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Magnificent Kiwis Win



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In the Stacey Jones Lounge

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David Kidwell presents Kevin with the speaker system.



Ex Kiwi and Kiwi Coach David Kidwell and ex Kiwi Jeremy Smith 22 tests, 215 NRL games.



Ex Kiwi Mark Horo a current Kiwis selector talks with Sir Peter.



FORMER Kiwi Jeremy Smith who flew over from aussie for the game won the Panasonic shaver.



Gordon Henderson wins the Joseph Parker boxing glove.



Gerald Beale 11 test Kiwi having a chat before the game.



Joseph Tapine 7 test Kiwi in the lounge before the game.



Jamayne Isaako popped up to the lounge for a chat.



Sir Peter with Joseph Tapine, Gerald Beale and Jamayne Isaako current Kiwi Squad members all popped into the lounge before the game.



Lyn Goldsmith who is a regular in the lounge won a Vodafone cell phone.



Lyndsay Proctor 13 tests for the Kiwis and Kevin Tamati 22 tests for the Kiwis.



Member of NZ Rugby League Masters 2008 team, our own lounge member Peter Taylor.

In the Stacey Jones Lounge

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Sir Peter Speaks with Kiwi Legend Kevin Tamati.



Sir Peter talks with EX Kiwi Jeremy Smith about his career played 215 games in the NRL and 22 tests for the Kiwis.



Lorraine McKee who flies up from Christchurch to every Warriors game wins the Panasonic Digital Wireless Headphones.



Tammy Potini entertains the crowd with another great song sung to perfection.



Te Arahi Maiti & ex Kiwi Kevin Tamati and Tammy Potini sing.



Tyler Sullivan and James Baxendale Canterbury and current NZ Residents rep.



Adam Worth a regular in the lounge won the digital bluetooth speaker.



Sir Peter with immortal Andrew Johns played 24 games for Australia 23 games for NSW in state of origin 249 games for the Newcastle knights and is won the golden boot award and had won the Dally M Medal 3 times and was named the 8th immortal a legend in our game and great mate of the butcher

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That Was A Long Time Coming

By David Kemeys

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



THE ODDS of the Kiwis beating the Kangaroos should have been slashed as soon as I revealed I could not go.

Talk about a rip-off, all those dreary floggings I sat through and a game I can't attend, so I can meet the daughter's boyfriend who has travelled from Saudi Arabia to meet the family, rolls around and we win.

At least I can amuse myself by reading the Aussie papers and watch them tear lumps off their side, but to my horror they were quite gracious in defeat, lauding the Kiwis for a superb display, in particular Josph Manu, the Tokoroa Terror, who made Latrell Mitchell look a mug more than once.

Their papers called it an upset but I wasn't, far from it, instead I loved watching the Kangaroos 13-game winning streak end and coach Mal Meninga suffering his first ever test loss.

No Johnathan Thurston, Cooper Cronk, Billy Slater or Cameron Smith, and it showed, because we were better than them throughout, or at least after a shaky start anyway.

The Aussies are facing a rebuild and Tonga must be licking their lips.

Shaun Johnson was named man of the match but I thought our forwards absolutely laid the platform, with Jared Waerea-Hargreaves showing more of the great form that made him such a critical part of the Roosters' Grand Final triumph.

In truth Australia's two late tries hid our dominance, and at the end of the day that result will go a long way to restoring faith in the Kiwis after all the poor results and off-field issues we have endured.

And the poor crowd must underline how disenchanted the public were, which is a great shame, but understandable.

Our first win over the Roos since 2015 is something to celebrate and the manner of it even more so, especially given we recovered from a 12-8 halftime deficit despite a wealth of possession and territory.

The old Butcher was pretty happy when his Waiheke Island lad Brandon Smith played so well and even scored a try on debut, pointing to RAMS, the local side he hails from, written on his wrist tape.

But despite performances like those put in by Smith and Manu, this one epitomised the power of moulding a group of individuals into a genuine team. They played for each other, showed enormous pride, and got the reward.

Mal Stays Loyal

Kangaroos coach Mal Meninga has vowed to stick by his side.

Big mal says he 'hates losing' but won't be making any changes ahead of Saturday's clash with Tonga.

"I can't fault the effort and attitude and desire the players had, we just need to execute better."

Would it not be great to watch the red wave that is Tonga roll the world champions too?

Tonga were amazing at the World Cup and I was privileged to see them play in Hamilton, which was an incredible experience, and to see them again at Mt Smart against England, which was even more magnificent.

Without a doubt it was the best and most memorable experience I have ever had at a league game.

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The dancing, the singing, the cheering, the good natured banter of the crowd that turned Mt Smart and its surrounding area into a New Zealand outpost of the Pacific Island Kingdom was very special indeed.

If you aren't going to the match try and get close to the ground just to witness what happens. You won't be disappointed.

I still recall talking to former Great Britain star Gary Schofield after the game and he admitted he had never seen anything like it.

The Kiwis probably did Tonga no favours really, because Meninga and his charges will be desperate to get back on track.

I will say this though. They should have to do it without Luke Keary. I just cannot get my head around how he could have copped two knees to the head that left him in la-la land, yet he's okay to play seven days later.

That does not seem to me to doing everything you can to protect player welfare.

It would be a plus for Tonga that is for sure because the Daly Cherry-Evans and Ben Hunt partnership was awful.

Meanwhile Mal says after winning 13 of their last 16 against us, the landscape of the international game has shifted.

I'm not so convinced, but it still feels better to be hoping the Kiwis can travel to England and build on that success, than it does to travel there off the back of another flogging.

Some Excuses At Last

Having said the Aussie papers were gracious in defeat I did find a bit of excuse-making going on in the Courier Mail.

"Obviously the media will be talking about the Kangaroos are vulnerable in our transition. We've got a bit of work to do. I can assure you we'll be ready for next week," Mal said, adding Tonga would definitely "think we're beatable".

New captain Boyd Cordner chipped in, especially defending Damien Cook, who did not have the best night, kept to four runs for 38 metres.

Cordner said the transition was always going to be difficult after losing so many greats of the game.

"I don't think you can replace a bloke like Cameron Smith. He's one of the best.

"In saying that we picked a side that's in some good form. Damien has been one of the best players in the NRL this year. I thought he played good. He did a lot of tackles and a lot of cleaning up for us."

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By Barry Ross
Australian Correspondent

Australian Column

Michael Maguire (NZ Kiwis coach) and Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (NZ Kiwis captain).

Photo www.photosport.nz

MICHAEL MAGUIRE'S price tag went up after New Zealand's well deserved 26-24 win over the Australians at Mt. Smart on Saturday. The whole team gave plenty to achieve this memorable victory and Maguire's tactics were first class. Already the new Kiwi coach's name has been linked to the Broncos, the Wests Tigers and Manly and no doubt some other clubs will show some interest. Maguire and his team fly out on Monday for England and on their efforts against the Kangaroos are capable of winning the Test series against England. The players responded to Maguire's coaching on Saturday night and that was obvious by the comments some of the team made after the win. Another exciting thing for New Zealand Rugby League is the age of the new boys. Centres Joey Manu and Esan Marsters, along with hooker Brandon Smith are only 22, while captain Dallin Watene-Zelezniak is just 23. Not only do this foursome have big futures in NRL club football, they are also set to shine on the international stage for many years. And what about Jared Waerea-Hargreaves. I don't mean to single him out, as all the Kiwi forwards were terrific, but the enthusiasm of the 29 year old Roosters prop inspired his team-mates. The whole day at Mt. Smart was a credit to the New Zealand Rugby League. I watched all three matches on TV at my home in Sydney. The day was off to a great start with the skills of both the Junior Kangaroos and Junior Kiwis on show. Both teams had quality players.

The NRL coaching saga continues. Where will Ivan Cleary and Wayne Bennett be in 2019. From what has been said in the media, Bennett appears likely to remain at the Broncos while Cleary could move to Penrith sooner rather than later. And Des Hasler has re-surfaced. He has been on holidays in Europe but is now back home. He has been mentioned as the new Manly coach and this may already be the case when our readers see this latest newsletter. Many believed Hasler's first grade coaching days were over and if Manly sign him, will the club move out of the rut they are now in. Time will tell.

The Rugby League Emerging Nations World Championship finished in Sydney last Saturday. Malta won the big prize when they defeated Niue 24-16 in the Cup Final at St. Marys. Malta 24 (Nathan Benson 2, Jarrod Zammut, Jono Dallas, Jake Attard tries; Jarrod Zammut 2 goals) beat Niue 16 (Justice Utatao, Christian Ulukita, George Lolo tries; Eddy Paea 2 goals). London Broncos half, Jarrod Zammut played well for Malta. Poland won the Trophy Final, beating the Philippines 14-10 and the Solomon Islands took out the Plate Final with a 56-14 win over Hong Kong. In the Regional Confederation Cup Final, Mediterranean-Middle East 32 beat African United 6, while Australia took the Physical Disability Test Series, two Tests to one, when they won the third Test 14-8.

Several big name Australian sporting stars from the past have featured in the Sydney media during the last week or so. Now 61 years of age, SHANE GOULD AM, MBE, won the TV reality programme Australian Survivor last week and took home the \$500,000 prize money. As a 15 year old at the 1972, Munich Games, Shane won five Olympic swimming medals including three Gold. She is the only person, male or female, to hold every world swimming record from 100 metres to 1,500 metres, plus the 200 metres individual medley, simultaneously, which she did from 12 December 1971 to 1 September 1972.

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Born in Sydney, Shane now lives in Tasmania with her second husband, Milton Nelms, whom she married in 2007. JAN STEPHENSON, OAM, was recently inducted into the Golf Hall of Fame. Born in Sydney, Jan is now 66 and lives in Florida. During her successful career, she won three women's majors, including the 1983 US Open. NBA (National Basketball Association) Championship winner, ANDREW BOGUT, has returned to the Australian Basketball League. Born in Melbourne on 28 November 1984, Andrew played professional basketball in the USA for 13 seasons. He played a total of 695 NBA matches with the Milwaukee Bucks, the Golden State Warriors, the Dallas Mavericks, the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Los Angeles Lakers. In 2015, playing with the Golden State Warriors, he was a member of the NBA Championship winning team. He also represented Australia at three Olympics, 2004, 2008 and 2016. He missed the London 2012 Games because of a broken ankle. On 24 April this year, he signed a two year contract with the Sydney Kings and last Saturday at the Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney, played his first competition match with his new club. Unfortunately the Kings were defeated 94-83 by the Adelaide 36ers.

Around 6,000 fans turned up to Campbelltown Stadium, which is about 60 kms south west of the Sydney business centre, last Friday night to watch the Central Coast Mariners A-league soccer team play a trial match with the Macarthur South West minor league club. The big attraction for most people was the appearance of the world's fastest person, USAIN BOLT, who played with the Mariners. The Jamaican did not let the fans down and scored two goals. Usain has been awarded two civil honours and is Usain Bolt OJ CD. OJ is the Order of Jamaica and CD is a Commander of the Order of Distinction. The two goals will help the Olympic sprinter in his quest to be offered a contract by the Mariners but that is not a certainty and wont be decided for a week or so. The Australian A-League season starts this coming weekend and the Mariners opening match is in Brisbane on Sunday 21 October against the Roar at Suncorp Stadium. In other soccer news, the Australian women's team, the Matildas, played a 1-all draw with England on Wednesday 10 October at Craven Cottage at Fulham in London. The Matildas have a two match series coming up with Chile in November. The two teams play at the Penrith Rugby League Stadium on Saturday 10 November and then at McDonald Jones Stadium in Newcastle three days later on 14 November. The Australian Mens team, the Socceroos, played Kuwait in Kuwait last night, Tuesday 16 October.v



**Good luck to Tonga playing Australia
this Saturday at Mt Smart**



By John Coffey

DWZ Was My Man Of The Week

Photo www.photosport.nz

SHAUN JOHNSON was awarded the Charles Savory Medal in the Kiwis' 26-24 victory over the Kangaroos at Mt Smart Stadium on Saturday, and good on him. He bewildered the Australian defence in the build-up to the last two tries and his kicking of three difficult conversions made the difference in the end. But if Johnson was Player of the Day then Dallin Watene-Zelezniak was my Man of the Week leading up to and including the Test.

Mature way beyond his 23 years, DWZ followed in the sprig marks of his great grandfather, Puti Tipene (Steve) Watene. Dallin led the haka, as Steve had done as a 19-year-old on his first tour to Australia in 1930, and his captaincy was inspirational. Steve Watene had been the first Maori to captain New Zealand in 1936 and 1937. He also captained New Zealand Maori to their greatest victory over the 1937 Kangaroos at Carlaw Park.

The Kiwis conceded an early converted try but a bustling DWZ run from fullback righted what threatened to be a listing ship. He continued to join his hard-working middle forwards to take the game to the Aussies, cut down James Tedesco in a goal-line tackle which prevented the Kangaroo fullback extending their 12-8 half-time lead, and would have had a try of his own but for the all-Australian bunker finding a phantom knock-on.

Coach Michael Maguire made an inspired choice in naming DWZ as the second youngest Test captain after Stephen Kearney (21 years 148 days). But Kearney was promoted to the role in the third 1993 Test against Britain while on tour rather than being an original appointee. DWZ had impressed Maguire on the mid-year Denver trip – it had some value after all – and the young man excelled in all his pre-match public duties.

An injury to Dylan Edwards provided DWZ with valuable experience as Penrith's fullback, rather than wing, during the NRL season. He was arguably our best player in Denver and hopefully the Panthers have taken notice. Maguire now has the task of deciding between DWZ and that other hyphenated fullback and captain, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, for the number one jersey in 2019. Remember, RTS is a pretty useful wing too!

There was no weak link in the Kiwis from about the seventh minute until the seventy-fifth as the home team dominated an Australian rival lacking the wiles of Cameron Smith and the brilliance of Jonathan Thurston to dig them out of a hole. A completion rate of 92 per cent (against 72) was reflected in run metres of 1621 to 1308. The Kangaroos made 12 of the 17 errors and were forced to take three of the four goal-line drop-outs.

Joseph Manu (Kiwi number 815) and Brandon Smith (816) were outstanding on debut. Manu was part of a right-side edge defence which needs some work but generally had the better of clubmate Latrell Mitchell. He palmed Mitchell off in scoring his try and brilliantly laid on the match-winner for wing partner Jordan Rapana. Manu and Esan Marsters – who now has two tries in two Tests – provide the Kiwis with a quality centre pairing.

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Because Cameron Smith had retired from representative football, Brandon Smith was used as a Storm interchange forward this year but he smoothly reverted to dummy-half and did his Waiheke Rams junior club proud. A bulldozing Smith try restored the Kiwis to the lead after 54 minutes but the bunker denied him another after 74 minutes, ruling he placed the ball on an opponents' boot. That would have extended the lead to 32-12.

Jared Waerea-Hargreaves produced his finest performance in a black and white jersey and Jesse Bromwich and Kevin Proctor found redemption in their comeback appearances. James Fisher-Harris is a Test player to the core and interchange quartet Kenny Bromwich, Marty Taupau, Leeson Ah Mau and Adam Blair more than maintained the momentum. But to me the unsung hero was workaholic second-rower Isaac Liu.

Halves Johnson and Kodi Nikorima benefited from the deeds of the big boys and had more freedom to unveil their talents than Kangaroo rivals Daly Cherry-Evans and Luke Keary (and Ben Hunt after Keary was concussed when tackling Proctor). Wings Rapana and Ken Maumalo and centres Manu and Marsters all crossed for tries and DWZ should have been awarded one too. It was all pretty much out of the text book.

In the opening and closing minutes, and right on halftime after the first marginal bunker call, the Kangaroos showed how dangerous Tedesco, Mitchell, Valentine Holmes and company can be in claiming four long-range tries. But their forwards were out-played and coach Mal Meninga had no complaints in his first losing press conference in 14 Tests. It will be a long week in Auckland for the 'Roos leading up to the Tonga Test.

Scorers: New Zealand 26 (Ken Maumalo, Joseph Manu, Brandon Smith, Esan Marsters, Joseph Rapana tries; Shaun Johnson 3 goals) beat Australia 24 (Valentine Holmes, Dane Gagai, Felise Kaufusi, James Tedesco tries; Holmes 4 goals). Halftime: 8-12. Referee: Ashley Klein (Australia). Penalties: 5-5. Attendance: 12,763.



The Waiheke Smith Whanau after the game with Brandon

From left

Dad Shane proudly wearing the Waiheke rams polo ,
younger brother Jayden,

Brandon, Older brother Dylan, Mum Tirohia and
older sister Victoria



Brandon with some of his family after the Kiwis great win

Jayden Brandon Dylan Victoria



Amber Kani scores a try.
Photo www.photosport.nz



By John Coffey

Slow Start Cost The Kiwi Ferns

THE ONE constant in the triple header at Mt Smart was the manner in which the Australian teams blasted out of the blocks so much faster than their New Zealand rivals. Both senior and junior men's teams conceded tries within a couple of minutes of the kick-offs, while the Kiwi Ferns found themselves 12-0 behind in quick time. Dare I suggest the haka could be more distracting to the performers than the intended recipients?

Both the Junior Kiwis and Kiwi Ferns actually recovered to lead the Junior Kangaroos and Jillaroos, respectively, but having to overhaul such talented opponents can be draining and it was the Aussies who finished on the stronger in both instances. It's probably no consolation but the Ferns participated in another outstanding advertisement for women's rugby league and the brave Junior Kiwis bowed only to greater NRL experience.

It has been a watershed year for the women's game, already highlighted by the first State of Origin match and the inaugural NRL competition, and now climaxed by the Jillaroos' thrilling 26-24 victory. Tries were shared at five apiece and the Ferns were unfortunate to lose Grand Final hero and goalkicker Kimiora Nati and co-captain Laura Mariu to injuries before falling to a late try by dashing centre Isabelle Kelly.

Ferns centre Honey Hireme topped the run metres with 213, ahead of Kelly (192), while rival hookers Brit-tany Breayley (45 for Australia) and Nita Maynard (38) topped the tackle counts. The vision and skills shown by players such as Ferns five-eighth Raecene McGregor and Jillaroos halfback Ali Brigginsshaw left lasting impressions, while Ferns interchange forwards Annetta Nuuausale and Sui Tauaua-Pauaraisa made indelible impacts.

Chanel Harris-Tavita's incredible "scorpion kick" to himself to set up a try for Isaiah Papali'i which nudged the Junior Kiwis into a 12-6 lead was still a talking point even after the young Roos' had completed their 40-24 victory. Both teams scored spectacular tries but the visitors displayed the firmer defence and better ball control. In Jake Clifford – Jonathan Thurston's North Queensland apprentice – they also had the Man of the Match.

It was a family day at Mt Smart. Kiwis brothers Jesse and Kenny Bromwich tasted victory at the expense of the Trbojevic brothers, Tom and Jake. Brother and sister pair Jordan Rapana (Kiwis) and Tamzin Gray (Jillaroos) both scored tries in their teams' victories. Esan Marsters (Kiwis) and Steven Marsters (Junior Kiwis) were also try-scorers. Shawn Blore (Junior Roos) gained bragging rights over elder brother Dean (Junior Kiwis).

Meanwhile, Thomas Leuluai enjoyed his second Super League Grand Final triumph when Wigan clinched a late victory over Warrington 12-4 at Old Trafford. The Wigan hero was wing Dominic Manfredi, who scored two of the three tries, including the match winner, in only his fifth game back from two years on the sidelines through injury. Fittingly, Manfredi scored the winner with his head bandaged after a nasty collision.

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Wigan is no stranger to being acclaimed Britain's champion club but this one was special because it ended Shaun Wane's 30-year association as player and coach. Warrington has never won a Super League title in the modern era and its last first division championship was as far back as 1955. Earlier this year Warrington lost the Challenge Cup final to Catalans Dragons. Despite train strikes, there were 64,892 fans at Old Trafford.

Scorers:

Australian Jillaroos 26 (Isabelle Kelly 2, Julia Robinson, Ali Briginshaw, Tamzin Gray tries; Chelsea Baker 3 goals) beat Kiwi Ferns 24 (Langi Veainu 2, Annetta Nuuausala, Maitua Feterika, Amber Kani tries; Apii Nicholls 2 goals). Halftime: 12-4.

Junior Kangaroos 40 (Tino Fa'asuamaleaui 2, Enari Tuala 2, Louis Geraghty, Thomas Fleglar, Corey Allan tries; Zac Lomax 6 goals) beat Junior Kiwis 24 (Sean Mullany, Isaiah Papali'i, Jackson Ferris, Joseph Vuna, Steven Marsters tries; Chanel Harris-Tavita 2 goals). Halftime: 24-16.

Wigan 12 (Dominic Manfredi 2, Tom Davies tries) beat Warrington 4 (Josh Charnley try). Halftime: 8-4.

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Kiwis Associate Reunion Held on Sunday

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The whole 2018 Kiwis squad attended the reunion along with some ex Kiwi Ferns



3 ex Kiwis Joe Vagana & Henry Fa Afili and Lesley Vainikolo who also played rugby for England.



Can you spot former Kiwis coach Frank Endacott in this photo.



Ex Kiwi Brian Tracey & ex Kiwi Ray Williams & Sir Peter (2005 Kiwis manager).



Ex Kiwi Dean Lonergan & Jim Doyle ex CEO OF NZRL & NZ Warriors now with the NRL.



Ex Kiwi Graham Brown who flew up from the South Island, ex Kiwi and captain Graeme Farrar who flew in from the Gold Coast and Ken Stirling ex Kiwi and captain.



Father and son both Kiwis Don & Duane Mann was a Kiwi captain.



Fred Ah Kuoi ex Kiwi and captain with Luisa Avaiki a former Kiwi Fern & captain and current coach of the Vodafone Warriors woman's team.



Graeme West ex Kiwi in Kiwi captain when the Kiwis beat Australia in a test & Shontayne Hape ex Kiwi.



Howie Tamati ex Kiwi captain, coach and now NZRL president, Paul Whatuira ex Kiwi & Kevin Tamati ex Kiwi.



Lovely to have some of our ex Kiwi Ferns at our Kiwis Association Reunion. Samantha Rowe, Luisa Avaiki & Tammi Wilson Uluinayau.



Martin Taupau, Stacey Jones, Leeson Ah Mau, Paul Whatuira. 2 current Kiwis and two EX Kiwi's.



Our 3 oldest ex Kiwis at the reunion Roy Moore, Ray Cranch and Alan Riechelmenn.



Quentin Pongia ex Kiwi & Ex Kiwi Peter Brown and Mark Horo ex Kiwi.



Ruben Wiki ex Kiwi Captain & Gary Prohm ex Kiwi.



Shane Varley (ex Kiwi) proudly showing of the book All Blacks to All Gold which everyone that attended the reunion received with ex Kiwi Mike Patton.



Some of the ex Kiwis and Kiwi ferns who attended the reunion on Sunday.



The ex referees who attended the reunion.



This is a fine bunch of EX Kiwi's and one manager.



Tony Iro ex Kiwi & Monty Betham ex Kiwi.



Tony Tuimavave ex Kiwi & David Kidwell ex Kiwi player and coach.



Was an honour to have my photo taken with these ex Kiwi ferns. Luisa Avaiki, Emma Cairns, Samantha Rowe, Tammi Wilson Uluinayau & Fale Kumitau.



Ex Kiwi Graeme Farrar brought several trophies over from AUSSIE for the NZRL MUSEUM.



Ex Kiwi Richie Blackmore & Shontayne Hape ex Kiwi & played rugby for England.



Greg Peters CEO NZ Rugby League (in the middle) and Kiwi Legend Quentin Pongia on the left with his brother Brendon who played basketball for NZ on the right.



Lindsay Proctor ex Kiwi and Shane Varley ex Kiwi.



Murray Eade (Kiwi 491) and Graham Brown (Kiwi 453).



Tawera Nikau ex Kiwi now on the NZRL Board, Mike Patton and Mark Bourneville ex Kiwi & played for France.



Ruben Wiki (Kiwi no 544) and Mark Horo (Kiwi no 603).



Richie Blackmore & Dale Husband MC on the day.



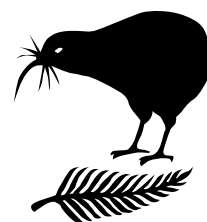
The 2018 Committee of the NZ Kiwis Association. Back row from the left Alan Messenger, Graeme Coutts, Lindsay Proctor, Shane Cooper, Ray Haffendon, Juanita Woodhouse and Brian Keane.



The Kava KING Ruben & ex Kiwi Mark Horo who is also a Kiwis selector.



Two former Kiwis. Graeme Farrar (no. 398, captain in 1966) and Ken Stirling (no. 489, captain from 1974 - 1978).



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Auckland 16s win big over Auckland Niue

By ARL

U16 Auckland v U16 Auckland Niue.

THE AUCKLAND U16 representative side proved too strong for their Auckland Niue counterparts on Saturday, powering to a 40-16 victory at Cornwall Park.

The Aucklanders scored four first-half tries to lead 20-6, and were just as good in the second period, ensuring they had the game wrapped up by the time the final quarter rolled around.

It took just four minutes for Auckland to get on the board, with Jacob Hollobon bursting through, before Zedric Timai doubled the lead ten minutes later.

Valingi Kepu hit back for Auckland Niue just before the half hour, with Teariki Ford converting to cut the gap to two, but tries to Josh Tanielu and Ioane Stowers inside the final five minutes gave Auckland a comfortable lead at the break.

Lleyton Finau, Isaac Booth, Luciano Iketau and Soane Kolotau all crossed for second-half tries to blow the scoreline out, with Kina Kopu scoring a late consolation for the Niueans.

U16 Auckland 40 (Jacob Hollobon, Zedric Timai, Josh Tanielu, Ioane Stowers, Lleyton Finau, Issac Booth, Soane Kolotau, Luciano Iketau, Josh Tanielu tries; Lleyton Finau x1 Rylee Wikitera-Mataio x1 conversions) def. U16 Auckland Niue 10 (Valingi Kepu, Kina Kopu tries; Teariki Ford x1). HT: 20-6. At Cornwall Park

Auckland 18S Win Rep Thriller

THE AUCKLAND U18s fought off a spirited Auckland Niue comeback to win their representative clash 24-18 in Auckland on Saturday.

Through the first half, a torrid battle saw most of the

game confined to the middle of the park, with scoring opportunities few and far between.

But after 25 minutes, Auckland Niue finally found a breakthrough, crossing via Matthias Ikinoto, who just a few minutes later would have a double, giving his side an 8-0 advantage.

Despite having hardly any possession in attacking territory, Auckland did manage to fight their way back, with Isaiah Vagana powering through a gaping hole from close range, for a try which Hayden Mcleod-Crumpe converted, to cut Niue's lead to 8-6 at the break.

But it was a different story in the second half, with Auckland finding another level, and with it three tries.

First Hayden Mcleod-Crumpe and David Fale crossed to give Auckland a handy lead, before Dray Roberts darted over and Mcleod-Crumpe kicked a penalty to stretch their advantage to 16 points.

Back-to-back Auckland Niue tries inside the final 10 minutes gave Auckland a late scare, but the hosts were good enough to hold on for victory.

U18 Auckland 24 (Isaiah Vagana, Hayden Mcleod-Crumpe, David Fale, Dray Roberts tries; Hayden Mcleod-Crumpe x4 conversions) def. U18 Auckland Niue 18 (Matthias Ikinoto x2, Sam Moate-Brown, Manase Fakaosila tries; Blade Kamnuhemu x1 conversion). HT: 6-8. At Cornwall Park



Southern Zone 19s Wrap

By Will Evans

CANTERBURY EMERGED from the Southern Zone Rugby League 19s tournament undefeated, but West Coast and Otago returned home from two action-packed days in Christchurch with their heads held high after some encouraging results.

The teams played four games each across a gruelling Saturday and Sunday schedule at Knights Stream Park.

Canterbury and West Coast kicked off the tournament on a chilly Saturday morning, with the host province powering away to a 28-12 win after leading just 10-6 at halftime.

West Coast backed up to play Otago in the second game and led 18-8 at the break, before running out of steam and being held to a 22-all draw by the resurgent southerners. Rockcote Canterbury Bulls halfback Brad Campbell scored a hat-trick and booted three goals for the Coast.

It was then Otago's turn to feel the fatigue of back-to-back assignments, blitzed 34-6 in the first half by Canterbury in the final game of day one. But Otago showed plenty of character to win the second half in an eventual 40-14 loss.

West Coast stormed out of the blocks on day two, racking up a 50-10 win over Otago with Campbell tallying 18 points for the second straight game and David Lowe and Levi Pascoe notching try-doubles.

But Otago finished their campaign in stirring fashion. They trailed Canterbury by just two points at halftime of Sunday's second encounter, before going down 24-12 in a gallant effort.

Canterbury centre Fabricius Su'a produced arguably the standout individual display of the tournament by running in five tries in a 42-18 win over West Coast in the day two closer.

Canterbury second-rower Zion Kamana was named the tournament MVP, while Su'a claimed the Back of the Tournament award and West Coast's Griffin Neame – who starred in Southern Zone 17s National Youth Tournament campaign only a week earlier – won Forward of the Tournament honours.

West Coast's Brad Tacon was named Referee of the Tournament, Canterbury pair Jason Martin and Adam Kelson were named Coach and Trainer of the Tournament respectively, and West Coast's Deb Campbell carried off the Manager of the Tournament award.

Lock Chanel Feala and Domanyc Fidow-Kele led Canterbury superbly all weekend and were joined in the Tournament Team alongside six teammates. Campbell and Neame headlined a four-strong West Coast contingent in the Tournament Team, while four Otago players won selection.

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The players and management from all three teams were a credit to their provinces, as well as Southern Zone Rugby League. Special thanks also goes to the development officers and referees who helped make an outstanding weekend of footy possible, as well as the Christchurch City Council for making a tremendous venue available in Knights Stream Park.

DAY ONE

Canterbury 28 (Reuben Wilson 2, Antonio Lemalu, Domanyc Fidow-Kele, Zion Kamana tries; Jope Gaunavou 3 goals) defeated West Coast 12 (Iraia De Goldi, Levi Pascoe tries; Brad Campbell 2 goals)

West Coast 22 (Brad Campbell 3, Eugene Gillies tries; Campbell 3 goals) drew with Otago 22 (Nehemiah Faamoe-Lone, Teremoana Hamblin, Cam Todd, Nale Ofa, Lemanu Filifilii tries; Jayden Hollander goal)

Canterbury 40 (Reuben Wilson, Nick Evans, Fabricius Su'a, Jope Gaunavou, Josh Rawiri, Simeon Langan, Ketesemane Pauli tries; Gaunavou 6 goals) defeated Otago 14 (Nehemiah Faamoe-Lone, Shade Rowe, Cole Garrett tries; Jayden Hollander goal)

DAY TWO

West Coast 50 (David Lowe 2, Jack Coleman 2, Levi Pascoe, Mason Hunt, Brad Campbell, Sincere Harraway, Iraia De Goldi tries; Campbell 7 goals) defeated Otago 10 (Nehemiah Faamoe-Lone, Delaney McKenzie tries; Jayden Hollander goal)

Canterbury 24 (Diploma Muaimalae, Nathan Chai, Jope Gaunavou, Kingston Dempsey, Ben Ferguson tries; Gaunavou 2 goals) defeated Otago 12 (Allan Gillies, Quinn McHardy, Cam Todd tries)

Canterbury 42 (Fabricius Su'a 5, Nick Evans, Antonio Lemalu, Jordan Molioo tries; Jope Gaunavou 4, Jimmy Rangiawha goals) defeated West Coast 18 (Levi Pascoe 2, Brad Campbell tries; Campbell 3 goals)

TOP POINTSCORER: Brad Campbell (West Coast) – 50

TOP TRYSCORER: Fabricius Su'a (Canterbury) – 6



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Thanks, Duncan

Reader Mail

Hello Sir Peter Leitch,

I'M HERE in the beautiful country South Africa, Johannesburg with five NZ Indoor Netball Teams taking part in The World Indoor Netball Association against teams from Australia and South Africa. Weather here is fantastic and we are all loving the experience this country has so far given us. Competition starts on Saturday 14 October and ends on the 20th October which we play 6 and 7 aside. So far all our NZ team's are doing well. For livestreaming you can click into WINA Indoor Netball Masters Tri-Nations Fixtures and Live Streaming times follow this download link: <https://goo.gl/abv1jT>

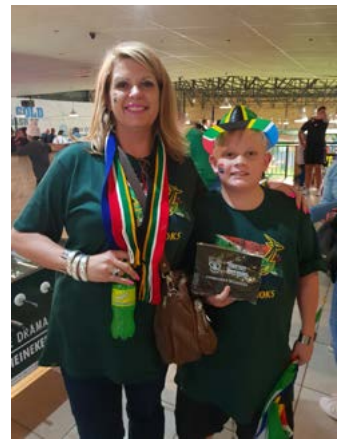
For Live streaming visit: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ActionSportsSA> and support and cheer our NZ Kiwi teams.

Would also like to thank The Vodafone Warriors Members Community for giving me some kids pencil cases that had some small gifts inside which was handed out to children's, who were deeply happy to have received.

So many photos and events I could go on and on about, with the experiences I am having in South Africa, but that can be for next week.

Kind Regards

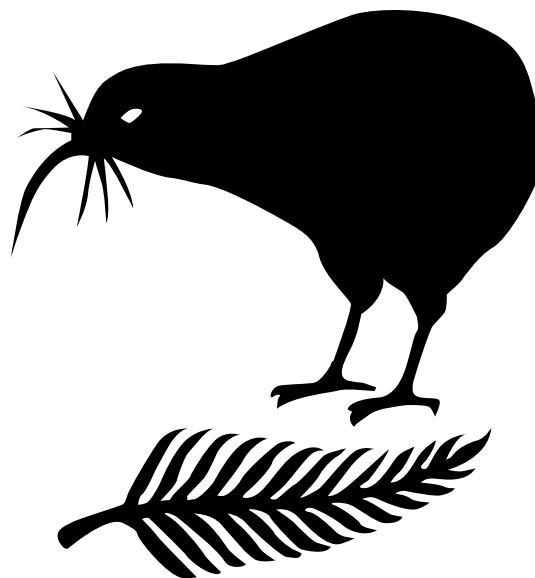
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