



# THE **TAIPAN'S** *MATCH 2017*

Saturday 22nd April 2017  
Hong Kong Football Club

Taipan  
**KEVIN TAYLOR**

VS

Challenger  
**KEVIN BROWNE**

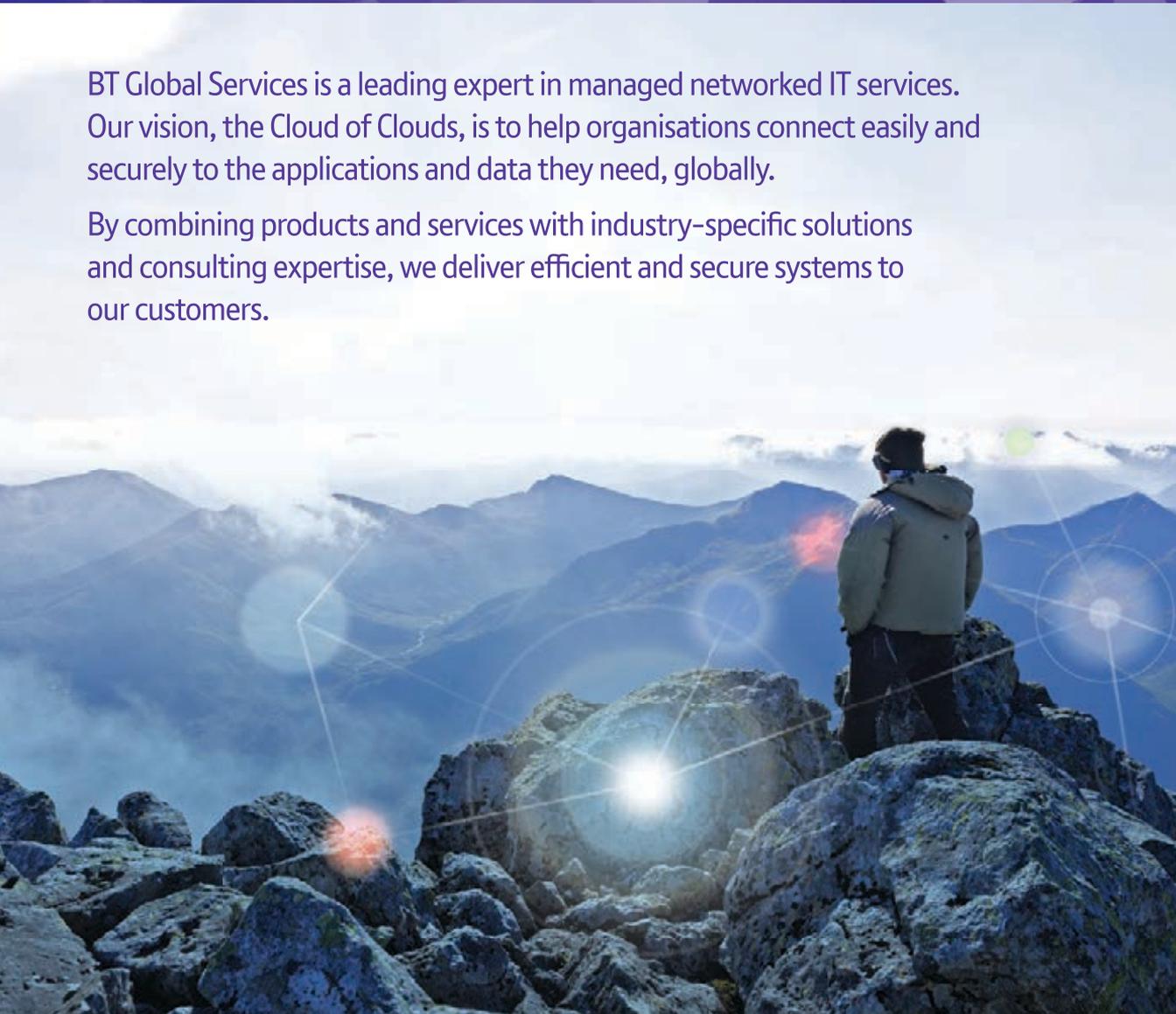


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# ORDER OF THE DAY

## THE TAIPAN'S DAY

Saturday 22nd April 2017

Hong Kong Football Club

TIME	EVENT
08:00 - 12:00	Mini Rugby
12:00	The Duley and Brucie Legends vs The Pot Bellied Pigs RFC
13:00	The TK Lai Cup: Hong Kong Disciplined Services vs PLA
14:15	Varsity Match - Northern vs Southern Hemispheres
15:45	Hong Kong vs Waikato Chiefs Devt. Squad H/T presentation to Sean Browne
17:10	Hong Kong Police Pipe and Drum Band Taipan and Challenger greet the teams
<b>17:30</b>	<b>TAIPAN'S MATCH KICK OFF</b> H/T BT Rugby Quiz answers announcement
19:20	Presentation of the Mansergh Trophy
20:00	Taipan's Dinner



# THE 2017 TAIPAN



**Kevin Taylor**  
President  
BT in Asia, the Middle-East  
and Africa (AMEA)

This year, Kevin Taylor, President of BT in Asia, the Middle-East and Africa (AMEA), joins the fray as the 2017 Taipan.

A long-time member of the local rugby community, Kevin has been a strong contributor to Hong Kong rugby for many years from youth to senior level.

Honoured to be chosen as The Taipan, he has shaped the BT AMEA squad like a rugby team, inciting passion, camaraderie and the winners' mindset. As Director of Coaching and Performance for the Hong Kong Rugby Union, Kevin knows what it takes to drive success on and off the field.

Indeed this has been reflected in BT's progress since he joined the company in 2003. Having recently celebrated its 31st birthday in AMEA, BT has been growing extensively and now boasts 26 offices and over 5,000 employees supporting customers in the region.

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So for BT and Kevin, the Taipan's Cup represents the opportunity to round off a fantastic month of rugby with a celebration of the sporting community and everyone that makes it possible.

Finally, my challengers: Kevin, Sean, Danny and all of the Browne family, I wish them the best for today - a family for whom I have the utmost respect and great contributors to the rugby community.

# THE 2017 CHALLENGER



Kevin Browne

Kevin and his wife, Edie, arrived in Hong Kong in March 1985. 32 years and three sons later, they will be leaving Hong Kong next month to return to the north of England.

Kevin joined the Rugby Section of the Hong Kong Football Club shortly after his arrival. After shoulder injuries curtailed his playing career, he was confined to playing touch rugby. His office team, AGC, was one of the first touch teams in Hong Kong. An informal league was set up which included the very successful Untouchables team from the Hong Kong Football Club. The Untouchables were a star-studded side boasting such Football Club legends as Bob Lloyd, Paul Gibbs, Ian Duncan, Brian Huddleston, Tony Morgan and the irrepressible Charlie Yeomans. This led to the formation of The Hong Touch Association under the auspices of the Hong Kong Rugby Union.

Kevin later became involved in coaching mini-rugby under the chairmanship of Richard Hawkes (Hawkeye). Hawkeye was a proud, card-carrying member of "Team New Zealand", a team with about 4.5 million members. Hawkeye permitted Kevin to coach the Under 7J's reckoning that as the game at that level involved no tackling, scrummaging or line-outs, even a Pom couldn't go too far wrong.

In 2000, Kevin became Chairman of Hong Kong Mini-Rugby Union. He was instrumental in setting up the Richard Hawkes Trophy Competition for the U12's age group. This competition takes place at each of the mini-rugby festivals with the finals taking place at the last major mini-rugby festival at the Hong Kong Football Club.

Subsequently, Kevin took over as Head of Youth Rugby at the Hong Kong Football Club. He stood down from that position in 2012 and was succeeded by this year's Taipan. Youth Rugby, and in particular, Colts Rugby, has grown dramatically in Hong Kong over the last couple of decades. There are now over 6000 mini-rugby players and 2000 colts players.

Kevin spent 10 years as Chairman of The Jockey Club Sarah Roe School PTA and 7 years as Chairman of Rehabaid.

Away from the field and various committee meetings, Kevin spent much of his time amongst the criminal fraternity of Hong Kong.

Kevin will be assisted in his task as Challenger by his middle son, Sean. Sean arrived in Hong Kong three years after his parents. Unfortunately, medical reasons prevented Sean from progressing beyond U8's level mini-rugby. He was probably the oldest player ever to play at that level in Hong Kong. Despite his brief playing career, Sean really loves rugby. Most Saturdays he is to be found on the touch-line sharing his considerable expertise with the various team coaches and captains. If you are a Member of the Football Club you almost certainly know Sean. The Club has become his second home, a fact about which Kevin is painfully reminded at the end of each month when he receives his Club statement. Sean is well-known in rugby circles for unique skills as a photobomber.

Sean is very proud to have been appointed captain of the Hong Kong Football Club Crusaders soccer team. He attends the Nesbitt Centre and works part time at Café 8, which is on the rooftop of Pier 8 above the Hong Kong Maritime Museum.

# HKFC RUGBY SECTION CHAIRMAN



**Andy Eagle**  
Rugby Section Chairman

Welcome to the Football Club for this year's Taipan Day Fixture. After all the excitement of the GC finals, 5s, 10s and 7s it's time for us to relax and enjoy an event which celebrates the unique and deep relationship between rugby and industry in Hong Kong. With two strong teams comprised of some of Hong Kong's most talented players, it is fitting that this year, our Taipan and Challenger are equally illustrious, and two friends, who I hold immense respect for.

As such, we have the honour of welcoming Kevin Taylor as our 2017 Taipan. Hailing from the Welsh Riviera, Kevin arrived in Hong Kong in 1996. Since then, Kevin has held numerous senior positions, culminating in his appointment in 2013 as President, AMEA of global tech giant BT. A little known fact, is that Kevin was one of the original architects of the Octopus card scheme now prevalent here in Hong Kong. Outside of work Kevin serves on several committees including Chairman of Youth Rugby at the Football Club, Director of Performance at the HKRU and previously as Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce.

When Kevin isn't at the cutting edge of technology and trade or helping to grow our great game, he can usually be found at the Jockey Club sharing his love of horse racing, or at the White Stag debating how to return Welsh rugby to its former glory.

Stepping gallantly into the breach as Challenger, is another Football Club favourite, Kevin Browne. Mr Browne set off for Hong Kong town on the 8:21 in 1985. Famed for keeping the law honest and enforcing justice with zealous fervour, Kevin has enjoyed an incredible career, climaxing with his appointment as a District Judge. With boyish good looks matched by a sparkling intellect, we'll be sad to see Kevin and the Browne family depart these shores for sunny Manchester this summer. Knowing there's one less crimefighter in town the boys of Select will sleep easier at night.

The Taipan's XV and Challenger's XV will be playing for the Robert Mansergh Trophy in what I expect will be an exciting and open game. I would also like to congratulate the Mini Rugby section for once again arranging a fantastic festival to open the day.

I am delighted to see the Varsity match continuing to be a big part of the day and pleased that the The People's Liberation Army from Guangzhou will be competing against Hong Kong Disciplined Services for the TK Lai Cup.

I would like to thank Mr Lo Wai-Chung, Commissioner of Police, for his patronage of this event, which brings a civilian vs military feature back to the day. Thank you also to the HKRU for their support of today's event and for adding the exciting Hong Kong vs Waikato Chiefs match to the day's full fixture list.

Finally, a big thank you to both the Taipan organising committee led by PT 'Varys' McGee and the Football Club Staff, who once again have laid on an excellent event. Enjoy the day everyone.

# MINI RUGBY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## CLUBS

HK Football Club - FC  
HKU Sandy Bay - HKU

Sai Kung Stingrays - SKS  
Valley Fort - VF

## POOL MATCHES

U9 & U10				
Time	Age	Pitch	Team 1	Team 2
8.00	U9	A	FC	HKU
8.11	U10	A	VF	FC
8.22	U9	A	SKS	VF
8.33	U10	A	HKU	SKS
8.44	U9	A	FC	SKS
8.55	U10	A	FC	HKU
9.06	U9	A	HKU	VF
9.17	U10	A	SKS	VF
9.28	U9	A	SKS	HKU
9.39	U10	A	HKU	VF
9.50	U9	A	VF	FC
10.01	U10	A	SKS	FC

U11 & U12				
Time	Age	Pitch	Team 1	Team 2
8.00	U11	B	FC	HKU
8.11	U12	B	VF	FC
8.22	U11	B	SKS	VF
8.33	U12	B	HKU	SKS
8.44	U11	B	FC	SKS
8.55	U12	B	FC	HKU
9.06	U11	B	HKU	VF
9.17	U12	B	SKS	VF
9.28	U11	B	SKS	HKU
9.39	U12	B	HKU	VF
9.50	U11	B	VF	FC
10.01	U12	B	SKS	FC



# MINI RUGBY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## PLATE FINALS

U9 & U10				
Time	Age	Pitch	Team 1	Team 2
10.25	U9	A	3rd	4th
10.38	U10	A	3rd	4th

U11 & U12				
Time	Age	Pitch	Team 1	Team 2
10.25	U11	B	3rd	4th
10.38	U12	B	3rd	4th

## CUP FINALS

U9 & U10				
Time	Age	Pitch	Team 1	Team 2
10.53	U9	A	1st	2nd
11.06	U10	A	1st	2nd

U11 & U12				
Time	Age	Pitch	Team 1	Team 2
10.53	U11	B	1st	2nd
11.06	U12	B	1st	2nd

## 11.25 - PRESENTATIONS

### NOTE:

1. All pool matches are 10 minutes one way with 1 minute changeover. Team 1 kicks off.
2. In the event teams finish on the same number of points in a pool, final positions will be determined by net number of tries scored. If the net number of tries scored is the same then will be determined by total of number of tries scored for.
3. All finals are 12 minutes one way with 1 minue changeover. Team 2 kicks off.
4. There is no extra time for finals, so in the event of a draw, the winning team will be the one that finished highest in the pool.
5. Points: 3 for win, 2 for draw, 1 for loss if a try scored, 0 for loss if no try scored, 1 bonus point for winning and scoring 4 tries or more in a game.
6. Maximum squad numbers: U9 - 14, U10 - 15; U11 - 16; U12 - 17.
7. All matches will be played on HKFC Main Pitch.



# MINI RUGBY TOURNAMENT 2016



# HOW THE TAIPAN'S MATCH BEGAN

In 1951 one of our members, Vernon Roberts, came up with the idea of a game between the best players in Hong Kong at the end of a particularly hard season.

At the time Hong Kong was rebuilding after the war and the town had many servicemen stationed here. The games between the 'civvies' at the HKFC and those who served for the respective army, navy, airforce and marines sides were tough encounters.

Vernon Roberts (*centre of the photograph below*) thought it would be a good idea to change from the format of normal rugby encounters by mixing the players up from all our Hong Kong's leading teams. Play the match and then have a huge celebration dinner afterwards and cunningly invite someone else to pay for it.



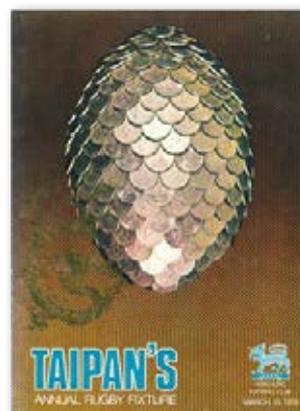
Sir Robert Mansergh, then Commander of British Forces in Hong Kong knew a good thing when he saw it and donated the trophy that will be played for and presented today. Sir Robert went onto become Commander in Chief of Allied Powers Forces in Northern Europe and Commander in Chief of British Land Forces.

Then the dinner needed a benefactor and Sir Arthur Morse, then Chairman of HSBC, stepped forward to pay for that and thus he became the first Taipan. Sir Arthur's legacy was the amazing rebuilding of Hong Kong in the post war years and the vital role played by The Bank in that process.

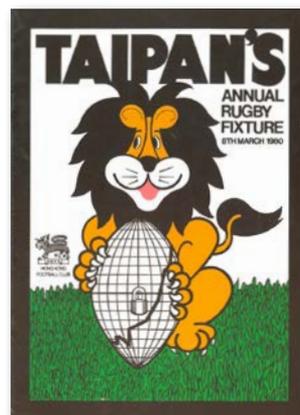
In the years that followed many fine men from Hong Kong's business community have agreed to be Taipan and each Commander of British Forces accepted the challenge until the handover in 1997.



1971 Taipan's Programme



1976 Taipan's Programme



1980 Taipan's Programme

# TAIPAN'S HISTORY

YEAR	THE TAIPAN	COMMANDER OF BRITISH FORCES
1951	Sir Arthur Morse (Hongkong Bank) - 18	HE Lieut General Sir Robert Mansergh - 6
1952	Mr J.F. Macgregor (Calbeck, Macgregor & Co) - 9	HE Lieut General G.C. Evans - 5
1954	Mr K.C. Johnston Hill (BAT) - 14	HE Lieut General Sir Terrence Airey - 14
1955	Mr W. Stoker (HK Electric) - 20	HE Commodore A.H. Thorold - 3
1956	Dr J.N. McElney (Drs Anderson & Partners) - 11	HE Lieut General W.H. Stratton - 8
1957	Hon. W.M. Turner (Hongkong Bank) - 11	HE Lieut General Sir William Stratton - 14
1958	Mr D. Black (Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co) - 37	HE Lieut General Sir Edric Bastyan - 8
1959	Col. H.B.L. Dowbiggin (RHKJC) - 6	HE Lieut General Sir Edric Bastyan - 11
1960	Mr H.R. Cleland (E.D. Sassoon Banking) - 6	HE Lieut General Sir Edric Bastyan - 8
1961	Mr C.H.W. Robertson (Shell Oil) - 15	HE Lieut General Sir Roderick McLeod - 11
1962	Col. J.D. Clague (Hutchison International) - 11	HE Lieut General Sir Reginald Hewetson - 3
1963	Hon. H.D.M. Barton (Jardine Matheson & Co)	HE Lieut General Sir Reginald Hewetson - 3
1964	Hon. W.C.G. Knowles (Butterfield & Swire) - 0	HE Lieut General Sir Richard Craddock - 6
1965	Mr J.L. Marden (Wheelock, Marden & Co) - 5	HE Lieut General Sir Dennis O'Connor - 10
1966	Mr I.H. Kendall (ICI China) - 24	HE Lieut General Sir Dennis O'Connor - 5
1967	Mr J.A.H. Saunders (Hongkong Bank) - 11	HE Lieut General Sir John Worsley - 14
1968	Mr P.G. Williams (Dodwells) - 11	HE Lieut General Sir John Worsley - 10
1969	Mr M.A.R. Herries (Jardine Matheson & Co) - 13	HE Lieut General Sir Basil Eugster - 11
1970	Mr G.M.B. Salmon (Mackinnon McKenzie & Co) - 16	HE Lieut General Sir Basil Eugster - 14
1971	Mr G.M. Macwhinnie (Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co) - 9	HE Lieut General Sir Richard Ward - 15
1972	Mr W.G. Minto (Sworn Measurers) - 21	HE Lieut General Sir Richard Ward - 16
1973	Mr H.M.G. Forsgate (HK & Kowloon Wharf) - 15	HE Lieut General Sir Richard Ward - 7
1974	Mr V.O. Roberts (HK Land Investment Co) - 17	HE Lieut General Sir Edwin Bramall - 11
1975	Mr H. Keswick (Jardine Matheson & Co) - 17	HE Lieut General Sir Edwin Bramall - 14
1976	Mr P.E. Hutson (Hongkong Bank) - 15	HE Lieut General Sir Edwin Bramall - 10
1977	Mr R.C. Tucker (NZ Insurance) - 11	HE Lieut General Sir John Archer - 3
1978	Mr D.K. Newbiggin (Jardine Matheson & Co) - 7	HE Lieut General Sir John Archer - 3



# TAIPAN'S HISTORY

YEAR	THE TAIPAN	COMMANDER OF BRITISH FORCES
1979	Hon. J.H. Bremridge (Swire Pacific) - 13	Major General the Hon. Sir Roy Redgrave - 22
1980	Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg (Hongkong Bank) - 38	Major General the Hon. Sir Roy Redgrave - 0
1981	Mr T.J. Bedford (HK Land) - 10	Major General the Hon. J.L. Chappie - 16
1982	Mr W.C.L. Brown (Standard Chartered) - 17	Major General the Hon. J.L. Chappie - 0
1983	Mr D.R.Y. Bluck (Swire Pacific) - 31	Major General D. Boorman C.B. - 28
1984	Mr T. Clydesdale (Price Waterhouse) - 40	Major General D. Boorman C.B. - 16
1985	Mr P.C.S. Devison (Inchcape) - 20	Major General D. Boorman C.B. - 10
1986	Mr J.D. Johnston (Hutchison Property) - 22	Major General A. Boam - 18
1987	Hon. W. Purves (Hongkong Bank) - 20	Major General A. Boam - 16
1988	Mr H.P.M. Miles (Swire Pacific) - 38	Major General G.O. Johnson - 6
1989	Mr A. Hudson (ICI China) - 17	Major General G.O. Johnson - 24
1990	Mr S Murray (Hutchison Whampoa) - 16	Major General P.R. Duffell - 19
1991	Mr M.J.E. Thornhill (Johnson Stokes and Master) - 26	Major General P.R. Duffell - 24
1992	Mr D.A. Gledhill (Swire Pacific) - 32	Brigadier M.R.I. Constantine C.B.E. - 17
1993	Mr G. Docherty (Swire Pacific) - 64	Major General J.P. Foley C.B. O.B.E. M.C. - 12
1994	Mr J. Gray (Hongkong Bank) - 38	Major General J.P. Foley C.B. O.B.E. M.C. - 20
1995	Mr B. Penman (Breton Penman Architects) - 76	Major General B.H. Dutton C.B.E. - 37
1996	Mr Stuart Leckie (Fidelity Investments) - 6	Major General B.H. Dutton C.B.E. - 10
1997	Mr H.M.G. Forsgate (HK & Kowloon Wharf) - 43	Major General B.H. Dutton C.B.E. - 46
YEAR	THE TAIPAN	THE CHALLENGER
2011	Mr C Pratt (Swire Group) - 22	Mr D. Agnew - 14
2012	Mr Mark McCombe (BlackRock) - 25	Mr Bob Lloyd - 33
2013	Mr Andrew Weir (KPMG) - 28	Mr Dave Lewis - 25
2014	Mr Rob Blain (CBRE Asia Pacific) - 24	Mr Trevor Gregory - 52
2015	Mr Barry Stowe (Prudential Corporation Asia) - 41	Mr David Egerton - 43
2016	Mr John Slosar (Swire Group) - 31	Mr Peter Duncan - 19



# 2017 TAIPAN'S XV PAST CAPTAINS

## PREVIOUS TAIPAN'S XV CAPTAINS

1951 - I.V. Carrel	1962 - A.D.C. Smith	1973 - D. Thomas	1984 - N. Pearson	1995 - G. Jamieson
1952 - H.M. G. Forsgate	1963 - A.D.C. Smith	1974 - R. Russell	1985 - N. Pearson	1996 - R. Patterson
1953 - Not Played	1964 - S. I. Ross	1975 - A.H. Lamont	1986 - I. Duguid	1997 - S. Seneque
1954 - R.G. Craig	1965 - A.D.C. Smith	1976 - A.H. Lamont	1987 - J. Kelting	2011 - S. Nolan
1955 - A.R. Petrie	1966 - A.D.C. Smith	1977 - B. Huddleston	1988 - F. O'Reilly	2012 - S. Nolan
1956 - B.C. Penman	1967 - G.C. Docherty	1978 - W. Layfield	1989 - J. Molloy	2013 - T. Bolland
1957 - B.C. Penman	1968 - P. Wright	1979 - P. Ogolter	1990 - N. Chapman	2014 - Will Hunt
1958 - L.H. Williams	1969 - A. Dixon	1980 - I. Duncan	1991 - T. Morgan	2015 - J. Richards
1959 - M. O'Kelly	1970 - J.D. Cumming	1981 - J. Gibson	1992 - A. Keegan	2016 - J. Hood
1960 - N. Digby-Bennett	1971 - P. Gibbs	1982 - B. Leach	1993 - M. Ferrier	
1961 - N. Digby-Bennett	1972 - P. Gibbs	1983 - J. Gibson	1994 - E. Cutting	



Taipan's Match presentation of the Mansergh Trophy 1997

# THE TAIPAN'S XV TEAM

## TAIPAN XV (Blue and White Hoops, Blue Shorts and their Club Socks)

**CAPTAIN – Tom Isaacs (HKFC)**

1.	Tau Kolomotangi	(Valley)
2.	Alex Harris	(Kowloon)
3.	Callum McFeat-Smith	(HKFC)
4.	Jevon Groves	(HKFC)
5.	Martin Muller	(Valley)
6.	Ben Willis	(HKFC)
7.	Kane Boucat	(HK Scottish)
8.	Ben Davey	(HKCC)
9.	Rouan Deploy	(Valley)
10.	Gregor McNish	(HK Scottish)
11.	Tiger Bax	(Valley)
12.	Ben Axten-Burrett	(HKFC)
13.	Tom Isaacs	(HKFC) – CAPTAIN
14.	Seb Alfonsi	(HKFC)
15.	Jarrod Mongston	(HK Scottish)

### Replacements

Gareth Willis	(Valley)
Mitch Holloway	(HKFC)
Keelan Chapman	(HKFC)
Kyle Sullivan	(HK Scottish)
Henry Poon	(HKFC)
Jack Scanlon	(HKFC)
Mark Prior	(HKFC)
Gavin Hadley	(HKFC)
Charles Cheung	(HK Scottish)
James Currie	(Valley)

### Coaches / Manager

<b>Phil Bailey</b>	<b>(HKFC)</b>
<b>Thierry Barot</b>	<b>(HKFC)</b>
<b>Deacon Manu</b>	<b>(HKCC)</b>



# THE CHALLENGER'S XV TEAM

## CHALLENGERS XV (White shirts, White shorts and their Club Socks)

1.	Angus Dixon	(Kowloon)
2.	Mitch Andrews	(HKFC)
3.	Rohan Cook	(HKCC)
4.	Josh Afu	(HKFC)
5.	Tommy Broughton	(Valley)
6.	Raef Morrison	(Valley)
7.	Marcus Slade	(HKFC)
8.	Liam Herbert	(HKFC)
9.	Jamie Lauder	(HKFC)
10.	Jason Kiestrup	(HKCC)
11.	James Love	(HKCC)
12.	Andrew Krelle	(HKCC)
13.	James Christie	(HKFC)
14.	TauFai Gomiti	(Valley)
15.	Ben Cullen	(HK Scottish)

### Replacements

Ronan Donnelly	(HKFC)
Jonny McCormick-Houston	(HKFC)
Terry Tsang	(Valley)
Jamie McGregor	(HKFC)
Paul Altier	(Valley)
Robbie Macdonald	(HKCC)
Josh Maninga	(HKFC)
Matty Bell	(Valley)
Kenzo Pannell	(HKFC)
Li Tsz Hin, Ray	(Kowloon)

### Coaches / Manager

**Sam Hocking** (DEA)  
**Rob Naylor** (DEA)



# TAIPAN'S MATCH 2016



# THE DULEY AND BRUCIE LEGENDS VS THE POT BELLED PIGS RFC

Kick-off at 12.00pm

## LEIGHTON "DULES" DULEY

In June 1990, Duley arrived in Hong Kong, apparently in the twilight of his rugby career. Once the mighty Loon spotted his youthful potential at a mere thirty years old, he was soon playing for Hong Kong and captaining the colony by 1992.

Always willing to turn out to help any team, it was not uncommon for a grateful front row colleague from one game, to groan in despair the next week, as Duley turned out for the opposition, using his left handed fend, that any Scotsman protecting his money would have murdered to possess.

He is heading back to the land of his birth, New Zealand. Farewell and haste ye back, Leighton J Duley. Sharon has a bonfire for your boots at the side of the paddock.

## JOHN "THE" BRUCE

Brucie tells us he was a pretty decent player in the seventies and eighties. He has only played in Hong Kong since 1997, when a friend recommended that Brucie contact a mild-mannered chap called Pengelly, who was playing for Kowloon.

Of such small coincidences are great friendships born and Brucie pulled on the boots again for rugby and a great love affair with the Hong Kong game was born. That same Pengelly was a lineout jumper and Duley was throwing in. Never the twain shall meet comes to mind. They called Duley "Lightning" as he could never hit the same spot twice

Brucie has finally acknowledged that rugby Saturdays are over and is retiring, safe in the knowledge, that he remains older than Duley and has therefore outlasted him. He is proud to share the pitch with so many friends today, including the pony tailed wonder. His main ambition for the day is to stay out of Anson Bailey's selfies.



Dules working hard, while Brucie is taking a wee keek

## THE POT BELLED PIGS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB - (A potted history)



The Pot Bellied Pigs were formed in 1997 when a number of large social rugby players in Hong Kong decided to go on tour to Manila. In our inaugural game, against the Manila Nomads, The Pot Bellied Pigs, living up to their name, fielded a team which included 14 recognised front row forwards.

Over the years a number of international players have invited themselves to play for us including, Jeff Probyn, Eric Rush, John Bentley, Doddie Weir and Serge Betsen as well as number of Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore internationals.



Pot Bellied Pigs RFC

For the past 13 years through our charity rugby tournament in Clark in the Philippines, we have raised significant funds for projects involving disadvantaged children in the Philippines and the Philippine Rugby Union Development Fund.

We also sponsor children's education in Thailand, rugby development in Cambodia, sponsored yurts in Mongolia and this year we have donated funds to the Laos Rugby Federation to help establish the IRB's Pass It Back initiative.

To join The Pot Bellied Pigs please visit our website at [www.potbelliesrfc.com](http://www.potbelliesrfc.com).

# HONG KONG DISCIPLINED SERVICES VS PLA

Kick-off at 1.00pm



Hong Kong Disciplined Services Rugby Club National League Four Champions 2017

## THE TK LAI CUP

Once again the TK Lai Cup is being contested between the PLA rugby team and the Hong Kong Disciplined Services.

The Cup itself was kindly presented by Mr TK Lai, Secretary for Security of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR, who has been a keen supporter of the development of rugby within the Services. This has been a very successful season for Services, where

they won the National 4 League, before going on to lose to HKFC Sequins in a closely contested Grand Championship Final.

The PLA are the oldest local rugby team in China, based out of Guangzhou, and they have competed in the Hong Kong local leagues for many years. PLA have consistently provided players for both the China national 15s and 7s teams this year.



# THE VARSITY MATCH NORTHERN VS SOUTHERN HEMISPHERES

Kick-off at 2.15pm



The Varsity Match has been part of the Taipan Day since 2012, bringing players from across the teams of Hong Kong's National League 1 and 2, to represent the Northern Hemisphere (graduates of UK and Irish universities) and the Southern Hemisphere (graduates from rest of the world universities).

Nationality and current residence have no say on which team a player is selected for, just their alumni status. Many thanks for all the Hong Kong clubs help in providing players.



# HONG KONG VS WAIKATO CHIEFS DEVT. SQUAD

Kick-off at 3.45pm

It gives the HKRU and Chiefs Rugby great pleasure to be part of the annual Taipans Day at the HKFC for the second year.

The 2017 encounter represents the third match between the two teams, with the HKRU and Chiefs Rugby having established a formal partnership in 2014.

Over the past two years this game has provided vital practice for the HK Team preparing for the forthcoming Asia Rugby Championships, in which they will play games, home and away, against Japan and Korea in May and June.

The inclusion as part of Taipans Day in 2016 took this game to new levels of intensity and performance, in front of a packed house at the HKFC.

No less and 15 players that day went on to represent Chief Rugby in the Super Rugby Championships in 2016, a great indication of the playing quality within this development fixture.

HK will expect no less from the 2017 match up and anticipate a "tough day at the office" in a game that will further cement the partnership between HK and Chiefs Rugby, as well as its place as part of a very special tradition at the HKFC Taipans Day.



# MESSAGES FROM PAST TAIPAN'S CAPTAINS AND PLAYERS

We asked some of our former players and a referee to tell us about the Taipan's matches of the past. Here are some of the edited highlights:

## Major General Bryan Dutton Commander British Forces 1997

“I have perused the 2016 production and I am very impressed - what a great end to the season!

The photos below are from my scrap book and are of the 1997 Taipan's match with Gerry Forsgate as the Taipan presenting the cup, which 'my' team just scraped, after a great match. (result 43-46)



“I was absolutely delighted to hear that the Taipan's match had not only risen from its death bed, but is obviously flourishing and in very fine health. What we all thought was the last match in 1997 still feels like a very recent happy memory and it is extraordinary, and not a little sobering, to realise that 20 years have passed.

For the three years when 'my' team took on the Taipan's, I remember a day which encapsulated all that was best about the game of rugby - hard, no quarter given, highly competitive, but with a free flowing genuine Barbarian spirit, humour and a very good party afterwards. It was always a great end to a season of rugby in a city where the sport flourishes. The dinner afterwards was always great and rowdy. As the last speaker on each occasion I always remember it as the most challenging and noisy audience of the year and I still cringe, when I remember my fatal insertion of "rigger" in my speech in the first year and the catcalls and abuse which followed! Not repeated in subsequent years!

I am very impressed with the way you have developed the day into a continuous feast of rugby with various different participants and ensuring the future. It augurs well that Taipans continue to come forward and it is a great tribute to them and to you that they still engage enthusiastically. I am confident that the Taipan's match will still be flourishing in another 20 years.

I send you my very best wishes for another great day - I will be with you in spirit.” ”

## Commander British Forces 1997 - Can you name the players?



## Stephen Pengelly - Pinky

“I'll give you Kowloon RFC (back row) Nick Godfrey aka Bones, Niall McCarthy, Ben Perrin and Stephen Pengelly, front row – Huw Williams” ”

## Nick Godfrey

“We had hair too!

Great day one of my favourite games – recall playing against our pros - Nigel Dacre and Riaz Fredericks with “sniffer”, as he was once known, finding them wanting.” ”

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## Deano Herewini

“Great pic and what a great day that was. How did we win that playing in jerseys that weigh a ton and on a dust bowl. How things have changed.

Being new in HK I missed the dinner “typical me, I had no trousers” but got some towels for the Valley flat.”

## Sacha Seneque

“Great photo and memories. I had the pleasure of selecting the ‘talent’ of the day and roughly dividing them into “equally” competitive sides that day.....over 80pts scored in a game of two halves as I remember, a missed final conversion kick lost it for the Taipan, but a fitting end for the winning team as the Black Watch ended their HK presence and participation, a few months later at the “handover”.

“All as one in Rugby” at the hosted dinner at the Club that night, more or less black tie worn by all, so Deano you would not have been too out of place...very honoured to be a part of it. (Apart from the opportunity to reminisce and gloat, the winning captain hosted me at a barracks mess dinner just before they lowered the flag one last time).”

Jimmy Gibson and Ian Meffam



## Defeat was not an option!

Ian Meffam (interviewed by our roving Club reporter James “scribbler” Gibson)

“I had the privilege to meet Ian Meffam last night, who not only played for Club and The Colony, but also in several Taipan’s matches post 1946. Ian was born in Hong Kong and was evacuated to Australia, before the Japanese invaded. His father (an engineer in Tai Koo Dockyards (Swire) was interred in Stanley prison, as the staff stayed behind to protect the yard.

Ian returned and joined the Club in 1946. I am not sure of Ian’s current age, but I guess he is over 90 years old and is in fine form. He played prop for Club and was eventually hired by John Swire and Sons, and claims that if not for Rugby, he may never have progressed in Swires’ in those days.

He recalled, that so seriously did the Taipan take the match, it was vital for Ian’s career that they won! The Taipan himself met him before the match and made it abundantly clear, that defeat was not an option!”

## James Gibson

“That tradition that the Taipan’s team should not lose certainly endured. As you may know that I captained the Taipans twice myself, and as Club Captain I also picked both teams. I made the fatal mistake of being too even handed, in assuring the squads were equal.

The Taipan that year was Mr Trevor Bedford (another former Club Prop) who was the Chairman of Hong Kong Land at the time. I had the ignominy of being the captain of the first Taipan’s side to be defeated in many years. Thanks mainly to the boot of Kowloon’s Tony Wolfe (fly half) .

Learning with age, I captained again in a following year for Swire’s Chairman Donald Bluck. This time I made sure we won, by more carefully balancing (loading?) the selection process which included ensuring that Tony Wolfe was selected for the Taipan’s!

I have enclosed the photo of Ian and myself...only 40 years between our appearances on the field and another 35 since I last captained the team!

Ian is surely the oldest surviving Taipan’s player in Hong Kong (at the moment, lives in Edinburgh). What a man!”

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**Jamie Pincott**

**Hong Kong Scottish (current player)**

“The Taipans game is a fantastic chance for all rugby players playing across the premiership teams in Hong Kong, to participate in a match that is full of tradition and history. It is a great opportunity to play with guys you go hard at on the pitch week in week out, to then pull on the same coloured jersey and play against a Football Club select side.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the past two years playing in this game due to the nature of the day and the history behind the game. Also, the after dinner presentations is one not to be missed.”

**Tobi Lothian**

**Referee and HK Police**

“Being selected to ref the Taipan Game is a huge honour for me. It will probably be my last game refing a top level game, as after nearly 13 years as a ref, I decided earlier this year to blow no more at the top level of the game. I was enticed to blow this game at the request of Kevin West, who softened me up with the warning “I want to have one last chance to shout at you!”

The teams will be full of top grade players and I will have to be at my best to let them enjoy what is always a highly competitive and entertaining game. I am looking forward to it and hope that my officiating allows for a free-flowing champagne style of rugby and I can leave the top level of the game with a satisfying memory.”

**Matthew Rosslee**

**Valley (current player)**

“It is a great privilege to play in the Taipans and Challengers fixture. As I spend more time in Hong Kong I slowly pick up and am able to piece together some of the history of the fixture. I was told early in my arrival to the city that it is a fixture you really want to be involved in, and I am thrilled to be a part of the fixture for a second occasion.

At the same time, as bright eyed youths in this city of opportunity, we are able to craft our own moments that will become a part of our memories and create new Taipans, Challengers, and good rugby men in the future.”

**Stephen ‘Horse’ Nolan**

**former player and Taipan’s Captain**



“It is great to see the continuation of this great event in the Hong Kong Rugby Calendar!

The first Taipan game was played in 1951, 62 years ago! It is very humbling to have been a past Captain of the Taipan Team and to be a small part of this great rugby tradition.

Good luck to all the players and coaches involved in today’s games. It days like these that we play rugby for and a day you will remember for a long time, a tough game with and against your mates and a dinner afterwards to talk about how good you were! Enjoy.”

**Tony Morgan**

**former player and Taipan’s Captain**

“My year as Taipan captain was somewhat fortuitous as Morgan Chubb was the Club captain that year but he picked up an injury at the back end of the season. As ever Club had 14 other ready captains but Chubbsie decided that for my sins I was the man for the after dinner speech. The game itself was close and I recall having to spend most of the afternoon avoiding the Club back row of Mason, Barclay and Field who in the Commander of British Forces’ colours

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were hell bent on getting their own back on the Club fly half that had spent most of the season complaining "where's the back row?" The good part of this was that it gave Schatsie a bit of space in the centre and he duly strolled over for a try in each half to ensure that we finished just in front at the final whistle. The dinner was a long and liquid affair. The Taipan had been worried that he was going to lose face by being on the wrong side of the result so he started dinner happy and relieved but this soon changed when he realised that a number of his fellow law firm partners and contemporaries had quietly briefed me with "stories" from his early days in Hong Kong. The Taipan was quick to recover his composure, gave as good as he got and we moved on down town until the early hours to fulfill the final traditions of a wonderful day.

Hope the current teams have an equally entertaining day and night! ”

**Glen Docherty**  
former player and Taipan's Captain

“ I played in several Taipans games in the 1960's and captained the Taipan's team in 1977. I was also honoured to be invited to be the Taipan in 1993, the year I retired from Hong Kong.

Taipans Day was one of the highlights of the Football Club's rugby season and I always enjoyed playing for one of the selected teams. The 'mixture' of the teams meant that you were playing with players from other clubs and against some of your own Club teammates.

These games are meant to provide Festival Rugby, something akin to the Barbarians matches - open, running rugby, where the result is secondary to the entertainment value for both players and spectators, although, of course it is always nice to finish up on the winning side.

I send my best wishes to all players, officials and especially to the organisers for another very successful day on April 14th. I would also like to send a special greeting to the Under 14's teams competing for the Docherty Trophy Enjoy the game - have fun. I hope to present the trophy myself some day soon. ”

**Michael Ferrier**  
former Club Captain

“ 1993 Taipan's Game

It's hard to believe that this game was held almost 20 years ago. There was a lot happening at the Football Club around this time as the "old Club" was about to close. The 1993 Taipan's game was one of the last rugby games played before the old club was demolished. Likewise, the dinner that night had a special feel as we knew future games would be held at a different venue. Given the history of the Taipan's fixture there was a special celebratory element to this game.

The 1993 Taipan was Glen Docherty from Swire and he thoroughly enjoyed his role for the day and was thrilled to be involved at a time of significant change for the Club. Unfortunately, I had to play the role of non-playing captain for this game as I was recovering from a broken hand. Fortunately it enabled me to take in more of the off field activities associated with the day. The atmosphere of the Taipan's game is unique and the history of the game was evident to all involved. I'm sure that nothing has changed and the game still has a special place in the annual rugby calendar. I wish both teams all the best for the game and wish I could be there to attend. ”

**Nigel Pearson**  
former player and Captain



“ Taipans rugby – a great tradition that gives players an opportunity to play on the same side as season-long enemies and then share after match celebrations with some of the Territory's current movers and shakers. I played most years between 1981 and

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1989, captaining in 83-84 and 84-85, and believe me, wish I could be there on the day to savour the whole thing once again. Have a great afternoon and a great evening's entertainment afterwards but keep close tabs on Charlie Yeomans. ”

**Drew Lamont**  
HCFC Rugby Section 1973-2000

“Traditions naturally evolve, however, once established they should be nurtured and not forgotten.

Little did I realise when I pulled on the Club strip to play for the Taipan in my first season in Hong Kong, that in doing so I was following a tradition that had thrived since the Mansergh Cup, was first contested in 1951.



At a recent “last Friday of the month lunch” with a group of ex-Hong Kongers I mentioned to an old adversary that the Taipan's Fixture had been re-established. Immediately his eyes lit up and he broke into a large grin. As a former policeman, he recounted that during the evening's dinner when the Taipan was presented with his engraved tankard, he was not required to stand on his seat to dispose of the tankard's contents. As a result of defending King and Country the Taipan had a wooden leg.

Another occasion I had to assist the Taipan - a very senior banker and EXCO member - to his car at a very late hour, support him with one hand to his chest to hold him against a wall while I banged on his Jag to awaken his driver. The Taipan was more concerned about not having his tankard. I retrieved his tankard

from the detritus of the bar, got him safely into his car and watched him happily waving the tankard as he was driven off. It came as a surprise to be woken early on the Sunday morning by the Taipan phoning to say how much he had enjoyed the day and evening.

With the re-establishment of the Taipan's Match as not just a HKFC fixture, but also as a Hong Kong Rugby fixture can only be for the general good of rugby.

Let us hope that Hong Kong rugby traditions continue to be established and evolve.

But that the tradition of the Taipan picking up the tab will not change!”. ”

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*Enjoy The Taipan's Match 2017*

# THE BT HONG KONG RUGBY QUIZ

As our Taipan, Kevin Taylor, President of BT in AMEA noted in his message “BT uses the Hong Kong Sevens as a place to inspire conversations with customers, colleagues and partners”. To help spice up the discussions, we asked Hong Kong’s legend rugby player Leighton “Dules” Duley to compose a Hong Kong quiz for our Taipan’s Day spectators.

1. What HK international turned down an opportunity to play for the “British Lions”	7. Who was the only HK player to win the Leslie William’s best and fairest Player at the HK 7’s (hint: it was in 1987.)
2. Name a triple international player for 7’s Rugby?	8. What was the last military side to compete in the HK domestic league?
3. Who captained HKs first international clash with the US?	9. Who was the Oldest and Youngest Player to represent HK?
4. What year was the first international rugby game televised in colour and what colours did the respective teams wear?	10. Who was the first HK Rugby Taipan?
5. HK rugby holds 2 Guinness book records – what are they?	11. Who are the only 2 founding members clubs of the HKRFU, still participating in the domestic league?
6. In what year were the Pot Bellied Pigs formed?	12. Name 3 HK internationals who played in the English Rugby premier League.

The answers will be announced at half-time of the Taipan’s Match.

This quiz is purely for fun and Leighton’s answers are deemed to be the 100% correct. No disputes will be entertained, unless you buy him a beer!



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