

Vikings are the new kids on the block

By MICHAEL WARTOVO

THE new comer to the East New Britain Rugby Football Union 15s competition Vikings face an uphill battle when they play Kenabot Piggies in the main game this weekend at the Malaguna Secondary school oval in Rabaul.

Vikings after losing their first game against a depleted Rookies

outfit last weekend will be going in as underdogs. They will be relying on speedster Ivan Philip, Joe Kapinias and Neville Bonjoi to create opportunities in their backline to win this game.

The Piggies however will have their big guns firing in the likes of experience forward Bagelo Babaga and captain Peter Purpuruk to win after their comprehensive win against Matupit Diggers last week.

Babaga a former PNG Pukpuks was devastating last week against the Matupit Islanders Diggers with his decisive runs around the maul ruck area which caused havoc to the opposition. However Vikings will have to pull up their socks with forwards Hubert Maninai and Stanley Kaiat to create inroads for their speedy backline to score outside.

In the other matches, Maltech

Rookies play Rabaul Cardinals, Tokua Redskins meet Royals, and Harlequins face Kokopo Barbarians.

Union president Tony Namur said the 15s competition will last for 16 weeks.

He said that there will be a National 15s championship in September in Port Moresby and a 7s tournament tentatively scheduled for November in Kokopo.

Women's snooker is on

SNOOKER

THE 2013 inaugural Agara Engineering National Women's Snooker titles cued off last night in Port Moresby.

PNG Billiards and Snooker Association (PNGBSA) committee member Joe Chan said yesterday that this year's event attracted 34 players.

Reigning champion and BSP Oceania runner up Geua John will be aiming for a record eighth consecutive title but will face some challenge from her fellow PNG representatives at the recent Oceania championships in Port Moresby.

"Last year's runner up and Oceania semi finalist Helen Samuel and fellow PNG representatives Damita Bray, Jane Laigi, Waisina Laho, Tanya Mossman-Tam and Samarita Korimbo with the Oceania experience should lift their games to another level and an interesting finish to the finals on Sunday will be on the cards," Chan said.

"Most of the women play in the Pacific MMI Port Moresby corporate snooker competition is taking part so it is going to be an interesting weekend of snooker," he said.

Chan thanked major sponsors Agara Engineering for stepping in to sponsor this prestigious women's event, gold sponsors Graffiti Signs and Freeway Motors, silver sponsors Vitis Industries and Whisper PNG and bronze sponsor Evandar Ltd.

Matches will be played at the Aviat, Car and Port Moresby Country clubs and Chan thanked them for making available their facilities.

The final will be played on Sunday at 2pm at POMCC.

Chemcare shows support to soccer

SOCCER
By FRANCO NEBAS

CHEMCARE Group Limited has thrown its support behind the Lae Football Association Inc's (LFA) effort to encourage more youths to play soccer in the city.

The company last week donated 500 soccer balls to the association.

Anderson Foodland Chemcare marketing specialist Angus King said the company was delighted to be associated with LFA by presenting the balls.

"This presentation marks the ongoing commitment of Chemcare to the growth of Lae through sports and recreation with the city's youth," he said.

Chemcare Group Ltd general manager Daniel King said the company was very much committed to the growth of Lae and Papua New

Guinea through youths. "We are delighted to support LFA in their efforts in terms of encouragement of young people to participate in soccer. "Additional sports equipment gives them the means to practice and compete in an activity that not only keeps them fit, but teaches them about commitment and respect towards fellow team mates," he added.

The balls were presented by Angus King to LFA president Panu Shundai and witnessed by executives, Ludwig Peka (Junior Vice President), Tom Maring (General Secretary) and John Konia Peka (Pitches Co-coordinator).

Shundai said the investment was an asset that would give young people an opportunity to invest in their future. "This equipment will allow us to invite youths join soccer clubs.



CHEMCARE BACKING: Anderson Foodland Chemcare marketing specialist Angus King (centre) being greeted by LFA officials after Chemcare donated 500 soccer balls to soccer youth development.