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WELL WHAT a night on Wednesday night at the State of Origin OVER 90,000 fans were treated to a top game! Everyone was on the edge of their seats right until the very end and the NRL could not have asked for a better result for the third and final game in Brisbane at Suncorp Stadium on the 8th of July.

You can guarantee the remaining tickets will fly out quicker than a Mad Butcher sausage at a free sausage sizzle and the TV viewing will rocket through the roof so bring it on! And YES the Butcher and Dexter will be there.

Melbourne's a lovely place and it was very pleasing to see plenty of Vodafone Warriors fans chilling in Melbourne proudly wearing the club colors. Janice has given the credit card a fair whack and to be fair I might just have to go back to work to pay it off! (good on her).

But now its goodbye Melbourne and Gold Coast here we come for the VODAFONE WARRIORS v GOLD COAST TITANS this SATURDAY AT CBUS STADIUM – I can't wait to meet all our fans up on the Gold Coast.

Our 2 State of Origin players are raring to go – I spoke to Ryan Hoffman and Jacob Lillyman and its all go for them. Hopefully Sam Tomkins will be fit to return to play.

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The boys will be training at Tugun Rugby League grounds at 44 Boyd street Bilinga at 3pm on Friday if you're on the Coast. Pop down and watch the boys train and on game day supporters are meeting at Broadbeach Tavern, Oasis shopping Centre from 12noon.

On a sad note rugby league lost 2 loyal supporters this week John Lasher an ex kiwi and Noreen Smith widow of late Pat Smith a former Kiwi Captain they will both be sadly missed RIP!

And once again a big thank you to all the people that came to the KIWIS LONG LUNCHEON and have sent me emails saying how great it was I'll pass your thanks on to the team that bought it together.

ENJOY YOUR WEEK IM LOVING CHILLING OUT

NORINE SMITH, THE WOMAN BEHIND THE SCENES - Bill Whitehead QSM

MUCH IS written about our players in Kiwis and other teams, but seldom do we read about the wives of our heroes.

Norine, often referred to as Pat Smith's wife, but no-one knew she had to manage the Prebbleton Hotel while PA was away playing our great game, or that she was asked to wash the dirty gear of Kiwi Union convert, Jimmie Haig, while he was receiving free board at their pub. My old boss (she was 98) spent a few months with me while visiting her countless friends around the South Island, and I spent a winter in her back room at Hillsborough Heights Village. We attended most Warriors home games, and functions at NZRL House which she thoroughly enjoyed. The hospitality extended to us through Sir Peter (the best host in the NI) at Mt Smart and Philippa at NZRL was superlative. She loved mixing with players of today, and telling them about the times when Kiwis had to do more for themselves., The help of Pope Peter (Schaumkell, Auck Marist) and Bishop Phil (Phil Campbell, Masters) were also much appreciated. Schaumkell must be the best driver in Auckland, he took us home from the Marist club to HHV with my walking stick on the roof of his truck where it remained until we got home.al. Thanks to all who helped make her final days so enjoyable. Norine was a remarkable lady, and was very popular at her most recent home at Waipuna Radius Care Village, where she arranged the flowers in the lounge most days. She also enjoyed viisits to reunions at the Gary clarke Museum where she caught up with June Atkinson (wife of Kiwi Al) and Dorothea McKenzie (wife of Kiwi Bill) She always took her dog Willie,

RIP Norine P Smith (6.2.1917-15.6.2015)

- BILL WHITEHEAD QSM



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More Wonderful Feedback on the Kiwis Luncheon

Hi Sir Peter,

Thanks very much for the excellent lunch we all enjoyed last Friday. It was fabulous catching up with all the players present especially the ones from Australia who we don't see very much. The function was fabulous to attend and congratulations on the effort you put in getting all the Kiwi players, past Kiwi officials and members of the public who attended. It was also great to have the older players who represented NZ mentioned I can assure you that it was most appreciated by Ray Cranch, Jim Edwards and Roy Moore. Functions like this shows the comradeship of Kiwi's who represented New Zealand. The food was great and everyone had a marvellous time.

I can only agree with all the comments in your newsletter number 77.

Thanks ever so much for a marvellous afternoon.

Kind regards,

Tom McKeown.

Hi Sir Peter

Firstly I wanted to take a little time to just say thank you so much for organising the Kiwi Luncheon last week in Auckland. I really wanted to say how great it was, how well it was organised and attended but more importantly how special it made me feel being a part of the NZRL family. I guess being surrounded by Kiwis throughout my career it doesn't feel that special knowing that everyone you hang around with has done the same, and some such as Nigel, Stacey and Ruben who did amazing things in the Kiwi jersey. But last week at the luncheon I can honestly say it was one of the first times since I retired that I actually sat back and thought to myself 'yeah I did do something special, and belong to a very special group of people'.

Growing up idolising people like Shane Varley, Clayton Friend and Francis Leota just to name a few and then meeting them and them knowing me was very special. So because of that I'd like to say thank you very much mate. Your humbleness and giving personality are only a few characteristics that make players, ex-players and people within the Rugby League community drop whatever they're doing to come and support you. That was very evident at the luncheon.

So again Butch, I sincerely say thank you so much for last weeks luncheon but more importantly everything you've done for me in my footy career and the plate and book I all treasure for life.

Stay Blessed, David Solomona



John Lasher Former Kiwi Has Passed Away

Rugby league lost another good man in John Lasher, who toured Australia with the Kiwis in 1956, passed away surrounded by his family on the 17th of June.

His funeral will be held at the Buckland's Beach Yacht Club on the 19th of June at 3pm. He will be greatly missed.

1950's Kiwis from the Kiwis Long Luncheon as told by Tony Feasey

IT IS important that we acknowledge some of the men in this room here today upon which our great game was built – there are a number of special guests here worthy of mention but unfortunately we cannot go through them all. They are from an era of rugby league when a try was still worth 3 points and interestingly a drop goal was worth 2 points... These were tough men playing a tough game in an era where rugby league was starting to grow around the world – an era that saw the first ever televised match - this was the 1950's thru to the 1960's. We are most fortunate to have some of the greats from this time here today. In no particular order they are:

KIWI # 341, originally out of the Mt Albert Rugby League Club he was once described as one of the original “thinking mans Prop” (if there is such a thing). He first represented Auckland in 1947 thru to 1950 and would later go on to be Captain of the Auckland team in 1950. He was selected for the Kiwis in 1951 & 1952. He is a Life member of both the Auckland Rugby League and the New Zealand Rugby League and anybody who has had the pleasure of knowing him describes him as one of rugby leagues true gentleman – ladies & gentlemen please welcome Mr Ray CRANCH

KIWI # 331, originally out of the Marist club in Auckland; in 1953 whilst playing for Auckland he played against the touring rugby league side the American All Stars and was also a member of the 1954 Auckland side that defeated Great Britain 5-4. He has represented New Zealand a total of 17 times. 1954 saw the inaugural Rugby League World Cup take place, where - he has the distinction of being the first ever try scorer in a World Cup Tournament playing against France – Ladies & Gentleman please welcome; Mr Jimmy EDWARDS.

KIWI # 346, this man I've likened to the Phantom – ever present but hard to find (especially details about his playing career) however I do know that he had the distinction of being called upon to play for the 1953 touring team - “the American All Stars” when they toured New Zealand. The USA team was injury ravaged during their series in Australia and requested players from the host country. In a spectacular game at Carlaw Park against Auckland Maori he scored 1 of 5 tries put on that day by the “Kiwi Yanks”. He represented New Zealand 7 times between 1952-1956, ladies & gentlemen please put your hands together Mr Roy MOORE

KIWI #375 playing out of the Northcote Tigers Club, he would go on to feature for Northern Districts which was an amalgamation of the Northcote & North Shore Clubs and then later be selected for Auckland and then New Zealand. He played a total of 18 matches for the Kiwis appearing in both the 1957 & 1960 Rugby League World Cups. He was selected in the 1960 Rest of the World team that played Great Britain. He finished his career with a then record of 15 tries for the Kiwis – 5 more than the previous record holder. He has been inducted in to the New Zealand Rugby League's – “Legends of League” and in 2009 was named as a member of the New Zealand Rugby League “Team of the Century” – ladies & gentleman please welcome Mr Tom HADFIELD

KIWI #393 originally played for Western United and then the Mt Albert Rugby League Club as part of the merger during the Auckland Rugby League's district scheme. He was a winner of the Rothville Trophy, which was the player of the year award for Auckland Rugby League. He not only represented Auckland but went on to Captain the side as well. In 1961 he was selected for the Kiwis going on to play 21 test matches including 6 as captain. He later went on to coach the Auckland side and has been named as one of New Zealand Rugby League's – Legends of League; ladies & gentleman put your hands together for Mr Don HAMMOND

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KIWI #323, originally out of the Ponsonby club in Auckland. He is a record-breaking goal-kicking full-back; he was named amongst the country's finest players of the 20th century. In 1951 whilst playing for New Zealand he played in the first ever-televised match of rugby league at Station Rd Swinton against Great Britain where he kicked 2 goals. He scored what would become a record 202 points on that tour of Britain and France. In 1952 he would go on to kick a world record - 11 goals against Australia in 1952 where New Zealand won the test series against Australia in Brisbane. On that tour he set another record by scoring 107 points to become the first Kiwi to top a century in Australia and kicked a total of 18 goals in the series equaling a world record. He is still the current New Zealand record holder for most points in a test series with 36. Following his retirement from playing he went on to Coach not only Auckland but also New Zealand with a 1 win 1 loss record. He was named at fullback in the New Zealand Rugby League's team of the century between 1907-2007, he is a member of the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame, New Zealand Rugby League – Legend of League and he is an Auckland Rugby League Immortal – ladies & gentleman please welcome Mr Des WHITE

Hey butch

How have you been?

I hope this finds you well,

Love the plate and book will treasure them.

Will see you soon!!

Tohu - Melbourne Storm player and Kiwi no: 778.



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Batman received a Warrior proud membership for being a good boy.



Colin O'Neil, Lyndsay Proctor and Mark Graham.



Colin O'Neil, Shane Cooper, James Leuluai, Warren Colliccoat, Lyndsay Proctor, Mark Graham and Ben Henry.



Dexter interviews Tony Feasey.



Douglas West with his prized pencil drawings of the 1985 Kiwi tour to England and France.



Henry Fa'afili former Warrior and Kiwi and a bloody good bloke.



Great to have Howie Tamati - Former Kiwi player, captain and coach now the NZRL president.



James Leuluai, Lyndsay Proctor and Mark Graham.



James The Finisher Leuluai the very proud Dad of Thomas Leuluai.



Jean Paul Brigger and Wynton Rufer.



Jean Paul Brigger FIFA Technical Director & MB & Wynton Rufer Oceania Player of the Century.



Ken Hunter, Kiwi living in Oz 1st team Roosters 2nd team Warriors.



Kevin and Howie Tamati, Nolan Tupea, Gary Prohm, Gordon Smith, Warren Collicoat, John Whittaker.



Kurt Sorensen flew over from Aussie to be there.



Logan Swann former Warrior/Kiwi and now New Zealand's leading real estate agent.



Lucy Small Deputy C.E.O. For the weekend and Jim Doyle.



Mark Graham and Kevin Tamati having a good laugh at the Butcher's expense.



Monty Beatham cant remember if he owes the Butcher \$5.



Ngani Laumape, Sione Lousi, Ben Henry.



Woodstock Warriors Bottles



Shane Butler from Halswell Rugby League in Christchurch with Sir Peter.



Stacey Jones came up to the lounge after his tea - a convincing win.



Stevie from Waitara Rugby League tells us about his Jenny Craig diet.



The team from Waitara RL sing to the people in the lounge.

APPLIANCE SHED FOX MEMORIAL RD 9 WRAP

THE APPLIANCE Shed Fox Memorial Premiership has a new leader after the Mt Albert Lions fell to Howick Hornets 28-26 in Rd 9.

That result - coupled with a Pt Chevalier 64-14 victory over Otara - left the Pirates to assume the lead of the competition, joined by Papakura on points but ahead on differential.

Papakura themselves got past Glenora 34-26 at home in the ARL Game of the Round.

The Marist Saints took another step towards shifting into the competition's top four with a 16-12 win against Otahuhu at Bert Henman Park.

The Saints now sit tied on points with the fourth-placed Glenora Bears, only trailing by eight on differential.

Mangere East further added to Northcote's miserable season to date, smashing the Tigers 48-20 at Birkenhead War Memorial.

Broadcasts on Maori Television start this week, with Fowlds Park the place to be on Saturday for a quality double-header.

Check out the draw below, and be sure to tune in to the Maori TV broadcasts with Otara v Papakura

screening at 3.30pm Saturday, and Mt Albert v Pt Chevalier at 3.30pm on Sunday.

Rd 10 fixtures – all games on Saturday, June 20

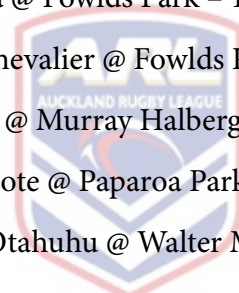
Papakura v Otara @ Fowlds Park – 11.00am

Mt Albert v Pt Chevalier @ Fowlds Park – 2.30pm

Marist v Glenora @ Murray Halberg Park – 2.30pm

Howick v Northcote @ Paparoa Park – 2.30pm

Mangere East v Otahuhu @ Walter Masey Park – 2.30pm



ARL Round 9 Results

SAS Sharman Cup

Ellerslie 28 East Coast Bays 14

Papatoetoe 40 New Lynn 16

Te Atatu 62 Ponsonby 18

Manurewa 32 Waitemata 28

Manukau 30 Hibiscus Coast 0

Glenfield 16 Bay Roskill 32

Pakuranga 22 Mt Wellington 16

Richmond bye

Appliance Shed Fox Memorial Premiership

Otahuhu 12 Marist 16

Northcote 20 Mangere East 48

Mt Albert 26 Howick 28

Otara 14 Pt Chevalier 64

Papakura 34 Glenora 26



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Otahuhu Rovers Rugby League Club Blazer Presentation

ALBERT AND Sione were welcomed into the Blazer players group by 10 former blazer players including the very first player to receive his 50 game Blazer in 2005 Steve Tuala when the then Committee decided they would keep records and reward players for their loyalty to the club after having played 50 Premier Games. The night was made even more special for the 2 new player as 2 of the Old Blazer boys reached goals of the own.

Sema Mataora played his 100th Premier game for the Club and received his Leopard 100 game ring and just to top off the night Fred Turuwhenua (The Tuhoe Train) played his 150th Premier game and now has his photo hanging in the Club for all time along with a trip for 2 and a new blazer depicting his playing history

2008 50 Games- Blazer

2011 100 Games- Lep Ring

2015 150 Games- Trip and Blazer

It is hard to get your photo on the wall at Otahuhu but Fred has now cemented his spot along with all the other legends of our Club. Fred has another record that in these modern times would be frowned upon but back in the day he played for the Res team then backed up for the Prems and then sat on the bench for the Bartcard side his commitment to Otahuhu and his team is famous. Well done to all 4 players.



From left to right in the photo

Albert Alapaki played his 50th Premier Game for Otahuhu

Fred Turuwhenua played his 150th Premier Game

Sema Mataora played his 100th Premier Game

Sione Feao played his 50th Premier Game

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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:

Here is what readers had to say:

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.

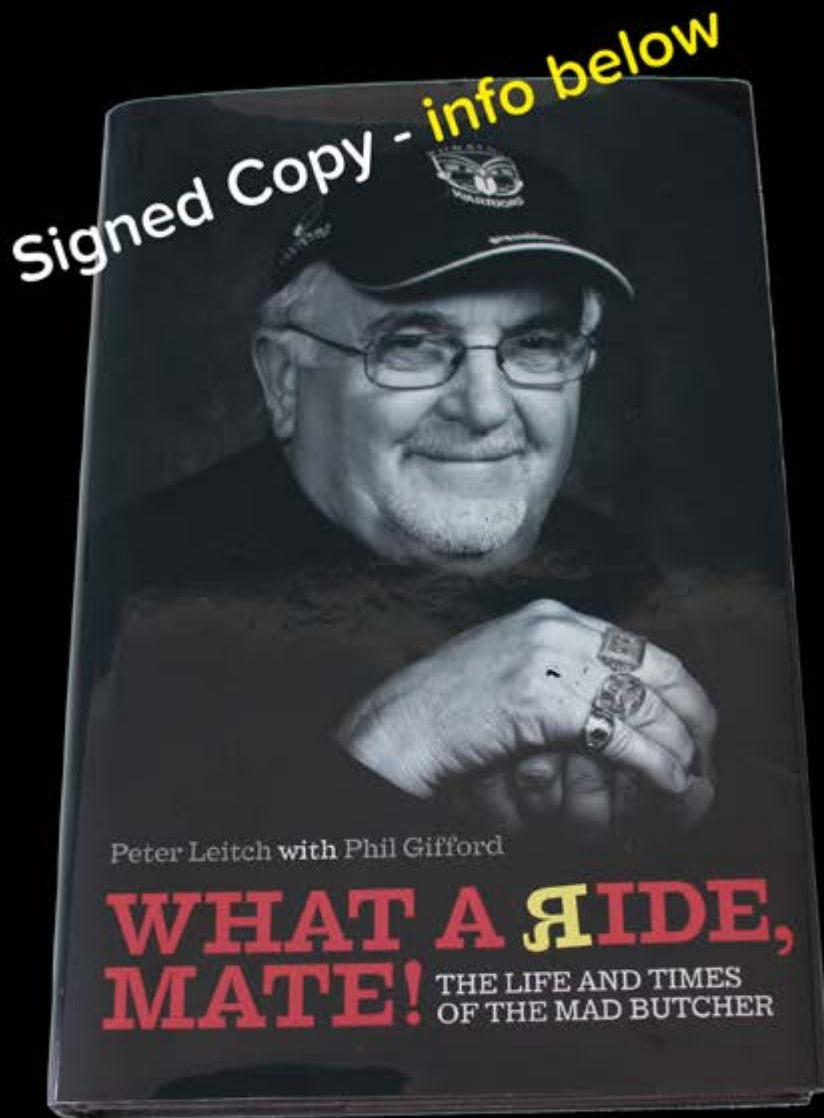
This is an amazing yarn about a great New Zealander who has proven that with a positive attitude, self-belief along with treating people respectfully anything is possible.

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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In Melbourne at the Storms Game

ME AND former CEO of the Vodafone Warriors Ian Robson who is now the CEO of the Melbourne victory holding the A League Championship Trophy that his club won. Ian went from the Warriors to super league in Australia then moved to the UK to run the English Super League then moved up to Scotland to run Sport Scotland before moving back to his home town Melbourne, to run a few AFL clubs starting with Hawthorn and won a championship in 2008 before moving on to Essendon. He then crossed codes once again this time to the Melbourne Victory soccer club winning the A League Championship under his leadership. Most of all he is a bloody good mate of the Butcher →



Andrew Blowers former All Black and Blues Player. He now works for the Storm.



Caught up with these 2 hard cases. NSW players David Klezmer and Aaron Woods. Two top blokes.



Even caught up with Ryan Hoffman who came to watch his old club the Storm.



Both Melbourne Storm Players and Kiwis

Jess Bromwich smiled when I presented him with his Luncheon plate and booklet.



Kevin Proctor was rapped to receive his Luncheon plate and Booklet.

Caught up with Justin Morgan (former Warrior and currently Storm assistant coach) and Daniel Anderson (former Warriors and Kiwis coach now at Paramatta)



Great to see Eddie McGuire - star of the AFL footy show and Millionaire hot seat.



Good to catch up with Copper Cronk. He is injured so will miss the State of Origin game.



Real gentleman Robbin Kearns former Storms player.

Photos from Aussie



Danny Baderis spoke about being with the Blues before the game. He is now working as a assistant coach at the Knights.



Look who I caught up with at the state of origin game in Melbourne 2 rugby league greats and NSW selectors bob Fulton and bob McCarthy and 2 great guys.



My old mate Peters Civoniceva gave a short speech before the game. He now works for the NRL.



Caught up with the King, Wally Lewis. He signed an old jersey that Gary Clarke had been trying to get signed for years.



Caught up with Weston Newman, Allan Findlay, Grant Stieller from Taranaki over in Melbourne for the game.



Look who we meet in Melbourne Ian and Marcia from Warkworth and members of the Stacey Jones lounge at Mt Smart.

GOLD COAST TITANS v VODAFONE WARRIORS

- 1 TUIMOALA LOLOHEA
- 2 KEN MAUMALO
- 3 KONRAD HURRELL
- 4 SOLOMONE KATA
- 5 MANU VATUVEI
- 6 CHAD TOWNSEND
- 7 SHAUN JOHNSON
- 8 JACOB LILLYMAN
- 9 NATHAN FRIEND
- 10 BEN MATULINO
- 11 BODENE THOMPSON
- 12 RYAN HOFFMAN
- 13 SIMON MANNERING (c)

- Interchange:**
- 14 SILIVA HAVILI
 - 15 SEBASTINE IKAHIHIFO
 - 16 RAYMOND FAITALA-MARINER
 - 17 CHARLIE GUBB
 - 18 ALBERT VETE



Cbus Super Stadium, Robina

5.30pm, Saturday, June 20

Warriors NRL Round 15

ORIGIN REPRESENTATIVES Jacob Lillyman and Ryan Hoffman have been named in an otherwise unchanged Vodafone Warriors starting line-up for Saturday's 15th-round NRL game against Gold Coast at Cbus Super Stadium in Robina (5.30pm kick-off local time; 7.30pm NZT).

Queensland front rower Lillyman and New South Wales second rower Hoffman went head to head again in Origin II at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Wednesday night and are ready to join their teammates on the Gold Coast.

Back in Auckland, Vodafone Warriors head coach Andrew McFadden and one of his assistant coaches Andrew Webster will be riding a New South Wales win but will be more concerned about Lillyman and Hoffman surviving the contest without any injury concerns.

They have a total of more than 450 NRL appearances between them with Lillyman eyeing his 199th career game this weekend, leaving him set to achieve his 200-game milestone in the Vodafone Warriors' 16th-round #OnesieParty clash against Canberra at Mount Smart Stadium on Saturday, June 27 (5.00pm kick-off; match day sponsor: Flava).

Their replacements against the Roosters – Albert Vete and Raymond Faitala-Mariner – have both been named on a five-man bench.

Sam Tomkins hasn't been named in the squad this week after being listed to start in the last two matches against South Sydney and the Roosters.

There was optimism each time that he would be able to return after taking another blow to his injured knee in his comeback game against Newcastle on May 31 but ultimately he was ruled out and replaced by rookie Tuimoala Lolohea. This week Lolohea is named to start.

"Sam is doing all he can to get back on the field. He wants to be out there and we want him to play, too," said Webster.

"It's frustrating for everyone but that's typical of a knee injury like his making him a week to week proposition. He'll keep working at it and we'll keep giving him every opportunity but we have named Tui this week. We have a lot of faith in him and for a young player he has been doing a terrific job in such a tough position."

Apart from Lillyman and Hoffman replacing Vete and Faitala-Mariner, the starting line-up named to face the Titans is the same as the one used against the Roosters.

There are changes on the bench, though, with hooker Siliva Havili recalled after being used in the Newcastle and South Sydney matches but returning to the NSW Cup last week.

Apart from Havili, Faitala-Mariner and Vete, the other players on the bench are Sebastine Ikaiahifo and Charlie Gubb.

Sam Lisone and Jonathan Wright are out of the squad this week. Lisone, who has played all 13 games so far this season, had just six minutes against the Roosters before being forced off the field with a back injury.

More milestone moments are close in this, the club's 20th anniversary season.

Last Saturday night it was Manu Vatuvei claiming a unique place in the competition's history when he brought up his 10th try of the season giving him 10 tries or more in 10 consecutive seasons.

This week not only does Lillyman play his 199th game but second rower Bodene Thompson plays his 99th career match (against his former club).

The Titans stopped a run of eight straight losses to the Vodafone Warriors when they won 32-28 at Mount Smart Stadium on Anzac Day. The overall record is 10-7 in the Vodafone Warriors' favour while they have won five out of eight on the Gold Coast.

Week in Northland Sport

By Ben Francis



FIRSTLY I want to give a MASSIVE congratulations to Manu Vatuvei on his achievement for being the first NRL player to score 10 or more tries in 10 straight seasons, massive achievement. To be more accurate Manu has played in 189 games over that ten year period and has 136 tries. Hats off to him.

Also to the Chicago Blackhawks winning their third Stanley Cup in six years, are they beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-2. This statistic amazes me, this was the sixth Stanley Cup the Blackhawks have won (1934,1938,1961,2010,2013 & now 2015) but the first time since April 12th 1938 that the Blackhawks have actually won the cup on their home ice, or to simplify it down even more around 28,188 days. This now puts them tied second with the Boston Bruins for most Stanley Cups among US based franchises.

RUGBY UNION

After dominating the first nine rounds of the Bayleys Southern District Premiers, Welsford suffered their first loss of the season with a month remaining in the regular season. Heading into round ten of the competition Welsford held a 8win,1draw,0loss record. Otamatea ended their perfect start to the season with a dominant 39-23 victory over the table topping Welsford. That was the points Welsford have conceded all season. Hot on their tails is Mid Northern after they had a close 32-26 victory over HoraHora on the weekend. Both Welsford and Mid Northern hold, hold the exact same record after ten rounds 8wins,1draw,1loss. Both teams have played twice this season back in round two Welsford won 21-19 and

back in round eight both teams played a 25all draw. Other results from round ten saw the Western Sharks end a four game losing streak beating Kamo 27-17, Old Boys Marist claimed a close 26-24 win over Mid Western and Waipu beat Hikurangi 39-26.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Only two games played in Round 12 of the Scott Electrical Premiership Hokianga had a close 36-32 victory over Otangarei whilst Hikurangi had a convincing 50-26 win over Northern Wairoa. Whilst Muriwhenua and Moerewa both won by default against Portland and HoraHora respectively. With six rounds left to play Moerewa currently sit atop the standings followed closely by Hikurangi, Portland and Muriwhenua respectively

FOOTBALL

Whangarei has finished its part in the 2015 U20 FIFA World Cup successfully hosting four games which saw an average of 4,500 people attend every game. This was on the back of successfully hosting the Kiwis Vs Samoa game in last years Four Nations competition. The four games Whangarei hosted were between Myanmar v Ukraine (0-6) , Fiji v Uzbekistan (0-3) , USA v Myanmar (2-1) and the round of 16 match between Ghana and Mali (0-3) .

In local Men's Premier Football results we saw Onerahia and KeriKeri draw 0-0, Bream Bay beat Kamo 1-0, Whangarei beat Kaitaia 3-0 and Central beating Tikipunga 2-1.

Mad Butcher \$10,000 Winner

ON THE left is a picture of Angeline Cousins from Nelson – who was chosen as the 2nd week Winner of the Mad Butcher's – Win \$10,000 Cash Promotion

This was a national 1 week promotion and to enter customers had to spend \$20 in any Mad Butcher store and then fill in their contact details on an entry form and place the form in an entry box. On Monday 15 June The winner was selected at Mad Butcher Head Office from over 50,000 entries received.

Angeline was rung and told on Monday 15 June she had been selected as the winner of \$10,000 Cash and at first she was very cagey as she thought it was one of her friends "pulling her leg" – however once she was convinced this was not a bogus call she was over the moon! Monday 15 June was also Angeline's birthday so it was truly a "Double Celebration" for Angeline.



Mannering Continues to Grow and Could Become 'Rugby League's McCaw'

By John Deaker



SIMON MANNERING'S captaincy credentials have often been questioned by the New Zealand sporting public over the years. He's never come across as the charismatic, outgoing personality that many people traditionally view as having 'great leadership qualities'. However, when you look at the classy way he's got on with the job despite plenty of criticism as he's captained 2 notoriously inconsistent sides at such a young age, it gives you a bit of an insight to the type of qualities that are likely to see him remembered as one of New Zealand rugby league's greatest captains.



Mannering became captain of the Warriors back in 2010 at age 23 and begun captaining the Kiwis in 2013. Like some of New Zealand's great sporting captains including Sean Fitzpatrick, Stephen Fleming and more recently Richie McCaw, Mannering didn't walk in to the job and become a great leader on Day 1. He's progressed each year in many of the core areas of captaincy as he's literally learned on the job.

Watching Mannering get interviewed on stage at the Mad Butcher's long luncheon on Friday it was pleasing to see that one area that the Kiwis' success has clearly assisted Mannering is it's given him the ability to (finally!) enjoy his role more and give a bit more of himself to the public than he has in the past. He's been renowned a 'Do as I do' captain rather than a 'Do as I say' leader which is a style most New Zealanders respect. Unfortunately Mannering hasn't always been given the same ability to grow into his role without external criticism that McCaw has been granted because of the dominant team he's captained.

Even in the twilight of his career at age 33 McCaw still never thrives on being in the spotlight of the media. If the Kiwis continue to perform well and the Warriors' promising signings for 2016 bring more consistent success for the club it's likely that by McCaw's age Mannering will be even more comfortable about giving more of himself to the public by then.

Despite all McCaw's Super rugby victories and test victories as captain, it was leading the All Blacks to a World Cup victory in 2011 that put the icing on the cake of his legacy as a captain. Similarly, it appears that despite all of Mannering's success leading the Kiwis, the thing that would now mark Mannering down as a truly great captain would be leading the Warriors to their first NRL title. Only then will he get that same unanimous endorsement from the public that he already appears to have from the players and coaching staff that surround him. Let's hope it's not too far away because if anyone has done the 'hard yards' and deserves to reap the rewards it's Simon Mannering.

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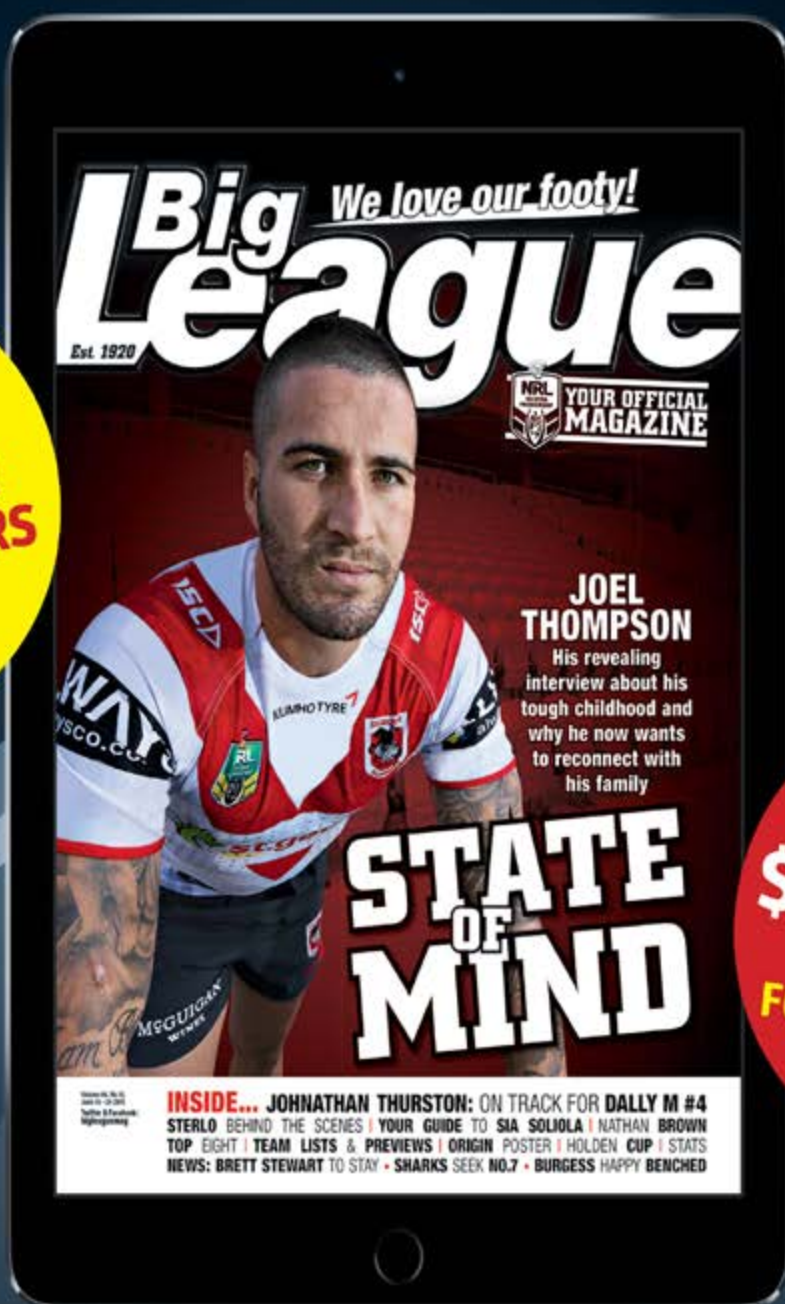
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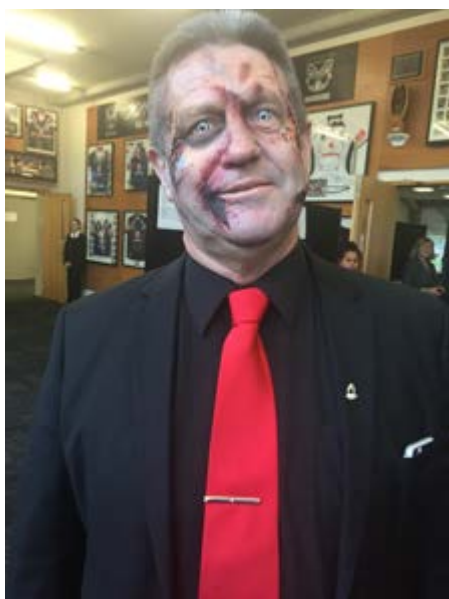


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