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# Newsletter

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Co-captain Sam Lisone celebrates the late victory.

Tui Lolohea in the thick of it!

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## Too slippery for the Eels!

**The Stacey Jones coached Holden Cup Under 20s beat Parramatta Eels 23-16 in a game that has propelled them into the Final!**

**A**ll the talk is about the **Dogs** v the **Bunnies** in the NRL grand final, but for me there is another match taking centre stage.

The **Vodafone Junior Warriors Holden Cup Under 20s** have made the grand final, and I will be there to cheer them on.

Sydney will be going crazy in the build-up to the final, and I better go on record and say I'd love the Bunnies to get home but they will be without Kiwi hooker **Isaac Luke**—and the **Bulldogs** will be without their captain, **Michael Ennis**, but it's the curtainraiser I'm really looking forward to.

I've been in Sydney all week, with the Dally M celebrations my first stop, on Monday night and what a fantastic night it was, and of course the NRL Grand Final lunch on Thursday which will be a ripper, not to mention trying to get along to some of both club's own pre-game events.

The **Footy Show** will be going off, but if there is a better story than our Holden Cup team, I haven't heard it.

The boys needed a sideline conversion in the final act of their last regular season game —superbly kicked by **Mason Lino** — to sneak an 18-18 draw and a place in the eight at eighth.

But since then they have seen off the **Roosters** and **Knights**, which left them the weekend's encounter against the **Eels** - who had flogged them 50-24 in the opening round of the season, and then completed the double with a last-minute 22-19 win at Mt Smart - to book a place in the final.

### Does it get any closer?

A sensational last-minute **Tuimoala Lolohea** try gave the **Vodafone Junior Warriors** a 29-26 qualifying final win over Parramatta to get them to the grand final.

It didn't seem possible with only three minutes to go.

We had led 19-6 at halftime but somehow slumped to 26-19 down heading into the last 10.

Then with 77-minutes on the clock, our dreams of a second straight grand final and a fourth in five years

seemed over.

But this **Stacey Jones**-coached side wouldn't give in. **Sam Lisone**, who had kept taking the side forward all day, played the ball for **Kurt Robinson**, who pierced the defence for his first try of the year. Talk about perfect timing.

**Mason Lino** converted and it was 26-25, but it still looked impossible with a minute to go.

But the **Vodafone Junior Warriors** can never be counted out and with seconds to go Lino went to the line, dummied and the ball came loose for Lolohea to pick up and carve his way through.

I have to confess I thought the video refs were going to rob us of glory and disallow what looked a good try to me, but after what seemed like a million replays the green light came up.

Hardly surprisingly, there was an emotional outpouring as the boys confirmed their place.

Now we face Brisbane and making our fifth Trans-Tasman trip in as many weeks. The job isn't done yet but there

has been much to admire about the way Stacey and his boys have performed. I went to the airport to meet these boys, and you could not meet a better bunch, so humble yet so proud.

**Back slaps and high fives came too early**

Apparently, and I heard this from the mouths of some of the players involved, the antics of the **Parramatta Eels** contributed to the remarkable comeback win that sent our side into the grand final. With minutes to go there were high fives all over the place among the **Eels** players, and plenty of pats on the back for a job well done. To be fair, I think most of us would have agreed that they were home and hose, but watching them - and doubtless copping a bit of sledging too - fired our boys up and the **Eels** were left with egg on their faces. Is there anything better than watching an Aussie come a cropper?



Tui Lolohea



Kouma Samson on the burst ready to offload to a team-mate.



Tui Lolohea

**When the chips are down**

The win over the **Eels** was all the more remarkable when you consider that **Stacey Jones** had been forced to make four line-up changes after originally naming the same side that earned the club victories in the first two play-offs - against the **Roosters** and Newcastle. But he lost three of his established starting combination. Fullback **Brad Abbey** didn't recover from a hip pointer injury, winger **Metia Lisati** was ruled out after picking up a hamstring strain, and second rower **Marata Niukore** was left behind after a family bereavement. So 17-year-old **Ata Hingano** went to stand-off, **Paul Ulberg** to the wing and **Michael Ki** to the second row. All that meant **Tuimoala Lolohea** had to move to fullback, Abbey's run of consecutive appearances has ended at 26. The team's top try-scorer had been the only squad member used in every game so far this season.

**Some record!**

The elimination win against the **Eels** was the 19th play-off in the **Vodafone Junior Warriors'** history. We remain the only club to make the finals in each of the competition's seven seasons, and our record reveals 14 wins so far, including two grand final victories. **Mason makes a milestone** **Mason Lino** needed 11 points to reach 200 in an NYC season for the first time - and he mowed it down with a try, four goals and a field goal against the **Eels**, for a personal haul of 13 points. Now he needs another seven to hit 500 for his career. In his third and final NYC season he has become the second highest points-scorer in the competition's history. Well done young man, a superb achievement.

**Milestone beckons**

Lino's **Vodafone Warriors** co-captain **Sam Lisone** is



Mason Lino lines up another kick.



Kurt Robinson



Kurt Robinson



Mason Lino



Congratulations definitely in order!



Co-captain Mason Lino (no7) reaches for the sky after a great win.



Ata Hingano

on track for a major milestone of his own. The weekend’s win means he will make his 50th NYC appearance in the grand final.

**Live coverage - SKY Sport 2 at 5pm**

**Be warned: This means war!**

My weekend was almost ruined though on Sunday be the news that the Auckland Council wants the **Vodafone Warriors** out of Mt Smart and at North Harbour. Well I have a message for **Len Brown** and his mates, and it is this. It is funny that when rugby needed millions to upgrade Eden Park for the World Cup, that was no problem. And there was money too when you wanted flash offices. There always seems to be cash when it suits. But for rugby league it is the same old story. Whistle for it. Well, we will not take this lying down. In fact, I regard it as a declaration of war. There is something pretty dangerous about a Butcher with his back against the wall, and I know I can rely on league fans to make their voices heard - just as I can rely on them to get behind our boys on Sunday night. (See further along in this Newsletter to see how **you** can get involved).

***If we cannot win the NRL I am more than happy to take out the Holden Cup, so go the mighty Vodafone Warriors Juniors. Make me, and my great friend and your coach, Stacey, proud.***

**Competition offers hope to offshore Kiwis**

There's big games aplenty at this week's **Got A Trade? NZRL National Youth Tournament** in Rotorua. The emphasis is on the two titles – under 15s and 17s, currently held by **Akarana Falcons** and **Counties Manukau** – but the competition provides another opportunity for NRL agents and scouts to uncover Kiwi talent. And the sub-plot is that the NZRL will attempt to capture the hearts of its offshore talent before it is snapped up by Australia. The **NZ 18s** face the **Taurahere Kiwis**, a side made up of NZ-eligible players from NSW. Most have come through the domestic age-groups, before signing with Australian clubs. But, in future, that may include more whose families have relocated or even players that have never lived in New Zealand, but claim Kiwi heritage. “There are several layers to this,” NZRL talent development manager **Dean Watkins** says. “Firstly, we want to reconnect with players who have transferred to Australia. It's a chance for early talent identification and to build their desire to wear the black jumper.”



James Bell & Paul Ulberg.



Ken Maumalo celebrates the victory with a few screams of excitement!



The Holden Cup team waiting for their van to pick them up after arriving home on Sunday night.



The boys were all smiles on arriving home after their win. Well done guys!



The last of the boys to come through customs. One game to go, guys – this Sunday against the Broncos.



Paul Ulberg celebrates.



The boys embrace after a great victory.



Paul Ulberg – still celebrating!



Solomone Kata.

## Out and about...

Well, on **Monday**, it was off to Sydney for Grand Final week, which started on **Monday night** with the **NRL Dally M Awards**, a black tie event and by invitation only (see opposite). Later in the week, it's the NR Grand Final luncheon with both teams in the final in attendance. Then on **Saturday**, I go to the **Kangaroos** reunion where 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 – this **Sunday**, the **NRL Grand Final** where our **Holden Cup** team will be playing the **Broncos**.

## This is the Big One... Don't miss



vs



From 3.30pm Sky Sport2  
Sunday 5 October 2014

**If you're going to Sydney for  
Grand Final Week, then  
make sure you check out  
Peter Wynn's Sports Store.**

### VODAFONE JUNIOR WARRIORS – NYC FINALS RECORD

2008	St George Illawarra	Won	47-20
	Penrith	Won	38-4
	Brisbane	Lost	26-28
2009	St George Illawarra	Lost	24-48
2010	Manly	Won	25-22
	Canterbury-Bankstown	Won	23-16
	South Sydney	Won	42-28 (grand final)
2011	Newcastle	Won	54-6
	Canterbury-Bankstown	Won	64-0
	North Queensland	Won	31-30 (grand final)
2012	Canberra	Lost	38-39
	Sydney Roosters	Lost	10-26
2013	South Sydney	Won	20-18
	Sydney Roosters	Won	58-6
	Canterbury-Bankstown	Won	54-38
	Penrith	Lost	30-42 (grand final)
2014	Sydney Roosters	Won	44-30
	Newcastle	Won	23-16
	Parramatta	Won	29-26

# The Dally M Awards evening



Vodafone Warriors coach Andrew McFaddin and wife Bonny, were all smiles.



CEO of the NRL Dave Smith and his wife, Emma.



Raima and Frank Prichard, were both looking great on Monday night.



*Incoming Vodafone Warriors CEO, Jim Doyle, and wife Jo.*

*Me and former Warrior, Jason Death, who used to live with us when he played for the mighty Vodafone Warriors, and a bloody good mate. His wife, Yvette, is Bec Cleary's sister.*



*Corey Parker and the King, Wally Lewis. Two top blokes. Wally presented an award on the night.*



*The dally M winning coach, Ivan Cleary and his wonderful wife, Bec. Lovely couple.*



*Departing GM at the Vodafone Warriors, Don Mann, and his wife Louise, and daughter Olivia next to her dad. All looking very sharp!*



*The lady of the moment, CEO of the Bulldogs, Raelene Castle, born and raised in Auckland; and her dad, Bruce, played for the Kiwis, and her mum was a top NZ lawn bowler.*



*The legend, Matty Johns, who did his Fox TV show live from the awards.*



*My new pommy mate, Bulldogs hard man, James Graham.*




*The Vodafone Warriors new signing, Rayan Hoffman, and wife Melissa. Both are looking forward to coming to live in Auckland.*

# The BUTCHER'S SELFIE COMPETITION!

If you can name all the people in my selfie photo send a envelope to... P.O. Box 54295, the Marina 2144 Manukau, Auckland

Drawn on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014.

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Just list the faces alphabetically as shown here - matching face to letter. No need to mention me! Good luck!

# STADIUM WARS!

IT WOULD BE a rare Vodafone Warriors / Mt Smart supporter who isn't aware of the Auckland Council's attempts, through Regional Facilities Auckland (RFA), to move the Warriors to the North Shore. At the RFA's request we shifted some games to Eden Park during the 2014 season. The result is that Eden Park was not economical and more importantly lacked atmosphere. The NRL have told RFA in no uncertain terms that Eden Park did not work in the 2014 trial.

For two years, the RFA has been trying to force Vodafone Warriors out of Mt Smart by not keeping the maintenance and other factors up to scratch as required by the lease. RFA has breached the lease.

To tell us that we just have to go "20 minutes up the road to Albany" shows how little the RFA understands the subject. They plan to spend millions on relocating cricket and relocating speedway to Mt Smart, and have previously spent mega-millions on rugby union and a new Council head office, but still have the old fashioned view that rugby league is not real football. As you know Vodafone Warriors nowadays draws bigger crowds than the Auckland Blues.

## So, what can we do?

**Vodafone Warriors** have a water-tight lease at Mt Smart until 2018, so we have some time, and a Council election, before 2018. So here's what you can do:




















































**1: call your local councillor to get an assurance that they support our Warriors cause.**

**2: write to the CEO of Auckland Council, Stephen Town, and tell him your views on the subject.**

**3: write to Bill Wavish and Sir Peter Leitch c/o the Vodafone Warriors and express your views, which they can then pass on to the Council.**



























































## 2014's Scoreboard at a glance

Round 1, Eden Park	36	Info	 v 	Warriors	16
Round 2, Eden Park	12	Warriors	 v 	Dugout	31
Round 3, Eden Park	16	Cowboys	 v 	Warriors	20
Round 4, Eden Park	42	Warriors	 v 	Western Tigers	18
Round 5, Eden Park	37	Sharks	 v 	Warriors	6
Round 6, Eden Park	20	Warriors	 v 	Bulldogs	21
Round 7, Eden Park	20	Dugout	 v 	Warriors	10
Round 8, Eden Park	10	Storm	 v 	Warriors	16
Round 9, Eden Park	54	Warriors	 v 	Bulldogs	12
Round 10, Eden Park	16	Bulldogs	 v 	Warriors	12
Round 11, Eden Park	16	Titan	 v 	Warriors	24
Round 12, Eden Park	38	Warriors	 v 	Knights	18
Round 13, Eden Park	34	Bulldogs	 v 	Warriors	18
Round 14		Warriors	 v 	Next Game v Storm	
Round 15, Eden Park	19	Warriors	 v 	Broncos	10
Round 16, Eden Park	30	Warriors	 v 	Panthers	20
Round 17		Warriors	 v 	Next Game v Dolphins	
Round 18, Eden Park	48	Warriors	 v 	Dolphins	0
Round 19, Eden Park	28	Broncos	 v 	Warriors	22
Round 20, Eden Park	12	Warriors	 v 	Sea Eagles	22
Round 21, Eden Park	18	Bulldogs	 v 	Warriors	54
Round 22, Eden Park	16	Warriors	 v 	Sharks	12
Round 23, Eden Park	28	Knights	 v 	Warriors	22
Round 24, Eden Park	12	Warriors	 v 	Roosters	46
Round 25, Eden Park	42	Warriors	 v 	Titans	0
Round 26, Eden Park	22	Panthers	 v 	Warriors	6

Vodafone Warriors  
12 Wins  
out of 24 Games

Vodafone Junior Warriors  
13 Wins / 1 Draw  
out of 27 Games

Round 1, Eden Park	50	Info	 v 	Warriors	24
Round 2, Eden Park	16	Warriors	 v 	Dugout	40
Round 3, Eden Park	12	Cowboys	 v 	Warriors	50
Round 4, Eden Park	26	Warriors	 v 	Western Tigers	24
Round 5, Eden Park	32	Sharks	 v 	Warriors	26
Round 6, Eden Park	58	Warriors	 v 	Bulldogs	20
Round 7, Eden Park	12	Dugout	 v 	Warriors	36
Round 8, Eden Park	36	Storm	 v 	Warriors	14
Round 9, Eden Park	54	Warriors	 v 	Bulldogs	0
Round 10, Eden Park	31	Bulldogs	 v 	Warriors	30
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Round 19, Eden Park	18	Broncos	 v 	Warriors	40
Round 20, Eden Park	20	Warriors	 v 	Sea Eagles	36
Round 21, Eden Park	6	Bulldogs	 v 	Warriors	54
Round 22, Eden Park	40	Warriors	 v 	Sharks	0
Round 23, Eden Park	40	Knights	 v 	Warriors	34
Round 24, Eden Park	18	Warriors	 v 	Roosters	20
Round 25, Eden Park	28	Warriors	 v 	Titans	12
Round 26, Eden Park	18	Panthers	 v 	Warriors	18
Qualifying Finals, Eden Park	30	Roosters	 v 	Warriors	44
Round 27, Eden Park	16	Knights	 v 	Warriors	23
Round 28, Eden Park	26	Info	v	Warriors	29
Round 29, Eden Park		Warriors	v	Warriors	?



26/9/2014  
AUCKLAND RUGBY LEAGUE

# Sir Edmund Hillary win 13-try grand final

**A**fter extra time and a total of 13 tries between them, **Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate** beat **McAuley High School Royal** 30-28 in the **Auckland Rugby League Girls' Secondary School nine-aside grand final** on Thursday.

In front of a large and very vocal crowd at Sir Edmund Hillary in Otara, the two sides put on a fantastic display of female rugby league, trading tries to finish regular time tied at 22-22.

At no point through the regulation 40 minutes did either side lead by more than eight points, with missed conversion attempts restricting them from breaking free on the scoreboard.

With five minutes remaining **McAuley Royal**, who entered two sides in this year's competition, looked destined for defeat but for a late try to impressive fullback, **Jennifer Lumisio**, who finished the day with a double.

Under current ARL College Rugby League rules a 10-minute period of extra time must be played out, and if a winner still can't be found a further period of golden point kicks in.

**McAuley Royal** struck first, with **Deborah Solo** scoring and **Vivian Fuseetai** adding the extras to establish a 28-22 lead with six minutes of overtime remaining.

But spurred on by their home crowd who met every run with a passionate roar, **Sir Edmund Hillary** rallied late with tries to **Rosemarie Alesana** and **Pipiana Mapu** to edge out 30-28 winners.

It is the first time in six years that **Tamaki College** or **Auckland Girls' Grammar** – who were both last-minute withdrawals from this year's competition – didn't hoist the trophy. **Sir Edmund Hillary** coach **AJ Leaupepe** said the triumph has been years in the making for his southern school.



"It is pretty cool because we have a lot of girls who have been playing since year nine, we have about three girls who are in their fifth year with the side, and this is the first time we have ever won anything," Leaupepe said.

"I thought we were done but we got in there and stuck to the grind.

"We always get heaps of people turn out to watch our games, more than the boys' games get. I think they like the hits and the action, they like to watch a good game."

**Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate 30** (Cowedine Peyroux, Rosemarie Alesana, Pipiana Mapu, Mariah Timu, Zaibedah Holland, Mele Maliepo, Mele Tautaina tries; Pipiana Mapu 1 goal)

**McAuley High School Royal 28** (Jennifer Lumisio x2, Ainslie Tufuga, Vivian Fuseetai, Philomona Leusio, Deborah Solo tries; Jelissa Leo 1 goal, Vivian Fuseetai 1 goal)



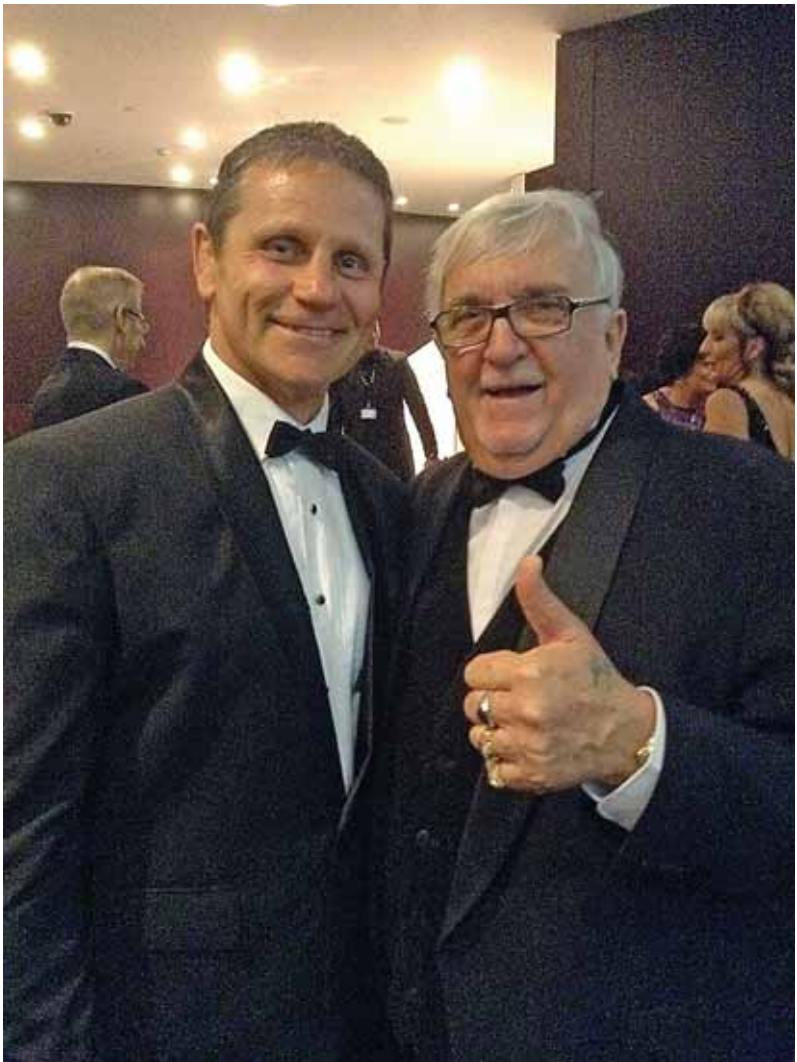
# Dick Smith NRL Auckland Nines draw revealed

The team pools were drawn on Tuesday by NRL, Jillaroo and Kiwi Fern players including Trent Merrin, Nathan Peats, Maddie Studdon and Sarina Fiso along with Dick Smith Electronics CEO, Mr Nick Abboud. Click on the link below for more details.

<http://www.nrl.com/dick-smith-nrl-auckland-nines-draw-revealed/tabid/10874/newsid/81912/default.aspx?cid=NRL-HP-Featured>



Caught up with the man, big Sam Burgess, at the Dally M awards.



One of the greats of rugby league, Wayne Pearce.

*A couple more from the Dally M Awards Evening*



Nathaniel Roach



Co-captain Sam Lisone after a tough fought win.

*A few more from the Vodafone Junior Warriors' v the Eels game*





## RUGBY LEAGUE FOUR NATIONS 2014



The Four Nations returns to New Zealand in 2014, the first time down under since the Kiwis won 16-12 with an exciting last minute try against Australia in 2010. This year's competition features New Zealand, Australia, England and the Pacific Island representatives Samoa.

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# The greatest Warrior, Stacey Jones, gives back to the game he's already given so much

By John Deaker

**W**e often hear it mentioned the need for professional sportspeople to “Give back to the game.” Many people could strongly argue that by the time **Stacey Jones** had finished 12 years of “service” playing for the **Warriors** that he’d “given back” all he needed to the NZ Warriors and the New Zealand rugby league community through his work on the field. In 2014 Jones has proven in his first year coaching the **Warriors Under 20** team that as a coach it’s likely he’ll give a lot more back to New Zealand rugby league in the years ahead.

Despite Jones’s prior experience with the **Point Chevalier Pirates** and his involvement with the **Warriors Youth** system last year, 2014 was always going to be as much of a learning experience for “The Little General” as it would be for his young squad. Learning about what makes his players tick and their chances of pushing on to higher honours has been interesting for Jones to assess. Listening to him speak it comes as no surprise that the really great coaches like **Wayne Bennett**, who’ve been masters of developing young players have been recognised as much as great man-managers as they have been for their coaching expertise.

“I’ve got that many guys in this squad that aren’t playing that are a lot more talented than some of the players we’ve got in this team,” Jones says.

“But the players that we do have playing in this team have a strong work ethic. That means they possibly have a much better chance of making it than those other kids.”

“The biggest thing is about getting the right balance – and giving them what they need to learn. And I’ve found out that it’s not a lot (that I need to give) .”

Jones has relished helping players in the team develop this year – and especially the last few months as they’ve put into action some of the changes that have taken a bit more time to get across. He believes many of the Toyota Cup squad could get an even better appreciation for what is required to “make it” at NRL level just by watching how the very best of the Warriors’ NRL players prepare themselves.

“If I could get some of the boys to come in and watch **Simon Mannering** and what he does for a week they’d learn much more there than what they would training with us for a month.”

The statistics suggest the majority of Jones’s 2014

squad won’t make it to NRL level. Figures from the NRL in 2013 highlighted that 23 per cent, or one in four NYC players will make the NRL, but the figure drops to just one in 10 who have a career lasting eight games or more. Already some of Jones’s original squad for 2014 has dropped by the way-side.

“Some of them we’ve just washed our hands of and they’ve sort of decided they won’t turn up. But to me that suggests that they’re not going to make it anyway.”

An interesting element to the NRL’s study regarding the development of players was that the **Warriors** and Brisbane teams that clash in this week’s NYC final are 2 of the 3 clubs with the best strike-rate for nurturing their own NRL players since the NYC started in 2008. Along with the **Tigers** - the **Broncos** and the **Warriors’** NYC teams all produced 25 graduates through to NRL level from 2008 to 2013.

A win in the Grand Final would probably increase the percentage chance of Stacey Jones’s class of 2014 pushing on to higher honours. Sadly, it’s unlikely all their best players will remain with the **Warriors** due to Salary Cap restrictions and the value that New Zealand’s best young talent have provided for Australian clubs over the years.

Just creating opportunities for his class of 2014 means that the legend of Stacey Jones will continue to grow at the **Warriors’** club. His lessons from having been through the Grand Final experience as a player will no doubt be valuable for his young team to get confidence from this week as they approach Sunday’s big game. If he can lead his team to a Grand Final victory at the weekend it will also give the “Little General” the personal satisfaction of leading a team to a Grand Final victory – something that just eluded him as captain of the 2002 **Warriors** team.



**Stacey Jones during a Vodafone Warriors training session, Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland. Wednesday 20 August 2014.**

**Photo: Andrew Cornaga / [www.photosport.co.nz](http://www.photosport.co.nz)**



**Above: Stacey and the team after training, last week.**



**At right: Stacey Jones gives an after match talk to the team after their win against the Eels. These pix are grabs from a brief phone video by Troy Herewini.**



# Grassroots RUGBY LEAGUE

## FIGHT NIGHT

**FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2014**  
**ASB STADIUM** KOHIMARAMARA **FIRST BOUT: 6.30PM**  
**AUCKLAND** **DOORS OPEN AT 5.30PM**  
**EVENT CONCLUDES: 10.30PM**

GRASSROOTS RUGBY LEAGUE FIGHT NIGHT WILL BE A GREAT NIGHT OF CORPORATE BOXING!  
 20 OF THE TOUGHEST RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS FROM THE FOX MEMORIAL SHIELD COMPETITION  
 2014, ALONG WITH 4 WOMEN RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS HAVE PUT THEIR HANDS UP TO PUT ALL THE  
 TALK ON THE LEAGUE FIELD INTO ACTION IN THE BOXING RING FOR CHARITY.  
**MATE VS MATE! CLUB VS CLUB!**

TOTAL OF 12 FIGHTS ON THE CARD IN AN EXPLOSIVE 3 ROUNDS PER FIGHT.  
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# *Grassroots* RUGBY LEAGUE

## FIGHT NIGHT

### RED CORNER

KARL SIMETI RICHMOND

CHRIS TAUMOEPEAU HOWICK

OSWELL TUPUPOPO MANGERE EAST

KALLY LEOTA PAKAKURA

AIDEN HOWARD HOWICK

ALEX SIULUA MANGERE EAST

BEN SEVE RICHMOND

SILIGA KEPAOA RICHMOND

VISESIO SETEFANO PAKAKURA

SHONTELLE WOODMAN PAKAKURA

TONY TUIA HOWICK

VS

VS

VS

VS

VS

VS

VS

VS

VS

VS

VS

### BLUE CORNER

MARIST WILLIAM FINE

OTAHUHU GEORGE VUNA

MT ALBERT MALAKAI HOUMA

MANUREWA NORA MAAKA

GLENORA LOMITASI LOMI

PT CHEV MICHAEL TALAEP

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FOUR NATIONS

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**England v Toa Samoa**

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November 1

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November 8

**NZ Kiwis v England**

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Dunedin Hospitality (pdf)

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November 15

**Four Nations final**

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Wellington

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RUGBY LEAGUE  
**FOUR NATIONS**

# Finals Time!

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



**THIS WEEK, IN THE OFFICIAL 2014 GRAND FINAL PROGRAM – ON SALE THURSDAY**

THE TWO BRITISH BOPPERS GO HEAD TO HEAD IN A MOUTH-WATERING GRAND FINAL MATCH UP. WHO COMES OUT ON TOP GOES A LONG WAY TO DECIDING WHICH TEAM FINISHES 2014 PREMIERS.

### FEATURES

- **Adam Reynolds** has overcome mental hurdles and is ready for the biggest challenge of his career.
- What a year for **Trent Hodkinson** but there's one more achievement still left on his list.
- He continues to get better every week and **Greg Inglis** will be leading from the back this Sunday night.
- **Tony Williams** is hitting form at just the right time – he'll be imperative to the Bulldogs' chances.
- Q&A: LOTE TUQIRI – the seasoned veteran will be calling on all his experience to help his young team-mates this week.
- Q&A: JOSH MORRIS – Write the Bulldogs off at your peril, this is a team that knows what it wants and how to get it.
- Captain's columns: John Sutton and Michael Ennis
- Sixty years since mandatory grand finals began, David Middleton and Matt Cleary look at how rugby league has evolved over the years.
- A full wrap of the **Dally M Awards** and tribute to the **retiring players**.
- TOP 8: Clive Churchill Medal performances.

### GAME DAY

OFFICIAL TEAM LISTS: NRL, Holden Cup, State Championship  
PLAYER PROFILES: NRL, Holden Cup, State Championship  
NRL TEAM PHOTOS  
MATCH PREVIEWS: NRL, Holden Cup, State Championship  
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### THE UNTOLD STORIES

We delve into what makes Grand Finals so special and the emotions that come with it. Terry Lamb, Tim Sheens, Laurie Daley, Steve Renouf and Adam MacDougall take you through their Untold Stories from the ones they played in.

Go to Big League TV on YouTube.

**Our bumper 100-page Grand Final special goes on sale Thursday.**

**It's going to be a cracking game and we have all the info you need!**





# Good luck

All the best to the Vodafone Junior Warriors for their Grand Final this weekend.

Kick-off time 3.50pm (NZ Time)  
Sunday 5 October  
Sky coverage from 3.30pm

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