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# Newsletter

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*The Holden Cup team after their final training run on Wednesday. Good luck guys, you're doing the club proud!*

## Juniors nearly there

**Vodafone Warriors fans got a treat, with the Stacey Jones coached Holden Cup Under 20s beating Newcastle 23-16 in another really good game.**

**T**he defensive effort of our boys against the **Knights**, who were minor premiers, was outstanding and they are just a game away from a place in the grand final. If they can make it, it will be back to finals for the side.

The **Junior Warriors** only sneaked into the finals after a last round 18-18 draw with Penrith, but their performances in beating first the **Roosters**, and then Newcastle, will have plenty of coaches worried about facing them.

Two tries in the first 12 minutes, to **Solomone Kata** and **Adam Tuimavave-Gerrard**, got us out to a 12-0 lead, and **Mason Lino** got a field goal in the final seconds of the half for a 13-0 lead.

In the second half Newcastle got it back to 13-10 but, as I say, the defensive effort we put in was outstanding, and late tries put even ore gloss on the win.

It was not all good news though, with fullback **Brad Abbey** suffering an injury that may well keep him out of the next

game.

You have to keep in mind that it was the third trip to Australia in as many weeks, and winning after that kind of travel is tough going - just ask the NRL boys. And we are the only team from outside the top four to make it this far, in the process improving our finals record to 13 wins in 18 play-offs since the NYC started in 2008.

This weekend will be trip number four, to face Parramatta on Saturday at 7.15pm NZT at ANZ Stadium. The match is the curtain-raiser to the NRL preliminary final between Penrith and Canterbury-Bankstown.

The **Eels** beat the **Vodafone Junior Warriors** in both regular season encounters between the two sides, romping to a 50-24 win in the first round and scoring a last-minute try for a 22-19 victory at Mt Smart.

In the other preliminary final on Friday, **St George Illawarra** meets Brisbane. The winners of the two games meet in the grand final at ANZ on October 5.

C'mon Stacey, you are a legend and I know how hard you have worked with your young charges to get them this far. So, I will say it again: **Go the Mighty Vodafone Junior Warriors.**

### Weekend line-up

**Friday - ANZ Stadium, Sydney:**

**NYC Preliminary Final:**

St George Illawarra v Brisbane Broncos, 7.15pm NZT

**NRL Preliminary Final:**

South Sydney Rabbitohs v Sydney Roosters, 9.55pm NZT

**Saturday - ANZ Stadium, Sydney:**

**NYC Preliminary Final:**

Parramatta Eels v Vodafone Junior Warriors, 7.15pm

**NRL Preliminary Final:** Penrith Panthers v

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, 9.55pm

**W**hat an astonishing game league can be. Look at the minor semi-finals played over the weekend.

First up on Friday night it was the **Roosters** against the **Cowboys**, and the boys from Bondi shot out to a 30-0 lead and you could have been forgiven for thinking it was all over.

But **Jonathan Thurston** and his **Cowboys** had other ideas and piled on 30 points of their won, only to lose it to a field goal 31-30.

That meant we all went into Saturday night's game with Manly playing the **Bulldogs** thinking the bar had been set pretty high in terms of quality games, but this one was just as enthralling.

This time it was the Doggies who shot out to 16-0 and Manly who had to work their way back into it. There were field goals aplenty until it was all level at 17-17 and into golden point it went.

The Doggies snuck home with a field goal to book a place in the final four by winning 18-17 and I was left amazed at the quality and closeness of the games.

### Tony Iro coming home

Great to see **Tony Iro** will return to the **Vodafone Warriors** as one of two new assistant coaches next season.

He left at the end of the 2012 season to become general manager high performance with the New Zealand Rugby League, but will return to Mt Smart after the Four Nations tournament in New Zealand and Australia in October and November. "It's a great opportunity to come back to the club and support Cappy in any way I can to take the **Vodafone Warriors** to the next level," he said.

The pair have a great relationship and already work together, with McFadden appointed **Kiwis** assistant coach after

discussions with Iro, although he had to withdraw when he became **Vodafone Warriors** head coach.

"I've enjoyed my two years with the NZRL working with the **Kiwis** and in the high performance area but I always wanted to coach in the NRL again," Iro said. "I've got strong ties with the **Vodafone Warriors** after my time with the club and couldn't be more excited about returning." McFadden called Iro the ideal choice. "He has the experience I was after and he also has so much knowledge about the club and the players, most of whom he has worked with."

Iro played 25 tests for the **Kiwis** and made almost 250 appearances in the NRL and England.

### Second assistant named

**Andrew Webster** has been named as our second new assistant coach.

The 32-year-old signing follows confirmation **Tony Iro** would be returning. Webster guided the **Tigers** to the 2014 NYC finals. After beating **Souths** in week one, they were eliminated by Brisbane.

Webster was Parramatta's NYC coach last year and had two stints as an assistant at **Hull Kingston Rovers** in England.

**McFadden** said he had followed Webster's development as a coach with interest.

"I first became aware of him when I was coaching at **Les Catalans** in France. He was with **Hull Kingston Rovers** then and I've kept an eye on him since," he said. "For such a young coach he has packed in lots of experience in Australia, England and the United States."

After spending 2008 with Parramatta on work experience he was assistant under ex-**Vodafone Warrior** Justin Morgan at Hull KR from 2009-2011.

He returned to Australia in 2012 as coach

of Balmain's SG Ball side, guiding the young **Tigers** through an undefeated minor premiership campaign for the first time in the club's history. The side went on to become Balmain's first SG Ball grand final winner in 30 years.

### Award for Johnson

Great to see that at the Rugby League Players' Association Awards in Sydney last week **Shaun Johnson** was named the New Zealand Representative Player of the Year for his efforts with the **Kiwis**. The other finalists were **Dean Whare** and **Roger Tuivasa-Sheck**.

And, along with team-mate **Ben Henry**, **Siliva Havili** was recognised among 11 players who received a Chairman's Award to mark their representative debuts for Australia and New Zealand.

The 2014 award winners were:

Players' Player - **Johnathan Thurston (Cowboys)**

Rookie of the Year - **Luke Brooks (Tigers)**

NYC Player of the Year - **Sione Mata'utia (Knights)**

Australian Representative Player of the Year - **Johnathan Thurston**

New Zealand Representative Player of the Year - **Shaun Johnson**

Rest of the World Representative Player of the Year - **Anthony Milford**, Samoa

### Nines pools decided

Some of you seemed to have missed it, but I can tell you the **Vodafone Warriors** have drawn the **Raiders**, **Tigers** and **Titans** for the **2015 Dick Smith NRL Auckland Nines** on January 31 and February 1.

Reigning champions the **Cowboys** have the **Storm**, **Panthers** and **Rabbitohs**.

The **Eels**, **Sea-Eagles**, **Knights** and **Dragons** will square off, and last pool is **Roosters**, **Broncos**, **Bulldogs** and **Sharks**. The top two teams from each group advance

to the knockout stage.

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

### Juniors unchanged

The **Vodafone Junior Warriors** will field an unchanged line-up when they face Parramatta.

Coach **Stacey Jones** named the same 17 players used in the club's two finals wins against the **Roosters** (44-30) and Newcastle (23-16).

This week's contest gives co-captain **Mason Lino** the chance to edge closer to the possibility of reaching two NYC points-scoring milestones in his third and final season in the competition.

With seven points in last week's win over the **Knights**, Lino lifted his tally this year to 189 points from 10 tries, 74 goals and a field goal, leaving him within reach of topping 200 points in a season.

After scoring 144 points in 2012 and 147 in 2013, Lino has a career total of 480 in 60 games, leaving the 500-point mark within reach.

Also eyeing a milestone is prop **Sam Lisone**. He plays his 49th game leaving him on track to reach the 50-game mark in the grand final if the **Vodafone Junior Warriors** can eliminate Parramatta.

Set to line up at fullback is **Brad Abbey**, who has made good progress after being forced off the field with a hip injury last weekend.

The 17-year-old – he isn't 18 until December 30 – has had an outstanding debut season. He was named the **TNT NYC Rookie of the Year** at the **Vodafone Warriors awards**.

**Live coverage of the Vodafone Juniors Warriors v Parramatta Eels clash starts on SKY Sport 2 from 7.00pm on Saturday.**

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## Out and about...

Well, a busy week coming up. Starting this **Friday**, I have to be at **Placemakers Highland Park** at 7am for a **Blue September** event; then fly to New Plymouth to do a speech in Hawera that night, then back to Auckland on **Saturday** to watch the **Vodafone Warriors Holden cup team** on take on the **Eels** at 7pm on Sky Sport 2, with the winner going into the grand final of the **Holden Cup**. On **Monday**, its off to Sydney for grand final week, starting on **Monday night** with the **NRL Dally M Awards**. It's a black tie event and by invitation only. Later in the week, it's the NR Grand Final luncheon where both teams in the final will attend. Then on **Saturday**, I go to the **Kangaroos** reunion were former players who have played for their countries will mix and mingle. I get in as a former **Kiwis** manager, and it's a great day! Then the big one – **Sunday**, the **NRL Grand Final** and hopefully our **Holden Cup** team will be playing.

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7.00pm Sky Sport2 Saturday 27 September 2014



**Some of the Holden Cup boys getting all ready before heading to the airport to fly home.**



**The winners cleaning up after the game. All smiles!**



**Ken Maumalo give us the thumbs up after the team's win over the Knights, and supported with a big smile, by Bunty Afoa. Well done boys!**



**Solomone Kata looking all serious as he walks to the team bus to head to the airport.**



**Doug, the manager of the Holden Cup team, sorting the gear on Wednesday night before packing it for the game on Saturday.**



The Vodafone Holden cup team chilling out after training.



Co-Captains of the Warriors NYC Team, Mason Lino and Samuel Lisone after training.



Our Junior Warriors, who have a big game this Saturday. It was do or die on the red carpet last week!



Wayne Scurrah, our departing CEO, and his lovely family. From left: Laura, son Riley, daughter Eliza and Wayne.



The Mann boys. From left to right: Police Inspector Anthony Pereira, Richard Mann, Bart Mann, Don Mann Snr, Don Mann Jnr. Duane Mann was at the bar when this photo was taken.



Three very happy players on the night. Agnatius Paasi, Manu Vatuvei, and Sam Lisone.



Konrad Hurrell with his award. A very happy chap!

**Here are some photos from the Vodafone Warriors' RED BALL PRIZE GIVING NIGHT from last week. You can view more great photos at [www.photosport.co.nz](http://www.photosport.co.nz) and you can even buy copies of these great photos.**



Russell Stanners & Wife, Michelle.



Andrew McFadden, head coach of the Vodafone Warriors, and his lovely wife, Bonnie.



Jim Doyle, the incoming CEO of the Vodafone Warriors, and wife Joanne.



Dean Bell, GM football operations, & wife, Jackie.

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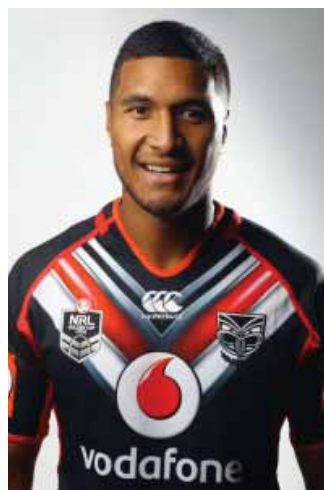
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# Meet the Team for Saturday's NYC Finals



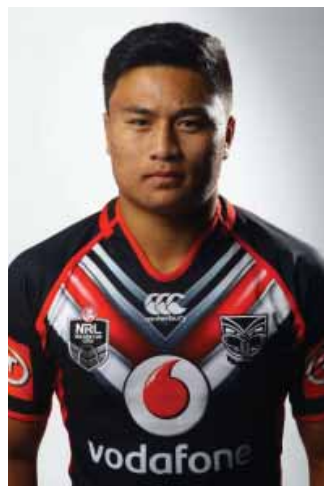
**Tuimoala Lolohea:** A player destined for a big future in the game, Lolohea left his imprint on the NYC in 2013 when, as an 18-year old, picking up 22 tries playing in all of the Vodafone Junior Warriors' 28 fixtures. His dazzling feet, speed and skill saw him collect the club's TNT NYC Young Player of the Year Award. During his career he has made his mark on the representative scene featuring for the NZ Residents 16s and 18s as well as the Junior Kiwis. A Kelston Boys' High School product, he was named in the club's squad for the inaugural NRL Auckland Nines and has been re-signed to the end of the 2017 season. He played in the club's 2014 NRL trials against Gold Coast and Brisbane, scoring two tries against the Titans. While eligible for the NYC again this year and next year as well, Lolohea is being developed in the club's New South Wales Cup team. However, he turned out for the Vodafone Junior Warriors in their third-round match against North Queensland in Townsville, inspiring them to a 50-12 win with a hat-trick.



**Metia Lisati:** Lisati gave a superb account of himself in his debut NYC season in 2013. In 16 appearances, he snared seven tries in what was only his second season playing the sport. Lisati had played for the Bay Roskill Vikings in 2012 but prior to that he was a dedicated footballer. Educated at Mount Roskill Grammar School, the winger can also fill the depth chart at fullback. After scoring a hat-trick against Cronulla he was promoted to debut for the Vodafone Warriors against the Bulldogs in the New South Wales Cup, only to pick up an ankle injury.



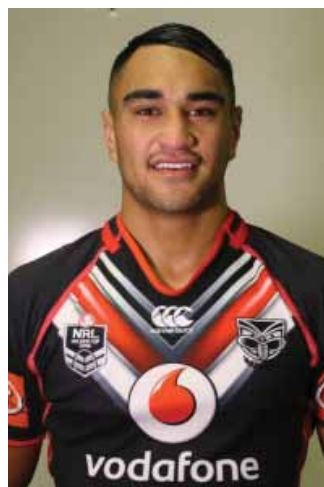
**Solomone Kata:** Kata arrived in New Zealand from Tonga in 2011. After excelling in the Sacred Heart College First XV, he became another schoolboy rugby union star to switch codes and sign with the Vodafone Warriors for the 2013 season. His NYC career got off to an emphatic start when he scored two tries on debut against South Sydney in April. He continued this vein of form, finishing his first campaign with 11 tries from 17 appearances. His handy goalkicking skills meant that he posted 88 points in total for the club.



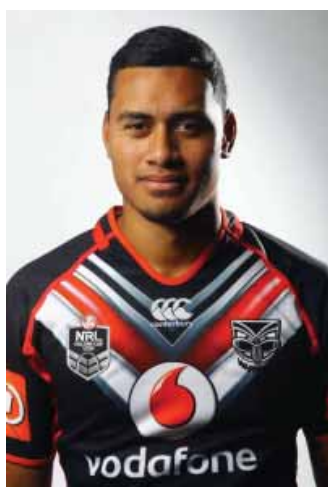
**Mason Lino:** Lino caught the eye in the club's NYC trials to earn a spot in the 2012 Vodafone Junior Warriors squad. Not many weeks past his 18th birthday, the goal-kicking halfback was called in to make his NYC debut in the second-round clash against Parramatta and finished the season as team's top points-scorer with 144 points in 23 games. Lino, whose club roots are with the Marist Saints, was again a heavy points-scorer in 2013 despite a lengthy injury lay-off. He bucketed 147 points for the club, taking his total after 2013 to 281 from 41 appearances. Mason is currently studying a Bachelor of Business at AUT, having completed his schooling at Avondale College.



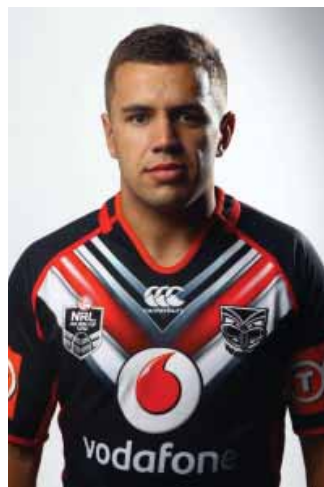
**Sam Lisone:** A huge young forward standing 198cm tall, Sam broke into the NYC team in 2010, making 18 appearances in his debut season. He excelled with his exceptional off-loading skills, creating countless opportunities and providing the key ball in numerous tries. His only try of the year was in the 42-28 grand final victory over South Sydney. He again shone in the NYC in 2011, helping the side to a second consecutive premiership. He appeared in 26 of their 27 matches, scoring 10 tries. After finishing his NYC career with 44 appearances, Sam was upgraded to the fulltime NRL squad for 2012. After initially appearing in every match for the Auckland Vulcans in the New South Wales Cup, he made his NRL debut in unusual circumstances against Newcastle in July. He had been chosen as 18th man when, right at the end of the warm-up, he was called in to play after original choice Steve Rapira strained his hamstring. Late in the match, Lousi went on the field to become Vodafone Warrior No 175. Also on the field with him at the time was older brother Sione; it was the first time they'd been in the same side together since they had lined up for St Paul's College, New Zealand's renowned rugby league nursery. Sam's second season in the NRL was hindered by injury problems, with ankle and knee issues limiting his playing time.



**Marata Niukore:** Marata impressed playing for Aorere College in Auckland's inaugural College Rugby League First XIII competition last year. He trialed with the Sydney Roosters' SG Ball side but returned home to join the Howick Hornets in Auckland's Fox Memorial premiership. He was called in for his Vodafone Junior Warriors debut against Penrith in June. He scored a try that day playing in the centres but has since been used in the second row. He has scored four tries in 12 games.



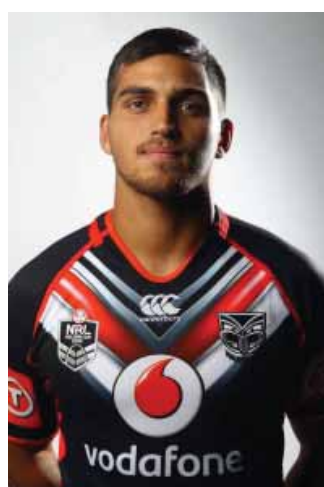
**Ngataua Hukatai:** Ngataua signed with the Vodafone Warriors after excelling in rugby union as a schoolboy. A standout at wing for the prestigious King's College First XV, he decided to make the switch to rugby league after being scouted by the Vodafone Warriors. In 2012 Hukatai made his debut for the club in the NYC play, starting his career in the 13-man game by playing in 24 matches and scoring 11 tries. He translated this success into his 2013 NYC season, scoring seven tries in 21 matches and playing in the grand final against Penrith. Injury has disrupted his 2014 plans.



**Kurt Robinson:** Robinson graduated from Hutt Valley High School with his sights set firmly on making the Vodafone Warriors. The former Petone Panthers hooker and Wellington Orcas representative started gaining traction in 2012 and was brought into the Vodafone Junior Warriors for 2013, making six starts and scoring a try. A former basketball player in high school, Kurt is an accomplished hooker who has gone to the next level in 2014, becoming a first-choice selection under new Vodafone Junior Warriors coach Stacey Jones.



**Nathaniel Roache:** Educated at Mount Albert Grammar School, Nathaniel's junior club was Richmond. Excelled for Mount Albert Grammar in the College Rugby League First XIII competition last year. He has come through the development system, making his NYC debut at standoff for the Vodafone Junior Warriors in their first-round clash against Parramatta in March. He has been used at standoff, hooker and in the centres, appearing in 22 of the team's 26 matches so far and scoring eight tries.



**Kouma Samson:** Kouma had an eventful year of football in 2012 as he broke into the NYC side and was named NZRL Under-18 Player of the Year for his efforts with the Glenora Bears. The second-rower was also selected as team captain for the NZRL representative squad that toured Queensland at year's end. Samson, a graduate of Green Bay High School, was able to solidify his place in the Vodafone Junior Warriors for 2013 and he did not disappoint. He averaged close to 100 metres a game in his 16 appearances, including a stint in the NYC grand final.



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## Meet the Team for Saturday's NYC Finals



**Jazz Tevaga:** A Papakura Sea Eagles junior, Jazz was educated at Papakura High School. He earned a Vodafone Warriors contract after standing out in the club's open NYC trial last year, going on to make his debut in the second round encounter with St George Illawarra at Eden Park in March. He has gone on to make 18 appearances this season, scoring three tries. Initially used as an interchange dummy half option, Jazz has been used more extensively at loose forward in the back end of the season.



**Brad Abbey:** Brad Abbey, at just 17 years of age, is rated one of the club's brightest prospects. A skilful fullback, he moved from Western Springs College to the renowned rugby league nursery St Paul's College, setting alight a career which has already seen him attract interest from many other clubs. He recently signed a new two-year contract with the Vodafone Warriors through to the end of the 2016 season. He made his NYC debut in round one of the 2014 campaign against the Parramatta Eels, going on to score a hat-trick in the club's sixth-round clash against the Bulldogs. Outside of rugby league Abbey is aspiring to work as a police officer.



**Adam Tuimavave-Gerrard:** He is another member of rugby league's well-known Tuimavave clan, initially joining his cousin Carlos in the 2012 NYC squad. Former Kiwis Tony and Paddy Tuimavave are his uncles while 2008 Kiwi and ex-Vodafone Warrior Evam Tuimavave is another cousin. Adam made 10 appearances in 2012 when he alternated between the centres and the back row. Yet another Marist Saints junior, he scored four tries against Manly in 2013 and mustered a total of 10 tries from 24 matches. He is now one of the 2014 squad's 'veterans'. With his career tally now topping 40 games, he is set this season to join the select group of players who have appeared in 50 NYC matches for the club.



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# NZ rugby v rugby league's attitude to drop-kicks doesn't add up

(by John Deaker)

**It was no fluke when Trent Hodkinson successfully kicked 2 drop-kicks within 8 minutes of each other to send his Canterbury-Bankstown team into this week's NRL semi-finals.**

Hodkinson has proved his ability to remain cool under pressure this season in the drop-kick situation many times. The Warriors' round 6 match was one of many times during the season where he's stepped up to produce "clutch" execution of the one-pointer when required by his team.

That one situation can be isolated as THE defining moment for BOTH the Warriors and Bulldogs seasons. Simply put – if Leulaia had got his attempt earlier ( everything else in the season remaining equal ) the Warriors end up in 7th place and the Bulldogs end up where the Warriors did in 9th place.

The ironic thing is that the one-pointer has become accepted as such a crucial part of rugby league – yet in New Zealand rugby union we barely view drop-kicks as part of the game! The booing they often receive certainly sums up the attitude most people have towards them.

Even watching Joel Stransky's heart-breaking dropkick in extra time in the 1995 World Cup and Jonny Wilkinson's last – minute winner in the 2003 World Cup seem to have hardly changed our nation's negative attitude towards drop-kicks.

It's hard to work out exactly why this started – and why it continues. One possible conclusion that stands out from the rest is that we turn a blind eye to it and think we don't need it – almost like we're "too good for it."

Some things sadly become accepted over time. It seemed stunning when the coach of Australia's victorious World Cup rugby team in 1999 , Rod McQueen, became lauded by people for "working out" how crucial drop-kicks were to re-starts in rugby games : ie that the team that retrieved the kick-off massively increased their chances of scoring. Should that really have been viewed as such rocket-science at the time!?

At least rugby players have historically practiced drop-out re-starts – albeit not nearly as much as McQueen thought they should have. In comparison, many former rugby union players ( and coaches ) would struggle to remember one training session where their team actually trained for a drop-

goal scenario in a match. Individuals might practice it at times, but it's totally another thing for coaches to actually create match situations and dedicate training time towards teams setting a stable platform for a smooth drop-kick execution.

The way the Americans look at sport it would be nearly as tough as them understanding the rules of rugby for them to fathom our Nation's attitude towards rugby drop-kicks: "Yes, we're the greatest rugby nation in the world... In rugby tries get 5 points, conversion kicks get 2 and penalty kicks get 3... oh and there's this thing called a drop-kick where you get 3 points – but you probably won't see that happen because most of our team's don't even practice it."

It would be a huge surprise if the Bulldogs were able to win the NRL title after qualifying in 7th place this year. With the squad they have you could argue their year is already another coaching victory for Des Hasler. This week Hasler goes up against another of the most respected coaches in the NRL when they take on Ivan Cleary's Penrith team.

It's more than a coincidence that Ivan's well-coached team also won their last match with a drop-kick – on that occasion coming off the boot of Jamie Soward against the heavily favoured Sydney Roosters. Like the Bulldogs, Penrith aren't a star-studded team. Their coach has them very well organised though and this has enabled them to also win many tight matches with drop kicks this year.

Both teams have also demonstrated other "go-to" options in addition to Hodkinson and Soward. Josh Reynolds won the Bulldogs a match with a one-pointer earlier in the year, while Penrith have also utilised Matt Moylan to edge them to victory in 2014.

Needless to say, if a drop-kick separates the Bulldogs and Penrith at the weekend it'll be no fluke. Let's hope that whether or not this happens, New Zealand rugby union players, coaches and fans are able to learn that if drop-kicks are part of your code you shouldn't be negative about them – you should just get better at them!

**My old mate, JOHN ROWLES, is going to be touring New Zealand with the original ELVIS PRESLEY TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS band from October the 31st and finishing at Auckland's Bruce Mason Theatre on November the 14th. For tickets go to [www.ticketmaster.co.nz](http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz) MORE DETAILS BELOW:**

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This historic tour begins in Honolulu at the Blaisdell Concert Hall – located at the same site as the Arena, from where Elvis' famous *'Aloha from Hawaii'* concert was broadcast, in 1973 – before heading to New Zealand for shows from October 31 to November 14. The concert will feature original TCB band members **James Burton** (guitar), **Ronnie Tutt** (drums), **Glen D. Hardin** (piano), together with **Norbert 'Put' Putnam** (bass).

The TCB Band came together to form the core rhythm section of Elvis Presley's band from 1969 until his last show in 1977. TCB stands for *'Taking Care of Business'*, a personal motto adopted by Presley in the early 1970s.

The TCB Band was credited with bringing a new lease of life to Elvis' rock'n'roll sound and creating mesmerising shows including the legendary 1973 *'Aloha from Hawaii'* concert that was broadcast around the world to an estimated audience of one billion people.

Promoter **Simon Kemp-Roberts** met TCB band drummer Ronnie Tutt when he toured New Zealand as drummer for **Neil Diamond** and since then he's been searching for an opportunity to bring the whole band to New Zealand.

"I met John Rowles who was planning 3 shows to promote his new album and I realised that here was my chance to bring together a legendary band and legendary singer, to play music that shaped a generation and has stood the test of time".

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Regent Theatre | Tuesday 4 November  
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# Pirtek NZRL National Premiership - Bulls hold key to finals race

## PIRTEK NZRL NATIONAL PREMIERSHIP draw for this weekend



**Saturday, September 27 1.30pm**  
**Counties Manukau Stingrays v Canterbury Bulls**  
**Massey Park, Papakura**



**Stingrays:** 1-George Edwards, 2-Raymond Taimale, 3-Lafu Feagaiga, 4-Zebastian Luisi, 5-Tomas Aoake, 6-Carlos Hotene, 7-William Stowers, 8-Pakistan Afu, 9-Jethro Friend, 10-Uila Aliolupo, 11-Sione Feao, 12-Dion Snell, 13-Eko Malu, 14-Terence Phillips, 15-Tony Tuia, 16-Paulos Latu, 17-Paul Tuli

**Bulls:** 1-Erwin Sauni, 2-Will-Tafua, 3-Bruce Havea, 4-Jack Mundy, 5-Cyrus Timo-Latu, 6-Toi Sepuloni, 7-Izic Placid, 8-Jaye Pukepuke, 9-Manu Weepu, 10-Chris Bamford, 11-James Baxendale, 12-Corey Lawire, 13-Agaese Fiso, 14-Alani Kakoi, 15-Dan Moevao, 16-Paradise Mann, 17-Paul Sauni

**Referee** - Shane Rehm **Touch** - Nathan Barker Pringle & Kiko Puhipi Hibbs



**Sunday, September 28**  
**2.30pm: Northern Swords v Akarana Falcons**  
**Toll Stadium, Whangarei**



**Swords:** 1-Hori Tuhoro, 2-Waipu Stone, 3-Te Tuhi Tipene, 4-Ross McFarlane, 5-Tumoana Halkyard, 6-Moses Cooper, 7-Dean Schreurs, 8-Andre Lennox, 9-Joel Freeman, 10-Michael Salase, 11-Wiremu Snowden-Te Iringa, 12-Jordan Hool, 13-Kelsin Harding, 14-Chris Apoua, 15-Manu Tuhoro, 16-Israel Tahere, 17-Alex Salase

**Falcons:** 1-Mao Uta, 2-Saula Solomona, 3-Semisi Fotu, 4-Willie Peace, 5-Jeremiah Faaumuumu, 6-Sam Cook, 7-Cody Walker, 8-Kaleni Fraser, 9-Marcus Fraser, 10-Soape Kavaliku, 11-Malakai Houma, 12-Taylor Daniels, 13-Tulson Caird, 14-Semisi Mau, 15-Karl Simeti, 16-Lila Vaivai, 17-Trent Shaumkel

**Referee** - Lance Bullen **Touch** - Tane Kaiwai & Grant Wharehuka



**1.30pm: Wai-Coa-Bay Stallions v Central Vipers**  
**Puketawhero Park, Rotorua**



**Stallions:** 1-Caleb Heke, 2-Isaac Robinson, 3-John Koko, 4-Isaiah Cooper-Tetevano, 5-Hohepa Monk, 6-Johnson Peri, 7-Hayden Karena, 8-Hone Love-Henry, 9-Raureti Grace, 10-Lionel Skipworth, 11-Terry Kopua, 12-Cassius Dunn-Reid, 13-Marrin Haggie, 14-Raynard Haggie, 15-Moses Mafi, 16-Riki Collier, 17-Tupara Tupara

**Vipers:** 1-Aaron Whitikia, 2-Jo Ratu, 3-Vai Kereti, 4-Che Barlow, 5-Tyson Young, 6-Cruze Rauner, 7-Dylan Hall, 8-Sione Sifa, 9-Travell Ngatoko, 10-Kele Kose, 11-Jarrold Morfett, 12-Wiremu McSeveny, 13-Willy Schuster, 14-Colin Hokiana, 15-Ale Feunati, 16-Josh Kerr, 17-Gordon Karaitiana/Richard Gillies



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# FUTURE WARRIOR?



New Zealand's Brandon Nangaiti (#13) of Otahuhu College, Auckland, on the attack during the NZ Secondary Schools v NSW Combined High Schools, played at Westlake Boys High School on Tuesday 23 September. Although the team went down 28 - 16 against the visiting NSW team, powerful forward, Brandon managed a try just before half time. Lewis Soosemea & Peter Scanlan also managed touchdowns during the game. Names to keep in mind, perhaps?

**NSW Combined High Schools 28** (Ryan King 2, Daniel Brown, Cayne Dockar-Clay & Tye Barry tries; Barry 4 goals) **NZ Secondary Schools 16** (Brandon Nangaiti, Lewis Soosemea & Peter Scanlan tries; Zion Ioka 2 goals):

HT: 12-10

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## NRL Kick Bowel Cancer

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The NRL has unveiled a new campaign to tackle bowel cancer and encourage Australians to take a bowel cancer detection survey. As Australia's second biggest cancer killer, each year 4000 people die from the disease and almost 15,000 cases are detected.

The 'NRL Kick Bowel Cancer' campaign has been produced in collaboration with The Gut Foundation, Cancer Council NSW and Bowel Cancer Australia. The campaign is running across the 2014 NRL Telstra Premiership Finals Series with the aim of raising awareness, reducing stigmas and encouraging people to take action to prevent the disease.

**Together, we can kick bowel cancer.**  
Visit [nrlkickbowelcancer.com.au](http://nrlkickbowelcancer.com.au) today to assess your risk with only five short questions, it could save your life.

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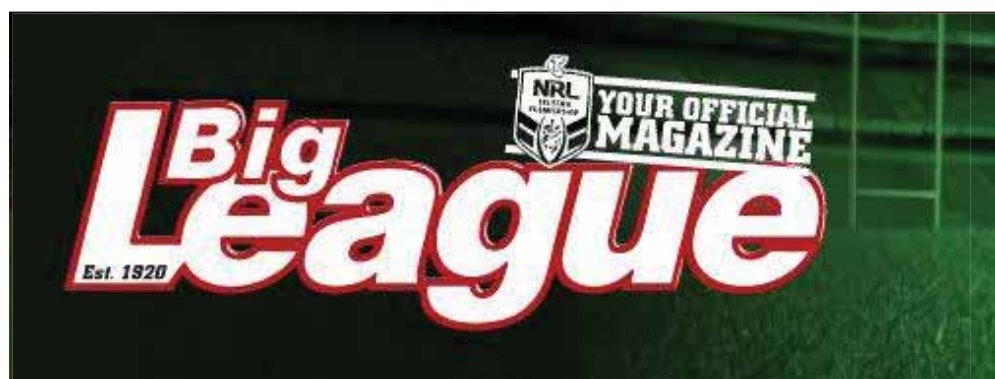
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# Finals Time!

## Don't miss your Big League read this week!



THIS WEEK, IN THE FINALS WEEK THREE ISSUE OF BIG LEAGUE – ON SALE THURS

HE HAS ONE, MAYBE TWO, GAMES LEFT IN THE NRL, BUT THE ROOSTERS WILL HAVE SONNY BILL'S PRESENCE FOR A LONG TIME TO COME.

### FEATURES

- A quiet and private person, **Sonny Bill Williams** takes everything about his job seriously and his acute professionalism is rubbing off on the young guys at the Roosters, who look forward to being able to do the same for others in the future.
- He could have been a chippy, but **Josh Mansour** has chipped away to succeed in the NRL. From the Bulldogs to the Rabbitohs and now at the Panthers where he is even catching the eye of Kangaroos coach Tim Sheens.
- Bulldogs fans didn't know anything about **Corey Thompson** when he first joined the club. Having now cemented a place on the wing and earning his first full-time contract, everyone's pretty happy he arrived at Belmore.
- The past may loiter around Redfern, but the team is firmly focused on the task at hand. We speak with John Sattler about what made the 1971 team special and how he thinks the current side matches up to them.
- **BIG READ:** From first past the post, to top four, five, eight and tens, we explore the introduction of **finals series** to rugby league, explore some of the stranger systems and relive some of the classic matches.

### PLUS

All the finals information: NRL gamebreakers – Sam Burgess and James Grahame; head-to-head By Numbers; NRL Q&As – James Maloney and Nigel Plum; Holden Cup previews; News: Tupou's career helper Fui, Tigers not going anywhere; Top 8 Games of 2014; Greg Alexander assesses what will be key for each team this weekend.

**GAME DAY: GRAND FINAL** team lists for NSW Cup, Intrust Super Cup, Ron Massey Cup; Finals Week Two reviews; Little League.

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**Back Row:** Thomas Leuluai, Paul Whaturia, Tame Tupou, Sonnybill Williams, Jason Cayless, Frank Pritchard, David Kidwell,  
**Middle Row:** David Faiumu, David Faalogo, Louis Anderson, Roy Asotasi, Nathan Cayless, Nigel Vagana, Clinton Toopi,  
**Front Row:** Jake Webster, Benji Marshall, Selwyn Bennett (Chairman NZRL), Brian McClennan (Coach) Ruben Wiki (Captain)  
 Peter Leitch QSM (Football Manager), Patrick Carthy (Business Manager), Steve Matai, Brent Webb

**Blast from the past: the Kiwis team from 2006. Check out the names in this team, plus the good looking football manager! Fantastic times for the Butcher.**

## The Lucky Winners from our give away last week

All prizes were posted out on Tuesday  
of this week.

- Rex Hohaia**, Huntly (the book *The Voice*)
- Scott Radovanovich**, Blenheim (the signed book *The Voice*)
- Chelsea Coleman**, Howick (*Cadillac Dreams*)
- Stephen Phillips**, Auckland (*Cadillac Dreams*)
- John Power**, Ashburton (the signed *Kiwis jersey*)
- Liz Pollock**, Ashburton (a *Kiwis jersey*)

### THIS SATURDAYS GAMES

4.45pm GATES OPEN

5pm: NORTH HARBOUR 2nd VX V AUCKLAND 2nd XV

6.35pm PRIMARY SCHOOLS FINALS

7.35pm HARBOUR V HAWKES BAY

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