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RAIDERS
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RESULT!



Ngani Laumape is tackled by Terry Campese and Anthony Milford during the Raiders v Warriors match at the GIO Stadium, Sydney, last Saturday, 3 August. Photo: Paul Seiser/www.photosport.co.nz

Well, we had played the *Canberra Raiders* 11 times at Gil Stadium before Sunday's game and only won one of those, so to win 54-18 was a fantastic result.

And remember, we had no **Shaun Johnson**, and **Ben Henry** was out injured too, but we still managed to score 10 tries and **Chad Townsend** nailed seven out of 10 conversions.

It was a full-on team effort with **Manu Vatuvei** scoring three tries and Sam Rapira two. I will never tire of seeing big Manu's smile when he goes over, so to see him bag a hat-trick was special.

Manu had been having a lean spell by his amazing standards, one try in his six previous games, but he got his three tries in quarter of an hour.

The *Raiders* only scored their three converted tries in the last eight minutes when *Vodafone Warriors* coach **Andrew McFadden** decided to rest all our injured players, with **Konrad Hurrell** (hamstring), **Sam Tomkins** (hip), **Jacob Lillyman** (ankle), **Thomas Leuluai** (groin) all being taken out of the game. That meant for the last 10 minutes we played with only 12 players.

But I could not help but think how pitiful Canberra were, and how sad that is for the game. The glamour clubs seem to go from strength to strength, and signing superstars seems to be no object, but clubs like Canberra struggle. Call me old-fashioned, but I want to see genuine contests, and Sunday's game was anything but. The win certainly did our points for and against total no harm, and with Cronulla coming to Mt Smart this weekend, the boys will come into it on a high.

The win puts the *Warriors* back in the top eight, and

earlier in the day our Holden Cup team, coached by club legend **Stacey Jones**, thrashed the *Raiders* 54-6, with **Sam Lisone** having a very strong game.

Johnson out again, and Konrad too!

Halfback **Shaun Johnson** and centre **Konrad Hurrell** will both miss the *Vodafone Warriors*' 22nd-round NRL clash against the *Cronulla Sharks* at Mt Smart on Sunday.

The Team: Sam Tomkins, Tuimoala Lolohea, Ngani Laumape, Dane Nielsen, Manu Vatuvei, Chad Townsend, Thomas Leuluai, Jacob Lillyman, Nathan Friend, Suaia Matagi, Sione Lousi, Simon Mannering, Sebastine Ikaiahifo. **Interchange:** Feleti Mateo, Ben Matulino, Sam Rapira, Jayson Bukuya, Ben Henry.

Nines dates set

The *Dick Smith NRL Auckland Nines* will be back at Eden Park in 2015 on January 31 and February 1.

All 16 NRL teams will enter the tournament, which carries prizemoney of more than \$A2.4 million. The size of each squad has been increased from 16 to 18, enabling teams to rotate more players and provide them with longer rest periods.

The teams will be split into four groups and play nine minute halves.

The top two teams from each group advance to the

knockout stage of the tournament, with the two top teams playing in the final.

The inaugural tournament this year, won by the *Cowboys*, was played in front of a crowd of nearly 90,000. NRL spokesman **Paul Kind** said the *Nines* is a fun and spectacular way of playing league. Hard to argue against that.

"The atmosphere this year was absolutely brilliant and saw thousands of Australians travel to New Zealand for the event's first year," he said. "Not only does it produce great football but it brings enormous economic benefits to New Zealand."

Auckland Mayor, **Len Brown**, said the *Nines* provided outstanding entertainment for league fans and superb economic returns for Auckland. "Event organisers will once again transform Eden Park into a league playground, and the *Nines* is set to become a special event in Auckland's major events landscape."

Duco Events director **David Higgins** is already urging fans to put their names on the **Ticketek** waiting list to secure seats.

JOIN WAITING LIST FOR THE FIRST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Tickets go on sale to the general public from October 9.

Grow a beard for the boys

There's a big call out to grow a beard and support the boys. Bit short notice I'd have thought, and who knows what the ladies are supposed to do. But I'm up for it, since I've had one for years anyway!

Warriors have grown beards before battle since the beginning of time, and there are many myths, such as beards shielding the strikes of weapons, to beards giving warriors amazing strength.

With only three games left at Mt Smart the club is calling you out to back the boys and get behind **Beard Up**, by growing your own beard or donning one of several collector beards of your favourite **Vodafone Warrior**, such as **Manu Vatuvei**, **Simon Mannering**, **Konrad Hurrell** and others, being given out on game day.

The **Cronulla Sharks** had some massive off-field issues last season but it didn't affect their on-field efforts as they fought their way into the finals.

The **Sharks** boast a fearsome forward pack led by **Paul Gallen** and **Luke Lewis**, and they seem to be something of a bogey side for us. I reckon we are well overdue to do a number of them, but we need the place packed, so no excuses, get to Mt Smart. Kick-off is at 4pm.

Three games on offer

League fans have three games for the price of one on

Sunday. The gates open at noon for a game that could be a real ripper. It's the final of the **College Rugby League** between league powerhouse **St Paul's College** and the boys from the west, **Kelston Boys**. Kick-off is at 12.05pm.

Then in the NYC, **Stacey Jones'** young charges take on **Cronulla** at 1.45pm, and of course the big game straight after that.

Spot prizes on the day

There are Lots of spot prizes to be won on Sunday, and all you have to do is take a photo of your beard (real or fake) on Instagram and tag @nzwarriors & hashtag #BeardUp to be in to win.

Or get involved with Pukana Cam and show us your best pukana for your chance to win a \$100 Canterbury of NZ voucher.

Warriors Tent

This week there's face painting, so get your **Vodafone Warriors** face on. The **Warriors** passing wall is back with loads of prizes. There will also be **Warriors Forever** tattoos and player signings, so come meet the players and get an autograph. Don't forget to also get yourself into the draw for your chance to win the **Vodafone Warriors Road Warrior Suzuki Swift**, more information

at the **Vodafone Warriors Tent** located in the North/East corner.

Crusaders come up short

And hard luck **Crusaders**, beaten by a late penalty by the **Warratahs** in the Super Rugby final.

When that kick from **Bernard Foley** went over for NSW there was 35 seconds to go and a 33-32 scoreline. After I do not know how many months of rugby, who could ask for anything more from a final?

Say what you like about the Super Rugby but that was a brilliant final – except for the result of course.

Don't forget, be there and back the boys

The **Cronulla Sharks**, who were beaten 32-12 by the **Eels** over the weekend, are last on the ladder but on their day they can beat any team, just as they did in round 19, beating the **Penrith Panthers** 18-12.

So we need to take care and have plenty of local support, so make the effort and come to Mt Smart on Sunday.

Go the mighty Vodafone Warriors.

Here's the Stacey Jones Lounge Menu for **THIS SUNDAY'S HOME GAME** against the Sharks.

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Vodafone Warriors v Cronulla Sharks
Mt Smart, Auckland Sunday 10 August 2014 - 4:05 pm



Our next 3 Home Games

Round 22: v Sharks

Mt Smart Stadium

Sunday 10th August 2014

Gates Open: 12:00pm

College Rugby League Premier Final

12.00pm (note: actual kick-off 12.08pm, 25 min halves, 5 min halftime)

NYC – 1:45pm

NRL – 4.00pm

NRL & NYC

Round 24: v Roosters

Mt Smart Stadium

Sunday 24th August 2014

Opening gates: 11:30am

NYC – 11:45am

NRL – 2.00pm

NSW CUP - Round 24

Vodafone Warriors NSW Cup v Newtown Jets

Saturday 23rd August 2014

Mt Smart no. 2

Kick-off: 1pm

Round 25: v Titans

Mt Smart Stadium

Sunday 31st August 2014

Opening gates: 11:30am

NSW – 11:40am (v North Sydney Bears)

NYC – 1:45pm

NRL – 4.00pm



Sam Rapira crashes through Raiders' Dane Tilse to score.

Photo: Paul Seiser/ www.photosport.co.nz



Look who I bumped into at Australia Fair shopping centre: former kiwi, Graeme Farrar – Kiwi no 398 – and his grandson, Dylan.



Caught up with one of my great supporters, Chris from Sentra Print, at the Massey Rugby Club, as well as his son Adrian, who is captain of the Premiers for the Massey Rugby Club.

The Warriors Game

I went to watch the Warriors game with dad and the mad butcher, (Sir Peter Charles Leitch).

By SAM



The little boy from our school who spent the past year in Starship Hospital with his sister is now back this week at school. He has just written a story and typed it out about going to the **Warriors** game with Peter. Could you please forward this to him. Also, Sam has asked if Sir Peter is back down here, could he say "hi". Sam thought he was really cool.

Many thanks
Lou (Rick's sister)

I received these lovely "Thank You" notes from recent visitors to the Lounge. It's great to receive notes from people, because sometimes we take things for granted, so it's great to know people are getting an enjoyable experience out of their visit. Thanks, guys!

Dear Sir Peter

Thank you very much for the kindness you showed me before and during the game last weekend. Your tickets and hospitality were very much appreciated by myself, 2 daughters and my brother. Really enjoyed my 1st game of League as well, so will support **Road Runners Rams** this season. Doc sends his regards, and I will down a few Speights with him again at our local tonight.

Once again thanks very much, Peter.

Peter Howley
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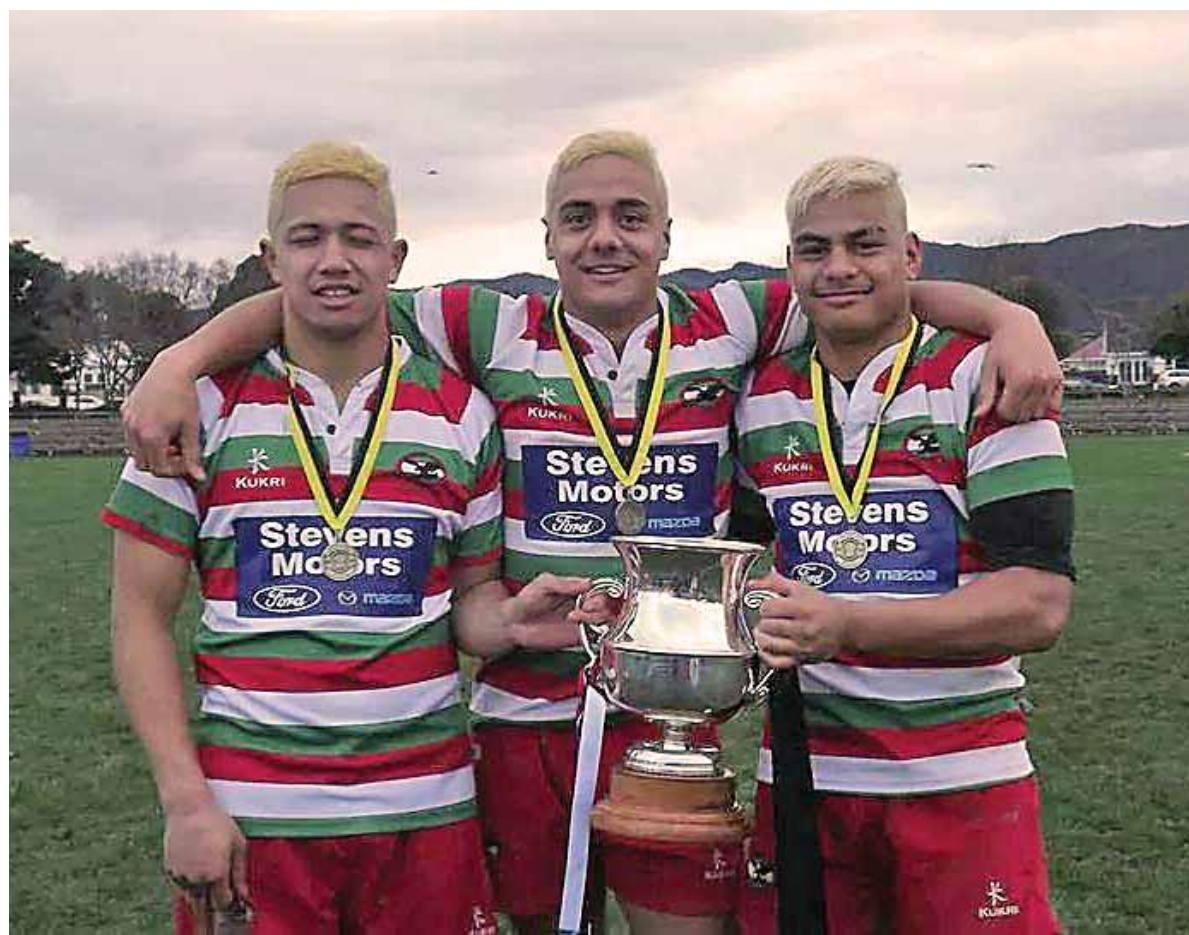


Hutt Old Boys Marist have come from behind to edge a brave Wainuiomata 14-11 to win the Jubilee Cup at the Hutt Recreation Ground on Sunday.

In front of about 5000 fans it took a second half try to **Chase Tiatia** and a late penalty to halfback **Sheridan Rangihuna** to end Wainui's fairytale season.

HOBM won Wellington's premier club rugby trophy for the second time, adding to their 2007 title, while this was Wainuiomata's first final.

The Final was like Big Brother taking on Little Brother, while in this case, Big Brother won. Having two Hutt Valley teams in the Wellington Final was the amazing highlight of the season.



SFL e-news

AUGUST 2014

- Programme Graduation
- Making good takeaway choices
- Why do we eat?
- Competitions and Giveaways
- Meet one of our graduates

Great results from our recent graduates!

Another successful Steps for Life programme has concluded and the group of dedicated teens and their families did themselves and us proud.

The programme began with an introduction evening on the 24th of April where all our successful applicants got to meet each other and get to know just what they were in for over the next 12 weeks. As a team we were really impressed from the outset that this group had family that were fully engaged and were willing to take the

opportunity to improve their whole family's health. For the first time we had each parent or guardian choose to weigh in alongside their children and actively participate in any exercise activity that was run on the Saturday sessions.

The group's dedication certainly paid off and by the end of the 12 weeks we saw teens that were smiling, holding their heads high and had found their purpose and goals for a healthier future. Our group of 8 teens lost a collective total of 88.3 kilograms and our participating parents lost a total of 46.4 kilograms. What a fantastic result!

This programme showed the true success that can come out of an environment built on both teamwork and self discipline. At graduation it was evident that the participants had taken everything in and were ready to take on the next steps toward their goals. We were blown away by a performance they put together for us of a song they had written about our favourite saying entitled "If you fail to prepare, prepare to fail!" I'm sure they won't ever forget that lesson!

We wish all our graduates the best in their futures and we look forward to celebrating their future successes with them.



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Why do we eat?

We've all experienced it... maybe it's when you're bored, stressed, sad or tired and you find yourself heading for the snack machine or lolly jar. Whatever it is, it is a reason to eat other than hunger.

While it's OK from time to time to eat when you are not hungry, too much will hurt your health and your weight management. The purpose of food is to fuel our bodies, the right amount of good fuel will ensure our bodies move and function as healthy machines. Unfortunately this is not why we head for the packet of chips, lollies, chocolate bar or drive through. Most likely we are eating out of habit or emotion.

Emotions are a common eating trigger. When you're happy you might eat to celebrate; if you're sad you may eat to soothe; if you're angry you may take a bite out of your fork rather than your anger.

The dreaded afternoon energy lull can drive even the most disciplined of us to food—especially sugary treats. But that sugar rush might be followed by an even worse crash. Instead, take a walk around the office, head outside for some fresh air, or drink a cup of coffee or a tall glass of cold water. A change of scenery might be just the ticket to battle the afternoon lull.

Do you find it hard to say no to people? If you are a people pleaser, it can be hard to say no, especially if your friends or family offer you scrumptious food. Sometimes people will push for you to take



Steps for Life e-news

Thought I would share Monty's newsletter with you. He is doing a great job.

Last night I took the **Vodafone Warriors'** head coach and CEO to Everyone Charitable Foundation comedy debate & fundraiser. The foundation was set up by **All Blacks Richie McCaw, Dan Carter, and Ali Williams.**

So I thought I would share these photos of the coach meeting rugby royalty. Enjoy. We had a great night.



Sir Graham Henry, Rugby World Cup winning coach; Andrew McFadden, Vodafone Warriors head coach; and Sir John Graham, former All Black captain who played 31 games for the All Blacks and captained them for 10 games.



Andrew McFadden and Sir John Graham.



The great Richie McCaw and the coach chill out.



Andrew enjoyed meeting rugby royalty like Dan Carter and they all enjoyed meeting the Vodafone Warriors coach.



Former Warriors and ex-All Black, Sir John Kirwin having a chat to Vodafone Warriors CEO Wayne Scurrah about all things sport. Two top blokes.



To find out more about Everyone Charitable Foundation, click on this link:

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Sir Graham and Andrew get all matey!

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If interested contact Sir Peter on pcleitch@extra.co.nz

This will be a great start to the tournament and what better way to kick it off than being part of the official Kiwis Supporters Tour.



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THIS WEEK, IN THE ROUND 22 ISSUE OF BIG LEAGUE... ON SALE THURS, AUG 7

SAM BURGESS'S TIME IN THE NRL IS SLOWING TICKING DOWN, BUT HIS BROTHERS CAN STEP OUT OF HIS SHADOW AND CARRY ON WHAT HE STARTED

FEATURES

- He's become one of the most influential forwards and players at South Sydney and in the NRL, but **Sam Burgess's** departure may not leave as big a gap as many think with his brothers able to step into the void.

- The **Wests Tigers** have been dominating the headlines the past weeks and amid all of it sponsor Meriton continued their association with the club. We spoke to founder Harry Triguboff about what attracts him to the club.

- Rooster and dumped NSW half **Mitchell Pearce** is one player who makes sure he learns from his mistakes and keeps his focus firmly on what he can control in the future.

- **John Cartwright** stood down from the Gold Coast Titans this week and former player Mat Rogers says Carty's made a huge contribution to the club over the years and not completely to blame for the team's poor form.

- **BIG READ: North Queensland Cowboys** have a dedicated and growing fanbase and without their unerring support, the club wouldn't have made it to where it is today.

PLUS

Rick Stone ready to step back into the Knights' head coach role; Stuart's safe but recruitment is top priority for Raiders; Newcastle *By Numbers*; *Who's That Kid?* Brisbane's Tom Opacic; *Big Clash*: Rabbitohs v Sea Eagles match preview; *Top 8* Signs you're old school rugby league; *Anthony Minichiello* talks us through his decision to retire at season's end.

GAME DAY: Official team lists for Telstra Premiership, Holden Cup, VB NSW Cup, Intrust Super Cup, Ron Massey Cup; lower grade reviews; Little League; Dragons v Warriors cheerleaders.

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Taking a break in Aussie!



Janice and I had a great 8 days on the Gold Coast and caught up with my old school mate, Les Webb, who drove us around. Top bloke!



And caught up with my old mate Kelvin who had us out to his place for lunch.



Janice and I caught up with Steve Hanson, the All Black coach, who was chilling out on the Gold Coast before the AB's go into game this week in Auckland.

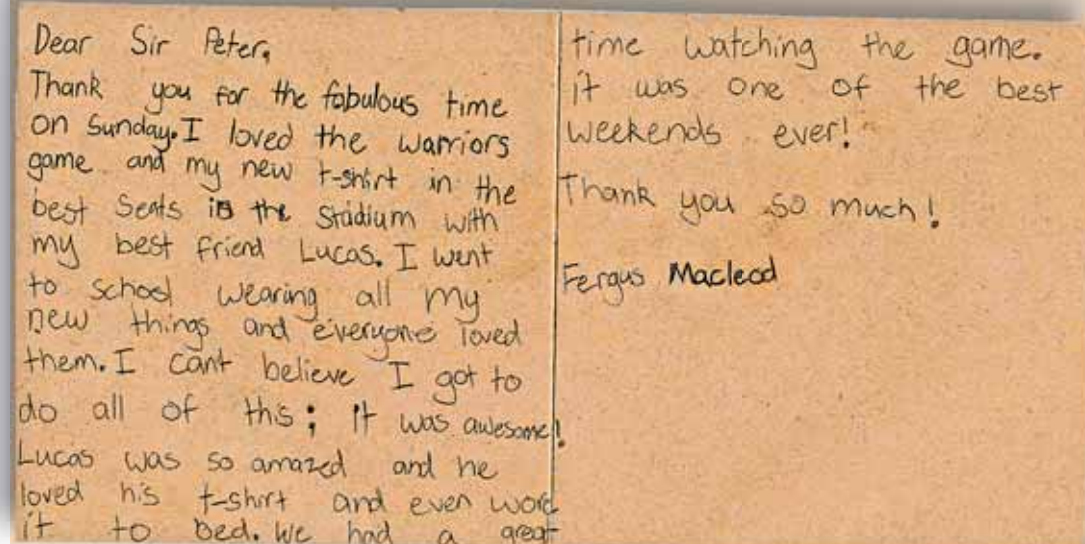


Regular visitors to the Stacey Jones Lounge will remember this couple: Suezy and Mark who now live in Brisbane. We caught up with them and they asked to be remembered to everyone in the Lounge.



Met up with Alex Glenn, Broncos player and Kiwis player, while we were out sightseeing. Alex played junior rugby league for the Northcote Tigers in Auckland and played for the Junior Kiwis and for the Kiwis in 2012 and is the youngest player to ever captain the Broncos at age 22. In the absence of Darren Lockyer, in a game they won.

A Card from Fergus



if you were in the lounge at our last home game you will remember the young boy called Fergus who suffered with diabetes. Very bad. This is a card he sent to me.

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