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Lost a Mate Today

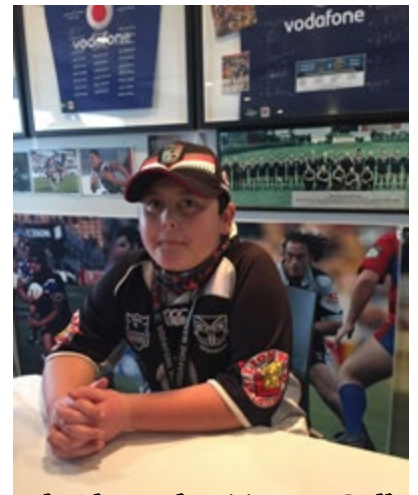
TODAY I lost a mate Ryeli Alexander Tipene Gulliver born on the 20/6/2003 died today 10/6/2015.

He was our guest in the Stacey Jones lounge for the Knights game with his family and he had a blast a **BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT MADE HIS DAY SPECIAL** he was a rugby league player and big Vodafone warriors fan and a very brave little boy and it was my privilege to have got to know him.

REST IN PEACE MY MATE



Here's a photo of Ryeli before his first league game in March this year 2015 for Kia Ora Warriors in Palmerston North!



Ryeli Alexander Tipene Gulliver

Vodafone Warriors vs Sydney Roosters - **At Home This Saturday**

Venue: Mt Smart Stadium
Date: **This Saturday 13 June**
Gates Open: 3:30 pm
NYC Kick Off: 3:40 pm
NSW Kick Off: 5:40 pm
NRL Kick Off: 8:05 pm

Menu in the STACEY JONES LOUNGE for the VODAFONE Warriors vs Roosters game this Saturday

- Roast Beef with Garlic & Rosemary Gravy
- Roast Potatoes
- Peas & Carrots
- Green Salad
- Bread Rolls & Butter



THE ROOSTERS ARE COMING SATURDAY 13 JUNE 8PM

Click here to buy tickets!

BOY, WHAT a week I'm having. Last Saturday in Stratford, just out of NEW Plymouth, then early the next day on a 7am AirNZ flight back to Auckland and up to Warkworth just north of Auckland for most of the day. Monday, flew down to Christchurch for the day, Tuesday running around re the luncheon and handing over the \$10,000 CASH to lady WHO had WON by shopping at a MAD BUTCHER STORE and today picking up stuff for the luncheon and coping with my little mates death and off to see that KIWI legend John Rowles tonight. Tomorrow I will be on the TV1 breakfast show with my buddy Shaun Johnson, then picking up my mates at the airport and setting up the room for our luncheon on Friday.

At Christchurch Airport

I received this lovely email from Filomena the a team manager at Christchurch airport ramps.

The Mad Butcher, Sir Peter Leitch, had Air New Zealand's Christchurch staff captivated with his quick wit and jibes when he visited on June 8 to unveil some of the new Warriors branded battery carts that will soon start operation.

Sir Peter was a hit with staff as he joked, answered questions about the Warriors season and told of his fondness for Christchurch and his continued support for the city following the devastating earthquakes. His enthusiasm and one-liners had staff in stitches. After a BBQ, Sir Peter mingled with ramp and front of house staff, handing out Warriors booklets and posters. He said he loved coming to Christchurch. The 10 Warriors branded battery carts will start operation on the Christchurch ramp shortly.

Hopefully we meet again one day.

Regards, Filomena Koleszar Team Manager | CHC Ramp



Breast Milk - The Cows Milk that Funds the Cure

FOR 3 months, Lewis Road Creamery will be relabelling their 1.5L Homogenised (Blue Top) milk to Breast Milk, the cow's milk that funds the cure. 20c of every bottle sold during that time will go to medical research to help find the cure. Show your support with a bottle of Breast Milk. #idrinkbreastmilk



Breast Milk
THE COW'S MILK THAT FUNDS THE CURE

Stratford High School Fundraiser

ON SATURDAY 6th June I had the privilege of traveling to Stratford in central Taranaki to speak at a fundraiser supporting the Stratford High School netball touring team who are traveling to Australia in July. The night was a fantastic success and we managed to raise \$11,000 for the girls towards their tour. Morris West AKA Mrs Brown, was the MC and he did a fantastic job of warming the crowd up. Local businesses and famous sports people donated goods for an auction. The highlight of any auction is always Vodafone Warriors merchandise or tickets and this auction was no exception. With one special Vodafone Warriors package going for \$1600. What a fantastic effort. The highlight of the evening for me was meeting the girls and sharing my stories with them. They are a fantastic bunch of young women and I wish them the best of luck in Australia. Go beat some Aussie's!

<http://www.stratfordhigh.school.nz/>



THOUGH I'D share the emails I received about my time in Stratford. As I say the greatest gift you can give someone is your time and receiving emails like this certainly make it all worth it.

Dear Sir Peter Charles Leitch,

Thank you very much for spending your Saturday night with all of us, to help us with our Australian Touring Team Fundraiser. We are very grateful for your donation of the amazing auction items, the laughter you shared and your infectious spirit. We felt very privileged to have you in our school and community. Your enthusiasm to raise money for our trip is greatly appreciated. We also heard you on the radio this morning and it so cool to hear you talking about our little town and how you helped out with our cause. You are a very inspiring man, who definitely deserves the title of 'Sir'. Thank you again!

Yours sincerely,

Georgia Gavin and Courtney Mackintosh-Tairaki

Members of the Stratford High School Australian Touring Team 2015

Dear Sir Peter Leitch,

Thank you so much for coming and supporting our fundraiser! We had a great night and we really appreciate the time you gave up to support our Netball

Touring Team. Such an amazing experience to meet you and thank you so much for donating all the Warriors merchandise and your time. Everyone really enjoyed the night and we loved getting to spend time with you! Once again thank you much for giving us your time, I cannot express how much we appreciate your time and effort.

Tessa Smith and Tia Coull-Herewini

2015 Stratford High School Netball Touring Team

Dear Sir Peter Leitch,

We would just like to thank you for everything you did for our team over this past weekend, we realise you had to give up your free family weekend to come and support us and it was greatly appreciated. You have helped us to raise so much money for our trip to Australia. Bringing your own items to auction off and adding perks into the auctions made a massive difference to the money raised and for that we are extremely grateful. Hearing your speech about what you've achieved in life was inspirational and enjoyable for all those who attended the event, you're enjoyable to listen to and amusing at the same time.

Once again thank you for your contributions to our fundraising and we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Laura Ward and Beth West

Vodafone Warriors vs Rabbitohs - 06 June 2015



Siliva Havili of the Warriors leaves the field after the warm up.



Jacob Lillyman of the Warriors powers through the defence.



Ken Maumalo of the Warriors takes a grab.



Manu Vatuvei of the Warriors celebrates after scoring a try.



Siliva Havili of the Warriors passes the ball.



Jacob Lillyman of the Warriors is tackled.



Greg Inglis of the Warriors is chased down by Chad Townsend and Sam Lisone.



Greg Inglis is tackled by Nathan Friend and Chad Townsend.



Ryan Hoffman of the Warriors is tackled.



Ben Matulino of the Warriors is tackled.



Dylan Walker of the Rabbitohs is tackled by Manu Vatuvei.



Simon Mannering of the Warriors is tackled.

Halfway Point Approaches in Appliance Shed Fox Memorial Season

THE APPLIANCE Shed Fox Memorial Premiership's two top teams struck further fear into the competition by each clocking up 76 points in wins during round 8.

The Mt Albert Lions made easy work of the Otara Scorpions, shutting out the Fox newcomers 76-0 at Fowlds Park.

Pt Chevalier were almost as devastating, beating local rivals Glenora 76-14 on the road.

For Glenora it was the latest setback in a tough month, which has seen them slip from a perfect 4/4 record to now teetering on the edge of the top four.

The team challenging them for that spot are the Marist Saints, who beat Northcote 34-20 at Murray Halberg Park.

Mangere East beat Howick 30-22 and Papakura got over the top of Otahuhu 34-18 in the remaining games.

This Saturday marks the end of the first round, with plenty of exciting games to get out and support.

Rd 9 Appliance Shed Fox Memorial draw (all games Saturday at 2.30pm)

Otahuhu v Marist @ Bert Henman Park

Northcote v Mangere East @ Birkenhead War Memorial

Mt Albert v Howick @ Fowlds Park

Otara v Pt Chevalier @ Ngati Otara Park

Papakura v Glenora @ Prince Edward Park



ARL Results

Appliance Shed Fox Memorial Premiership

Glenora 14 Pt Chevalier 76

Howick 22 Mangere East 30

Marist 34 Northcote 20

Mt Albert 76 Otara 0

Papakura 34 Otahuhu 18

SAS Sharman Cup

Bay Roskill 30 Papatoetoe 18

East Coast Bays 30 Richmond 26

Hibiscus Coast 16 Manurewa 64

Mt Wellington 20 Manukau 18

Pakuranga 22 New Lynn 14

Ponsonby 18 Glenfield 44

Waitemata 0 Ellerslie 56

Te Atatu bye



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Vodafone Warriors Make Seven Changes



VODAFONE WARRIORS head coach Andrew McFadden has made seven changes for the club's 14th-round NRL encounter with the Sydney Roosters at Mount Smart Stadium on Saturday (8.00pm kick-off; match day sponsor: Vodafone).

The match headlines the #ZombieNight tripleheader opening with the NYC clash between the Vodafone Junior Warriors and the Roosters (3.40pm kick-off) and followed by the Vodafone Warriors' New South Wales Cup game against Wyong (5.45pm). McFadden was forced to make two changes to the NRL side's starting pack with prop Jacob Lillyman (Queensland) and second rower Ryan Hoffman (New South Wales) both retained for tomorrow week's Origin II battle in Melbourne.

Promoted from the interchange to start in Lillyman's place is 2015 rookie Albert Vete (22) with Raymond Faitala-Mariner earning his second NRL appearance as Hoffman's replacement after becoming the club's 200th first-grade player in his debut against Gold Coast on Anzac Day.

Brought onto the interchange for Vete is Charlie Gubb, the 25-year-old set to play his first NRL game this season and the seventh of his career stretching back to 2013.

In other changes from the side used in last Saturday night's loss to South Sydney in Perth, Sam Tomkins is set to start at fullback, a clean-shaven Konrad Hurrell returns from his three-game suspension to replace Jonathan Wright in the centres and Tuimoala Lolohea moves to the interchange.

Nathan Friend is set to start at hooker after being used from the bench against the Rabbitohs with Siliva Havili turning out for the New South Wales Cup side. "Albie (Vete) and Sam (Lisone) have been really good for us this season and now Albie has the chance to find out what it's like starting an NRL game," said McFadden.

"Ray has earned his starting spot through his efforts for our New South Wales Cup side as has Charlie on the interchange. "Ken demanded selection again through his performance last week which is tough on Jono.

He has been great for us. "With Sam (Tomkins) we're hopeful he'll get through the week and be ready to come back for this game. That results in Tui

moving onto the interchange where he can cover a number of positions for us.

"It's also timely to have Koni back and I can't say enough about how hard he has worked while he has been on the sideline." With a 6-6 record and 14 points, the Vodafone Warriors are now eighth on the ladder following Canterbury-Bankstown's win over St George Illawarra yesterday.

Manu Vatuvei has the chance on Saturday night to achieve one of the most remarkable feats in rugby league history.

He scored his ninth try of the season last week and should he snare a try against the Roosters he'll have the distinction of scoring 10 tries in 10 consecutive seasons, a mark no player has achieved since the competition began in 1908.

Now 13th equal on the all-time list with 144 tries in 205 games, Vatuvei is also within reach of becoming just the 11th player to score 150 tries in the competition; the only current players ahead of him are Melbourne's Billy Slater (172 tries in 277 games) and Manly's Brett Stewart (152 tries in 201 games) while South Sydney's Greg Inglis (129 tries in 213 games) ranks fourth among active players.

In 33 clashes against the Roosters, the Vodafone Warriors have won 18, drawn one and lost 14. The clubs are 2-2 in the last four encounters since 2012 while the Vodafone Warriors have a 9-6 advantage in 15 games played at Mount Smart Stadium.

I was very humbled to read this online. Graham Lowe is a dead set legend of Rugby League and to have him say these nice things about me was very humbling. Thank you mate.

[Click here to read!](#)

Kiwis Long Luncheon

SUPER SUPER GRABASEAT DEAL ! FOR THIS FRIDAY

TO COME and enjoy the Kiwis Longest Luncheon for yourself, check out the Greenlight Deals section of the Air New Zealand grabaseat (www.grabaseat.co.nz) website between 0930 – 1130 on Thursday 11 June (unless sold out prior). For some great flight deals from Christchurch or Wellington to Auckland return. Just \$98 per person seat only from Wellington or \$118 seat only from Christchurch for same-day return flights on Friday 12 June. Seats will be very limited so get in quick!

Once you've booked your flights drop Shandall (shandall@madbutcher.co.nz) a copy of your Air New Zealand flight e-ticket and request your entrance(\$100) to the Luncheon at the Ellerslie Events Centre directly with Shandall.



We will be celebrating the 2015 and 2005 Kiwis Teams at the Long Luncheon. Email shandall@madbutcher.co.nz



Konrad Shaves for a Cure - He has raised over \$3000



Konrad with kids from cure kids!



Konrad after the shave!



Konrad with his glorious beard!

Black Sticks Men Draw Dutch nail-biter

THE BLACK Sticks Men have drawn 1-1 with World No.2 The Netherlands after an outstanding second half performance at the FIH World League Semi-Final in Buenos Aires.

A last minute penalty corner goal from Nick Haig was a deserving reward for the Black Sticks who had completely dominated the Dutch in the second half.

Speaking after the game, Haig believes there is room for improvement ahead of their next game against Korea (9am, Wednesday, NZ time) but was thrilled to have scored the equaliser today.

“It was nice to get the opportunity to tie it up, it’s a pretty cool feeling. I think we deserved that goal, it was a real team effort in the second half,” said Haig, aged 28, from Canterbury.

“It was definitely our best performance so far, better than our Egypt and Japan game. We don’t fear the Dutch, we were hoping we could have the win but we are happy with the draw.”

“We have had players playing over in Holland for a number of years – we know the players well and their style – we are physical and athletic and we know we can match them. The message from Colin [Batch] at half time was to keep our share of possession and be more clinical on attack.”

In the first quarter, the Dutch held the majority of possession and goalkeeper Devon Manchester made some great saves to keep the Black Sticks in the game.

In the 20th minute, the tournament’s top ranked side broke the deadlock when Jeroen Hertzberger received a superb pass and with space in the circle, he hit it on the angle passed a diving Manchester and into the bottom corner of the goal.

After the half time break, the Black Sticks stepped up the intensity, pressing high and putting the Dutch defence under real pressure. Throughout the third quarter the Black Sticks had more circle penetrations than the Dutch but just couldn’t find the connections in the circle to knock it home.

New Zealand continued their momentum in the final quarter, they had two thirds of possession and persistently mounted attack after attack to try to find

the equaliser.

As the clock counted down, New Zealand desperately tried to find an opening and it came with 50 seconds remaining when they were awarded a penalty corner and under pressure, Haig flicked it to the back of the net.

With just seconds left to play, the Black Sticks called for a video referral which was upheld and they were awarded a second penalty corner. This was their opportunity to win the game and take another three points, but this time an Andy Hayward drag flick was well saved and the game ended in a draw.

Today’s result now mean New Zealand and the Dutch sit at the top of their pool on seven points, followed by Korea on six points, Japan on three points and Egypt on nil. The Black Sticks will face Korea in their final pool game at 9am on Wednesday (NZ time) before progressing to a must win quarter-final game on Friday 12 June.

The top three finishers from the tournament automatically qualify for the 2016 Rio Olympics, with the top four progressing to the World League Final in India (28 Nov – 6 Dec, 2015).

All games are LIVE and replayed on Sky Sport. [Click here for the Sky Sport schedule.](#)

RESULTS

Full time: 1-1

Half time: 0-1 (Dutch lead)

Black Sticks goal scorers: Nick Haig

Dutch goal scorers: Jeroen Hertzberger

[Watch the game highlights here!](#)



Black Sticks Men to Face Canada

VOTING IS now open for the 2015 Gatorade People's Choice Awards. Vote for your favourite Black Stick from the FIH World League Semi-Final and go in the chance to WIN! [Click here to vote](#)

Black Sticks Men to face Canada in quarter-final

It has been confirmed that the Black Sticks Men, who were undefeated at the end of pool play, will face 15th ranked Canada in their must-win quarter-final at the FIH World League Semi-Final in Buenos Aires.

The quarter-final is scheduled to be played at 8.30am this Friday (NZ time).

The Dutch have finished top of the Pool A, followed by the Black Sticks, Korea, Japan and Egypt. In Pool B, Argentina took top spot followed by Germany, Canada, Spain and Austria.

The Black Sticks drew with Korea 3-3 in today's game after trailing 2-0 at the end of the first quarter. It was Hugo Inglis, Phil Burrows and Simon Child who got the Black Sticks on the scoreboard. [Read the full match report here.](#)

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[Watch the highlights from this morning's game here](#)

NZ RESULTS SO FAR

Black Sticks Men vs Korea 3-3 draw

Black Sticks Men vs Netherlands 1-1 draw

Black Sticks Men vs Japan 2-1 win

Black Sticks Men vs Egypt 4-1 win

All games are LIVE and replayed on Sky Sport.

SCHEDULED QUARTER FINALS

Friday 12 June

QF1 Netherlands vs Spain

QF2 Germany vs Korea

QF3 Black Sticks vs Canada – Live on Sky, 8.30am
Friday 12 June, NZ Time

QF4 Argentina vs Japan

Black Sticks Men Remain Undefeated

THE BLACK Sticks Men are undefeated at the end of pool play after drawing 3-3 against Korea today at the FIH World League Semi-Final in Buenos Aires.

The result means the Kiwis will face either Spain or Canada in the must-win quarter-final this Friday, with the game to be shown live on Sky Sport. Argentina are currently playing Spain to determine the final placings in Pool B.

After trailing 2-0 at the end of the first quarter, it was Hugo Inglis, Phil Burrows and Simon Child who got the Black Sticks on the scoreboard but it was Inglis, who was playing his 150th international test, that had a big influence on today's game.

“Yeah, it went down to the wire, we gave them a two goal lead and then we did enough to hold on in the end,” said Southern's Inglis, aged 24.

“It was good having a win against Japan and Egypt early on and getting the six points, and it was a nice game against the Dutch, but today we were a bit up and down. I don't think we have reached our peak yet, it is nice to be building to our quarter-final,” said Inglis.

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Eighth ranked Korea got on the front foot when Kim Seongkyu found space in the circle and scored from a reverse stick shot, giving goalkeeper Devon Manchester little chance. They stretched their lead to 2-0 in the 12th minute when Kim Youngjin, on the angle and with immense power struck the ball to the bottom corner of the net.

In the second quarter, New Zealand settled and started to take control of the game. In the 17th minute, Inglis received the ball from Andy Hayward and magnificently dribbled it through a maze of Korean defenders and knocked it over the line to give Kiwis some momentum.

In the second half, the Black Sticks found the equaliser in the 34th minute when Inglis passed to veteran Phil Burrows who hit it between the goalkeepers legs after he was caught kneeling on the ground.

Inglis continued to have a big impact in his milestone match when a nice one-two with Simon Child ended with Child adding his name to the scoreboard in the 45th minute and putting the Kiwis in the lead.

Korea applied pressure later in the fourth quarter and the lead was snatched from the Black Sticks when Nam Hyunwoo scored from penalty corner drag flick.

games in Pool A now played, the Dutch finish top of the pool, followed by the Black Sticks, Korea, Japan and Egypt.

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RESULTS

Full time: 3-3

Half time: 1-2 (Korea lead)

Black Sticks goal scorers: Hugo Inglis, Phil Burrows, Simon Child

Korean goal scorers: Kim Seongkyu, Kim Youngjin, Nam Hyunwoo



Listen to Radio Sport

LISTEN TO radio sport tomorrow morning between 10am to 11am. Martin Devlin will have on his show two special guest's in the studio two former KIWIS WHO ARE OVER FROM AUSTRALIA FOR THE KIWIS LONG LUNCHEON Nigel Vagana & David SOLOMONA.

Local Frequency's: Ashburton 702AM, Auckland 1332AM, Blenheim 98.5FM, Christchurch 1503AM, , Dunedin 693AM, Greymouth 89.9FM, Hawkes Bay 1125AM, Kapiti 1377AM, , Manawatu 1089AM, Masterton 91.9FM, Nelson 549AM, Northland 729AM, , Rotorua 1350AM, Southland 558AM, Taranaki 774AM, Taupo 107.7FM, , Tauranga 1521AM, Timaru 1494AM, Waikato 792AM, Wanganui 1062AM



MARTIN DEVLIN



NIGEL VAGANA



DAVID SOLOMONO



**AMBULANT
PLAYERS
COMPETITION**

Wheelchair Athletes
watch this space....

Physical Disability Rugby League NZ brings **MATCH 3 !!!**

Rugby League for physical disabilities
Endorsed by NZ Rugby League and Auckland Rugby League



Physical Disability Rugby League New Zealand

ALL Welcome!! (full training provided)
Registrations essential at: mataio.ngametua@live.com
Or sandramichelle.h@xtra.co.nz, 0274990556

Rules: Adopted PDRLA 2nd Edition 2014

GAME THREE – Curtain raiser to Premier GAME

- 12:45:** Manukau Magpies Reserves vs ECB Barracudas
- 2:00:** Physical Disabilities Rugby League Exhibition match
- 2:30:** Manukau Magpies Premiers v Mt Wellington Warriors

Venue: Manukau Rugby League Club
48R Bader Drive,
Mangere, Manukau City

- Date:** 27th June 2015
- Time:** 1 – 2:30pm (skills + game)
- Grades:** All Welcome
- Cost:** No Charge



Physical Disability Rugby League

PHYSICAL DISABILITY Rugby League New Zealand is excited and proud to bring you the third appearance of Rugby League for the physically disabled.

The launch of the first game was on 15 March 2015 at the Mt Albert Lions Rugby League Club, our second exhibition game was hosted by the Waitemata Seagulls on April 26th and now we are heading out South to the Manukau Seagulls on Saturday 27th June..

We would appreciate your support in forwarding this email & flyer on to your databases and to anybody who would be willing to come down and give it a go. Previous experience not necessary.

PDRLNZ

· Established in February 2015 and endorsed by New Zealand Rugby League and Auckland Rugby League, the Physical Disability Rugby League NZ Association (PDRLNZ) aims to start a rugby league competition for those with physical disabilities.

Help show your support!

The Association's current main focus is to establish its player base. One of the main aims of the Association is to conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer Physical Disability Rugby League throughout Auckland and New Zealand.

Registered Players: The PDRLNZ will accept all players with a physical disability. We cannot accept those individuals with an intellectual or sensory (visual or hearing impairment) disability as our infrastructure does not allow for this. However, there are other Associations that cater to varying types of intellectual and sensory disabilities.

Competition

- This month's venue: Manukau Rugby League Club, 48R Bader Drive, Mangere, Manukau City
- Rules: Adopted PDRL Australia rules.

To make an enquiry or register your interest please forward all details through to Sandra Hickey sandramichelle.h@xtra.co.nz or phone 027499056 or Matt Ngametua mataio.ngametua@live.com or phone 0211515189.

3 Knights and a Dame



THE CARBINE Club of New Zealand hosted a luncheon at the Ellerslie Event Centre last Friday to celebrate The Sky City New Zealand Breakers fourth win in the Australian National Basketball League Championship. Club member Phil Gifford interviewed on stage coach Dean Vickerman, player Reuben Te Rangi and former player and now Commercial Manager of the Breakers Dillon Boucher. Photo of Three Knights and a Dame all members of the Club at the luncheon Sir Peter Charles Leitch, Sir Patrick Hogan, Dame Wendy Pye and Sir David Levene.

State of Origin Teams

QLD XXXX Maroons

Billy Slater, Darius Boyd, Greg Inglis, Justin Hodges, Will Chambers, Johnathan Thurston, Daly Cherry-Evans, Matt Scott, Cameron Smith (c), Nate Myles, Aidan Guerra, Sam Thaiday, Corey Parker, Michael Morgan, Josh McGuire, Matt Gillett, Jacob Lillyman



NSW VB Blues

Josh Dugan, William Hopoate, Michael Jennings, Josh Morris, Brett Morris, Mitchell Pearce, Trent Hodkinson, Aaron Woods, Robbie Farah, James Tamou, Beau Scott, Ryan Hoffman, Paul Gallen (c), Trent Merrin, Boyd Cordner, David Klemmer, Josh Jackson

Get Behind the Kia Magic this Weekend!

THE KIA Magic will be vying for a spot in the ANZ Championship Grand Final when they take to the court in a sudden death semi-final against the NSW Swifts on Sunday 14 June at Claudelands Arena, Hamilton.

A gutsy weekend of high intensity netball looks to have galvanised the Kia Magic even more and they should head into the home semi-final with plenty of confidence.

They came from behind to win the NZ Conference Elimination Final in extra time against the Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel, before upsetting the SKYCITY Mystics to become the New Zealand Conference champions.

Now they have the NSW Swifts in their sights in the ANZ Championship Semi-Final.

NSW Swifts coach Rob Wright was an interested spectator in Auckland for the New Zealand Conference Final on Monday night and headed home knowing they will come up against a Magic side, which pushes hard to the final whistle.

The match-up between Magic shooter Jo Harten and Swifts defender Sharni Layton will be pivotal for the outcome.

Harten has been the stand-out in the Magic's shooting circle but comes up against the competition leader in both deflections and intercepts in Layton – a contest which will be worthy of the admission ticket alone.

The Kia Magic host the NSW Swifts in the ANZ Championship Semi-Final at Claudelands Arena on Sunday 14 June from 7.10pm NZT. Tickets are available from www.ticketek.co.nz with the broadcast live on SKY Sport 1.



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Calling all Vodafone Warriors Supporters

WHAT COULD be better than hanging out with your mates, having a few bebies and watching NRL? Not much we think, so join us on our very own overnight return fan flight and you can be part of the crowd that witness the Vodafone Warriors take on St George Illawarra Dragons at the impressive Westpac Stadium on Saturday 8th August.

Our premium package includes:

Return flights from Auckland to Wellington watching the Vodafone Warriors in style from the comfort of the premium Sir Peter Leitch Lounge at Westpac Stadium, one nights accommodation at Rydges Wellington, return transfers from Wellington Airport to Rydges Hotel.

Price: \$439 per person (share twin)

\$539 per person (single)

We also have just the return flight and game ticket option available for only \$279.00 per person.

Saturday 8th August

Depart Auckland 12.00pm

Arrive Wellington 1.00pm

Sunday 9th August

Depart Wellington 1.20pm

Arrive Auckland 2.20pm

Book online at www.grabaseat.co.nz or contact grabaseat@airnz.co.nz if you have any queries.



NRL DELIVERS A HAT TRICK FOR CENTRAL COAST LEAGUE FANS

Three NRL Telstra Premiership matches will be played on the Central Coast this year, Head of Football Todd Greenberg announced today.

The matches to be played at Central Coast Stadium are:

Sydney Roosters against Gold Coast Titans on Sunday 28 June at 2pm in Round 16

Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles against Brisbane Broncos in Round 21 (31 July to 3 August – day and time to be confirmed)

Bulldogs against Gold Coast Titans in Round 23 (13-17 August – day and time to be confirmed)

“League is returning to the Central Coast and we’re delighted to be delivering three high quality games,” Mr Greenberg said.

“This is a demonstration of the NRL’s commitment to rugby league on the Central Coast.

“With the Roosters, Sea Eagles and Bulldogs moving homes games to Central Coast Stadium, we are hoping the local community will get behind these teams so they are playing in front a big crowd.

“This continues the tradition of the Central Coast hosting NRL matches every year since 2000.

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“Each team will engage with the Coast community and Central Coast Stadium will have lots of game day activities, competitions and giveaways to make it a fun-filled experience for the entire family.”

Gosford City Mayor Lawrie McKinna said: “I’m very pleased that the people of the Central Coast will now be able to enjoy watching even more live rugby league action in their backyard at Gosford City Council’s Central Coast Stadium.

“Thousands of Central Coast residents participate in local rugby league, so I’m looking forward to seeing big crowds at Central Coast Stadium for these additional games.

“I’d like to thank the NRL as well as the Bulldogs, Sea Eagles and Roosters for this latest commitment to our region, which will guarantee that local rugby league supporters have plenty of chances to watch some of the biggest names in the NRL live in action at Central Coast Stadium this year.”

Tickets for the Central Coast games will be available soon from www.nrl.com/tickets.

Tune in to TVNZ Breakfast Tomorrow

Both Shuan Johnson and I will be on TVNZ Breakfast tomorrow at 8.40 on TV One talking about the luncheon and sportsmanship. Tune in.

Warriors Jersey in Honolulu

Hi Sir Peter,

Just a quick email to send you a photo of a Warriors jersey in Honolulu! My husband (Bean) took his Warriors jersey to Honolulu last month and was picked to feature in one of the beach shows at the luau at Paradise Cove. He collects (hoards) shirts and always likes to ensure he's got New Zealand gear with him when travelling. It always makes for a good conversation starter and the Warriors jersey certainly got a lot of attention :)

Unfortunately we can't be at the game this weekend due to other commitments but our season tickets have gone to a good home for the night.

Go the Mighty Vodafone Warriors!!!!

Tania



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LIKE FATHER... LIKE DAUGHTER!

By John Deaker



MANAGER FOR the NZ Warriors Laurie Hale is proud of all his kids sporting achievements, but he takes special satisfaction in his eldest daughter Georgia's accomplishments - and rightfully so. It's not every father that can say their child has represented New Zealand in more than two sports, yet that is what 19 year-old Georgia has achieved after playing for the Kiwi Ferns against the Jillaroos last month.

Considering the regulations only allowed her to start playing Senior woman's league when she turned 18 she's taken the next step up to international level phenomenally quickly. That shouldn't be a surprise though considering from a young age she'd set her sights high.

"As a thirteen year old she set her goals and said she wanted to represent New Zealand in five sports. So she's done three of them now and I'm not sure if you'd class the Woman's 9's in Auckland as totally different but she could class that as a different cap too," says Georgia's proud father.

Laurie must take a large share of the 'blame' for Georgia initially playing the 3 sports she's represented New Zealand in : League, Touch and Tag.

"When she was born she was born with a bl**dy football in her hand basically," Laurie reflects.

"All the kids followed me round with my wife Tracy and saw what I was doing - passed the ball round and played on the sideline - and it just progressed from there."

Laurie played Touch and Tag for New Zealand. He also played rugby league for the combined Glenfield / North Shore team that played under the Northern Districts banner back then.

Laurie began his current role as Manager of the Warriors in 2011 (after scouting for the Warriors through the 1990's and 2000's) and has now seen enough of the females playing that he makes an interesting comparison to the NRL.

" They (Georgia's team) played Otahuhu at the weekend and the hits were bigger than I see in the NRL. They were massive. Without being rude, some of these girls were about 18 stone. They were beating the crap out of each other - it was amazing."

So how does her mother Tracy handle her daughter getting bashed up on the league field?

"She doesn't like it that much - but she knows what Georgia's like - if we said no to her she'd still go and do it," Laurie says.

"She's that sort of kid - she's very driven. She didn't originally make the team to tour Australia last year because she missed out by one spot. They'd just had a training camp all weekend but she was pissed off with herself so went out for a 10km run at 5.30 on Monday morning. She'd be the fittest in the team by far."

In a world where a lot of 19 year old girls biggest existing tie to their father might be having him as a Facebook friend (on restricted settings of course!) or finding 'creative' ways to spend his money, it's clear to see why Laurie Hale is so proud of what his daughter who dared to 'Dream Big' as a 13 year old has already achieved. It's also obvious that Georgia will continue to make him proud for many more years in the future.



Laurie Hale and Georgia



Georgia on the run.



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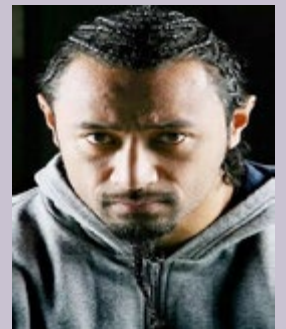
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