced a near faultless first half performance to post eleven tries in the first 40 minutes! The coaches had, as is tradition, given the players freedom to express themselves – a luxury not usually given to them in the grind of league rugby – and they did not pass up this opportunity, with every player from prop to full-back joining in the spirit of running rugby. Despite the regional side putting up a spirited and physical performance they were outgunned by the superior fitness and class of the Penguins.

The first half was unfortunately a very one-sided affair with the visitors posting eleven tries. However after the interval the home side showed the spirit that is very evident in Swedish rugby to restrict the HSBC Penguins to just

30 points. Full-back Jaryd Robinson repeated his try scoring exploits of Saturday when he bagged four in the first half, before enjoying a well-earned rest for the second period. James Doherty, who enjoyed a strong match in the second row, scored two tries before half-time and added his hat-trick score midway through the second half. No 8 Caine Elisara showing the ball handling skills and dexterity of a 'mature' Sonny Bills Williams, also scored twice before the break.

Left wing Martin Nutt, who was always off his wing looking for work, was rewarded with a try in each half; replacement wing James Ferguson couldn't quite manage to repeat his feats of Saturday, but still



HSBC Penguins ready for action versus Skane Region.

managed to dot down twice in the second half to take his individual tally to seven; hooker Jason Phipps, centre Mark Sexton and scrum-half Gerry Hurley added one each as did fly-half Rhodri James who also landed six conversions. The half-time score was 69 - 0, full-time score 99 - 0.





The Penguin Tour Party to Trelleborg:

Craig Brown (Chief Executive - PIRFC)*, Steve Hill (Coach - Richmond, PIRFC Director of Coaching), John Kerr (Watsonians, Scotland 7s & A)*, John McKittrick (Coach - North Harbour, PIRFC NZ representative), Vincent Bramhall (Secretary - PIRFC), Tim Stevens (Team Manager - Oxford University), Torgny Farm (Physio).

Daniel Moussa (Watsonians), Salvador Pahla (Desportiva, Portugal), Hugh Hogan (St Mary's, Ireland Amateurs), Tom George (Richmond), James Doherty (Esher), Tim Little (Oxford University), Caine Elisara (Heidelberg, Netherlands), Tom Evans (Oxford University), Sam Glasson (Canterbury), James Gregg (Richmond), Aaron Johnston (Currie), Mark Sexton (St Mary's), James Phipps (Richmond), Gerry Hurley (Cork Constitution), Don Blake (Cambridge University), Mohd Syahir Asyraf (COBRA, Malaysia), Rhodri James (Streatham & Croydon), Liam Bebo (Connacht), Paul Nash (Richmond), Martin Nutt (Henley Hawks), Tom Gregory (Richmond), Jaryd Robinson (Havant), James Ferguson (Haddington), Cal Davies (Haddington).

* John Kerr and Craig Brown were the only two members of the Penguin party returning to Trelleborg. Both were members of the Penguin Toring Team in 1994. Craig Brown Captained the Penguins against Trelleborg in 1994.

Many thanks to Tim Stevens who wrote the reports on the Penguins v Pingvin and Penguins v Skane Region matches.

King Penguins to Trelleborg. 29th June - 1st July 2012

Your correspondent for the King Penguin Tour to Trelleborg (that's John Zimnoch talking - and John was aided in this article by David Harris - Ed) for the 50th Anniversary of the Pingvin Rugby Club knew it was going to be an eventful trip as he packed his bag in Toronto and, when checking his flight time, discovered his plane had left 12 hours earlier. Undaunted, like Shackleton looking at the ice, the journey began - three strong at Heathrow, 14 in Copenhagen and finally 18 in Trelleborg. Each reunion of players from half a dozen countries involved many smiles and much laughter, the Penguins were on the march! Look out the opposition!

The success of any tour depends on the organization and leadership-well with David Harris, John Kerr, and minister of fun Keith Wallace at the helm nothing could go wrong. We owe them our many thanks.



Neil Renton, Pingvin RC founder Wolfgang Osterling and John Kerr join in the celebrations.

JK even press-ganged his 16 year-old son Jake in to action when some players sadly had to back out. Our team, ably skippered by Brian Cusack, (good to see an Irish contingent in action, both on and off the field) ranged in age from 16-66.



Tony and Michael Mason. Twickenham, 1967.

John and Jake Kerr make more Penguins history

The King Penguins match in Sweden saw John Kerr and his son Jake become only the second father/son combination to play for the Penguins in the same match. The first such combo - Club founder Tony Mason and his son Michael - turned out 45 years earlier in the game against Twickenham FC at Twickenham Stadium.



John and Jake Kerr. Trelleborg, 2012.





Our liason man Brian Mansell was an excellent host and tour guide and led us straight to the ground for our Friday evening kick off.

The home team was up for a win and, for old boys, a fast and entertaining game of rugby took place. The gigantic and enthusiastic locals looked to route one to secure their victory but the cunning and skilful Penguins were on top form and could not be denied. All Oldies games are recorded as a draw, scores being irrelevant in such friendly games. Our draw was 29-12, with father and son tries – how nice is that? and tries from Pierre Azzopardi, Antonio da Cunha, and our esteemed tour leader David Harris.

Penguins are polite people so suffice to say that the score would have been higher except the ref was obviously blinded by the Northern Lights – or JZ's brand new white boots - even disallowing a try by the home side which was thought to be a bit miserable considering the KPs were well ahead.

The best comment on the game is a spectator who was later overheard to say it was as entertaining as the main game!

It was also good to see the very youthful Penguin team getting on so well with their elderly counterparts and joining in all the fun and games in the clubhouse after the matches.

The post-match celebrations begin!







Socially it was more than a success, our Swedish hosts were incredibly friendly and the hospitality was second to none and most pleasing of all was their obvious delight at our teams joining them for their 50th celebrations.

In charge of King Penguin entertainment for the trip was Keith Wallace who spent many hours in preparation producing a number of fine events for the entertainment of our hosts and the large crowd which had gathered to watch the 'main match' on Saturday. These events included the 'Penguins on Parade' and the 'Beer Olympics'. Court sessions were held on both Saturday and Sunday mornings and were entertaining events with several confessions extracted under the duress of hangovers along with some other startling revelations offered up by the court officials. In all cases appropriate punishment and forfeits were handed down by Judge Wallace with particular attention paid to Team Manager and Penguin Chief Exec Craig Brown who arrived late on Saturday morning from Johannesburg! The excuse of only being in town for 24 hours did not influence Judge Wallace to any form of clemency!

With any Penguin tour we all look for Alan Wright, who was unfortunately unable to tour, but he was there in spirit and in Wolfgang Osterling, founder of the Pingvins, we had a like spirit of a rugby man. Wolfgang was an absolute delight to meet and talk to and it was a pleasure to see him and so many others so very happy all weekend.

On departure all the happy faces were talking about the next trip, which will be to Australia, during the Lions tour in June and July 2013, where we shall seek revenge in fixtures against the Australian Parliament. John Kerr and David Harris are also looking to take a team to the Kowloon tens again in March 2013.





King Penguins v Pingvins Select XV, Trelleborg, Sweden, Friday 29th June 2012. Team Manager – Craig Brown.

I. Enda Bohan (Leinster), 2. Gordon Dickson (Haddington RFC, Watsonian FC), 3. Keith Wallace (Haddington RFC),

4. Brian Cusack (Bath, Richmond, Lansdowne, Leinster and Ireland A), 5. Neil Young (Redcar, Middleborough and Darlington Mowden Park), 6. Pierre Azzopardi (Malta), 7. Jake Kerr (George Watson's College), 8. Antonio Da Cunha (Belenenses and Portugal), 9. Ian Warbrick (London Scottish, Wasps, Cambridge University and Scotland 7s), 10. Ben Breeze (Bristol, Wales A, Wales 7s and England 7s), 11. David Harris (Watsonians and Tasmania), 12. Neil Renton (Kirkcaldy RFC and Caledonian Reds), 13. John Kerr (Watsonians, Scotland A and Scotland 7s), 14. Ross Ferry (Metropolitan Police), 15. Paul Raeburn (Watsonian FC).

Replacements: 16. Yuill Irvine (The Royal High School of Edinburgh), 17. John Zimnoch (York RUFC, Toronto Nomads, numerous others!), 18. Pedro Pissarro (Belenenses, Kings College London).



Top:The King Penguins line up with their Pingvin counterparts.

Above:The official Golden Anniversary photograph of the entire Pingvin/Penguin 'colony'. A great time was had by all!

How our Swedish hosts saw the the Old Pingvins v King Penguins Match

Brian Mansell (see page 13) translates the Pingvin view of proceedings: The match not only brought the dearly-loved return of old Pingvin national team players to the club, but also really good rugby when the Pingvin 50th Anniversary/ Golden Jubilee celebrations began. This was the Old Boys team meeting the equivalent Old Boys from the Penguins in England.

'This was a really fabulous occasion. It took a while to get into the swing of things, as the Penguins were really very skillful' said Urban Ahlström, Pingvin player from 1974 to 1996.

Many of Pingvins' legendary players from recent years were collected together to meet the English team. The Pingvin team consisted of several former national team players like Ulf Westesson, Johan Andersson, Per Andersson, Roger Brobeck and the current President, Per Sjöbeck.

Pingvins gave a brave and respectable performance in the match. The longer the match lasted, it felt the more we could play better' said Roland (Elvis) Elvenbring, who was not only manager for the day, but also one of the Club's principal stars in the Pingvin golden era of 1991-1992.

The match was played over three halves and the King Penguins won 29 - 12. After the match Pingvins' Christer echoed the sentiments of all when he said: 'Now it's time for the fourth half, when we buy each other a beer!'







The Penguins and the Pingvins in the news! Cuttings from South Sweden's daily newspaper Trelleborgs Allehanda, kindly sent on to us by Brian Mansell (pictured below) - our Pingvin in Trelleborg!







PENGUIN INTERNATIONAL RFC GENERAL NEWS

The John Grove Award is instigated for the HSBC Penguins Best and Fairest Player on Tour

This prestigious new award is named after John Grove, founder of Hong Kong-based Grove Industries (www.groveind.com). John is one of the Penguins' most loyal and generous sponsors. The award has been instigated to recognise the significant ongoing input that John is making to the Club. The Award is presented to that player deemed by his fellow-Penguins as being the Best and Fairest Player on Tour - that is, the player who has contributed most to the tour based on both his playing efforts and his off-field involvement.



John Grove and the framed PIRFC shirt which was awarded to John and his wife by the Club in appreciation of all their much-valued support.

The Award was first presented after this year's Hong Kong Tens Tournament in March. Fittingly, John Grove himself presented the trophy to winner Chad Tuoro at the post-tournament Grove function on Friday, 23rd March.

For the Trelleborg Tour Penguins' prop Daniel Moussa was nominated by the management team to be the recipient - again, for his performances on the field in both matches and also for his all-round outstanding contribution off the pitch.





Far left: Chad Tuoro. HSBC Penguins Coach Liam Barry says of him: 'Chad Tuoro made a huge contribution on our recent HSBC Penguins trip to play in the HK Tens. Chad is the ultimate professional, a fine-balanced individual who values his work off-field as much as on-field. He has an infectious personality and along with his leadership qualities and his-on field display he was a deserved recipient of the John Grove Award.'

Left: Danny Moussa receiving the John Grove Award from HSBC Penguins Head Coach Steve Hill after the Skane Region match. Danny is a prop who currently plays for Watsonians RFC in Edinburgh. According to the HSBC Penguins' management team: 'Moosa' played extremely well in both matches - both as a ball carrier into contact and as a distributor. Off the field he was an excellent tourist. His constant banter and joking kept the whole squad's spirits high and no-one was spared his poignant and at times caustic observations. Every tour needs a 'Moosa'!'

HSBC Penguin Beauden attains ultimate honour

The date: Saturday, 23rd June 2012. The place: Waikato Stadium, Hamilton, New Zealand.

Some 23 minutes into the third test between New Zealand and Ireland, Penguin representative Beauden Barrett replaced Aaron Cruden to earn his first test cap at first five-eighth – a tremendous achievement. With Sonny Bill Williams outside him at 12 and Aaron Smith inside him at half-back, Beauden controlled the game magnificently and kept the Kiwis on the front foot. Beauden scored nine points in the match (three conversions and one penalty) and played a major part in a stunning 60 points to nil All Blacks victory.

Beauden (or Beaudy as he is known) played for the HSBC Penguins at the 2010 Hong Kong Tens. It was Penguin friend and selector Gordon Tietjens who lined up Beaudy to play for the Club in Hong Kong. At the time Beaudy was in the NZ 7s squad. Other honours for Beaudy include a World Cup Winners Medal for New Zealand in 2011 with the Junior All Blacks, a number of games in 2010-11 for Taranaki in the New Zealand ITM Cup competition and a prominent role in the Hurricanes Super 15 campaign for 2012 in which he guided his team to wins over the Crusaders and the Chiefs in the final two matches of the season.

Beaudy has remained in contact with HSBC Penguins' CEO Craig Brown and HSBC Penguin International Academy Coach Frank Hadden since playing for the Club in 2010. Craig and Frank both hope he will make a playing return some day!





Penguin stalwart Steve Hill's Richmond FC are promoted to National One

Many, many congratulations from all of Steve's fellow Penguins on his magnificent achievement in guiding Richmond FC to promotion to National League One in his capacity as Richmond FC's Director of Rugby.

The promotion, won in nail-biting fashion after extra time in the play-off against Wirral club Caldy RUFC, will once again see Richmond playing against such ancient and traditional rivals as Blackheath, Rosslyn Park and Coventry.



Above left: Steve and the Richmond FC squad after the Caldy RUFC play-off match. Above: Article from the RFU's Touchline Magazine of May, 2010.

HSBC Penguins announce reciprocal Membership arrangement with The Rugby Club in Sydney



Sydney

We are very pleased to announce that we have arranged an agreement with The Rugby Club, Sydney, for any visiting Penguin International RFC Member to automatically become a temporary member of the Club for the duration of their stay in Sydney.

The Rugby Club, Sydney have extended this kind invitation as part of the true spirit of rugby - and needless to say, the Club was delighted to accept.

If you would like to take up this generous offer, please contact Penguin Club Secretary Vince Bramhall at: vincent.bramhall@penguinrugby.com who will be pleased to arrange for your name to be temporarily added to The Rugby Club Sydney's Membership list.

Upon arrival at the club the visiting Penguin will be thus be identified and signed in as a Temporary Member for the duration of their stay in Sydney.

For those of you who aren't familiar with this wonderful Club, there follows a brief rundown:

The Rugby Club, Sydney was formed in 1943, as a city base for all rugby players and lovers of the game. The Club is situated close to Circular Quay in the CBD.

The building was originally the Headquarters of the New South Wales Rugby Union and later the Australian Rugby Union and where Wallaby touring teams were farewelled and jerseys presented. Many historical meetings that





changed the face of rugby took place in the Club. In 1983 a group of Australian and New Zealand Rugby officials met at The Rugby Club and developed the concept of The Rugby World Cup, which was adopted by the IRB with the first tournament taking place in New Zealand and Australia in 1987. It was also where the three SANZA nations representatives met to plan the Super Ten and Tri-nations tournaments which have contributed so much to the success of the game in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Rugby Club has played a significant role in the consolidation of the game of rugby and in spreading and strengthening the influence of the game throughout Australia. Today, it is a licensed Club with a history and collection of memorabilia almost unmatched anywhere in the world – certainly, all the Club's overseas visitors remark that they have never seen anything like it in their own countries.

The Rugby Club has four floors, with all wine beers and spirits at friendly club prices.

With over 2,000 members, it is now a meeting place for all rugby people and has earned its place as 'The Home of The True Spirit Of Rugby'. All Super fifteen games are shown live and loud on all floors and regardless of where you're from, or who you support, you'll always find someone with a love of rugby for a friendly chat and a beer.







The Rugby Club, Sydney is conveniently located at Circular Quay. It is accessible by Rail, Ferry or Bus (two minutes walk from Circular Quay or five minutes from Wynyard). It is situated at: Rugby Place, Off 31 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000. You can find out more about the Club at the Club's website: www.rugbyclub.com.au

The Rugby Club, Sydney has reciprocal rights arrangements with the following Clubs: Queensland Rugby Club, Singapore Cricket Club, The Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong and, of course, the Penguin International RFC!

HSBC Penguins can reveal the name of our 1,500th player!

A few months ago our Life President Alan Wright asked me if I knew how many players had pulled on a Penguin RFC jersey over the past 53 years (writes Dick Tyson). As I have produced an Appendices section for our book *The History*

of the Penguin International RFC (coming very soon - promise!) in which I've listed every Penguins player to have played for the Club, it was a relatively simple matter to count up the names until the end of the 2011 season. I found that they totalled 1,490.

I thought that this was a surprisingly high number of players. To put it into some kind of perspective, the number of players who have played for the England Cricket XI since 1877 has only recently broken through the 650 mark, whilst the total for the England Rugby team is approximately 1,340, and that for England Soccer approximately 1,200.



After careful consideration I can now reveal that our I,500 player milestone was finally reached at the Oxford University RFC v HSBC Penguins match which took place on the evening of 29th February this year at Iffley Road.

The name of our 1,500th Penguins player is... (play drum roll here!) 31-year-old Londoner, John Rudd.

John was educated at Campion School and currently plays on the wing for our great friends Rosslyn Park FC. He has also played for Harlequins, Bedford Blues, Wasps, Northampton Saints, Newcastle Falcons, London Irish and England Saxons. Good on you, John, and thanks for turning out for us!





Why has rugby got backs? At last, a rational explaination of the game

Our esteemed former Chairman and current USA Rugby Representative Tom Wacker has unearthed the following *Rugby Rationale*. As Tom himself says: 'This is a valuable piece of history that is often forgotten (or perhaps ignored) these days. It is also just the sort of stuff that I predict divides rugby players based on the number of the jersey they wore!' You know, we think he could be right. Perhaps it would be best if you judged the piece for yourself...

It is largely unknown to players and followers of the modern game that rugby started off purely as a contest for forwards in opposition in line-outs, scrums, rucks and mauls. This pitted eight men of statuesque physique, supreme fitness and superior intelligence in packs against one another. In those days, the winner was the pack that won the most set pieces.

The debasement of the game began when backs were introduced. This occurred because a major problem was where to locate the next scrum or line-out. Selecting positions on the ground for these had become a constant source of friction and even violence.

The problem was resolved by employing forward rejects, men of small stature and limited intelligence, to run aimlessly around within the field of play. Following a set piece, the ball would be thrown to one of them, who would establish the next location either by dropping it or by throwing it to another reject for dropping. Very occasionally, a third reject would receive the ball before it would be dropped, and crowds would wildly cheer on these rare occasions. Initially these additional players were entirely disorganized but with the passing of time they adopted set positions.

For instance, take the half-back. He was usually one of the smallest and least intelligent of the backs whose role was simply to accept the ball from a forward and to pass it on to one of the other rejects who would drop it, providing the new location for the forwards to compete. He could easily (given his general size) have been called a quarter forward or a ball monkey but then tolerance and compassion are the keys to forward play and the present euphemism was decided on.

The five-eighth plays next to the half-back and his role is essentially the same except that when pressured, he usually panics and kicks the ball. Normally, he is somewhat taller and slightly better built than the half-back and hence his name. One-eighth less and he would have been a half-back, three-eighths more and he might well have qualified to become a forward.

The centres were opportunists who had no expertise but wanted to share in the glamour associated with forward packs. After repeated supplication to the forwards for a role in the game they would be told to get out in the middle of the field and wait for instructions. Thus, when asked where they played, they would reply "in the centre". And they remain to this day, parasites and scroungers who mostly work as lawyers or used car dealers.

You may ask, why wingers? The answer is simple. Because these were players who had very little ability and were the lowest in the backline pecking order, they were placed as far away from the ball as possible. Consequently, and because the inside backs were so diligent in their assigned role of dropping the ball whenever they received it, the main contribution to the game made by the winger was not to get involved. Their instructions were to run away as quickly as possible whenever trouble appeared, and to avoid tackles at all costs. The fact that the game was organised so that the wingers didn't get to touch the ball led to an incessant flow of complaints from them and eventually the apt description "whingers" was applied. Even though the "h" dropped off over the years, the whingeing itself unfortunately has not.

Lastly, the full-back. This was the position given to the worst handler, the person least able to accept or pass the ball, someone who was always in the way. The name arose because the forwards would understandably become infuriated by the poor play invariably demonstrated by that person, and call out "send that fool back". He would then be relegated well out of everyone's way to the rear of the field.

So there you have it. Let's return to the glory days of a contest between two packs of eight men of statuesque physique, supreme fitness and superior intelligence. The rest can go off to where they will be happier - playing soccer.





Penguins' bank account with HSBC Hong Kong

For many years, the Club's bank account has been with HSBC at its 69 Pall Mall Branch in London which has operated efficiently for payments in Pounds Sterling.

However, this has not always been convenient for the Club's many members who live outside the UK. It was felt, therefore, that it would be helpful, both for those members and the Club, to have an additional bank account which could accept payments in a number of different currencies.

This has been put into effect with the establishment of a Club account with HSBC in Hong Kong. This will assist members who can make payment into the new account in any of the following currencies – AUD, NZD, EUR, USD, HKD, GBP, CAD, CHF, RMB, SGD, THB. It will also assist the Club which has commitments in a number of currencies (for more details about the account, please contact PIRFC Hon. Treasurer, Robin Hutton).



Carrie Ng presents Robin Hutton and Vince Bramhall with the HSBC HK Building statue on 26th June during her visit to London.

The Club is most grateful to Carrie Ng and Mimi Tsang, both Assistant Vice Presidents with HSBC in Hong Kong, and to Joe Li, International Commercial Associate with the HSBC Chinese Business Unit in London, for their efficient service and help in opening the new account.

Carrie Ng was in London earlier this year, visiting some of the UK clients of HSBC Hong Kong, and this presented an opportunity for Club Secretary, Vincent Bramhall, and Hon Treasurer, Robin Hutton, to meet with her. Carrie kindly presented the Club with a miniature statue of the HSBC Main Building in Hong Kong (see picture). It now stands proudly in 'the trophy cabinet' of Penguin International RFC.

The Club looks forward to continuing and expanding its excellent long-standing banking relationship with HSBC, both in London and in Hong Kong.

In passing, it is interesting to note that the Club has banked with HSBC since 1959. We opened our first bank account in Sidcup High Street with the Midland Bank - which was, of course, taken over by HSBC in 1992.







And finally - an exclusive article by star HSBC Penguins Reporter, Tessa Bramhall-Clement

You may recall that HSBC Penguins won the inaugural London Tens Rugby Festival at the Richmond Athletic Ground last June, beating Bootleggers RFC 36 - 7 in the final.

We were lucky enough to have one of our star HSBC Penguins reporters present at the RAG on Finals Day - none other than Tessa Bramhall-Clement, the Granddaughter of our very own PIRFC Secretary, Vince Bramhall.

Tessa (who, incidentally, has subsequently also become HSBC Penguins' Honorary Custodian and Polisher of the 2011 London Tens Trophy) has very kindly sent us an illustrated article about the Finals Day, which we reproduce here in its entirety. Thanks, Tessa!



The HSBC Penguins London Tens-winning team at the Richmond Athletic Ground last June.

MY name is Nessa. I went to watch the tens rugby at Richmond, near our house with my mummy, daddy and my sisters.

we played on the bouncy castle and then went for lunch with Grandpas friend called craig Brawn. We had That food.

We then went back to watch the final gameit was fun to watch. Grampa's term won called the Penguins.

The caption gave grampa the trophy and grampa then gave the trophy to me to keep.

I have it in my room and I keep it clear and Shiny. I also took it to School for Show and tell. It was a great day.





Penguin International Rugby Football Club **Membership Information Update Form**

Please use this form to update your personal details so that we can remain in contact with you.

Name:	Membership no. (if known):
Address:	
Home Phone:	
Mobile Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Email:	
Alternative Email:	
Contact preference - email or post:	
Signed:	
Date:	
Please email to:	

membership@penguinrugby.com

Alternatively you can go online at the Club's website and fill out the on line form.



Penguin International Rugby Football Club Nomination Form For New Member

Please use this form to nominate new club members. The information requested is used to update the membership database so we can remain in contact with all members.

Any club member can nominate new members and will need the support of one General Committee Member. Any General Committee Member can nominate any new member outright.

If you complete this form by hand, please write clearly in capitals.

When the form is completed it should be sent to the Club Secretary who will process the nomination. Members of the Club are automatically designated as Vice Presidents.

Name:			
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