

PENANG SANGAM HIGH SCHOOL
HISTORY YEAR 12 DIPLOMACY

Week 14

Strand: Diplomacy

Substrand: NEW ZEALAND AND RUGBY IN FIJI

Objective : *state the importance of rugby in Fiji*

How has rugby improve the livelihood of the people

Explain how rugby has made fiji known to the rest of the world

- ❖ New Zealand has a significant influence on the development of Fiji sports - especially rugby
 - Rugby was introduced by the Bauan chief, Ratu Jone Tabaiwalu
 - ✓ Studied at Wanganui, New Zealand
 - ✓ Taught the game to Roman Catholic Mission at Naililili in Rewa.
- ❖ History of colonial and post-independence sports emphasizes moments when the 'empire strikes back' and this was shown in
 - **FIJI RUGBY** - Before the European community had formed the Fiji Rugby Union in 1913
 - ✓ 1900 - Nailili team captained by Ratu Jone defeated the Europeans (8-3) in Suva
 - ✓ Fijians became aware that they had beaten the Empire in a British game
 - ✓ Rugby was firstly known as 'Veicaqevaka-Peritania' (football British style)
 - Also known as 'veicaqevaka-Naililili (sport was noted as a Fijian place)
 - ✓
 - Early 20th century rugby developments
 - ✓ Shaped by men of chiefly status
 - ✓ 1913 – Ratu Epeli Ganilau returned from NZ and taught Fijians how to play
 - ✓ 1914 – Ratu Sukuna returned and organized Fijian competition
 - ✓ 1926 - first international visits to Fiji
 - Auckland University College
 - Tonga
 - First time Fiji wore their traditional white jerseys and black shorts
 - ✓ 1928 - domestic school competition began
 - ✓ By 1932 - Fiji Rugby Union admitted Fijian representatives to its management committee
 - ✓ Native competition flourished
 - ✓ 1938 - more international visits to Fiji
 - NZ Maori Team
 - Fiji Schools Union established and governed school rugby
 - ✓ 1939 & 1951 - Fiji toured NZ
 - Impressed crowds with their unpredictable and free-flowing style of rugby