

COLLEGE SPORT



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Wainui flier races into Ferns squad

RUGBY LEAGUE

SIENI MOSE will be part of the Kiwi Ferns setup in just her first year of women's rugby league.

The Wainuimata High School year 13 student has played rugby union for the past few years, but had a serious crack at league this year, making the Wellington Orcas women's team.

She scored seven tries in as many matches playing on the wing at nationals a few weeks ago, including a hat-trick in the Orcas' 28-10 win over Wai-Coa-Bay Stallions in the fifth and sixth playoff.

Her form led to Ferns coach Alan Jackson picking her in his training squad with a view towards next year's Anzac test against Australia.

Mose said she never expected to make the team after such a short time in the game.

"I was just shocked because it was my first nationals this year."

"I'm still getting my head around it a bit, to be honest."

She labelled her pace as her biggest asset on the field, while her Orcas coach, Jason Tangianau, said she was deceptively strong.

"She's very elusive, very quick, but very strong too for a girl that is quite small in size. A couple of her opposition were shocked by her strength and power."

Tangianau gave her a run at wing, fullback and centre during nationals and said she adapted to each change with ease.

"She's transferred really well from rugby to league, because she was playing in the backs it was really easy for her to fit in."

"If she sticks to league she will definitely go far."

Her high school coach and mentor, Acacia Te Iwimate, said if she focused on her training for the next few months then she could make the team for the Anzac test.

"If she puts herself in the right mindset and wants to go for it, she'll do it."

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Acacia Te Iwimate on Sieni Mose

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Her development, even from one game to the next, had been phenomenal, Te Iwimate said.

"She's quite young still and coming to terms with understanding the game, but she knew what she needed to do through watching a couple of her earlier games," Te Iwimate said.

Mose is the only female nominated for rugby league player of the year in the College Sport Wellington awards.

Meanwhile, St Pat's Silverstream hold a strong hand in the Wellington boys' rugby league tournaments.

Their under-15s will square off against St Pat's Town for the Johnny Lomax Cup at Rugby League Park on Saturday after going through pool play undefeated.

They are coached by year 13 Tarquinn Alatiji, who has signed with the South Sydney Rabbitohs and will join the NRL club in December.

His senior team host a Stephen Kearney Cup semifinal today against Porirua College following a decisive 64-28 win over St Bernard's in their quarterfinal.

Former Melbourne Storm recruit and Wellington Lions player Jo Apikotoa has been giving back to his old school (Silverstream) by coaching the senior team.

Wainuimata High School will travel to Bishop Auckland today.



Wainuimata High School year 13 student Sieni Mose is training with the Kiwi Ferns after just her first year of women's rugby league. Photo: KEVIN STENT/FAIRFAX NZ



Chilton Saint James year 12 pupil Jaimee-Lee Hunter, right, with Wellington United team-mate Michaela Robertson during their trip to Dutch football club PEC Zwolle.

Hunter goes Dutch in bid to improve

FOOTBALL

JAYME-LEE HUNTER has her eyes set on the under-20 football World Cup after a six-week spell with a Dutch professional club.

The Chilton Saint James year 12 student recently returned from the Netherlands, where she and Wellington United team-mate Michaela Robertson trained with the PEC Zwolle women's team as part of an exchange between the two clubs.

It proved an invaluable experience, where Hunter learned the Dutch way of Total Football.

"It's such a different style over there to what we play in New Zealand. A lot of the time we're always gunning forward and on to see the option might not be on, but still try force it," she said.

"But in Holland they circulate the ball a lot more and try to keep possession and then when the time is right they will go forward."

It took a while to get used to, but after five weeks (one week was spent getting over jetlag) of training five days a week she said she had adapted to their way of playing.

The training was intense as the team started their new season, but all the players had been great in helping her understand what was going on.

"All of the girls were really cool to learn from and really welcoming from Dutch, although the coaching were football drills and they don't change that much so it was easy to pick up on."

One of the country's favourite mode of transport.

"The majority of the girls were

in their mid 20s and every flatting all had bikes, every road had a bike lane and there was more traffic in the bike lanes.

"We wanted to blend in, but apparently we stood out and [the locals] thought we were from America, which wasn't great," she said with a laugh.

Returning to Wellington just in time for school exams had been tough, as had trying to readjust to the New Zealand style of play, she said. But at 17, her role within Capital's national league side had become that of the teacher.

"We have a young squad at Capital this year, so Michaela and I are trying to teach them [the Dutch] style and how to be patient."

"I'm 17 and one of the more experienced now. It's quite strange – realistically the older players should be the experienced ones."

The attacking midfielder/winger missed an under-20s camp while on a school trip to France and then missed the team's World Cup qualifiers in Tonga while away, but still has the goal of making the team for the World Cup in Papua New Guinea in October.

"Hopefully I can play well in the national league, it's the pinnacle of the year. That's where you are scouted and need to impress – I really need to do well."

Hunter is nominated for girls' footballer of the year at the College Sport Wellington awards, but will face strong opposition from the likes of under-20s squad member Emma Main (St Oran's) and New Zealand under-17 representative Hope Gilchrist (St Mary's).

In the boys' category, Noah Billingsley is the leading contender after an outstanding under-20 World Cup earlier this year.

NOMINATIONS FOR COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON AWARDS

ALL-ROUND OF THE YEAR
Girls: Syntache Maiava (Aotea), Ruby Heath (Chilton), Jemima Jansen (Hutt Valley), Lucy White (Kapiti), Maruana Elkington (Mana), Valerie Taito (Naenae), Dalen Pilitati (Newlands), Daisy Davin (Otaki), Ailish Akavi (Paraparumu), Sarah Christie (Queen Margaret), Grace McLean (Queen Margaret), Johny Pirihi (Sacred Heart), Selestina Hamlin (St Catherine's), Abbey Russell (St Oran's), Danielle Watson (Tawa), Sieni Mose (Wainuimata High), Marcelle Parkes (Wellington East), Tegan Graham (Wellington Girls').
Boys: Faafetai Neli (Aotea), Bailey Macdonald (Bishop Viard), Paora Dewes (Heretaunga), Ben Power (Scott Galloway (Hutt Valley), Nicolas Cecioni (Kapiti), Zyrrus Grace (Newlands), Shay Graham (Onslow), Damien Doyle (Otaki), Denny To'o (Rongotai), James Preston (Scots), Peter Umaga-Jensen (Scots), Kenneth Tuffin (Silverstream), Zachary Donaldson (St Pat's Town), Matai Wetere (Tawa), Navajo Stirling (Upper Hutt), Naitoa Ah Kuoi (Wellington College), Thomas Gibson (Wellington High).

ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY
Girls: Brandy Collins (Bishop Viard), Amber-Maraea Crawford Lamp Plant (Hutt Valley), Santana Chappman (Kapiti), Erlina Nani (Newlands), Emma Flintoff (Onslow), Vanessa Joplin (St Oran's), Amy Lewis (Wellington East), Libby Leikis (Wellington Girls').
Boys: Sean Prendeville (Kapiti), Conor McCarthy (Naenae), Iopu

Stowers (Newlands), Ryan Davies (Onslow), Louis Edwards (Paraparumu), KJ Dayal (Rongotai).

ATHLETICS
Girls: Monique Sears (Chilton), Taylor Gruec (Heretaunga), Phoebe McKnight (Hutt Valley), Lucy White (Kapiti), Rosi Lomani (Mana), Diana Oloapu (Naenae), Kushla Smith (Newlands), Paris Lokotui (Onslow), Amelie Prentice (Otaki), Zoey Gilmore (Paraparumu), Jossie Tosime (Porirua), Phoebe van Boheemen (Queen Margaret), Emma Fulbrook (Samuel Marsden), Beth Jones (St Oran's), Rose Lovell (Tawa), Sophie Dawson (Upper Hutt), Phoebe Edwards (Wellington East), Kelsey Forman (Wellington East), Izzy Hegan (Wellington Girls').
Boys: Roy Maiava (Bishop Viard), Brandon Mudzekenyedzi (Heretaunga), Ben Power (HIBS), Finn Neely (Hutt Valley), Angus Baker (Kapiti), Zyrrus Grace (Newlands), Seamus Kane (Onslow), Troy Harris (Otaki), Stefan Przychodzko (Paraparumu), Pule Mamea (Porirua), Denny To'o (Rongotai), James Preston (Scots), Nicholas Smith (Silverstream), Alex Hays (St Pat's Town), Elijah Uitime (Tawa), Keenan Fincham (Upper Hutt), Harry Delany (Wellington College).

BADMINTON
Girls: Leigh Nau (Chilton), Selena Te'o (Kapiti), Alyssa Ponte (Naenae), Melkiss Chu-Fong (Newlands), Pingkan Polak (Onslow), Macaela Syman (Paraparumu), Ylari Quirante (Tawa), Vanessa Cabug (Upper Hutt),

Chrissalina Sak (Wellington Girls), Lauren Phang (Wellington Girls').
Boys: Sam Latham (Aotea), Kris Singh (HIBS), Lik De Chun (Hutt Valley), Jeffrey Tong (Hutt Valley), Yu-Jen Chen (Kapiti), Jeremy Loo (Newlands), Caleb Syman (Paraparumu), Sebastian Va'auli (Porirua), Henry Hollis (Rongotai), Baramey Kadeth (St Pat's Town), James Hendrikx (Tawa), Jason Lockwood (Upper Hutt).

BASKETBALL
Girls: Sarah Talbot (Aotea), Grace Vaofusi (Hutt Valley), Amy Parker (Kapiti), April Taualapiu (Naenae), Dalen Pilitati (Newlands), Elena Orsman (Onslow), Gena-lee Lacoua (Paraparumu), Karleigh Nansen (Porirua), Paris Lokotui (Queen Margaret), Terrelle Onese (St Mary's), Rosemary Porter (St Oran's), Kassandra-Jane Walker (Taita), Shaiah Te Paiho (Tawa), Parerima Wiki-Cummings (Tawa), Sarahcen Oliver (Upper Hutt), Tegan Graham (Wellington Girls').
Boys: Alila Afutoto (Aotea), Gabriel Collier (Bishop Viard), Paora Dewes (Heretaunga), Sam Bray (HIBS), Jordan Hunt (Hutt Valley), Kaito Ohara (Kapiti), Tarewa Harris (Mana), Shaun Brown (Naenae), Corey Le'aupepe (Newlands), Shay Graham (Onslow), Elijah Tapine-Millar (Otaki), Ryan Evans (Paraparumu), Partokey Lafaele (Porirua), Ravneet Dutt (Rongotai), Taane Samuel (Scots), Kenneth Tuffin (Silverstream), Puhu Samuel (St Pat's Town), Jordan Teneti-Kainga (Taita), Rapata Wiki-Cummings (Tawa), Navajo Stirling

(Upper Hutt), Alexander Faifailoa (Wainuimata)

BIKE
Girls: Isla Day (Kapiti) Lucy Fleming (Otaki), Grace Saywell (Paraparumu), Caitlin Georgantas (Upper Hutt), Martine Barnes (Wellington Girls').
Boys: Jordan Davis (HIBS), Ryan Gardner (Paraparumu), George Jackson (Rongotai), Liam Sherlock (Scots), Eden Cruise (St Pat's Town).

CRICKET
Girls: Dani Brearton (Chilton), Sara Thomas-Hall (Kapiti), Helen Piercy (Paraparumu), Olivia Boivin (Sacred Heart), Emma Fulbrook (Samuel Marsden), Jess Kerr (Tawa), Melie Kerr (Tawa), Makaylah Mason-Jones (Tawa).
Boys: Jake Devine (Aotea), Jaedyn Eads (Heretaunga), Troy Johnson (HIBS), Rachin Ravindra (HIBS), Ben Kaveney-Gibb (Kapiti), Haydon Smith (Newlands), Daniel Pile (Onslow), Krunal Modi (Otaki), Jay Marshall (Paraparumu), Tom Kibblewhite (Rongotai), Samuel von Haritzsch (Silverstream), Zachary Donaldson (St Pat's Town), Michael Fenton (Tawa).

CROSS COUNTRY/ROAD RACE
Girls: Ruby Heath (Chilton), Phoebe McKnight (Hutt Valley), Michaela Walker (Kapiti), Sophie Atkinson (Newlands), Verona Conroy (Onslow), Kayla Shipp (Boheemen (Queen Margaret), Imogen Skelton (Samuel Marsden), Grace Allan (St Oran's), Sophie

Dawson (Upper Hutt), Kelsey Forman (Wellington East), Izzy Hegan (Wellington Girls').
Boys: Henry Gautrey (HIBS), Richard Evans (Hutt Valley), Nicolas Cecioni (Kapiti), Seamus Kane (Onslow), Stefan Przychodzko (Paraparumu), Thomas Newman (Rongotai), James Preston (Scots), Joshua Anderson (Silverstream), Rui Jagoe-Dickens (St Pat's Town), Joel Carman (Wainuimata).

FOOTBALL
Girls: Makenzie Lindsay-Connolly (Aotea), Jayme-Lee Hunter (Chilton), Mikaela Beynon-Hunt (Heretaunga), Bonnie Jansen (Hutt Valley), Natasha Polglase (Kapiti), Trinity McIntosh (Newlands), Francesca Grange (Onslow), Mahurangi Hakaraia (Otaki), Hannah Stroud (Paraparumu), Kenzy Cooper (Queen Margaret), Ella Vincent-Hyde (Samuel Marsden), Aleida Powell (St Catherine's), Hope Gilchrist (St Mary's), Emma Main (St Oran's), Kennedy Bryant (Upper Hutt), Natalie Olson (Wellington East), Maggie Jenkins (Wellington Girls').
Boys: Jack Millar (HIBS), Mark Webber (Hutt Valley), Jarrod Stant (Kapiti), Jack Morrissey (Naenae), Kaleb McCarthy (Newlands), Noah Billingsley (Onslow), Matthew Bradcock (Otaki), Kwame Norku (Paraparumu), Fraser Norrington (Rongotai), Jack Belchambers (Scots), Tiahn Manuel (St Pat's Town), Tom Scott (Tawa), Ethan Richards (Upper Hutt), Christian Martin (Wellington College), Owen Parker-Price (Wellington High),

FUTSAL
Girls: Grace McRobie (Chilton), Sian Feeney (Hutt Valley), Sophie Armitage (Wellington Girls').
Boys: John Hawn Ching (Bishop Viard), Jack Leitch (Paraparumu), Fraser Norrington (Rongotai), Tiahn Manuel (St Pat's Town), Nimish Gounder (Wainuimata High), Luc Saker (Wellington College).

GOLF
Girls: Glennie Hayward (Paraparumu), Gabrielle Palado (Samuel Marsden).
Boys: Daniel Hillier (Aotea), Gus Mooney (Kapiti), Cooper Wattam (Paraparumu), Sam Marsters (Rongotai), Aiden Blackler (St Pat's Town), Brady Bernard (Tawa), Ryan Fahy (Wainuimata High), David van Drimmelen (Wellington College).

HANDBALL
Girls: Julia Gluyas (Samuel Marsden), Alexandra Mair (Samuel Marsden), Elizabeth Boyle (Wellington Girls'), Grace Herrick-Jones (Wellington Girls').
Boys: Karl Brownlie (Rongotai), Ollie Whiteman (Scots), Antonino De Gregorio (St Pat's Town).

HOCKEY
Girls: Oakley Wilson-Rangihuna (Aotea), Nika Reichert (Chilton), Jessie Manning (Hutt Valley), Ashleigh Hill (Kapiti), Tylar Metekingi (Mana), Caitlin Joslin (Newlands), Casey Elliston (Onslow), Renee Lawton (Paraparumu), Estelle Macadre (Queen Margaret), Kiriana Wairau-Hunter (Sacred Heart), Florence Marshall (Samuel Marsden),

INDOOR BOWLS
Girls: Dawni Potgieter (Aotea), (Rongotai), Sam Chandler (Scots), Josiah Wood (St Pat's Town), Benjamin Gully (Tawa), Isaac Boon (Upper Hutt), Logen Stent (Wellington College).

LAWN BOWLS
Girls: Tannah Potgieter (Aotea), Madison Hemson (Hutt Valley), Georgia Karsanidis (Hutt Valley), Amber Down (Onslow), Elisa Miville-Fogliani (Upper Hutt).
Boys: Seamus Curtin (Aotea), Finbar McGuigan (Aotea), Bradley Down (Onslow), David Miller (Upper Hutt).

NEXT WEEK
 Next week's page will list the second half of the nominations.

