

Boston Ready to Make the Jump

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The Boston Rugby Club was almost unbeatable during this summer's Northeast 7s season.

They led the season standings easily and were hardly challenged in the final championship, and that has Head Coach Kevin Imonje just a little bit worried.



"Have we been tested enough? No I don't think we have," Imonje told RUGBYMag.com. "In the Northeast every so often some teams will really test you, but with NYAC not competing this summer there was one less team to do that. Perhaps in the future we might look at other tournaments to go to, such as Cape Fear."

But that's in the future. Right now Boston has a national championship to compete for August 6. And in a pool with Hawaii Select, New Orleans and Belmont Shore, they have their work cut out for them.

"I think what we have going for us is that we have a group of players who have been to nationals the last three years," Imonje explained. "It is difficult to understand what it takes to make the jump to that level of play, but we have several players who have learned it."

Among them, longtime star Derek Wavomba, Kyle Marshall, Duran Vota and Brennan Moore. Add to that Australian Blake Creighton, who joined the team this summer and has emerged as a real playmaker, and you've got a strong nucleus. So much so that Fijian Epeli Mara's injury can be handled.

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“It’s a loss, a tough loss,” said Imonje. “But not a devastating loss. We have enough depth to be able to handle it and we have players who can step up.”

This year’s Boston team is perhaps a little more polished in its playmaking, and even a little more athletic, too. But in the end, it’s about being able to realize that easy victories on the local circuit aren’t enough. Imonje and Boston are confident they have learned that lesson.