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I'm Not Grumpy Any Longer

By David Kemeys



IPUT THE cat among the pigeons giving the Vodafone Warriors a bit of a serve last week, but I am no different to any fan, frustrated. But thanks for the feedback, although I am not sure some of your suggestions are actually physically possible.

I did say though that writing on a Sunday was a problem, when I would probably have a totally different view on Thursday, after calming down a bit. And I did.

The weekend was horrible, no footy for my beloved Warriors, and I did not know what to do with myself, although I did sleep okay on Saturday night because for the first time in weeks I did not have to get up all the time to kick the cat.

What I did do was read the papers.

I should have known better.

Let's preface this – Manu Vatuvei had been all over radio, talking about all sorts of things, most notably his children being bullied at school because of their famous dad, but also on staying at the club, rumours he was going, the night out...all that stuff.

Which is why I was surprised to read David Long in the Sunday News make this statement: The club's PR machine has been working overtime ... In a "tell all" on a sponsor's media platform yesterday that looked scripted to me, the big winger finally confirmed he had changed his mind about quitting.

Now I worked with Dave, and he is a good bloke ac-

tually. Pretty genuine and straight up and down, but see how careful he was... "looked scripted to me".

The important word here is looked – he is not saying it was scripted, just that it looked like it was.

Which is the same as implying it was not as genuine as it appeared – or less charitably, was lies.

Quite apart from the fact those sorts of implications are not going to win you any friends at the club, it got me to thinking about much of what I have seen lately, and how vindictive, spiteful, ugly and bitter it all is.

I am not above being spiteful and nasty, and have done my share. But I do try, and I emphasise try, not to make it personal.

But some of what I have witnessed from supposed fans is frankly, cowardly. The remarks, many on social media, but impressive numbers on mainstream media sites that would never allow their own staff to say such things, are the sort of things no-one would have the bottle to say to a player's face.

So because I can, because I get to write this weekly, I think we are going like busted cats and were lucky to get the points from the bye this weekend.

But I will still be there on Saturday – I might end up grumpy again, bitter, pissed off, who knows? But I might also get surprised. There are no guarantees, except this one, win or lose, I will still be a fan.

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A Timely Reminder

WHAT A lesson on taking things for granted. As you may know, I work for the Middlemore Foundation, which raises money for the hospital, and all the community programmes it delivers. June is Jammies in June time, when we beg for flannelette pyjamas for some struggling families, and we got help in the shape of a poster boy.

We also get a game at the Vodafone Warriors, for which the club gives us 50 tickets. I went to see my poster boy's family and asked if they would like to go to the game this weekend against the Broncos.

They needed 11 tickets, and you would have thought they had just won tickets to the Rio Olympics. They were stoked.

The club has some outstanding ticket deals, and is one of the cheapest to support in the entire NRL, but going to a game still remains well outside anything this family could consider.

Perhaps many of us, who don't have to worry about the family budget, need to remember that not everyone is in the same position.

It will be a long time before I forget the looks on the faces of the youngsters in that family, or the choruses of: "We're going to the Warriors, we're going to the Warriors," that I could hear as I walked away down the footpath.

Magic. So I owe a big vote of thanks on that family's behalf to the club, and to Petrece Keesha, who runs all the community programmes, especially.

Pyjama Time

As I said, this weekend's game is in support of Kidz First Children's Hospital, and Jammies in June. The real nasty we are after combating is rheumatic fever – which Warriors legend Awen Guttenbeil had as a youngster.

To be blunt, it can kill.

It also costs about \$2million over the lifetime of the sufferer to treat.

And there are more than 260 current cases in south Auckland.

So anyone who wants to bring along a pair of flannelette pyjamas to the lounge, I'll be there to collect them. And because I am a good bastard, though Sir Peter might well delete the word good in that sentence, I'll be bringing along a Vodafone Warriors onesie signed by Charlie Gubb to give away.

For all the ladies out there, that's as close as you are going to get to Charlie's PJs!

Manu Wants To Stay

If you did not see the interview with Manu Vatuvei, hit your good friend Google and seek it out.

Manu said he wanted to stay a one-club player.

Many of the rumours floating about have centred on the big fella, the speculation being he would follow Konrad Hurrell out the door, with reports he was being shopped around.

His management and the club denied it, but that did not put an end to the story.

Don't forget, Manu joined the club as a 14-year-old. That's not a mistake – at 14. I've got shirts older than that.

"Definitely, that's my goal," Manu told Tony Veitch. "That's where I want to finish up at, with the Warriors."

He hopes to return against Brisbane on Saturday.

I for one will welcome him back.

You know why? Here's why, 148 tries in 215 games.

No Nonsense Approach A factor

Manu did not let Andrew McFadden off without criticism, saying McFadden's no-nonsense style was sometimes difficult for young players. "Some boys can't handle what he says sometimes, but that's part of a coach's job. He's got to bring the best out of you."

It came out after last week's players-only meeting that some younger players were reluctant to speak up to senior players, and Manu said perhaps the leaders needed to be more approachable.

"We just sat down and let all the young boys talk and the senior players sat back. We've just got to show them that we can listen. We're there to help them, not to intimidate them."

Horror Night Never Goes Away

In 2007 against the Eels Manu had his infamous game, dropping the ball repeatedly and generally looking useless. He has long since battled back, doing things in the game others wingers can only dream of, but the truth is, that night is always with him.

It led, he told Veitch, to self-doubts that ended in his recent breakdown.

"It kind of started from there. With all the pressure, you try to forget about that game and you try your hardest just to perform well and make people forget about it, but it will always come back and haunt you every time. It's something that I've been battling.

"I always try to hide everything through my laugh...but a month ago I just was at a breaking point. When everyone hammered me I think I kind of lost it."

Lowie At It Again

[League legend Graham Lowe has advised Andrew McFadden to resign.](#)

When I was involved in the media Lowie was always good for a quote. Nothing has changed.

The "tea lady could do structure", was a pearler. But hang on a minute. Didn't almost everyone say the ad-lib footy had to end and a more disciplined approach should be introduced.

We all remember when the Warriors threw the ball around like it was a hot potato, and we also all remember it never got us anywhere.

To be fair, I am one of those who might argue it was a lot more fun to watch though.

But the brown stuff hit the fan eventually and the conventional wisdom was that, percentage plays, set completion, sound defence – that sort of thing, was the way forward.

Team Named

After the nightmare Raiders game we were told big-name players would get the chop, but the pack, amazingly, survived.

It's easy to coach from an armchair, but does ringing in the changes on the bench go far enough?

Jonathan Wright was always going, with Manu back, as was Allwood with Solomone Kata back. Blake Ayshford must be relieved.

But this has to be the last chance saloon for some of the unchanged pack, and the bench – Nathaniel Roache in for Jazz Tevaga, who has been good, Sam Lisone, Albert Vete, Charlie Gubb and Ligi Sao, add a bit of size at least.

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Konrad Saga Finally Ends

What was always inevitable, that Konrad Hurrell would go, finally happened last week, and after all the hoo-ha, he left with considerable grace.

“It has been an amazing journey...sad that I won't be here anymore...looking forward to my new journey.”

Konrad was very good on Facebook, explaining he was grateful to have been a part of the club, thanking it for the opportunity.

He leaves after 71 NRL appearances since 2012, and I am among those fans who had a soft spot for him.

I love a good conspiracy as much as the next man, so what's the betting his running style, now he is at an Aussie club, isn't a problem any longer?

League Gains A Foothold In Europe

The third round of Pool A European qualifiers for the 2017 Rugby League World Cup will kick off in one of Italy's great sporting cities, Monza,. The Federazione Italiana Rugby League has partnered with the city, to host their match against Wales in the 18,000-capacity Stadio Brianteo.

Meanwhile more than 400 boys and girls between 5-16 played in a league tournament in Italy's Este, introducing them to the game.

And after a 10-year hiatus, the Mediterranean Cup has been resurrected by the Italian and Lebanese rugby leagues. The teams will play in a one-off match on June 11 in Catania, Sicily.

Take a Listen to Mark Graham being interviewed on Radio Sport about the movie his son produced - Broke.

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Getting to Know: Aaron Lawton

Vodafone Warriors' Fan Engagement Manager

By John Deaker



DESPITE THE tough times recently, Aaron Lawton remains as positive as ever about the club's future and his own role of Fan Engagement Manager that he's occupied at the Vodafone Warriors since January. Lawton's successful journalism career had been progressing fast before he joined the Warriors and it's his belief in CEO Jim Doyle and the Warriors club that led to him taking on the role earlier this year. Rodney Wallace had previously filled this position for just a year.

Lawton is only 31 years old so it was also a big vote of confidence in him by Doyle to appoint him in this position which oversees so many key areas of the club.

"My role has one of those weird titles but I basically oversee everything relating to our membership department, media and communications, marketing and game day. All of those things fit under my umbrella relating to fan engagement," says Lawton.

He views Doyle as the ideal mentor and someone he wants to not only learn from but also to pay back for the faith he's shown by giving him so much responsibility at such a young age.

"Jim is one of the smartest, most savvy operators I know and he leads by example. He's always at work before me and I try and get in before 7am most days. He's often the last to leave too. I've already learnt an incredible amount from him this year. He's one of those guys who I really don't want to let down and he makes me want to work hard for him because he puts in so much as well."

The other man who's been crucial for Lawton to strike up a strong relationship with since taking on his role has been Sir Peter Leitch. The Mad Butcher is like a one-man fan engagement machine and spending time with Sir Peter in the Taranaki region for the Warriors 'home' game against Canberra recently reinforced to Lawton the amazing service the Warriors' number 1 supporter does for the club.

"I still don't think some people realize how much he does. You can't put a dollar figure on it. For me coming into my role he's been invaluable because he markets us better than I could ever hope to within our budget," says Lawton.

"I don't for one second take for granted what he does for the club. He's an absolute servant of the game in this country and does it all off his own back."

It's been a tough month for the Warriors but Lawton believes the difficult period on and off the field has made it an even more important time for good 'fan engagement'.

"The reality is that there's a hell-of-a-lot we can do off the field regardless of on-field performance. For instance last week we had a members' open training session. We'd just had a tough loss against Canberra but we needed to front.

So we had 200 to 250 members along to watch training on a cold night in Auckland. Then they had a barbeque and signing session and Jim Doyle and Andrew McFadden answered questions from them.

In Taranaki the players also did a big signing session and it was almost overwhelming. We had four staff there managing the queue for Shaun Johnson - that's how full-on it was. And the guys stayed on an extra 45 minutes until every single fan had a chance to get signatures."

One story Lawton tells sums up the passion he already had for the club before he'd started working for the Warriors. He reckons many of their loyal fans would be able to relate to a similar experience.

"I remember when my son was born last year the day before the first game of the season against the Knights. I was off work on paternity leave but found myself sitting quietly in the hospital room watching the Warriors on my Ipad."

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Back in 2012/13 Lawton was privileged enough to receive a one-year scholarship to the University of Southern California where he completed his Masters in Journalism. This turned into an amazing learning experience for him; for example one of the guest speakers in an entrepreneurship paper included one of the founders of Tinder.

During that year in the States with his wife Sarah he fell in love with baseball and attended many of the LA Dodgers home games. That trip provided some good experience for his current role and though he admits there is merit to learning off big franchises like the Dodgers he believes the Vodafone Warriors can probably learn more from smaller teams with budgets and resources more on the level of what they've got.

Like some other "geeks" on the Warriors staff, Lawton continues to read and research better ways that the Warriors can operate and improve within all areas relating to fan engagement. He takes the pragmatic philosophy that most things worth doing have been tried somewhere in the world so there's no point in reinventing the wheel.

The team return to Mount Smart Stadium this week and Lawton says a combo deal on food and drinks is one thing fans can look out for. Selling \$5 beers was something on his wish-list but with many parties involved and existing contracts in place there is a limit to what level of catering deals can be done during the season.

To be fair on Lawton he's still only been in the job less than 6 months. Maybe \$5 beers might be available next year? What is clear is that Lawton's passion for the club will ensure he's still there in a year and probably around for many more as he attempts to do the best job possible engaging the Vodafone Warriors' fans.



Dave Curran (Finance and Operations), Sir Peter Leitch and Aaron Lawton (Fan Engagement).

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By John Coffey QSM

The Greatest Tackle of All Time

That series-saving Tony Kriletich tackle of Bill Benyon.

TONY KRILETICH, who died recently at the age of 72, made arguably the greatest tackle of all time in a Kiwis jersey during the final minute of the second 1971 British Test at Castleford. Renowned for his fitness and cover defence, loose forward Kriletich collided with flying British wing Bill Benyon in mid-air above the try-line to shake the ball loose, save the match and clinch a rare series triumph.

That was the year Auckland centre Roy Christian captained and Canterbury's Lory Blanchard coached the Kiwis to a unique Test Grand Slam, beating Australia 24-3 at Carlaw Park and Great Britain and France during a tour which will ever live in our sporting history. Kriletich was vice-captain and fashioned an outstanding scrum-base partnership with halfback and fellow Aucklander Ken Stirling.

Together, Kriletich and Stirling mowed down so many Australian, British and French rivals that they must have set tackle count records which would have lasted for decades. Not that anyone kept tackle counts at that time. It was fitting, therefore, that Stirling also made a vital try-saving tackle at Castleford, forcing wing Joe Walsh to spill possession in-goal as he ran towards the posts.

The Castleford Test had great significance. Only the original 1907-08 All Golds had won a series on British soil. Those pioneers had been privately organised – the NZRL was not formed until 1910 – so, 64 years later, Christian's Kiwis had the chance to become the first official New Zealand team to achieve that feat. Six other touring teams had tried and failed.

When Dennis Williams, a day after his 18th birthday, scored a dazzling try the first time he handled the ball on debut in the first Test at Salford it was clearly evident that this tour would be something special. Williams stepped his way past three defenders to lift the Kiwis from an eight-point deficit towards an eventual 18-13 victory. The second Test became all important.

Once again, the home side shot clear, registering 11 unanswered points in 25 minutes. It was then that Kriletich combined with Williams to send record-breaking wing Phillip Orchard charging off down the right flank to ignite another comeback. Fortunes fluctuated during an exciting second half as the Kiwis gained, lost, and then regained a narrow advantage.

Big prop Henry Tatana gave the Kiwis a 12-11 lead with a try and two goals, before Britain got back in front 14-12 thanks to a Clive Sullivan try. But Christian made a decisive break to despatch Orchard on a 50m dash which encompassed strength, speed and balance as he left three would-be tacklers lying on the turf. Tatana converted and the Kiwis, at 17-14, were in sight of completing what for so long had been an impossible dream.

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Although hooker Jim Fisher gained parity in the second half scrums (it had been 5-14 at the break), the Kiwis had done a ton of defending and were tiring. They also lost a concussed Stirling, cut down by an Alex Murphy stiff-arm tackle. After seeing his little mate stretchered off, Kriletich was first to get to Murphy when he next received the ball. An unusually shy Murphy never took the defence on after that.

As the match entered injury time, the British finally found room to put a fresh Benyon (he had replaced Walsh) on a clear run to score. Benyon believed he was home for all money when he dived at the try-line. But there was a blur of black and white also in mid-air coming at right angles. Kriletich's hit forced the ball from Benyon's grasp. Moments later the Kiwis were celebrating the second leg of their Grand Slam.

That was just one of thousands of tackles made by Kriletich, but I doubt there was another of more importance. By today's standards, he was a small forward (5ft 10in and just under 90kg) but pound for pound the man they called Fats was among the greatest of them all. In 2015 he was named among the six original inductees into the Auckland Rugby League Hall of Fame.

Tony Kriletich won two Fox Memorials, two Roope Roosters and two Stormont Shields with Marist, represented Auckland from 1965 until 1974 (including wins over Australia in 1969 and 1971 and Great Britain in 1974) and played 22 consecutive Tests from 1967 to 1972 before his panel beating business took preference. He later coached Marist and Mt Albert.

Former Kiwis in attendance at Tony Kriletich's Funeral

Ray Cranch, John O'Sullivan, Murray Eade, Ray Williams, Paul Schultz, Wayne Robertson, Dennis Williams, Allan Riechman, Mike McLennan, Bruce Castle, Nolan Tupaea and Logan Swann

Ray Cranch - Two Lifetimes In League

By John Coffey QSM



IT IS not unusual to interview someone aged in his fifties and write he has spent a lifetime in sport. By that measure Ray Cranch has spent two lifetimes in rugby league. He first played as a 13-year-old in 1936. Now, at 93, he is New Zealand's oldest former Kiwi and his 80 years of involvement have earned him life memberships of the Auckland and New Zealand leagues and the respect of thousands of colleagues.

Cranch would have been a Mt Albert man (and boy) his entire playing career had he not been too heavy for his mates' team in his debut season. So he spent that with the Akarana club, based in Parnell, before joining Mt Albert. A prop, second-rower and occasional hooker, Second World War army service interrupted his progress before he captained Auckland and earned selection for the 1951-52 Kiwis tour of Britain and France.

That was the unluckiest team of all time, losing all three British Tests by a combined total of only 11 points. Newspaper reports credit the home side as being marginally better in winning 21-15 at Bradford, but were adamant the Kiwis were robbed by a last-minute scrum penalty in losing 20-19 at Swinton and were again unfortunate when beaten 20-16 at Leeds. The Kiwis scored nine tries to Britain's eight in those last two Tests.

Cranch could not break into a Test forward pack which comprised Bill McLennan, George Davidson, Cliff Johnson, Charlie McBride, Frank Mulcare and Alister Atkinson – five of them Legends of League – but has indelible memories of that series 65 years ago. "It was the bloody referee at Swinton. Barchy (Des Barchard) put the ball into a scrum and the referee penalised him. It was right in front of our posts," he said.

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These days that penalty would be a differential, though no-one worries any more how the ball is fed into the scrum. Third Test reports suggest the Kiwis might have been awarded a late try under the cross-bar, with the match-winning conversion a formality, had video referees been in vogue. The amateur Kiwis were that close to beating the professional Poms. Touring was enjoyable but tough back then.

"They were just coming off wartime food rationing, and there was not much good meat around," said Cranch. "Only the team that was playing the next game got the good stuff. The midweek players, the ham and egggers, got the rest. We played the continuous tackle rule and the English teams would keep the ball for 10, even 20, minutes," not to mention the harshness of a northern winter and 40-game itinerary.

But there were many memorable off-field moments. "I remember Cyril Eastlake and Andy Berryman, with napkins on their heads, doing their doctor and nurse act performing surgery on a banana. It was hilarious. Over in France we were travelling down a long narrow road with poplar trees on both sides when (co-manager) Dave Wilkie popped up and asked, 'Where's Henry' (Des White)? He was missing. We had to go another five miles before we could turn the old bus around. Going back the other way we met up with a taxi and Whitey hopped out. He had slept in. When he went down to the hotel reception the girl said, 'Kiwis are gone'. Des didn't know any French but he managed to get a taxi and set off after us."

Cranch suffered a serious elbow injury when he and White simultaneously tackled an opponent during the second game in France, ruling him out for the rest of the tour and troubling him for some years. "There was still animosity in France against the English because of the bombing of their cities during the war. A lot of people on the street ignored you if you asked for directions in English. But we got on okay with their players."

Although he was not part of the on-field action, no-one was happier than Cranch when the Kiwis won Test series against Australia in 1952 and 1953, particularly when new coach Jim Amos devised tactics of using fast loose forwards Atkinson and Mulcare to expose champion Kangaroos fullback Clive Churchill, who had been dubbed "the little Master" by the Australian media.

"I had been in the Auckland Colts side which played

the 1949 Australians," he said. "During that game Jimmy Edwards and I chased Churchill upfield and he was looking over his shoulder and saying 'can't you catch me, you bastards?' After the Kiwis beat them in '52 and '53 I remember saying to Alister (Atkinson), 'I'm glad you got that little, um, Master.' " Cranch played on until 1954, before starting his administrative career.

"Mt Albert said they would like to nominate me for the Auckland schoolboy board of control. I felt I should put something back into the game and that's where it all started." He was appointed chairman in 1960 and managed the first New Zealand Schoolboys team to tour Australia in 1964. He was also on the ARL senior control board and manager of the 1973 New Zealand Colts in Australia.

For more than 20 years Cranch was secretary-manager of the Auckland Leagues Club, and later a director, president and a life member. He selected and managed Auckland teams, worked with referees, served on judicial committees and managed Bartcard Cup matches. If there was a job going Ray Cranch was available to do it. He thoroughly earned his NZRL Distinguished Service Award and ARL and NZRL life memberships.

It was my privilege to travel to Britain as a Kiwis supporters' tour leader with Ray in 1989. He was a gentle man in every sense of the word, ever considerate of others. Happily, he is still sharp as a tack at 93, keenly watching the NRL and Super League on television and expertly analysing the two competitions. One gets the impression that if Clive Churchill was still around Ray would have no problem running him down.



NZRL life member and oldest surviving Kiwi Ray Cranch with the Bill Kelly Cup (NZ v Australia) and Four Nations Trophy.



Oldest surviving Kiwi Ray Cranch (second row, centre) with other NZRL Life Members 2015.



SHAUN JOHNSON WATERBOY FOR MANUREWA MARLINS

IT WAS A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR THE PLAYERS IN THE MANUREWA MARLINS AND TUAKAU BRONCOS UNDER 10S TEAMS AFTER WARRIORS PLAYMAKER SHAUN JOHNSON TOOK TO THE SIDELINES TO RUN WATER FOR THE JUNIOR SIDES.

JOHNSON POSTED TO FACEBOOK INVITING NOMINATIONS FROM AUCKLAND RUGBY LEAGUE CLUBS.

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Shaun Johnson gets a lot of criticism so I wanted to rerun this, in case you hadn't seen it, to show what a humble guy he is. - Sir Peter Leitch



From ARL Newsletter May 2016



"Is there anyone out there willing to have me come out and run the water for your footy team this Saturday? I've got the day off and keen to do something so why not this," Shaun posted on Facebook.

Marlins Southsiders coach Zac Ward responded to Shaun's post with hopes to get the league star to their game on Saturday.

After receiving almost 2000 responses, he announced that he would see them Saturday morning.

"Okay guys I have chosen a winner. Thank you to everyone who wrote in, I wish I could come and see every one of you.

"To the U10's Manurewa Marlins Southsiders I shall see you guys 10:30am at Mountfort Park."

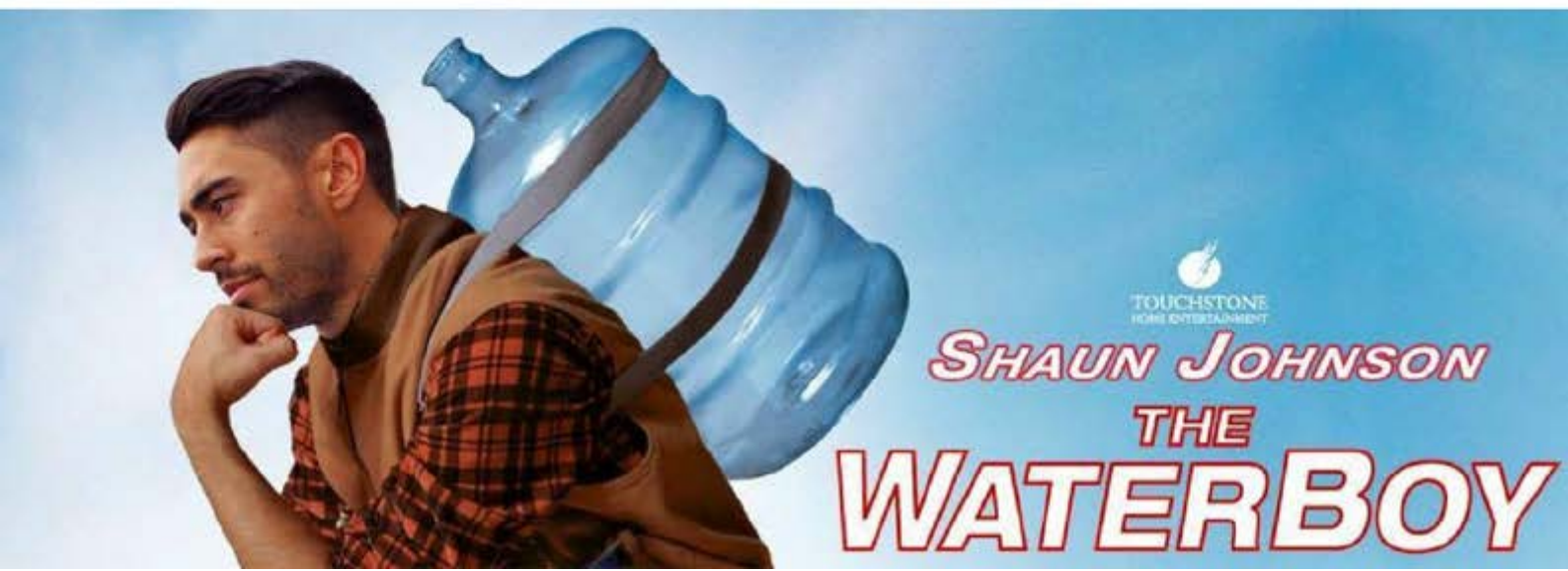
Hundreds of fans turned up to watch the star in action - this time with a water bottle in hand to help the under 10 team.

"If you're thirsty, just shout my name and I'll come and give you some water," he said.

Chairman of the Manurewa Rugby club Daryl Woodhouse said it was awesome to have him come out to the club.

"It's all about the kids and you can tell by the looks on their faces that they're loving it out there," he said.

Johnson says it won't be the last time he'll be running water and insists he will be visiting more clubs in the future.





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Scott Electrical Premiership

By Ben Francis



TABLE TOPPERS Takahiwai Warriors were made to work hard against the bottom placed Horahora Broncos on the weekend. People were expecting Takahiwai to repeat the 90-0 thrashing which took place earlier in the season but that wasn't the case this time. Leading 16-14 at the break, the Warriors outscored the Broncos 26-10 in the second half to pull away 42-24 winners. The Warriors had to work very hard for this win, and the final score was no indication of how close the game was.

In other results, the Moerewa Tigers won their match against the Northern Wairoa Bulls 46-16. The win was their sixth of the season and ties them atop the Scott Electrical Premiership ladder along with the Takahiwai Warriors. The Bulls have now got six losses this season, along with two wins and are four points off a top four spot.

The Portland Panthers also sit just outside the top four after a hard fought 38-34 win over the Hokianga Pioneers. Despite the loss, Hokianga still remain in fourth place. The Otangarei Knights who had the bye this week are currently in third place.

All teams will have a bye this Queens Birthday weekend as the Town v Country challenge will be taking place at Otaika Park on Saturday June 4th. Players from the Otangarei Knights, Takahiwai Warriors, Portland Panthers and Horahora Broncos will be representing City, whilst players from the Northern Wairoa Bulls, Moerewa Tigers and Hokianga Pioneers will represent Country. This match is a trial for the Northern Swords which will be named in August for the New Zealand Rugby League Premiership which starts at the end of August.

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Fortunes change for Rodney Rams League Club after \$10,000 cash injection

THE RODNEY Rams Rugby League Club has fallen on hard times in recent years after being devastated by a fire in 2014. But their fortunes are set to change after winning the Woodstock Rugby League Club Fix Up competition, worth \$10,000.

An electrical fire tore through the clubrooms in 2014. Club Secretary Denise said unfortunately they were underinsured, with the payout only enough to cover the building framework.

“We’ve been going without for years. With no kitchen or bathroom the building’s officially unusable.”

The club has been operating out of a shipping container as a temporary measure. Denise says the impact on the local league community has been huge.

“We’re the only league club from Whangaparoa to Whangarei. The players, and the old boys who’ve known the club for years were distraught. Memorabilia, photos, old trophies, it was all gone.”

As a winner of Woodstock’s Rugby League Club Fix-Up Competition, the prize money is going toward a brand new bathroom. This means while they’re still without a kitchen, the club building can be opened for use.

“We’re absolutely thrilled – getting the bathroom completed means we’re on the way to getting our clubrooms back up and running properly.”

Club supporter and Old Boy Darrell Green said he was

inspired to do something for the club after witnessing the wreckage.

“I drove past my old club for the first time in a long time, and saw what was left of the building, it was a pretty stink feeling to see it looking so rundown.”

He entered the Rams in the competition after seeing it advertised on the Woodstock Facebook page.

“Me and a couple of people from the club reached out to a few people but no one was able to help, so this is huge.”

Rugby League has a long history in New Zealand and Woodstock Bourbon and Cola is proud to support the code, says Woodstock Bourbon and Cola Category Manager, Laura Youngman.

“While we have high profile sponsorships with the likes of the Vodafone NZ Warriors and the NRL Auckland Nines, we realise that if we want to continue producing great players, like Shaun Johnson and Manu Vatuvei, then rugby league needs to be supported at the grass-roots, community level as well.”

“It’s awesome to be able to support the Rodney Rams, especially after the hardship they’ve been through.

Renovations on the Rodney Rams League Club are set to commence next month.



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High-Tackle Holloway... I'll give ya the tip mate!

The Mad Butchers Weekly NRL Tipping Comp.

By John Holloway

NRL Round 13

		Sue Phelan	Joe Vagana	John Coffey	Fast Eddie	Monty Betham	Bill Hayward	High-Tackle Holloway
Date/ Venue	Game	<i>Maloney's Barber Shop - The best haircut in town.</i>	<i>League Legend and Machine Lease King.</i>	<i>Newsletter Columnist and Veteran Leagueie</i>	<i>Devonport Dutchman - Takin it easy...</i>	<i>The Warrior Boxer - StepsForLife</i>	<i>Link Business - Buying or Selling a Business</i>	<i>Richmond Bulldog - Old School Richmond Leagueie</i>
1/06	Blues v Maroons	Blues	Blues	Maroons	Blues	Maroons	Maroons	Maroons
3/06 - GIO	Raiders v Sea Eagles	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders
4/06 - Mt Smart	Warriors v Broncos	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors
4/06 - 1300 Smiles	Cowboys v Knights	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
4/06 - AAMI	Storm v Panthers	Panthers	Storm	Storm	Panthers	Panthers	Storm	Storm
5/06 - ALLIANZ	Roosters v Tigers	Roosters	Tigers	Roosters	Roosters	Roosters	Tigers	Roosters
5/06 - NIB	Rabbitohs v Titans	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs	Titans	Rabbitohs
6/06 - ANZ	Bulldogs v Shars	Bulldogs	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks

How they're traveling....

Picks last week	2/4	2/4	3/4	1/4	2/4	2/4	4/4
Total picks	49/92	51/92	51/92	55/92	55/92	58/92	60/92

JUST A short round 4 games only with the usual SOO affected teams feeling the pressure. Even with their guns spiked The TAB still liked the chances of the Broncos, the Cowboys and the Bulldogs but in each case they failed to get the W. In each case you looked at the roster and sure enough they looked solid with top line players holding the lineup together...First up the Broncos with McCulloch, Blair, Glenn, Wallace, Ofahengue up front, Hunt, Milford, Roberts, Reed, Kahu in the rear-guard whats not to like? Surely too much for Taylors Tigers missing Captain Woods and Farrah. No way Jose, the late 1 pointer did the trick for the Westies 19/18. Similarly the Townsville crew still fronted quality in Hannant, Granville, Bolton, Cooper, Lowe and Taumalolo and Thompson, Linnet, Feldt, Winterstein and Coote out back. Their oppos the Dragons lost the dangerous Dugan but still held on in a tight one 14/10 with the maori magician Benji Marshall returning in style. The Doggies pack led by Uber-Pom Graham, in form Eastwood, man mountain Kasiano, Lichaa, Faitala-Mariner, Browne and the late blooming Tolman started powerfully giving a great platform to Josh Reynolds, Mbye, Holland, Rona and the ever dependable Sam Perrett not too mention ex kiwi Tyran Smiths son Reimis debuting unexpectedly on the wing....2 nicely taken tries early on made his day.

The balance of the tie however belonged to the racy Raiders. The green machine only just held their own up the guts but the wide attack of Croker, Rapana and Joseph Leilua was dominant when they settled into the arm-wrestle. The rugged and rampant Leilua was particularly inspirational with his one man wrecking ball runs. Referees and TMO officials odd strange call and some uncharacteristic Jack Wighton bungles kept the match a close run affair for 70 minutes but rocky Rickys heart rate settled down when 2 late tries made the game safe 32/20. The Monday niter was a torrid set to with the embattled and desperate Eels just outpointing a gallant Knights lineup 20/18. You have to feel for Nathan Brown trying to pull this young and largely inexperienced group together.

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As you read this State of Origin is either happening or all over last nite....my personal view is that bustling Blues time is coming but maybe just not quite yet, their best ally is the home ground advantage of the opening nite. The relatively settled if slightly aged combos of the Marauding Maroons should take out a close affair, the difference probably coming down to the canny and controlling Cam Smith and the ever present probing of Johnny Thurston. The Ozbet TAB has the Blues as a very slight fav, \$1.85 v \$2 bucks even. Either way there will be some biff (well vicious pushes and grunty glares at least). Hold on to your bucket hats.

TippinTalk: a master class by High-Tackle Holloway albeit on a small scale of 4 from the 4 matches....taking on and defying the TAB odds to take a clear lead. The old stager Johnny Coffey a steady 3 to stay in touch. The rest scored 2 with The Dutchman a rare rough week on 1.

Bunker Problems

By Barry Ross



DESPITE ONLY four games being played during this round, the Bunker problems continued. There were three major situations - one from the Dragons-Cowboys clash on Saturday, another during the Raiders-Bulldogs game on Sunday and the third with two minutes to go in the Eels-Knights match at Newcastle on Monday night. In the first two situations, the Bunker appeared to overrule the onfield referee. The fans and probably the media and even the players believe the whistle blower should be the number one man but this is often not the way things unfold. Early in North Queensland's match with St. George/Illawarra at WIN Stadium in Wollongong, the Bunker disallowed a try to Javid Bowen. In an article in Monday's Sydney Morning Herald, Cowboy's captain for the game, Gavin Cooper, said the on-field official only wanted to check the grounding, but the try was denied because of an alleged knock-on by Lachlan Coote, 60 metres upfield. Does the Bunker have the power to do this? Many, including me, believed that they were not able to make these types of rulings but obviously this is not the case.

The second contentious call came at Canberra with 18 minutes to play and the scores locked at 16-all. The Raiders, Blake Austin, was denied what seemed to be a fair try. Admittedly this was a tight decision but the on-field referee said, " we have a try. " The Bunker went against this and I could not understand why. If the referee rules a try, there should be undisputed evidence to change the decision and to me such evidence was just not there.

The third decision at Newcastle was the correct one. In normal speed it looked like a four pointer and the referee ruled it this way. But when the Bunker slowed down the action, it showed that the Knights centre, Nathan Ross, had not grounded the ball before losing it over the try line. But this time the Bunker only ruled on the put-down and this is probably what should happen. This was a huge decision, coming late in a tight and very entertaining clash.

Already this year, many have asked that the referees not be asked to give an opinion. This would be a positive change, particularly if the Bunker is going to make the final decision. The NRL need to come out publicly and say who has the final say on try decisions and also how far into the decision making process can the Bunker make rulings. Are they able to go back 60 metres upfield as they did in Wollongong?

Congratulations to Queensland and Australian captain, Cameron Smith, who will set a new all-time Origin match record this week. Wednesday night's game will be his 37th Origin match for Queensland, which is one more than Darren Lockyer's previous mark of 36. Smith turns 33 on 18 June and has a remarkable record. He has played 44 Tests and captained Australia in 21 of these games. In these Tests, he has scored 120 points from nine tries and 42 goals.

Not counting this week's origin game, he has 52 points (five tries, 16 goals) from his 36 games.

He has only played for the Melbourne Storm in NRL football and after making his first grade debut on 14 April 2002 at Olympic Park, for Melbourne against Canterbury, he now has 320 first grade games to his credit, with 1,866 points from 38 tries, 856 goals and two field goals.

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This is his 15th season of NRL football and he seems to still have a few more to play. A clever dummy half, he makes metres in the play the ball area and last year in his 25 games averaged 47.5 running metres per game. This season his average is nearly 54 metres in his 11 matches. Cameron also does his share of tackling, averaging 45 a game in 2015 and 43.5 so far this year. He has also played in three NRL All Stars matches- 2010, 2011 and 2013.

While I feel sorry for Newcastle, who are still at the bottom of the Premiership ladder, I was pleased for coach, Brad Arthur, when Parramatta beat the Knights 20-18 on Monday night. Even though he has had nothing to do with the Parramatta situation, Arthur is stuck in the middle of it. He has always shown a positive attitude this year and his coaching is in the top drawer. A few days after Corey Norman was charged with drug possession, Parramatta officially released Junior Paulo to the Raiders.

While things like this must affect team stability, it didn't show at Newcastle. They never gave up, despite losing their key playmaker, Kieran Foran, in the first half with a shoulder injury. The Gang of Five as Parramatta officials, Steve Sharp, Tom Isaa, Peter Serrao, John Boulous and Daniel Anderson are called, are believed to now not be taking the NRL to the Supreme Court, although this is not definite at the time of writing. It has been estimated that the Eels legal bill is more than a quarter of a million dollars already and if they have to pay the NRL's Supreme Court costs it will jump much higher.

Friday night's Raiders-Manly clash at a very cold GIO Stadium in Canberra will be an interesting game, as will the Monday night clash between the Bulldogs and the Sharks at ANZ Stadium, Homebush. The Warriors might meet a weakened Broncos line-up on Saturday at Mt. Smart, if injuries in the State of Origin game cause problems.

Round 8 Results - *Auckland Rugby League*

THE TOP two teams of the SAS Fox Memorial Premiership have struck further fear into the competition by winning their games against some of their toughest rivals in round 8.

Pt Chevalier secured a 0-28 win against the Glenora Bears who's dream first month has seen them slip on the edge of the top four.

The Papakura Sea Eagles made easy work of Richmond, shutting out the Fox newcomers 48-14 at Grey Lynn Park.

Mt Albert beat Mangere East in a close 34-40 win at Walter Massey Park while Marist added to Otahuhu's miserable season 14-34.

Both the SAS Fox Memorial and Crown Lift Trucks Sharman Cup sides return to play on June 11 following Queen's Birthday weekend.

The Queen's Birthday Weekend clash will be a plentiful one for Auckland's representative sides with the Auckland Premier team playing the New Zealand Maori Residents at Hawera's Hicks Park and the Auckland Vulcans 21's team also touring the West Coast and Canterbury.

SAS Fox Memorial Premiership Rd 8

Glenora 0 Pt Chevalier 28
Howick 40 Northcote 26
Mangere East 34 Mt Albert 40
Otahuhu 14 Marist 34
Richmond 14 Papakura 48

Crown Lift Trucks Sharman Cup Rd 8

Bay Roskill 56 Ponsonby 24
Glenfield 52 Manukau 8
Hibiscus Coast 14 Manurewa 30
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Diversity in Sport

By Grant Chapman - Communications Manager NZRL



NEW ZEALAND Rugby League has joined a high-powered collection of national sporting bodies to commit to greater diversity and inclusion across its code.

Under the banner "Sport For Everyone", NZRL stands alongside New Zealand Rugby, New Zealand Football, New Zealand Cricket, Netball New Zealand and Hockey New Zealand, determined to eliminate discrimination of any kind within their ranks.

"We are a values-based organisation and this cause fits perfectly with what we stand for," says interim chief executive Alex Hayton. "It's an area where we can always do better and recent events certainly make this a timely issue to tackle."

"I think we all understand that discrimination on the grounds of gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and ability is simply not acceptable. If we're serious about providing safe and enjoyable rugby league experiences for our community, this is a very important principle worth defending."

The working party first met to discuss the findings of "Out On The Fields" research last year, the first international study on homophobia in sport. But it quickly became apparent that discrimination in sport extended beyond this specific issue - for some, it meant striving for greater female representation, while others sought a greater cultural mix.

Each sport faced subtly different challenges, so the solutions will also differ from one to another. The inclusion/diversity message has been taken up by athletes and other participants from the sports in a promotional video that accompanied the announcement.

"I think it's really important that we accept as a country and then to do that in sport is really important," says Kiwi Ferns star Georgia Hale, who represented rugby league on the video.

"It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, you can play this sport and be accepted. You're welcome, the door's open, come on in and give it a try."

The next step for NZRL and the other sporting bodies will be to identify programmes and policies that can be adjusted to encourage greater inclusion and diversity across their communities. Deadline for that project is the end of 2016.

For rugby league, those target areas may include the strategic plan, judiciary, education & wellbeing programmes, volunteer recruitment and club development guidelines.

"As well as committing to establishing NZRL's policy areas in the inclusion and diversity space, it makes so much sense that sport works together and with the same message that sport is for everyone," says Hayton.



Pic caption: left to right NZRL interim chief executive Alex Hayton, NZ Hockey acting chief executive Ian Francis, NZ Cricket chief operating officer Anthony Crummy, Netball NZ Hillary Poole, NZ Rugby chief executive Steve Tew and NZ Football chief executive Andy Martin.

Gray Hankinson made a Srixon and Cleveland Golf Ambassador

LOCAL GOLFER at Ashton In Makerfield Golf Club in Wigan Gary Hankinson has just been made a Srixon and Cleveland Golf Swingers ambassador as part of Virgin Atlantic's Golf programme.

This prestigious honour will see Gary represent the golfing brands and airline across the summer as he plays in club competitions and events throughout the UK. Gary is one of only 6 golfers who will receive this honour in 2016, and what's more he is now competing to be chosen as Ambassador of the Year which will see one lucky person become a member of the Srixon and Cleveland Golf team as they prepare for the 2017 season at the Orlando Golf Show in January.

Gary will now carry a personalised tour bag and also receives a year's supply of golf balls and other items.

The ambassador competition is just part of Virgin Atlantic's Flying Club Swingers programme which sees 7,000 golfers around the globe compete to represent either Europe or Rest of the World in a Ryder Cup style final at the end of the season. This year's final will take place at Sun City in South Africa, and Gary is well placed to be competing in that event.

For more information on Gary's award see <http://www.flyingclubgolfleague.com/news.asp?nid=1405>

For more information on the programme in general see <http://www.flyingclubgolfleague.com/>

Please also see a special message recorded for Gary by Srixon ambassador Peter Hanson <https://youtu.be/NdvVxpcqVQI>

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Steve McKean holding his plaque.



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Steve McKean with Karen Poutasi (Chair of BBNZ).



Reader Emails

GOT TO show Shaun my Warriors tattoo, when he arrived in Christchurch. Looking forward to coming up to Auckland next week-end for Warriors v Broncos.

From Jason Currie



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Australia's first rugby league reality TV series, The NRL Rookie will premiere at 7.30pm tonight on 9GO!

Channel Nine will screen an encore episode each Wednesday at 10.30pm – the premiere will be shown following State of Origin I, tomorrow night (June 1).

The NRL has also developed www.nrlrookie.com as the main destination website for the series not just for Australian audiences but also globally.

The site will feature not only full-length episodes for catch-up each week immediately following first broadcast on television, but exclusive web only content commissioned specifically for the site, plus extended scenes and out-takes.

Full length catch-up episodes will be available online via The NRL Rookie site to Australian, New Zealand, PNG and South Pacific audiences.

The series will also be screened in the UK on Sky Sports, New Zealand on TVNZ's new channel Duke, in PNG via NBCTV, and in Fiji via FijiTV. More international territories are expected to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

The 10-episode series, hosted by Erin Molan and including Head Coach Brad Fittler, Forwards Coach Mark Geyer, Backs Coach Adrian Lam, as well as Psychology Coach Kate Baecher, will culminate in a live finale on August 2.

In the finale, Fittler will present his top three players to an audience of all 16 NRL Clubs, who will then determine the ultimate winner. The winning Rookie will sign an NRL contract live on television.

Thousands of applicants auditioned for the series from around the world, including Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the UK and United States.

The finalists include Jesse Shearer, the son of Dale Shearer, Lou Goodwin, the son of Matt Goodwin, and Jordan Martin, the son of Paul Martin.

"The NRL Rookie is something we're really proud of," NRL Head of Commercial Andrew Abdo said. "It's an authentic, entertaining and often moving look at life as an elite rugby league player. And it captures the dream millions of people around the world grow up with – to play professional sport.

"All of our finalists are talented rugby league players, but they also have incredible back-stories. We have a player who fled war-torn Serbia when he was young, another who represented England at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, another who represented Great Britain in the Bobsleigh, and another who had heart surgery the week before the competition began.

"For many of these young men, The NRL Rookie is their last chance."

The NRL Rookie is produced by McGuire Media in association with the NRL.

The NRL is distributing the series international via Context Media, its appointed Sales Agent.

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FEATURES

- It may not have been the happiest start to 2016 for **Shaun Johnson** but nobody has forgotten what he's capable of – so after scoring his 51st try in the NRL a few weeks ago, we get him to re-live some of his favourite tryscoring moments.
- You'd think Canberra's **Josh Hodgson** is missing the chance to travel around Europe – but one of the comp's most consistent players says he is enjoying life in Australia much more. He recently got married to his long-time partner, has a baby on the way and hopes to be in the nation's capital for a long time.
- His coach **Wayne Bennett** is all-for stand-alone Origin weekends but **Ben Hunt** says the Origin period is his favourite around the Broncos as new blood gets injected into the side. He made his debut for the Broncos during Origin time and can see the benefits for talented young players getting a taste of NRL.
- Speaking of talent, the Storm's wing sensation **Suliasi Vunivalu** has scored eight tries in five games but has astoundingly played fewer than 30 games of rugby league in his entire life.

Also, **Kane Linnett** talks about his barramundi farming business in Townsville; **Mitchell Aubusson** is relishing the chance to mentor his young team-mates; we go behind-the-scenes of **Friday Night on Fox Sports** and **Ray Thompson** tries to crack back into the Cowboys line-up permanently.

PLUS... **Cody Walker** talks life at the Bunnies and we look back on the Top 8 **shock Origin** selections.

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Kata and Vatuvei return to face Broncos

by Richard Becht

MANU VATUVEI'S anticipated return is one of six personnel changes made for the round 13 clash against Brisbane at Mount Smart Stadium on Saturday (5.00pm kick-off).

The 30-year-old Vatuvei is back in the side for the first time since he lined up against Melbourne on April 25.

He scored two tries playing for the club's Intrust Super Premiership side against the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs on May 1 and has missed the last three NRL games against St George Illawarra, Penrith and Canberra.

Saturday's encounter with the Broncos will be just the sixth NRL appearance of the year for Vatuvei and only his second of the season at Mount Smart Stadium.

Apart from Vatuvei, centre Solomone Kata is back from a one-game suspension while hooker Nathaniel Roache and middle forwards Albert Vete, Charlie Gubb and Ligi Sao have all been recalled on a five-man bench after impressing for the club's in-form ISP side.

Making way for the six players coming into the squad are Jonathan Wright, Matt Allwood, Jazz Tevaga, John Palavi and James Gavet plus 18th man Toafofoa Sipleby who were all in New Plymouth for the 11th-round loss to Canberra.

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- 1 Tuimoala LOLOHEA
- 2 David FUSITU'A
- 3 Blake AYSHFORD
- 4 Solomone KATA
- 5 Manu VATUVEI
- 6 Thomas LEULUAI
- 7 Shaun JOHNSON
- 8 Jacob LILLYMAN
- 9 Issac LUKE
- 10 Ben MATULINO
- 11 Bodene THOMPSON
- 12 Ryan HOFFMAN (c)
- 13 Simon MANNERING

Interchange

- 14 Nathaniel ROACHE
- 15 Sam LISONE
- 16 Albert VETE
- 17 Charlie GUBB
- 18 Ligi SAO



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