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EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS IN 2010!

This year the Philippines Rugby Football Union (PRFU) has certainly sent out a strong signal to all other Asian Rugby Union playing nations that Philippines Rugby is here to stay and will compete with the top level teams in Asia leading up to the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan.

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RP Men's National 15's Team Win the HSBC A5N Division 2 Championships, New Delhi, India.

The year began with the National Men's 15's Rugby team travelling to India to compete in the 2010 Asian Five Nations Division 2 Championships. The Philippines were ranked 4th entering this tournament but shocked everyone in the Asian Rugby World when they comprehensively defeated Thailand (Ranked 1) by 53 - 33 and then knocked out India on their home pitch by 34 - 12. By winning the A5N Division 2 tournament our Men's team recorded their 6th consecutive International victory and are now the only Asian Team in the A5N series never to lose a game since the tournament's inception in 2008. The RP will now apply for an official IRB ranking and are confident they will enter the rankings in the top 60 teams out 95. This would be a record for any first time ranking. The team will compete in the A5N Division 1 in 2011 taking on Rugby the powerhouses of Korea, Malaysia and Singapore. With an average age of 23 the Philippine team has still not reached its full potential and plan to provide further surprises next year in this higher Division.



First ever RP National Ladies Team Win at the ARFU Ladies 7's Tournament 2010, Ghangzhou, China.



As a full member of the IRB the PRFU are now required to run local ladies tackle rugby tournaments and also enter National Ladies 15's and 7's teams in the annual Asian Rugby Football Union sanctioned tournaments. The PRFU have begun this process and will hold the first Ladies 7's league this Sept/Oct/Nov. These games will be played in conjunction with the PRFU Men's 7's league. We currently have three ladies club sides in Manila and one in Cebu. In July the Philippines entered there first ever Ladies National 7's team into the ARFU Ladies 7s Championships

that were held in Guangzhou, China held as a lead up event to the Asian Games in November. This tournament was played at the recently constructed Asian Games Stadium and has the capacity of 40 000 seats. At this world class venue it was the Filipino Ladies that showed Asia that they are not only stunning off the field, but went on to win the B Division trophy at their first appearance in an international Rugby Union event. They defeated India 17 - 0, followed by Korea 33 - 0 and then Laos 40 - 0, finally knocking off Malaysia in the B Division final by 20 -0. This was an amazing

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feat with the National Ladies team scoring 110 points for to 0 against in the four games of 7's. This has never been achieved by any of the National Men's 7's teams.

"Young gun" RP National Team Win the ARFU U 20's Division 2 Championships in Laos

The Philippine National U20's team recorded their seventh consecutive international victory in winning the Asian U20's Division 2 tournament in Laos. In 2009 the young guns had defeated Pakistan, Iran and Laos. In August they attended the 2010 Asian Championships in Laos where they had to play four International Games of Rugby in five days, this is a gruelling task at any level of Rugby. They opened the week long event with a win over India by 22 - 7. The following day they had to play a physically imposing team from Kazakhstan who had been relegated from Division 1 and were favoured to win the Division 2 tournament. The Philippines once again proved that they are worthy of playing in the competition's Division 1 tournament in 2011, beating the Kazahks by 22 - 10. This victory left the door open to play home favourites Laos, who they comprehensively beat 52 - 0 and then finally defeating Iran in very wet conditions by 12 - 8. The average age of the Philippine U20's team is 17, with 20 of the 24 players available to return next year to compete in the Division 1 Asian Championships.



RP National Men's 7's team push for a place in the 2011 Hong Kong 7's

The National Men's 7s team travelled to participate in the Shanghai 7's on September 4/5th and the Borneo 7's on October 30/31st. These tournaments were the ranking tournaments for the ARFU 7's series, where the Philippines had to rank in the top six over the two events to secure an invite to the world renowned Hong Kong 7's in March 2011.

Last year, the Philippines only attended the Borneo 7's and placed 6th out of the attending 12 Asian Countries, defeating both Thailand and Chinese Taipei. Both these teams went onto to play in the 2010 Hong Kong 7's, having accumulated sufficient points in the preceding Shanghai tournament to overtake us in the overall point's rankings. This year, the PRFU entered the National Men's 7's team into both qualifying tournaments and managed to assemble a very strong 7s squad with the help of the current Filipino National Men's 15s coach Expo Mejia, who is based in Sydney Australia.

As Rugby 7s has grown globally the sport has also skyrocketed here in Asia and with the announcement that Rugby 7s is now an Olympic Sport in 2016 all Nations are focusing on funding and developing the shortened version of the game with the aim of winning a medal. As a result the Philippines will need to improve on their 10th place finish at this year's events and National 7s Coach Matt Cullen has made it clear that 2011 will be a year where 7s Rugby will be promoted at all levels in the Philippines.



PRFU Junior Rugby Keeps Growing

The PRFU Junior rugby development programs and monthly tournaments have continued to grow throughout 2010 and we now have 6 junior clubs competing on a monthly basis at different venues in Manila. Up to 180 U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's and U16's attend the monthly tournaments with the younger age groups playing touch football and the U14's and U16's playing tackle rugby. The clubs include Bahay Bata, Tuloy and Duyan Ni Maria Foundations, Brent, ISM and British Internationals schools, and the Alabang Eagles and Nomads have recently started junior development programs. All these clubs are supported by the PRFU and the major PRFU sponsors, with the Alabang Eagles providing direct support for the Tuloy Foundation and the Nomads Rugby Club and Overgaard doing the same for the Bahay Bata and Duyan Ni Maria Foundations. The Fat Boy 10's tournament donate 100% of their tournament funds towards the Foundations and junior rugby development in the Philippines and Rugby Union would not exist in the Philippines without Pot Bellied



Pigs generous annual contributions, last year they the Fat Boy 10s raised over US\$45 000 and this year they are aiming at raising US\$50 000.

It was a tribute to the Pot Bellied Pigs, Overgaard, Nomads Rugby Club and the Alabang Eagles when two foundation players were recently selected and toured with the Philippine National U20's team who won the Asian U20's Division 2 Championship. Jovic Papon



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The PRFU would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the POTBELLIED PIGS for organizing the Annual FAT BOY 10s CHARITY RUGBY TOURNAMENT held on September 4, 2010. The event raised US\$ 50,000.00 for Bahay Bata and Duyan ni Maria Foundations and will go a long way in PRFU's efforts to develop rugby in the Philippines.



photos by Gareth Jones

has come through the Tuloy Foundation development program and his good friend and foe on the rugby pitch Joselito Talosig learnt all his skills at the Bahay Bata juniors rugby club. Both these boys are a testament that the Junior's rugby program can develop National team players. It is envisaged that next year up to 4 foundation players will win selection with the number continually increasing each year.

The 2010 year was certainly a year of growth at all levels from the Junior's programs, to the National Teams and finally the PRFU board. Without the dedication of a number of unsung heroes who generously gave their time and finances to support the growth of Rugby Union in the Philippines, the PRFU would not function. Two individuals were recognized as Life Members of the PRFU this year for their services to supporting the PRFU over a number of years:



Jay Savage – Was an original Co-Founder of the PRFU and was the backbone of starting the National Teams program in 2005. He also headed the PRFU board from 2000 to 2008. Jay played Rugby for the Nomads Rugby Club and now supports the sport by refereeing at the PRFU leagues and acting as a Match Official at all PRFU National Team home games. The task of both starting and developing Rugby Union in the Philippines was a thankless job, but Jay got it done.

Phil Gittus – Phil has not only played and scored a try on debut for the Philippines Men's National team but has also been a National Team Manager and Coach. Phil was a former Captain of the Nomads Rugby Club and has given an immense amount of time, energy and passion to ensure that the Philippine National teams have competed and won at all levels of Rugby Competition in Asia. Phil was also an A5N panel referee in 2009 and now supports the game he knows and loves by refereeing the PRFU league games and currently resides as a PRFU board member on the National Teams Committee and heads the Referees Laws and Discipline Committee.

Finally the PRFU would like to thank all the Sponsors who supported the development of Rugby Union in the Philippines, these companies such have provided the much needed funding to allow the PRFU to not only expand, but **EXCEED EXPECTATIONS IN 2010**.

PRFU To Host IRB Education Superweek in January

The top IRB Educators from all over Asia will converge in Manila to take part in the IRB Educators Superweek, this will include the Re-licensing of 10 IRB Educators which will be followed by Level 2 Courses that will be attended by regional and local Coaches and Referees.

Date: January 21-23, 2010

Venue: International School Manila (ISM), Bonifacio Global City, Metro Manila

Courses offered:

IRB Level 2 Coaching

IRB Level 2 Match Officials

Thanks to Jarrad Gallagher and Ross Mitchell for choosing the Philippines to Host the conference and to Mark Pekin and the International School of Manila for providing the facilities to conduct the IRB courses. The Philippines is very lucky to have the opportunity to host the first IRB Educators Superweek in 2011 and this will give the PRFU coaches and referees a solid base to start the 2011 Rugby Union Season.

For more information about this event, please contact the PRFU at prfu@prfu.com.



Philippines Men's 7s Team Mix it Up with Asian Rugby Heavyweights



The Philippine National Men's Rugby 7s team can feel confident that their efforts at this year's Asian Men's 7s Championships will go a long way to achieving success in the 7s arena in the near future. The Philippines had to face three of the top 5 Rugby Nations in Asia and can hold their heads up high after pushing Japan, Sri Lanka and Kazakhstan in their campaign to place as the runners up in the Bowl Division of the ARFU 7s Championships.

The National team arrived in Kota Kinabalu on Thursday and trained at the tournament venue on Friday to prepare for the second leg of the Asian Rugby Sevens Series 2011. The first leg was held in Shanghai in July and an overall combined ranking of both the Shanghai and Borneo 7s tournaments allows for the top 6 ranked teams to be invited to the world renowned Hong Kong 7s in March 2011. The Philippines only started the local PRFU 7s League in 2009 and have already started to witness the natural talent and ability of the Filipinos to succeed at the faster version of Rugby Union, with the skills of speed, agility and hand-eye coordination being the major physiological components to achieve success in the 7s game.

The Philippines came into the Borneo 7s ranked 10th and had a reasonably difficult draw that started with the first game against the number 1 ranked Rugby Nation in Asia, Japan. The Philippines put up a great showing and were able to score two scintillating tries against the eventual Tournament Runners Up; this was a credible feat considering that before the tournament final Japan only had four tries scored against them in three games, two of which came from the Philippines. David Carman and Mark Chatting who both grew up and learnt their Rugby in the Philippines scored tries for against Japan and at 17-12 midway through the second half the Japanese had to find their A game to finish off the resolute underdogs. Newcomer Patrice Olivier, who is a Filipino Frenchman was named the Philippines best player.

The next game was played against Sri Lanka, who were recently promoted to the 5th ranking in Asian Rugby with their victory at the A5N Division 1 series in 2010. The Philippines decided to play a physical game and control the ball against their faster Sri Lankan opponents and these tactics worked in the first half with another Filipino newcomer Justin "The Flying Jeepney" Coveney scoring a great individual try that resulted from aggressive running from Andrew Wolff, who tied up three defenders before linking up with his support players to achieve the game's opening try. The Philippines held the halftime lead of 12 points to 5. The Philippines then started to drift away from the game plan that had worked so effectively in the first half and started to throw caution to the wind, resulting in dropped ball and the subsequent turnovers allowed the speedy Sri Lankan team to hit back with three second half tries and they ran out winners by 24 to 12. This was another credible effort by the Filipino team against a higher ranked opponent.

The day one results placed the Philippines in the Bowl Division of

the Asian 7s Championships and the Filipinos had to face Chinese Taipei in the Bowl semi final to keep their hopes alive of making a finals game at the International Championship. The Philippines were very focused and called on their Filipino pride to take the game to Chinese Taipei, with Andrew Wolfe scoring another fine individual try when he broke through and beat three Taipei defenders to score a 50 metre try. The next try by the Philippines was claimed by many observers as the BEST TRY of the tournament, when 2007 Silver Medal teammates Andrew Wolfe and Noel Flowers showed their experience and determination by linking up in their own 22m zone to break through the Taipei defensive line. Wolff broke out from behind his own try line and it took 3 opponents to haul him down, not before he had fed Flowers who cleverly side stepped two Taipei players allowing him to set up Patrice Olivier who ran 50 m to find the ever reliable David Carman outside him on the left wing. Despite taking a heavy tackle 15 metres from the try line he had the strength and awareness to feed the supporting Mark Chatting to score a 100 m try. To their credit Chinese Taipei fought back to score and level the game at 12 all and then on the last play of the game Andrew Everingham stormed through to make the Philippines tackle of the tournament and managed to turn over the ball from the Chinese Taipei attacker, Philippines Vice Captain Noel Flowers jumped on this opportunity to take an intercept and turned to find the "Flying Jeepney" Justin Coveney storming up the middle of the field screaming for the ball, Noel found the big man, who then outran three Taipei defenders to score under the posts after the siren had sounded and registered the Philippines first win at the Tournament.

This win placed the Philippines up against the number 2 ranked A5N Nation in 2010, Kazakhstan in the Bowl Division Final. Kazakhstan is renowned for their aggressive style of play and had the biggest team at the Championships. The Philippines were not helped when the heavens opened and the tropical rains came pouring down as the two teams ran onto the field. In one of the toughest and most brutal games of the tournament the Philippines held their line with some ferocious defence during the opening period and Patrice Olivier, Harry Morris and Andrew Everingham all pulled off try saving tackles to stop the determined Kazakhstan team from breaching their line. Unfortunately the Kazakhstan team held a distinct size advantage in the scrums and line outs and the Philippines were starved of the ball and the game remained 0-0 at halftime. This had not happened in any game at the tournament and the Philippines had proved that heart is bigger than size by continually bringing their larger opponents to the ground in one on one tackles. The second half was played in the same fashion as the first and it wasn't until the last 30 seconds when Kazakhstan were awarded a penalty in the Philippines 22m zone, that they scored and won the Final on the siren by 7 points to 0. This was the lowest scoring game of the tournament and the Philippines once again proved that they can mix it with the best rugby playing Nations in Asia by pushing the more favoured Kazakhstan team to the limit in a ferocious game of 7s rugby.

The Philippines men's 7s Rugby Team will certainly return to the 2011 Asian 7s series a much improved team and aim at making the top 6 Nations to qualify for the prestigious Hong Kong 7s.

Memoirs of a Lolo* by Austin Emil Dacanay, DC, MS, CCSP, ICSSD

Not being born nor raised in the Philippines, and having represented the United States in rugby before representing the Philippines, I never knew what loyalty and pride meant until the first time I put on a Philippine national team jersey in 2007. I knew I was representing more than just a country, I was representing my people, my heritage, my history. I actually had tears in my eyes in Thailand after we won the silver medal in the 2007 SEA Games. I feel butterflies in my stomach each and everytime I hear the Philippine National Anthem before our matches, whether we play in India, Guam, or even in Manila. I know that it is our destiny to overcome and be victorious every time we raise another trophy, from the A5N Regional, Division 3, Division 2, and soon to be, Division 1. Everywhere I am and everywhere I go, I walk with my head held high, proud of being not only a member of the Philippine national team, but proud to be Filipino.



When it comes to the national team and what it means to me, I take everything personally. I always have something to prove. I welcome confrontation anytime and anywhere. For my brothers, for this team, and for our country. Because it is who I am. It is who we are. We are a proud culture of warriors. And although we come from every part of the globe, we are all bound forever by our blood. We will always be brothers, never just teammates. However, what is funny to me is that I have played for more years that some of them have been alive. Some of them have just began to play. I have sacrificed my body, my finances, and many relationships in my life for rugby. Some of them have not yet made a real sacrifice in their life. I have travelled around the globe playing at the national, international, and professional levels, and some of them have never even left their backyard. But one thing that I am absolutely sure of, is that once we all step on the field in the name of the Philippines, we will put everything on the line for each other and for our colors. I know they trust me 100% to do my job to the best of my ability, and I trust them 100% to do the same, regardless of age or experience.



Being the oldest active member of the national team, I always feel obligated to leave my legacy with every national team member to never take lightly the responsibility of representing 85 million of our people. When I first joined the team in 2007, our team was divided between expatriates and those of true Filipino heritage, and our captain Romain Barbaris, although a French expatriate in origin, had and still has Filipino blood coursing through his veins. I saw how sincerely and honestly he took playing for the Philippines, and I adopted his same attitude, with the idea that this is how our team will always be, or at least, under my watch. Without men like Romain Barbaris, Matt Cullen, and Phil Gittus blazing the trail for us, we would not have any of this today. These men, and the other founders of the Philippine Rugby Union, we are all truly indebted to. Like Romain, I try to pass this attitude on to the next potential and/or new player that tries to earn the privilege to play

for our country, especially now that we are a full heritage team. With Expo Mejia leading us as our head coach, the stars are the limits as to where the Philippines rugby will go tomorrow, and wherever that is, it is guaranteed that he will lead us there with pride and integrity.

Sadly, one day, but not any day soon, my career will come to an end with the Philippine national team. But for all of the battles, all of the injuries, and all the pain that I will walk away from, I will have earned new brothers all over the world, helped the Philippines earn respect in Asia rugby, and most importantly of all, have left a proud legacy for many other young men to follow, not just in winning rugby matches, but in being Filipino.



*As the oldest player in the bunch, Austin is fondly nicknamed "Lolo (grandfather in Filipino) Austie by his teammates

Pinay Pride in Rugby by Rhea Manila Santos



"The whole point of rugby is that it is, first and foremost, a state of mind, a spirit." - Jean-Pierre Rives (1952-), French rugby player.

When I first held a rugby ball last April, more than anything, I just thought it would be interesting to learn something new. Being active in flag football, soccer and Ultimate frisbee, it's not that I really needed to learn another sport. But I just couldn't resist the lure of going full-contact. Never did I imagine that a few months later, I would be representing the country as part of the first ever National Ladies Team.

In the Philippines, when one talks about rugby, the common (mis)conception is that it is a violent sport, a no-holds-barred game whose appeal sometimes seems too foreign a concept to grasp for a country who is quick to embrace the concept of 'full-contact' as contentment in watching Manny Pacquiao pummel his opponent from the safety of a ring. That exercise, obviously, was not cathartic enough for me.

The more I trained, the more I discovered that it's not hard to fall in love with rugby. Not just requiring brute strength and athleticism, rugby also demands its players to be confident, focused, persistent, and good team players. Attributes which I found in each and everyone of my teammates. Even my initial concerns regarding injuries were replaced with the assurance that the more I learned, the more I was able to play safely (and defensively).

Representing the country in our first ever outing in the Asian

Women's Sevens Rugby Championships in Guangzhou, China last July was simply exhilarating. Not only because we were playing in a world-class venue, but because it was a big challenge to go into a tourney totally unranked and to compete with only two days practice as a team under our belt. Our first game day against China and Hong Kong was an eye-opener, with the two elite teams showing us just how top division games are played. We may not have won those games but we definitely gained some much-needed experience as a team. Our second day was a whole other story as we won four straight games against Korea, India, Laos and Malaysia. More than the tries we scored, I still can't help but feel proud at the consistency of our defense, which never faltered because we did not let any team score a single try against us. Definitely Pinay pride at its best!

The 15s Development Camp in Laos last October was also a totally different experience, given that our team was formed from different local clubs and have never even played the 15s game format before. As much as I love tacking, I didn't realize I would end up doing so much of it over there! And because we were the only newly-formed team in the camp, expectations were low on how we would fare. Our initial test matches in the camp proved we still had a lot to learn. So on the tourney day, it definitely took a lot of sheer guts to go into the pitch knowing we had the disadvantage of inexperience. It also didn't help much that we only had two substitutes on our bench. That's when it hit me that I was playing alongside some of the most fearless, confident and unique set of women I had ever met in my life. Banged up and bruised all over, we still gave it our all. And we didn't lose a game that day. To this day, I am still impressed with the intensity and passion my team showed, Laos. This is why I still feel overwhelmed playing rugby. But this is also why I am proud to be part of the Philippine Lady Volcanoes.

Chained to the Pitch by Wilson Caisip

One hot Saturday while building houses for our CSR work in Laguna with Globe President Ernest Cu and Globe Chairman, Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, who were both on their knees trying to build house frames, Mr. Zobel asked Mr. Cu if Globe would be willing to support the Philippine Rugby Football Union. Mr Cu, being the sportsman that he is, said, "Sure, we will support PRFU. Not only that, we will even come up with our own team." After this exchange, he looked to me and said, "We can come up with a team right?" I immediately agreed. After this, try-outs were conducted for employees and we received a lot of inquiries. With my very little knowledge then of the sport, I tried to educate employees on what rugby is. The feedback we got varied, with some even thinking it would be crazy to join and might bring a lot of injuries. But while a lot of people thought this, 18 men still signed up. Our first few training sessions were a struggle since we had zero background, we didn't know the rules, how we should act inside the pitch or even basically, how the game was played. We initially found ourselves feeling lost. Three men immediately quit after the first training and two more after a few training days. But 13 members remained, patient and willing to learn. We tried to absorb everything and anything about rugby as quickly as we could. We'd share with each other any new rules we learned or possible plays we can actually try. It was definitely an exciting experience for us. For the Globe Immortals Team, our first real game experience was when we played the first leg of the 7s tournament last September 18. As the newbies in the competition, everyone was just as anxious to play and worried what injuries they'll bring home with them as part of their official debut into the rugby world. But we can say that all of us were just happy to be where we were. We were all excited to compete and tried to take everything in from this new sport. As captain of the team, I think we all did well during our first competition and brought home new experiences. After that day, my teammates and I pushed ourselves to train even harder. We also learned to be more disciplined in attending practices despite our busy schedules at work.



PRFU 7s League Grows

The 7s version of Rugby Union is growing in popularity with the local Filipino population and the local players obviously enjoy the faster style of play. This year was the second consecutive year that the PRFU have run a clubs 7's tournament. The 2010 tournament was split into two divisions with four teams in the Cup Division including the Alabang Eagles, Nomads, Manila Hapons and MAAP Warriors. In the Plate Division the Globe Immortal, Ibons, Carabaos, and MAAP Warriors all battled it out over an 8-week period. Each round had teams in each division play each other once and this made for some evenly matched 7's Rugby and games were played at the Nomads Sports Club and the newly renovated Cuenca Field in Alabang.



All the games in this year's 7's league were videoed and Dave Brass edited the weekly rounds to make u-tube highlights of the best tries and tackles from each game. These highlights can be viewed at the PRFU facebook page. This year also saw the introduction of the first ever women's 7s tournament. Team GL from Manila and the MAAP Ladies Team showed the boys that Rugby can be played by both sexes and a number of the Filipinas also played for the first ever Philippine National Women's Rugby Team in 2011. This team won the B Division trophy at the Asian Women's 7s championships that were held in Guangzhou China in July.

This year's PRFU 7s tournament was dominated by the Alabang Eagles Rugby Union club, with the Eagles winning the Cup Division and the Ibons taking out the Plate Division trophies. The Women's Trophy was won by Team GL and Bela Silver was named the inaugural female player of the series. The men's cup division best player was awarded to David Carman and the Plate division to Remix Davai.

7's Rugby allows the local Philippine players to really show their talents with speed, agility and good hand-eye coordination being the main components to playing top level 7's Rugby and the new Globe Immortals proved that it only takes a short time to learn the basic skills of 7s rugby and they proudly played in the Plate series after only learning the game of Rugby for 6 weeks.

The PRFU look forward to hosting the following Rugby Tournaments in 2011:

- PRFU 10s League (Feb/March)
- PRFU 15s League (April/May/June)
- PRFU 7s League (Sept/Oct/Nov)



HOLIDAY NOTICE

We wish to inform everyone that the PRFU Secretariat will be on a Holiday Break from Monday, December 21, 2010 to January 2, 2011. Regular office operations will resume on Monday, January 3, 2011.

The PRFU Board of Directors and Secretariat wish all of you and your families all the best of the Holiday Season!

See you in 2011!

Philippine National 7's Team Take Time Out to Visit Bahay Bata Foundation



The National Men's 7's Team returned from Kota Kinabalu where they had played in the Asian Rugby Seven's Series and narrowly lost 7 – 0 to Kazakhstan in the Bowl Final. After a long weekend of 7's Rugby, the National Team flew back to Clark Air Base, arriving at 3:40pm and travelled straight to the Bahay Bata Foundation to run a training clinic with 35 orphaned boys who have adopted the game of Rugby Union as their main sport.

By the time the National Team arrived at the Foundation, the boys had already started training and new coach Gareth G. Domb and he had them going through their paces in three different squads. The boys are aged between 8 and 16 and the Bahay Bata Foundation are the current club champions in the CBRE Juniors league which has teams participate in the u8, u10, u12, u14 and u16 age categories.

It did not take long for the National Team players to witness the youth, skill and exuberance of the young Filipino players and gradually they overcame the long weekend of International Rugby to relax with their younger comrades and before long it was the National Team players who were joyfully teaching the younger orphans the finer skills of 7's style rugby. The 7s game is suitable for the Filipino players because it involves speed, agility and hand eye coordination, rather than the pure strength required for 15s rugby.

National team coaches Matt Cullen and Damian Raper organized a mini tournament where the National Team players and orphans split up into 4 teams. The afternoon then turned into an International Rugby Competition with National Team Players such as Harry Morris (Wales), Justin Coveney (Australia) and Patrice Olivier (France) relishing the opportunity to teach and coach the sport that they play for their country to those less privileged than themselves.

It was wonderful to witness the National Level players actually forgetting about their own Rugby Careers and focusing their attention on their younger compatriots and coming together to enjoy playing the sport that we all love, Rugby Union.

The Philippine National Men's 7's Team would like to thank the Bahay Bata foundation for inviting them to visit the foundation and conversely the boys from Bahay Bata were extremely thankful for meeting and learning the sport of Rugby Union with their National Team idols.



Largest Juniors Tournament in PRFU's history

The biggest CBRE Juniors Rugby Tournament for 2010 was held last November 13 at the British School Manila. A total of 32 teams participated in this event. Teams from British School, European International School, Bahay Bata, Duyan ni Maria, Nomads, Eagles, Tuloy Foundation, Manila Hapons, International School Manila Girls and International School Manila Boys played a total of 49 games, 12 of which were tackle rugby and 32 of touch rugby.

The PRFU would like to thank CBRE, who have come on to sponsor the monthly juniors tournaments for the next three years. The PRFU would also like to thank the parents, coaches, referees and rugby supporters who have given their time to make the CBRE Juniors Rugby Tournaments a success. We look forward to more teams coming in and a bigger juniors event next year.



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