



# Capilano Rugby- Match Report

**May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Capilano Div 1 Men into the Okanagan Spring Div 1 Final**

## **Capilano 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Men at Velox**

A determined Capilano 3<sup>rd</sup> Division squad headed to Victoria to play the undefeated Velox third side. Coach Tom Larish started at the number 10 position replacing Neil Impey who has been moved up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 15. Tom hasn't played a lot this half but has made an occasional appearance as a reserve and has spared for several games. Caps spotted Velox a 15 point lead before raising their game to get it close.

The final score was 32 to 29 in favour of Velox. Caps apparently had a chance to even the score late in the game with a penalty kick right in front of the posts but the decision was made to run the ball. The Caps did not score and the home side took a spot in next week's playoffs.

## **Capilano 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Men vs Kamloops [Final Score 26-29]**

Caps were coming off a try fest against Rowers last week and were very anxious to get into the playoffs. Caps looked good coming out of the gate and Neil Impey looked like scoring early but was stopped just short of the line. Following a scrum Matt Yanigiya went blindside and scored. Neil Impey converted and the Caps lead 7-0. The next score was as a result of a run by Neil Impey who then offloaded to Waisiki (Whiskey) Doughty for the try. The convert was good and the score was now 14-0. A promising Kamloops run was stopped by Whiskey to prevent a Kamloops score. Bruce Bowman scored the next try for Caps on a chip kick ahead that he gathered in himself and took over the line in the corner. The conversion was unsuccessful.

Kamloops was down but not out and answered with a try of their own as their winger stepped outside a Capilano defender to score in the corner. The convert was not successful and the halftime score was 19-5. In the second half Caps tried several runs at the Kamloops line and finally Matt Yanagiya scored his second try by diving over the goal line. The conversion made it 26-5 for Capilano. Kamloops managed another score in the corner to bring the score to 26-10.

Kamloops was penalized and Neil Impey's shot at goal was just wide. Then an unfortunate injury occurred to a Kamloops player. He was tackled by Matt Yanagiya and his leg was dislocated and broken. Yanagiya was given a red card by the referee for a dangerous tackle. With the Kamloops player down in considerable pain and facing a long delay it was decided to move the game to the lower field. It was a move that proved to be disastrous for the Capilano's.

Down to 14 men was bad enough but suddenly the team began missing tackles. Not just one here or there but several on the same play as a Kamloops back found his way down the sidelines and score from deep in his own end of the field. The kick was missed but at 26-15 Kamloops was in the game for the first time all afternoon.

Not only that but they soon found their way into the end zone again. This time it was under the posts. This made it 26-20 and the convert made it 26-22.

There was little if any time on the clock and any stoppage would mean a Cap win. It didn't happen as Kamloops found a way to score yet again to make it 26-27 and with the convert that ended the game 26-29. For Kamloops it was a rousing victory. For Caps a total loss of concentration combined with poor tackling snatched defeat from the arms of victory. I can't remember seeing a Cap side collapse in this manner, certainly not in recent years. Perhaps it was the shock of the injury but Kamloops observed the same thing and turned it into a positive. We can only hope that the young Capilano team will learn from this and ensure that this doesn't happen again anytime soon. Best wishes to the injured Kamloops player and good luck to them next week.

### **Capilano 1<sup>st</sup> Division Men vs Velox [Final 43-17 for Caps]**

Velox handed the Capilanos their only loss in the Okanagan Spring League, 15-13 in Victoria. The home team was determined to avenge this blemish! Caps and Velox have had some mammoth encounters in recent years, today wasn't one of them. Caps were dominant and Velox, except for a short time late in the game, just weren't in it. They showed an ability to maul the ball and make ground but only used this weapon sporadically.

Caps opened the scoring early with a try by second row forward Rob Scott. The next try was scored by Gord Sawers after a chip kick from Chris Robinson went to the speedy winger and he ran to the corner then closer to the posts. The convert made it 12-0. A blind side run by Kayne Tapika and subsequent chip kick put Velox back and Caps forced them out of bounds to get the lineout.

Caps were penalized for rucking away from the ball and shortly after Velox was called for the same thing. The referee was being consistent and players understand that. Velox had number 14 binned for stamping. Caps ran a quick penalty from their own end of the pitch. Velox managed to get the ball deep in Cap territory and used the rolling maul to their advantage. When Caps ventured back in to Velox territory Kayne Tapiki did a drop goal to add 3 points to the lead and make it 15-0. The next score was a thing of beauty as hooker Shawn Wilson made a determined run and then passed to Cody Buchamer who then passed to Gord Sawyer who dished off to Craig McLaren for the score.

Gord Sawyer made a good little kick ahead but the Velox winger was able to get to the ball just ahead of him. Tony Weller showed us some magic as he attacked the center of the field, with two players outside of him he dummied then cut into the in-goal for the try. The convert made the score 29-0. Chris Robinson passed to Jessie Ryan and the big prop scored another try. The conversion made it 36-0 Tony Weller made an excellent run but somehow Velox stole the ball and kicked ahead several times. There was a big footrace between the Velox number 8 and second row forward Tom Schwitzer. It was even for the stretch but the Velox player was given the benefit of the doubt and a try was awarded.

Shortly thereafter Caps scored another picture try. This time Aki Tyler found some space and then reverse passed to Tony Weller who took the ball at pace for the score. The conversion was good and the score was now 43-7. Sana Dawaila showed some pace busting through a gap to score for Velox. The kick hit the upright and the score was 43-12. Galen Potash-Kooyman scored again for Velox on the last play of the game to make the final score 43-17. My men of the match for Caps were Tony Weller who was outstanding today and Tom

Schwitzer, in the pack, who covered a lot of ground. Next week Caps, now down to one surviving team play, Richmond for the championship. Plan to get out and support your team!