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## Anzac Day Test Vodafone Warriors vs Gold Coast Titans



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**Y**ES I will talk about the Vodafone Warriors, after all, this is our newsletter, but what I really want to focus on is the Kiwis this Friday at Suncorp.

### Strong Kiwis Side Named

Four players have forced their way back into Kiwis contention for this week's Test in Brisbane, after missing last year's Four Nations.

Coach Stephen Kearney has named his 18 players to prepare for the traditional one-off encounter at Suncorp, with Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, Dallin Watene-Zelznik, Ben Matulino and Sam Moa returning.

Tuivasa-Sheck was unavailable for the end-of-season internationals, but has hit top form in his new role as Sydney Roosters fullback.

Watene-Zelznik was named to make his Kiwis debut on the wing in the Four Nations opener, but broke a bone in his foot during the team's build-up.

A variety of injuries kept Matulino out of the Kiwis programme last year, while Moa withdrew from Four Nations consideration due to family illness.

The full NZ Kiwis squad : *Jesse Bromwich (Storm), Lewis Brown (Panthers), Greg Eastwood (Bulldogs), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Tohu Harris (Storm), Peta Hiku (Sea Eagles), Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Shaun Kenny-Dowall (Roosters), Thomas Leuluai (Warriors), Issac Luke (Rabbitohs), Simon Mannering (Warriors), Ben Matulino (Warriors), Sam Moa (Roosters), Kevin Proctor (Storm), Matin Taupau (Tigers), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Roosters), Manu Vatuvei (Warriors) and Dallin Watene-Zelznik (Panthers).*



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### Kearney Ready For The Challenge

Kiwis coach Stephen Kearney took the time to talk to us exclusively about the test. And say what you like, when the Kiwis coach can give us his time, that shows the character of the man.

He told us his planning had gone well, but of course he was staring at the NRL round and hoping to get all the players he wants through unscathed.

That was not to be, with Jason Taumalolo, the Kiwis lock ruled out of the Anzac Test in Brisbane after suffering a serious knee injury in the Cowboys' 26-24 win over the Knights.

Taumalolo suffered a medial ligament injury after taking just the second hit-up of the game. He's likely to be sidelined for between six to eight weeks.

"Last year we were staring down the barrel of selecting a team with 16 players unavailable, but this year there are a lot of guys in form and we have plenty to pick from," Kearney said.

"A third of the year is out of the way, and while it is always a blow to lose anyone to injury, it is just something you have to be aware of and plan for.

"The weekend's round of the NRL

gave us another chance to have a look at a few players, and that's an important opportunity to fine tune our thinking.

"Whatever happens, one thing we do know is that Australia will be very wary of us. They have always said they don't take us lightly, but we are standing on the brink of making it three in a row and they will not want that to happen," Kearney said.

He said preparation remained the key.

"From our perspective we have to get together and prepare well, and beyond that we must go out and perform to the levels I know these boys are capable of. If we can do that we will give ourselves opportunities, but make no mistake, it is a huge challenge facing a wounded Kangaroos side."

"Having said that, the players are entitled to take confidence from what we achieved at the Four Nations, so if we play to our strengths, put our hands up and take ownership and responsibility, we could achieve something historic.

"This team is capable of a job for us this week and it's also an opportunity to take another step towards our ultimate goal – the 2017 World Cup."



Stephen  
Kearney

## Follow Our Teams

To support the Kiwis send them an email to [nadene@nzrl.co.nz](mailto:nadene@nzrl.co.nz).

You can also follow the Kiwis at the NZRL website [www.nzrl.co.nz](http://www.nzrl.co.nz).

They are on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NZKiwis](http://www.facebook.com/NZKiwis), and on Twitter @nzrl\_kiwis #nzkiwis #anzactest.

And you can even find them on Instagram at [nz\\_rugby\\_league](https://www.instagram.com/nz_rugby_league)

## Recall for Sue

Mid Central utility Kristina Sue returns to the Kiwi Ferns squad after seven years in the wilderness, in new coach Alan Jackson's first team to take on the Jillaroos in the Anzac Test curtainraiser.

Built predominantly on the squad that headed the Aussies 2-1 in the NRL Auckland Nines series, the side will be captained by veteran double international Laura Mariu.

The full NZ Kiwi Ferns squad: *Tasha Davie, Shontelle Dudley, Maitua Feterika, Teuila Fotu-Moala, Georgia Hale, Annabelle Hohepa, Nora Maaka, Kelly Maipi, Laura Mariu, Krystal Murray, Hilda Peters, Kahurangi Peters, Rona Peters, Krystal Rota, Kristina Sue, Atawhai Tupaea, Janna Vaughan and Sharnita Woodman.*



*Kristina Sue*

## Ferns Get A New Captain

After 15 years and four World Cup finals, veteran half Laura Mariu will finally get a chance to captain the Kiwi Ferns, when they line up for the Anzac curtainraiser at Suncorp next Friday.

Mariu, 34, has inherited the job from fullback Sarina Fiso, who hasn't recovered from a knee injury suffered at the Nines in February.

"It was quite overwhelming to be told I was captain, but it's an awesome opportunity, and an honour and a privilege," she says. "In terms of leadership, I guess I've always played a role because of the position I play, but captaincy is not something that's ever come my way."

Mariu has been a mainstay of the national side for more than a decade and is actually a double international, having represented New Zealand for five years as a softball outfielder.

Kiwi Ferns v Australia Jillaroos, 5.20pm, May 1.



*Laura Mariu*

## Juniors Go For Consistency

After their dramatic 15-14 win over Australia last year, Junior Kiwis coach Kelvin Wright has the luxury of naming eight re-

turning players for next Saturday's encounter at Gold Coast's Cbus Stadium.

"At under-20s, you don't get much continuity, because they're getting older and moving on so often," says Wright. "So it's great that we have managed to bring so many back. But we're expecting another extremely tough game."

The full NZ Junior Kiwis squad: *Bunty Afoa (Warriors), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Zach Dockar-Clay (Eels), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Watson Heleta (Tigers), Jamayne Isaako (Sharks), Sione Katoa (Panthers), Daniel Levi (Knights), Lamar Liolevave (Tigers), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Te Maire Martin (Tigers), Taane Milne (Roosters), Marata Niukore (Warriors), Toafofoa Siple (Warriors), Jazz Tevaga (Warriors), Renouf Toomaga (Bulldogs), Tony Tumusa (Storm) and Braden Uele (Cowboys).*

## Junior Kangaroos Will Offer Plenty

Never expect an Aussie in the green and gold to lie down, but their Juniors team looks to have plenty.

The full squad is: *Jackson Hastings (Roosters), Brenko Lee (Raiders), Robert Jennings (Panthers), Euan Aitken (Dragons), Valentine Holmes (Sharks), Drew Hutchinson (Dragons), Ashley Taylor, Joe Ofahengaue and Jaden Berrell (all Broncos), Matthew Lodge (Tigers), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Tepai Moeroa (Eels), Tevita Pangai Jnr (Raiders), Tyrell Fuimaono (Eels), Selesi Funaki (Tigers), Jaden Nikorima (Broncos), Alexx Twal (Eels) Jai Arrow (Broncos) and Justin Holbrook (Roosters).*

## Watene-Zelezniak May Miss Out Again

Penrith star Dallin Watene-Zelezniak is set to be denied a Kiwis debut for a second time.

Less than a day after being selected to play Australia, the 19-year-old was charged by the NRL match review committee with a grade one dangerous throw.

Even with an early guilty plea, Watene-Zelezniak faces a one-match suspension due to points from previous offences, meaning he'd have to beat the charge to make his debut.

But early indications from Penrith are that the club will accept the one-match sanction.

Watene-Zelezniak has until noon on Tuesday to enter a plea, and will face the judiciary on Wednesday night if he opts to fight the charge.

The Panthers say the decision will be theirs alone.

Watene-Zelezniak was set for an international debut in last year's Four Nations against Australia but fractured a foot and missed the whole series.

The Kiwis have called in Jason Nightingale and he'll play should Watene-Zelezniak miss out.

## Test Dinner Will Be A First

Friday night's test dinner will be a bit of history, when the teams join forces for the dinner - the Kiwis, Kiwi Ferns and Junior Kiwis.

## League And Holidays Mix

Fancy a trip to Dreamworld,

plus all the international footy? Queensland Tourism and the NRL have combined to sweeten the deal for the Anzac Test.

The Kiwis play the Kangaroos on May 1 at Brisbane's Suncorp, with the Kiwi Ferns and the NZ Defence Force playing curtainraisers. The next day, the Junior Kiwis take on the Junior Kangaroos as part of a triple bill at Gold Coast's Cbus Stadium, which will also include Fiji v PNG and Samoa v Tonga.

League fans can secure a pass for both nights, plus a visit to Dreamworld, or grab a package that includes just the Brisbane tests/Dreamworld or just the Gold Coast tests/Dreamworld.

Just visit [www.nzrl.co.nz](http://www.nzrl.co.nz) to get the offer.

## McFadden Slams Team

And so to the Vodafone Warriors, and we all know what happened.

I read in the Sunday Star-Times a story that said after our 32-28 loss to the Titans on Saturday at Mt Smart that coach Andrew McFadden had criticised his side for lacking energy.

That's hardly surprising considering we are now five losses and three wins from eight games, and way off the pace.

We have been committing all sorts of individual errors but on Saturday an inability to complete our sets cost us, and to be fair, I have seen better defensive efforts, and too many of the players looked as if they were not putting in a good shift.

McFadden did not hold back. "We lacked energy and fell off the

things. When you score 28 points that should be enough, but there are some things that were very disappointing.

Those Warriors players not in the Kiwis can expect a tough week and surely defence will be top of the list.

"We are just leaking too many points and when you leak easy points the opposition feel that and that's what happens. Hopefully we get through the rep round unscathed, but we're going to have to bounce back. We've got two away games next (Sharks and Eels) so it's going to be a critical period."

And it was worse in the Herald on Sunday, which described 20 minutes of madness where tackles were missed, the Titans were waved through and the Warriors' energy levels dropped as quickly as their heads.

The paper described what happened as "carnage" and pointed out what most of us realise - that we have conceded the most points in the competition.



Andrew McFadden

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## Anzac Day Marked

It was a pleasure though to be at Mt Smart to commemorate Anzac Day.

Coinciding with our 20th anniversary season, it was first-ever Anzac Day home match for us, and the ceremony before the game, with both teams entering to the accompaniment of the Royal New Zealand Navy Band before forming up behind the New Zealand and Australian flags was excellent.

The Last Post was followed by a moment's silence, the Ode of Remembrance, the Reveille and the national anthems.

It was very moving and I for one would like to see us at home on Anzac Day more often.



## Titans Are Our Easybeats – Though You Wouldn't Know It

Given that only our late rally prevented us being flogged, it's hard to understand how the Titans could present such an obstacle for us.

They are the club we have the best record against in recent times, so perhaps they were just due.

But before Saturday we had actually had eight straight victories over them, winning home and away in each of the last four seasons.

Saturday was our 17th match against the Titans, and the record now stands at 10-7 to us

## Doyle Warns We Won't Be Pushed Out

Great to have Vodafone Warriors chairman Bill Wavish in the lounge on Saturday, and he did not hold back, firing big time at the councillors involved in the bid to force the Vodafone Warriors out of Mt Smart and over to Albany.

Wavish said fans would not go over the bridge. "Our fans won't go there, it's as simple as that. Some of it is physical, the traffic is difficult, it's a long way. But some of it is mental, just crossing the bridge is like going overseas."

And he was joined by our CEO Jim Doyle, who said the Warriors would fight to the bitter end.

The council is just days away from a vote that could force us to Albany, but Jim said the club had a watertight lease until 2018 and was not going anywhere.

He urged us all to play a part by lobbying councillors, something I am right behind.

"It's time all league people stood up and let the council know how they feel," he said. "I love Mt Smart. No one in Auckland would like the idea of home games being played outside the city."

The plan will see a major shakeup of the city's stadiums:

- Mt Smart will become a speedway venue.
- Western Springs will be turned into a cricket arena - for one test a year.
- QBE Stadium will be upgraded, including a roof.
- We will have to go to Albany, with some matches at Eden Park.
- Eden Park remains the home

of Auckland Rugby and Cricket.

"This plan is official, but we won't give up," Jim said. "We are talking with all the councillors because we think there is a better solution. There is no logical sense in kicking the Warriors out when we have the greatest economic impact of any sports team in the city. But the message is that Auckland doesn't care about league."

You can find phone numbers and email addresses for all councillors at [aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).



*Jim Doyle, Sam Tomkins and Bill Wavish chairman. Jim and Bill spoke to members about the importance of contacting your ward councillors about staying at Mt Smart.*

## Warrior No 200

Congratulations to 21-year-old Raymond Faitala-Mariner, who made his debut off the bench as Vodafone Warrior No 200, the eighth player to appear in his first game for the club this season.



### Former Kiwi Sums It Up

George Mann, who played for the Kiwis – and importantly in my eyes - for the Mighty Mangere East Hawks, was at the game on Saturday, and he summed it up nicely. “We are disappointed, but tomorrow we get up and we go again.” Too true George, we lose sight of the fact that every day when you wake up, you’re already having a good day

### On Tour With Dexter

Our good mate Dexter hosted another tour of Mt Smart for our out of town visitors, and a group from Whangaparaoa who had three young boys at the ground. Superb and I know the youngsters in particular were really impressed. Thanks Dexter, you’re a good man no matter what anyone says.

### Top Lunch Effort

Well done to our caterers. We served 170 people for lunch, and I thought it was excellent. The beef, and I know a bit about beef – was melt in the mouth good!



Front row, Dhairyao, Maggie, Donna, Lili, Jemnnifer, Farrimond, Prateck  
Back row, Colleen, Rangi “Maori Princess”, (Bubs) Jane Mary.

### Good Luck Yvonne

Club stalwart Yvonne made all those poppies on our tables at the weekend, including the magnifi-

cent centerpieces. Now Yvone is a bit of a shy girl really, but I can tell you she is off to hospital on Tuesday, so all the best. The good wishes of all the club members go with you Yvonne.

### Bell Goes

General manager football Dean Bell is leaving after eight years with the club, and there has been all sorts of talk about why. But since returning from England in 2007, he has worked in roles in recruitment, retention, team management and welfare.

Dean is 53 this week actually and as Warrior No 1 he holds a unique position with the club, and I certainly wish him all the best with whatever he does next.

“I have made the decision that the time is right to look at some new challenges outside football.

I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to make a living out of the game, first as a player for 14 years and then in off-field roles for the last 20 years, but the time is right as we now have in place a strong NRL squad and some exciting juniors.”

### NSW Side Into Fourth

A fourth consecutive home win has the Vodafone Warriors in fourth on the New South Wales Cup table. The Stacey Jones-coached side relished being back at Mt Smart, smashing Newtown 44-18.

We are now on 10 points, and travelling well.

They had an 18-6 halftime lead over Newtown, but all the talk was about Konrad Hurrell, who I think

had a good game, assisting in a couple of tries and scoring one himself.



Suaia Matagi gets tackled.

### Juniors Up To Second

The Vodafone Junior Warriors have surged to second on the table after a 34-12 win over the Titans.

After scoring three tries to lead 16-6 at halftime they added another three in the second half to maintain a perfect home record from four starts.

It came at a cost with Sheldon Pitama injured in the last play of the game. Early reports indicated a serious leg injury.

The result leaves us with five wins, a draw and two losses this season.



Bradley Abbey shakes off a Titan.



Nathaniel Roache on the run.

## Do You Have What It Takes?

Remember I told you about a new reality TV show being made that is looking to find a potential NRL superstar. Well if you think that could be you then register your interest on [www.nrlrookie.com](http://www.nrlrookie.com) as applications close on May 15.

I know the show's executive producer was over in New Zealand recently talking to league officials, and I'm told they have backed the idea.

On the site I've given, you'll need to complete some simple questions, upload a couple of photos of yourself, and if you can submit a video that's great too, although it's not compulsory.

The application should take only 10 minutes, and it could change your life forever because somebody will win a guaranteed NRL contract, so if you've ever dreamed of that, here's your chance.

The NRL are coming in June to trial successful applicants right here in Auckland.

## New Annual Trans-Tasman Event Confirmed for the Black Sticks

**H**OCKEY New Zealand and Hockey Australia have put aside their traditional on-field rivalry to launch a new annual contest that will pitch all four national teams into a battle of true trans-Tasman pride.

New Zealand's Black Sticks Men and Women and Australia's Kookaburras and Hockeyroos will take centre stage in the annual event following the signing of the four-year agreement, the first of its kind between the two countries.

Although the exact competition format is still to be confirmed, it's proposed the four national teams will battle it out for one trophy, with the first event to take place next year.

Hockey New Zealand chief executive Malcolm Harris believes the event will build on the national pride and rivalry that exists between the two countries.

"We expect that this new annual contest will be a real step forward for the sport in terms of engaging fans and raising the profile of hockey on both sides of the Tasman," said Harris.

Hockey Australia chief executive Cam Vale says the agreement is important for the future growth of hockey in both countries.

"We have the chance to develop something from scratch with entertainment and the fan experience at the heart, creating a new, big event," says Vale.

"Sport and sports fans love the Australia-New Zealand rivalry and the rivalry in hockey is one of the closest there is. On any given day either country can come out on top."

Both countries will work together on innovations with broadcasters, sponsors and fans to ensure it becomes a key event in New Zealand and Australia's sporting calendar.

It has been agreed that next year's inaugural event will be in New Zealand, with Australia set to host in 2017. Host venues will be announced in due course.



# Lounge Shows the Love

I was blown away by the kindness shown to one of our special guests at the club on Saturday. Rochell Adams is the woman I have been telling you about who is battling terminal cancer. Overseas treatment in Germany has proved helpful and given her more time with her 10-year-old son Kane. It just might help her defy the odds but the treatment is expensive and not publicly funded.

I asked you all to think about helping Rochell get back to Germany for another round of treatment, by visiting [www.givealittle.co.nz](http://www.givealittle.co.nz) page, and also invited her along to the game.

Life has dealt Rochell a rough hand in the last five years. She has been battling breast cancer and has undergone major surgeries, chemotherapy and other treatments, but she battled on. Recently she was given the news her cancer has returned and is con-

sidered terminal, having spread to her lungs and bones. Well it was a pleasure to have her in the lounge, and an even greater one to see how you all responded. I was very moved, genuinely. I got home and I was buzzing.

Our resident DJ Pete is not a wealthy man I can assure you, but he stumped up \$100, which is a lot of money to him.

Tony Feasey pledged \$500 from his charity boxing night which he held last month.

The Pommy boys, who are members of the lounge and are regulars, won a 2015 Vodafone ball and put it up for auction and one of the Pommy mates bought it for \$500.

To be fair, the Pommy boys were on fire after singing God Save the Queen for Sam Tomkins.

Another member won a 2014 ball and another one of our members, Glen, paid \$200 for it.

All the money raised was handed over to Rochell, and I woke up on Sunday morning and thought 'bugger this', so I put \$2000 in her give a little page on behalf of the members of the Stacey Jones lounge.

I also gave her a framed 2012 Vodafone Warriors Wendy's collector cards set, that fetched \$1200 on Trade Me.

Thank you all, it was amazing. And I know not everyone can donate lots of money, but do visit give a little and send her a few bucks, or even a dollar.

Sometimes it is not the amount that matters, it is knowing that there are all those people out there who care about you.

## Hope, Dream, Believe Fundraiser Support Rochell's fight

**When** : Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
**Time** : 6pm – midnight  
**Where** : Rewiti Marae, Waimauku  
**Cost** : \$100 per person

Included with ticket –  
Dinner ~ Pork, Lamb, Chicken on spit  
accompaniments  
Dessert  
Tea and Coffee

Entertainment ~ live band and performances

Raffles ~ \$10 - \$20 dollar tickets for goodies  
Cash bar ~ selection of beer, cider,  
wine at reasonable prices

Door prize ~ Kathmandu Jacket,  
value \$600

# 4 Day Countdown to 2015 ANZAC Test Match

**T**HIS weekend Rugby League history will be made when New Zealand plays Australia as part of the Anzac Test Match in Brisbane. This special match will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli.

In true spirit of the Anzac the Kiwis and Kangaroos will come together on the field as a key game in rugby league's program of events. The Test is the only international match between the Kangaroos and the Kiwis in 2015.

Sir Peter Leitch, NZRL Patron has been in Brisbane last week promoting the upcoming test.

“I think We’ve lost 16 Anzac tests in a row but if ever we were going to win one this is the one we want to win. We’re celebrating 100 years of the Anzac, it’s very very special. I know I’m very emotional about it and I’m doing everything I can to get as much Kiwi support to drive our boys home. We want to fill Suncorp stadium up with Kiwis – it’s possibly the biggest weekend of Rugby League this year,” he says.

New Zealand Kiwis player Alex Glenn has been ruled out of the game due to injury, but he had these words to say about next weekend’s challenge.

“It’s always a big game. As a proud Kiwi we always look forward to it. Australia have a great team and they always play well. I know it’s not going to be easy but the boys can take a lot of confidence from the way they finished the Four Nations last year,” he says.

New Zealanders still have time to make it across the ditch to cheer on the Kiwis in the game which will be held at Brisbane’s Suncorp Stadium.

“If you can get over her to Brisbane, get over here! I don’t care if you swim, or get your Kayak out. Get over here and show your support for our boys, the Rugby League boys,” says Sir Peter Leitch.

May 1st also sees the Australian Jillaroos take on the NZ Kiwi Ferns at Suncorp Stadium, while Pacific power-houses Samoa, Fiji, Tonga and Papua New Guinea will be part of a triple-header at Gold Coast's Cbus Super Stadium on Saturday May 2nd. The first match on Saturday night will feature the Junior Kangaroos against the Junior Kiwis. The PNG Kumuls will then take on Fiji Bati, before Samoa return to the international stage following their successful Four Nations campaign against traditional rivals Tonga.

Tickets from just \$15 AUD.

<http://tickets.nrl.com/game/australia-v-new-zealand-2015-anzac-test>

<http://www.nzrl.co.nz/kiwis-match-schedule.aspx>

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/Show.aspx?sh=ANZACTES15>

# BLK

**Got mates living in Aussie? Then let them know they can meet the Kiwis this Today!!**

**Who:** New Zealand Rugby League team

**When:** Today 28th April

**Location:** Queen Street Mall (Outside the Wintergarden centre) **Brisbane**

**Time:** 3:00pm – 5:00pm



# In Brisbane With the Kiwis



3 Junior kiwis, Bunty, Jazz and Toff.



Braden Uele (Cowboys), Carmen Taplin (JKs Manager), Joseph Manu (Roosters) and Taane Milne (Roosters) - Junior Kiwis



First ever public photo of the 2015 Junior Kiwis in camp. Ready for the test this weekend.



From the left Dayne Norton - trainer, Kelvin Wright - coach, Simon Keepa - physio. From the Junior kiwis



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Kodi Nikorima, Dillin Waten-Zelezniak, Isaac Luke, Ben Matulino and Jess Bromwich.



Shaun looking great in his Kiwi Jersey yesterday.



Caught up with Laura Geitz captain of the Aussie netball team and Queensland Firebirds.



Look what I brought over for the kiwi team yes Lewis Road Creamery Chocolate Milk. 9 Box's of the stuff!



My mate Dexter living it up in business class.



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# Photos from The Mad Butcher Club in the Stacey Jones Lounge



A happy winner of the Panasonic products.



Bubs (aka Maori Princess) talking to Radio Station Tekorimako in Tarana-ki



Cam Brownlee, Lizzie Leuchars, Mike Yardley.



Colin Fenwick from Halswell Rugby League Christchurch.



Corey winner of the jersey.



Dougie West had a great night managed to scoop his weeks groceries 14th and final.



Steve Rochell Adams and mother we think Steve donated \$500 to Rochell.



Friendly banter with Prateek and Sir Peter.



Future Vodafone Warriors Benji Moroney and Cooper Mulligan.



George Mann ex Kiwi.



Josh Sayles wins a spot prize a warriors hat.



Kerre Woodham.



Lee from Matamata.



Logan Swann gives a review of the game.



Lucas Swann.



Maraca and Sam enjoy a moment.



Matt Daly, Stu Sutton, Andy Hamilton (left to right).



my old mate Ian gives a SAM the facts of life.



Ryder and mum Christina from west Auckland.



Olivia Marsh.



One of the many tables having lunch gifted by Sir Peter leitch.



Steve the vegetarian.



Tiny win the Selleys product.



Star of the Day Rochell Adams.



The Poms Adam, Steve, Peter, Neil sings God Save the Queen with Sam Tomkins.



Manu Vatuvei and Sunny Tavite.



Tony Feasey and Dean Mulholand.



Neal Bernasconi, Zelda Bernasconi, Roger Schoemaker, Lea Bernasconi, Pauline Hitchcock, Donna Schoemaker, Eddie Scherrer, Zone Schoemaker, Trevor Holl, Josh Webb and Harry Hitchcock.



The Boy's with NSW Coach and Vodafone warriors legend THE LITTLE GENERAL Stacey Jones..



Special photo this is my mate Rob from Whangarei (first ever franchise holder) with his son Kodyn



Tony Feasey with Rochell Adams the young lady suffering from cancer.



Yvonne wins a prize. We wish her all the best as she is going into hospital.



The young man on the right is Kydon from Whangarei. He won a Warrior Proud membership and donated it to the boy on the left, Rochell Adam's son. Well done!



Zelda and Pauline blow out birthday candles.



Zelda from Taranaki gets presented jerseys by Sam Tomkins.



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### Lovely Email from the McKee's

DEAR Sir Peter. Saturday was an awesome day and we are sure that everyone there had an awesome time. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for that day and all the great days we have enjoyed in the lounge in your company and all the members up there. Safe travels to Brisbane and GO THE KIWIS we will be watching

Kind Wishes  
Lorraine and Dave Mckee

Love your newsletters Peter - it was also an added bonus to receive one of the jerseys from the competition you had! Go the Mighty Vodafone Warriors!! Sam Walsh



This is a photo of my father in law Thomas Bond with Sir Peter Charles Leitch at the Warriors v Titans game on Anzac day. They were both involved with Mangere East Rugby league club about 40 years ago. From: Debra Bond

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# Lovely Email From Jersey Winner Sacha

Thank you Sir Peter for the amazing opportunity to win one of the warriors shirts we spent sunday having a family BBQ with my 2 sisters and brother and my parents who travelled down from Whangarei to hamilton for the long weekend.

Once again thank you.

Sacha

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# Stonyridge Vineyard on Waiheke

ON Sunday I popped over to Stonyridge Vineyard on Waiheke Island and was honoured to have been inducted into their wall of fame. I got put along side some very famous people including: Sir Richard Branson, Taylor Swift, Jamie Oliver and Sir Graham Henry just to name a few,

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# Anzac Test - Head on Over

IT'S not too late to head over to Brisbane and support our boys in the Anzac Test against the Kangaroos at Suncorp Stadium this Friday. I flew into Brisbane last week to host a public barbecue at the South Bank Parklands to rustle up some support for the Kiwis.

Brisbane was turning on one of those perfect Queensland days when we set up at the River Quay. There are some swanky restaurants with great food overlooking the river here but I'm sure the lunch-time diners were lured out by the sensational smells wafting from the barbie.

I picked up the Aussie snags for the barbecue from the Prime Speciality Meats in the James Street Market. I had to give the butcher boys there a few tips, of course, but the way the River Quay crowd scoffed the sausages made me think they must be okay. Maybe better than okay but enough said.

We attracted a great turn-out from the local Kiwis – one of them was told about my visit by her daughter in the UK. That's the power of social media for you! And the crowd got even more excited when my good mate Quentin Pongia dropped in for a visit.

After the sausage sizzle, my Brisbane-guide-with-the-most Vanessa whisked me over to Newstead Brewing Co to check out the local craft beer scene. Craft beer is all the rage in Brisbane and there are three establishments within inner-city Newstead alone dedicated to the art of brewing.

If your heading over for the Test, make sure you take a wander through Caxton Street, right next to Suncorp Stadium. There are some stand-out establishments here, including Statler and Waldorf (yes, from the Muppets) where you can chow down on some 'gastronomy' pub grub or visit Lefty's Old Time Music Hall, a crazy American-themed saloon with live music.

I'm heading back to Brisbane to watch the Test on Friday so come on over and support the boys - whether you have to come by plane, boat, skiff, kayak, stand-up paddleboard or breaststroke.

You can find out about all the extra things to do in Brisbane while in town by going to [visitbrisbane.com.au](http://visitbrisbane.com.au).



## Alex Glenn - A Fan?

Vanessa, who looked after me in Brisbane, sent me this:

I have a good shoot with the boys Sam Thaiday and Alex Glenn today, both of them having a BBQ cook off – so good that Alex Glenn tweeted and instagrammed this picture below

He is a big fan of you Sir and when I told him you are coming out tomorrow he was excited and couldn't wait to share the news.

Alex's Caption: Just wrapped up our battle of Tasman burger cook off with my fellow teammate @samthaiday1 if ur in Brisbane tomorrow pop down to Southbank at 12.30pm and meet my good friend @sirmadbutterer while he cooks a bbq for everyone @queensland #thisisqueensland #brisbaneanyday



# Bay Twisters with Vodafone Warriors

Good Morning Peter,

Thank you again for yesterday, what an amazing day for the girls. Please also thank the Junior Warriors, those guys were amazing!

Attached are a few pictures along with an invitation to our pre competition performance on 14th June, do the Warriors do guest appearances as we would love a few to attend our pre competition performance if they can or would?? Especially as non -profit and as we are a sports team.

Look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards, Rebecca



## Kiwi Rock Legend on the Anzac Day Test

**A**NOTHER close call mate. Watched the entire game from our seats and thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you for the meal and the humour you provide simply being yourself.

I look forward to May 31st, when I will attend again as your guest, with the new girlfriend Gloria, if she gets her visa?

I will email many of these councillors on the list provided and do my own little bit to help re the stadium.

Cheers Sir Peter & Our sincere thanks for your kindness & hospitality,  
Larry Morris & Kim  
(KIWI ROCK LEGEND)

## Hokitika Taipos - Jersey Auction

Recently I won a signed Warriors Anzac Jersey through one of your newsletter giveaways!! It has been gifted to our local league club - the Hokitika Rugby League Taipos, and is currently under auction. At this stage, the proceeds will go towards new uniforms for all grades.

If anyone is interested in bidding and supporting our club, the jersey is currently up for auction on Trademe. Please check it out <http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=878520911>. Alternatively check us out on Facebook - the more supporters the better <https://www.facebook.com/HokiLeague>

Once again, and on behalf of the Hokitika Rugby League Club, I offer you sincere thanks and gratitude - your generosity is amazing!!

GO THE MIGHTY WARRIORS and of course, the HOKITIKA TAIPOS!!

Kindest regards Kirsty Wilson Club Secretary



# Playbill - Warriors Merchandise Van



## From the Mt Smart Joker

**H**I SIR PETER...  
Thanks again for today...  
Both Rhonda & Sylvia had a good look around...

They are part of The Legion - Official Supporters Club of the Gold Coast Titans. I met Rhonda last year when we in the GC. She is the head of the Legion. Sylvia looks after the Legion in Sydney.

I invited them to come & meet some of our members... Will allowed me to bring them into the members tent. You were kind enough to allow me to show them around the lounge... so thank you.

They really really enjoyed themselves & loved what they saw at Mt Smart.

We are rivals on the field but footy friends off it... we all love the game... just like you Butch!



*Left Rhonda Tom, You, Sylvia Ng*

## Best Wishes for the Kiwis from Jim Doyle

**Hi Phil Holden**

Just thought I would drop you a note to wish you and Mooks (KIWI COACH) best wishes for Friday nights Test match.

Last years win in the 4 Nations was fantastic and it was made all the more special because we beat Australia twice

Hope all goes well in Brisbane and the Kiwis can make it 3 in a row against the Kangaroo's

Cheers

Jim Doyle

CEO Vodafone Warriors

# The Best Email to Auckland Councillors Re: Mt Smart

**G**OT a copy of this email sent out to every Auckland Councillor. Robert, the sender, wins dinner and friend from me for the best letter so far:

Dear Councillor, I am writing to you perhaps as a lone voice, but one I feel would be echoed by many tens of thousand Aucklanders if they had the opportunity to be heard. I am a devoted Warriors fan, and a 20 year season ticket holder, but I am also a proud Aucklander who cares about my city. I take keen interest in the people elected by my fellow Aucklanders to run the city, and in the decisions they are entrusted to make in the best interests of our home.

I feel that the forthcoming vote that will be undertaken by you, in regard to the proposed RFA Plan, has the potential to be a calamitous disaster, if you don't have the courage and common sense, to vote NO to the proposed plan, and give your recently appointed RFA Chief Executive, an opportunity to take stock and re-examine the entire spectrum of issues that effect Auckland Stadia.

Auckland has made so many such mistakes in the past, but this potentially expensive and incredibly ill-thought proposal, must be halted, before irreparable damage becomes the consequence. Our city had the possibly once in a generation opportunity, to accept a primarily government funded National Stadium on our waterfront prior to the RWC 2011. Instead we responded by petty infighting and indecision by our elected officials, who not only rejected this amazing opportunity for our city, but instead decided to invest tens of millions on the financial Bermuda Triangle that is Eden Park. With that tragic error in our recent past, I implore you to realise that two wrongs do not equal a right, and spending more millions on Albany is insane. That stadium has never been, and will never be, of value to Auckland City. A new roof will not fix this stadium's appalling location, horrendous transport options, and lack of a supportive infrastructure in immediate vicinity.

Why doesn't this council decide to draw a line in the sand, and end the financial horror show, that has plagued Auckland stadia decision making. Make your group the one that history may regale as the one that had the courage, wisdom, and vision, to stop the rot, and give your new RFA CEO the possibility to see that in fact a new stadium in 10,20,or even 30 years time, located near CBD, is the right decision for a city with world class aspirations.

In the meantime, Mt Smart is a safe and relatively comfortable environ to watch the Warriors, or a concert. The stadium is basic, but well supported by fans. A few upgrades would be welcomed, but I would rather watch the Warriors here for another decade as the stadium is right now, than comprehend rattling around Eden Park, or fighting my way to Albany. Perhaps it would even make sense for the Blues rugby franchise to be based here, as I am certain the atmosphere would vastly improve over the sterile experience that Eden park offers.

I enjoy many sports, and watching the All Blacks at a sold out Eden Park, is awesome, and large events like the NRL 9's are great fun, but watching the Blues with even 10,000 fans is not a gratifying experience. I would point out that I actually live within easy walking distance of Eden Park, and I enjoy the local bars and restaurants, so from a selfish perspective I could want the Warriors to play there, but I do not, and I am certain that 99% of Warrior fans agree. Please leave speedway in their spiritual home, which their fans have always supported, and please leave the Warriors in our home, Mt Smart. I ask you this as not only a proud Warriors fan, but as a proud Aucklander who cares. I perhaps have only one vote, but I speak for thousands, if you would care to listen.

It matters greatly to me who is running our city, and how they choose to exercise the elected privilege of doing so. I would therefore ask you, to be upstanding and transparent, courageous and wise, and please reply to me with an indication of how you intend to vote on this matter, as your decision matters to me, and all Aucklanders. Please do the right thing.

Regards,  
Robert Thompson



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# Have you read my book? “What a Ride Mate!”

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First published in 2007, this book details my life. From the blurb:

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To be fair, I couldn't put the book down one Sunday, so my wife had to wash the car and mow the lawns, bloody good of her.

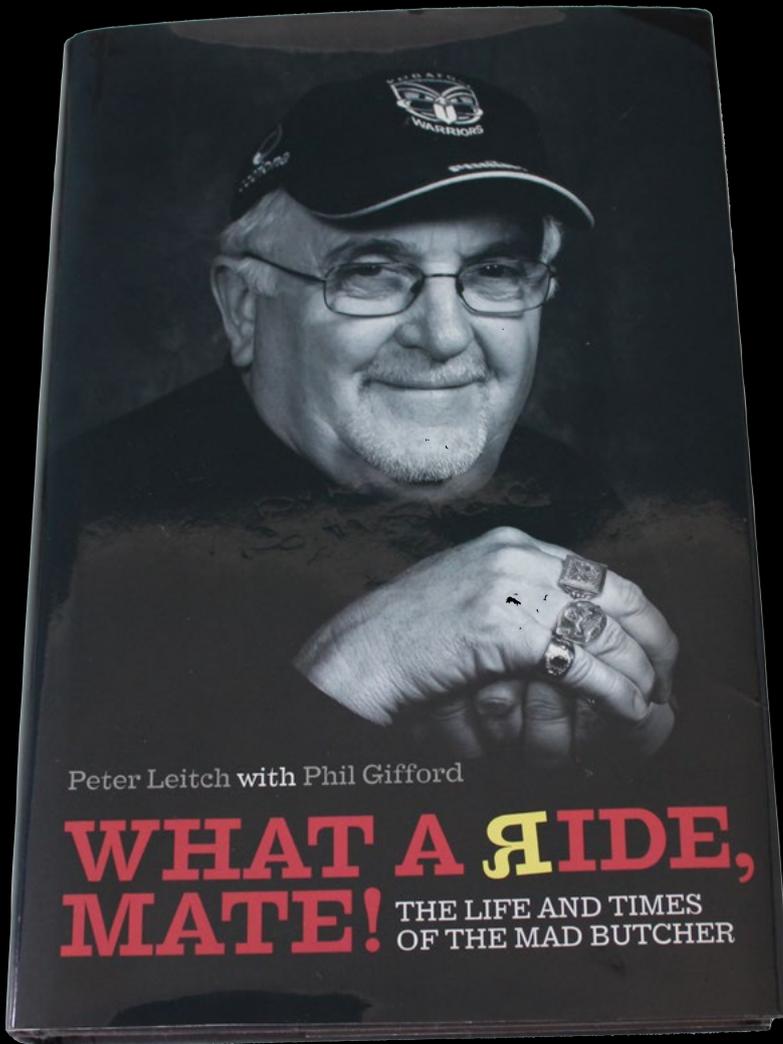
This is an amazing yarn about a great New Zealander who has proven that with a positive attitude, self-belief along with treating people respectfully anything is possible.

The message in this book can be life changing in such a positive way, so get your copy and “enjoy the ride mate”.

- Tony Stack

I confess I thoroughly enjoyed it and particularly the little stories from your childhood and the backgrounds of your Mum and Dad. I always think understanding who our parents are, what they cared about and their approach to life, gives us great insight into who we are. I also had no idea of the sheer number of people you know and who think so highly of you. I feel privileged to tell people I know you as a mate.

- Dave



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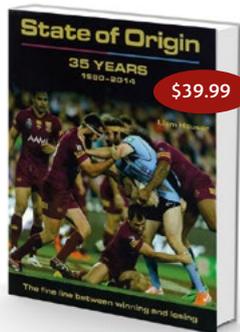
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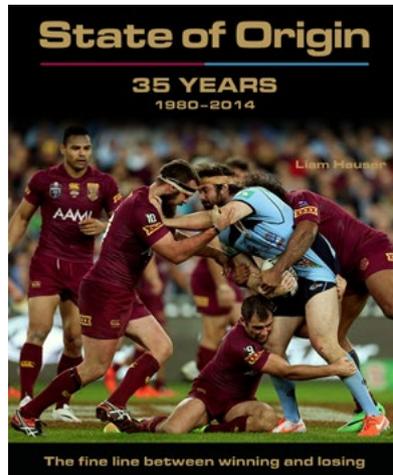
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LEST WE FORGET

# People Continue to Write Off Champions Prematurely

By John Deaker



**Y**OU used to hear phrases like 'Don't write off a Champion' a lot. We don't seem to hear that sort of comment or come across that sort of mentality so much these days. Maybe it's indicative of society that one poor performance by people in the twilight of their careers often results in people calling for their heads and wanting the younger, faster model to take their place. That's happened the last few weeks as 2 all time greats of world rugby, Richie McCaw and Dan Carter have struggled with their Super rugby form.

People that have been writing off McCaw and Carter so quickly have ignored what history has proven time and time again: that there's a much better chance of an older player bouncing back to somewhere near the world-class level he's performed at previously than there is of a promising young player suddenly taking his game to a level he's never performed at before.

How many times would Manu Vatuvei have been dropped ( or thrown in the forwards ) if some reactive critics had had their way over the years?

How many years would the Silver Ferns have been without Irene Van Dyk's world-class shooting if some people had had their way calling for her to retire ( this went on for about the last 10 years of her career! ) ?

And how much did Daniel Vettori strengthen the Black Caps' World Cup effort recently after most fans and even the coaching staff appeared to have written off his aging body?

The fact that 2015 is a World Cup year for rugby has undoubtedly accentuated the premature over-reaction to McCaw and Carter's struggles with form. It's even more interesting than usual because many people are prepared to write off BOTH the playing futures of two such great rugby players in the same breath. Comments like "McCaw and Carter are past it" fail to acknowledge the big difference between what the two All Black legends can still offer the Men in Black.

Richie McCaw has proven as recently as last year that he can quickly bounce back from injury or form slumps to somewhere near his best. He provides tremendous leadership value to the All Blacks by just being on the park and oppositions respect and fear him even when he's not at the peak of his powers. He also plays in a position where New Zealand currently has very little world-class depth.

Sam Cane, the next cab off the rank for the All Blacks number 7 jersey has been given a tremendous opportunity to take his time establishing himself at test level. However, to-date when he's been on the park he's never made anything like the impact on matches that McCaw was able to make when he was Cane's age. It's still debatable whether Cane will end up being the long-term successor to McCaw as open-side flanker for the All Blacks.

Dan Carter provides a very unique situation to McCaw's. Carter's had more serious injuries than the All Black Captain and they've not only meant he's played less rugby but also that when he has got back on the park he's appeared a bit gun-shy and not the same combative player that was prepared to constantly take on the line in his prime. Admittedly he hasn't been helped recently by the Crusaders using him in the midfield rather than his preferred position at first-five.

Carter's goal kicking has also been poor recently. This shouldn't surprise people as much as it has done. Compensation injuries naturally impact on the consistency of any swing ( look at Tiger Woods post knee surgery for Exhibit A ) and injuries will have impacted on DC's ability to practice his goal kicking. They'll also have impacted on his ability to consistently swing through his full range of motion. Neither of these facts are able to give us great faith that Carter will ever again as well as he did in his prime. It still doesn't necessarily mean he won't be able to get back goal kicking at a level good enough to be in the frame for All Black selection though. *Continued on next page...*

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In defence of McCaw and Carter's critics, the over-reaction from fans and sections of the media is partly because they were SO great as players in their primes and people came to expect such a consistently high level of performance from them. People need to remember that they're not robots though - and just like people in other professions they are entitled to the odd bad day at the office.

People should also stop making the ridiculous calls I often hear for people to 'retire to protect their legacy'. This fails to recognize that the reason these people became great in the first place was because they thrive on competing and that before they became professionals their sport was their passion - not their profession.

The person that often springs to my mind when people talk of the need to 'protect legacies' is 2005 US Golf Open Champion Michael Campbell. If many New Zealanders had their way he'd have retired from golf years ago as he's struggled to produce performances anything like the one he did at Pinehurst in 2005. Numerous calls have come for his retirement despite the fact that being a professional golfer is often singled out as being the profession that most men would love to be pursuing.

History is littered with Champions that have been written off many times only for them to bounce back and demonstrate the type of traits that made them great in the first place. McCaw and Carter might not BOTH be worthy selections for the All Blacks at World Cup time later this year, but to write them BOTH off in April is something only a fool would do.

## Some Perspective On the Weekends Sport From Sir Peter

By John Deaker



**I**N a week where the ANZAC commemorations gave us all some perspective regarding Sport v 'real' Life I got some additional perspective on the Warriors' loss to the Titans when on the phone to Sir Peter on Sunday morning.

"Pity about the Warriors form eh," I said. His response stopped me in my tracks ( as he tends to do! ) : "John I've been with a woman dying of Cancer for the last hour." The point was lost on me momentarily as I searched for the appropriate comeback... When the penny dropped I had no comeback.

On the topic of people's health though, I hope David Fusitua is fine after he was stretchered off the field v the Titans but ALSO it was interesting that no penalty was given for the tackle that produced Fusitua's injury. I felt that the tackle was effectively competed before the second man came in and it was his involvement which caused the injury. Whether the judiciary has a closer look at this will be interesting - especially if the injury keeps Fusitua out for another lengthy period.

Richie McCaw also left the field at the weekend when he got concussed badly in the second half of the Crusaders match on Saturday night. Let's hope he avoids not only any long-term affects from this but also takes a very conservative approach about getting back on the field. As Sir Peter reminded me, people's health is much more important than a few rugby or league games.



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# Another Week in Northland Sport

By Ben Francis



## Northland Sports Quiz

**F**RIDAY night saw a Northland Sports Quiz being held at the Dargaville Fire Station. Twelve teams from around Northland took part. Some very tough questions in the event ranging from all sports. A team called the Golden Oldies took out honours with a impressive 100 out of a possible 120 points, second place was Chiefs Team (the team I took part in) with 94 points, and in third Big River FM with 92points. The money raised on the night was going towards the Northern Wairoa Cricket Club who recently had a new Pavilion built. Former Northern Districts All-Rounder Joseph Yovich had a team take part also, and had some great memorabilia items that were auctioned off. All round it was a fantastic night.

## Northland Sports Results

**M**OST club sports took place on Anzac Day, with some very entertaining games. Round six of the Scott Electrical Premiership took place, The Northern Wairoa Bulls got their third straight victory beating the HoraHora Broncos 36-16. Moerewa Tigers suffered back to back defeats after winning their first four games, this thing going down to Takahiwai Warriors 50-20. Otangarei Knights bounced back from last weeks defeat to claim a close 20-17 over Muriwhenua Falcons. Hokianga Pioneers played their best game of the season so far beating top four side Portland Panthers 24-6. Hikurangi Stage won by way of default over KeriKeri Makos.

Welsford continue to dominate the Southern Districts Premiers after only four rounds, this week putting 62 on Kamo to win 62-22. Otamatea claimed their third win of the season in a convincing 34-12 win over Hikurangi. Also claiming their third wins of the season was Mid Northern and Western Sharks, they beat Mid Northern (22-17) and Old Boys Marist (36-8) respectively. HoraHora on the other game on the day, beating Waipu 23-18.

Three of the four games of the Northland Football Premiership were played on Anzac Day, Whangarei and Kamo played out a 2all draw, Central claimed a 3-1 win over Onerahi, and Tikipunga crushed Bream Bay 8-1. KeriKeri and Kaitaia will play on Monday Night.

## The Filipaina Legend Lives On

By John Coffey QSM



**T**HIRTY years on, the Australians have not forgotten Olsen Filipaina, particularly the manner in which he dominated Kangaroos Immortal Wally Lewis in the 1985 trans-Tasman Test series.

We frequently hear Australian commentators claim some strapping young lad is “the biggest five-eighth since Olsen Filipaina” in the knowledge that most of their viewers, even those who were not born three decades ago, are familiar with the legend of the Big O.

Last week an Australian writer contacted me to chat about Olsen’s career for an article he was preparing. I’m hoping he also consulted some who knew Olsen better, such as former Kiwis coach Graham Lowe, and was pleased to learn he had arranged a lunch appointment with Olsen himself.

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Like many Australians, this writer has spent 30-odd years wondering how Olsen could be so effective for New Zealand, especially when opposed by Lewis, yet seldom reproduced that form in the Winfield Cup during five years at Balmain, one with Easts and two for Norths. In eight seasons Olsen played only first grade 107 matches, scoring 21 tries and 128 goals.

Olsen reserved his best for the Kangaroos. He had made his Test debut in the 1977 World Cup tournament but blazed onto the international scene when the Kiwis toured Australia in 1978. In a side which generally struggled, Olsen was a sensation in the centres as he utilised his special blend of size and speed to keep the Kangaroos on the hop.

There was no doubt he would be a prime target when the overseas transfer regulations were relaxed a couple of years later. While several of his Kiwis team-mates headed for British clubs, Balmain trumpeted the signing of this massive man from Mangere who would thrive in the Sydney competition.

That never happened. But by 1984 Olsen was a seasoned international and Lowe convinced him to switch to stand-off half for the three-Test home series against Great Britain. The move proved a stunning success as the Kiwis whitewashed the Lions and it was no surprise Lowe retained Olsen in the number six jersey for the three 1985 Tests against Australia.

Although Australia escaped with a late converted try and a 26-20 win in the opening Test at Lang Park, Olsen was chosen as Man of the Match after out-playing King Wally on his home turf. That announcement did not go down well with the Brisbane fans, nor with Lewis, who snubbed Olsen after the match.

Olsen was not amused. A week later he was even more rampant in trampling Lewis into the Carlaw Park turf. There was never any doubt he would again be Man of the Match, a reward tempered only when the Kangaroos escaped with a freakish 10-6 victory on the back of a last-minute converted try. Seldom has a team been so dominant yet not emerged victorious.

Lowe then famously took his players into town on the day before the third Test and walked them along Queen Street. The support they received from ordinary Aucklanders shook off their depression at losing the series and contributed greatly to the 18-0 shutout they achieved at Carlaw Park the next day. The crowd gave the Kiwis a magnificent reception and when Olsen went home there was more back-slapping from Sydney-siders for the manner he had served it up to Lewis, their State of Origin nemesis.

I have no doubt that these days Olsen would be a stand-out performer in the NRL. Back in 1980 he was an outsider, a lone Polynesian in what was then still a game played largely by white Australians who had graduated from Sydney's traditional rugby league schools. He was effectively in exile, for there was no television coverage back to New Zealand in those days.

Frank Stanton fashioned an outstanding coaching record for various Sydney clubs and the Kangaroos. He was in charge of Balmain and Norths while Olsen was there, and it is unlikely his confrontational style would have put them on the same wavelength. Stanton did not recruit Olsen for either club and never got the best out of him.

Olsen played 29 Tests from 1977 to 1986, scoring 108 points from six tries and 44 goals. In all, he made 50 appearances for the Kiwis for 15 tries, 71 goals, 190 points. He was vice-captain on the 1985 tour to Britain and France, leading the Kiwis in the second British Test when Mark Graham was injured. Olsen later captained his local Ryde Eastwood club to victory in the inaugural Sydney Metropolitan Cup second division competition.

He has been gone from the footy fields for a quarter of a century. Gone, but never forgotten.

# Vodafone Warriors Jersey Giveaway Winners

**We had well over 200 entries for our Vodafone Warriors Jersey Giveaway.** I do apologise though, I had to draw a day early as I was leaving for Aussie the next day.

Any entry's I receive after the draw will be entered into our next comp.

Here is a heads up on the winners just for you members!

The winners of our Great Jersey Giveaway competitions are proof of the power of the H. Hamilton and Hokitika feature highly.

The winners are:

**2014 adult home jersey, Sacha Hita of Hamilton and Christy Thompson of Waiuku;**

**2014 adult away jersey, Robyn Lee of Hokitika and Tui Murray of Thames;**

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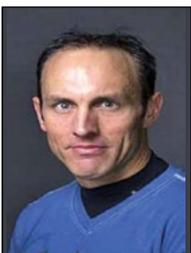
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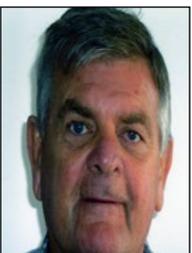
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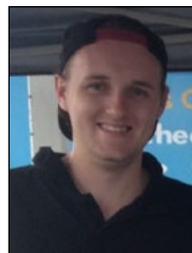
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