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Jacob Lillyman is tackled by Storm defence



Shaun Johnson in action



Solomone Kata makes a break



The rain comes down on the Warriors bench



The Warriors run back from their goal line



Jacob Lillyman has a message for the brave fans who flocked to Mt Smart Stadium last Friday night in torrential rain to cheer on the boys. Click the image to watch.

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Give It A Rest

By David Kemeys

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



SADLY I am a bit of a pessimist when it comes to sport, and this is largely because, I am pretty confident, I have a penchant for the underdog.

I love the Kiwis, but we most often get beaten by Australia.

I love Newcastle United Football Club, who, as it happens, have been going good but are starting to wobble in the Championship, having been relegated from the Premiership last season.

I love the Blues, enough said.

And of course I love the Vodafone Warriors, and I haven't been to too many Grand Final parties there either.

But strike me down, we win against Newcastle, who had a very good win – ending pretty much a year-long losing streak – at the weekend, and the same old complaints started.

Of course losing to Melbourne has just given them ammunition.

To be fair I did not see much of the game. Unlike last week, when I could not get there because She Who Must Be Obeyed made it clear I was going to be elsewhere, I did actually make it to Mt Smart.

I still didn't see much of the game because the rain was falling so heavily that being the four-eyed git that I am, the glasses were like a windshield in a car wash.

Forgive me if I think we won't be the only side to lose to Melbourne this year. And yes they were better than us in almost every facet of the game, and yes you could argue we were a bit lucky not to lose by even more, but spare me the doom and gloom.

Pessimist that I am, even I am prepared to give our boys a bit more time yet.

And that is maybe what has me so worried about Dunedin and the Dogs.

The Dogs have had a horror start, played two, lost two.

But this one has banana skin written all over it. Should we win, I'd have to say yes, but will we? We will soon find out,

But win we probably need to, even this early in the season. The draw has been pretty kind to us.

And given that we know in previous years we have been slow out of the blocks, another two completion points would be most welcome.

Newcastle first up, yep, bank that. Melbourne next, unlikely, but the declining Dogs in theory we should get past.

Then it's St George, Gold Coast, and Parramatta.

Points early on look like being critical.

There is talk that Des Hasler has been told he has only a few games to save his job, and might be the first coach of the year to get the boot, so he will be arriving keen to do just that, and with the much under-rated James Graham unlikely to be in a forgiving mood, having suffered back to back defeats to the Storm and Roosters.

Bugged if I know, but I do suspect we just might get it done – but remember, I'm a pessimist.

What I would not mind is a player of the calibre of Johnathan Thurston.

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Bugger me that guy can play.

Him and Cooper Cronk, and the third official – that's Cameron Smith to you - are all class acts, but JT is the bee's knees.

That's back to back golden point wins for the Cowboys courtesy of the headgear hero.

It's almost enough for me to support golden point.

Nah, it's not actually. I still can't see anything wrong with a point each for a draw. You have to feel for the Broncos, who get nothing, just like the Tigers and Dragons, who contributed nothing.

Two games in and it's Parramatta on top. Their fans will have a nosebleed being up that high. But relax, even if they manage to keep it up, they'll probably be another scandal that sees them docked a boatload of points. That's just the reality of being an Eels supporter.

Our conquerors the Storm (I still can't fathom how they get away with slowing everyone's play the ball by infringing without being penalised – though as I say, having Cameron Smith also refereeing must help) the Cowboys and Roosters are the other unbeaten sides.

Come In Kieran

Not many will be upset, unless you are an Aussie, about Kieran Foran finally being cleared to play.

There's been all this hoo-ha about him shopping himself around to Brisbane for next year, but the poor bloke has denied it, and what more can he do?

One assumes he won't play like a cat, and we'd want to keep him, but Shaun Johnson's contract is up to, as is Ata Hingano, who I thought has been excellent in both his outings.

It looks to me like those signatures are going to have a big impact on our future.

I don't pretend to know the intricacies of the salary cap, let alone who is being paid what, but you would imagine Johnson, Foran, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, Simon Mannering, Issac Luke, Bodene Thompson and the incoming Tohu Harris, are not being paid in salted peanuts.

The Chief Is Unhappy

Stephen Kearney fired off after the 26-10 NRL loss to Melbourne, unhappy about our last tackle options.

I don't think it's any secret halfback Shaun Johnson – the most maligned man in league – did not have a great day.

“There's certainly areas of improvement for him,” Kearney said.

Yeah and there are some for Tuimoala Lolohea too, especially, don't fall over and present the opposition with tries.

He did move to fullback after RTS was concussed but did not look great there either, so don't be surprised if his name is missing this week.

Simple Simona

I find myself strangely defensive of Tim Simona, the terminated Tiger. He's out because he breached the NRL rules by betting on games, and especially on opposition players scoring, and against his team winning.

What's worse, he sold jerseys, supposedly for charity, then kept the cash,

The Integrity Unit said Simona clearly had serious personal issues.

Gambling and cocaine addictions would fall under that I'm pretty sure.

At least the poor bugger has been offered ongoing welfare services.

In press at the weekend Simona said he took cocaine on a Mad Monday years ago, and that his habit got out of control. Every weekend he was spending thousands of dollars of his \$325,000 a year on drugs and pokies.

Simona said he never feared getting caught, and was tested as often as his teammates.

“I'm so ashamed of what I've done,” Simona said. “There are no excuses. It was dumb and stupid.” But he denied ever match-fixing. “The players know what I did was wrong but they understand I always gave 100 percent.”

Given how wide-ranging and open he was with his answers, I'm inclined to think, dumb as he was, he didn't at least fix games.



In the Stacey Jones Lounge



Andy Campbell, Papanui Tigers Club Captain, from Christchurch was a winner.



Another Panasonic Radio prize winner.



Another winner of the Don Graham Grocery Hamper.



Bodene Thompson and Ken Maumalo speak to the lounge.



Simon Morton and Sue Whitehead.



Bodene Thompson and Ken Maumalo with Ally Tamihere secretary of the Gisborne Tairawhiti Rugby League Board after the game.



Andrew Blowers, Liam, Nathaniel Roache and Toafofoa Sipley.



Janice having a paddle in our garage on Waiheke

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More Pics from the Stacey Jones Lounge



Brett Loy from Sydney loved the Asics voucher he won.



John Kerrigan (Papanui Tigers in Christchurch in the middle) with relatives Chris and Odette.



Copper receives a membership.



Dave McKee wins the TAB Lucky Punter \$50 on Isaac Luke to score the first try.



David Ellis from Sydney was wrapped to receive a Selseys BBQ cleaning pack to take back to Aussie.



Dexter orders Sir Peter from the stage.



Don Whyte the manager of the Cashmere club in Christchurch, Robert Down and Eamon Green all on a boys night out.



Douglas West already listening to the Panasonic radio he won.



Ex All Black Andrew Blowers talks with Toafofoa Siple in the Stacey Jones lounge on Friday night.



Former Kiwi & Warriors Player Tea Ropati paid us a visit in the lounge. He caught up with members Andrew and Christine Lemalu to chat.



Liam the young boy we flew up from Chrsitch has been battling cancer for the last three years.



Marilyn Logan prize winner.

Even More Pics from the Stacey Jones Lounge



Monique Ross from Selleys helps the boys draw out the lucky winners.



Ngai Monsall, Junior Club Captain of Papanui Tigers in Christchurch gets a \$50 Cowboys Bar Voucher.



Peter Taylor wins the Sealink voucher.



The McHues from Dorset England, by the end of the night they were wearing Warriors jerseys.



The McHugh's proudly show off their new jerseys.



The McHugh's with Bodene Thompson and Ken Maumalo.



Prize winner Mike Brown all smiles after winning a Warriros ball. Mike's a regular in the Stacey Jones Lounge.



The Papanui Tigers from Christchurch.



The three musketeers.



These guys all fly in from Aussie and gate crashed the Stacey Jones lounge. They were in Auckland for the races.



Toafofoa Siplely and Nathaniel Roache draw a spot prize in the Stacey Jones lounge.



Toafofoa Siplely and Nathaniel Roache.

In the Stacey Jones Lounge



Winners are grinners in the Stacey Jones lounge.



Another winner of the Don Graham Grocery Hamper.



A happy winner with their Selley's BBQ Tough Kit



Round 2 Photos



Coach Stephen Kearney shakes Erin Clark's hand.



David Fusitua Erin Clark Ryan Hoffman.



Erin Clark and Issac Luke.



Thisis Warriors fan came prepared for the weather.



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Farewell to the “Bible”

By John Coffey QSM

Author of ten rugby league books, Christchurch Press sports writer (44 years), NZ correspondent for Rugby League Week (Australia) and Open Rugby (England)



SAD NEWS out of Sydney last week signalling the pending closure of Rugby League Week magazine, which in its prime boasted a circulation of over 90,000 and was so respected it earned the nickname of “the Bible”. But RLW will be no more after March 27, ending 47 years of rugby league news stories, investigations and features. In the age of the internet the printed word is no longer in such demand, with newspapers as well as magazines struggling for survival.

RLW was a big part of my life from the early 1970s until 1994, when the emergence of the Auckland Warriors required the New Zealand correspondent to be based within easy reach of Mount Smart Stadium. There was a suggestion I relocate to Auckland but in its pre-Fairfax days The Press was still a great newspaper to work for and by then this expat West Coaster was firmly embedded in the Christchurch sporting scene. I recommended former Auckland Star journalist Jim Marr, and he filled RLW’s Auckland “office” while it existed before moving to Sydney.

Those who work in the media these days and have to do nothing more strenuous than press a keyboard button to transmit their stories might be surprised my first two methods of feeding copy to RLW actually required some walking, or jogging if time was tight, from The Press office across Cathedral Square to the Chief Post Office. The earliest stories were hardly hot off the press. They went by air mail and I had the closing times for Australian mail flights firmly imprinted on my brain.

When Telex came in, there was still a need to cross the Square to find an available Post Office operator. I think I knew their rostered hours as well as they did. The evolution of the Fax machine was a blessing, meaning I could transmit stories from work or home and know they were being read in Sydney within minutes. Hundreds of articles were produced on my faithful Brother Deluxe 750TR – it might sound like a motor bike but is in fact a portable typewriter which still sits proudly on a shelf in my garage – in the pre-email era.

Hull Kingston Rovers coach and administrator Colin Hutton, who died last month aged 90, told me he subscribed to RLW in England and always skipped to the New Zealand section first. Colin was always looking for tips about up-and-comers or established Kiwis who might be available for him to sign for HKR. Whether it was by coincidence or not, HKR enjoyed a golden run in the early 1980s when Auckland utility Gary Prohm, West Coast scrum-half Gordon Smith and Canterbury prop Mark Broadhurst were among the stars at Craven Park.

I was fortunate to work with the first three editors, Geoff Prenter (1970-1981), Ian Heads (1981-1987) and Norman Tasker (from 1987), legends all. They were generous in their allocation of space for New Zealand coverage and RLW had a sizeable following in this country. During Heads’ first year at RLW he introduced the Immortals, with Clive Churchill, Bob Fulton, Reg Gasnier and Johnny Raper as the original inductees. Unlike the NZRL’s all-encompassing Legends of League, the Immortals are restricted to post-World War II players the judges have seen in action. The NRL has agreed to take over the Immortals concept.

RLW developed numerous outstanding young Australian sports writers and also launched the career of the game’s premier statistician, David Middleton, more recently a familiar figure on The Footy Show. Ian Heads continues to write rugby league history books, his next being the compelling tale of Balmain’s upset 1969 Sydney grand final victory over “unbeatable” South Sydney. Current editor-in-chief Martin Lenehan, who has spent 22 years with the company, said “it has unfortunately been coming for a while but it doesn’t make it any easier when it happens. For something to last for 47 years in this industry is quite remarkable.” Amen to that.



WHILE THE Cowboys-Broncos game was another high standard, exciting clash between these two sides, Cronulla, for me, were the team of round two. The Sharks held a tight 12-10 half time lead but they played an almost perfect second half to finish well on top of the much bigger Raiders team, winning 42-16. Everyone in the 17-man squad more than did their job and Canberra just had no answer to their opponents excellent all round game. Wade Graham was a standout and deserved his three tries. He played the full 80 minutes, made 21 tackles which put him second on the list, three linebreaks and picked up 126 metres from his 15 runs. While Graham played a major part in the win, it is probably unfair to single one player out as it was a genuine team effort. Five eighth, James Maloney, gave the credit to his forwards after the match, but the Cronulla backs and their bench were also superb. Maloney landed seven goals from nine attempts, laid on two try assists and came up with a 40/20, but still had time to make 12 tackles and gain 74 metres from his 10 runs in his 80 minutes on the park. Jack Bird, at fullback instead of in the centres as he was last year, was another damaging player in his 80 minutes. He laid on a try assist and ran for 133 metres in his 15 bursts.

And what about the Sharks three old men, who played as if they were still in their early twenties. Paul Gallen, now 35, topped the tackle count with 23 in his 62 minutes on the field, as well as collecting a try and gaining 183 metres from his 21 runs. Another 35 year old, Chris Heighington played 35 minutes from the bench and made 141 metres from his 13 runs, plus 12 tackles. Luke Lewis, 33, played 66 minutes, made 19 tackles and ran for 66 metres in his seven runs. Luke also had a line break and a try assist to his credit.

Although only 20, hooker Jayden Brailey was always cool under pressure and played like a veteran. The 2016 Dally M Holden Cup Player of the Season, is a great replacement for Michael Ennis. Jayden collected his first, first grade try, made 22 tackles and ran for 64 metres with seven clever darts from dummy half. The Cronulla bench were much better than their Raider counterparts. Sharks coach, Shane Flanagan, used his four man bench for a total of 108 minutes and between them they made 42 tackles and 282 metres from their 29 runs. Ricky Stuart used the Raiders bench for a total of 94 minutes and they only made 71 metres from 11 runs. There are a lot of statistics in what I have written about the Sharks, but these figures illustrate how the workload was shared throughout the 17-man team.

Sharks head coach, Shane Flanagan, has many reasons for watching the NYC under 20 Sharks team. Obviously he likes to run his eye over potential first graders, but also his son Kyle, 19, is one of the stars of the side around the scrum base. On Saturday the young Sharks belted the Raiders by 74-12. Kyle finished with 30 points from two tries and 11 goals to bring his season total to 40 from the two matches. Jesse Ramien, a 19 year old centre, who scored the Sharks only try in their 22-6 loss to Wigan, picked up three tries against the Raiders and two the week before in the last second 40-38 loss to the Broncos.

The Parramatta forwards were impressive in the Eels 34-16 victory over St. George/Illawarra. The domination up front set the platform for their talented backs and they took full advantage of it. Semi Radradra's four tries gives him a total of 64 four pointers in 70 games with Parramatta. Fullback, Bevan French, 21, also knows the way to the tryline. He has two from two matches this year and a total 21 tries in 15 first grade games with the Eels. Playmaker, Corey Norman was the key to Parramatta's victory and he had a major role in three of his team's seven tries. With Norman calling the shots on field and coach Brad Arthur doing the job off field, the Eels are a genuine threat this year.

The Storm deserved their win over the Warriors but perhaps not by the 16 point margin. The Warriors did some good things and I believe they can defeat the Bulldogs in Dunedin this Friday night. Des Hasler's team has some major injury worries and has yet to register a win this year. Because of this they will be desperate and coach Steve Kearney will be hoping his team can keep mistakes and penalties to a minimum. Ball retention in the slippery and wet conditions against the Storm was 86 percent and if the team can come up with a similar figure this week, they will be well on the way to victory.

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The Warriors Intrust Super Cup team put on another good effort in their 36-22 win over the Bulldogs. They take on the Wests Tigers this Saturday at Campbelltown, south west of Sydney. The Tigers were belted 52-12 by Penrith on the weekend.

As we move into round three, there are still four undefeated teams. But by Monday this will probably change. The four teams on top of the table are Parramatta, Melbourne, Sydney Roosters and North Queensland. The Storm will have their hands full against the Broncos on Thursday night, even though this game is in Melbourne. Parramatta should make it three on the trot on the Gold Coast, while the Roosters will have a big job in front of them at Penrith. After two successive losses, Trent Barrett will have Manly up for the task against the Cowboys at Townsville. Both sides will have key forwards missing but the Sea Eagles could surprise.

The Toronto Wolfpack continued on its winning way with a 24-10 win over Whitehaven on Sunday, on the west coast of Cumbria in northern England. Toronto scored four tries to two against a side that was in the English Championship last season. The Wolfpack won without the services of Fuifui Moimoi, who was suspended for three matches after being sent off in a Round Three Challenge Cup win over Siddal. The Wolfpack will be tested in London this Friday night when they take on the London Broncos in a round four Challenge Cup game.

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The Perfect Corner Man

By John Coffey QSM

Author of ten rugby league books, Christchurch Press sports writer (44 years), NZ correspondent for Rugby League Week (Australia) and Open Rugby (England)



In just about every boxing movie ever made the hero's trainer and corner man is a short, gnarly old bloke with a weather-beaten face, bristling with aggression while harbouring a heart of gold, fighting for his fighters in public and a staunch family man in private. It's easy to believe that stereotype was modelled on legendary Lou Duva, who died in his home town of Paterson, New Jersey, last week at the age of 94. Duva was involved in the sport for seven decades and produced 19 world champions. For a time in the 1990s he believed he had another budding champion in Aucklander David Tua.

Duva was a mentor to Tua, a bronze medallist at the 1992 Olympic Games, early in his professional career. Duva's keen eye for talent was proven at the 1984 Olympics, when he persuaded five United States representatives to sign for his Main Events company. Lou and his team turned four of them, headed by heavyweight Evander Holyfield, into world professional champions. Holyfield had lost on disqualification to New Zealander Kevin Barry in 1984. Years later it was Kevin who arranged an interview for me with Duva. Listening to Kevin's admiration for the man, I felt I had been accorded an audience with royalty.

There should have been a movie of Duva's life, which began in impoverished circumstances as the sixth of seven children born to poor Italian immigrants. An older brother taught him boxing's basic skills at 10 and by age 12 he was throwing his fists around in and out of the ring. But there was no time to train as he worked any number of odd jobs to help the Duva family make ends meet. At 16 he changed his birth certificate so he could drive trucks two years ahead of his time and when World War II broke out he enlisted in the army and went to Jackson, Mississippi, to train in another form of combat.

Fortunately for the Japanese, Duva was never unleashed upon them. He was dismissed from the base after too many fist fights and also an altercation with two officers when he stood up for an African American woman who was being harassed on a public bus. The army sent him to Fort Hood and gave him his dream job as a boxing instructor. While Duva was to prove he could bring the best out of others, his own record in the ring was distinctly average. In 1942 he embarked on a three-year professional welterweight career which ended with just six wins, one draw and 10 losses. He met wife Enes when he was performing as a part-time clown and they were married in 1949.

Duva was soon spending time at the famously insanitary Stillman's Gym, where they kept the windows closed to prevent the smell of sweat from escaping (when world heavyweight champion Gene Tunney refused to train there unless they opened the windows he was told to go elsewhere) and for the number of celebrities it attracted. Duva became friends with Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr and Frankie Valli among others. His trucking business was doing well so he opened his own gym. Later he sold his fleet of 32 trucks and set himself up as a bail bondsman, tracking offenders who jumped bail, while managing and training boxers.

In 1963 Duva crowned his first world champion, middleweight Joey Giardello. Fifteen years later he and lawyer son Dan set up the Main Events company. ESPN became involved, along with boxing power broker Shelley Finkel, who brought several world class fighters with him. Major promoters Don King and Bob Arum suddenly had a rival to reckon with. There was no stopping Duva now, not even his first heart attack in 1979. He gave up being a bail bondsman and concentrated on boxing. With Dan as promoter and Lou as corner man, Main Events prospered. Since Dan died of cancer in 1996, aged 44, Main Events has been managed by his widow, Kathy.



David Tua & Lou Duva 26 Nov 1993.

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There were never any doubts that Duva would go to any lengths for his boxers. On one memorable weekend in 1989 Duva was in Mark Brelland's corner in Las Vegas when he regained the WBA welterweight title and the following night he was in Atlantic City working Darrin Van Horn's corner when he won the IBF junior middleweight championship. Two world titles on two coasts only 24 hours apart were a unique achievement for any trainer.

Duva literally fought for his boxers. At 74 he was involved in an infamous melee at Madison Square Garden. After television news showed him almost falling off a stretcher as medics tried to wheel him out of the Garden, New York City mayor Rudi Giuliani was among the visitors who flocked to visit him in hospital. He won numerous awards as a manager and trainer, including being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1998. As renowned trainer Ronnie Shields said, "Everybody wanted to be with Lou. He was the man."

Win 1 of 10 2016 Official Rugby League Special Issues



David Middleton's 2016 Official Rugby League Annual, a quite incredible publication which includes every imaginable statistic from the past season – and many more statistics that only a guru such as Middleton would be capable of imagining.

The 266-page Annual contains reviews of every aspect – club, state, international, women's and junior – of the 2016 season, and provides historical records which include all State of Origin and Grand Final teams. There are also team photos of all NRL clubs plus Four Nations teams, the Kiwi Ferns and Australian Jillaroos, and complete lists of Kangaroos and Kiwis representatives. It also looks ahead to 2017 with NRL and World Cup draws and club player gains and losses. It's a brilliant buy and an even better win.

- John Coffey

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By Miles Davis

John Surtees

John Surtees (GBR) and Sebastian Vettel (GER) Grand Prix Formula One Italy 2014 - Photo Photo4/LaPresse from www.photosport.nz

THERE ARE certain sporting heroes that one assumes are immortal. Sadly another one of mine made a liar of my assumptions by passing away earlier this week.

John Surtees was a boyhood hero of mine. I was a big fan of formula 1 and also of motor-bike racing so a man that became World Champion in both disciplines was always going to be high on my list of idols. The fact he was an Englishman made him even more relatable.

Surtees' father Jack was a motorcycle dealer and also raced sidecars. Young John had his first competitive race in the sidecar of his dad's Vincent at the tender age of 14. The duo won the race but were later disqualified as the young Surtees was not old enough to have legally competed.

Aged 16 Surtees took up an apprenticeship at the Vincent factory and the following year was already riding in various sanctioned motorcycle races. In 1955 his potential was recognised by Norton who sponsored him to ride their bikes. He ended the season with two notable wins over then reigning World Champion Geoff Duke. With Norton suffering financial uncertainties and unable to promise a ride for the season Surtees took up an offer from Italian manufacturer MV Agusta.

In his first year with MV Agusta he won the 500cc World Championship. After a lean year in 1957 Surtees came back with a vengeance and won the World Championships in 1958, 1959 and 1960 in both 500cc and 350cc classes. In that period he won 32 of his 39. For good measure in those years he also won consecutive Senior TT titles on the Isle of Man.

Contractual restrictions in his MV Agusta contract restricted his motorcycle racing opportunities so his need for speed saw him dip his toe into racing of a 4 wheel variety. In 1960 he moved to Formula 1 full time and raced with the British Team Lotus. He spent the following two years with different manufacturers but finally found success when he once again linked up with an Italian team, this time Ferrari. After joining them in 1963 he won his first Formula 1 race in the German Grand Prix at Nurburgring, beating the legendary Jim Clark. In that year he also came to Aotearoa and won the New Zealand Grand Prix at Pukekohe.

The following year he clinched the Formula 1 World Championship thereby becoming the only man in history to be crowned King of the World on 2 and 4 wheels.

When he had first joined MV Agusta he was given the nickname 'figlio del vento' (Son of the Wind) and he was renowned for his aggressive fighting spirit on the track. Unfortunately he often had the same demeanour when racing was over and did not suffer fools gladly. His feisty nature resulted in a row with Enzo Ferrari and team boss Eugenio Dragoni and Surtees left the outfit in 1966. He joined Honda and had limited success with his win in the 1967 Italian Grand Prix being his last F1 victory.

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Surtees had 3 children, Leonora, Edwina and Henry. His son Henry followed him into motor-racing and was tragically killed in a F2 race at Brands Hatch in 2009 when a wheel from another crash hit his head. He was just 18. Obviously the incident left Surtees heartbroken but he turned his grief into positive action by forming the Henry Surtees Foundation which through John's energies raised thousands for Air Ambulance services and head injury research.

John Surtees passed away at the age of 83 but his legend will live on in my mind and that of many others. Goodbye John and thanks for the inspiration and memories.

1963 New Zealand Grand Prix (silent movie but great footage): <http://bit.ly/2n7MURc>

Surtees wins 1964 German Grand Prix on way to becoming Champion: <http://bit.ly/2mFHE9X>

Surtees takes us through his 1964 title win: <http://bit.ly/2lUwzmG>

Cricket Ethics

By Miles Davis



'IT'S NOT cricket' was a phrase I grew up with. It was used to describe any action unbecoming of a gentlemen. Of course it didn't take me long to realise that cricket wasn't always the paragon of virtue it held itself up to be but nevertheless it still had the ethics one wanted to aspire to. Test cricket was the game that confronted its participants with all kinds of adversities and challenging situations and the opportunity to show ones mettle by overcoming them. The game was played in a fiercely combative manner but opponents showed each other respect, acknowledged each other achievements and above all, the umpire was sacred and his word final. Sadly when I watch the game nowadays 'It's not cricket'.

The spot-fixing and bung-taking was bad enough in itself but almost understandable when one considers the temptation of large amounts of money being waved under player's noses (often just a newspaper sting with no actual money being handed over). What is harder to swallow is the underhanded, mean-spirited attitude and downright cheating that has pervaded the modern game.

Take the umpires. Rather than accept his authority and take his decision like a man, players now have not one, but two opportunities to challenge his decision. And if an innings lasts longer than 80 overs they get another 2 chances to undermine the man in the white coat's legitimacy. We are creating a generation of spoiled brats who cannot accept a decision and umpires who do not have the balls to make a decision and invariably go upstairs if given the opportunity (when was the last time a run-out was given

without checking with the tv umpire?).

Originally introduced to rid the game of bad decisions it is now being used tactically or merely by those who want to preserve their average in a desperate attempt to get off a decision they fully know was correct. The process reached a new low when Aussie captains Steve Smith looked up to the dressing room balcony for guidance as to whether to challenge or not. He put his actions down to a brain fade. I put it down to a total lack of morals.

Sledging which used to manifest itself as a witty, if often harshly presented, way of getting under an opponent's skin, has now become nothing more than crude abuse and threats of physical violence or harm (mainly from the Australian granted).

I was surprised the other day when New Zealand had a 12th man come on to do some substitute fielding and was then heavily involved in discussing game tactics and decision making with his captain. I appreciate that in the normal course of events Tim Southey is NZ vice-captain but on this occasion he was merely a sub whose sole duty is to field. Not bowl, bat, wicket-keep or Captain his side. If you want him to act as vice-captain in the field then name him in the starting XI. It may seem like a petty complaint for many but to me it was a further sign that cricket is no longer 'cricket' and society is worse off as a result.



By Shane Hurndell
Hawke's Bay Today
Sports Reporter

H.O.Y Goes on in Mud and Rain

CHAMPION COMBO Olympic Cup champion Lily Tootill with her Hawke's Bay-bred mount Ulysses NZPH. PHOTO HAWKE'S BAY TODAY.

THE SHOW must go on ... and this time it did.

Unlike the Black Caps cricket ODI fixture against Australia scheduled for Napier's McLean Park on February 2 which was abandoned because of a water-logged McLean Park the 2017 edition of the six-day Horse of the Year Show ended in wet and muddy conditions at the Hawke's Bay Showgrounds in Hastings on Sunday. For those not in the know this is the biggest annual equestrian event in the southern hemisphere and last week more than 1800 horses and 1400 riders were in action.

Despite the poor weather conditions for five of the six days organisers described the event as a great success. The only major cancellation was Saturday's cross-country component.

While some Clevedon and Gisborne-based competitors were unable to attend the show because they had to stay at home and deal with clean-up operations after their farms were flooded the majority of the riders entered made it to the Bay.

Among those who made huge effort on the travelling front was Central Otago's Abby Hore who along with hubby Richard and their three children spent two-and-a-half days on their journey north from their Millers Flat station. She was rewarded for her efforts with victory in the Amateur Rider showjumping class on the Tuesday in what was her first appearance at the show.

Hore and Beaumont Geldolf produced the only clear round, a feat which surprised Hore as she thought her horse may have still been in recovery mode after the long haul.

During the year leading up to the show Hore had dreamed about competing in the Premier Arena at the show which is on the field where the New Zealand Maori rugby league team drew 10-all with the Kangaroos in 1980. Among those in action for the Maori team on that occasion were Kiwi legends James Leuluai, Dennis Williams, Howie and Kevin Tamati.

Karaka 20-year-old Lily Tootill captured the glamour showjumping title, the Olympic Cup, on Sunday. She delivered two clear rounds in the mud on her Hawke's Bay-bred mount Ulysses.

This horse which is affectionately known as Ronald to the initiated because Tootill is a closet Harry Potter fan and reckons his personality mirrors character Ronald Weasley, is the product of Haupouri Station in Ocean Beach.

The stud is the brainchild of Warwick Hansen, an accomplished grand prix showjumper, who started the breeding business in partnership with former All Black captain David Kirk in 1995. Tootill and Ronald, which was labelled a rookie combination did well to beat seasoned campaigners including Hawke's Bay Olympian Maurice Beatson and fellow multiple winner, Aussie-bound Mystery Creek rider Katie Laurie.

Among the other major showjumping title winners were Taupo's Helen McNaught-McFarlane in the Silver Fern Stakes and Putaruru's Drew Carson in the Young Rider class. Organisers had every right to praise the input of more than 450 volunteers who went beyond the call of duty in the atrocious weather conditions.

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“It was always going to be challenging for them but we were happy with how everything went and I think they did a great job given the circumstances,” event director Dave Mee said afterwards.

As I left the showgrounds I couldn't help but think about the possibility of another league international between the Kangaroos and New Zealand Maori team in the Bay. The showgrounds would no longer be suitable but McLean Park would be ideal.

There's a challenge for new Rugby League Hawke's Bay chairman Dion Te Ahu and his crew. I'm sure Hawke's Bay league fans would turn out in droves for such a match just like they did for the NRL clash between the Melbourne Storm and St George at McLean Park two years ago.

Hore and Tootill proved last week how challenges can be overcome as did the organisers and volunteers behind a show which once again delivered despite the circumstances.

Timing of Injuries Can Make or Break a Team's Season

By John Deaker



IT'S A harsh reality that all teams suffer from injuries during the NRL season. How serious they are, who gets them and when they occur can be crucial in dictating the fortunes of clubs' seasons.

One of the big talking points from the early rounds of the NRL has been Greg Inglis ruptured ACL in round 1 that is likely to keep him out for the season. Opinions differ on whether a more accurate earlier diagnosis by the club doctor could have prevented the full rupture taking place when Inglis played on. The undebatable fact is that Inglis' club's management didn't err on the side of caution when assessing their most valuable player. You might understand gambling on a star player's health in a sudden-death semi-final but not in round 1!

Inglis' value to Souths' campaign can be best explained by betting agencies dramatically extending the odds for the Rabbitohs to win the Premiership from 13-1 to 29-1 once it became clear how serious his injury was.

At the weekend the Titans lost their most valuable player, Jarryd Hayne, for around four weeks after he injured his ankle in the 28th minute of their 34-26 loss to the Knights. He's nearly as much of a loss for the Titans as Inglis is for South Sydney. However, this next month is a good time to have a star like Hayne on the sideline compared to the business end of the season. Taking this in to account, from the Warriors' perspective it's why it makes sense not to rush Kieran Foran back too early. If the Warriors are going to be a Premiership contender this year they need him in form for the second half of the season and hopefully the finals series.

The interesting thing about Foran last year was that because his mental state dominated headlines it was never raised whether Parramatta had 'done a South Sydney' by not giving his shoulder a chance to heal before playing him again. It's likely that it was only when Foran returned to the field with the Eels, still carrying his injury, that it got worse and required surgery.

One thing about a gutsy player like Foran is he's probably incapable of holding himself back and being cautious on the field. That makes it even more important for his shoulder to be fully recovered before he gets back on the park. Let's hope that is sooner rather than later because the Warriors again showed at the weekend how much they need a player like him to give them some structure, have composure under pressure and steer the team round the field.

The Warriors take on the Titans in round 5 on April 2nd. This will be a good time to meet them with Jarryd Hayne very likely to still be sidelined. Some other key players for NRL teams that are reported to be out for at least the next month or more are: Bryce Cartwright, Matt Scott, Will Hopoate and Anthony Winterstein.

Northland Club Rugby Undergoes Changes for 2017 Season

By Ben Francis



NORTHLAND'S CLUB rugby competitions will be completely different in 2017 after a review conducted by the Northland Rugby Union.

The changes have been made to the competition structure to create a more sustainable competition, while also striving to improve the pathway for teams to enter more competitive divisions.

The Northland Bayleys Southern districts premier completion will now be known as the Bayleys Northland Premiership.

But the biggest changes will happen to teams who were involved in the Southern Districts first division, Man-gonui and Bay of Island's competitions.

All three will be playing in the Bayleys Northland Championship and split into a Northern and Southern conference. Each team will face each other once before playing semifinals and finals.

The winners from each zone will then be eligible to play off against the bottom two sides from the Bayleys Northland Premiership in a promotion/relegation match.

If a team from the North or South zone go onto win a promotion match, they will have the chance to align with another club if they have not done so already in order to have both a reserve and Premiership team.

Northland Rugby Union chief executive Alistair McGinn believes the changes will benefit everybody in Northland rugby, not only at club level, but at Mitre 10 Cup level also.

"It's a really healthy change for rugby in Northland," McGinn said.

"We're trying to cater to all teams here, and the changes have come from the sub-unions suggestions. They asked, we listened."

"This set up is similar to what club rugby used to like in the early 2000s, which was a competitive and successful set up that flowed into the Taniwha team."

A review of this new format will be undertaken after the 2018 season.

Northlanders Impress For Respective NRL Teams

THREE NORTHLANDERS took part for their respective teams during round two of the NRL Premiership.

James Fisher-Harris played 66 minutes for the Penrith Panthers during their 36-2 win over Wests Tigers on Sunday.

The 21-year old had arguably one of his best matches in the NRL, running for 49 metres, had a try assist and made 20 bone-crunching tackles. The Rawene product made a number of great plays putting the Tigers back three under constant pressure.

Tigers forward Elijah Taylor was his usual self for Wests. The Hawera product also played 66 minutes in the match, running for 73 metres and making a game-high 43 tackles. Taylor also spent the early stages in the match getting treated for a nasty head knock which saw blood pouring from his head.

Whangarei product Adam Blair played great for the Brisbane Broncos but couldn't lead his side to victory as the North Queensland Cowboys claimed a 21-20 golden-point win on Friday. Blair ran for 103 metres while making 25 tackles.

The Broncos will face the Melbourne Storm on Thursday night while Panthers face the unbeaten Roosters on Saturday night. The Tigers will look to bounce back against the Raiders on Sunday.



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

By John Holloway

MY TIPS this week went down the drain in the rain...mind you I reckon a few went down the gurgler with me. I got away to a fair start with the Roosters outlasting the Bulldogs but gee the next 6 games were bumper picks for the old High-Tackle.

The Warriors got outplayed and outclassed by an understrength Storm 26/10 but I guess any side with Canny Cam Smith, mighty Munster and super Cooper Cronk at the helm would get up against most. Losing captain RTS early didn't help our boys. The Penrose faithful need to patiently play the waiting game...is Mooks the Messiah, will Foran actually get on the paddock, can Maumalo get across the try-line, will the real Ben Matulino return, is this a different year to last year and the year before? Only time will tell my friends. If ever you need your faith restored ring The Butcher. The Cowboys and Broncos put up another mammoth tussle. I thought home advantage would get the Suncorp crew the money but hell you can't bet against never-give-up Johnny "the Drop" Thurston and his sharp-shooting far north rustlers. Yet another 1 pointer. I can forgive myself getting this wrong. Big celebrations in Coal-Town as the Knights broke their long win drought knocking off the teetering Titans 34/26...and good on them! The Saifiti bros don't take a backward step and young gun standoff Brock lamb is making the most of the absence of substance suspect Jarrod Mullen. The Titans lost the HaynePlane but his contribution was a bit questionable and I was tossing him out of my fantasy team anyway. The Rabbitohs really surprised me...looking like a rudderless rabble a week back and losing Inglis was not confidence inspiring in my book but clearly the bustling Bunnies were on a different page. Surely The Manly mob would come good at The Brook..."no way jose" ...a clear-cut 38/18 to the Southside visitors... maybe G.I. was a handbrake? Well and truly laying the "home ground" thing to rest the fancied Raiders got roundly roughed up and rattled by the reigning premis with a Maloney standoff masterclass putting him in the spotlight for the Blues slot, the 7 goals stat doesn't hurt him either. Evergreen Luke Lewis still a major asset and wade Graham underlined his growing rep with a try scoring treble. For the Raiders sticky Ricky still has work to do to get them back to their best, Rapana remains lively but Leilua under guard by opposing teams plus I suspect they are feeling the injury absence of backline linchpin and captain Croker. What happened to last weeks terrifying Tigers? The beaten up Panthers came back to bite them bigtime 36/2 ..say again 36/2!! Tiger captain Woods battled well as usual but the other Westie guns Moses, Tedesco etc only popped. The Blue Mountain boys bashed em up front and ran through them at the back. Kiwi Dean Wharecoming god with a couple of meat pies and Ex under 20s debutant large frame forward Kikau bears watching.

So whats ahead, because its early days mate and clearly a settling in period I can state with absolutely no real conviction thatthe following teams will take the biscuits this week in round 3: Home team first.

Storm V Broncos - Cripes who knows...Broncs to upset. Bulldogs v Warriors – under the Dunedin Roof, Warriors by a couple (maybe) Titans v Eels - home won't help, House on the Parratroopers Knights v Rabbitohs - Bunnies will bashem.

Penrith v Roosters – take your pick I think maybe Bondi by a bit. Cowboys v Sea Eagles – Thurstons Homies will round them up. Raiders v Tigers – Rickys Green Rockets to come good. Sharks v Dragons – The Shire-boys will put the bite on.

Gooo the Waarriioooooorrss.

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KPS Warriors Experience



A huge thank you to Midland Scaffolding and Rigging who gave some very lucky Kawerau Putauaki School students the day of their lives by donating us their open air booth at Mount Smart Stadium for the Vodafone Warriors NRL match against the Newcastle Knights on Sunday.



Our day included face paint, activities, photos and autographs with players and the best seats in the house for the Warriors game. Our kids were even served their food and drink during the game! The game itself was exciting and we were all happy to see the Vodafone Warriors pick up a win in their first game of the season. What a day!



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The Butcher 30 Years Ago

By Brian Campbell

IBUMPED INTO the Mad Butcher a couple of weekends ago out at his holiday retreat of Waiheke. “Great shirt ya got there mate” rang out this familiar gravelly voice. I turned to see Peter standing at a book stall at the fair at Ostend and commenting on my old Warriors shirt. After progressing through the formalities he invited me down to his place to view the “man cave”. I duly turned up for what I thought might be a half hour visit but had forgotten you just don’t spend half an hour with the butcher when he is in the mood to entertain. Anyway we got talking on how we met some 30 plus years ago. I had finished playing at Richmond in 1983 and had hooked up with my local club East Coast Bays Barracudas and spent time giving back. The Cudas were somewhat a rundown club back then and only had 3 teams. My mate Tony Smith and I thought we would try to help out as well as getting our kids a run in team. Smitty coached one team and I took on another. Before we knew it we were 5 teams. The club had no home field, no clubrooms and of course no money for team kit. They literally lived hand to mouth. At the time the Auckland Rugby League had an initiative for clubs to attend some seminars on how to attract sponsorship for your club and what was required to go about it. It seemed like a good idea at the time so I enrolled in the course. On completion we were let loose on the community to try our luck.

The Mad Butcher back in those days was a prominent name associated with Mangere East Hawks so I thought it a good chance he might want to share the love so to speak. So with a lot of help from my beloved on how to present the package and getting it printed off I went and booked an appointment with “The Mad Butcher” – a meeting in his office – a container out the back of his Mangere shop. Following the continual interruptions from staff requiring decisions on product and pricing etc I finally was able to launch into my sales pitch, how I saw it planning out, what we could do for “The Mad Butcher” name, what the sponsorship would do for the ECBRL etc. Peter actually listened with interest and appeared impressed that someone had actually gone to the trouble of putting a proposal together. He commented that he has had many approaches from all sorts of people, clubs and charity’s many who would just walk up to him and ask for money. Peter thought long and hard then uttered those words that any prospective promotions officer does not want to hear. Brian I can’t give you money. My heart sank. He carried on – “but I’ll tell you what I can do”. He asked how much the club needed for 5 x sets of Jerseys. Then he offered “mate I will give you that value in meat divided up into weekly packs to be raffled off each Saturday”. Now many might think that’s a lot of hard work having to sell raffles for a whole season just to buy some footy jerseys. And it was. Peter was no fool, he knew that we had to work as a team to sell those raffles to buy those jerseys and we weren’t in the position to reject the offer.

Well we survived that year and sold the raffles in a predominately rugby strong hold and ordered the jerseys.

It brought the club together in many ways and we bonded together both committee, players and parents to the point that we went back for another year’s supply of meat to do it all again. The club has moved from strength to strength and is what it is today. Some of those kids from that era went on to represent Auckland and New Zealand and some of the guys I coached are now the old boys of the club and doing what we did 30 odd years ago. How the world goes round. We may have got there without that help – we will never know. Thanks Peter.

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RLWC2017 Education Resource Launches at Birkdale North School

By Harley Wall

NEW ZEALAND Sport and Recreation Minister Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman launched the Rugby League World Cup 2017 (RLWC2017) Education Resource at Birkdale North School in Auckland on Friday 10 March. The Resource was developed in conjunction with NZRL, and includes engaging classroom ideas and activities based on the Rugby League World Cup to be contested later this year.

Minister Coleman was assisted by former Kiwis representative Jerome Ropati and Kiwi Ferns player Krystal Rota at the launch, which began with a traditional powhiri and speeches from selected students. After the welcoming, students from Room 11 were given the opportunity to showcase to their guests the activities they had completed from the resource. Students worked in groups to design a banner supporting the different nations playing at the Rugby League World Cup.

In addition to the RLWC2017 workbook, the resource also includes three NZRL resource cards based on the themes of leadership, resilience and well-being. These cards include fun outdoor activities

teaching fundamental Rugby League skills. Minister Coleman and Jerome Ropati each joined in with the students as they

The Education Resource was developed as part of the RLWC2017 legacy programme, which aims to create long-term benefits as a result of co-hosting an international event. The programme is focused on youth engagement, building capability in the Rugby League community, improving Rugby League facilities and growing the diversity of participants of the game.

Ahead of today's launch, over 100 schools had pre-registered their interest in accessing the RLWC2017 Education Resource, with the goal of engaging 750 schools across the country before the end of year. The Resource has themes that fit across many sections within the New Zealand Curriculum, including mathematics, social sciences, art, health and Physical education.

For more information and to register your school for this resource, email rlwc2017@nzrl.co.nz

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Thanks again and good luck tomorrow.

Regards, Nic Gray



BUTCH, HUGE thanks for the Warriors jersey that I was lucky enough to win in your Newsletter draw. Your awesome generosity will have me looking the part in Stacey Jones Lounge for the new season.

Cheers mate

Robert Thompson



Hey there butch,

WHAT AN awesome jersey close up. 110% pumped for the season. let's go warriors!

Anyways bro thanks for the mean as jersey. I will be wearing it with pride..

Go the mighty Vodafone Warriors!

Tony Kimi



Kia Ora Sir Peter,

THANKS FOR the poster, much appreciated. Now laminated and on the wall with the other Warriors stuff.

Regards
Marcia & Barry Broughton
PATEA.

DISAPPOINTED THAT some people are quick to jump on the bandwagon about the Warriors loss to the storm so early in the season. in my opinion The boys went well considering the conditions. better ball control and are only going to improve each game. The storm are a very well drilled side and are one of the benchmark teams in the NRL. Promising signs ahead for the Warriors . Bring it on!!

Greg Dawson former Southland Rams coach and Co Coach of South Island



THIS WEEK IN BIG LEAGUE'S HUGE ROUND 3 ISSUE...

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- They're two of the greatest of all time and the 2,000 points mark is just another accolade to add to the careers of **Johnathan Thurston** and **Cameron Smith**. We look back on their remarkable rises to the top.
- Panthers halves **Nathan Cleary** and **Te Maire Martin's** only game on the same field together before Round 1 was an NYC match in 2015 – for opposing teams. But the youngsters are taking the pressure on their shoulders very well.
- A remarkable 18 players are off-contract at the Sharks at the end of the year – and **Luke Lewis** and **Chris Heighington** say it's a big reason why they think the club can go back-to-back.
- The **Mata'utia brothers** are getting their foundation up and running and in the meantime they are giving back to the Newcastle community out of their own pockets – including helping fundraise for cancer treatments and donating their time to Ronald McDonald house.
- **Dylan Napa** is sick of questions about Origin – but the fanfare has already started and is unlikely to slow down any time soon. The fiery prop says gaining a spot for Queensland has been his motivation of his for three years.

PLUS... We remember the **Top 8 one-season wonders**, The Analyst runs the numbers on whether the **Raiders can overcome their slow start** and a **Konrad Hurrell** poster.



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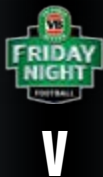
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	BULLDOGS	WARRIORS
Position (Points)	13th (0)	11th (2)
Points For	30	36
Points Against	40	48

ATTACK		
Tries	6	7
Completions	76%	79%
Tries 0-20m	3	5
Tries 21-50m	3	2
Tries 51-100m	0	0

DEFENCE		
Tries	7	8
Tries 0-20m	4	3
Tries 21-50m	3	4
Tries 51-100m	0	1

MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	3	4
Tries Conceded	4	4
Points Scored	15	18
Points Conceded	20	24
Hit Ups/Runs	172	171
Tackles	303	327
Metres Gained	1479	1566
Handling Errors	3	5
Offloads	13	5
Line-breaks	3	5
Goalkicking	50%	57%

HEAD-TO-HEAD
 Played 34, Canterbury 19, Warriors 13, drawn 2

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WINNING FORM 2017
CANTERBURY: Streak LL – 2 losses
WARRIORS: Streak WL – 1 loss

PAST 8 CLASHES
2016 – WARRIORS D. CANTERBURY 24-20 at Westpac Stadium, Wellington
2015 – CANTERBURY D. WARRIORS 26-22 at ANZ Stadium
2014 – CANTERBURY D. WARRIORS 16-12 at Waikato Stadium, Hamilton; **CANTERBURY D. WARRIORS 21-20** at Eden Park
2013 – CANTERBURY D. WARRIORS 24-16 at Westpac Stadium Wellington
2012 – CANTERBURY D. WARRIORS 32-18 at Mt Smart Stadium
2011 – WARRIORS D. CANTERBURY 36-12 at Mt Smart Stadium
2010 – WARRIORS D. CANTERBURY 30-24 at ANZ Stadium

BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS
BULLDOGS D. WARRIORS 54-10 at Ericsson Stadium, 2004
WARRIORS D. BULLDOGS 34-8 at Ericsson Stadium, 2001;
WARRIORS D. BULLDOGS 48-22 at SHOWGROUND, 2003

NEXT CLASH
CANTERBURY: v Manly at Lottoland, 4.30pm Saturday March 25
WARRIORS: v St George Illa at WIN Jubilee, 6.30pm Sunday March 26

CASUALTY WARD
CANTERBURY: Kerrod Holland (shoulder), Will Hopoate (eye socket) – Rd 9
WARRIORS: Kieran Foran (shoulder) – Rd 4-5; Ben Matulino (knee) – Rd 5

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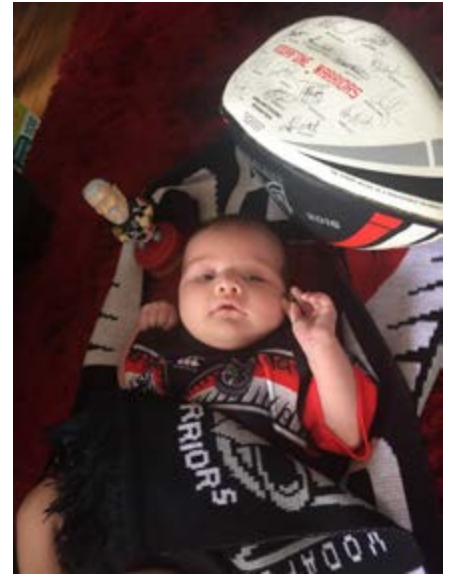
Morning Sir Peter

THE ATTACHED IS a picture of my brand new Niece, (Leah Murphy) who will be 4 weeks old on Saturday, While her Mum was taking a well-deserved break I got to spend some quality time with her, as you can tell she is going to be just like her Aunty, a huge supporter and fan.

You have a great day and we will be cheering tonight against the Storm for a big win.

Regards
Christy

Great photo love the Mad Butcher Doll in the left hand corner. He has lost his glasses I see - Sir Peter Leitch



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Vatuvei named for Dunedin

by Richard Becht

THE LONGEST-SERVING current Vodafone Warriors Simon Mannering and Manu Vatuvei will be centre stage for Friday night's historic third-round NRL clash against the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs under Forsyth Barr Stadium's roof in Dunedin (8.00pm kick-off).

The relentless Mannering (30) will make his 261st career appearance to draw level with the great Stacey Jones – and current assistant coach – for the most games for the club.

And Vatuvei (31), the club's try-scoring record holder, was today named to make his first NRL appearance of the season – and the 226th of his career – after turning out in the Intrust Super Premiership in the first two rounds this year.

With Mannering on the cusp of the mark for most appearances it means two of Jones' records are set to be bettered in the space of two weeks (Shaun Johnson topping Jones' all-time points-scoring record of 674 with his 56th career try against Melbourne last week).

"I can't say enough about Simon. He represents everything we want this club to be," said Kearney.

"It's a wonderful achievement for him to play that many games and throughout he has consistently maintained the highest standards. You could count on half a hand the number of games he hasn't been up to his usual level.

"Manu has played really well in his two games in the ISP after missing the trials and he'll provide us with the valuable experience we need."

Kearney has significantly boosted the experience factor in the starting line-up for the trip south.

As well as Vatuvei, front rower Jacob Lillyman has been brought into the run-on side as has seasoned second rower Bodene Thompson; they were both

used from the bench in the opening two rounds against Newcastle and Melbourne.

Vatuvei, Lillyman and Thompson provide an injection of more than 470 NRL games between them for this week's starting line-up as the Vodafone Warriors seek to rebound from last Friday night's 10-26 loss to Melbourne at a sodden Mount Smart Stadium.

It means the Vodafone Warriors' regular starting back row combination since 2015 – Mannering, Thompson and Ryan Hoffman – is reunited for the first time this year while Vatuvei's inclusion enables Kearney to field two monster wings with Vatuvei on the left and Ken Maumalo shifting to the right. The pair were used in tandem several times in the latter part of the 2016 season. Charlie Gubb and Bunty Afoa move to an extended bench.

The Bulldogs' 'home' game – on St Patrick's Day but in the 'Edinburgh of the south' – is the first NRL competition match to be played in the southern city.

The Vodafone Warriors played preseason trials there in 2013 and 2014 beating Brisbane both times when new head coach Stephen Kearney was on the Broncos' staff.

The Bulldogs, coming off season-opening losses to Melbourne (6-12) and the Sydney Roosters (24-28), are among the Vodafone Warriors' most challenging opponents.

The ledger is 19-13 in Canterbury-Bankstown's favour with two draws while the away record favours the Bulldogs 9-5 with two draws. The Vodafone Warriors' 24-20 win against them in Wellington last year is their only success in the last six encounters since 2011.

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Vodafone Warriors

- 1 Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (C)
- 2 Ken Maumalo
- 3 David Fusitu'a
- 4 Solomone Kata
- 5 Manu Vatuvei
- 6 Mafoa'aeata Hingano
- 7 Shaun Johnson
- 8 Albert Vete
- 9 Issac Luke
- 10 Jacob Lillyman
- 11 Bodene Thompson

- 12 Ryan Hoffman
- 13 Simon Mannering
- Interchange:**
- 14 Erin Clark
- 15 Sam Lisone
- 16 Charlie Gubb
- 17 Bunty Afoa
- 18 Blake Ayshford
- 20 James Gavet
- 21 Tuimoala Lolohea
- 22 Mason Lino

Match Officials:

Referee: Gavin Badger
 Assist Referee: Jon Stone
 Touch Judges: Tim Roby,

Anthony Elliot
 Standby Tj: Chris Mcmillian
 Review Officials: Steve Chiddy
 Senior Ro: Luke PattenW



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