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## Philippine National Under 20s Team win Asian Under 20 Championships



The Philippine National U/20's Men's Rugby Union Team made a clean sweep of the Junior Asian U/20's Division 2 Championships in Vientiane, Laos by defeating India, Kazakhstan, Laos, and Iran. What made the feat even more admirable is the fact that the young Volcanoes had to play the four games of Rugby Union in a five day period.

The young Volcanoes started a hectic week with a solid victory over India 38-7. Top scorer Reggie Teagle led the team with an early lead and ended up scoring three tries in the game with this debut and placed in his name in the history books for Philippine Rugby Union by scoring a hat trick of tries in his first ever game for the Philippines. The second half proved a little tougher with the Indian team stepping up in their defense but the Philippines did not take a backward step with the back row of Alex Buchel, Brian De Leon and Brian Liston dominating the breakdown and consistently taking the ball forward over the advantage line to give the backs quality ball to start their attacking raids.

The second game against Kazakhstan proved to be a very physical one as Kazakhstan had a distinct size advantage over the Philippines and came out firing in the opening five minutes. But the Philippines defense was excellent and every player had to stand up to take their bigger opponents down. The last try of the game came from a midfield break by Ned Stephenson who then found Christian Kennedy who scored untouched under the posts to seal victory for the Philippines by 22 - 10.

Home team Laos proved to be an easier win for the young Volcanoes with a 52-0 showing in their third game. In dry conditions the Philippines were dominant in both the backs and forwards and ran in eight tries and made six conversions to keep their unbeaten record intact. Unlike in previous games the forwards started to run consecutive patterns and were able to draw in the courageous Laos defenders, this then opened up spaces out wide for the...



*Team Captain, Ben Saunders accepts the Div 2 Trophy on behalf of the Philippine Volcanoes*

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## Philippine National Men's 7s Team Updates



This year, the Philippine National Men's 7's team has completed the first leg of the Asian rugby Sevens Series that was held in Shanghai over the weekend of September 4 and 5. The second leg of this tournament will be staged in Borneo on October 30-31st and it is the first year that the Philippines has sent a men's 7's team to these Asian ranking tournaments. The combined ranking of these two ARFU tournaments gives the Philippines a 7's ranking in Asia and the top six teams are then automatically invited to participate in the 2011 Hong Kong 7's.

The National Men's team recently played in the Shanghai 7's and it was an eye-opening experience with the Philippines being ranked against tournament heavyweights Hong Kong, China, and the most recent A5N team Sri Lanka. As a result, the Philippines suffered three losses on the first day of the tournament and had to face two local neighbors in Chinese Taipei and Thailand on the Sunday in the Bowl Division of the tournament. The Philippines came out firing in the Bowl semi-finals and defeated Chinese Taipei 21-14. This set up an epic

battle between the two teams that played out the final in the last Rugby 7's at the South East Asian Games, Philippines and Thailand.

The final game saw the Philippines take an early lead through a great individual try by Matt Saunders, who evaded two defenders and ran 50m to open the score at 7-0. Unfortunately, this was the last time the Philippines would cross their opponent's line. Late in the first half, one of the Filipino players received a red card and this left the uneven situation of six players against seven players, allowing Thailand to fight back and win in the Bowl Final.

The second leg of the Asian Rugby Sevens Series is to be held in Borneo on October 30-31st and a new look Filipino team has been named to improve on the Shanghai performance. The opposition will be equally strong but National Team coach Matt Cullen believes that the new team playing a more aggressive style of play will be able to improve the Philippines ranking and give them a chance of attending the 2011 Hong Kong 7's. The National Team announced to attend Borneo includes:

### Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Matt Cullen  
Manager: Phil Gittus  
Team Physio: Damien Raper

### Players:

Chris Everingham	Andrew Wolff
Justin Coveney	David Carman
Mark Chatting	Casper Anniversario
Andrew Farrar	Andrew Everingham
Ned Stephenson	Patrice Olivier
Harry Morris	Noel Flowers

## British School Manila hosts Level 1 Coaching Course

Last August 28th, the British School Manila invited the Philippine Rugby Football Union to conduct an IRB Level 1 Coaches Course which was attended by 16 participants who all came to learn the fundamental skills of coaching Rugby Union.

The IRB Level 1 course is structured to allow novice Rugby Union coaches to learn basic coaching skills and techniques so that players, especially those new to the game, can learn to play in a safe and enjoyable manner. Being awarded a Level 1 certification allows coaches to begin coaching Rugby Union up to the high school level.

The course was well attended with participants coming from a wide cross section of the Rugby Union community, with beginners coming from the newly-formed Globe Immortals Rugby Club, Ladies and Men's National team players and Junior National team players from BSM, Tuloy and Bahay Bata Foundations.



### Course Attendees:

Jake Batuhan	Francisco Guerra IV	Manila Santos
Wilson Caisip	Robert Hawtree	Isabela Silva
Paul Churchill	Peter Lawrence	Ken Stern
Tim Churchill	Brett Marshall	
Andrew Dickinson	Daniel Melrose	
Gavin Escolar	Steve Melrose	

### Philippine National Under 20s win... (con't. vrom Page 1)

Philippine backline, who have stamped their authority at this year's tournament with their skillful plays and ferocious defense.

The last game against Iran was the championship final and this game proved to be the hardest victory for a tiring Filipino team. After succeeding eight penalties the Iranian team finally missed a tackle in defense on their line and the Philippine Backline were able to capitalize on this mistake to score out wide through Ricky Kucia and the Philippines took a five point lead. The last ten minutes of the game was a roller coaster ride with Iran making several attacking raids that eventually paid dividends with a try out wide after the Philippines gave up three consecutive penalties. The score stood at 12 – 8 and the Iranian team rallied to push for yet another try but the Philippines defense held strong and the final siren sounded with a jubilant Philippines team celebrating their back-to-back Asian U20s titles.



The Philippine U20s team has now won seven International Rugby Games in a row and has back-to-back victories at the Asian U20s Championships, not dropping a game in both tournaments.

#### Phil National Under 20s Team:

JC Aloda	Michael Jenner	Jovic Paypon
Cameron Booth	Christian Kennedy	Joseph Ramilo
Alex Buchel	Ricky Kucia	Ben Saunders (Captain)
Jeremy Church	Brian Liston	Brian Snoeck
Bryan De Leon	Daniel Melrose	Ned Stephenson
Andrea Engelbrecht	Fergus Mitra	Joselito Talosig
James Fraser	Orlando Olvera	Reggie Teagle
Nori Fukuyama	Arlan Parry	

## Globe Immortals Rock onto the Philippine Rugby Union Scene

Globe Telecom Corporation is renowned for its telecommunications expertise and also in encouraging their employees to participate in GLOBE company teams that are active in different sports like basketball, badminton, triathlon and football. The latest GLOBE company Rugby team, dubbed the GLOBE IMMORTALS, hit the field running last September 19 at the Alabang 7's Rugby Union tournament and certainly made an immediate impact with the rugby community. It was apparent to all that one or more of the players must be involved with GLOBE Marketing as the team revealed their brand new uniforms that left the other more traditional teams in envy as they won the prize of being the best dressed team at the tournament.

But on that day, it was not only their uniforms that proved impressive, but their debut performance as well, considering that they only recently started training as a full team under the Philippine Rugby Football Union's National Development Team program. After practicing Monday and Wednesday nights at the Philsports stadium in Pasig for the past six weeks, the players were busting out of their jerseys to take the field and play in their first-ever Rugby Union game against the Alabang Ibons. The GLOBE boys were still finding their feet in their debut game and failed to score a try, going down 35-0. But this score line did not faze the determined GLOBE IMMORTALS as they rebounded to win their second game against the MAAP WARRIORS (Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific) team by two tries to win 10-5. The first try scorer of the day was Jay Coronel and this talented player did not stop there as he continued to show his talent as a future Rugby Union player by scoring again in GLOBE's third game against the expat team of Nomads Carabaos. The GLOBE team certainly shocked the Carabaos with their passion for the game and it was an arm wrestle battle that was eventually decided by a missed conversion in favor of the Carabaos, 14-12.

GLOBE has now successfully entered the Philippine Rugby Union market and have once again proven they can perform at the highest levels and will be a dominant local company team in the near future.





# ALABANG 7'S

The Alabang Eagles Rugby Football Club hosted the 2010 Alabang 7's Tournament last September 18 at the newly-renovated Cuenca field in Ayala Alabang Village.

The day started with Junior's touch and tackle rugby games with teams competing in the U/8, U/10, U/12, and U/14 divisions. Junior's rugby is growing in popularity and teams travelled from the Tuloy and Bahay Bata foundations, Alabang Eagles, Nomads, Manila Hapons, European Intl.

School, and the British School to play in the Alabang 7's Juniors tournament.

The field at Cuenca field is now one of the best pitches in Manila and the day was blessed with warm and sunny weather. The U/8 category saw the Bahay Bata team from Angeles City win the final over the British School. In the U/10s, Nomads

(3-0) defeated the newly-formed Eagles team and in the U/10s, Bahay Bata again beat the British School (3-2) in a game that went down to a 3 on 3 contest in double over-time. Finally, the Tuloy foundation U/14's defeated Bahay Bata by 2 to 0 to claim the U/14 title.

In the Junior's tackle category, the Bahay Bata team played two games against the British School. Last time these two junior tackle clubs met it was the British School who won the battle. This obviously inspired the Bahay

Bata boys to train harder and under their new coach Gareth Domb. In the end, the Bahay Bata team proved that they have blossomed into a formidable squad by winning the final game, 15 points to 5. Now, both teams look forward to meeting again at the next Junior's tournament to be held at Nomads on October 9th.

The afternoon then saw the Men's and Ladies tackle tournament take place with the Alabang Eagles, MAAP, and Manila Hapons battling for the Cup and Alabang Ibons, Globe Immortals, Carabaos, and MAAP2 playing for the Men's Plate division. The first Ladies 7's tackle tournament in the Philippines was played by Team Good Looking, Manila (Team GL) and the MAAP Ladies who came all the way from Bataan.



The Cup division was decisively won by the tournament hosts, the Eagles, who beat a determined Nomads team by 21-7. Nomads began the game in a positive manner and held an early seven point lead. But it was the youth and speed of National team players David Carman and Andrew Wolff that eventually won the game with both these players scoring away tries late in the game. Eagles player Chris Hettle was awarded the Cup Division M.V.P.

In the Plate division, it was the Alabang Ibons up against the Carabaos after the Carabaos had defeated the Ibons in a close game 12-7. The Ibons came out firing in the final and tries by Andrea Engelbrecht, Rimex Davai, and Matt Cullen sealed the victory for the home club in both Men's Divisions. Andrea Engelbrecht was awarded the Plate Division M.V.P.

The two Ladies 7's teams played each other in three games for ladies 7's trophy. Team G.L Manila won a hard fought first game over the MAAP Ladies by 10-5 with recent National team players Nikki Lira and Dyesebel Diaz scoring tries for their respective teams. Both ladies were part of the squad recently sent to Guangzhou and won Division B in the Asian Rugby Women's Sevens Tournament.



The second game was dominated by Team GL with Isabela Silva, also a National team player, who scored twice to ensure a 22-0 victory. The final game was also won by Team GL. Nomad Bulettes touch player Arlene Trinkler made a mark with her tackle rugby debut by proving she is not only a great running player, but a good finisher as well. The former soccer player kicked two conversions to win the final game for Team GL, 15 to 5. The Ladies tournament M.V.P was awarded to Arlene Trinkler.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct

- 9:** PRFU Juniors | *Nomad Sports Club*  
PRFU 7s Round 2 | *Nomad Sports Club*
- 13:** PRFU Monthly Board Meeting
- 14 - 18:** Women's 15s Development Camp | *Lao*
- 27:** Philippine National 7s Team Training Camp | *Nomad Sports Club*
- 28 - 31:** Borneo 7s (Phil Natl. Men's 7s Team) | *Kota Kinabalu*



Nov

- 4-5:** IRB Rugby Ready Course | *International School Manila*
- 6:** PRFU 7s Round 3 | *Nomad Sports Club*
- 10:** PRFU Monthly Board Meeting
- 12:** ISM vs Brent (JV) | *International School Manila*
- 13:** CBRE Juniors Competition | *British School Manila*
- 17:** PRFU Annual General Meeting | *Murphy's Makati*
- 19:** BSM vs ISM (JV) | *TBA*
- 20:** PRFU 7s Round 4 Finals | *Cuenca Field, Alabang*  
MANSAC Rugby Competition, Faith vs Brent | *Brent Intl School*  
PRFU 2010 Awards Evening | *Union Jack Tavern*
- 26:** ISM vs Faith (JV) | *International School Manila*

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