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Vodafone Warriors in Perth

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Bugger!

By David Kemeys

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



IDO NOT know whether to laugh or cry. The bloody Warriors do this to me all the time. I did not give them any chance against Manly – our hoodoo team, especially in Perth – our hoodoo venue.

Then the buggers lose Jake Lillyman and Bodene Thompson before kick-off. It pisses with rain that India would be proud of in monsoon season, they start like busted cats, grind out a monumental comeback against some stunning Manly defence, only to lose in golden point – again.

And it is like coach Andrew McFadden has some kind of death wish, some kind of desire to prove that only he can be right and the rest of the league community are just muppets who know nothing, that sees him lining up to stick his head into the lion's mouth.

This week it was leaving Tuimoala Lolohea on the bench until the 81st minute.

No one, no one goes into a game and plans to only play with 16 – that's lunacy.

It's like volunteering to start a man down.

Not surprisingly, he has had to defend himself.

Good luck with that.

Anyone could see we were struggling to find a way through, though to be fair, all credit to Manly, whose defence was pretty sharp. And it pains me to credit Manly with anything, because I hate those pigging Sea Eagles for no good reason.

And according to McFadden, if Blake Ayshford, who did not cover himself in glory defensively, had not been injured, Lolohea would not have got on at all.

You might as well pick Jonathan Wright, then at least fans would be glad we had a player who did not get on.

Apparently the wet conditions meant our plans to send in Lolohea just after halftime got derailed, to which you would then have to ask: What was the bloody point? We could have saved the airfare.

McFadden has stunned us all repeatedly all year. We won't go over all the doubtful things we have witnessed, and it is certainly true he is still learning his

craft. But this one is almost as hard to swallow as the agonising sight of Daly Cherry-Evans sinking us in golden point.

McFadden said after the game that we were getting the benefit of three big boys, which is certainly true, in Manu Vatuvei, Ken Maumalo and David Fusitu'a.

“We had them running the ball back, and in those conditions it was the big men making the ground. We thought for a long time about getting Tui on but we couldn't find the right spot, so we weren't going to make the change for the sake of it.”

I for one disagree. It was not working, so no one was going to crucify McFadden for at least rolling the dice. Not rolling it, that's a different story.

Lolohea must have been knackered from all that warming up, because even when he did get on, he managed just one touch, scampering out of dummy-half for about 30 centimetres.

This is the bit that really sticks in my craw, from the much-criticised McFadden: “People will probably over-exaggerate because we lost by a point.”

Yes we bloody will Andrew, because you had a chance to do something, and sat on your hands.

We have had the awful experiment with Shaun Johnson at stand-off and Robson at halfback, which Ray Charles could see was not going to work. We have had the blind loyalty to players who are clearly not up to it, and the list goes on. But if anyone wanted more ammunition to deride McFadden, they just got it.

We Bombed It

Another trip to the hell-hole that is Perth, and another loss. This time in golden point, which is at least better than the drubbings we have registered in the shittiest city – next to Canberra – in Australia.

By my count that is eight trips to a place that has zero good reason to exist, for eight losses. Let me think about that for a minute – no, still crap.

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Now poor old Andrew McFadden is lamenting the botched chances that cost us, and having bagged the guy for the Tuimolala Lolohea debacle, we do have to concede that with an ounce of luck, and certainly some better execution, we could - and should - have won.

The normally reliable Solomone Kata had one squeeze past his fingers over the line and stand-in kicker Issac Luke missed a penalty you would have expected him to land.

But far worse was the string of handling errors throughout the match, and the utterly pitiful start.

Sam Lisone, bless him, won't ever volunteer to swing a boot in field goal anger again, but I'm going to excuse him because whoever was running the cutter at the time took some crazy decisions and headed all over the park in every direction except straight ahead.

Even our go to talisman Shaun Johnson could not save us. His attempt was charged down, though having the benefit of a massive head start - ie, typical Manly, that bloke is offside - didn't help.

That is three golden point games this season, for a win and two losses, and I have to tell you, I like the winning feeling a lot better.

"We practice it quite a bit so the players know what to do. We got charged down and they kicked theirs. That's how tough the NRL is. It's pretty cruel sometimes, but that's what we've got to live with," McFadden said.

Golden Point Or Not?

The fans love it, and it gives you a result, we are told. But is it really true?

Who would know? The reality is there is no way of knowing where the majority sits, but I'm firmly in the camp that a draw is fine by me.

I do not say this because of our loss, or even our one win, two losses record.

But if two sporting teams go at it for 80 minutes and can't be separated, where is the problem. It's not like it makes the table impossible to sort out.

We would only be one point better off - given that we got two for the golden point win over the Roosters, and none for the Sharks or Manly.

But a draw, is a draw, is a draw. You don't send the Pt Chevalier Pirates under 10s out to kick field goals if they are all locked up against Te Atatu's Roosters do you?

Sure you are going to have to do something in finals footy, where you have to get a result, but the real problem as I see it is that the referees utterly bottle it in golden point.

There is no off-side line, there is never a penalty, players wander all through the play the ball, obstruction is rampant, and all of those things mean, to me, golden point is no kind of contest anyway, it's just a lottery.

What Was That Start About?

Being a moaning old bastard, I had written off our chances in Perth, as I have already admitted. But that start left a bit to be desired did it not?

My favourite bitch - giving away early penalties - came back to haunt us for about the 900th time, and our defensive line was a shambles.

Sure we had a couple out, and that must affect you, but it was a slow start of the type we have, thankfully, not seen in recent weeks.

We managed only a handful of sets in the first 20 minutes - and some of those we butchered.

If we are going to revert to our old habits of giving sides a head start, expect to get flogged when you come up against sides with penetration.

Grit Was Commendable

Never let it be said that I was unwilling to give credit where it is due. After a less than impressive start, our collective effort in clawing our way back into the game was pretty bloody good.

Bunty Afoa, who was playing only his second game, having debuted alongside Simon Mannering in his 250th outing, now has two tries to his name - and both were good ones too.

And from that point on, we controlled it, give or take the odd scrambled defensive effort.

The second half in particular was one-way traffic, though the inability to finish the moves would ultimately, as we know, cost us dearly.

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“We didn’t start well but we did get back in it. To fall to a field goal is disappointing. They didn’t look like scoring points but we didn’t take our chances. In those conditions you’ve got to,” McFadden said.

Coach Still Confident

Andrew McFadden is adamant we are on track for the eight. “We have built momentum in the last months and I don’t think this (the loss) takes it away from us. It just shows we’re building a lot of resilience. It’s disappointing, but there are a lot of positives.”

Let’s hope so, because next week we hit the road again, heading to Canberra –and if you thought Perth was a hole, you ain’t seen nothing.

Canberra are the real deal – there, I’ve said it, but we owe them big, because our performance at New Plymouth, when we got utterly humiliated by the Green Machine, was, for me, one of the low points of our year.

Also I could only hate Ricky Stuart more if he was at Manly. And don’t keep sending me emails asking Why I have these irrational dislikes of all sorts of players, coaches, and teams. I just do.

Manu Struggles A Bit

The Manu Vatuvei detractors took exactly 80 minutes to get back to their hating ways. Actually that’s not quite right, 80 minutes plus extra time anyway.

Sure the big fella did have a few blips on his copy-book, coming back from the hammy injury that has kept him out for three matches over the past month.

But his absence is not the reason we won in that

period, nor was his presence the reason we lost at the weekend.

Vatuvei was guilty of handling mistakes but we always look better with him in the team, and his work-rate out of the defensive end in particular is spectacular.

McFadden was happy enough. “He ran for 170 metres, he did his job. I know he had a couple of errors but the one off the kick-off was a curly one. It was a pretty tough catch.”

Johnson Wants A Long Stay

The excellent league writer Michael Burgess talked to Shaun Johnson at the weekend, who told him he wants to be a one club man, and spend his career at Penrose.

It sort of feels like a couple of seasons – but it is actually six – we have had the impressive halfback, who wants to emulate Simon Mannering and Manu Vatuvei and be a Warrior for life.

But because he is a free agent at the end of next season, we’ll see how committed to that line he is, because money talks, and the Warriors will not be the only ones talking.

“There are things I want to achieve here,” said Johnson. “I’ve made no secret of that, so of course I would like to be a Warrior for life. It would be awesome to get to 200 or 250 games, a milestone not many manage.”



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The logo for The New Zealand Herald, featuring a stylized 'H' inside a square frame, followed by the text 'The New Zealand Herald'.

IF YOU are waiting to see if you won one of our Simon Mannering 250th game commemorative jerseys, you'll have to wait a bit longer. The competition is closed, and we had entries – hundreds of them – from all over New Zealand. And they came in from England and France, and from our friends in Australia too.

It will take a little while to get them out, because I have to order the jerseys and then catch up with Simon so he can sign them for our winners.

There will be 15 people named in next week's newsletter, so that is 15 very lucky – and doubtless very happy - people.

And if you are thinking of bidding on one of the jerseys the players wore when Simon played his 250th game that are up for auction, you better get in quick because that auction closes this SUNDAY . All the details are in the newsletter.

On Tuesday we had the launch of the 2017 Rugby League World Cup, and I was very honoured to be named New Zealand Ambassador for the event.

Thursday I will be in Christchurch to see Joseph Parker go toe to toe with former league star Solomon Haumona, and I think it will be a ripper. I love being in Christchurch and seeing old friends so I am really looking forward to it.

Of course this weekend the Vodafone Warriors are away to Canberra to face the Raiders, and they will have to do it without me, because I am headed for Waiheke Island, where I might even try to get the old kayak out, because I was there last weekend too, but it was too rough and Janice wouldn't let me go out.

On another matter, the Crusaders make the long trip to South Africa to play the Lions, the Chiefs head there too, to play the Storm, while the Hurricanes host the Sharks in Wellington, and the Highlanders travel to Canberra to face the Brumbies in the Investec Super Rugby Championship quarter-finals.

And yes, the Mad Butcher will be watching them all, and good luck to all the Kiwi sides. And yes I'll be watching as many of these games as I can why because I love all sport

But the main attraction is obvious. My Beloved Warriors owe the Raiders after they punted us at New Plymouth, but it won't be easy, with Ricky Stuart's charges on a roll.

Enjoy all that footy, and remember, like I always say: If you wake up in the morning, you are already having a good day!

-- Sir Peter Leitch



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This Sunday!**



Home Test Against England in 2018?

By John Coffey QSM



From 2018 the second State of Origin match will be staged on a stand-alone weekend, completely free of NRL fixtures, as Australian officials lessen the damage the Origin series does to their club competition. The Aussies have also dropped the annual Anzac Test after 2017, while suggesting the Kiwis find another opponent to play on the weekend their stars are representing their states.

Hopefully, the New Zealand Rugby League will not take what looks the easiest option by inviting Samoa to be that opponent. The Samoans already have an outstanding mid-season rivalry with Tonga and it would be a shame for that to lapse. Fiji and Papua New Guinea also played each other earlier this year and that fiercely contested Pacific Islands double header must be allowed to continue.

The NZRL should instead invite England to play the Kiwis on an annual mid-season basis, and insist the venue be in this country. After all, there seems certain to be at least 15 England internationals involved in the NRL next season and beyond – not to mention England head coach Wayne Bennett – and only a handful of others would need to travel from Britain to make up the numbers.

There is no way the NRL clubs would allow more than 30 of their most valuable employees to travel halfway around the world to Britain for a one-off game and then back again. It has been difficult enough convincing clubs that players should be released for Anzac Tests at such exotic venues as Newcastle and Canberra. They have not even allowed New Zealand an equal right in hosting trans-Tasman internationals.

It would be comforting to think the NZRL had already started negotiating because the Brits might take some convincing. In 2002 they played a one-off mid-season Test against the Kangaroos in Sydney – the Australians having suspended the Anzac series – and were belted 64-10. That experiment was not repeated, the Aussies resuming the Anzac series and finding every excuse to retain home advantage.

There was also the ill-fated Test between New Zealand and England at St Helens in June 2006 when the Kiwis suffered a near-record 46-10 thumping. David Kidwell was the only regular NRL first grader permitted by his club to wear the Kiwis jersey, and even he turned out for the Melbourne Storm in a Friday night game before flying to England. So forget any idea about playing at a British venue.

In 2006 the NZRL and coach Brian McClennan, powerless to prevent the NRL boycott, wanted the match to be stripped of its Test status. But the British insisted it be an official international. They owe us one for that, and also for the 2015 Kiwis tour after Australia reneged on an agreement to host the Lions in an Ashes series. Once again, the Kiwis turned up well below full strength and were beaten in two of the three Tests.

British forwards have been dominant in the NRL for years and they are being joined by an increasing number of quality backs. Fullback Zac Hardaker, the 2015 Man of Steel award winner, recently arrived at Penrith. Next year centre Jordan Turner, the scorer of 100 tries in 230 Super League games, starts a two-year term at Canberra and Wigan utility back Dan Sarginson is bound for Gold Coast.

Coach Bennett could field a starting backline consisting of Zac Hardaker at fullback, Joe Burgess and Greg Eden on the wings, Jack Reed and Jordan Turner in the centres, and Gareth Widdop and Dan Sarginson as the halves. The forwards could comprise James Graham, Josh Hodgson and George Burgess up front, Tom Burgess and Elliott Whitehead in the second-row and Sam Burgess at loose forward.

Seven of the above played against the Kiwis last year, when Reed and George Burgess were injured and Sam Burgess was playing rugby union. I have not included Mike Cooper because he is returning to Warrington. It would not take too many travelling players to bring the Lions up to full strength. A few top clubs invariably dominate the England squad and Super League games could be drawn to cater for them.

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No doubt the NRL clubs would bleat about their players straying as far as New Zealand for what to them would be an inconsequential game. They would view the stand-alone Origin weekend as a perfect chance to rest their New Zealand and British players. But dumping the Anzac Test was Australia's idea and the NZRL needs the ARL to make this work by banning players from a club game if they are not released.

The Kiwis have not been seen at home since 2014, and will not reappear until the World Cup kicks off in late October 2017. It is in the interests of all NRL (and Super League) clubs to allow the Kiwis to play in front of young New Zealanders, thus fostering a rich nursery for professional clubs in both hemispheres. For 2018 to be the first year of an annual home Test against England negotiations need to be under way now.

Footnote: The 2018 second Origin match will be played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, and the 2019 version was late week awarded to Perth, where a new 60,000 seat stadium is under construction. Eden Park was among the unsuccessful applicants for 2019.

NSW Cup Game Recap

By Joe Williams - NSW Cup Team Manager

VODAFONE WARRIORS ISP NSW teams seven-match winning streak has been stopped in the Round 15 clash over the weekend with a 38-6 loss to the Newtown Jets at Henson Park.

Coach Stacey Jones had lost a lot of experience for this encounter with a lot of changes from the previous week. After continuous strong performances from winger Ken Maumalo and Prop Toafofoa Siple, they were both called in the NRL squad earlier in the week, while John Palavi and Ligi Sao were ruled out with injury and Jonathan Wright and Ata Hingano stayed in Auckland as cover for NRL. This meant a reshuffled side on game day with NYC players Prop Bunty Afoa, Second Rower Ofahiki Ogden and Centre Marata Niukore been called into the team.

The Vodafone Warriors struggled to contest a very good Newtown Jets team handing them too much possession and field position in the first half which lead to 24-6 halftime score with Mason Lino scoring the only points for the team with converting his own try. The frustration continued in the second half with Newtown scoring the only points in the second half finishing the game with a score line of 38-6.

The Vodafone Warriors now have a chance to get back on the winning streak with the next three weeks being home games, starting with this Saturday 25th June against the North Sydney Bears on Mt Smart #2. With the NRL team and NYC team travelling to Sydney this weekend, this gives Vodafone Warriors fans still in Auckland a chance to get out and support their team at home.

Key Details :

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Venue: Mt Smart Stadium
Field #2

Parking: Through O'Rorke
Road

Gates Open: 12:45pm

ISP NSW Kick-off: 1:00pm

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Brothers Toafofoa and Patrick Siple.





By John Deaker

You've Gotta Feel Sorry for Greenberg

Todd Greenberg during a press conference following the postponement of the ANZAC Test. 1 May 2015. Photo courtesy www.photosport.nz

THE CHIEF Executive Officer of sporting organisations are often roles that many people aspire to. The CEO of the NRL has appeared to be more like a poisoned chalice for over a decade now as David Gallop, Dave Smith and now Todd Greenberg have headed up the National Rugby League. Greenberg in particular has had a nightmare first six months in charge with clubs cheating the salary cap, players taking drugs, betting scandals, sex-tapes and problems with the new 'bunker' system.

A key goal of the CEO's is to grow and popularize rugby league but unfortunately many of the problems that crop up as part of the NRL's top job can do so even when the person's doing a reasonable job. These problems can often be traced back to stupid decisions by individuals and existing problems within the culture of their clubs - and even society. For someone like Greenberg to turn round many of these societal and cultural issues quickly is unrealistic. To provide the leadership to even control or minimize these issues at some stage during his term in charge is also extremely challenging.

So much comes back to individual's attitudes and unfortunately many rugby league players still don't see themselves as having any obligations other than turning up on the field each week. There is some magnificent role-models like Jonathon Thurston - but the bad examples tend to over-shadow the great work by men like him. In the modern world of smart-phones and the internet these negative stories make it out in the public more often and even hang around longer because of the evidence that can't be denied.

CEO's of individual clubs have a better opportunity to make significant improvements by changing the mind-set of individuals at their clubs. This is probably why someone like Jim Doyle would be happier in his role as CEO of the Warriors than he was back as the Chief Operating Officer at the NRL. The scope of the Warriors' job isn't as wide as it was for him with the NRL but the ability to make positive changes and follow through with those moves is easier.

Todd Greenberg deserves to be cut some slack. It seems like he's been continually putting out fire after fire during his first six months in the job. Hopefully he's got through the toughest battles for this year and the stress of it all doesn't get too much for him ; Once this season's over he might even get a better chance to turn more of his attention to planning a better future for rugby league in the coming years.

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Looking Forward

By Shontayne Hape



IF THERE'S anything crueller in footy than a golden point loss, I'm not sure what it is! After fighting hard to get back into the contest against Manly in Perth last week, I was certain the Vodafone Warriors were going to come away with the competition points.

But full credit to the Sea Eagles – their defence in that second half was impressive – and the match ultimately came down to one heart-breaking Daly Cherry-Evans field goal.

I was in the studio for Sky TV's After Match show and have to admit it was a hard one to get through given my disappointment.

Of course, as we all know, you can't dwell on the past and it's time to turn our attention to this week's challenge – the Raiders in Canberra.

There are no easy games in the NRL and as far as road trips go, this is certainly a tough one.

That said, I'm confident the boys will give another good account of themselves, especially given it was the Raiders who handed us our last loss at the 80-minute mark – in New Plymouth way back in May.

While losing is always tough, we shouldn't lose sight of the fact things are trending in the right direction.

Since that night to forget in Taranaki, the Vodafone Warriors have won four games and only lost two – both in golden point.

And here's hoping we dish out some payback to the Raiders this time around.

On the membership front, all is going well here at Vodafone Warriors HQ.

We are already knee-deep in planning for the 2017 season and I'm hoping our loyal members will be happy with some of the options they'll have available to them next year.

I'm probably revealing too much, too soon, though, so watch this space...

And go the mighty Vodafone Warriors

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THERE WILL be a Kiwi invasion of Australia's national capital this weekend. At 6pm on Friday night, the Highlanders take on the Brumbies in a Super Rugby Qualifying Final at Canberra's GIO Stadium, then the next day at 3pm the Warriors meet the Raiders at the same venue. Many Kiwis will cross the Tasman for these matches, while the cafes and pubs at Bondi beach will not be too busy as many of the local resident Kiwis will make the 250 kilometre south west journey.

New Zealand teams have dominated their Australian rivals in Super Rugby this year, with the Aussies managing about five wins from around 30 games. So even though it is a home game for the Brumbies, the visitors will go into the game as favourites.

On Saturday, the fifth placed Raiders will be the favourites, although the Warriors have the team and ability to upset Ricky Stuart's boys. Despite a slow start in Perth last Saturday, they did play some good football and created enough chances to take the competition points. We all know that Shaun Johnson's attempted field goal was charged down allowing his rival halfback, Daly Cherry-Evans to be successful with his left footer a couple of minutes later.

I don't know what was shown on New Zealand TV, but not much was seen on our side of the Tasman of Shaun's field goal attempt. It is sour grapes to whinge after a loss but were all the Manly players onside as they charged at the Warriors half? I am a Bunty Afoa fan after his game at Perth Still only 19, he made 32 tackles in his 55 minutes on the park and in seven runs picked up 74 metres.

John Palavi and his team deserve a wrap for their efforts at Brookvale Oval on Sunday. Their 24-22 win over Manly, although exciting, was really tough. The win keeps the team in second position and although there is a long way to go, they look like likely Intrust Super Premiership semi finalists.

Congratulations to the Sharks for their 14th successive win. They didn't have things all their own way in the 32-20 win against the Roosters on Monday night at Allianz Stadium, but still got the job done. These two sides meet again in less than six weeks. This time it is at Shark Park in Round 25 on Saturday 27 August.

Many Sydney Rugby League fans are upset that only two World Cup games will be played in their city next year. Tournament Director, Michael Brown, has said he was disappointed that the NSW government were not prepared to offer any money for the big games and as a result Sydney fans will only see Lebanon play England and Lebanon meet Australia. Both matches will be played at Allianz Stadium and obviously tickets will not be too hard to find. Games will be played in 12 cities and these are Perth, Darwin, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Sydney, Townsville, Auckland, Hamilton, Christchurch, Wellington and Port Moresby. The Northern Territory government paid to have a quarter final in Darwin but NSW were not prepared to open their purse strings. The Final will be played at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium, while Melbourne will be the site for the opening game between Australia, coached by Mal Meninga and Wayne Bennett's England.

NSW Premier, Mike Baird, is receiving plenty of flak because of the lack of attractive World Cup games for Sydneysiders, just as he did a few months ago during the argument about a new stadium to replace Allianz. But the NSW Minister of Sport, Stuart Ayres, deserves just as much criticism. Ayres, 35, is the member for Penrith, which is a strong Rugby League area. Ayres likes the limelight and should have been more outspoken about the World Cup.

Former Australian, NSW State of Origin and Roosters Premiership winner, Craig Wing, has just returned to Sydney after retiring from all forms of rugby. Now 36, Wing has been playing Rugby Union in Japan for the past few years and was a member of Eddie Jones' Japanese World Cup team last year. Wing is a highly intelligent young man as his academic record at the prestigious Sydney High School followed by his University studies indicate, before he became a professional footballer for 15 years. He is extremely presentable and popular with the NSW sporting public. Ayres could benefit greatly by employing someone like Wing on his media team.

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The two main men in the 2017 World Cup organisation are Chairman, Dr. George Peponis OAM and CEO, Michael Brown. Both of these gentlemen are well liked and intelligent officials who will ensure a successful tournament. Currently the Chairman of the NSW RL, George Peponis played eight Tests for Australia, captaining his country in five of these. Now 62, George was born in Tripolis Greece and came to Australia when he was 18 months old. When he captained the Bulldogs to the 1980 Grand Final victory over the Roosters, he became the first Bulldogs local junior to captain the club to a Premiership victory. In 1979, he became the first Bulldogs local junior to captain Australia. A medical doctor, George still practises in the inner western suburbs of Sydney. Michael Brown has had a successful career in several sports, including Hawthorn Australian Rules Club, Cricket Australia and the Australian Head of soccer's recent Asian Cup.

Next Generation of Kiwis Groomed

By Grant Chapman - NZRL Communications Manager



Otago's Rory Ferguson and Canterbury's Jordan Riki emerged as star performers from last week's NZRL national age-group trials in Rotorua.

Ferguson led his Team Bromwich to a 60-18 thumping of Team Johnson in the NZ 18s game, while Riki crossed for two tries in Team Mannering's 44-38 victory over Team Luke in the NZ 16s showcase.

They were named Most Valuable Player of their respective trials, with Ferguson also claiming the "Integrity Award" for his performance across the four-day NZRL National High Performance Camp.

Both second rowers have already signed NRL contracts with the Brisbane Broncos, but are completing their studies in New Zealand before relocating to Queensland.

In the early contest, Mannering dominated the opening quarter and extended their lead to 28 points after three periods, but Team Luke scored the last four tries and fell just short of hauling in their fading rivals.

Emanuel Tuimavave-Gerrard also scored two tries for the winners, while Talavou Gavet and Zinzaan Martin had try doubles for Team Luke.

In the later encounter, Team Bromwich jumped out early and never took their foot of the throat of their opposition, running in the first 20 points and scoring the last three tries to extend their dominance to the end.

Wing Siave Togoiu had two tries in the opening quarter and completed his hat-trick in the fourth, captain Zae Wallace and Iloa Ma'afu-Roberts had two apiece, while Mark Graham converted eight of his team's 11 tries, two from the side-line.

Merit teams will be selected and named this week for both age groups.

NZRL Values Awards winners for the national camp were:

Integrity – Rory Ferguson (Southern Zone)

Respect – Tyler Slade (Akarana)

Leadership – Zae Wallace (Akarana)

Courage – Matt Timoko (Akarana)

Passion – Aublix Tawha (Upper Central Zone)



Rory Ferguson receiving NZRL "Integrity" Award from high performance general manager Brent Gemmell.



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

The Mad Butchers Weekly NRL Tipping Comp.

By John Holloway

NRL Round 20

Date/ Venue		Game	Sue Phelan	Joe Vagana	John Coffey	Fast Eddie	Monty Betham	Bill Hayward	High-Tackle Holloway
			<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>
21/07 - 1300Smiles	Cowboys v Broncos	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
22/07 - Suncorp	Broncos v Panthers	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos
23/07 - GIO	Raiders v Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors	Warriors
23/07 - CBus	Titans v Eels	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans	Eels	Titans
23/07 - AAMI	Storm v Roosters	Storm	Storm	Storm	Storm	Storm	Storm	Storm	Storm
24/07 - Shark Pk	Sharks v Knights	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks	Sharks
24/07 - ANZ	Dragons v Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Dragons	Dragons	Dragons	Dragons	Tigers
25/07 - ALLIANZ	Rabbitohs v Sea Eagles	Sea Eagles	Rabbitohs	Sea Eagles	Sea Eagles	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs	Rabbitohs

How they're traveling....

Picks last week	4/6	2/6	5/6	4/6	5/6	4/6	4/6
Total picks	80/138	81/138	93/138	85/138	90/138	96/138	97/138

WE HAVE turned for home with only 7 rounds to run to the big September Shootout. Early faves Bennetts Broncos are looking shaky but they know how to get cracking at the business end of the comp. JT's Cowboys have dropped a point or two as well but have the fire-power to remain firmly in the frame. The big challenge is coming from grumpy Gallens Shire Sharks, they have offense stars across the park with the defence to match. Dessys Bulldogs boast the mega pack attack with some bright spots at the back also in Mbye, Reynolds and the Morris dancers. Longer shots the Raiders pack a punch on their day not to mention the surprising Titans lurking with them in the shadows. I am not discounting the Warriors here I generally leave them out of my predictions as my bias is too obvious. So given that I am leaning towards the Sharks to make it to the big dance up against the Far North Rustlers perhaps. Mind you Bellamys Belters led by Super Smith might have a say in that, the Storm -troopers with Munster firing, Cronk in career best and Chambers back to solidify the centres could well and truly rock that boat. We will see what we will see eh. Round 19 brought disappointment to the faithful with another golden point downer for our boys. Way the hell over in bloody Perth which is fast assuming graveyard status for Warrior excursions. We cling to the bottom rung of the 8. On a brighter note newbie Bunty Afoa made the most of his chances running nice angles off magic Johnson passes to dot down twice in only his second outing. Conversely the Gubbster looking at a long break from footy on a shoulder charge and accumulated points from previous. Hopefully Lillyman and Bo Thompson will recover asap to shore up the forward pack. High-Tackle has been away from the Tele this weekend at a family reunion so I don't know any more than you can read in the paper so will sidestep the round 19 game reviews.

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Looking ahead to round 20 we have plenty of intriguing matchups in view...while the Sharks look a good bet to best the desperately hard done by Knights and the Storm will start TAB advantage all other games have an optional outcome. The Eels lose a major cog while Norman is side-lined, similarly the Rabbitohs lack cut-through without handy half Reynolds. The Dragons miss the Maori maestro Marshall when he is absent just as we miss the sharp edge of our frontline attack when Bo Thomson is out of action.

Tippin-Talk. Firstly, must admit I forgot to include Origin 3 in our tip options last week sorry about that. 6 games only in rd 19 and Cagey John Coffey and the Montz led the way with very good 5s, a few 4s and 3's. Big Joe swinging a bit wildly on a couple of longshots this week.

Reader Mail



GROOMING ANOTHER Vodafone Warriors Fan. My nieces son Taylor showing off the gear I brought him and loving it!

TAYLER ADAMS, son of Dan Adams, had his Sydney Rugby Club prize giving last night. He was awarded the Club Player of the Year plus he was the highest points scorer in the club. So Dan, from the Mad Butcher, is one very proud Dad.



INDPENDENT LIQUOR, one of the Warriors sponsor's, ran the Shoulder to Shoulder competition. Trevor from Manurewa sent in this sensational entry.



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ARL Premiership Review - Rd 14

IT'S NOT looking good for the Northcote Tigers who remain in danger of being relegated to the Sharman Cup after being mauled by the Mt Albert Lions 66-0 in the featured television game on Saturday.

The Tigers sit dead last in the Fox Memorial competition - but only just, sitting tied on 4 points with the Leopards.

It's not good news for Otahuhu either after suffering another loss against the Pirates in the weekend.

It may come down to their next match up in round 16 when they go head-to-head at Bert Henham Park next week.

Earlier at Birkenhead War Memorial, Marist went down to Papakura 44-18 keeping the Sea Eagles at the top with a seven point lead.

Glenora stayed on track with a 30-12 win over Richmond while Howick got up over Mangere East 50-30.

This week's ARL Game of the Round takes us out south to Walter Massey Park. Pt Chevalier will kick the day off with an 11am match against Howick and Mangere East will play Richmond at 2.30pm. Both games will be televised on Maori TV (See below for details).

Meanwhile in the Crown Lift Trucks Sharman Cup Hibiscus Coast have moved into the competitions top 4.

The Raiders 60-12 win over New Lynn coupled with Waitemata's loss keeps them just one point in front of the Seagulls.

The competitions top 3 remain close with Te Atatu at the top on 25 points, Ellerslie second on 24 and Bay Roskill sitting third on 22.

SAS Fox Memorial Premiership Rd 14 results

Marist 18 Papakura 44
Otahuhu 20 Pt Chevalier 36
Northcote 0 Mt Albert 66
Richmond 12 Glenora 30
Howick 50 Mangere East 30

Crown Lift Trucks Sharman Cup Rd 14 results

Bay Roskill 94 Manukau 0
Ellerslie 64 Waitemata 0
Te Atatu 30 Mt Wellington 0
Manurewa 24 Glenfield 24
Otara 32 East Coast Bays 20
Hibiscus Coast 60 New Lynn 12
Ponsonby 36 Papatoetoe 32
Pakuranga BYE

SAS Fox Memorial Premiership Rd 15 fixtures

Pt Chevalier v Howick @ Walter Massey Park 11am
Northcote v Marist @ Birkenhead War Memorial
2.30pm
Mt Albert v Glenora @ Fowlds Park 2.30pm
Papakura v Otahuhu @ Prince Edward Park 2.30pm
Mangere East v Richmond @ Walter Massey Park
2.30pm

Crown Lift Trucks Sharman Cup Rd 15 fixtures

Hibiscus Coast v East Coast Bays @ Stanmore Bay
2.30pm
Te Atatu v Manurewa @ Jack Colvin 2.30pm
Otara v Waitemata @ Ngati Otara Park 2.30pm
Glenfield v Papatoetoe @ Sunnynook Park 2.30pm
Manukau v Ellerslie @ Moyle Park 2.30pm
Pakuranga v Ponsonby @ Ti Rakau Park 2.30pm
Bay Roskill BYE
Mt Wellington BYE



ARL Games Televised Live Nationwide on Maori TV

Pt Chevalier v Howick to air on Maori Television Saturday July 23, 3.30pm

Mangere East v Richmond to air on Maori Television Sunday July 24, 3.30pm



Rugby League World Cup 2017 Tournament Draw

THE RUGBY League World Cup 2017 (RLWC2017) Organising Committee (OC) today announced the Draw for the Tournament to be co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand from 27 October – 2 December 2017.

Melbourne Rectangular Stadium will host a blockbuster opening match of the RLWC2017, when the home nation – the Kangaroos – begin their campaign under lights against England on Friday 27 October.

On Saturday 28 October, the Kiwis first pool match will be played at the home of Rugby League in New Zealand – Auckland’s Mt Smart Stadium – when they take on Pacific rivals Samoa.

In October 2015, the RLWC2017 OC announced Papua New Guinea (PNG) as a hosting partner of the World Cup, with Port Moresby to host the PNG Kumuls’ three pool matches against two European Qualifiers and the USA. The first match is scheduled for Saturday 28 October and in a country where Rugby League is the national sport, the passionate fans of PNG are sure to embrace the sport’s pinnacle event.

The winner of the RLWC2017 will be decided at Brisbane Stadium on Saturday 2 December, as the two finalists battle it out for the right to hold aloft the Paul Barrière trophy and claim the title of World Cup winners

RLWC2017 Chief Executive Officer, Michael Brown, said the Organising Committee made a deliberate decision to take the Rugby League World Cup to more fans than any World Cup has done before.

“The Tournament Draw demonstrates how far and wide we are taking matches, from established Rugby League communities, to those new and emerging fan bases in all three countries.

“Over the course of the pool stages we have looked to position matches in strong Rugby League communities and where large populations of ex-pats, Pacifica and indigenous fans live, to give those who love the sport and their national teams the chance to see some World Cup action.

“The decision to take matches to places like Darwin, Perth, Christchurch and Port Moresby were made with the future of the game in mind. They are matches we believe will give profile to the sport in markets that have already shown an appetite for Rugby League.”

The RLWC2017 Tournament Draw is family-friendly by intention, with all matches to be played across the weekend including Friday night games. There will be three double-headers in Cairns, Perth and Townsville, providing additional value for money for fans.

When not attending games, fans will experience some of the most iconic sporting destinations in the world. Sports enthusiasts will be able to explore the diversity of the eight host cities across Australia to New Zealand’s compact nature that simplifies travel and makes it easy for visitors to access all venues while experiencing a variety of tourist attractions along the way. The welcome and hospitality supporters will receive when visiting all three host nations will make the RLWC2017 a bucket list item for sports fans worldwide.

“We not only want to see traditional rugby league fans come out to support their national team, we aim to engage with the local communities of all participating teams to deliver an event that will entertain the world, inspire communities and celebrate Rugby League,” continued Brown.

“Rugby league is truly a game for everyone. We hope the Rugby League World Cup 2017 leaves a legacy for the game that sees it continue to grow and dominate the sporting landscape.”

Tournament Pools

With 11 teams already confirmed, the final three teams will come from the European Qualifying Tournament to be played in October and November this year. The teams who are still in the race include Wales, Ireland, Russia, Serbia, Italy and Spain.

The pool structure reflects that of the successful 2013 Tournament. The composition of the pools for RLWC2017 were shaped by a number of considerations, including the final placings from the 2013 World Cup and current world rankings

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Australia	New Zealand		
England	Samoa	Papua New Guinea	Fiji
France	Scotland	European Qualifier 1	USA
Lebanon	Tonga	European Qualifier 2	European Qualifier 3

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Rugby League World Cup 2017 Full Tournament Draw plus Finals information

As co-hosts of the tournament, the RLWC2017 OC wanted to give certainty to the Australian and New Zealand fans who want to pre-arrange travel to these matches to support their team.

The Rugby League International Federation (RLIF) has approved that if Australia qualifies for a Quarter-Final, it will play in Darwin. If New Zealand qualifies for a Quarter-Final, it will play in Wellington. If Australia and New Zealand were to play each other in a Quarter-Final or Semi-Final, whoever finishes higher in the pool stage will get the home advantage. The full Quarter-Final fixture will be finalised at the conclusion of the pool stages, taking in to consideration hosting requirements.

If Australia and New Zealand make the Semi-Finals they will play in Brisbane and Auckland respectively.

Date	Match Type	Match-Up	Venue	Date	Match Type	Match-Up	Venue
10/27/2017	Pool – Round 1	Australia vs England	Melbourne Rectangular Stadium	11/10/2017	Pool – Round 3	Fiji vs Euro Q3	Canberra Stadium
10/28/2017	Pool – Round 1	PNG v Euro Q1	Port Moresby (venue TBA)	11/11/2017	Pool – Round 3	Samoa vs Scotland	Barlow Park, Cairns
10/28/2017	Pool – Round 1	New Zealand vs Samoa	Mt Smart, Auckland	11/11/2017	Pool – Round 3	New Zealand vs Tonga	Waikato Stadium, Hamilton
10/28/2017	Pool – Round 1	Fiji vs USA	Townsville Stadium	11/11/2017	Pool – Round 3	Australia vs Lebanon	Sydney Football Stadium
10/29/2017	Pool – Round 1	Scotland vs Tonga	Barlow Park, Cairns	11/12/2017	Pool – Round 3	PNG vs USA	Port Moresby (venue TBA)
10/29/2017	Pool – Round 1	Euro Q2 vs Euro Q3	Barlow Park, Cairns	11/12/2017	Pool – Round 3	Euro Q1 vs Euro Q2	Perth Rectangular Stadium
10/29/2017	Pool – Round 1	France vs Lebanon	Canberra Stadium	12/12/2017	Pool - Round 3	England vs France	Perth Rectangular Stadium
11/3/2017	Pool – Round 2	Australia vs France	Canberra Stadium	17/11/2017	Quarter Final		Darwin Stadium
11/4/2017	Pool – Round 2	New Zealand vs Scotland	Christchurch Stadium	11/18/2017	Quarter Final		Christchurch Stadium
11/4/2017	Pool – Round 2	Samoa vs Tonga	Waikato Stadium, Hamilton	11/18/2017	Quarter Final		Wellington Regional Stadium
11/4/2017	Pool – Round 2	England vs Lebanon	Sydney Football Stadium	11/19/2017	Quarter Final		Melbourne Rectangular Stadium
11/5/2017	Pool – Round 2	PNG vs Euro Q2	Port Moresby (venue TBA)	11/24/2017	Semi Final		Brisbane Stadium
11/5/2017	Pool – Round 2	Euro Q3 vs USA	Townsville Stadium	11/25/2017	Semi Final		Mt Smart, Auckland
11/5/2017	Pool – Round 2	Fiji vs Euro Q1	Townsville Stadium	2/12/017	Final		Brisbane Stadium

To view the Rugby League World Cup 2017 Tournament Draw, go to RLWC2017.com/draw

RLWC2017 Fan packages, including tickets, are on sale now at RLWC2017.com/travel

Tickets will go on general sale on 27 October 2016. Fans should register their interest at RLWC2017.com

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At the Rugby League World Cup 2016 Draw Announcement



Me, Dean Whare (15 games for the Kiwis), James Leuluai (29 games for the Kiwis), Justin Lester (Deputy Mayor of Wellington) and Tawera Nikau (19 games for the Kiwis) at the RLWC launch.

I was very honoured to receive an official hosts ball. Each city gets its own ball to put on display.



Kids carrying the dates and location of RLWC games in NZ

Two former Kiwis, and top blokes, who combined played 48 games for NZ. James Leuluai and Tawera Nikau.

Each city hosting a Rugby League World Cup game is giving an official ball to be display around the city. Pictured with the Wellington ball is Wellington Deputy Mayor Justin Lester.



Roger Tuivasa Sheck and Dean Whare.



New Zealand Captain Jesse Bromwich and Australian Captain Cameron Smith pose for a photo. 19/7/2016 Suncorp Stadium



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Justin Lester - Deputy Mayor of Wellington



THIS PICTURE was taken when I was playing league in Invercargill for South City Tigers in the mid 1980s. My brother and I played. Some of the kids from other clubs went on to have stellar careers, most notably Mils Muliaina and Corey Flynn who played league then and went on to play for the All Blacks. My brother, Jamie Lester, worked for Canterbury Rugby League and now lives in Toronto where he was player / coach of the Canadian Wolverines and is now assistant coach. They narrowly missed out on qualifying for the 2017 Rugby League World Cup when they lost to the U.S. Hawks.

-- Justin Lester



Taurahere Winning Hearts and Minds

By Grant Chapman - NZRL Communications Manager



NEW ZEALAND Rugby League may just have swayed a few Australian-based players back to the Kiwis programme at this month's Taurahere 18s gathering on the Gold Coast.

Targeting NZ-eligible players across the Tasman, the four-day camp at Runaway Bay was attended by 20 each from New South Wales (Team Tu) and Queensland (Team Toa). These young men had either moved to Australian in pursuit of NRL careers or had grown up there with Kiwi parentage, but being tempted by the Australian representative pathway.

"The camp sent the right message to the players about providing them with a New Zealand representative pathway, despite residing in Australia, and has definitely provided us with a greater insight into the talent eligible to pursue a NZ pathway in Australia," said NZRL high performance general manager Brent Gemmell.

"I know the Toa staff put that question to their boys – who were thinking of playing for Australia? – and four or five put up their hands, which means there were probably more not prepared to admit it. Then they asked who were now committed to a Kiwi pathway and all players put their hands up.

"Now we need these boys to go back out into their rugby league communities and pass that message to those that didn't seize this opportunity or were unfortunately not made available for selection."

The players heard from an excellent group of current and ex-Kiwis while in camp. Kiwis coach Stephen Kearney was a regular visitor, and current internationals Adam Blair and Jordan Kahu spoke to the group about their experiences coming through the NZ and Australian systems.

On the eve of the Taurahere trial game, won 66-10 by Team Tu, players received their jerseys from former Kiwis Clinton Toopi and Zeb Taia.

The group was also introduced to the "Te Iwi Kiwi" philosophy that has underpinned the NZ Kiwis culture in recent seasons.

The merit team selected from the Taurahere trial consists of:

1-Steven Marsters, 2-Jesse Arthars, 3-Jackson Ferris, 4-Tevita Funa, 5-Lee Turner, 6-Manase Fainu, 7-Sato-Ketia Opo, 8-Soane Hufanga, 9-Phoenix Hunt, 10-John Tuivaiti, 11-Lumafale Lualua, 12-Oregon Kaufusi, 13-Ben Valeni, 14-Paul Turner, 15-Lucky Taavale, 16-Donovan Briggs, 17-Josh Uta

BIG LEAGUE

THIS WEEK IN BIG LEAGUE'S HUGE ROUND 20 ISSUE...

Jam-packed with FEATURES and NEWS, plus columnist BEN HUNT and game analysis by BEN IKIN; plus NRL, HOLDEN CUP, NSW CUP, QLD CUP and RON MASSEY CUP team lists and a FULL NRL DRAW.

FEATURES

- Storm, Queensland and Australia captain **Cameron Smith** sits down with *Big League* to talk the club, his legacy and being a role model. "There is a responsibility for myself and every other player in the NRL to do the right thing," he says. "But it's not that hard when you have the right values as a person. I got that from my parents growing up and that's what I live by."
- It's **Men of League** round and we highlight all the good things the foundation does to help out those in the rugby league community. Importantly, board member **Mark Gasnier** stresses the 'men' in the title doesn't mean they are exclusive to helping ex-players – plenty of communities and family members have received a helping hand and we look at some case studies that show just that.
- Broncos halfback and **Ben Hunt** runs his rule over the teams in the top four of the competition, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses. He names the **Storm** as the team to beat and surprisingly picks the **Warriors** as the danger side.
- Also, Titan **Leivaha Pulu** talks about the rocky road to finally starting his first-grade career; **Matt Moylan** says he'd like to play five-eighth at club-level; **Alex Glenn** backs **Darius Boyd** for the Broncos captaincy and **Nathan Ross** has no problems with being a late debutant.

PLUS... The Analyst compares Ken Irvine and Corey Oates and we rate Top 8 **Men of League-affiliated players**.

AND: Little League, lower grade previews and a Queensland Origin victory poster.



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Lillyman Returns to Partner Gavet

by Richard Becht

QUEENSLAND PROP Jacob Lillyman comes into the front row for Charlie Gubb in the only line-up change for the Vodafone Warriors' 20th-round NRL clash against the Canberra Raiders at GIO Stadium on Saturday (3.00pm kick-off local time; 5.00pm NZT).

Lillyman, who'll be making his 223rd career appearance, picked up an ankle injury in the third and final State of Origin match ruling him out of the long-haul away game against Manly in Perth last Saturday.

Gubb will miss this week's encounter with the Raiders after landing a grade two shoulder charge in the 14-15 golden point loss to the Sea Eagles. The Vodafone Warriors will dispute the grading at a judiciary hearing in Sydney tomorrow night.

Lillyman has been named to start alongside James Gavet while senior prop Ben Matulino is again listed to come off the bench, which he did so effectively against Manly when he carried the ball 19 times for 146 metres.

Matulino is on an unchanged bench alongside Tuimoala Lolohea, Sam Lisone and Jazz Tevaga.

The Vodafone Warriors have won their last two matches in Canberra – 54-18 in 2014 and 18-6 in 2015 – but head coach Andrew McFadden is taking little notice of those results as he prepares to shape up to his old club again.

VODAFONE WARRIORS

- 1 David Fusitu'a
- 2 Ken Maumalo
- 3 Blake Ayshford
- 4 Solomon Kata
- 5 Manu Vatuvei
- 6 Thomas Leuluai
- 7 Shaun Johnson
- 8 Jacob Lillyman
- 9 Issac Luke
- 10 James Gavet
- 11 Bunty Afoa
- 12 Ryan Hoffman (c)
- 13 Simon Mannering

- Interchange
- 14 Tuimoala Lolohea
- 15 Sam Lisone
- 16 Ben Matulino
- 17 Jazz Tevaga

VODAFONE WARRIORS

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THE SAS Fox Memorial leaders, the Papakura Sea Eagles will hold a special day for Bowel Cancer NZ in Rd 17 when they host Richmond on Saturday 6 August.

There will be plenty of footy action at Prince Edward Park with two Fox Memorial games being played on the day.

Marist will play Otahuhu at 11am followed by the Sea Eagles taking on Richmond at 2.30pm - both games televised live on Maori Television (Marist v Otahuhu to air Saturday 6 August, 3.30pm, Papakura v Richmond to air Sunday 7 August, 3.30pm).

But that's not all - you can catch the Papakura Sea Eagles Premier 1st play Richmond Rovers at 12.45pm.

The Papakura under 6's and under 7's team will also feature in a half time special when they play Richmond under 6's and 7's during the Premiers half time break, moving onto field 2 to conclude their game.

Head down to the club to support your team and get behind Bowel Cancer NZ by donating a gold coin to the Bowel Cancer NZ collectors who will be there on the day.

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