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## Newsletter #145

**T**ALK ABOUT a busy time. We went into camp at the Pullman Hotel in Auckland on Wednesday, where the players had a recovery session followed by getting the rest of their kit thanks to BKL.

That was followed by a family dinner in the hotel, then it was off to the airport to catch our Air NZ flight to the UK, with a short stopover at LA airport.

The only excitement on the flight was me getting a bleeding nose as we flew out of Auckland and it never stopped the whole bloody way. The team doctor could not stop it until we got to London but all is well now.

We arrived Thursday in London and stayed at the Marriott in Kensington with the first day a recovery session, with a team dinner in the hotel followed by massages for the players.

The next day started with a rolling breakfast from 7am till 10am (the same pleasant way we are starting each day) and next was monitoring and hydration in the team room, followed by a team meeting. Lunch in the hotel is followed by a weights and mobility session at a local gym called Equinox, with a team dinner out of the hotel.

Saturday was much the same but Sunday we had a training run at Harrow school (very flash) followed by weights and recovery session at the school then back to the hotel for team activity which just happened to be going to an NFL game at Twickenham between the New York Giants and Los Angeles Rams. It was a real experience. It was sold out and what a show!

From the walk to the legendary stadium, to the anthems and even the hot-dogs, I can tick that off the list, but I'll stick to rugby league.

Monday morning we packed our bags and prepared to head to Leeds, our next stop.

A group of us split with the group to head to Liverpool by train for the Four Nations launch press conference. Our group was led by coach David Kidwell, and players Jesse Bromwich, Adam Blair, Thomas Leuluai, Issac Luke and our media man Te Arahi Maipi, with myself as patron and Philippa Ivory the NZRL marketing and communications general manager.

It was held at the Liverpool home ground Anfield, and what an experience it was. Even empty it's an amazing place.

The Kop is one of the most famous stands in the world and trying to imagine what it will be like when the mighty Kiwis make the final in a month was incredible - I can't bloody wait.

It was great to catch up with so many mates, then it was on the train to Leeds, where we will be in camp until the big game.

We are using the Leeds Rhinos training ground and Wednesday is another full on day, with training and team meetings.

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Thursday we have a day off and I'll head to the TV programme *Emmerdale* to meet some of the cast, which I'm looking forward to very much.

Friday is the captains run and test dinner, where the players will be handed their test jerseys, which is always a very special moment.

Then Saturday is game day, with the Kiwis v England at John Smith Stadium in Huddersfield, and it is already a sell-out.

Sunday we move camp to Manchester to get ready for our test match against the Kangaroos at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry.

The boys also gathered around the TV to watch the All Blacks and while the Wallabies held us in check for much of the match we kicked clear in the end, and the hooting and hollering levels ramped up ferociously as we watched on I can tell you.

One of the advantages of being with the Kiwis in

London was that I was also able to spend time with my granddaughter, and I am delighted to say she is a box of fluffies, but it is all about England now.

There is nothing more certain than that it will be a very tough encounter, the Wayne Bennett coached English fancying themselves to go all the way.

Coach David Kidwell has been doing a fine job, and doing everything in his power to give his men the best possible chance in the test.

Wish us luck, tune in or send the boys an email of support to [Nadene@nzrl.co.nz](mailto:Nadene@nzrl.co.nz). Go the Kiwis.

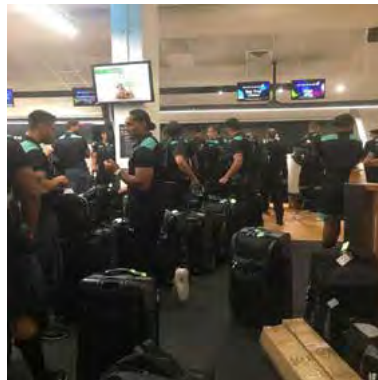
**- Sir Peter Leitch**



## On Tour with the Kiwis in England



It's flight time. Air NZ will look after us on your flight to LA. UK here we come!.



The boys checking in over 100 bags at the Air NZ counter.



At the NFL game in London with my granddaughter Kristin.



The national anthems being sung before the NFL game.



Crowd streaming into Twickenham for the NFL game.

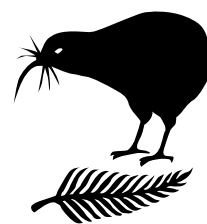


The boys at the NFL game in London.





My ticket to the NFL game in London.



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At the home of Liverpool FC Anfield Stadium.



Me and the coach David Kidwell just had to have a photo at Liverpool FC's home ground, Anfield.



The Butcher holding the trophy at the Four Nations launch.



Always great to catch up with the legend Cameron Smith.



Australian captain Cameron Smith fronts the media at the launch.



The three musketeers at the press conference. James Graham, Liam Farrell and Thomas Leuluai.



Standing room only on the train to Liverpool.



Starting the day with a full English breakfast today very yummy.



Great to catch up with Sam Burgess at the press conference.





Our baggage van and staff car for our use during the Four Nations.



Kiwis Coaching and Management team plus the Butcher.



Kev a big Kiwis fan.



Another Vodafone Warriors fan at Leeds Rugby League training ground.



Dad Simon and son Logan, both big Kiwis and Warriors fans.



Even in Leeds UK you find Kids in Vodafone Warriors Jerseys.



Lucy and brother Caylass, big Vodafone Warriors fans.



Matthew was very proud wearing his Vodafone Warriors jersey at training.



These kids Dad wanted to make the Kiwis feel welcome at training, so he got these tshirts made. They will all be getting a BLK Kiwis flag for being such awesome fans.



They boys signed plenty of autographs for the fans.



# I'm a Bit Over the Tui Lolohea Won't Stay Story

By David Kemeys

Former Sunday Star-Times Editor, Former Editor-in-Chief Suburban Newspapers, Long Suffering Warriors Fan



**E**VEN IN the off-season we manage to produce headlines, and all the ones of late have centred on the future of Tuimoala Lolohea.

We all know he enjoyed a bumpy ride throughout a less than overwhelming season, left on the bench, used here, there and everywhere, dropped altogether, hooked from games....

Now his agent is suggesting young Tui may not stick around if we finalise a deal with Kieran Foran.

Equally our boss, Jim Doyle, is adamant he is going nowhere, reminding anyone who cared to listen, that a contract binds both parties and you can't just throw your toys out of the cot and up and go.

Lolohea apparently wants to play in the halves, and there are plenty of fans calling for him to be found a spot he can make his own.

Considering that he is clearly not the fullback David Fusitua is, let alone Roger Tuivasa Sheck, and he wouldn't command a first choice spot on the wings either, it makes a lot of sense to transition him into the halves, especially when we have been told that's his long-term future, and that he has all this limitless potential.

But even Jose Feliciano could see that should Foran arrive, he will partner Shaun Johnson.

As we know, Foran is training with us, but he still has to get a contract cleared by the NRL after his many and varied personal troubles saw him end his Eels deal.

Lolohea's manager is a bloke called Stan Martin and he told the Aussie papers if Foran came and went to five-eighth Tui would certainly go. He was absolutely unequivocal.

The Dragons want him, and after all, they haven't got Benji Marshall any longer.

Our former coach Andrew Mc Fadden talked a lot about Lolohea getting a go at No 6 and that seemed likely with Thomas Leuluai returning to England, but the arrival of Stephen Kearney has put paid to that, and he has been quite open about wanting a Johnson-Foran pairing.

I know there are many Tui Lolohea admirers out there but here goes, boots and all.

Tell him to pull his bloody head in. A contract is a contract, and there is still, despite all the noises coming out of Mt Smart, no guarantee that Foran will be cleared to join us, so the slot might still be Lolohea's to claim.

But playing it out in the media, with what are nothing more than thinly veiled threats, is a bad look.

There are plenty of people who are getting tired of hearing about what an excitement machine he is, and what potential he has, because we just did not see any evidence of it in 2016.

Things did not go his way certainly, but this ongoing hissy-fit is not good for the club.

Apparently Parramatta and Newcastle have also shown interest, but pardon me if that sounds like manager talk to me. The Eels have Clint Gutherson, the Knights Jarrod Mullen, so don't tell me Tui Lolohea is forcing one of them out.

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### **England Will Be A Tough Nut To Crack**

The Kiwis headed from London to their base in Leeds this week ahead of the England test, there they will confront a team full of confidence after they got a series win over us last year, and absolutely whacked France in a build-up test, 40-6 at the weekend.

We all know how good Wayne Bennett is – after all, he has been instrumental to our own success of late - and he can call on skipper Sam Burgess and the man I believe is the best prop in the NRL, Bulldog James Graham.

Given we were also not brilliant against the Aussies in Perth, this one will be tight, especially when both sides tend to base their game around big packs providing the go-forward.

Thomas Leuluai knows the English game he is returning to after his earlier stint up there and he said the English were persistently underrated.

“Everyone talks about Super League and the NRL and the differences, but if you picked the top 17 from that competition, it’s strong. We definitely know not to underestimate them.”

### **Johnson Calls For Smart Thinking**

Under-fire halfback Shaun Johnson wants his fellow Kiwis to play smarter against England.

If Johnson does not sidestep 47 players and leapfrog the final defender he cops it. I don’t know how he manages to keep his cool to be fair, and he was again heavily criticised after the loss to the Kangaroos.

I’d defy any halfback to play behind a pack that was getting the flogging we were getting, and look good, but Johnson says the Kiwis need to sharpen up.

“We have to mix things up. We have to learn to use the eyes a bit more, to look to go wider a bit more.”

Johnson made 34 tackles, only Kevin Proctor and Tohu Harris making more in the Aussie test, and he said coach David Kidwell had them on track. “We are away for a month and we need to enjoy our camp. We are going to play some good footy and we play Australia again soon and will have the chance to show what we learned.”

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# Beating the British Hoodoo

By John Coffey QSM

Author of ten rugby league books, Christchurch Press sports writer (44 years), NZ correspondent for Rugby League Week (Australia) and Open Rugby (England)



**M**UCH HAS been made of the Kiwis' struggles to win on English soil since the great victory over Australia in the 2005 Tri-Nations tournament final (and even then they lost one of their two qualifying matches against Great Britain). In truth, New Zealand touring teams have always found it extremely difficult to beat the British at home. Our only World Cup triumph (2008) and two Four Nations victories (2010 and 2014) were all achieved in Australasia.

In the cases of traditional long tours (from the original All Golds of 1907-08 to 1993) and in subsequent short visits to play three-Test series and few other fixtures (from 1998 to 2015), a total of 17 New Zealand teams have stepped off the boat at the Southampton docks or off the airliner at Heathrow Airport. The 1939 tour does not count for it was abandoned after two games against English clubs because of the outbreak of the Second World War.

But only three of the other 16 teams— those remarkable All Golds, the Lory Blanchard-coached 1971 Kiwis and the Frank Endacott-coached 1998 Kiwis – won their Test series. In 1907-08 and 1971 the margin was 2-1, while Endacott's men led 2-0 before being held to a last minute draw in their third Test. The 1980 team coached by Ces Mountford and the 1985 team coached by Graham Lowe drew their series with one win, one draw and one loss each.

Seven of the 11 sides which bowed to Britain actually won a Test match and the 1965 team drew one; only the strife-torn 1926-27 "All Blacks", the very unlucky 1951-52 Kiwis and the out-classed teams of 1993 and 2007 lost three-zip. While generations of Kiwis have found it hard to win in the northern hemisphere, it is more frustrating that our record has not markedly improved now that many of the most obvious reasons for past defeats no longer apply.

Among the old mitigating circumstances were pitting New Zealand amateurs against British professionals; different rule interpretations, especially in the hotly contested scrums; local referees intimidated by crowd pressure; inevitable injuries and illnesses suffered on long tours; itineraries which required the Kiwis to play three or even four times a week; very harsh mid-winter weather conditions; arduous internal travel on slow, smoky trains or rickety buses over rough roads; all following a sea journey of up to six weeks to even reach Britain.

For example, the 1926-27 team, dubbed the All Blacks by the NZRL, sailed from Auckland via Suva and Honolulu to Vancouver, then travelled across Canada by train to Montreal before boarding another boat for the voyage to Southampton. (Later, they played five games in just 10 days, including Christmas Day, with only 17 available players). Even in the first few decades of air travel, planes needed to make several refuelling stops at such exotic spots as Bombay as they "hopped" to Britain.

So it should be easier now our players are all fulltime professionals, long tours are a thing of the past and the Kiwis are back home before the first snow falls. Scrummaging is not a factor. Travel, accommodation and training facilities are comparatively luxurious. In earlier days the Kiwis support staff consisted of a coach and two managers, with local physios and doctors co-opted as required. Teams consisted of 26 players for as many as 40 matches and there was no prospect of replacements arriving from far-off New Zealand to cover tour-ending injuries.

In the 1980s the International Board adopted a policy of neutral referees. But the appointed Australian officials, Barry Gomersall (1985) and Greg McCullum (1989), appeared to enjoy the hospitality so much they became more British than the British themselves the longer the Test series went. In both cases the Kiwis won the first Test and lost the second. Gomersall awarded a late penalty for the home side to draw the third Test in 1985 and the 1989 Kiwis had a late try ruled out by McCullum in their 10-6 third Test loss. No wonder the Poms invited McCullum back in 1993! He later worked for the English Rugby Football League.

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One of the most honest men I have ever met was English schoolteacher Derek Brown, who refereed all three Tests of the 1971 series and then publicly praised the sportsmanship of Kiwis captain Roy Christian and his players. I would hate to think the Kiwis' victory in the series had anything to do with Brown never being appointed to another Test match. Brown had previously officiated in the 1969 Challenge Cup final, but he was never invited back to Wembley Stadium either.

Taking all those hardships and hurdles into consideration, the over-all record in those 16 Test series from 1907 to 2015 -- 14 Tests won, five drawn and 29 lost -- might not be too bad after all. The Kiwis have also won three (1975, 2000 and 2013) of their five World Cup fixtures against Britain or England after losing in 1960 and 1970. Since the 2005 Tri-Nations triumph, the Kiwis' two Four Nations games have both resulted in defeats (2009 and 2011). It is that trend which David Kidwell's players need to overturn at Huddersfield on Sunday morning (NZ time).

## Bennett Happy with Warm Up Win

**By John Coffey QSM**

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**N**EW ENGLAND head coach Wayne Bennett was satisfied with his team's 40-6 win over France at Avignon last weekend, though he added it was unlikely to influence his selections for the Four Nations match against the Kiwis at Huddersfield on Sunday (NZ time). After conceding the opening try to French interchange hooker Eloi Pelissier, England slipped away to a 22-6 halftime advantage and finished with a total of seven tries.

But French coach Aurelieu Cologni, who was making his international debut, also had cause to be content with what he had seen. The match was a sharp contrast to England's 84-4 romp at Leigh 12 months earlier, and Cologni felt a scoreline such as 28-6 would have been a fairer reflection. He was not overly impressed with some of the rulings by British referee Phil Bentham as England took control in the second and fourth quarters.

England did not score until the 25th minute, nor did it add to its lead in the first 28 minutes of the second half. Unfortunately from New Zealand's viewpoint, that was an indication of the stern workout that Bennett was hoping for. "They kept turning up, we just had better players, that's a fact of life," said Bennett, who denied England had disrespected their rivals by flying in an out of Avignon on match day and doing nothing to promote the Test.

Bennett gave five players their England debuts, was without captain Sam Burgess because of a one-match suspension incurred in South Sydney's last game of the NRL regular season, and rested Warrington prop Chris Hill and Wigan squad members Dan Sarginson, George Williams, Liam Farrell and John Bateman after they had all played in the Super League grand final two weeks earlier.

Powerful wing Ryan Hall extended his impressive Test record to 28 tries in 28 appearances by touching down twice in the first half. Interchange hooker Daryl Clark, prop Tom Burgess, and backs Kevin Brown, Jermaine McGillvary and Gareth Widdop also scored tries. Widdop converted six of them.

The only disappointing factor for Bennett was the head injury suffered by stand-in captain James Graham 10 minutes from fulltime, but there is no way the Canterbury Bulldogs pack leader will be missing from the clash with the Kiwis. "He's a bit sick in there," Bennett told journalists, "but the doctor says he should be okay." Graham will go through the motions of taking a midweek concussion assessment before his selection is confirmed.

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Bennett could field an entire NRL forward pack (and one on the bench) consisting of hooker Josh Hodgson, Graham, Whitehead, Mick Cooper and the three Burgess brothers, and it would surprise if all of them are not in the match day 17. Widdop is the only back with NRL experience in England's squad but Bennett can still call on the nucleus of the backline which featured in last year's Test series victory over the Kiwis.

Meanwhile, Ireland took a major step towards playing in the 2017 World Cup by beating Spain 46-6 in Valencia last weekend. Spain has now been eliminated, having earlier lost to Russia 40-6. That means Ireland needs only to draw with Russia at Bray on Sunday to qualify for the World Cup. The loser between Ireland and Russia receives a second chance through an elimination play-off with Italy or Wales in November.

In the other European pool, Italy was inspired by former Canberra Raiders and now Hull KR playmaker Terry Campese to outclass Serbia 62-14 at Belgrade. Serbia has been eliminated after previously losing to Wales. In Sunday's deciding match, Italy will have home ground advantage against Wales at Monza. The winner is assured of a World Cup start and the loser goes up against Ireland or Russia for the last qualifying spot.

## "Bishopdale Boy" in Headlines Again

By Bill Whithead QSM

**B**EN STOKES, once nurtured by parents Deb and former Kiwi Ged Stokes, when he played schoolboy Rugby League for Marist on Bishopdale Park, was the hero for England against Bangladesh.

The brilliant allrounder has kept the West Coast name of Stokes to the fore with his cricket feats lately.

Ben's grandfather Jim (played for Marist Greymouth and Christchurch and was in first four NZ Marist winning teams, two with each), and father Kiwi Gerard (to Aust with Ces Mountford's 1982 Kiwis) were both uncompromising forwards and his great grandfather, also Jim, was a popular Treasurer of West Coast Rugby League. He lived in Peel Street, Cobden next my uncle Abbie Clark (worked at Kitchinghams Bike Shop, Greymouth, and later Licencee of Junction Hotel at Inangahua, who I met many times in 1940s. A real talented sporting family.

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# Men of League

## By Barry Ross



**I** WAS ELATED to read Sir Peter's recent email, about League 4 Life. He is passionate about all aspects of our game and like everything he does, he leaves no stone unturned to make sure things get done. League 4 Life has already made a difference to the lives of several people and with men such as Sir Pete and Jim Doyle involved, this number will certainly increase.

For 15 years or more now, I have been involved with the Australian Men of League Foundation. Except for the office staff in Sydney and Brisbane, most work for this body is done on a voluntary unpaid basis. My expertise is the Men of League magazine which nowadays is published four times a year, while in the past there were six and sometimes eight issues annually.

The Men of League was established on 11 July 2002 after a meeting at the NSW Leagues Club in Sydney. Australian Team of the Century second rower, Ron Coote AM, was elected as the first President and he has continued as a leading administrator since this time. Ron is the current 2016 Chairman. Former first graders, Jim Hall and Max Brown were also heavily involved in the setting up of the meeting and establishment of the Men of League. Max was a Canterbury junior, who played 124 first grade games, mostly as a winger, with the Bulldogs then Manly, scoring 44 tries. Now 69, he also played in Manly's 1972 and 1973 Grand Final winning sides. Prop forward, Jim Hall, played 56 first grade matches with Canterbury, Penrith, the Roosters and South Sydney. Recently turned 70 years of age, Jim had a distinguished 18 year career with the NSW Police Force, before becoming a Lawyer. In 1998, he was the NRL Judiciary Commissioner, where his main job was to study the videos of all games and cite players, if he thought this was necessary.

Ron Coote, who turned 72 on Tuesday 25 October, has a fantastic playing record, followed by a successful business career, mainly with McDonald's Franchises. He captained Australia in three of his Tests, including the 1970 World Cup Final at Leeds when the Australia beat Great Britain 12-7 on 7 November. As well as 23 Tests, Ron played 14 matches for NSW, four with City Firsts, 151 first grade games with South Sydney and 106 first grade games with the Roosters. He won four Premierships with Souths and two with the Roosters under legendary coach, Jack Gibson. Mainly a lock forward in his 257 top grade games, he collected 87 tries. In the 1990s, he served on the NSWRL judiciary.

As at the end of the 2016 Australian season, the Men of League had more than 28,000 members. Over the years, around \$4.6 million has been spent helping the Rugby League family who have experienced some financial problems. The Men of League name was given to the organisation by Narelle Hughes, wife of former Bulldogs and NSW second rower, Graeme Hughes, who had used the name for a calendar she had published for several years.

Many former Test stars help out whenever they can. Team of the Century hooker, Noel Kelly (28 Tests), who turned 80 years of age earlier in the year, is one such man. At the Annual Men of League Gala Dinner on 19 July this year, Noel was deservedly given Life Membership of the Men of League. The Gala dinner is the Foundation's major fund raiser each year. In 2016, around 520 guests were in attendance when Darren Lockyer (59 Tests) was named, the Kangaroos captains captain. Lockyer was chosen from a list of finalists which included Keith Barnes (17 Tests), Arthur Beetson (28 Tests), Clive Churchill (37 Tests), Brad Fittler (40 Tests), Max Krilich (13 Tests), Graeme Langlands (45 Tests), Wally Lewis (34 Tests), Chris McKivat (5 Tests), Mal Meninga (46 Tests), Cameron Smith (45 Tests) and Ian Walsh (25 Tests). McKivat was a double international who toured Britain with the first Wallabies in 1908 and played four Rugby Tests before changing to League. He captained the second Kangaroos, which was an Australasian team, to England in 1911. Each year at the Gala dinner, there is a theme and in 2015, it was the greatest Australian halfbacks from the TV era. These included Andrew Johns (26 Tests), Johnathan Thurston (24 Tests), Cooper Cronk (15 Tests), Stacey Jones (46 Tests for New Zealand), Brett Kimmorley (20 Tests), Allan Langer (24 Tests), Ricky Stuart (9 Tests) and Barry Muir (25 Tests).

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