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Vodafone Warriors v Roosters



Simon Mannering on the burst



Mason Lino lines up the kick



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Some Of The Pre-Match Entertainment Last Saturday Night



Pictures From the Stacey Jones Lounge On Saturday Night



Alicia Tangiiti wins a signed Jason Nightingale's boot.



Andy and Sarah Flasman Rooster fans from sydney who fly over from sydney each year for the roosters game and love the Stacey jones lounge talk to Sir Peter.



Colin wins the \$200 Bendon Voucher.



Courtney Tairi co host of the Kiwi League Show on Sky 2 Thursday nights presented Anthony Granich with a Vodafone Warriors jersey for being a nice guy.



Courtney Tairi presents Te Haua Taua a Vodafone Warriors jersey as a lucky prize.



Michael Johannink wins the vodafone Warriors signed ball.



Ian Carpenter wins the Warriors jersey Ian heads of this week to travel around aussie.



Phil Ayling from Selleys presents JP with the Selleys BBQ cleaning pack.



Sarah Flasman who is a Roosters fan and travels over from Sydney each year and loves the Stacey Jones lounge won a Canterbury Vapor Graphic T shirt.



NZ singing legend PETER URLICH hitting the high notes in the Stacey jones lounge.



Glen Harding wins the Bluewater Hotel Napier weekend.



Lindsay Neilson and Bob Graydon from Waiheke Island. Bob won the TAB bet and it was suggested if it came home the money was to go on the bar. Unfortunately it didn't eventuate..

Pictures From the Stacey Jones Lounge On Saturday Night



Te Atatu Red Roosters U9 Restricted who played v Mercury Bay Boars in the curtainraiser with a win to the Roosters 12-4



Te Atatu roosters Team enjoying the lounge.



Will & Wife Theresa who won a competition to be guests in the lounge.



William T wins the 2015 Power play cards.

WOW! WHAT an Amazing experience from the moment we arrived in the Stacey home lounge till the time we left. Peter, you & the Team were bloody marvellous. The tour around stadium, the history, your collection of items, red carpet photo moment with a few Warriors & the superb view from the Stacey jones lounge just to name a few, we were left breathless. Although the results were not in our favor, it was just the pleasure of meeting you that made our experience that much better. Thank you Peter & thanks Manukau Courier. Definitely one to remember

Will's & Wife Theresa

Good Afternoon Sir Peter,

THANKS ONCE again for the opportunity to join your good self and the rest of the Warriors supporters in the Stacey Jones lounge. The open arms reception and warm hospitality my wife and I received this weekend was fantastic. Regardless of the final score, everyone we met and spoke with, was so friendly and welcoming. We felt like part of the extended family. Cousins from out of town so to speak...

As we mentioned before, the away trip to Auckland is a highlight of the entire season and one which we look forward to every season. The friendly fire and fun that we all have together is something special to us both and makes the whole weekend so memorable and unique. The tour of the ground with Senior Sergeant Dexter was excellent and the collection of memorabilia is amazing. Something to be truly proud of.

Special shout out of thanks also go out to Susan and Shanice for their assistance in organising the match tickets and overall help and guidance in general.

Hope to see you all again next season !!

Andrew & Sarah Hasman

The Sydney Roosters fans from Sydney that you hosted

P.S. We both sincerely hope your boys can bounce back and stick it to Parramatta on Friday!

Well That Was Ugly

By David Kemeys

Former Sunday Star-Times Editor, Former Editor-in-Chief Suburban Newspapers, Long Suffering Warriors Fan



CHATTING TO folk in the Mad Butcher Club on Saturday night and I got teased about having to go and buy a dictionary because I needed to find some new positive words, having been an utterly miserable bastard for years, given our showings.

My grandson was my guest at the game. He lives in Bondi and is a Roosters fan, but was delighted when the old skinflint – which is to say me – coughed up for a Warriors jersey for him.

Just as well the shop was closed on the way out or I would have asked for my money back.

Turns out there's no need for that dictionary, since I can rely on all the negative words I'm used to using after that shower of shit.

I did profess that I had a horrible feeling this was a game with banana skin written all over it, and so it proved.

A 60-odd point turnaround, considering we put 30 on them in the first encounter at their place.

But all is not lost, we are still seven and three, so no need to panic, although concern would be useful.

Talk about rocks and diamonds.

We were woeful against the Storm, really gutsy a week later against the Tigers, and totally absent a week later, against the Roosters, so that we have now lost three of our last five.

This one was probably our worst of the year, although I did admire that we did keep going, despite the 32-0 blowout in the score.

But it had caused that horrible feeling from our very first set, which we coughed up, that this was going to be a long night.

Things could have been even worse except that the Roosters blew a couple of gilt-edged chances too.

There is little doubt that the absence of Shaun Johnson and Issac Luke was major blow, but given we got bashed up in the forwards, we can't use that as an excuse.

Nor can we rely on that old standard...bloody refs.

They constantly pinged the Roosters, which was more than fair enough, given that in Jake Friend they have a player they should nickname Mattress, because he spends half the game lying in the ruck.

But dress it up any way you like, the Roosters played with more passion and fire than we did, so we are again riding the roller-coaster, which is at least familiar territory.

Bottom-feeders Parramatta await, and that has the potential to be really ugly.

So far we have managed to bounce back after our less than flattering displays, and we will need to in Aussie this week.

Let's be fair, we have all enjoyed the wonderful start, but now we need to get some consistency. We don't want to be a yo-yo side that is good one week and terrible the next.

Blake Green was interviewed on radio after the towelling, and said much the same.

"I guess we are still learning about being consistent. There are a few young blokes in this team still learning about the NRL. It's week to week, and it's brutal. If you are off you will get punished. We just didn't turn up, and they did."

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It's hard to argue with that.

But the stand-off, who had a relatively quiet night, and who was also subjected to some pretty late and off the ball hits for that matter – all of which went unpunished - believes we will get there.

Poor old coach Stephen Kearney looked as miserable as the fans, sitting in his coaching box.

But he is, in my less than humble opinion, quite right when he says he didn't see any evidence of complacency, though there might have been some – given the result.

The stitches in Agnatius Paasi's head would tend to argue he at least gave everything.

The head knock he took from Dylan Napa was horrible.

Which leads me on to that one man wrecking ball. He is a wonderful footballer but he has a mean streak a mile wide that means some of his work leaves a lot to be desired - unless you can get away with it.

Those in line for NSW selection generally do, Napa is a Maroon, so may not be so lucky. He was put on report for a tackle on Isaiah Papali'i, and the you would get no complaint from me if you took a long hard look at the shoulder charge on Paasi in the first half either.

If one thing really disappoints me it is that the Roosters have shown everyone how to beat us, and plenty of teams will be taking notice.

Just take us on physically up front and pressure Green and the job is half done.

Having Had A Moan...

We all talk about consistency, or lack of it.

But if there is one time when there is never a lack of it, it is when the Warrior get beat.

We always seem to focus on how bad we were, and never on how good the opposition was.

And in two of our three losses this year we hit sides who really fired.

I am not so sure about Brisbane, but no one would have beaten the Storm when they flogged us on Anzac Day, and the Roosters did nothing wrong either, and in fact showed the sort of form, admittedly later than most thought, that has many saying they will go all the way.

All three of our losses were to sides that will make the eight, which you might say is a cause for concern on a totally different level, but that's another story.

It was only six weeks ago when we gave the Roosters a touch-up.

The Roosters relished the opportunity to correct that.

Cooper Cronk was as good as he was in Storm's purple, controlling the game from go to woe, and Roosters fans at the ground said it was the best they had seen from their side all year.

Our doughnut would tend to suggest there was bugger-all wrong with their defence, since we haven't been kept scoreless since 2015.

"I felt like the pack played like a Roosters pack," coach Trent Robinson said. "That was a performance we wanted. They all stood tall together."

Credit where it is due, the Roosters' attack was sharp. Cronk, James Tedesco, Mitchell Aubusson, Mitchell, Friend, Manu, Luke Keary...all really good, even that tosser Blake Fergusson.

I Hate That

I could well be a lone voice here, but the sight of Latrell Mitchell firing the ball into a player who is quite obviously injured and unable to clear the ruck, sickens me.

I can just about accept it when a player is, well, like Jake Friend, and just lying there because he can get away with because the rules don't apply to him, but when it is a stricken player, I am old school enough to believe that players are entitled to expect better from their fellow professionals.

I would have far more respect for the guy if he picked the ball up at the play the ball and threw it into touch and alerted the ref that the player was in a bad way.

But you do what you think is right Latrell.

And while I'm on it, can we ditch the constant call-outs to shout defence, defence.

That shit gets old, real fast.

Pull On That Kiwis Jumper And Forget About The Sharks

Coach Stephen Kearney has made it clear that anyone who plays in the Kiwis' Denver test against England next month won't be considered for the Sharks game three days later.

Which is all very well, but it could mean a totally unrecognisable tam running out against the Cronulla mob, given how many in our squad could get the call.

Having said that, it's impossible to believe anyone could play in the Kiwis, travel half way around the world, then back up a couple of days later.

The schedule has the players back on June 26 and the Warriors v Cronulla on June 29.

That timeline is ludicrous. Last time I looked it takes about 20-hours to fly back from Denver, and surely you have to consider the time zones, that Denver is at altitude, possible injuries, and the flights, not to mention the preparation time for the Sharks

"At the moment, I would have to rule those players out," Kearney says. "There is no way you could do it."

Kearney played 45 tests, and has been Kiwis coach himself, so I am 100 per cent behind him on this one.

Just to make matters worse, the week before the Denver test, we are at Townsville, and of course there may well be a number of Pasifika players involved in tests in Australia too.

Who knows who is responsible for this little scheduling nightmare, but they need a good kick in the arse.



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Luke and Lino named to face the Eels

by Richard Becht

HALFBACK MASON Lino and hooker Issac Luke have both been named to start in the Vodafone Warriors' 11th-round NRL encounter with Parramatta at ANZ Stadium on Friday (6.00pm kick-off local time; 8.00pm NZT).

Lino (24) left the field with a lower leg injury in the 68th minute of last Saturday night's 0-32 loss to the Sydney Roosters at Mount Smart Stadium.

However, he was able to train with the squad today running separately from the players initially before joining the session later.

With Shaun Johnson (ankle) again unavailable, Lino has the opportunity to link up with stand-off Blake Green for the fifth time this season.

Luke was named to face the Roosters last week before being ruled out late in the week but is now in line to make his return from the shoulder injury he picked up late in the 26-4 win over the Wests Tigers on May 5. It will be his 240th career appearance.

There's one change to the four bench players used against the Roosters with prop Chris Satae coming in for regular interchange front-rower Sam Lisone, who has been ruled out this week.

Satae, who was used off the bench in the round four win over the Roosters, has been performing consistently for the club's Intrust Super Premiership side. In 58 minutes in last weekend's 0-11 loss to Western Suburbs, he made 134 metres from 12 runs as well as 32 tackles while a week earlier against the Mounties he ran 146 metres from 13 runs and totalled 30 tackles in 60 minutes.

Coming onto the extended bench in his return from a long lay-off after breaking his leg is Kiwi international Gerard Beale. In his first appearance in the club's colours last week, Beale (27) came through the full 80 minutes untroubled, making 105 metres from

14 runs and producing 12 tackles without a miss.

Beale's inclusion sees eight of the club's 2018 signings named in the extended 21-man squad this week.

The Vodafone Warriors, sitting third just two points behind competition leader St George Illawarra, face their fifth away game of the season this week. So far they have beaten South Sydney, Canberra and the Roosters on the road while losing to Melbourne.

Parramatta lies 16th on the ladder with just two wins so far.

In 38 meetings with the Eels the Vodafone Warriors have 17 wins and 21 losses with four of those wins coming in their last six encounters. However, they have only five away wins over the Eels, the most recent in 2015.

VODAFONE WARRIORS v PARRAMATTA EELS
8.00pm, Friday, May 18, 2018
ANZ Stadium, Sydney

Vodafone Warriors

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| 2 David Fusitu'a | 20 Karl Lawton |
| 3 Peta Hiku | 21 Albert Vete |
| 4 Solomone Kata | 22 Anthony Gelling |
| 5 Ken Maumalo | |
| 6 Blake Green | |
| 7 Mason Lino | |
| 8 Bunty Afoa | |
| 9 Issac Luke | |
| 10 Agnatius Paasi | |
| 11 Isaiah Papali'i | |
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| 15 Chris Satae | |
| 16 James Gavet | |
| 17 Simon Mannering | |



Suburban Grounds

By Barry Ross



I WAS PLEASED to read recently that new Independent NRL Commissioner, Peter V'Landys, is a keen supporter of Sydney's suburban Rugby League grounds. Of course, this is just a Sydney issue and doesn't concern the local fans of the other clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand. It does, however, concern the administrators of all the outside Sydney clubs, as they have to play at the Sydney grounds. All clubs are much more worried about size of their local crowds and so the income derived from their home games. It might be more convenient for visiting teams to stay near the airport and play at the bigger stadiums but this would not benefit most, if not all, of the Sydney based clubs. It is well known that supporters of some teams will not travel too far for away games. You do not see many Cowboys or Broncos fans when their teams play in Sydney but that is because of the distance involved. But to go from Manly to Parramatta or Cronulla etc is not difficult by car or by public transport, but Manly fans are reluctant to travel far from their home base. And they are not the only ones. Cronulla fans are also not keen to leave the Shark Park area.

Stadium spending has been splashed all over the Sydney media for a year or so now, as the NSW government has wrestled with plans for Sydney's major venues. With the next NSW elections less than a year away, the current government, the Liberal/National Party, have announced that they will knock down Allianz Stadium and rebuild it (cost \$730 million), build a new Parramatta Stadium (cost \$350 million) and redevelop ANZ Stadium (cost \$870 million). But there has been no money allocated for the suburban grounds. V'Landys fully supports the improvement of Sydney's major venues, but he is also plans to do what he can to improve the suburban arenas. Last Sunday in his newspaper column, well Known Sydney media man, Phil Rothfield, released the result of a recent poll which showed 90 percent of NRL fans would prefer the NSW government to refurbish Sydney's old suburban grounds rather than spend all of the sporting venue grants money on the big stadiums.

Probably the worst of the local Sydney grounds is Manly's Brookvale Oval, now known as Lottoland. The local council has not spent much money on this venue for many years. It has a capacity of around 19,000 with only 4,000 seats undercover. So far this season, the Sea Eagles have played four games at Lottoland and these were against the Eels (10,502), Raiders (9,932), Wests Tigers (15,456) and Knights (5,715). That is an average crowd for the four games of 10,401. This season Manly have opted to play two of their home games away, including Saturday's great win over the Broncos at Suncorp and at Christchurch on 9 June against the Warriors. This was probably done for financial reasons and Manly are not the only club to do this.

It was interesting to see just over a week ago that the NSW Rugby Union played a Super Rugby match against the Auckland Blues at Lottoland. The crowd figure given was 15,000 which is probably better than what would have attended the usual venue at Allianz Stadium. Because of their poor results, the NSW Waratahs have been struggling with falling crowd figures over the past couple of years, so they were keen to try something new.

Like Peter V'Landys, I believe suburban grounds are very much part of the Rugby League scene and I hope they continue as such for many years.

John Coffey's article in last week's newsletter about Carlaw Park brought back a lot of memories for me. He wrote about the time in 1985 when Australia scored a last minute try to win 10-6 and take the series. John mentioned how Australia's captain at the time, Wally Lewis, said in the dressing room corridor to Kiwi coach, Graham Lowe, "Sorry it had to be you, Lowie."

I was at that Test, in fact it was the only time I had ever been to the feared (by Australian teams), Carlaw Park. It was an unusual series because the first Test had been played in Australia, at Brisbane's Lang Park (now Suncorp) 12 days before on the night of Tuesday 18 June. Australia won this game in Brisbane 26-20 and this was the match when, after being sent to the sin-bin, prop forwards Greg Dowling (Australia) and Kevin Tamati (New Zealand) locked horns close to the main grandstand after leaving the playing arena.

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Australia took the series with their last minute try at Carlaw Park. The try scorer was John Ribot, or to give him his full French name, John Ribot de Bresac. He played nine Tests for Australia and then played a major role in the Super League formation in the mid 1990s. After finishing his playing career, he was CEO of the Brisbane Broncos (1998-1995), CEO Super League (1996-97) and CEO Melbourne Storm (1997-2003). The crowd at that second Test was 19,132.

The third Test of the 1985 series was played at Carlaw Park a week later on 7 July and New Zealand were too good, winning 18-0. Frenchman, Julian Rascagneres refereed all three Tests. Wally Lewis captained Australia in all three Tests, while Mark Graham was Kiwi captain for all three. Terry Fearnley coached the Australians.

Check out this video on youtube: Remembering the 1968 Challenge Cup Final
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afm4lxR2w6o>

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Getting The Kiwis Job Was The Easy Part

By John Coffey QSM

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NEWLY APPOINTED Kiwis coach Michael Maguire was probably more horrified than heartened as he watched the Warriors concede 32 points without reply to the Sydney Roosters at Mount Smart last weekend. The home team contained seven players who have represented New Zealand but was totally out-muscled in the middle of the field and lacked attacking guile without injured hooker Issac Luke and half Shaun Johnson.

He would have noted the Roosters' forward dominance was largely achieved by Sio Siua Taukeiaho, Issac Liu and Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (plus Dylan Napa, fiery son of former Auckland prop Stan but whose allegiance is with Australia). Waerea-Hargreaves has been the despair of previous Kiwis coaches by failing to lift his club form to Test level. Liu was a World Cup fringe player. Taukeiaho opted for Tonga.

Luke and Johnson have been buffeted by injuries this season, prompting a reminder that Warriors chief executive Cameron George has said only players who are 100 per cent fit will be released for the Kiwis' controversial Test against England at Denver on June 24 (NZ time). One could argue that midway through an exhausting NRL season there are precious few players who are not managing troublesome niggles.

Although it was the Warriors forwards who have been wearing most of the blame for the heavy loss to the Roosters, the absence of both Luke and Johnson surely played on the minds of both teams. The visitors were awake to what Johnson's understudy, Mason Lino, had to offer after his stellar performance in Sydney earlier this season, while rookie hooker Karl Lawton was worked to a standstill by the aggressive Roosters.

The Herald on Sunday reported Warriors coach Stephen Kearney was unlikely to use any of the club's Kiwis for the match against Cronulla on the Friday after the Denver Test, citing the three-day gap between their return home and the showdown with the Sharks. That could be a vital encounter between two teams fiercely battling for the play-offs, another reason why Mr George will not be offering to carry any bags to the airport.

But isn't there a clash of interests here? The Warriors' new majority owner, the Carlaw Park Trust, is affiliated to the Auckland Rugby League which, in turn, is affiliated to the New Zealand Rugby League whose marquee team is the Kiwis. Minority owner Autex has long been a sponsor and great supporter of the Kiwis. Would they not want "their" club to do everything possible to ensure the Kiwis are at full strength in Denver?

If Maguire cannot recall Luke to the Kiwis for his 43rd Test there is no shortage of candidates, though all of them are comparatively inexperienced. On current form former Warrior Siliva Havili is the best as an outstanding substitute for injured England Test hooker Josh Hodgson at the Canberra Raiders. But Havili has a new allegiance since his one Kiwis Test in 2014. He thrived in the Tongan camp during the 2017 World Cup.

Danny Levi was preferred ahead of Luke last year but has since lost his Newcastle number nine jersey to West Coaster Slade Griffin, a Melbourne Storm graduate who must come into the reckoning. So would Cameron Smith's current understudy, Brandon Smith. The Waiheke Island junior is also good enough to be used as a utility forward. Wests Tigers have rotated Matt McIlwrick, Pita Godinet and Elijah Taylor at hooker.

Even Jeremy Marshall-King popped up at dummy half for the Bulldogs last weekend but older brother Benji Marshall is a better bet to be ticketed to Denver. If Johnson is out then Maguire would have to decide whether to partner Marshall with Kieran Foran in the halves or continue developing a youngster such as Kodi Nikorima or Te Maire Martin. Neither of them are an automatic starting choice for their Queensland clubs.

Kearney is not the only coach annoyed the Denver Test is scheduled for the same weekend as the stand-alone second Origin game and "Pacific" Tests between Samoa and Tonga and Lebanon and PNG in Sydney. While England NRL players such as James Graham, Gareth Widdop and Sam Burgess have told their clubs they are going to Colorado no Kiwis have publicly been as forthright. Welcome to a tough job Mr Maguire.

Who Was Lawrence Otto Bensemenn?

By John Coffey QSM

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EVEN AFTER more than 50 years researching rugby league history it never ceases to amaze me what remarkable stories one can stumble across. Because our next international player will become Kiwi number 808, I thought it might be interesting to recall who have the numbers 101, 202, 303 (and so on through to 707) alongside their names on the Roll of Honour which began with the original 1907-08 All Golds.

The list is: 101 Lawrence Bensemenn (1913 Kiwi forward from Wellington), 202 Jim Amos (1930-1932 utility from Canterbury), 303 Joffre Johnson (1947-48 prop from Auckland), 404 Brian Lee (1961-68 second-rower from Auckland), 505 Bill Johnsen (1974 centre from West Coast), 606 Tony Iro (1988-98 utility during a career spent in Britain and Australia) and 707 Tevita Latu (2004 hooker when at the Warriors).

Amos famously went on to coach the Kiwis to home and away Test series victories over the Kangaroos in 1952-53; Johnson and Lee both made tours to Britain and France and Australia; Johnsen featured in three home Tests against Great Britain; Iro debuted at wing in the 1988 World Cup final and in 1993 successfully moved to the forwards; Latu came off the bench in the 2004 Anzac Test. I knew all that, but what about Bensemenn?

I consulted the Kiwis centenary book the late Bernie Wood and I produced in 2008 and was reminded Bensemenn's only appearance was the second match against the 1913 NSW touring team at Wellington's Newtown Park. A New Zealand side reduced to 12 men by injuries was thrashed 58-19 as champion NSW wing Harold Horder ran in five tries. On the other wing Dan Frawley got three tries and kicked nine goals.

Much that one finds on the internet is dodgy in terms of accuracy, not that I was expecting to find anything about Bensemenn. Instead, just entering his name produced details of a quite remarkable family story. That it was contained on the Nelson Museum's First World War website testified to its accuracy. Playing for New Zealand in one rugby league match was just a small highlight of Lawrence Otto Bensemenn's story.

The tenth of 14 children, Bensemenn was born in 1891 in what was then the small German community of Sarau near Nelson. His parents, Johann Diedrich ("Dick") Bensemenn and Maria Johanne Eggers, and his grandparents were all of full German descent and Lawrence grew up speaking both German and English. His grandfather had arrived in Nelson in 1843 and during the colonial wars commanded a volunteer defence force.

After three years at Nelson College to 1906, and having represented Golden Bay juniors at rugby union in 1907, Lawrence moved to Wellington and worked as an accountancy clerk. He joined the Newtown rugby league club and thus played on his home ground against NSW in 1913. The museum website describes him as a professional player, though that would have been the NZRU definition of all rugby league "rebels".

When war broke out in 1914 the Bensemenn family found themselves under suspicion, both by their "English" neighbours and government authorities. As Hanoverians from northern Germany they had been loyal to British sovereignty for more than a century. They had no historical links to the Kaiser at all and their New Zealand citizenship was prescribed in law. Lawrence and two of his brothers enlisted in the army.

He sailed with the Field Artillery from Auckland to Apia as part of the Samoa Relief Force in March 1915. Western Samoa had been a German colony since 1900 but New Zealand troops took over, without a shot being fired, soon after war was declared. Lawrence's language skills were invaluable because most resident Germans stayed in Samoa and he liaised with those who kept their business and administrative positions.

Despite the Bensemenn brothers' service, paranoia continued at home. Legend has it their father, "Dick", who had set up a wheelwright and foundry business, was angered in a Takaha hotel by a man calling him a "dirty Hun". The 6ft 6in, powerfully built Dick lifted his tormentor horizontally above his head and threw him through the hotel's front window. Because his sons were serving overseas, the police did not charge him.

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Even Lawrence's loyalty was questioned by a Motueka politician. MP Richard Hudson wrote to Defence Minister James Allen in April 1918 saying he had been informed Bensemman was making friends with the Germans in Samoa. When Allen contacted the commanding officer in Samoa he was told it had been Bensemman's job to communicate with local Germans but, in any case, Bensemman had left Samoa 13 months earlier.

In early 1918 Sergeant Lawrence Bensemman arrived in France via Wellington and Glasgow with the 33rd Reinforcements NZEF and was promoted to Lieutenant. When the war ended he returned to Wellington, thankful younger brother Norman and older brother Albert also made it home, though Albert had been wounded. Lawrence resumed his accountancy career and with wife Charlotte had two sons. He died in 1969, aged 78.

All 807 Kiwis undoubtedly have their own unique stories. Some, especially those from the early years, might never come to light. But until now the background of Kiwi number 101 Lawrence Otto Bensemman was also unknown. He was just a line in a rugby league history book. Now we know he was our only German-speaking Kiwi, and a man who overcame prejudices to make his mark in both his sporting and military pursuits.



Lawrence Otto Bensemman.
Photo Nelson Museum.

An advertisement for the Vodafone Warriors NRL team. It features two players in their dark blue and red jerseys, which prominently display the Vodafone logo. The player on the right is holding a white Steeden rugby ball. In the background, there is a large, stylized red and black graphic that says "Be the Tribe". The text "BUILD YOUR OWN MEMBERSHIP" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says "Choose the games that fit around YOUR schedule." and "starting from \$39". The Vodafone Warriors logo is in the bottom right corner, along with the website "WARRIORSFORVER.CO.NZ".

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The Mad Butchers Weekly NRL Tipping Comp.

By John Holloway

NRL Round 11

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Date/ Venue	Game							
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Fri 18 May ANZ	Eels v Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors
Fri 18 May Suncorp	Broncos v Roosters	Broncos	Roosters	Roosters	Roosters	Broncos	Roosters	Roosters
Sat 19 May CBus	Titans v Knights	Knights	Knights	Knights	Knights	Knights	Titans	Knights
Sat 19 May 1300Smiles	Cowboys v Rabbitohs	Cowboys	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs	Cowboys	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs
Sat 19 May AAMI	Storm V Sea Eagles	Storm	Storm	Storm	Storm	Storm	Storm	Storm
Sun 20 May GlenWillow Oval	Dragons v Raiders	Dragons	Dragons	Dragons	Dragons	Dragons	Dragons	Dragons
Sun 20 May Sth Cross	Sharks v Bulldogs	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks
Picks last week		2/8	6/8	2/8	2/8	3/8	3/8	4/8
Total picks		44	47	45	40	43	48	42

The Emotional Roller-Coaster Ride

THAT'S WHAT you get with the Warriors. One week on high next week on low, the saving grace is that we have banked 7 valuable wins and stay near the table top. Mind you this week and pretty much every week the results are not so much hard to pick as a they are diabolical. Point in case the Tipping panel who have a pretty good Rugby League pedigree had 5 punters scoring 2s and 3s. Go figure. To illustrate this, we toppled the Tigers last week adding to a set of Westie losses but this week we didn't fire a shot capitulating big-time to the Bondi junction boys zip versus 32. The beaten Tigers in turn got their tails up this week rounding up JT's supposedly back on track Far North Cattle Rustlers 20/12. The seemingly invincible front running Red V had easily bashed the Storm in Rd 9 but then get bounced relatively comfortably by the fast rising Rabbitohs who suddenly look like a real shot for the big dance. Man of the match Angus way cool Chrichton was the best forward on show all weekend, an accurate tackling machine with audacious attack abilities to boot. In joint second place would be his team-mates the 3 Burgess Boyos. Meanwhile the Storm recoiling from that Dragon roast had to work hard to get past a injury rejigged but willing Titans outfit 28/14 in the Brisbane double header opener. In the main event the bottom feeding Sea Eagles who had only 2 wins on the board surprised even Coach Barrett with their unexpected Suncorp triumph 38/24 over the bumbling Broncos, Bennett will not be happy. So, what I am saying is yes the mighty Warriors got bowled out but with 16 rounds left there's always a second innings. Kia kaha Homies.

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Mate against Mate, State against State, ladies bring a plate, yes the annual State of Origin stoush is just around the corner. The timing has been restructured to have less effect on selection affected sides so some traditional advantage the Warriors enjoyed is lessened but it remains an opportunity thru the series for some teams, dependent on injury and fatigue outcomes. I am a Maroons man I admit but given that Freddie Fittler selects the right youth plus experience combos I think the Blues might break the aging Queenslanders stranglehold. Conversely, loyalty to his aging but experienced combatants versus intro for new blood is the problem facing Coach Walters. Go you good things!!

TIPPING as I said is a tortuous exercise and this week no different. Big Joe Vagana broke thru with an stand-out 6 winners taking him to 47 points just one short of Nifty Nev, holding on tight to his lead. Yours truly High-Tackle with 4 thanks to picking the Rabbitohs upset (as forecast last week) and the chasing pack on 3s and 2's were left in the dust. Mate the job each week is less about picking winners and more about spotting the longshots. For all that in Rd 11 the panel looks fairly unanimous on the Panthers, Storm, Dragons and Sharks plus the WARRIORS as always...looking more closely and given the frailties of the Footy Gods I don't think any game is an obvious Gimmee and it could be 'Slim Pickins' sings again this week. Ka Kite Ano brothers and sisters.

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TWL Top 5 - Most Successful Warriors Halves Pairings

By Will Evans

AFTER A stellar start to his tenure in Auckland, veteran five-eighth Blake Green is being hailed as the Warriors' long-awaited halves saviour. The steady yin to Shaun Johnson's enigmatic yang; the Sonny to his Cher.

With five wins from six NRL outings together, Green and Johnson are well on the way to becoming one of the club's most fruitful No.6 and 7 combinations. But who have been the best pairings statistically in Warriors history?

MOST SUCCESSFUL WARRIORS HALVES PAIRINGS BY WIN PERCENTAGE (MIN 15 GAMES)

5. Stacey Jones and Lance Hohaia – 38 games (2002-09): 20 wins, 18 losses (52.6% win)

This duo had a charmed start together, notching an 11-2 win-loss ratio as Hohaia emerged as one of the standout rookies of 2002 and the Warriors clinched the minor premiership.

Hohaia ultimately came off the bench in the grand final, though, while his combination with Jones failed to produce similar success in subsequent seasons. The diminutive utility arguably produced his best football at fullback and hooker during a decade with the Warriors.

4. Shaun Johnson and Chad Townsend – 34 games (2014-15): 18 wins, 16 losses (52.9% win)

Unable to forge a regular first-grade spot at Cronulla, Townsend enjoyed a breakout season with the Warriors in 2014. Townsend, boasting the slickest white guy hairdo since Gene Ngamu, and Johnson combined for nine wins and seven losses that year as the Warriors went heartbreakingly close to a top-eight finish. They won half of their 18 games together in 2015 before Johnson suffered a season-ending broken ankle.

Townsend returned to the Sharks in 2016 predominantly due to a family illness. Ironically, he effectively swapped places with Jeff Robson, who had kept Townsend in reserve grade early in his career and linked with the Warriors for an ill-fated stint. Robson left Auckland before the halfway mark of the 2016 season while Townsend wore the No.7 in the Sharks' grand final triumph.

3. Stacey Jones and John Simon – 25 games (1999-2000): 14 wins, 1 draw, 10 losses (58% win)

Kicking off a quite frankly staggering top three is the talismanic Jones and journeyman Simon. Cut by Parramatta midway through 1999, the former Test and Origin halfback lobbed at the Auckland Warriors and was made captain in just his second game for the club.

Simon and Jones won seven of their 12 games together in '99 and combined for seven wins and a draw in 13 games in 2000 after Jones returned from a broken arm – despite Mark Graham's outfit finishing 11th (of 17) and 13th (of 14) respectively in those seasons.

Without Jones and Simon teaming up in the halves, the Warriors had an abhorrent 4-1-20 record in 1999-2000.

2. Grant Rovelli and Michael Witt – 30 games (2007-08): 17 wins, 1 draw, 12 losses (58.3% win)

Probably the least-heralded Warriors halves combo to play more than a handful of games together, Roveilli and Witt are the second-most successful pairing in the club's history.

Witt joined the Warriors in 2007 after stints with Parramatta and Manly. With Rovelli, the ace goalkicker helped guide the Warriors to their first finals appearance in four years – and the club's most recent top-four finish – with 13 wins and a draw in their 20 regular-season games together.

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Ivan Cleary mixed it up in 2008, with Nathan Fien occupying a starting jersey for much of the season; Witt and Rovelli battled it out for the other halves spot as the Warriors stormed to a preliminary final appearance.

Their unlikely success provides an age-old reminder that no matter how good your halves are, they can't fire without dominant forwards – as Witt and Rovelli had in 2007 with Price, Wiki, Luck and company. Johnson and a revolving cast of five-eighths have been hampered in recent years by an ailing pack; he and Green's brilliant start to 2018 has been aided by a revamped engine-room.

1. Brett Seymour and James Maloney – 20 games (2010-11): 12 wins, 8 losses (60% win)

Top marks if you predicted this pairing to boast the best winning percentage in Warriors history.

Wayward former Brisbane and Cronulla half Brett Seymour joined the Warriors in 2010, playing just 22 games across two seasons. But he teamed up with Maloney in 20 of them and the duo struck up a nice combination, steering the side to a fifth-placed finish in 2010.

They helmed a five-match winning streak together during the first half of 2011, but Seymour suffered a fractured eye socket in Round 11 then a broken thumb in his comeback match.

Seymour's misfortune allowed rookie sensation Shaun Johnson to lock down the No.7 jersey and spearhead the Warriors' drive to the grand final with Maloney, while Seymour joined Super League club Hull FC at the end of the year.

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New Kiwis Head Coach Named

*By Brooke Hurdell
NZRL*

THE NEW Zealand Rugby League (NZRL) can now confirm that Michael Maguire has been appointed to lead the Kiwis as Head Coach going forward.

In addition to this, the NZRL is also proud to announce that major sponsor Pirtek have extended their sponsorship of the Kiwis for the next four years including the 2021 Rugby League World Cup.

General Manager of Pirtek New Zealand, Chris Bourke was pleased to build on their decade long partnership with New Zealand Rugby League and said he “couldn’t wait to see what Michael Maguire has in store for the Kiwis.”

After a stringent application process conducted by the high-powered coach selection panel and chaired by Kiwi great Dean Bell, the NZRL Board finalised the appointment of Maguire earlier this week based on the panel’s recommendations. Bell was joined by Frank Endacott, Monty Betham and Waimarama Taumaunu who are confident that Maguire is the best person for the job.

“It was great to see Michael Maguire put his hand up for the role. The high calibre of applicants we had shows that top coaches can see the Kiwis’ potential and the prestige that comes with international rugby league,” Bell said.

When asked what the drawcard was, Maguire was full of excitement at the prospect of helping to foster a winning culture within the Kiwis camp.

“New Zealand already supplies a lot of the top talent in the National Rugby League (NRL) and English Super League (ESL) and they’ve got the biggest nursery as well as the most vocal, passionate and knowledgeable fans.

“Pride in that jersey isn’t just for players, it’s for the whole of New Zealand. That’s the task facing us all at the refreshed NZRL. I’m really excited to join Reon and the team to help build a winning culture that brings New Zealand back to the top of the rugby league world.

“2017 may not have gone in favour of the Kiwis but the beauty of that, is the opportunity to reflect and reset. My full focus now is on the Kiwis and what we can do to build processes that manifest success which is centred around the respect for the black and white jersey,” Maguire said.

His attention to detail and expertise in the high performance space caught the eyes of the Coach Selection panel, Dean Bell said.

“The panel were very impressed with the thought and detail that went into his presentation. He demonstrated thorough plans on how he would prepare for the Test matches this year and what needed to be done in preparation for the World Cup in 2021.

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“His obvious football knowledge was complemented by his passion for the game and the fact that he had quickly created premiership winning sides in both hemispheres also impressed the panel.

“He also displayed a sincere belief that he can consistently get our Kiwi players playing to their potential through his high performance coaching knowledge and instilling a genuine pride in pulling on the black jersey,” Bell added.

A key recommendation of the post 2017 World Cup review was that there should be more transparency and rigour around various appointments and NZRL Acting CEO, Hugh Martyn believes the panel’s input was integral to following through on this.

“Based on the Castle review’s recommendation, the Kiwis Head Coach eligibility criteria was updated to include overseas applicants.

“This means that wherever they come from, we are able to ensure the best person for the position is appointed and in this case, with an NRL Premiership and Super League title under his belt, Maguire was the right fit.

“NZRL is in a great position now compared to where it was a few months ago so it’s important that we maintain this forward momentum and continue to make improvements,” he said.

In the coming weeks, Maguire will work with the Player Selection Panel which includes Tawera Nikau, Hugh McGahan and Mark Horo, to work through selection criteria.

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GAMES PLAYED at Invercargill Saturday May 12th 2018

The first game of the day was to have been between Winton/ City combined team and South Pacific Raiders . South Pacific Raiders declared a default so there was no game .

The second game for the day was between Cooks RLC and Otago University RLC . The game was played in perfect conditions and kicked off at 2.30 pm . Cooks opened the score card virtually straight after the ref blew the start whistle ! Scoring a try and converting it . The stage was set very early for a great game. Cooks kept u the momentum and drive putting 7 tries on the board before halftime. University succeeded in scoring one try in the first half . At halftime the score card was definitely in Cooks favour with a score of 32 against University sitting on 4 .

The second half saw university tighten up on their defence with Cooks only gaining one try in the second half. University gained an additional try in the second half. Cooks worked hard to gain a win against University in a fast flowing and clean game of rugby league .

Results of games played in Dunedin last Saturday :

He Tauaa RLC vs Dunedin Bears RLC : He Tauaa 36 / Dunedin Bears 26

Cowboys RLC vs Kia Toa Tigers RLC : Cowboys 36 / Kia Toa 22

Next weekends fixtures . (May 19th)

Cooks face South Pacific Raiders in Dunedin and Winton / City face Otago University – also in Dunedin.

Cowboys RLC face Dunedin Bears at Invercargill and He Tauaa face Kia Toa Tigers – Also at Invercargill .



Auckland V Tonga Nz Residents Tickets On Sale Now

By Auckland Rugby League

TICKETS ARE now on sale for the Queen's Birthday Weekend representative showdown between Auckland and the Tonga New Zealand Residents at Mount Smart Stadium.

In addition to the feature match, which will see the two teams play for the Mann Cup, the Auckland Maori U20 will take on the Toa Samoa Invitational U20 in a curtain-raiser to the game on Saturday, June 2.

Cultural performances and a range of hospitality options will also form part of the match day experience.

Tickets are just \$10 for adults, \$6 for under-18s and seniors over-65, with children under five free. Family passes (two adults + three juniors) can be purchased for \$24.

[Auckland Rugby League clubs will benefit directly from the proceeds of ticket sales](#), with every purchaser able to nominate a local club of their choice, or the Auckland, Samoa and Tonga Rugby League bodies, for a cash rebate.

The Mann Cup will be the first time a Tongan side has played in Auckland since Mate Ma'a Tonga's stunning charge at the Rugby League World Cup last year, which saw a capacity crowd flock to Mount Smart Stadium for the semi-final against England.

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ARL Round UP

By ARL

An Ellerslie Eagles player carries the ball against Papatoetoe

Rd 6 SAS Fox Memorial Premiership Match Reports

Howick 16 Papakura 6

Howick got past a dogged Papakura 16-6 at Paparoa Park, in a match which saw no points scored through the entire second half. Howick wing Andre Singh did much of the damage with two tries, while in the middle of the park Hornets captain Jethro Friend stood out, getting through a mountain of work in defence.

Mangere East 14 Pt Chevalier 22

Pt Chevalier edged Mangere East to continue their unbeaten start to 2018. Up 10-4 at the break, the Pirates weren't able to pull away in the second, but iced the game late to secure the result at Walter Massey Park. The match saw the three Pasene brothers, Kitiona, Laupepa and Tama take the field together for Pt Chevalier for the first time.

Marist 18 Northcote 22

Northcote survived a late comeback from Marist to pick up their third win of the campaign. Momentum changed constantly throughout the match, with Marist mounting a late charge, with a try 15 minutes from time reducing the gap to four. Northcote wing Ted Donnelly scored a stunning 100-metre try in the win.

Otahuhu 6 Mt Albert 30

A hat-trick to winger Cortez Taulu helped Mt Albert to a big victory over Otahuhu in the Round 6 lives-treamed match. Up 16-0 at the break, the Lions hit another gear in the second to claim win number five for the year. Halfback Reece Joyce earned Man of the Match honours, terrorising Otahuhu with his long kicking game.

Glenora 52 Richmond 0

The Glenora Bears powered past Richmond at Harold Moody Park, ensuring they remain firmly set in the competition's top four. Winger James Taumata and centre Tapulaaia Pauli both scored doubles in the blowout, while former Kiwi international Epalahame Lauaki caused chaos on the edge.

Rd 4 Crown Lift Trucks Sharman Cup Match Reports

Papatoetoe 14 Ellerslie 52

The Ellerslie Eagles overcame the Papatoetoe Panthers to record a comfortable victory at Bert Henham Park. Eagles captain Vili Li helped himself to a double, while teenage standoff Hayden Mcleod-Crumpe was nearly perfect off the boot with his conversions. In a well beaten side, interchange man Womack Ili-Nanai was brilliant for Papatoetoe, scoring two tries and setting up their third.

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Otara 28 Manurewa 10

The Otara Scorpions proved too much for the injury-hit Manurewa Marlins, banking a 28-10 win, in what was their second victory of the year. Well in control at half-time, Otara scored 10 points in the second half to overrun the Marlins, who suffered three injuries inside the first 10 minutes of the game at Ngati Otara Park.

Hibiscus Coast 12 Ponsonby 30

Three tries to centre Michael Talaepa saw Ponsonby topple the Hibiscus Coast and secure their place in the second division's top three for at least another week. The road victory saw the Ponies turn a 12-4 half-time advantage into a comfortable margin come the end of the 80 minutes.

Bay Roskill 74 Manukau 4

The Bay Roskill Vikings maintained their spot at the top of the ladder in impressive fashion, running riot against the Manukau Magpies at Blockhouse Bay Reserve. Fullback Cori Vogel scored four tries for the Vikings, while back-rower Jerome Mamea grabbed a hat-trick and centre Lape Tafutu a double. The Magpies started strongly, but fell away badly in the second period.

Waitemata 8 Northern Brothers 14

Northern Brothers mounted a stirring comeback to pick up their second victory of the year, this time at the expense of Waitemata. Down 8-0 after just 10 minutes, Northern Brothers pulled the margin back by the hour mark, locking scores at 8-8, before full-back John Faaee popped up late in the match to score the winning try at the Ranui Domain.

Mt Wellington 6 Franklin 20

The Franklin Storm remain undefeated through their first month in the Crown Lift Trucks Sharman Cup. The Premiership newcomers moved past Mt Wellington to grab win number three for 2018. Up 16-6 at the break, Franklin battled against a lop-sided possession count in the second half to keep the Warriors scoreless through the final 40 minutes.

Pakuranga 22 New Lynn 4

The Pakuranga Jaguars jumped into the competition's top eight with a dominant performance against New Lynn. After forging a narrow advantage at the break, Pakuranga put together a big second stanza, scoring 14 unanswered points to pick up their second victory of the year.



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LAST SUNDAY was an action packed day full of Netball in Auckland with both the Beko Netball League and ANZ Premiership playing back to back matches The Trusts Arena in Auckland.

The Beko Netball League match, played as the curtain raiser game for the ANZ Premiership, saw the Northern Marvels take on the Northern Comets in a highly anticipated local derby match. The thriller of a match ended up in a 49-49 draw, with little separating the teams at each quarter break.

Captain of the Northern Comets, Chonaire Huriwai, said she “couldn’t be happier” with her team’s ability to claw back the deficit in the deciding spell.

“We were a bit slow to start off with but we came off each quarter really wanting to pick up that intensity, pick up that urgency and I think we were able to build on that throughout the match” she said.

The ANZ Premiership’s second round commenced on Sunday when the SKYCITY Mystics took on the Northern Stars, with both teams looking for their first win of the season. This game was the first match in the new Barfoot and Thompson Northern Challenge, which will be decided between the two teams over the course of the three matches they play against each other this season.

At the start of the match, it was the Stars who got away to a flyer, scoring the first three goals before the Mystics made a strong reply with the next five.

Both teams made changes in their shooting ends on the resumption, Folau making her entrance for Hume while Halpenny took over from Griffin in the Stars circle.

Both circles showed the benefits, the Stars levelling within 90 seconds in a tight second stanza, and the Mystics, on occasion, threatening to blow the game open but kept in check by the ever-challenging visitors.

It wasn’t until the last quarter as the Mystics to take the lead and Stars were forced to play with only six due to a repeated infringement from one of their players that the final result looked to be certain.

Final score: 60 – 54 to Mystics.

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Riccarton Knights Anti Bullying Campaign

Hi there Sir Peter

I HOPE YOU well and lavishing all the greatness of the Warriors success this season!!

I am working alongside the Mental Health Foundations Pink Shirt Day campaign for Anti-Bullying awareness. Our Rugby League club were the first one to participate last year and we are roaring out with the same message again reaching out to our wider community in support of encouraging positive behaviours and breaking stigmas about Rugby League.

Our governing body Canterbury Rugby League have recently had serious issues with referee abuse/incidences. These type of issues put our game at risk, we need these referees without them there wouldn't be a game!! As a club we are keen to promote respect and value for all of our league family.

I hope that you could please read our letter attached and consider popping our story in your newsletter. We are leading into the campaign this weekend with our Senior teams wearing Pink Socks so there will be some photos after this weekend.

I really appreciate your support and work you do for Rugby League and that you do extend this out to the grass roots clubs, last year you were very kind donating to our Quiz Night fundraiser for our junior section!

Thanks Sir Peter, have a great day!! :-)

Renee Barclay

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Hi there

The Riccarton Knights Rugby League Club in Christchurch, this month are supporting the Mental Health Foundations "Pink Shirt Day" Anti Bullying awareness's campaign. We were the first Rugby League club in NZ to participate last year and received a lot of positive feedback. We are stepping up our show of support this year of what we identify as a important, message and cause to our own members and wider community that matches with our own club values. Our junior section are wearing pink strapping tape as arm bands at their games. Our senior and 16 years teams are taking to the fields wearing Pink Socks to show their support!

The official day for Pink Shirt Day is Friday 18 May. We are hosting a fundraiser disco "The Pink Knight Out" on Saturday 19 May with raffles and prizes. We also have created special awards and will hold an awards ceremony following the disco with recipients being acknowledged for their own qualities that match each category, The Kind Knight, The Mate/Bro Award, The Brave Knight and The All Star Knight, we strive to encourage and role model positive behaviours and encouraging attitudes. As a club these are important values to facilitate a inclusive, supportive and engaging environment for all our players and families.

We would greatly appreciate any support you may wish to offer with this campaign. We would love donations that could be used as raffle prizes, giveaways or a special gift to our award recipients.

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Thank you for your time and consideration, I look forward to response and please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards
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"The Courageous"

The All Star Knight



This Knight is an overall standout. Cool, friendly, respectful and humble. Who values everything Knights!

"The Superstar"

Reader Mail

Good afternoon mate.

ONLY IF you have some spare space in your weekly newsletter.
The Hauraki Tigers Juniors Rugby League kids got underway for the 2018 season on Sunday in Paeroa hosting the Mercury Bay Boars and Taniwharau.

The Under 6's, 10's and 13's all took to the field, first up saw the little Under 6's, what an great game between the Tigers and Boars, the little Tigers winning, followed by the same two clubs in the Under 10's that saw the Tigers win as well and the big game between the MB Boars and Taniwharau in the Under 13's Taniwharau team outplaying the Boars.

Overall a great day held in Paeroa, good luck to all the teams for the season ahead.

Hauraki Tigers 'Keeping the Faith' with the Vodafone Warriors - Go the Mighty Warriors' and thank you Sir Peter Leitch.

Rino (Reno) Wilkinson



The Pommy guys who bring so much enjoyment into the lounge Neil Saxton, Michael Anderson, Peter Taylor (the ring leader), Adam Worth, Tony Woolley and Paul Saxton..



Some of the group that did the tour of the stadium Got a bonus a photo with Shaun Johnson



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Andrew Fifita is one of the most polarising players in the game, but he's only worried about the opinions of those who love him. In lieu of injured senior players at Cronulla, Fifita has stepped up as captain and although it's not a role he covets, he says he's happy to do anything for his team-mates.

At the end of 2015 Wests Tigers fullback Corey Thompson had to leave the NRL for England to have a chance at playing top flight rugby league. With no other offers in sight, Thompson joined Widnes where he played for two years before Ivan Cleary plucked him out of obscurity. Now that he has a second chance he's not about to relinquish it.

Social media is a minefield for players in the digital age. That's why Dene Halatau and the NRL Well-being and Education team are visiting each club to enact various scenarios during a theatre sports session to make sure players are aware of where things can go wrong, fast.

Cameron Smith's retirement from representative football has kicked up a new round of speculation in the already hot topic of State of Origin selections. Queensland legend Petero Civoniceva says changes could mean players are picked on reputation rather than form in 2018.

PLUS... This Week in History, the Jennings brothers, Brock Lamb playing for an NRL contract and a special edition Cameron Smith poster.

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Bonjour SIR,

HOPE YOU'RE well, but i suppose yes reading your newsletters.

I hear the kiwis come in France in november, i'll see you there so.

Send you some photos of one of your boys (SAM RAPIRA) playing now in TOULOUSE,

Allez les Warriors !

Keep in touch,

All the best Pascal

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