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## Newsletter

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### Men's Health Month By Sir Peter Leitch



**L**AST FRIDAY I went to a breakfast to mark the start of New Zealand Men's Health Month, in conjunction with the launch of my good mate Phil Gifford's new book "Looking After Your Nuts And Bolts." Some of older readers will remember Phil as Loosehead Len (google him) he was a legend in his day.

It's on sale in all good book stores now and well worth buying a copy.

Phil has written 25 books, including my own book in 2008. He told me that while he enjoys every book he's ever written that he thinks "this is the most important one I've ever done."

"Kiwis guys are great at so many things, but we're not too flash at looking after ourselves. There's a good reason women in New Zealand live on average four years longer than men do. They look after themselves better, and they're more sensible about going to the doctor."

"I interviewed specialists in all the health fields, from prostate cancer to diabetes to heart disease to skin cancer, and every one said the same thing, the earlier a problem is picked up, the easier it is to fix it."

"With bowel cancer, if it's detected early, there's a 99% cure rate. That's 99%. On the other hand, if it's only found late, there's only a 25% survival rate."

"Put simply, we need to be seeing a doctor not just when we're sick, but for a yearly check up from the time we're 50, and, if there's a history of medical problems in the family, we should probably start at 40."

I wrote the foreword to Phil's book and I said, "When my good mate Phil rang and asked me if I would do the foreword for this book I'd just arrived home from a tour to Britain with the Kiwis league team."

"It was a sadly appropriate time."

"My wife had just broken the news to me that my eldest brother Jack had been diagnosed with a serious case of prostate cancer."

"My other brother, Gary, died of bladder cancer, and he could have possibly been alive today if he'd gone to the doctor sooner."

There's lots of great, practical advice in "Looking After Your Nuts And Bolts", but I agree 100% with Phil, the best advice is for you to have a doctor you go to regularly, and if you're not happy with the doctor you're seeing: Get another one!

Check out this week's Listener magazine where the front page story is on Phil's book.

Another of the speakers at the breakfast was Dr Tom Mulholland another good mate of mine who was very entertaining and informative. Check him out at [www.drtononamission.com](http://www.drtononamission.com) and Dr Tom on a mission on Facebook. He drives around New Zealand in his Retro Chevy V8 ambulance being the ambulance the top of the cliff. He normally works in the Emergency Department at Auckland City hospital where he sees too many people that haven't yet read Phil's book so he has been travelling NZ for the last 3 years in his ambo, give him a toot when you see him or go to one of his talks.

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Phil talking to music legend Mike Chunn while I eavesdrop.



Phil addressing the audience at the breakfast.



And the books flew out the door...

## Check Out The Interviews I Did With Doctor Tom And Phil Gifford



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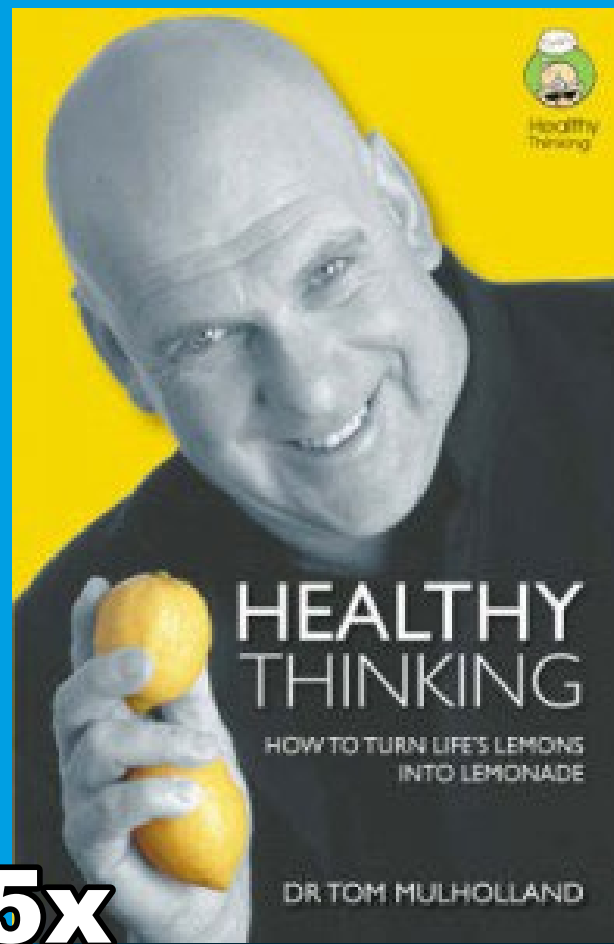
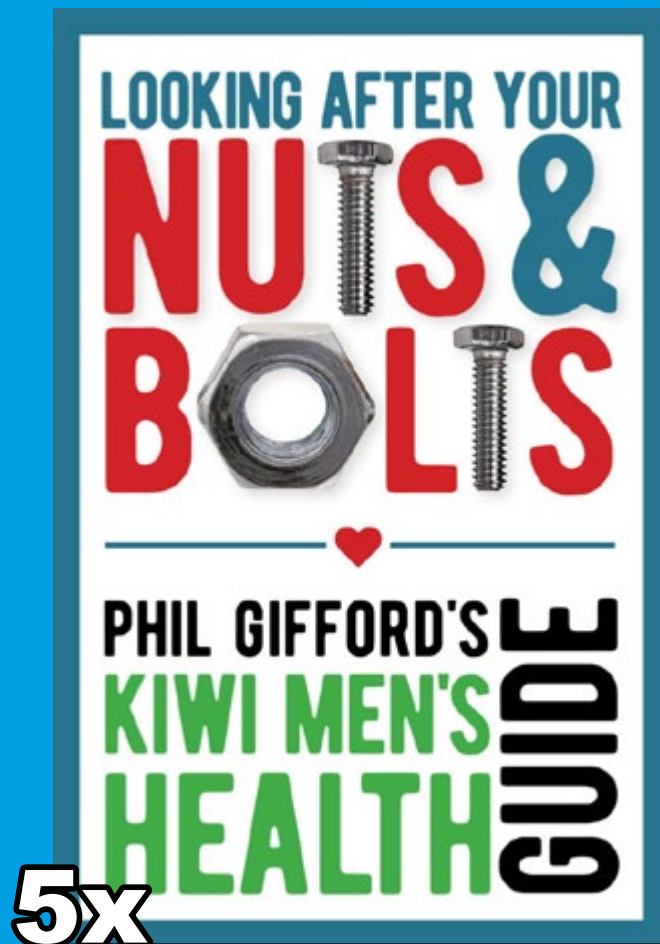
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The event will be the first of its kind, allowing you the chance to tackle the bends, hills and straights of Hampton Downs Motorsport Park 2.7KM race track on the 8th October 2017.

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The Foundation promotes awareness of the cancer that affects over 3000 Kiwi men diagnosed each year, and we need your support to continue doing the vital work we do in our communities.

There will be plenty of spot prizes provided by our event sponsors on the day. Prizes for both individuals and teams will be awarded for things like; most laps completed, highest amount fundraised, best dressed and fastest lap time. A huge post-race feed will be provided, and plenty of bottled water will be on hand to keep you re-hydrated throughout. Pedal4Prostate is a cycling event you don't want to miss!

To get amongst it and register, grab your team mates and head to [pedal4prostate.org.nz](https://pedal4prostate.org.nz) Early Bird pricing starts at \$600 per team of four (\$150 pp) and is only for a limited time, so get in quick, T&C's apply.

**Event Details**

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# Not So Much Road Warriors As Road Kill

By David Kemeys

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



**A**T THE start of the year I said I did not care that the Warriors were poor on the road, what I cared about most was that they were poor at home, and I would prefer they sort that out first.

Now don't get me wrong, I am much more confident at Mt Smart, and I have enjoyed leaving the ground with the points in the bag - an all to infrequent event over recent seasons.

But I was wrong. I hate it just as much when we lose on the road. Which at the moment is a given.

We can't even win on the road when it's a few kilometres away in Hamilton, let alone in Oz.

Apparently, and I know this because coach Stephen Kearney said so, our woes all stem from a mental block and not the frequent travel.

Well I am sorry Stephen, that makes it worse, not better.

I can understand how hard it is to go to Australia to play. Hours to get to the airport and through Customs and the like, time spent waiting around, hours in the air, more time on the ground to clear Customs, who knows how long in a bus to get to a hotel, and so on.

And do that time and again every season, as opposed to your opponents, who do it once.

But oh no, that's not a factor, and according to Stephen it can all be put right by "mental focus".

Not one win this year any place than Mt Smart, and only seven in Australia since 2015. Pitiful.

"It's just about making sure we bring the right attitude."

Fair enough, let's assume the boss is right. Well then we have only brought the right attitude to Australia seven times since 2015.

Ryan Hoffman though says a full day of travel is more draining than a quick flight from Melbourne or Brisbane to Sydney, and reckons the responsibility is on the players to get their preparation right.

We'll show some pigging responsibility then, because this is horrible. Week after week, and seldom even the hint of a winning performance.

I know about scientific stuff like continental drift and Earth's plates shifting, but if we have to wait for Australia and New Zealand to get closer together we are going to be waiting for a long time.

## Where To Now For Kearney

Coach Stephen Kearney is going to come under the microscope again.

There were endless calls for heads to roll after the Dragons, but Kearney stayed loyal.

We have the same calls this week, although a lot louder. But Kearney stays loyal again.

I don't believe he has it in him to be ruthless, and there is nothing in his previous behaviour to suggest otherwise.

He must have thought the boys redeemed themselves with the win over Brisbane, but we are lacking any kind of consistency, and some of our best are at the heart of it, with Bodene Thompson and Josh Hoffman again failing, missing 11 tackles between them.

Shaun Johnson was not far off horrible, and Solomone Kata can't have enjoyed his return either.

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“One thing I’m mindful of is making drastic decisions. The same group of players put in a consistent performance against Brisbane. One thing I know about consistency, if you keep changing you’re not going to get it.”

We are still only four points outside the eight and Kearney says he has to remaining consistent in his message and methods.

“I know it sounds like I say the same things every week, but that’s the reality and that’s consistency.”

It does sound like he says the same things, and he may well be right, but there’s another saying too, if you do the same thing, you get the same result.

So Hoffman will bring up his 300th NRL game. He is in his third and final season with us, and will be the 27th player to join the 300-game club.

The Warriors will head to the Gold Coast without James Gavet, out with a hamstring strain so

Jacob Lillyman and Ben Matulino will start, with Sam Lisone, Albert Vete, Bunty Afoa, Toafofoa Siple and Ligi Sao on the extended eight-man bench.

### **Sammy Off The Hook**

I hate Sammy Radrada almost as much as that dickhead Andrew Fifita.

But I might have to rethink that after the two remaining domestic violence charges against the big Eels Fijian winger were dropped. Maybe I was too quick to judge and he didn’t do anything.

The case was tipped out because of inconsistencies in the evidence of his former partner, and it also came out she did her best to rev things up in the media.

There were originally three charges but one was dropped in February and Semi’s manager is now bleating about how he would never have signed to play rugby in France if the charges had not been floating about. So if he was so confident it was crap, why did he sign?

Eels CEO Bernie Gurr said the club always respected the legal process, blah, blah, blah.

Parramatta are sponsored by a law firm – and they need to be.

### **The State Of Origin Bubble Bursts**

Aren’t we supposed to soar at State of Origin time? Kiss that goodbye. We have byes before each of the next two Origins, and face the Panthers, who aren’t hit by Origin omissions, after the last one.

So we slump to 5-8 record, 32-24 to a Parramatta outfit that did what we can only dream of, play with grit and determination.

They were reduced to having the cleaning lady on the interchange bench, and we still struggled to bend their line.

I have a lot of time for long gone but not forgotten Warrior Clinton Toopi, who said at the start of the year that it was now or never, looking at the much vaunted spine, though people have gone a bit quiet on that.

Foran is off, so it looks increasingly like never.

In fairness, we did mount two comebacks and were in with a sniff at one point, but our defence has more holes in it than a Polo mint.

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“We have the capability to put some points on if we stick to what we do,” Kearney said. “What I was disappointed with was to give up too many points to start the halves to begin with.”

You think so? Any chance the coaching staff could actually do something about it?

We are 13th on the ladder, four games won in the last two years outside New Zealand.

Oh good, we are on the Gold Coast to face the Titans this weekend. And by the way, seven of our last 12 are away from Mt Smart.

### **Mistakes Prove Costly Yet Again**

The Shaun Johnson baggers will love this. The poor bugger had a bit of a mare on Friday and even the Aussie commentators were giving it to him, banging on about how our million dollar man has to deliver more than he does.

I'd like to claim it was just one of those nights, but it was actually one of those nights we have nearly every night.

Yeah we had our moments but we just left ourselves with too much to do, and no side wins conceding 32 points.

Johnson made three bad errors, one of which led to a Radradra length of the field try, to continue our fine record as the undisputed kings of giving up points right on halftime.

Two tries in the first 10 minutes, non-existent defence at times, errors, spilled balls, penalties, and kicks out on the full. Other than that we were excellent.

It might not have been as bad as a lot of what we have seen this year, but to have any chance of finals footy, these are the sorts of games you have to win.

### **Full Credit To The Eels Though**

They were just better than us. The guts they showed when faced with injury after injury was remarkable. Five-eighth Clint Gutherson had a better game than Kieran Foran, roundly booed by the Parramatta crowd, as did Mitchell Moses up against Shaun Johnson.

And they were left with just one on the bench after losing hooker Kaysa Pritchard to concussion, winger Josh Hoffman to a knee problem, and interchange forward David Gower to a broken hand. On top of that centre Kirisome Auva'a had to play with a knee injury late on.

### **Another Youth Team In The Offing?**

Not sure I get this, given the lack of emphasis now placed on the NYC Under 20s, but apparently we are considering having a team in next year's SG Ball competition, the 17-team NSW under-18s comp.

I get it that if we have talented 16 or 17-year-olds, they have to play under 20s, but they are being scrapped next year in favour of state competitions in Oz.

There has been planning around us having a team in the NSW comp, but another side would add a whole layer of cost and difficulty to the club.

Sure an SG Ball team would provide more chances to go up against players their own age, but I am in such a foul mood after the Eels loss all I can see is us developing even more talent to pump into Aussie sides.

Don't forget we have owned the youth competition since it started in 2008, winning in 2010, 2011 and 2014, and finishing runners-up in 2013.

Hasn't translated to our young stars excelling at first grade level has it?

### **McFadden To France?**

Our assistant coach Andrew McFadden has been linked with the Catalans Dragons.

He stood down as coach last season, and is reportedly interested in moving to France, to take on the English Super League.

The Dragons have won only five of their 15 games this season – so he would be an ideal fit.

He has actually been there before, as assistant in 2007 and 2008 under Mick Potter

### **I Might Start Another Rumour**

Australia's Channel Nine was reporting last week that we are chasing James Maloney to fill the void left by the departing Kieran Foran.

Sound familiar? We said so in the newsletter a fortnight ago.

South Sydney, Melbourne and Newcastle all also apparently interested.

We will say it again, it won't happen.

### **Maumalo Hits The Headlines**

Big piece in the papers about winger Ken Maumalo escaping the shadow of Manu Vatuvei .

It said even if Manu does it make it back, he won't replace Maumalo, who he has made "giant strides" this year.

Maumalo is averaging about 150 metres a game, in the top 20 in the NRL. The piece goes on that he is cutting down the mistakes and tightening his defence, to which I would agree with the former and disagree with the later.

"Every week I am still trying to improve, but now I am running on with a lot of confidence. I'm trying to do all the little things right, like extras after training, which I normally never did."

Good to hear though that he regularly stays behind after training, catching bombs, working on his support play or practising his dummy half pass.

### **Young Stars Signed**

Two of our brightest prospects have been offered two-year extensions - wing Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad and five-eighth Ata Hingano.

Both are off contract and in demand with rival clubs, but both are happy in Auckland and the club hopes they will re-commit soon.

Nicoll-Klokstad has four tries in four games since debuting on the wing, and surely Hingano has to be in line to take Foran's No 6 jersey.

### **On The Shopping List...**

Melbourne Storm giant Nelson Asofa-Solomona is on our radar, as is Canterbury captain James Graham. Talks have been held with Asofa-Solomona's management, but are apparently yet to progress, while Graham still has a year on his deal. We are still in the hunt too for Penrith playmaker Te Maire Martin.

### **Score One To Miles**

Fellow writer Miles Davis has stuck the boot into State of Origin, but I think he thinks he is alone in believing it is an over-hyped product that has nothing to do with us. He isn't.

Where do I sign up. I'm over it.

All the reaction after NSW beat Queensland in game one last week was that the game was apparently the finest league spectacle ever. Yeah, whatever.

I'll admit I tend to favour Queensland and that started long ago when they were massive underdogs, but their recent dominance has put paid to that.

The only thing I like about Origin now is that the more stars that get injured, the fewer there are to play against us. Other than that, I couldn't care less.



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# Hoff joins 300-game Club

*by Richard Becht*

**R**YAN HOFFMAN will become the third player to reach the 300-game career milestone while at the Vodafone Warriors when he lines up against the Gold Coast Titans in Saturday's 14th-round NRL encounter at Cbus Super Stadium in Robina (3.00pm kick-off local time; 5.00pm NZT).

Ruben Wiki became the first (and still the only) New Zealander to achieve the feat in the 16th-round match against Wests Tigers at Leichhardt Oval in 2008 while Steve Price followed in the season-opening encounter with Parramatta at Mount Smart Stadium in 2009.

At the time Wiki was only the 10th player to hit the magic mark and Price the 11th.

The 33-year-old Hoffman, in his third and final season with the Vodafone Warriors, will be the 27th player to join the 300-game club. He would have been there earlier but for the season he had with Wigan in the English Super League in 2011.

Since resuming his NRL career in 2012 he has played 129 of a possible 139 games as well as continuing to rank as one of the competition's most prolific try-scoring forwards. His try against Parramatta on Saturday was his fifth in 13 matches this year and the 69th of his career since his debut with Melbourne in 2003.

"Ryan is one of the most professional players I've been associated with," said Vodafone Warriors head coach Stephen Kearney, who played alongside Hoffman across the last two seasons of his NRL career and then worked with him as an assistant coach at the Storm from 2006-2010.

"It's a fantastic achievement to reach 300 games in this competition and a tribute to his durability and resilience, especially being an 80-minute back rower.

"With Hoff you know what you will get from him every day of the week."

The Vodafone Warriors head to the Gold Coast coming off a disappointing 24-32 loss to Parramatta which had followed their impressive display in the 28-10 success against the Brisbane Broncos.

The Vodafone Warriors will be without prop James Gavet, who has been ruled out with a minor hamstring strain picked up in training today.

Jacob Lillyman and Ben Matulino have been named as the starting front rowers with Sam Lisone, Albert Vete, Bunty Afoa, Toafofoa Siple and Ligi Sao on the extended eight-man bench.

The Titans have lost their last two starts to Manly (10-30) and North Queensland (8-20) following a run of three wins over Cronulla, Newcastle and Melbourne.

When the Vodafone Warriors and the Titans met at Mount Smart Stadium in April, the home side prevailed 28-22 making it 12 wins in the last 13 clashes stretching back to 2011. Included in the sequence is a run of six straight wins at Cbus Super Stadium, the most recent in round 22 last year when they won 24-14 on a day when Jarryd Hayne debuted for the Titans.

In 21 encounters since the two sides first met in 2007, the Vodafone Warriors have had 14 wins to Gold Coast's seven.

## Vodafone Warriors

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| 4 Solomon Kata        | 14 Nathaniel Roache        |
| 5 Ken Maumalo         | 15 Sam Lisone              |
| 6 Kieran Foran        | 16 Albert Vete             |
| 7 Shaun Johnson       | 17 Bunty Afoa              |
| 8 Jacob Lillyman      | 18 Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad |
| 9 Issac Luke          | 20 Ligi Sao                |
| 10 Ben Matulino       | 21 Toafofoa Siple          |
| 11 Bodene Thompson    | 22 Mafoa'aeta Hingano      |

# Auckland's Grand Slam Reunion

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)



**I**N THE days of extensive rugby league tours when British and French national teams played 30 or more games in Australasia and the Kangaroos regularly travelled around New Zealand this was the one match they all hated the most – against Auckland at Carlaw Park. It was almost always the last of their itinerary and, after floodlights had been installed, was usually held the Monday or Tuesday night after the final Test two days earlier. The visitors were still feeling the bruises inflicted by the Kiwis and the rigours of an exhausting tour. Legs were weary from the mid-winter mud and they were even more homesick as their departure date neared.

Auckland's representatives had no sympathy whatsoever for any of that. And the Lions, the Kangaroos and the Tricolours (for France was still a force back then) were proud of their national jerseys and steeled themselves for one more mighty effort before catching the boat or plane that would take them home. Between 1920 and 1990 Auckland beat Great Britain in eight of their 24 games; from 1961 to 1989 Auckland won five of their 14 matches against Australia; and Auckland triumphed over France five times in seven fixtures between 1955 and 1981. But only one squad beat them all in one season – the great 1977 Auckland team.

All three nations visited New Zealand in 1977 during a home and away world championship series. The Kiwis lost 12-27 to Australia in Auckland on May 29 and 12-30 to Great Britain in Christchurch on June 12 before gaining a consolation 28-20 win over France in Auckland on June 19. Those results contrasted with Auckland's success in beating Great Britain 14-10 on June 1 and Australia 19-15 on June 14 before completing a unique Grand Slam over France by 17-0 on June 21. Auckland was coached by Bill Sorensen and captained by centre Dennis Williams, who as an 18-year-old had been in the famous 1971 Grand Slam Kiwis.

In the lead up to the Australian game a weakened Auckland team had been eliminated from the midweek Amco Cup by a NSW country team while the Kangaroos had accounted for the Kiwis. So Auckland was at long odds when they lined up against Australia two nights later. But by half-time it was 14-7 to Auckland, thanks to tries (then worth three points) by centre Olsen Filipaina and hooker Glen Taylor and Chris Jordan's four goals. Australia fought back to within two points before Williams crossed for the match-winning try and Jordan converted from the sideline. A late Kangaroos try only reduced their deficit to four points.

The Auckland team was: Gary Kemble, Warren Winter, Olsen Filipaina, Dennis Williams, Chris Jordan, Dave Sorensen, John Smith, John Wilson, Glen Taylor, Lyndsay Proctor, Kurt Sorensen, Alan McCarthy, Mark Graham, reserves Dave Lepper, Mark Lowe.

Auckland RL chairman George Rainey then launched another rocket at Kiwis coach Ron Ackland for not delaying his Test team to play Great Britain until after Auckland's clash with Australia. The rift between Rainey and Ackland widened even more when the Lions dealt to the Kiwis in Christchurch and Ackland still did not fill his squad with more Aucklanders. Rainey was not appeased by Ackland releasing Auckland's Kiwis to play for their province. Writing in the NZRL Annual, Richard Becht said: "Again Auckland produced what the Kiwis had no idea of doing: imaginative, positive play and, with it, a sticking, courageous defence."

Becht nominated 20-year-old fullback Kemble as the star of the 14-10 win over Britain. Proctor unleashed another driving display at prop, with Lowe as his able lieutenant. McCarthy was again outstanding in a great defensive second-rower's performance. Jordan scored a try and two goals for Auckland to lead 7-5 at the break before being injured. Discarded Kiwis wing Dane O'Hara scored Auckland's other try and Kemble added two goals. The Auckland team was: Kemble, O'Hara, Fred Ah Kuoi, Williams, Jordan, Dave Sorensen, Smith, Lowe, Taylor, Proctor, Kurt Sorensen, McCarthy, Graham, reserves Filipaina, Stan Napa.

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After those massive results the French had little or no chance of preventing a three-peat by the rampant Aucklanders and the 17-0 shut-out proved how emphatic was this victory. The only shame was Carlaw Park being at its muddy worst on a cold and wet night. France deserved credit for holding Auckland to 4-0 (two penalty goals) in the first 38 minutes. Just on halftime Ah Kuoi gathered in a Williams kick and put Dave Sorensen across to score under the posts. Jordan's third goal made it 9-0. France resisted for another half-hour before Auckland completed the scoring with late tries to O'Hara and Williams and a goal by Wilson.

Auckland had not equalled the quality of its displays against the Aussies and Brits. The weather and tenacious French tackling had much to do with that – Auckland enjoyed a 17-3 penalty advantage – but so did injuries to four frontline forwards before and during the game. Graham, who had belatedly been called into the Kiwis, and Lowe missed the match and both Proctor and McCarthy were replaced at half-time. Prop Luther Toloa was the new man in the squad. The team was: Kemble, O'Hara, Ah Kuoi, Williams, Jordan, Dave Sorensen, Smith, Toloa, Taylor, Proctor, Wilson, McCarthy, Kurt Sorensen, reserves Filipaina, Napa.

All of those heroes are expected to team up again in Auckland for their fortieth reunion. They meet up on the afternoon of Friday, June 23, at NZRL House and will be guests of honour at the Warriors' match against Canterbury Bulldogs that night. On the Saturday they will attend an Auckland RL tribute at Grey Lynn Park which includes a team photograph, a meet and greet and the 2.30pm Fox Memorial match between Richmond and Northcote. A luncheon follows on the Sunday for the players and families before they return to their homes. This is one reunion where there is no need for exaggeration; these guys really achieved it all.

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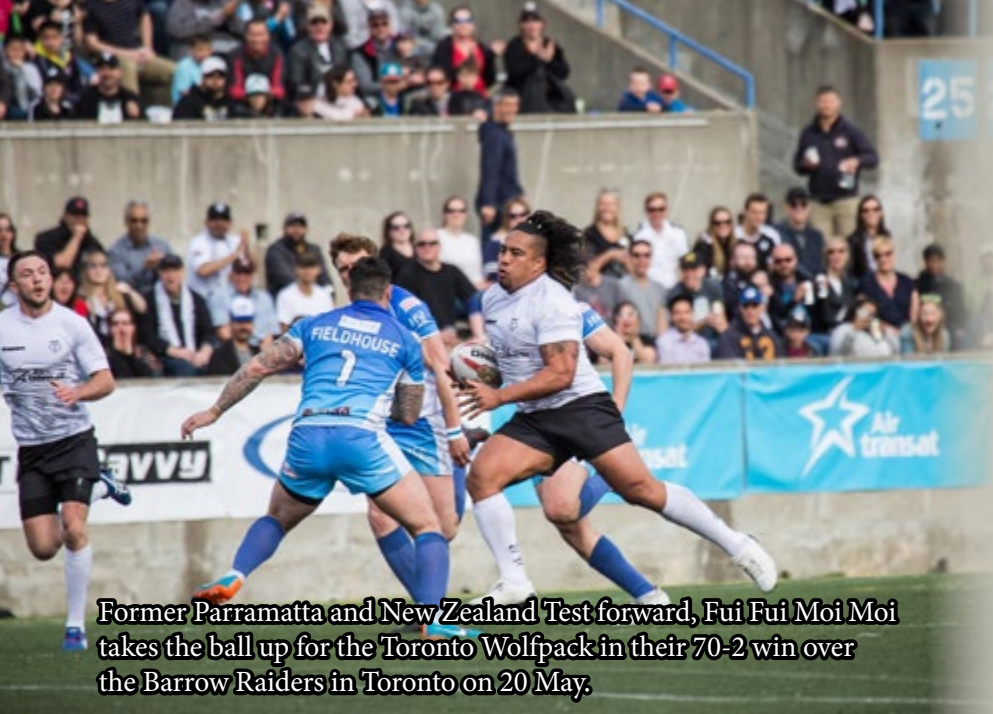
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By Barry Ross



Former Parramatta and New Zealand Test forward, Fui Fui Moi Moi takes the ball up for the Toronto Wolfpack in their 70-2 win over the Barrow Raiders in Toronto on 20 May.

## Pressure

Jarrod Croker is the complete football package. A top all round centre, Croker is also an excellent goalkicker. He has a career success rate of more than 80 percent and is ice cool in all situations. How good was his penalty goal against Manly on Sunday. This kick was successful despite mountains of pressure. The home crowd at Lottoland were very loud, he was 27 metres out near the sideline on his least favoured side, the 80 minutes was up and he knew the kick had to be made with his team 20-18 down, to give the Raiders a chance of winning in Golden Point extra time. The kick never looked like missing and although a Raiders handling error provided the chance Daly Cherry-Evans needed to slot a field goal and give Manly the win, Croker had again done the deed for the Raiders. The 26 year old is playing his ninth season of first grade football with the Raiders and in his 202 matches, has scored 1,516 points for the club. The Raiders did well as they were reduced to just 15 players after big forwards Danimus Lui and Shannon Boyd suffered knee injuries in the first 20 minutes or so. With a halftime lead of 20-6, Manly appeared to have the game in their keeping but the Raiders had the better of play for most of the second half. Manly did play some good football and scored four tries to three. They had a possession rate of 85 percent and made only half as many handling errors than the Raiders did. Second rower, Martin Taupau was great for the Sea Eagles running for a game high 227 metres in his 22 runs, making 22 tackles and collecting a try. The win moves Manly into sixth position on the ladder, while the Raiders are ninth.

Given reasonable weather, there should be a good crowd at Southern Cross Stadium (Shark Park) this Thursday night for the clash between the top two teams, Melbourne and Cronulla. The Sharks go into the match following a bye, while the Storm defeated the Knights 40-12 on Friday night. Goalkicking could be important in this game and both teams are well served in this department. Cronulla's James Maloney turns 31 next week on 15 July and played a big role in NSW's impressive State of Origin win over Queensland last week. He has 1,592 points from his 194 first grade games. On the negative side, Maloney is the game's most penalised player this season and in particular, he will have to be careful with his tackling technique. Storm captain and goalkicker, Cameron Smith, also has a birthday next week. He turns 34 on Sunday 18 June. Smith has 2,067 points from 346 top grade games.

Another important Round 14 game next week is the Penrith-Raiders clash at Carrington Park, Bathurst. This game begins at 5.30pm on Saturday and Bathurst at that time of the day in mid winter, will require plenty of warm clothing. Penrith's impressive 38-0 win over a poor Bulldogs outfit sees them back in the race for a top eight position. It was good to see Penrith's 26 year old representative winger Josh Mansour playing his first game since rupturing his ACL at a Kangaroo training session last November. Mansour ran for 212 metres and scored the Panthers' seventh and last try. The Bulldogs need some improvement in their halves and they will need to fix this before they take on the third placed Dragons on the holiday Monday at 4pm at Sydney's ANZ Stadium. The Eels and the Cowboys travel to Darwin for their match on Saturday night.

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This is an excellent decision by the Northern Territory government and the NRL, and the local TIO Stadium should easily reach its 10,000 capacity.

The Toronto Wolfpack continued on their winning way, with a 54-12 victory over Oxford in Toronto on Saturday. They have now scored 536 points to just 85 points in their nine unbeaten competition games and sit comfortably on top of the English Rugby League, Kingstone Press League One Table. The crowd was 7,236 for the Oxford game and continues the increase in each of their three home games at Lamport Stadium in Toronto. The other two home crowds were 6,281 and 7,144.

Former New Zealand Test forward Fui Fui Moi Moi (12 Tests) picked up two of his team's 10 tries against Oxford. The Tongan-born Moi Moi turns 38 in September and as well as the 12 Tests for the Kiwis, played eight Tests for Tonga and 201 first grade matches with Parramatta from 2004 to 2014. He then played with the Leigh Centurions in England before joining the Wolfpack. In the photo I have used from the Wolfpack's win over second placed Barrow at Toronto on 20 May, Moi Moi is about to be tackled by Barrow fullback, 29 year old, Ryan Fieldhouse. Fieldhouse is the son of former Great Britain Test second rower, John Fieldhouse who played seven Tests from the Widnes and St. Helens clubs in the mid 1980s. In 2011, Ryan Fieldhouse captained and his father coached, a British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA) four match tour of Western Australia. The Wolfpack travel to South Wales to face the South Wales Ironmen this Saturday at the Wern in the town of Merthyr Tydfil, which is 37 kilometres north of Cardiff.



### NZRL BOARD member Reon

Edwards popped into Burwood hospital to see Rugby League Bill the other day. He took these photos and reports that Bill is slowly coming right.



**T**HE MARIST Saints Rugby League Team went to see Bill Whitehead at Burwood Hospital on Friday 2nd June to have him present them with their new jerseys. Sonny Hammond said "What a legend. It was a honour for the boys to meet him, have their new strip presented to them by him and listen to some of his stories about Marist. He had us all in fits of laughter. We were all humbled by Bill. We ran out in the new jersey on Saturday against a very good Burnham side and played for Bill, winning 18-16". Photo of Bill and team thanks to Sonny Hammond and official team photo by Four Seasons Photography.



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)

## End of the Maroon Era

*The Queensland team sing the anthem during game 1 of the State of Origin. Photo [www.photosport.nz](http://www.photosport.nz)*

**QUEENSLANDERS ARE** probably still suffering from the Blues, a week after New South Wales pummeled the home side 28-4 in the first State of Origin match at Suncorp Stadium. It was the southerners' most decisive victory at Brisbane in the 37-year history of Origin and will make them overwhelming favourites to complete an emphatic series victory in Sydney on June 21. The decade and more of dominance by Queensland appears to be over and even the probable return of Johnathan Thurston and Billy Slater might not be enough to keep the Maroons in the contest and force a decider in Brisbane three weeks later.

Such has been the one-sided nature of Origin since the emergence of Slater, Thurston, Greg Inglis, Matt Scott, Cameron Smith and Cooper Cronk that the biggest surprise was the total lack of surprise that a favoured NSW side should not only win but do so by a record margin. That NSW went into the game a warm favourite was largely the result of the season-ending injuries suffered by Scott and Inglis and the absence of Thurston, also through injury. It was the choice of the Queensland selectors to ignore Slater, despite his rousing NRL comeback after almost two years on the sidelines, rather than shunt fullback Darius Boyd onto the wing.

Smith and Cronk roused enough support to have Queensland trailing only 4-6 one minute before halftime. To that stage Queensland boasted a perfect completion rate of 18/18 while NSW had made just one error from 19 possessions. It had been fast and furious, but the Maroons midfield defence then cracked a second time and the margin ballooned out to eight points. That appeared to have a severe psychological effect on the home side and even the support of 50,000 fans could not get them back up to speed after the resumption. NSW importantly scored next, and again and again as Queensland heads hung increasingly lower.

Queensland coach Kevin Walters admitted the presence of Thurston might have meant no more than a smaller losing margin but would not have tipped the result towards his team. He probably did not want to speculate on the decision to leave out Slater. However, such was the commanding influence of NSW fullback James Tedesco on both attack and defence that it is highly unlikely either Slater or Boyd, or both of them, could have negated his efforts. Despite having shown moderate form for Wests Tigers over the first half of the season, Tedesco was extraordinarily strong in scoring his try and saved a couple with outstanding goal-line tackles.

The first Origin match fell on my birthday in 1980 and I have always backed Queensland. Since the 1920s NSW had ruled under the old residency rules, using Queensland born and raised players who had been lured south by increasingly wealthy Sydney clubs. The one-sided competition drained interest in both states and attendances fell to a few thousand diehards – or, in Brisbane, masochists who endured annual thrashings along with their players. But in 1980 Arthur Beetson and a few other expats came home to don the maroon gear alongside promising youngsters such as Meninga and Wally Lewis. And they won.

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Many New Zealanders supported Queensland for similar reasons. Their underdog status was akin to that of the Kiwis against the Kangaroos and when Graham Lowe coached the Maroons their trans-Tasman support base swelled. The downside: so fierce was the rivalry that it overtook international rugby league in the minds of most Australians. With the players sharing in the riches (player payments are now more than \$30,000 per game) the state scouts turned the heads of talented youngsters who might otherwise have pledged their allegiance to New Zealand or a Pacific nation. That, in turn, hurt international football even more.

But Origin was becoming stale as Smith, Thurston, Inglis, Cronk, Slater, Scott and company repeatedly rolled over the top of the Blues. We in New Zealand were not alone in wondering whether age would ever weary them. Being without Inglis, Slater and Scott did not cripple Australia in last month's Anzac Test but their absence and that of Thurston made an impact leading up to Origin. NSW was warmly favoured by all betting agencies, the Blues players approached the game with a more confident step and Queenslanders must have felt under siege as they waited for kick-off in their previously impenetrable fortress at Lang Park.

Rampaging NSW prop Andrew Fifita laid waste to the Queensland midfield defence as ruthlessly as Scott, or Gordon Tallis from a previous era, had ever done. Boyd Cordner was a magnificent all-rounder in his captaincy debut, completely overshadowing Anzac Test Man of the Match Matt Gillett. The efforts of the NSW forwards provided the platform which allowed halves Mitchell Pearce and James Maloney to act as cleverly as Cronk and Thurston have done for a decade, while centre Jarryd Hayne stepped back into Origin football as if he had never left. The result was a five tries to one landslide which buried the Queenslanders.

But there are valid arguments NSW played even better after Pearce left the field dazed, and that a couple of Hayne missed tackles would have been costly but for Tedesco's brilliance on cover defence. So, if Thurston and Slater return, and a new generation led by Coen Hess, reinforces the forward rotation, is there a glimmer of hope the Maroons might yet triumph for an eleventh time in 12 seasons? It's unlikely. Such was the lop-sided nature of the last 41 minutes that surely even miracle man Thurston cannot level the series in Sydney on June 21 and carry off the trophy in a decider – and his Origin swansong – in Brisbane on July 12.

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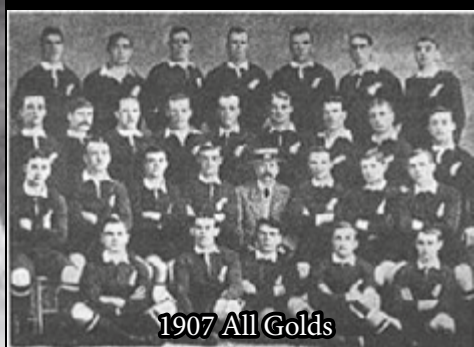
**K**IWIFERNS players, Georgia Hale and Madison Bartlett are getting dropped from the top of the Sky Tower on the 8th of June to raise funds for the Graeme Dingle Foundation who work to bring positive change to young New Zealanders' lives. The life experiences youth face regularly are fraught with difficulties so in order to replicate that feeling of going out of their comfort zone we are jumping off the highest building in Auckland. Please get behind these two fantastic players and donate as much or as little as you can



Albert Baskerville



1924 British team at Baskerville grave



1907 All Blacks



By Miles Davis

# Albert Baskerville

**O**F ALL the individuals that involved in the development of rugby league in New Zealand there are arguably few more influential than a rugby union playing postal clerk from Wellington. Albert Henry Baskerville (apparently born Baskiville) came into the world in the outskirts of Te Aroha on 15th January 1883.

When his father died in 1903 he became the bread-winner for his family. Working for the postal service in Wellington he was a keen rugby union player turning out for the Oriental club. Such was his love for the game that he wrote a book - *Modern Rugby Football: New Zealand Methods; Points for the Beginner, the Player, the Spectator*. The book was published in 1907 and had some success. Baskerville was energised by this success and decided that his next project was to be even more challenging.

George Smith, who had toured Britain with the All Blacks in 1905 had met with officials of the Northern Union whilst on the tour and was excited by the prospect of players being paid to play. When the All Blacks returned to New Zealand after a successful tour there was much disgruntlement from the players when it was announced that the tour had secured a profit of 9,000 pounds when players had received a paltry 3 shillings a day.

Smith's firsthand experience and desire to earn money for playing his beloved game sparked an idea in Baskerville and he wrote to the Northern Union suggesting a tour of a New Zealand team. In March 1907 he announced that a professional All Black side would tour and play the Northern Union clubs. The New Zealand Rugby Union immediately banned Baskerville from playing their game and also banned him from all of their grounds. They also tried to scupper the tour by demanding that all players selected for the North/South game sign a declaration that they were amateurs and would help identify those who were considering going on the tour. Many players refused to sign including Duncan MacGregor who had scored 4 tries against England on the 1905 tour (a record only equalled 90 years later by Jonah Lomu).

Despite the pressure from the NZRU, Baskerville was inundated with requests to be part of his tour. 160 of New Zealand's 200 provincial rugby players applied including 18 All Blacks. In the end 9 All Blacks were selected including 5 from the 1905 Originals.

Baskerville used George Smith's contacts in Australia to set up that portion of the tour (as well as being an Original All Black Smith was also a top sprinter and jockey and was well known in Australia). On 17th August 1907 the first match of the tour was played against New South Wales (under Rugby Union rules) in front of a crowd of 20,000 with New Zealand winning 12-8. 2 more games were played against the same opposition (both won by the Kiwis) before the party set off for the UK. A game was also played in Ceylon, at the Colombo Racecourse, on the way just to keep the rust out of the system.

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When they arrived in England they were faced by a heavy schedule of fixtures and having to play under the rules of the Northern Union which none of them were familiar with. In total the team played 46 games on the tour, winning 26 and losing 17. Baskerville was heavily involved in administration of the tour and got his first run in the final game of the British leg against St Helens, scoring a try in the All Golds 21-10 win. 3 'tests' were played against a Northern Union selection and the series was won 2-1 by the Kiwis and another test was played against Wales with the visitors going down 9-8.

On the return trip Baskerville had organised some more games in Australia including the first test matches to be played in Australasia under Northern Union rules. On the 9th May 1908 the first rugby league test match was played between the trans-Tasman neighbours in Sydney with Baskerville scoring a try in the Kiwis 11-10 win (this achieved despite being a man short after Massa Johnston being sent off early in the match).

This was tragically to be Baskerville's only test match. On the boat trip from Sydney to Brisbane for the 2nd test he fell ill and was admitted to hospital. He died of pneumonia on 20th May 1908.

The tour had been a financial success with each player pocketing just under 300 pounds. Upon their return to Wellington they decided to honour their colleague who had made this all possible and played an exhibition match at Athletic Park. 8,000 people turned up and the 300 pounds gate money was donated to Baskerville's widowed mother.

In his short 25 years on the planet Baskerville played a major part in bringing rugby league to this part of the world and therefore gave many of us a magnificent sport to enjoy. He is buried in Karori cemetery along with 5 other members of the All Golds touring party. RIP Albert and thank you.

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# Graeme Langlands, Johnny Lewis and friends

By Barry Ross



**R**UGBY LEAGUE Immortal, Team of the Century member and Men of League Foundation member, Graeme Langlands enjoyed lunch on Wednesday 31 May with some old friends. Graeme, who turns 76 on 2 September, is in a nursing home at Jannali.

He was taken to lunch at the Tradies Club in Gymea by Johnny Lewis OAM, Phil Franks and Barry Ross. The rugby league legend was at ease in the company of his three long term friends over the two hour lunch.

Graeme's friend, Johnny Lewis flies out to New York on Friday 2 June, where he will be officially inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame at Canastota on Sunday 11 June. Canastota is around 440 kilometres north west of New York City and part of New York State.

Johnny will be inducted along with former World Cruiserweight and Heavyweight Champion, Evander 'The Real Deal' Holyfield, 'The Baby Faced Assassin' Marco Antonio Berrera, who won world titles in three divisions, Judge Jerry Roth, journalist/broadcaster Steve Farhood and broadcaster Barry Tompkins. There will also be three posthumous inductees and these are Johnny Tapia, who won world titles in three divisions, Eddie Booker, who was a world rated boxer of the 1930s and 1940s and ring announcer, Jimmy Lennon Senior.

During his great career, Johnny Lewis, Men of League Foundation member number 1,747, trained six World Champions and these were Jeff Fenech, Jeff Harding, Kostya Tszyu, Virgil Hill, Billy Dib and Gairy St. Clair.



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By Miles Davis

# Lions Tour

**A**S SOMEONE who has attended 23 of the last 24 Lions games in New Zealand you would have thought I would have been fizzing at the prospect of the upcoming tour but I have to admit to feeling strangely flat (and that has nothing to do with the less than average performance in the tour opener).

The reason for my less than exuberant reaction to Lions latest visit to these shores is the changing dynamic and focus of the modern tour. For me the tour has lost much of its magic and the social benefits it used to produce.

As I was travelling around following the 2005 tour and the Lions were getting a hiding from the AB's I started to wonder why they bothered visiting. From 11 visits they had only ever won a series once. Upon a lot of reflection I realised what the true purpose and value of the tour was. It was not so much about rugby but a rekindling of old relationships and creating memories for many of New Zealand's provincial communities.

New Zealand and the UK have a shared history and a Lions tour gave both sets of fans to mix and mingle in the atmosphere of friendly rugby rivalry. Whilst there can often be an undercurrent of Kiwi resentment towards the Brits in day to day life, when a Lions tour is on there is nothing but a connection between two peoples who have a lot in common. The relationships formed between visitors and hosts often last a lifetime and revitalise the bond between countries on opposite sides of the earth.

For provincial communities a Lions game provides a collective focus. The province as a whole looks forwardly to the clash for months as their boys prepare to front up to an International side. No matter what

the result there will be incidents during the game that become part of local legend and will be passed on by one generation to another (during the 1993 tour I was amazed by Kiwi's knowledge of previous tours especially as many who could recount them hadn't even been born at the time).

This latest tour has lost much of that magic. Ok so the Lions fans will still come down in droves and be welcomed with usual Kiwi hospitality but because of their itinerary there will be many parts of the country that will not get to see them. The opposition also leaves a lot to be desired. Gone are the opportunities for provinces to flex their muscle and create memories for future generations as their teams have been ignored and replaced by Super Rugby franchises.

The modern Lions tour is focused mainly on generating income with little regard given to its social value. In 1993 the players mingled freely with locals and travelling fans. In 2005 their movement was more controlled with much more security and other than official PR exercises there is likely to be even less opportunity for interaction this time around.

The memories I have from the 1993 tour and the relationships I formed will stay with me for a lifetime (including attending a party with half of the Otago side and then All Blacks coach Laurie Mains. We met Mains again a week later the night before the sold-out 1st test and on realising we did not have tickets he promptly gave us some and we ended up on the half-way line with the Lions reserves seated behind us). I can almost guarantee that when asked about this tour in 5 years I may struggle to remember a single highlight but may remember how much money was generated.

# Queens Birthday Honours for League Legends

## Ray Haffenden - For services to rugby league

Mr Ray Haffenden is a former rugby league player who coached the New Zealand Junior Kiwis from 1989 to 1990 and managed the Kiwis, New Zealand's national men's rugby league team from 1990 to 1995.

Mr Haffenden was elected to the New Zealand Rugby League (NZRL) Board in 1992, serving until 1995. He was re-elected to the Board and took over as Chairman in 2007, subsequently overseeing the changes that occurred following the SPARC review of NZRL in 2009. He was Vice Chairman of NZRL from 2006 to 2016. He served on the judiciary for Bartercard Cup games and the NZRL judiciary panel. He was a national selector and convenor from 1992 to 1995, a Junior Kiwis selector from 1986 to 1990 and is a Life Member of the Linwood Rugby League Club in Christchurch and of NZRL. He is currently Chairman of the NZRL Kiwis Association, President of the NZRL Southern Zone, and Vice Chairman of the NZRL Museum Committee. As a player he played for the Linwood Keas in the Canterbury Rugby League competition as well as a number of games for Canterbury and as a representative for the South Island against Great Britain in 1974. Mr Haffenden also coached Canterbury in 1982 and from 1984 to 1988 as well as the South Island representative team during this time.



## Allen McLaughlin - For services to sports broadcasting

Mr Allen McLaughlin has been a sports broadcaster since 1975, covering a multitude of sports and specialising in cricket and rugby league.

Mr McLaughlin has been covering the Kiwi rugby league teams since 1985. He has been broadcasting provincial and international cricket for 35 years. For 22 seasons he has covered the Warriors in the National Rugby League Competition, commentating more than 300 games. In 2008 at the New Zealand Radio Awards he was judged Best Commentator. In 2015 he was a Life Member of the New Zealand Sports Journalists Association. In 2016 Mr McLaughlin retired and at the Vodafone Warriors awards evening was presented with the Skycity Legacy Award.



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**Check out the opening of the Vodafone Warriors Superstore on my website:**

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# RLWC COUNTDOWN: 20 Weeks to GO!

*By Daniel Fraser  
New Zealand Media & PR  
Manager RLWC 2017*



**I**T'S BEEN another eventful week for the team here at Rugby League World Cup, with members of the team all over the country.

We were at the Tokoroa Youth Awards late last week and then we headed down to Rotorua for the NZ Maori Rangatahi Tournament over the long weekend.

As always, it was great to get the chance to engage with the people around New Zealand doing wonderful things in their communities.

If you've ever wondered how we get to these community events around the country, it's with a little help from our friends at Isuzu, the official automotive partner of RLWC2017.

They have kindly lent us a D-Max ute - which we've branded with the RLWC2017 logo - through to the end of the tournament.

The ute has already proved invaluable with plenty of room for all the gear we've got for community events and activations.

So, if you ever recognise this vehicle, make sure to come and say hello.

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## THIS WEEK IN BIG LEAGUE'S HUGE ROUND 14 ISSUE...

NRL, HOLDEN CUP, INTRUST SUPER PREMIERSHIP, INTRUST SUPER CUP AND RON MASSEY CUP TEAM LISTS, PREVIEWS AND STATS + SCORES AND RESULTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY!

### INSIDE

- **James Tedesco** has developed into one of the best fullbacks in the business and former No.1 **Anthony Minichiello** says he should be an automatic pick as Kangaroos custodian in this year's World Cup.
- The elusive 'footballer' – the total package who can play most positions on the field – is back in the rugby league vernacular. Veteran **Chris Heighington** gives us an insight into how the game has changed. "In the past five or so years everyone has been, 'either you're a right back-rower or you're a right centre', but you devalue yourself if you just play on one side. It's about evolving as a player."
- The will they or won't they continues as selection dilemmas hang over the Queensland team, but **Billy Slater's** former teammate **Brent Tate** says it's a no-brainer, and the fullback should have been picked in his favoured position from the outset.
- The Wests Tigers are hailing the signing of five-eighth **Tuimoala Lolohea** to the club, but coach **Ivan Cleary** has warned to keep pressure off the 22-year-old's shoulders. "He's a classy kid and he's got a lot of ability," Cleary says. "But he's hasn't been brought here to be the saviour."

**PLUS...** The **Top 8 losing performances** and **The Analyst** explains what losing the penalty count means for your team.



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**DATE:** SATURDAY, JUNE 10  
**VENUE:** CBUS SUPER STADIUM  
**KICK-OFF:** 3PM  
**REFEREE:** DAVE MUNRO  
**ASSISTANT REFEREE:** CHRIS SUTTON  
**TOUCH JUDGES:** RICKEY McFARLANE & NICK MOREL  
**SENIOR REVIEW OFFICIAL:** JARED MAXWELL  
**REVIEW OFFICIAL:** BEN GALEA  
**FOX LEAGUE:** 2.30PM  
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10	2	0	8	Joe GREENWOOD	12	Ryan HOFFMAN	13	5	0	20	
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**INTERCHANGE**

9	2	0	8	Karl LAWTON	14	Nathaniel ROACHE	5	0	0	0
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6	0	0	0	Paterika VAIVAI	16	Albert VETE	5	0	0	0
12	4	1	18	Tyrone ROBERTS	17	Bunty AFOA	7	0	0	0

**RESERVES**

4	0	0	0	Agnatius PAASI	18	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	4	4	0	16
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**COACHES**

Neil HENRY      Stephen KEARNEY

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	TITANS	WARRIORS
Position (Points)	11th (10)	12th (10)
Points For	266	240
Points Against	312	291

ATTACK		
Tries	48	42
Completions	77%	78%
Tries 0-20m	27	26
Tries 21-50m	5	6
Tries 51-100m	7	2

DEFENCE		
Tries	54	50
Tries 0-20m	27	17
Tries 21-50m	12	15
Tries 51-100m	4	6

MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	4	3
Tries Conceded	5	4
Points Scored	22	18
Points Conceded	26	22
Hit Ups/Runs	156	174
Tackles	291	314
Metres Gained	1338	1560
Handling Errors	4	4
Offloads	9	6
Line-breaks	4	4
Goalkicking	71%	77%

**HEAD-TO-HEAD**  
 Played 21, Warriors 14, Gold Coast 7

**AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**  
 Played 10, Warriors 6, Gold Coast 4

**WINNING FORM 2017**  
**GOLD COAST:** LLWLLLLWWLBL Streak – 2 losses  
**WARRIORS:** WLLLLWLLWLLWL Streak – 1 loss

**PAST 8 CLASHES**  
**2017 – WARRIORS D. GOLD COAST 28-22** at Mt Smart Stadium  
**2016 – WARRIORS D. GOLD COAST 24-14** at Cbus Super Stadium;  
**WARRIORS D. GOLD COAST 27-18** at Mt Smart Stadium  
**2015 – WARRIORS D. GOLD COAST 36-14** at Cbus Super Stadium;  
**GOLD COAST D. WARRIORS 32-28** at Mt Smart Stadium  
**2014 – WARRIORS D. GOLD COAST 42-0** at Mt Smart Stadium;  
**WARRIORS D. GOLD COAST 24-16** at Cbus Super Stadium  
**2013 – WARRIORS D. GOLD COAST 24-22** at Skilled Park

**BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS**  
**GOLD COAST D. WARRIORS 30-10** at Mt Smart Stadium, 2009  
**WARRIORS D. GOLD COAST 42-0** at Mt Smart Stadium, 2014

**NEXT CLASH**  
**GOLD COAST:** v South Sydney at ANZ, 7.50pm Friday June 16  
**WARRIORS:** BYE

**CASUALTY WARD**  
**GOLD COAST:** Kevin Proctor (stood down), Ryan Simpkins (knee), Dan Sarginson (shoulder), Chris Grevsstuhl (shoulder) – indefinite  
**WARRIORS:** Manu Vatuvei (calf) – indefinite



NRL Preview

# Titans' bid to end Warrior hoodoo

by DAVID MIDDLETON  
@Middleton\_David



## HOLDEN CUP

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 10 VENUE: CBUS SUPER STADIUM KICK-OFF: 3.40PM  
REFEREE: LIAM KENNEDY ASSISTANT REFEREE: JACOB WHITEHOUSE  
TOUCH JUDGES: RYAN HAYES & JORDAN MOREL FOX LEAGUE: 3.30PM

## TITANS V WARRIORS



MORGAN BOYLE

**38**  
tackles in  
Round 13

### Cbus Super Stadium Saturday, 3pm

**Form:** Strong momentum developed by the Titans in wins over both of last year's grand finalists has been halted in recent weeks following losses to the Sea Eagles and the Cowboys. Neil Henry's men sit in 11th place on the ladder and are in danger of losing touch with the top eight. The Warriors find themselves in a similar predicament and their inability to win in Australia this season is proving to be a crushing handicap.

**History:** The Warriors have dominated results against the Titans since 2011, winning 12 of the past 13 encounters. The Titans' only win for the period was in 2015, ironically, at Mt Smart Stadium. Gold Coast have not defeated the Warriors at Cbus Super Stadium since a qualifying final in 2010.

**Danger sign:** The Titans will be counting on a strong return from NSW hooker Nathan Peats as they attempt to reverse their dismal record against the Warriors. Peats' defensive workrate and skills from acting half were sorely missed last weekend as creative halves Ash Taylor and Kane Elghey tried in vain to spark their team.

**Best Bet?** Look for the Titans to rebound from successive losses to claim victory by 1-12 points.

**Money-spinner:** Best hopes for First Tryscorer include Konrad Hurrell, Anthony Don and Dale Copley.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

AVERAGE METRES	AVERAGE TACKLES	LINE-BREAKS	STATS
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck 176	Simon Mannering 42	David Fusitu'a 7	
Ken Maumalo 153	Nathan Peats 39	Dale Copley 6	
Konrad Hurrell 145	Ryan James 38	Roger Tuivasa-Sheck 6	
Jarrold Wallace 143	Jarrold Wallace 34	Anthony Don 5	
Jacob Lillyman 131	Bodene Thompson 32	Shaun Johnson 5	

### NRL FANTASY

FANTASY POINTS
Simon Mannering 56.3
Shaun Johnson 55.2
Ryan James 50.2
Jarrold Wallace 47.2
Nathan Peats 43.2

Phillip SAMI	1	Lee TURNER
Jordan BIRCH	2	Israel OGDEN
Keenan YORSTON	3	Melino FINEANGANOFU
Daniel BROWNBILL	4	Dean KOUKA-SMITH
Curtis DANSEY-SMALLER	5	Gibson POPOALII
Ethan ROBERTS (C)	6	Kane TELEA
Tre WILLIAMS	7	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA
Moeaki FOTUAIKA	8	Kenese KENESE (C)
Corey MANICAROS	9	Eiden ACKLAND
Blake LENEHAN	10	Taylher PAORA
Rory LILLIS	11	Tyler SLADE
Apiata NOEMA (C)	12	Joe VUNA
Keegan HIPGRAVE	13	Chris SIO (C)
14 Zae WALLACE, 15 Justin FAI		14 Lewis SIO, 15 Kelepi LUI
16 Reihana MARSH		16 Jerome MAMEA
17 Tyler INGRAM		17 Keanu DAWSON, 18 Uenuku MALESALA, 20 Troy PULUPAKI
18 Luke MASTROIANNI		21 Javvier PITOVAO, 22 Sheldon ROGERS, 23 Mark GRAHAM
19 Bostyn HAKARAIA, 20 Tim SWANE, 21 Jack PEACOCK		24 Keanu LAUMATIA-PAKI
22 Jake SPAREY, 23 Kobe TARARO		
Ben WOOLF		Grant POCKLINGTON

**OUT-PLAYED...** The Titans suffered a loss to the Cowboys in Round 13. The Cowboys recorded two quick tries after half-time but the Titans got one back through centre Daniel Brownbill, who won the race to a grubber. Unfortunately that was the last time they troubled the scorers. Their 65 per cent completion rate let them down, but centre Phillip Sami was a standout, running 220 metres and making eight tackle-breaks.

**WORN-OUT WARRIORS...** After celebrating their first win of the season, the Warriors couldn't back it up against the Eels. The game slipped away from them in the second half as Parramatta ran in three unanswered tries. Tyler Slade had an outstanding performance, making 40 tackles while running 116 metres.

- SAM PASFIELD

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**T**HE BUTCH is going to be out of action for a bit!

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