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Vodafone Warriors Win Against Knights in Season Opener



Albert Vete on the charge.



Roger Tuivasa Shek makes a break.



Ryan Hoffman scores a try.



Shaun Johnson on the run.



Solomone Kata celebrates his try with team mates.



Tuimoala Lolohea charging on.

Photos courtesy of www.photosport.nz



Isaiah Papalii and Nate Roache.



Ken, Issac and Tui arrive at Mt Smart.



Mt Smart before legions of fans arrived. Sorry if any of you got caught up in the ticket glitch.



Ray White coin toss winners with captains.



Sipley family at the game supporting Pat and Toafofoa.



Students from Te Wharekura O Mauao, Tauranga.

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At Last...

By David Kemey

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



IT JUST would not be a Warriors thing to do would it? You could have almost scripted it. A new season begins with a home game against the wooden-spooners from last year, and surely we would at last win on day one of the season.

The cruel and pessimistic, of which we are blessed among Warriors followers, would argue we made it incredibly hard on ourselves, were not this, were not that, lacked this etc.

I don't care.

We won.

I say you could have almost scripted it because we did win. How many of us would have been trooping out of Mt Smart had we lost with a "typical" coming off the lips?

I'm told it is the first time since 2009 we have won our first game of the year. Certainly I can't remember it.

But what really upset me was that we hosted a wedding at our place on Saturday and when I told my wife I had no intention of going to the family barbecue planned for the next day I got one of those looks that told me pretty quickly I was about to back down and could I pick up the mother-in-law on the way...

So I did not even get there to witness it.

I did immediately – bravely – demand the TV go on so I could watch a late Ryan Hoffman try get us home over the Knights 26-22. It was ugly.

I don't care.

We won.

All sorts of things got said at the end of the dismal season last year, and getting off to a winning start had to be the first hurdle.

Now we must back it up.

I actually don't care if we lose a few on the road, well, not as much anyway. What I care about is winning at home and giving the fans a reason to fill the seats, furious wives permitting.

I'll happily take the win, and despite the noise coming from new coach Stephen Kearney that all was not

as it should be, I suspect he will too.

Our second half showing was not what we wanted. You might have thought that scoring on the stroke of halftime – when conceding on the buzzer has been a habit for us – would have seen us kick on.

It took us to 20-8 but instead we clocked off.

To state the blindingly obvious, better will be required.

Before booking the grand final hotel it might pay to also remember the Knights were on an 18 game losing streak, though they showed plenty of girth and not a little skill of their own.

I don't care.

We won.

Inevitably some smartarse media soul pointed out we dropped the ball on the first tackle of our first set, dropped passes, spilled kicks, wellied our own out on the full, generally looked headless, then topped it all by allowing the Knights to score first.

You know how much of that will be remembered... none.

David Fusitua can take a bow, he was excellent at centre, with Solomone Kata, not bad either. Roger Tuivasa-Sheck showed some fine touches and Shaun Johnson was enjoying himself. But it was in the forwards where the questions were coming pre-season. Could we get momentum?

The jury might still be out, and certainly losing Issac Luke and Simon Mannering didn't help, but credit where it is due, there was plenty of intensity shown when the going got really tough.

Hoffman himself called the win a wake-up call. "We had a lapse and the Knights' capitalised. It was a good chance for us to realise we've got to be an 80-minute team."

At the end of the day, you know what?

I don't care.

We won.

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Bring On The Storm

You just can't please some people can you?

Friday night against the Storm.

Not minutes after winning game one, the callers were warning the Storm will offer far stiffer opposition this Friday night.

Yeah, and water is wet.

Sometimes I marvel how talkback sports guys can fill their shows, then at other times I realise the moaning bastards with Radio Sport on speed dial will always see them home.

Yes it was not brilliant, and yes we did get exposed at times, but take a look at a guy like Ryan Hoffman.

He has lost the captaincy to RTS, and he has already been told his services won't be required next year.

I have not always been his biggest fan, but he looked like a player who was never going to quit – and he didn't?

Kearney certainly noticed. "He came up with some telling tackles and big runs. Ryan's effort was really good. That epitomises him. He's a real pro and you saw that today."

Just because we are filled with a quiet optimism that somehow seems more realistic this time round, perhaps without the hype that tends to go with each new season, don't think this is going to be easy.

The simple fact is we took a look at ourselves and decided we need to do better.

Well newsflash - you think every other club didn't do the same.

An improved season is not going to be handed to us on a plate.

And that is something vice-captain Simon Mannering is already issuing warnings about.

"You always want to hit the ground but through the early rounds there's usually guys still finding their feet."

Mannering is now just three games away from topping Stacey Jones' 261 NRL appearances for us.

So when he talks you better listen – even if you are one of those miserable gits who call talkback all the time.



Vodafone Warriors v Storm THIS FRIDAY NIGHT!

5.30pm - Gates and Stacey Jones Lounge Open

5.45pm - NYC Kick Off

7.00pm - Head down to the Fun Zone to meet Warriors Players. Plus Facepainting and games

7.16pm - Ray White NRL Coin Toss

7.41pm - TShirt Canon Time!

8.05pm - The Vodafone Warriors take on the Melbourne Storm



In the Stacey Jones Lounge



Aaron, Cory and Wade with Monty Betham.



Ata Hingano speaks to the lounge post game.



Dennis O'Reilly from Gisborne wins a 9's jersey. That made the trip worth it, didn't it?



Caleb, Nicole and Jack all love the Warriors.



Calvin & Jeremy Wickenden from Hibiscus Coast who are members of the lounge with their dad Aaron.



Campbell and Luke two young Vodafone Warriors fans.



Courtney McGee from Canterbury with the Colemans.



Dave McKee from Christchurch winning his prize of a Vodafone phone, lucky chap!



Don Eagle (1956 New Zealand Olympian) and Bruce Castle Ex Kiwi captain.



Don Graeme presents Jonathan Coleman Minister of Health, and Minister for Sport and Recreation with a personalised jersey.



Frank Foster gives Sir Peter a hongi.



Jack and his dad Jonathan Coleman with Katie and Eru who drove up from Matamata.

In the Stacey Jones Lounge



Krisna, Putri, Edward and Frances - who has a tea shop in Mt Eden called Chapter. All big supporters.



Levi wins the tab draw he had \$50 on Shaun Johnson 1st try scorer.



Ligi Sao and Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad.



Marilyn Logan wins a 9's jersey.



Mark and Karen Spitz from Te Puke looking forward to a big year and great to be back in the Stacey Jones Lounge.



Nick Grey showing off the Wigan Warriors jersey he received that day.



Nytram speaks with Sir Peter.



Olly from Gore who loves the Stacey Jones Lounge.



Peter Taylor wins a Selley's BBQ cleaner and he is rapt.



Renea Wigan wins a phone charger.



Rosa from Timaru.



Sean from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with Michael and Kevin.

In the Stacey Jones Lounge



Sir Peter presents a Warriors jersey to Jack Coleman with his father Jonathan Coleman Minister of Health, and Minister for Sport and Recreation.



Steve with Lorna and a Selley's BBQ Cleaner.



The Colemans receive 2 jerseys a cap and the old favourite the Selley's BBQ PACK.



Tuimoala Lolohea speaks to lounge post game.



Lorraine and Zenny.



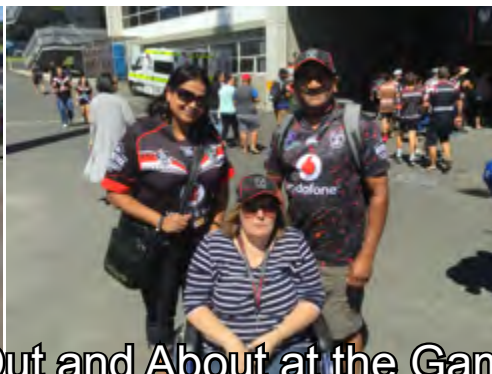
Zenny gets presented with a Vodafone Heritage Jersey.



Zenny talks with Sir Peter.



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Get Rid of the Handbags

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)



NOW THAT the NRL, and rugby league in general, have eliminated punching and the shoulder charge, and have insisted that seriously injured and concussed players leave the field, it is time to complete the cleaning up of the game by removing the unseemly sight of players racing from all quarters of the field to throw imaginary handbags at each other.

During rugby league's murky past feats of great courage and infamous fights were a major part of its folklore. In 1958 Great Britain captain Alan Prescott broke his right arm in the third minute of the second Test at Brisbane but, with team-mate David Bolton soon to be assisted off with a broken collarbone and no replacements permitted, he stayed on. Tackling and carrying the ball with one arm, Prescott inspired his side to a 25-18 victory. It was a story of bravery akin to that of Johnny Sattler, who played almost the entire 1970 Sydney grand final for Souths against Manly after his jaw had been shattered by a punch.

Punching was even used as a tactic during that era of no substitutes. Australian second-rower Dud Beattie suffered a serious shoulder injury in the third 1962 Test against Great Britain at Sydney. Aware that he would have to leave the field, Beattie provoked British loose forward Derek Turner into a fight. Turner was not known as Rocky for nothing and retaliated. Referee Darcy Lawler obliged by sending both men from the field. When an angry Turner belatedly realised he had been duped, he prodded and verbally abused Beattie as he was being carried to the ambulance. No doubt Beattie grinned all the way to the hospital. Australia won 18-17.

But the world, and rugby league, has changed, much to the regret of a diminishing number of ageing hard heads who still chant "bring back the biff" through their befuddled brains. There are now four reserves on the bench, interchanges, sideline doctors and other medical staff, concussion tests, automatic sin-bins for punching and suspensions for shoulder charges. In fact, they have gone too far and allowed assistant coaches disguised as water boys to infiltrate a field which should be the sole preserve of the players and match officials until an injury requires assistance to be provided.

The NRL had already stopped "water boys" being on the field marshalling the defence when their team is not in possession. Now they have instructed clubs that when in possession the water carriers must depart at the call of the fourth tackle. Presumably the referees will not be required to police that. More likely, someone will spend hours studying video replays of all matches to hit offending clubs with inconsequential fines when they transgress. How on earth will players cope if someone like Alfie Langer is not behind them counting the tackles and telling them when and where to kick on the sixth?

Having a coach disguised as a water boy calling the shots reminds me of the kids' games where an adult is stationed behind his players to remind big Bruiser to pass and not trample the small ones every time he gets the ball, or to tell little Lucy to refrain from sitting in the puddles making mud pies! Every NRL club is guilty and the incessant rotation of the boys in coloured tops is confusing to new fans and detracts from the overall spectacle. If necessary, let players re-hydrate after tries are scored and conversions are being taken. Anyone else feeling a trifle thirsty should have to seek water from the sideline.

Back to the handbags. First, the NRL should introduce mandatory sin-bins for players who throw the ball at opposing players because the inevitable result is a flurry of team-mates racing from far-flung outposts to support either the ball thrower or his target. When order is restored the captains are given a threatening lecture by a stern-looking referee. Yet we all know no action will be taken the next time it happens. But the players get a welcome breather and the water boys can come from all directions to hydrate them. Whatever happened to the slice of orange at halftime? That was enough for the game's first 100 years.

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Punching and brawls were outlawed because of fears the ever increasing number of women – mums and future mums – watching on television would be so horrified they would send their sons off to local soccer clubs. But most mums and future mums do not know the difference (from a distance) between a brawl where closed fists are being used and a heated pushing contest. Both involve a flailing of arms and angry expressions. So let's get serious about identifying the "third man in" and put him in the sin bin. The coaches will then quickly get the message through to their players as they did with the shoulder charges.

Footnote: Only a few months after Derek (Rocky) Turner was conned into being sent off in that 1962 Sydney test, his Wakefield Trinity club was the setting for filming a movie called *This Sporting Life* with the players hired as extras. Film director Lindsay Anderson told Turner he wanted realism in a scene where main character Frank Machin (played by actor Richard Harris) was scripted to lose seven teeth. Rocky did as he was told. When Harris came around the side of a scrum Turner knocked him out. Filming for the day had to be abandoned. But Turner's big hit undoubtedly helped Harris get an Oscar nomination for his performance.

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By Barry Ross



Charlie Gubb and Shaun Johnson during last weekends game against the Newcastle Knights. Photo www.photosport.nz

Impressive

I WAS IMPRESSED with the defence of Charlie Gubb against the Knights. Playing only his 30th first grade NRL game, the 26 year old made some great one-on-one tackles including a try saver in the 20th minute on Newcastle fullback, Dylan Phythian. This tackle was made about five metres out and the Newcastle man would have scored without Charlie's superb defensive effort. The Knights were leading 6-0 at the time and another try at this stage could have changed the result. Although he only played 43 minutes, Charlie was second on the tackle count with 34. Bunty Afoa also deserves plenty of credit for his non-stop 80 minute effort. He topped the tackle count with 37.

Many are saying the Warriors play was not too good but they won and to do this they had to come from behind after Nathan Ross had given the visitors a 22-20 lead with 15 minutes to go. Roger Tuivasa-Sheck was the man who provided the spark for the win when he calmly snapped up a grubber kick close to the line under pressure and returned it for more than 60 metres. He made 251 metres in his 21 runs, including seven tackle busts. This was a terrific effort in his first game for many months and augurs well for what he will provide during the rest of the year. Roger also handles the captaincy role well. The Storm in Auckland on Friday night, will not be easy but they can be beaten and will certainly miss their hard running forward, Jess Bromwich, who broke his thumb in the 12-6 win over the Bulldogs on Friday. As well as Bromwich's injury, three Storm players, Will Chambers, Cameron Munster and Cheyse Blair, have been charged with various offences after the Bulldogs game, but they probably will play against the Warriors. An interesting sidelight to Friday's clash will be whether Shaun Johnson, can score four or more points and so overtake, Stacey Jones' mark of 674 as the Warriors highest point scorer. After landing two goals in the 26-22 win over Newcastle, Shaun now has 671 points to his credit from his 126 games. Simon Mannering is not far behind another of Stacey's club records. The hard working forward played his 259th first grade NRL match against the Knights and is now just two games behind Stacey's 261 games. Let's hope Simon is ok to play on Friday night after his neck injury on Sunday that forced him to leave the field just eight minutes into the second half.

Fans will also be keen to see if Cameron Smith and Johnathan Thurston crack the 2,000 NRL points barrier this week end. The Australian captain will be in Auckland with the Storm and he now has 1,997 points (40 tries, 917 goals, 3 field goals) from his 336 NRL matches, while Thurston will be playing in the second match on Friday night, at Brisbane against the Broncos. Thurston has 1,999 points (85 tries, 822 goals, 15 field goals) from his 293 games.

Mason Lino, the 23 year old captain and halfback in the Warriors Intrust Super Premiership side was a stand-out in his team's 52-24 victory over the Knights. The team scored nine tries and Mason landed eight goals, as well as being the main man in attack. It was good to see this team begin their season with such a win.

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Keep your eye on the Kingstone Press League 1 this season, in the lower divisions of the English Rugby League, or as they call it, the RFL. Why should this interest us on the other side of the world? Because it includes the first Canadian Professional Rugby League side and this makes the competition a transatlantic one. The Toronto Wolfpack is based in Toronto Canada and the club's home ground is the 10,000 capacity Lamport Stadium. All of the Wolfpack players are fully professional, while the players in the opposing teams are semi professionals. Last Saturday, 4 March, the Wolfpack began their season with a 76-0 thrashing of the London Skolars. Former Great Britain captain and coach, Brian Noble is the Director of Rugby, while Paul Rowley, a former coach of the Leigh Centurions, is the Head Coach. The Wolfpack includes players from Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Tonga, the USA and Canada. The biggest name is Fuifui Moimoi, now 37, who played 201 first grade for Parramatta from 2004 to 2014, as well as 12 Tests for New Zealand and eight for Tonga. Against the Skolars, he scored three of the Wolfpack's 13 tries. The week before in a round one Challenge Cup game against Siddal from West Yorkshire, Moimoi was sent off in the 14-6 win. But, as he hadn't appeared before the judiciary, he was allowed to play against the Skolars. Stephen Wallace, a talented 23 year old versatile back from the Illawarra region in Australia, is another Wolfpack player. Wallace was a member of Dapto's team which defeated Western Suburbs by 28-16 in the Illawarra Grand Final at WIN Stadium on 11 September last year. Western Suburbs were coached by Brett Kimmorley (20 Tests), while Dapto included 30 year old Joel Reddy, son of Rod "Rocket" Reddy (17 Tests). Joel Reddy played 137 first grade games with Parramatta, the Wests Tigers and South Sydney.

Before I finish, I would like to explain a photo that was on my page last week but had no explanation to it. Due to an honest mistake the names of the men in the photo were omitted. There were two NSW detectives, Ian Kennedy and Barry Nelson, leading a handcuffed James, "Jockey" Smith, who was Australia's most wanted at the time, into Nowra courthouse in September 1977. Barry Nelson, now an active 85 years of age, played one game for NSW and 89 first grade games for the Bulldogs and Newtown back in the 1950s and 1960s and then went on to be President of the Bulldogs for 22 years. Ian Kennedy, now 69 won five, first grade rugby union Premierships as a player with the Randwick club and then went on to coach the Australian under 20s and the NSW Waratahs in Super Rugby. He also was the Lead Detective in one of Australia's most revulsive murders, the Anita Cobby case in February 1986.



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On Laurel Hubbard's Selection

By Miles Davis



TRANSGENDER WEIGHTLIFTER Laurel Hubbard deserves government and social support in adjusting to her life as a woman but her selection in the New Zealand weightlifting squad in the upcoming Australian International competition is a politically correct move which discriminates against other competitors.

The LGBT community has battled for decades against discrimination and prejudice and although steps have been taken to address this there still remains much to be done. Much of the prejudice is based on ignorance and fear and although legislation has been introduced to guarantee some basic human rights you cannot legislate against an individual's prejudices and the battle for social acceptance will sadly be ongoing.

The move to select Hubbard actually creates more resentment towards the transgender community rather than advancing their cause. She grew up as a man, gained the physical advantages of doing so, and along the way set national records as a male weightlifter. No matter her gender re-assignment and treatment to lower her testosterone levels she still maintains a big advantage over competitors who grew up as women. She has already set a clean and jerk record which is 10% greater than the previous record. That is a huge amount in the sport of weightlifting where every kilo is precious. Surely the advantage is not only obvious but blatantly unfair? This is bound to cause resentment to those who miss out on selection and those opponents who also suffer the same disadvantage. With the Australian International providing an opportunity for Commonwealth Games selection the issue is likely to get more contentious.

There seems to be a bit of pass-the-parcel going on as to responsibility for making the selection decision. Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand say they follow the policy of the International Olympic Committee and the International Weightlifting Federation and point to the fact that those bodies do not recognise any gender category other than male or female. There is no provision for transgender athletes. The New Zealand Olympic Committee, who oversee the Commonwealth Games team, say they will be guided by Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand.

It is obviously a sensitive situation and there is a need to balance human rights and fair sporting competition but I strongly feel that the pendulum has swung too far in this issue and fair competition has suffered.

Imagine the female athletes that have trained hard all their lives to excel in their field and then are suddenly overlooked for someone who entered the competition with an obvious advantage gained competing as a male for most of her life.

Laurel Hubbard is undoubtedly a woman and has the human right to be respected and supported in her decision. She does not however have a right to take part in sporting competition where she has an unfair advantage which will discriminate against her competitors. They also have rights which should be defended.

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Vale Malcolm 'Midge' Boyle, Fellow PRINZ

By Gerry Morris, PRINZ Fellow, Wellington

This is Gerry Morris' tribute to Malcolm Boyle, a former Auckland Marist player, Auckland Star sports writer, public relations consultant and rugby league enthusiast who went on to become a co-owner of the Warriors.

MY LASTING memory of Malcolm is a person larger than life in every respect. Besides guiding the careers and shaping the thought processes of a multitude of PR practitioners in New Zealand and overseas, he had that rare gift of being able to take people along with him, with humour.

Professionally, Malcolm was my boss for four years, first at Baldwin Boyle in Wellington in the early 90s and later at Porter Novelli. However, I first met him on Carlaw Park in 1973.

It was rugby league of course, Auckland Marist were playing Greymouth Marist at the annual Marist league tournament. We got beat, not by much and 'Midge' Boyle played in the forwards with three Kiwis and a NZ boxing champion on the wing, Eddie Wulf.

The lasting memories for me include the wonderful socialising at Trillos with Malcolm and his teammates, where a Greymouth teammate famously ate a goldfish. On the field, it was the gap I burst through near their line about to score, then to be flattened from behind by the then Kiwi captain, Tony Krilitich.

Happy memories shared with Malcolm every time we had a beer.

Professionally, he was a respected advisor to his clients and once was putting his pads on ready to bat in an Auckland Saturday afternoon cricket match, only to have to rush from the crease to fly to Wellington, summoned by then BNZ CEO, Lindsay Pyne.

His Sir Edmund Hillary work was a benchmark for patriotic passion and love for his country. Between us and with the help of a design company, we got close to renaming Auckland International Airport, Sir Edmund Hillary Airport. I still have the presentation as it remains a fine piece of proactive, but failed work.

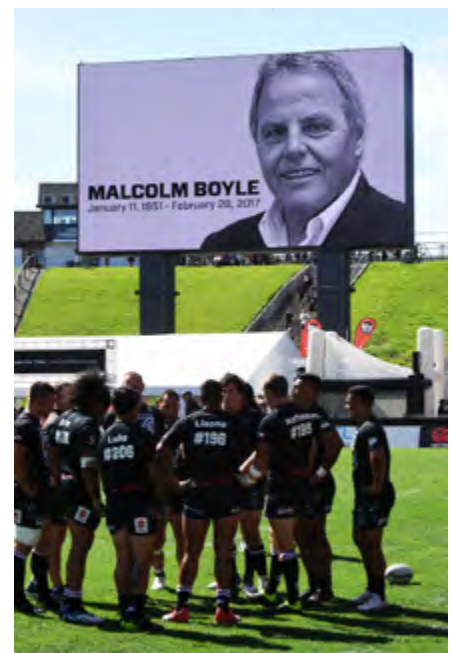
Two leagueies trying to change the name of New Zealand's pre-eminent airport? Yeah, right.

Working as part of the BBG team on the Alliance Group restructuring in Invercargill in 1991, where we had to announce a \$141m loss, closure of two processing plants in Bluff and Kaiapoi and the loss of 1,100 jobs, the strains of being based in Invercargill away from my young family for three months were recognised by Malcolm.

He often scoffed at my failure to attend the league's mecca of a grand final in Sydney where he led an annual pilgrimage of his Auckland mates. Out of the blue, he presented me with a full package of tickets and accommodation for my family of five to attend the September 1991 final as recognition of my commitment to the Alliance job.

PR consulting is one of the toughest gigs on the planet and we like to think we are all immune to stress. Personally, I believe Malcolm did not deserve his lingering illness as he had done so much for others, both inside and outside the industry, especially in league circles.

If there is one positive that is his legacy to me, it is to capture the complete picture of what you are advocating in the intro to a media release. His Auckland Star days had him tuned up on this which he ensured his workmates were so tuned as well.



The tribute to Malcolm at the Vodafone Warriors vs Knights game.



By Ben Francis

Success For The Warriors Won't Happen Overnight

Warriors captain Roger Tuivasa-Sheck leads his team out
Photo www.photosport.nz

UNFORTUNATELY I was unable to attend Sunday's match at Mount Smart Stadium, but it wasn't all bad as I got paid to watch the match as I was doing live updates on the game at Newshub.

In the moments leading up to the game I was looking on social media and lots of fans were excited, and could not wait for the season to start.

Sadly 20 minutes into the match many fans appeared mad, angry and were disrespectful towards the team after things were not going the Warriors way.

Seeing these comments defiantly did irritate me being a passionate fan as it was only the first game of the season and things are never perfect, even when you are facing the team coming off their worst season in club history.

This was the first game of the season, and Warriors were never going to be perfect but sadly it seemed fans were expecting perfection right from kickoff.

The Knights are a different team to last year and the players and coaches told us this during the week.

"You can't compare the side which will run out for them on Sunday to the side which represented them last year," said Shaun Johnson.

Stephen Kearney also said you can't underestimate the Knights during the week.

"We need to make sure we get our game right and have a real respect for Newcastle and what they can do," said Kearney.

Take a look at the All Blacks, all 15 players who take the field are arguably the best in the world at their position and are they perfect at the start of their season?

No, after the first Test of every year we always say how rusty they looked.

I know Warriors fans have been waiting over 20 years, but let's be realistic, 20 years is nothing. The Sharks had to wait 50, and considering the state the club was in only three years ago - it's incredible to see what they did.

Even the Chicago Cubs who had to wait 108 years for another title. That's right 108 years!

It's one game into the new season with a new coach, a new system, a new captain and a new culture.

We have to respect things take time, and we are not going to turn into a championship team with the click of a finger, but Sunday's four point win is defiantly a step in the right direction.

Shearing is a Sport... Definitely

By Shane Hurndell
Hawkes Bay Today Sports Reporter



THERE'S A regular debate in our Hawke's Bay Today newsroom ... is shearing a sport or not? Our sports editor Anendra Singh will always push the negative on this topic despite presenting Cam Ferguson with his Hawke's Bay Sportsperson of the Year award and posing for a photo with him after Ferguson won his world title in Wales in 2010. The rest of us including Shearing Sports New Zealand media whiz Doug Laing, yes the same bloke who was Rugby League Hawke's Bay secretary back in the early 90s, will argue the positive and rightly so.

There's a strong chance Hawke's Bay's third world shearing individual champion (Rowland Smith won the title in Ireland three years ago) John Kirkpatrick will win the Hawke's Bay Sportsperson of the Year award at the May 20 function in the wake of his success in Invercargill on February 11. Kirkpatrick's toughest competition for the award is likely to come from Olympians, rower Emma Twigg, kayaker Aimee Fisher and cyclist Regan Gough, who all finished out of the medals in Rio.

Should Kirkpatrick prevail over such a talented field that should be evidence enough for Singh to join the majority in the newsroom. Laing is also considering nominating the Kirkpatrick family team for the team section of the Hawke's Bay Sports Awards function and it should at least make the list of finalists.

Like Ferguson, Kirkpatrick, 46, is a former Ngati Kahungunu Sportsperson of the Year award winner. In addition to winning the individual title at Invercargill's ILT Stadium Kirkpatrick claimed a third World teams title, this time with Invercargill shearer Nathan Stratford.

His first world individual title was the pinnacle of a 20-year career.

"I have been chasing it all around the world so to win in New Zealand is such an honour and nothing can beat that feeling of winning in front of a home crowd," Kirkpatrick said after returning home from Invercargill.

His high fitness levels would almost match those of the Olympians listed above. Seven years ago Kirkpatrick conceded little when kickboxing training with his son, two-time world age group rugby champion and former Blues and Hurricanes pivot Daniel Kirkpatrick.

The older Kirkpatrick's training sessions are still just as intense and providing his body lets him fans can expect to see him in action at the next World Championships in France in 2019. Kirkpatrick's daughter Angela Stevens won the All Nations Senior woolhandling title in Invercargill and her husband Ricci was fifth in the All Nations Senior shearing final.

Smith's feats at the weekend were almost enough to suggest he could join the likes of Kirkpatrick, Gough, Twigg and Fisher among those May 20 finalists. The 30-year-old won his fourth Golden Shears Open title, his first National all-breeds title and spearheaded a New Zealand test match win over Australia in Masterton.

On July 24 he will tackle the World eight hours strongwool ewes record of 605 in Cornwall, England. Should he tick this off Smith could be a finalist at the Hawke's Bay Sports awards next year.

There's definitely a strong sporting side to one of the toughest ways people can make a living in New Zealand. Kirkpatrick and his wife Raylene started a new shearing contracting business last year.

Ricci Stevens runs one of their gangs. His father-in-law tells him and his shearers to shear in the shearing sheds as they would at a show.

If their work is considered training for their shows the commitment levels are just as high as a professional league or union player who are also definitely sports people.



John Kirkpatrick with his trophy.



High-Tackle Holloway... I'll give ya the tip mate!

By John Holloway

The dust settles on round 1...

WELL TIP-WISE for the old High-Tackle it was a pass mark only just with 5 out of 8. The Dragons thrashing of the highly rated Panthers result I still don't believe, The Blue Mountain boys need to get their mojo back and soon They have the roster but were too disjointed in this first up hitout.

The Tigers bashing of Souths likewise I never saw coming one of those days when the Westies put it all together and were well assisted by the Bunnies playing like Bunnies. The Rabbitohs were innocuous and will become even more so with Inglis on the casualty list now. My Wellington based mate Dale will be jumping off Mt Victoria. ... the Storm/Bulldogs I just got it wrong, the game itself unlike all of the others was a bit of a bore-fest apart from the bits of biff that broke out. Big unit Doggie Klemmer seems a bit of a loose cannon that was easily riled by Smithys Stormtroopers. I reckon the early contenders for the "real Deal" tag that have emerged after round 1 look like The bucking Broncos, True grit Thurston's Cowboys, the rampant Roosters and the energetic Eels with loser-pants Rickys Raiders and Sharks still on the Radar.

The Broncos have come out bucking straight into the groove with Bennetts usual professional approach apparent. They got a start on Gallens gallopers and withstood the Shireboys second half comeback. Perpetual motion Thurston was everywhere and everything for the Cowboys. An incredible effort to drag out the W over the high octane offence of the Green Machine. Some bolshy push n shove in this as well with big Bopper centre leilua lucky to escape the "punching march" May not be so lucking with the citing police. The Bondi Boys underlined their high promise 2017 rating with the Pearce/Keary pairing coming up trumps. Latrelle Mitchell gets better and better and Michael Gordon looks like an asset at the back. Ignore the Roosters at your peril mate. The Titans fired a few shots but don't look a big chance just yet, Hayne was a bit quiet and pivot Elgey fell short of his accolades but he and Taylor will get better. I like the look of The Parramatta mob with bustling Flyer Bevan French a big danger trading off defence magnets Radradra and Mickey Jennings and schemers Nimble Norman and the gutsy Gutherson. The Forward pack is hard as nails around Mean Manu Mau, bad Beau Smith and the hard running Moeroa / Matangi duo. They will trouble plenty. The Sea Eagles looked good but only in patches with the Trbojevic kids, DCE and Kapow Tapau still winding up.

Right to the main game The Mighty Warriors at Mt Smart I gotta say the White lady Big Burger just about pipped them for highlight of the day!! Yeah ok I was happy to get the points but for many at the game there was the sour taste of "Dejavue" around the 66th minute mark when Nathan Ross took the visitors to the lead. Thank god for the cool captain TVS and the strong running of triple try scorer David Fusitua mind you two of his runs were less than a metre but still showed style and the ability to be in the right place. So as it happened we got out of jail but it was noted that we certainly went down a defensive notch when the Tackle-meister Mannering left the field for the second half. With an improved Isaac Luke also a defector the security fell to pieces.but ok well take the win. Coach Mooks was naturally relieved in the after-match and was able to define a few positives.

As the Drifters sang... Fri nite at 8 o'clock I know where Im gonna be... im a gonna pick my baby up and take her to the footy with meeee !!

The Storm are coming be there at the Fortress with your Game gears on to cheer the mighty Warriors home.

And my rock solid win picks this week

ROOSTERS / WARRIORS / BRONCOS / TITANS / SEA EAGLES / RAIDERS / TIGERS / EELS

Kia Kaha faithful.



By Miles Davis

Motu Tony

Motu Tony on the 10th May 2003. New Zealand Warriors vs Paramatta Eels. The Warriors won 18-16. Photo www.photosport.nz

MOTU TONY started his rugby league life at De La Salle College going on to play for the school's first XIII. After a spell with Marist Saints in the ARL (also in the guise of Marist Richmond Brothers in the Bartercard Cup) he was picked up by the Vodafone Warriors in 2001.

He made his debut against St George Illawarra and managed to make an immediate impression, dotting down in a 34-8 win. He went on to make 19 appearances that season, scoring 10 tries, as the Vodafone Warriors made their first appearance in the play-offs.

The next season was an even better one for Tony as he guided the Vodafone Warriors from his position at five-eighth to the minor premiership before going on to make the Grand Final (we won't mention the result of that game so we can keep this article cheerful). In the Preliminary Final he once again managed to cross the line in a tight 16-10 win over the Cronulla Sharks. 2003 was Tony's last season with the Warriors and they made it to within 1 game of another Grand Final before going down 28-20 to the Penrith Panthers.

2004 was a mixed bag of a year. After signing for the Brisbane Broncos he played just 3 games (scoring 2 tries) before heading to the UK and signing for Castleford. When the Tigers were relegated at the end of the season, Tony was snapped up by Hull and managed to go one better than he had with the Warriors, winning the 2005 Challenge Cup Final in a thrilling 25-24 win against Leeds Rhinos in front of a crowd of over 74,000 at Cardiff's Millenium Stadium. Tony played at full-back in that game and scored Hull's first try (Vodafone Warriors coach Stephen Kearney was also part of that Hull side as was Richard Swain).

2005 was also a special year for Tony as a Kiwi international as he and his team-mates won the Tri-Nations (this time playing at Hooker), thrashing Australia 24-0 in the final (if you want to know any stories

about that tournament just ask Sir Mad Butcher as he was the manager and counts it amongst the great moments of his life).

2006 saw Tony and Hull excel again, making it to the Super League Grand Final (this time he was playing on the wing. Whilst at Hull he also played centre and half-back. Is there no end to this man's versatility???) before going down 26-4 to St Helens at Old Trafford in front of another massive crowd of over 72,000.

In 2010 Tony switched codes to Rugby Union and joined Hull RFC before switching back again later that year joining the Wakefield Trinity Wildcats.

After retiring from the game he returned to Hull RLFC in 2013 this time as their manager of football. Upskilling himself he completed an MBA at Huddersfield University in 2014. His responsibilities at Hull include securing of new talent. In that capacity he comes back to New Zealand once a year on the lookout for prospects. Firstly he has to sell Hull as a destination (although mocked frequently by Poms, Hull has always been a welcoming home and much loved by many Kiwi league players over the years) and also compete with many other rugby outfits who have bigger budgets.

Tony is very much at home in the UK, with 3 of his children being born there, and although he may well return to NZ one day Hull is very much his focus "I've got a job here to do. I want to win here and then who knows what the next step is...maybe after the [2017] World Cup." If Tony can bring Hull the success he enjoyed then the locals are in for some good times.

Listen to radio highlights of Hull's great win in 2005 Challenge Cup Final: <http://bit.ly/2mfFSMB>

Visual highlights of the Motu's big day in 2005 (musical audio no commentary): <http://bit.ly/2n7MURc>

Has Rugby Caught a Hospital Pass from League?

By John Deaker



IT'S BEEN a source of great amusement to league fans in recent years the amount of innovations that the 13 man game has introduced only for rugby union to adopt the same systems many years later. In particular these have often related to the use of technology.

For 2017 Super rugby has adopted another of league's systems. The referee is now encouraged to make an on-field call of 'Try' or 'No Try'. The TMO then looks for evidence that might contradict this decision. This has been the case in rugby league for many years now.

It's going to be interesting to watch if this improves Super rugby because this system has created an unnecessary problem in rugby league at times.

The positive (for both bodes) is that it simplifies the contact between the referee on the field and the video ref. It also gives some power back to the on-field referee that some people believe has been taken away.

However, the biggest problem with this system is that the Video Ref doesn't address each situation presented to him with an open-mind. This system ensures that most of the times he rules on a try he's influenced by the on-field referee's decision – a call that is usually made in real-time with only one angle.

The video ref gets to see many angles at many speeds – a much better view than the on-field referee. So why would you CREATE a system that leans the video referee one way or the other before he's even watched one of his many replays!?

One of the many areas where this system has created an unnecessary problem for video refs in league has been the grounding of the ball.

Only time will tell whether this change to rugby will make Super rugby better or not and people's opinion on its success will be influenced by how much they like technology's involvement in all sport.

One thing for sure is that this won't be the first or the last time that league will adopt a system that they've seen in place in the 13-man code.

The system I'd most like to see rugby copy off league is the use of two referees. Currently the touch-judges in rugby contribute hardly anything positive despite claiming to be 'Assistant referees' (not touch-judges) these days. In particular they don't seem to help with keeping teams backlines on-side and this is one of the biggest obstacles to making rugby more enjoyable to play and watch.

One referee being responsible for the off-sides the whole time could be huge for rugby and would allow the main referee to rule more accurately on rugby's toughest area to referee on: the breakdown. The cynic would suggest that a second ref might make too much sense though. Rugby might already be eying up another rule change that could cause even more complications and problems for the game that was meant to be played in heaven!

Tickets for the exciting third round battle between the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs and the New Zealand Warriors are now on sale. The match will be held at Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin, on Friday 17 March – St

Patrick's Day. This is the first in-season NRL match to be held at the Stadium and as well as Kieran Foran's first game for the Warriors. Don't miss out, get your tickets now from www.ticketmaster.co.nz

If you would like to be part of a suite, or host in your own personal corporate suite, contact Tania Good for further details tania.good@dunedinvenues.

Sir Peter and Lady Janice will be at the game!



West Coast Rugby League Season Completes First Round

By Brad Tacon

THE WEST Coast Rugby League season has just completed its first round of Premier club football. In a move which saw the clubs asking the board for an earlier start to the season for better playing conditions, during the traditional winter months the coast can receive up to an average of 2000 – 3000mm of rain which makes for very unpleasant playing conditions, also the move would avoid the clash with union which is always played on a Saturday, and then league had the after effects of that on the Sunday causing teams to field very weak and understrength sides. To the boards credit they agreed with the clubs requests and the 2017 competition kicked off on Feb 18th

The four team Premier competition is comprised of teams from Cobden, Suburbs, Waro- Rakau, and a combined side from Brunner and Runanga.

Hokitika and Marist are other clubs affiliated to West Coast Rugby League at Schoolboy Level

Week 1 results

Suburbs 68 vs Cobden 12, Waro-Rakau 28 Vs Brun/ Run 30

Week 2

Suburbs 50 Vs Waro- Rakau 12

Cobden 18 Vs Brun/Run 58

Week 3

Suburbs 38 Vs Brun/ Run 30

Waro-Rakau 42 Vs Cobden 6

At the end of 2016 there were 110 players playing premiere football (4Teams), 60 playing in the under 18 grade (3Teams), 400 playing in the schoolboys & girls grade (33 Teams).

Despite the local economic battle we are all facing here on the coast and good football families moving out of the Coast district West Coast Rugby League remain positive with some great talent coming through the grades at age group level.

Jnr Schoolboy player of the year – Mac Gibson (Waro-Rakau)

Snr Schoolboy player of the year – Mason Hunt (Brunner)

Griffin Neame – 3 year contract with North Queensland

Brad Campbell – Currently playing in the Ruben Wiki cup in Auckland

West Coast premier players continuing to gain South Inland representative teams

The West Coast Rugby League has a proud history throughout New Zealand and although West Coast may not be the powerhouse it once was the many volunteers throughout the coast still put a huge amount of effort into their players and clubs to keep the best game of all alive and well for future players of our great game.





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- It's quickly become a rivalry for the ages and this weekend's Broncos v Cowboys match is no different – **Matt Scott** and **Matt Gillett** talk to *Big League* about making a statement early in the season with a big win over their nemesis.
- **Shannon Boyd** almost gave the game up a couple of years ago but with a final opportunity courtesy of **Ricky Stuart**, he's become one of the premiere props in the game – and he'll do anything to make sure his coach is repaid.
- **Cameron Smith** and **Johnathan Thurston** have almost reached 2,000 career points to join Hazem El Masri, Andrew Johns and Jason Taylor on the list of all-time greats. But our columnist Andrew Voss thinks another name should be added to the list – Parra legend **Mick Cronin**.
- Plenty is believed about the **Warriors** – that they aren't mentally tough, are perennially unsuccessful and should do better with the rosters at their disposal. But how much of that is actually true? *Big League* investigates.
- And our new columnist, premierships-winner **Michael Ennis**, says **Clint Gutherson's** great form at no.6 has proved him wrong about his playmaking ability.

PLUS... We remember the **Top 8 best teenage seasons**, The Analyst runs the numbers on the **Roosters' resurgence** and a **Gareth Widdop** poster.



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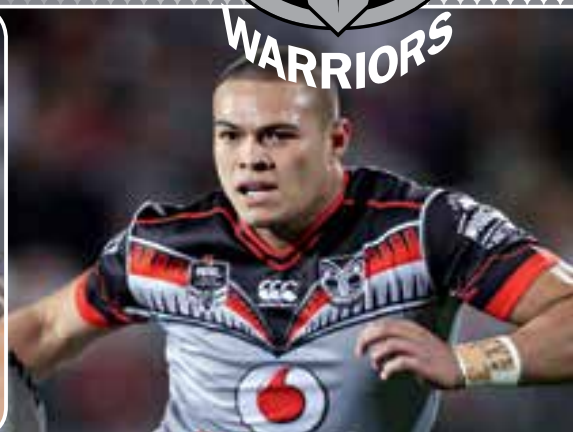
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COACH

STEPHEN KEARNEY

Born: June 11, 1972, Paraparaumu, NZ
Appointed Position: 2017
Previous Appointments: Melbourne Assistant Coach (2006-10), New Zealand coach (2008-16), Parramatta Head Coach (2011-12), Brisbane Assistant Coach (2013-16)
Playing Record: 45 Tests for New Zealand (1993-2004), 264 first grade games for Western Suburbs (1992-94), Warriors (1995-98), Melbourne (1999-04), Super League: Hull FC (2005)
Premiership Coaching Record: Games 42, Wins 10, Draws 1, Losses 31. Win Percentage: 23.8%
Premierships: Nil
Finals Series: Nil
Coaching Achievements: Four Nations (New Zealand, 2010, 2014), World Cup (New Zealand, 2008)



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CAPTAIN

ROGER TUIVASA-SHECK

Pronunciation: Too-ee-var-sar
Born: June 5, 1993, Apia, Samoa **Junior Club:** Otahuhu Leopards **Position:** Fullback **Height:** 182cm **Weight:** 93kg
Rep Honours: 11 Tests NZ ('13-15), WC ('13) **Prev Clubs:** Syd Roosters ('12-15)
First Grade Debut: Syd Roosters v Gold Coast, Allianz Stadium, 27/07/2012 (Rd 21) **Club FG Debut:** v Wests Tigers, Campbelltown Sports Stadium, 05/03/2016 (Rd 1)



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Player Information	Club Statistics					2016 Season Statistics										Career Statistics				
Name	App	T	G	FG	Pts	App	T	G	FG	Pts	Run/G	Mtr/G	Tack/G	L/Brk	Off/L	App	T	G	FG	Pts
Buntly Afoa	4	2	0	0	8	4	2	0	0	8	7.5	69	26.5	2	0	4	2	0	0	8
Matthew Allwood	7	4	0	0	16	4	1	0	0	4	8.3	68.7	7	1	0	18	5	0	0	20
Blake Ayshford	22	8	0	0	32	22	8	0	0	32	7.7	73.9	14.3	8	8	146	42	0	0	168
Kieran Foran	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	4	9.1	76.8	21.1	2	1	156	35	4	0	148
David Fusitu'a	33	20	0	0	80	18	11	0	0	44	13.1	136	5.4	14	2	33	20	0	0	80
James Gavet	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	7.2	67.1	17.9	0	3	24	1	0	0	4
Charlie Gubb	29	1	0	0	4	14	1	0	0	4	5.9	49.5	15.9	2	3	29	1	0	0	4
Ata Hingano	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	4.0	37.1	10	1	0	2	0	1	0	2
Ryan Hoffman	41	5	0	0	20	23	2	0	0	8	12.9	110.7	22.2	4	22	286	64	0	0	256
Shaun Johnson	125	55	220	7	667	24	10	42	1	125	9.3	67.1	16.1	15	18	125	55	220	7	667
Solomone Kata	45	27	0	0	108	21	15	0	0	60	11.6	116.5	8.3	16	4	45	27	0	0	108
Jacob Lillyman	167	6	0	0	24	22	1	0	0	4	12.0	106	27.4	1	3	229	9	0	0	36
Sam Lisone	40	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	9.3	81.7	16	1	7	40	0	0	0	0
Tuimoala Lolohea	48	16	18	0	100	22	5	5	0	30	10.4	94.5	3.6	14	14	48	16	18	0	100
Issac Luke	20	3	28	0	68	20	3	28	0	68	8.9	75.1	30.6	4	24	208	39	263	0	482
Simon Mannering	258	58	0	0	232	22	5	0	0	20	11.3	90	47.4	4	13	258	58	0	0	232
Ben Matulino	196	16	0	0	64	23	1	0	0	4	13.4	116.9	28.6	1	22	196	16	0	0	64
Ken Maumalo	18	2	0	0	8	10	1	0	0	4	14.4	123.7	3.6	1	5	18	2	0	0	8
Nathaniel Roache	11	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	3.3	30.6	13.2	1	1	11	0	0	0	0
Ligi Sao	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4.5	41.2	10	0	0	23	2	0	0	8
Jazz Tévaga	11	1	0	0	4	11	1	0	0	4	6.0	47.5	23.5	0	4	11	1	0	0	4
Bodene Thompson	39	12	0	0	48	18	6	0	0	24	9.7	87.9	38.1	8	16	124	28	0	0	112
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck	7	1	0	0	4	7	1	0	0	4	18.3	175.7	1.6	1	4	91	29	0	0	116
Manu Vatuvei	225	152	0	0	608	15	6	0	0	24	12.5	122	3.6	7	9	225	152	0	0	608
Albert Vete	36	4	0	0	16	15	2	0	0	8	9.3	83.7	17.9	2	26	36	4	0	0	16

NOTE: Statistics apply to NRL first grade only.

2016 BEST PERFORMERS

(Must have played 5 games)

Most Average Minutes

Ryan Hoffman 81.0
David Fusitu'a 80.7
Solomone Kata 80.6

Most Effective Tackle %

Simon Mannering 94.4%
Nathaniel Roache 93.5%
Ben Matulino 93.1%

Most Average Tackles

Simon Mannering 47.4
Bodene Thompson 38.1
Issac Luke 30.6

Most Metres Per Game

Roger Tuivasa-Sheck 175.5
David Fusitu'a 136.0
Ken Maumalo 123.7

Most Average Runs

Roger Tuivasa-Sheck 18.3
Ken Maumalo 14.4
Ben Matulino 13.4

Most Try Assists

Shaun Johnson 18
Tuimoala Lolohea 9
Blake Ayshford 8

Most Line-breaks

Solomone Kata 16
Shaun Johnson 15
David Fusitu'a 14

Most Line-break assists

Shaun Johnson 24
Tuimoala Lolohea 11
Blake Ayshford 9

Top Goalkeepers (%)

Ata Hingano 100%
Issac Luke 82.4%
Shaun Johnson 73.7%

Top Goalkeepers (Made)

Shaun Johnson 42
Issac Luke 28
Tuimoala Lolohea 5

Field Goals

Shaun Johnson 1



DAVID FUSITU'A



SOLOMONE KATA

WARRIORS

PLAYER PROFILES

BUNTY AFOA

Pronunciation: Ar-fur-ah
Born: August 20, 1996, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Pt Chevalier Pirates
Position: Prop
Height: 188cm **Weight:** 101kg
Rep Honours: 1 Test Samoa (2016)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Gold Coast, Mt Smart Stadium, 02/07/2016 (Rd 17)

MATTHEW ALLWOOD

Born: November 16, 1992, Scone, NSW
Junior Club: Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
Position: Centre/Wing
Height: 185cm **Weight:** 93kg
Rep Honours: Nil
Previous Clubs: Canberra (2014)
First Grade Debut: Canberra v Parramatta, North Queensland, 1300SMILES Stadium, 08/03/2014 (Rd 1)
Club FG Debut: v Brisbane, Mt Smart Stadium, 29/03/2015 (Rd 4)

RYAN HOFFMAN

Born: January 26, 1984, Woden Valley, ACT
Jnr Club: Campbelltown Collegians
Position: Second Row
Height: 192cm **Weight:** 105kg
Rep Honours: 14 games NSW (07-08, '13-15), 6 Tests Aust ('07-09, '12, '14), NRL AS ('16), Four Nats ('09, '14), City ('06-07, '09-10, '12-14), PM's XII ('14)
Prev Clubs: Melbourne ('03-10, '12-14), Wigan ('11)
FG Debut: Melb v Manly, B'vale, 20/04/03 (Rd 6)
Club Debut: v Newcastle, Hunter, 07/03/15 (Rd 1)

SHAUN JOHNSON

Born: September 9, 1990, Auckland, NZ
Junior Clubs: Hibiscus Coast Raiders/Northcote Tigers
Position: Halfback/Five-Eighth
Height: 179cm **Weight:** 91kg
Rep Honours: 20 Tests NZ (2012-16), Four Nations (2014, 2016), World Cup (2013), NRL All Stars (2013)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Sydney Roosters, SFS, 04/06/2011 (Rd 13)

BLAKE AYSHFORD

Born: April 15, 1988, Paddington, NSW
Junior Club: Paddington Tigers/Coogee Wombats
Position: Centre
Height: 190cm **Weight:** 100kg
Rep Honours: Nil
Prev Clubs: Cronulla (2014-15), Wests Tigers (2009-13)
First Grade Debut: Wests Tigers v Brisbane, C'belltown Sports Stad., 22/05/2009 (Rd 11)
Club FG Debut: v Wests Tigers, C'belltown Sports Stad., 05/03/2016 (Rd 1)

KIERAN FORAN

Born: July 13, 1990, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Ellerslie Eagles/Asquith Magpies
Position: Five-Eighth/Halfback
Height: 180cm
Weight: 90kg
Rep Honours: 20 Tests NZ (09-15), NRL All Stars ('13-15), Four Nats (09, '11, '14), WC ('13)
Prev Clubs: Parramatta ('16), Manly ('09-15)
FG Debut: Manly v Canberra, Brookvale Oval, 21/06/2009 (Rd 15)
Club FG Debut: Yet to play for the Warriors

SOLOMONE KATA

Pronunciation: Sor-lor-mar-neh
Kar-tar Born: December 3, 1994, Nelaifu, Tonga
Junior Club: Howick Hornets
Position: Centre
Height: 177cm **Weight:** 97kg
Rep Honours: 5 Tests NZ (2016), 4 Tests Tonga (2014-16), Four Nations (2016)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Newcastle, Hunter Stadium, 07/03/2015 (Rd 1)

JACOB LILLYMAN

Born: March 7, 1984, Richmond, Old
Junior Club: Richmond Tigers
Position: Prop
Height: 182cm
Weight: 105kg
Rep Honours: 13 games Old (2006-08, 2011, 2014-16)
Previous Clubs: Nth Old (2003, 2005-08)
First Grade Debut: Nth Old v Newcastle, Dairy Farmers Stadium, 09/08/2003 (Rd 22)
Club FG Debut: v Parramatta, Mt Smart Stadium, 14/03/2009 (Rd 1)

DAVID FUSITU'A

Pronunciation: Fooss-ee-too-ah
Born: October 16, 1994, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Marist Saints
Position: Fullback/Centre/Wing
Height: 189cm **Weight:** 97kg
Rep Honours: 2 Tests NZ (2016), Four Nats (2016), 1 Test Tonga (2016)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v St George Illawarra, Eden Park, 15/03/2014 (Rd 2)

JAMES GAVET

Pronunciation: Gar-vay Born:
Born: October 19, 1989, Sydney, NSW
Junior Club: Richmond Rovers
Position: Prop
Height: 189cm
Weight: 108kg
Rep Honours: 1 Test Samoa (16)
Prev Clubs: Brisbane ('15), Wests Tigers ('14), Canterbury ('12)
FG Debut: Canterbury v Brisbane, ANZ Stad., 12/08/12 (Rd 23)
Club FG Debut: v Wests Tigers, Campbelltown Sports Stad., 05/03/2016 (Rd 1)

SAM LISONE

Pronunciation: Lee-sar-neh
Born: February 19, 1994, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Otahuhu Leopards
Position: Prop
Height: 184cm **Weight:** 104kg
Rep Honours: 2 Tests Samoa (2015-16), Junior Kiwis (2014)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Newcastle, Hunter Stadium, 07/03/2015 (Rd 1)

TUIMOALA LOLOHEA

Pronunciation: Too-ee-mor-ar-lah
Lor-lor-nee-ah Born: January 23, 1995, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Marist Saints
Position: Utility
Height: 177cm **Weight:** 89kg
Rep Honours: 1 Test NZ (2015), 1 Test Tonga (2015)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Manly, Mt Smart Stadium, 27/07/2014 (Rd 20)

CHARLIE GUBB

Born: May 17, 1990, Wellington, NZ
Junior Club: University Hunters
Position: Prop
Height: 188cm **Weight:** 107kg
Rep Honours: Queensland Residents (2012)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v South Sydney, nib Stadium, Perth, 07/07/2013 (Rd 17)

ATA HINGANO

Pronunciation: Ar-tar Hing-ar-nor
Born: March 11, 1997, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Pakuranga Jaguars
Position: Five-Eighth/Halfback
Height: 183cm **Weight:** 92kg
Rep Honours: Junior Kiwis (2016), NZ Residents 18s (2014-15)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v North Queensland, 1300SMILES Stadium, 20/08/2016 (Rd 24)

ISSAC LUKE

Born: May 29, 1987, Hawera, NZ
Junior Club: Hawera Hawks
Position: Hooker
Height: 174cm
Weight: 91kg
Rep Honours: 41 Tests NZ (2008-16), Four Nats (2009-11, 2014, 2016), WT (2008, 2013), All Golds (2008)
Prev Clubs: Sth Sydney v Melbourne, Olympic Park, 02/06/07 (Rd 12)
Club FG Debut: v Wests Tigers, Campbelltown Sports Stad., 05/03/2016 (Rd 1)

SIMON MANNERING

Born: August 28, 1986, Napier, NZ
Junior Club: Te Aroha Eels/University Hunters
Position: Lock/Second Row
Height: 192cm
Weight: 105kg
Rep Honours: 41 Tests NZ (2006-15), Four Nations (2010-11, 2014), World Cup (2008 & 2013), Tri-Nations (2006)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Brisbane, Ericsson Stadium, 26/06/2005 (Rd 16)

BEN MATULINO

Pronunciation: Mar-too-lee-nor
Born: January 3, 1989, Lower Hutt, NZ
Junior Club: Te Aroha Eels
Position: Prop
Height: 193cm **Weight:** 107kg
Rep Honours: 23 Tests NZ (2009-15), World Cup (2013), Four Nations (2009-11)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Cronulla, Toyota Stadium, 14/06/2008 (Rd 14)

KEN MAUMALO

Pronunciation: Mow-mar-lor
Born: June 16, 1994, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Papatoetoe Panthers
Position: Wing
Height: 191cm **Weight:** 105kg
Rep Honours: 1 Test Samoa (2016)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Parramatta, Pittek Stadium, 16/05/2015 (Rd 10)

NATHANIEL ROACHE

Born: April 15, 1996, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Mount Albert Lions
Position: Utility
Height: 180cm **Weight:** 90kg
Rep Honours: Junior Kiwis (2016)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Wests Tigers, Campbelltown Sports Stadium, 05/03/2016 (Rd 1)

LIGI SAO

Pronunciation: Ling-ee-Sar-or
Born: October 11, 1992, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Manurewa Marlins
Position: Prop/Lock
Height: 187cm **Weight:** 109kg
Rep Honours: Nil
Previous Clubs: Manly (2013, 2015)
First Grade Debut: Manly v Nth Queensland, 1300SMILES Stad., 15/07/13 (Rd 18)
Club FG Debut: v Canterbury, Westpac Stad., 16/04/2016 (Rd 7)

JAZZ TEVAGA

Pronunciation: Teh-vung-ah
Born: September 4, 1995, Christchurch, NZ
Junior Clubs: Burnham Chevaliers/Papakura Sea Eagles
Position: Hooker
Height: 178cm **Weight:** 92kg
Rep Honours: Junior Kiwis (2015)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Melbourne, Mt Smart Stadium, 20/03/2016 (Rd 3)

BODENE THOMPSON

Born: August 1, 1988, Tauranga, NZ
Junior Club: Tauranga City Sharks
Position: Second Row
Height: 185cm **Weight:** 107kg
Rep Honours: NZ Maori (2010)
Previous Clubs: Wests Tigers (2013-14), Gold Coast (2009-12)
First Grade Debut: Gold Coast v Newcastle, EnergyAustralia Stadium, 10/05/2009 (Rd 9)
Club FG Debut: v Newcastle, Hunter Stadium, 07/03/15 (Rd 1)

MANU VATUVEI

Pronunciation: Mar-noo Var-too-vay
Born: March 4, 1986, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Otara Scorpions
Position: Wing
Height: 189cm **Weight:** 107kg
Rep Honours: 28 Tests NZ (10-15), NRL All Stars (10, 12, 15), Four Nats (10, 14), WC (08, 13), All Stars (09), Tri-Nations (05-06)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v StH Sydney, SFS, 23/05/2004 (Rd 11)

ALBERT VETE

Pronunciation: Veh-leh
Born: January 24, Auckland, NZ, 1993
Junior Club: Mangere East Hawks
Position: Prop
Height: 188cm **Weight:** 110kg
Rep Honours: 2 Tests Tonga (2015)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Newcastle, Hunter Stadium, 07/03/2015 (Rd 1)

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COACH: GRANT POCKINGTON

Appointed Position: 2017
Previous Appointments: Vodafone Warriors ISP Assistant Coach (2016)

EIDEN ACKLAND

Pronunciation: A-den
Born: September 2, 1998, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Mount Albert Lions
Position: Halfback/Five-Eighth
Height: 177cm **Weight:** 74kg
Studying: Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Law

MATTHEW FAITOTOA

Pronunciation: Fai-tor-tor-ah
Born: April 19, 1997, Samoa
Junior Club: Bay Roskill Vikings
Position: Centre/Wing/Fullback
Height: 175cm **Weight:** 84kg
Occupation: Builder's labourer

MELINO FINEANGANOFU

Pronunciation: Meh-lee-nor Fee-nay-ung-ah-nor-for
Born: December 18, 1998, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Mount Albert Lions
Position: Centre
Height: 173cm **Weight:** 98kg
Occupation: Builder's labourer

MARK GRAHAM

Born: July 20, 1998, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Mount Albert Lions
Position: Fullback
Height: 187cm **Weight:** 88kg
Studying: Bachelor of Science

CHANEL HARRIS-TAVITA

Pronunciation: Tah-yeet-ah
Born: April 3, 1999, Auckland, NZ
Junior Clubs: Mount Wellington Warriors/Howick Hornets
Position: Five-Eighth/Halfback
Height: 183cm **Weight:** 83kg
Studying: Bachelor of Arts

KENESE KENESE

Pronunciation: Keh-neh-see Keh-neh-see
Born: February 19, 1998, Wellington, NZ
Junior Club: Manurewa Marlins
Position: Prop
Height: 183cm **Weight:** 103kg
Occupation: University Student

KEANU LAUMATIA-PAKI

Pronunciation: Low-mah-tee-ah Park-ee
Born: January 25, 1999, Auckland, NZ
Junior Clubs: Pakuranga Jaguars/Otahuhu Leopards/Mangere East Hawks/Howick Hornets
Position: Prop/Second Row
Height: 183cm **Weight:** 98kg
Occupation: Retail

JEROME MAMEA

Pronunciation: Mah-mee-ah
Born: November 1, 1998, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: New Lynn Stags/Pt Chevalier Pirates
Position: Utility
Height: 180cm **Weight:** 97kg
Occupation: Logistics assistant

ANTHONY MURRAY

Born: January 25, 1999, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Richmond Rovers
Position: Utility
Height: 170cm **Weight:** 83kg
Studying: Secondary school student

ETENE NANAI-SETURO

Pronunciation: Eh-ten-eh Nar-nai Seh-too-ror
Born: August 20, 1999, Auckland, NZ
Junior Clubs: Otahuhu Leopards, Mangere East Hawks
Position: Fullback
Height: 180cm **Weight:** 88kg
Studying: Year 12 Student

NATHAN NEWTON

Born: July 20, 1999, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Takahewi Warriors
Position: Prop/Second Row/Lock
Height: 188cm **Weight:** 95kg
Occupation: Recruitment temp

JORDAN PINNOCK

Born: January 23, 1997, Greymouth, NZ
Junior Club: Brunner Bulls, Halswell Hornets
Position: Prop/Lock
Height: 190cm **Weight:** 112kg
Occupation: Transporter

ISAIAH PAPALII

Pronunciation: Papa-lee-ee
Born: September 20, 1998, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Te Atatu Roosters, Richmond Rovers
Position: Lock/Second Row/Prop
Height: 182cm **Weight:** 103kg
Occupation: Apprentice plumber

PRESTON RIKI

Pronunciation: Ree-kee
Born: March 24, 1998, Rawene, NZ
Junior Club: Pt Chevalier Pirates
Position: Wing/Centre/Second Row
Height: 194cm **Weight:** 97kg
Studying: Bachelor of Commerce

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WARRIORS

PLAYER PROFILES

CHRIS SIO

Born: October 14, 1997, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Marist Saints
Position: Hooker/Lock
Height: 175cm **Weight:** 96kg
Occupation: Apprentice carpenter

LEWIS SOOSEMEA

Pronunciation: Sue-seh-mee-ah
Born: March 7, 1998, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Mangere East Hawks
Position: Wing
Height: 181cm **Weight:** 93kg
Studying: University

ELIJAH SUFIA

Pronunciation: Sue-fee-ah
Born: May 5, 1999, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: New Lynn Stags
Position: Centre/Second Row
Height: 188cm **Weight:** 94kg
Occupation: Youth worker

DYLAN TAVITA

Pronunciation: Tah-vee-tah
Born: July 30, 1999, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Pansy Pony Ponies
Position: Five-Eighth/Halfback/Hooker
Height: 173cm **Weight:** 86kg
Studying: Personal training course

KANE TELEA

Pronunciation: Tah-lee-ah
Born: April 20, 1997, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Mount Wellington Warriors
Position: Fullback/Halfback
Height: 185cm **Weight:** 89kg
Studying: Diploma in Sport and Fitness

JOSEPH VUNA

Born: June 31, 1998, Alameda County, California, US
Junior Club: Otahuhu Leopards
Position: Second Row/Prop/Centre
Height: 182cm **Weight:** 99kg
Studying: Student, Otahuhu College

JAMES BELL

Born: April 2, 1994, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Papakura Sea Eagles
Position: Lock
Height: 180cm **Weight:** 94kg
Rep Honours: NZ Maori (2015-16)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: Yet to make NRL debut

ERIN CLARK

Born: September 6, 1997, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Manurewa Marlins
Position: Halfback/Five-Eighth/Hooker
Height: 180cm **Weight:** 94kg
Rep Honours: 2 Tests Samoa (2016)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: Yet to make NRL debut

MASON LINO

Pronunciation: Lee-nor
Born: February 4, 1994, Apia, Samoa
Junior Club: Marist Saints
Position: Halfback
Height: 175cm **Weight:** 84kg
Rep Honours: Junior Kiwis (2013)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v Nth Queensland, Mt Smart Stadium, 22/08/2015 (Rd 24)

CHARNZE NICOLL-KLOKSTAD

Pronunciation: Chance Nick-ill Clock-stadd
Born: August 2, 1995, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: City Newton Dragons
Position: Fullback/Centre
Height: 182cm **Weight:** 96kg
Rep Honours: 1 Test Cook Islands (2015)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: Yet to make NRL debut

OFAHIKI OGDEN

Pronunciation: Of-far-hee-kee
Born: June 6, 1996, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Mangere East Hawks
Position: Prop/Second Row
Height: 192cm **Weight:** 102kg
Rep Honours: Nil
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: Yet to make NRL debut

JUNIOR PAUGA

Pronunciation: Pang-ah
Born: February 3, 1998, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Glenora Bears
Position: Fullback/Wing/Centre
Height: 185cm **Weight:** 88kg
Rep Honours: Nil
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: Yet to make NRL debut

PAT SIPLEY

Born: June 5, 1992, Auckland, NZ
Junior Clubs: Richmond Rovers/Pt Chevalier Pirates
Position: Prop/Second Row
Height: 190cm **Weight:** 116cm
Rep Honours: Nil
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: Yet to make NRL debut

TOAFOFOA SIPLEY

Pronunciation: Tor-ah-for-for-ah
Born: January 5, 1995, Auckland, NZ
Junior Club: Richmond Rovers
Position: Prop
Height: 188cm **Weight:** 116kg
Rep Honours: Junior Kiwis (2015)
Previous Clubs: Nil
Club & First Grade Debut: v St George Illawarra, Mt Smart Stadium, 01/05/2016 (Rd 9)

Warriors

Opponent	All-Time Matches					NRL Games (1998-)				
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Win%	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Win%
Brisbane	38	16	22	0	42.1	33	16	17	0	48.5
Canberra	36	17	19	0	47.2	32	16	16	0	50.0
Canterbury	34	13	19	2	38.2	30	12	16	2	40.0
Cronulla	36	16	20	0	44.4	32	14	18	0	43.8
Gold Coast	20	13	7	0	65.0	20	13	7	0	65.0
Manly	29	8	21	0	27.6	27	8	19	0	29.6
Melbourne	38	16	20	2	42.1	38	16	20	2	42.1
Newcastle	36	18	17	1	50.0	34	18	15	1	52.9
North Queensland	36	18	18	0	50.0	32	15	17	0	46.9
Parramatta	36	16	20	0	44.4	34	14	20	0	41.2
Penrith	37	16	20	1	43.2	33	14	18	1	42.4
South Sydney	30	18	12	0	60.0	28	16	12	0	57.1
St George Illawarra	24	5	19	0	20.8	24	5	19	0	20.8
Sydney Roosters	37	20	16	1	54.1	35	19	15	1	54.3

- Year Entered Premiership:** 1995
First Match: March 10, 1995 - Lost 22 - 25 v Brisbane at Ericsson Stadium
Home Ground: Mt Smart Stadium
Capacity: 25,000
First Grade Titles: Nil
Runners-up: 2 - 2002, 2011
Minor Premierships: 1 - 2002
- Top 5 Home Attendances (Non Finals Matches)**
38,405 Rd 1, 2011 v Parramatta (Eden Park)
37,502 Rd 1, 2012 v Manly (Eden Park)
32,740 Rd 2, 2013 v Sydney Roosters (Eden Park)
32,174 Rd 6, 1995 v Illawarra (Ericsson Stadium)
30,112 Rd 9, 2013 v Canterbury-Bankstown (Westpac)
30,112 Rd 5, 1995 v Manly (Ericsson Stadium)
- Most First Grade Games for the Club**
261 Stacey Jones 1995-2005, 2009
258 Simon Mannering 2005-2016
225 Manu Vatuvei 2004-2016
196 Ben Matulino 2008-2016
195 Logan Swann 1997-2003, 2007-2008
185 Lance Hohaia 2002-2011
170 Awen Guttenbeil 1996-2006
169 Sam Rapira 2009-2014
167 Jacob Lillyman 2009-2016
- Most Tries in a Match**
5 Francis Meli v Bulldogs, Sydney Showground - Finals Week 1, 2003. Warriors won 48-22
4 David Fusitu'a v Newcastle, Hunter Stadium - Rd 14, 2016. Warriors won 50-14
4 Glen Fisiiahi v Wests Tigers, Westpac Stadium - Rd 4, 2014. Warriors won 42-18
4 Joel Moon v Penrith at Centrebet Stadium - Rd 21, 2009. Warriors drew 32-32
4 Jerome Ropati v Sydney Roosters, Mt Smart Stadium - Rd 25, 2006. Warriors won 42-16
- 4** Stacey Jones v Wests, Campbelltown Stadium - Rd 26, 1999. Warriors won 60-16
4 Phil Blake v Wests, Ericsson Stadium - Rd 3, 1995. Warriors won 46-12
- Most Tries in a Season**
23 Francis Meli in 27 games, 2003
20 Manu Vatuvei in 19 games, 2010
19 Sean Hoppe in 22 games, 1995
- Most Tries for the Club**
152 Manu Vatuvei in 225 games
77 Stacey Jones in 261 games
60 Francis Meli in 110 games
- Most Points in a Season**
242 Ivan Cleary in 26 games, 2002 (8 tries, 105 goals)
206 James Maloney in 27 games, 2011 (10 tries, 82 goals, 2 field goals)
188 James Maloney in 24 games, 2010 (10 tries, 73 goals, 2 field goals)
- Most Points in a Match**
28 James Maloney (3 tries, 8 goals) v Brisbane, Suncorp Stadium - Rd 3, 2010. Warriors won 48-16
28 Ivan Cleary (1 try, 12 goals) v Northern Eagles, Ericsson Stadium - Rd 5, 2002. Warriors won 68-10
28 Gene Ngamu (3 tries, 8 goals) v North Queensland, Ericsson Stadium - Rd 18, 1996. Warriors won 52-6
26 Shaun Johnson (3 tries, 7 goals) v Canberra, Mt Smart Stadium - Rd 23, 2013. Warriors won 50-16
26 Shaun Johnson (2 tries, 9 goals) v Canberra, Eden Park - Rd 9, 2014. Warriors won 54-12
- Most Goals in a Match**
12 Ivan Cleary v Northern Eagles, Ericsson Stadium - Rd 5, 2002. Warriors won 68-10
9 Tony Martin v South Sydney at Telstra Stadium - Rd 16, 2006. Warriors won 66-0
9 Tony Martin v South Sydney at Mt Smart Stadium - Rd 7, 2006. Warriors won 46-14



WARRIORS CLUB RECORDS

Most Points for the Club

- 674** Stacey Jones in 261 games (77 tries, 176 goals, 14 field goals)
- 667** Shaun Johnson in 125 games (55 tries, 220 goals, 7 field goals)
- 608** Manu Vatuvei in 225 games (152 tries)
- 547** James Maloney in 75 games (24 tries, 222 goals, 7 field goals)
- 439** Ivan Cleary in 53 games (12 tries, 195 goals, 1 field goal)

Biggest Winning Margins

- 66** 66-0 v South Sydney at Telstra Stadium, June 25, 2006 (Rd 16)
- 58** 68-10 v Northern Eagles at Ericsson Stadium, April 14, 2002 (Rd 5)
- 48** 48-0 v Parramatta at Mt Smart Stadium, July 12, 2014 (Rd 18)
- 46** 52-6 v North Queensland at Ericsson Stadium, August 3, 1996 (Rd 18)

Biggest Losing Margins

- 56** 6-62 v Penrith at Centrebet Stadium, May 18, 2013 (Rd 10)
- 54** 0-54 v St George Illawarra at WIN Stadium, May 6, 2000 (Rd 14)
- 52** 6-58 v Sydney Roosters at Sydney Football Stadium, May 30, 2004 (Rd 12)
- 46** 6-52 v Manly at Brookvale Oval, March 31, 2008 (Rd 3)
- 46** 4-50 v Wests Tigers at AMI Stadium, June 13, 2004 (Rd 14)
- 46** 10-56 v Melbourne at Olympic Park, June 18, 2000 (Rd 20)

Longest Winning Streaks

- 8** (Round 7, 2002 – Round 14, 2002)
- 6** (Round 13, 1995 – Round 18, 1995)
- 5** (Round 11, 2013 – Round 16, 2013)
- 5** (Round 7, 2011 – Round 11, 2011)
- 5** (Round 14, 2010 – Round 19, 2010)
- 5** (Round 24, 2003 – Elimination Final, 2003)
- 5** (Round 2, 2003 – Round 6, 2003)
- 5** (Round 23, 1999 – Round 1, 2000)

Longest Home Win Streaks

Mt Smart Stadium: 7 matches, 12/7/2008 – 14/3/2009

Longest Losing Streaks

- 11** (Round 19, 2015 – Round 3, 2016)
- 11** (Round 19, 2012 – Round 3, 2013)
- 8** (Round 19, 2015 – Round 26, 2015)

New Zealand Internationals: 60

Louis Anderson, Vinnie Anderson, Monty Betham, Richie Blackmore, Lewis Brown, Logan Edwards, Marc Ellis, Syd Eru, Henry Fa'afili, Sione Faumuina, Nathan Fien, David Fusitu'a, Awen Guttenbeil, Siliva Havili, Ben Henry, Aaron Heremaia, Terry Hermansson, Lance Hohaia, Sean Hoppe, Mark Horo, Kevin Iro, Shaun Johnson, Stacey Jones, Solomone Kata, Stephen Kearney, Wairangi Koopu, Tevita Latu, Epalahame Lauaki, Ali Lauitiiti,

Thomas Leuluai, Kevin Locke, Tuimoala Lolohea, Simon Mannering, Suaia Matagi, Ben Matulino, Francis Meli, Gene Ngamu, Hitro Okesene, Russell Packer, Iafeta Paleaasina, Quentin Pongia, Sam Rapiira, Matthew Ridge, Jerome Ropati, Tea Ropati, Jerry Seuseu, Anthony Swann, Logan Swann, Tony Tatupe, Elijah Taylor, Motu Tony, Clinton Toopi, Evarn Tuimavave, Tony Tuimavave, Joe Vagana, Nigel Vagana, Manu Vatuvei, Brent Webb, Ruben Wiki, Grant Young.

Australian Internationals: 3

Steve Price, Brent Tate, Richard Villasanti.

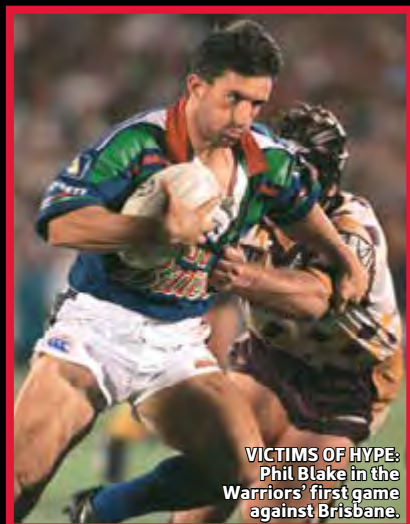
New Zealand Test Captains: 5 - Stephen Kearney 1997, Matthew Ridge 1997, Quentin Pongia 1998, Stacey Jones 2002, Ruben Wiki 2005-06, Simon Mannering 2013-15.

2016 AWARDS

NRL Player of the Year: Simon Mannering **NRL Clubman of the Year:** Simon Mannering **NRL Rookie of the Year:** Nathaniel Roache **NRL People's Choice:** Shaun Johnson **NRL Top Points scorer:** Shaun Johnson (125) **NRL Top Tryscorer:** Solomone Kata (15) **ISP Player of the Year:** Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad **ISP Team Man of the Year:** James Bell **NYC Player of the Year:** Chris Sio **NYC Rookie of the Year:** Chanel Harris-Tavita **Clubperson of the Year:** Susan Turner **Legacy Award:** Allen McLaughlin **Member of the Year:** Emma Harper

2017 Draw

Rd	Opponent	Venue	Score
1	Knights	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
2	Storm	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
3	Bulldogs	Forsyth Barr Stadium (A)	
4	Dragons	UOW Jubilee Oval (A)	
5	Titans	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
6	Eels	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
7	Raiders	GIO Stadium (A)	
8	Storm	AAMI Park (A)	
9	Roosters	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
10	Panthers	Pepper Stadium (A)	
11	Dragons	FMG Stadium, Waikato (H)	
12	Broncos	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
13	Eels	ANZ Stadium (A)	
14	Titans	Cbus Super Stadium (A)	
15	BYE		
16	Bulldogs	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
17	Sea Eagles	nib Stadium (A)	
18	BYE		
19	Panthers	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
20	Cowboys	1300SMILES Stadium (A)	
21	Sharks	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
22	Knights	McDonald Jones Stadium (A)	
23	Raiders	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
24	Rabbitohs	ANZ Stadium (A)	
25	Sea Eagles	Mt Smart Stadium (H)	
26	Wests Tigers	Leichhardt Oval (A)	



VICTIMS OF HYPE:
Phil Blake in the
Warriors' first game
against Brisbane.



LOCAL TALENT BASE:
The Sonny Bill Williams-led
Owairaka School won the
Auckland Primary School
championships in 1996.



WELL-WISHERS:
Warriors players
thank their loyal
but expectant fans.

Few teams have been judged more harshly in recent times than the Warriors, but is such criticism actually warranted – or even accurate? We ask an expert. By **WILL EVANS**

EVERYONE knows the clichés – both good and bad – about the Warriors: supremely talented, inconsistent, underachievers, giant forward packs, poor travellers.

Legendary Christchurch-based rugby league journalist, author and historian John Coffey has followed the club closely as a reporter and a fan since its inception and he speaks with *Big League* to clear up some inaccuracies around the old chestnuts that have become ingrained in the Warriors' narrative.

THE UNDERACHIEVERS TAG

The Warriors have been consistently branded underachievers since day one, which Coffey says can be attributed to the outlandish expectations built up prior to the club's 1995 arrival in the competition.

"The expectations at the start were so high, I don't think any club in the world could have lived up to them," Coffey says.

"(Inaugural CEO) Ian Robson went all over the country signing up players, exaggerating all expectations that the Warriors would be an immediate success.

"I remember at the first game (a 25-22 loss to Brisbane) a guy in the press box said, 'the Warriors won't lose another game all season'. I thought, 'you haven't got much idea about this competition'. They lost to Illawarra the next week."

While the Warriors have duffed a number of chances to return to the playoffs in recent

seasons, the notion the club has always underachieved has been overblown.

From 2001-11, the Warriors made the finals seven times, reached the preliminary final on four occasions and qualified for two grand finals. Only the Storm and Broncos outperformed the Warriors in all three categories during that period.

LAND OF THE GIANTS

The misconception that the Warriors' 'monster forward packs' dwarf most of their rivals makes Coffey chuckle.

"Everyone's overlooked the fact Joe Vagana went to England in 2000 – they haven't realised he's not there anymore and the guys that have replaced him aren't that big," he laughs.

The Warriors have had their fair share of big boppers besides 130kg Kiwi Test prop Vagana (pictured, far right), such as Ali Lauiti'iti, Iafeta Palea'aesina and Russell Packer, but certainly no more than any other club.

Only the Roosters (614kg) and Sharks (618kg) had a smaller starting pack in Round 1 than the Warriors' 619-kilo engine room.

MORTGAGE ON KIWI TALENT

A perennial criticism of the Warriors' lack of tangible success is they supposedly have an entire country to draw talent from – but no club can retain every promising junior, particularly when Australian outfits aggressively chase the cream of the Kiwi crop.

"The Warriors haven't historically shown a lot of interest outside Auckland, in my opinion," Coffey adds.

"There are enough young players in South Auckland that they don't have to bring young kids in from around New Zealand, school them and arrange jobs and accommodation."

SUPPORT OF A NATION

The Warriors' bandwagon is packed when they're doing well, but the club is a popular punching bag in the Shaky Isles when results aren't falling their way.

There's a staunch fan-base prepared to stick with the Warriors through thick and thin, but Kiwi sports fans can be a fickle bunch – owing largely to the football dominance they've been accustomed to in rugby union.

"Because the All Blacks are so successful, the Warriors are expected to be," Coffey explains.

"It's not quite as easy as that – the All Blacks represent probably the one country in the world where rugby union is number one. The Warriors are playing in the strongest competition in the world."

ORIGIN ADVANTAGE

The stats certainly suggest the Warriors are a better team during the middle part of the season, but Coffey believes the impression the Warriors have an advantage over "every Australian club" during the Origin period is inaccurate.

Debunking



"The Warriors have the odd representative, and always at least one bye. Not every club provides six or seven players, it's only the Broncos – and they generally get a more favourable draw to compensate."

The Warriors were one of five clubs who contributed one player to the 2016 series, while another five clubs had only two representatives.

A PREMIERSHIP-WINNING ROSTER

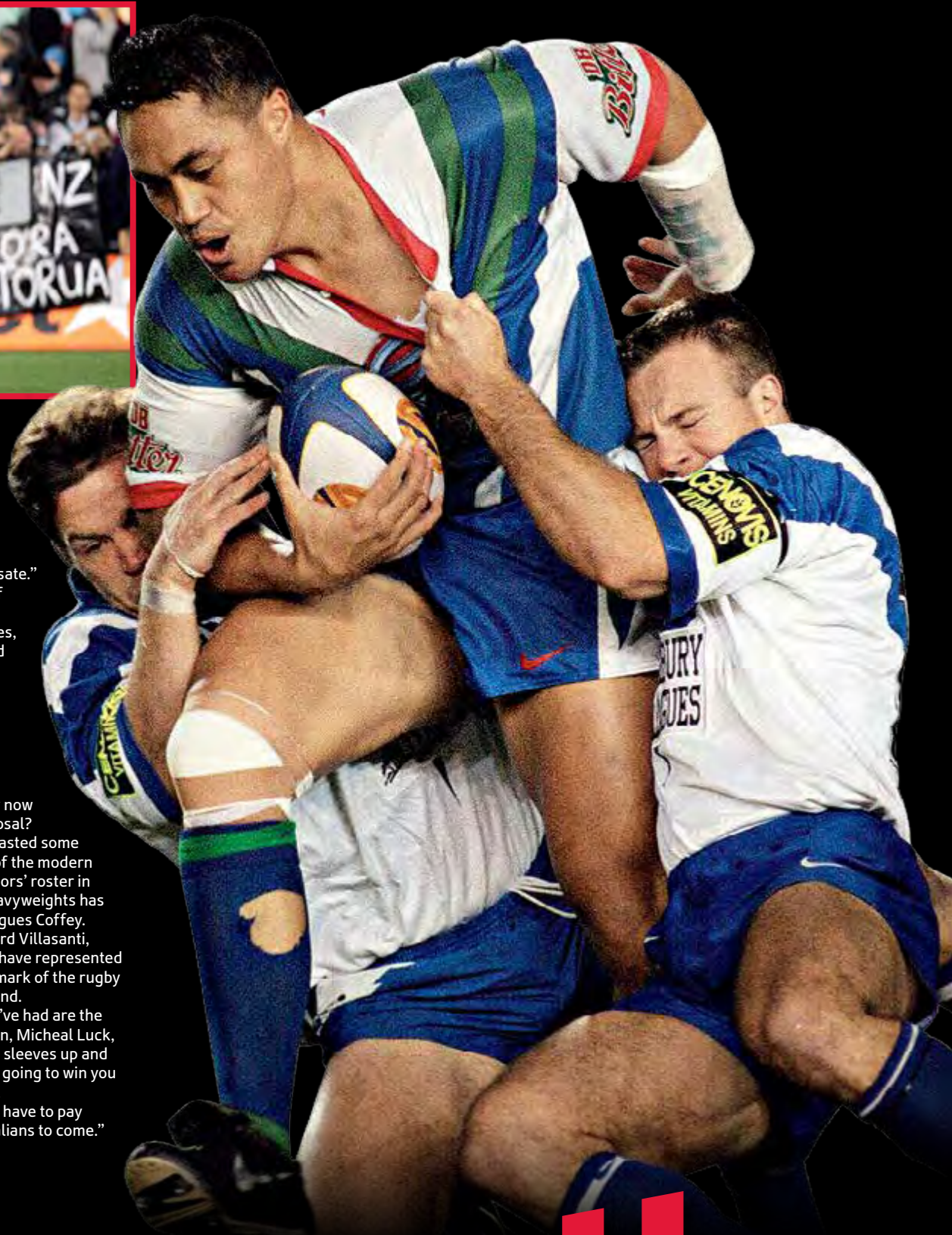
How many times have you heard a TV pundit say the Warriors should have won a couple of premierships by now with the talent at their disposal?

Although the club has boasted some of the finest Kiwis players of the modern era, the quality of the Warriors' roster in comparison to the NRL's heavyweights has been grossly overstated, argues Coffey.

Only three players (Richard Villasanti, Steve Price and Brent Tate) have represented the Kangaroos – the benchmark of the rugby league world – from Auckland.

"The best Australians we've had are the workhorses – Kevin Campion, Micheal Luck, those players who roll their sleeves up and get stuck in. But they aren't going to win you a competition," Coffey says.

"Combined with that, you have to pay overs to get the best Australians to come."



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2ND HALF | BY THE NUMBERS

Shaun Johnson

His team may have not been overly impressive in Round 1, but Shaun Johnson provided his share of highlights. The Warriors playmaker spurred his side to a come-from-behind 26-22 victory. Here's a closer look at the numbers behind his performance.

54 Receipts

Johnson was one of only two halves to finish inside the top 15 in receipts in 2016 and if early indications are any guide, his thirst for being involved hasn't died down. He received the ball 54 times in Round 1. Only Johnathan Thurston (65) and Corey Norman (60) touched the ball more times among halfbacks.

2 Try assists and line-break assists

Johnson provided a stunning flick pass to send David Fusitu'a over for his third try on the stroke of half-time. The pair also teamed up in the 27th minute with Johnson dummying twice before firing a short ball to a charging Fusitu'a.

303 Kick metres

Only three players – Cooper Cronk (422), Luke Kelly (368) and Corey Norman (312) – kicked for more distance than Johnson in Round 1. The Warrior edged past the 300-metre mark with 13 attempts.

50% Goal-kicking percentage

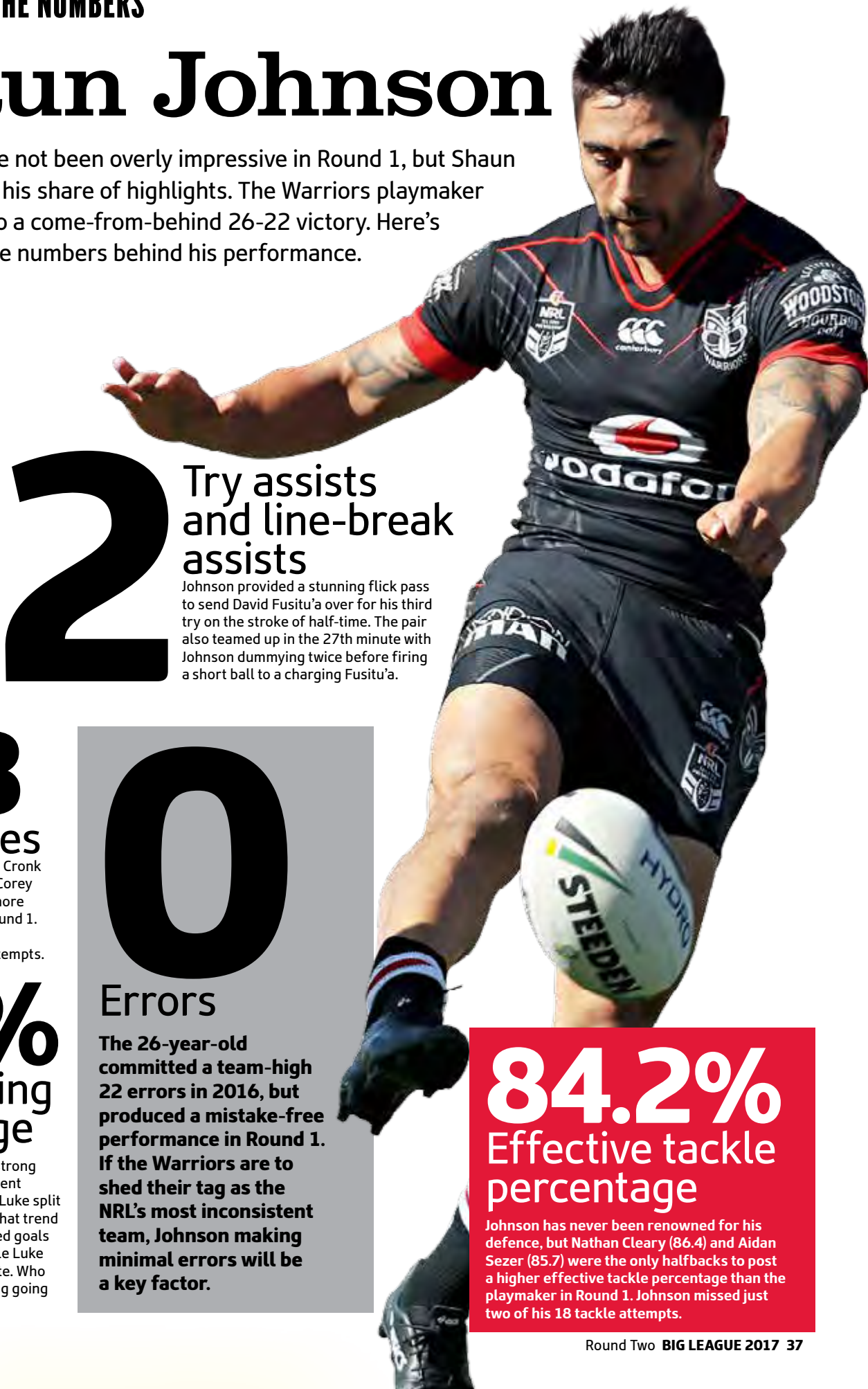
Goal-kicking hasn't been a strong point for the Warriors in recent seasons. Johnson and Issac Luke split duties in 2016 and it looks that trend may continue. Johnson kicked goals either side of half-time, while Luke booted his in the 40th minute. Who will do the bulk of the kicking going forward remains a mystery.

0 Errors

The 26-year-old committed a team-high 22 errors in 2016, but produced a mistake-free performance in Round 1. If the Warriors are to shed their tag as the NRL's most inconsistent team, Johnson making minimal errors will be a key factor.

84.2% Effective tackle percentage

Johnson has never been renowned for his defence, but Nathan Cleary (86.4) and Aidan Sezer (85.7) were the only halfbacks to post a higher effective tackle percentage than the playmaker in Round 1. Johnson missed just two of his 18 tackle attempts.





P				T	G	PTS	#NRLWarriorsStorm				P	T	G	PTS
1	0	0	0				Roger TUIVASA-SHECK (C)	1	Cameron MUNSTER		1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0				Tuimoala LOLOHEA	2	Suliasi VUNIVALU		1	1	0	4
1	3	0	12				David FUSITU'A	3	William CHAMBERS		1	0	0	0
1	1	0	4				Solomone KATA	4	Cheyse BLAIR		1	1	0	4
1	0	0	0				Ken MAUMALO	5	Josh ADDO-CARR		1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0				Mafoa'aeata HINGANO	6	Ryley JACKS		1	0	0	0
1	0	2	4				Shaun JOHNSON	7	Cooper CRONK		1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0				Albert VETE	8	Tim GLASBY		1	0	0	0
1	0	1	2				Issac LUKE	9	Cameron SMITH (C)		1	0	2	4
1	0	0	0				Charlie GUBB	10	Jordan McLEAN		1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0				Buntly AFOA	11	Felise KAUFUSI		1	0	0	0
1	1	0	4				Ryan HOFFMAN	12	Kenny BROMWICH		1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0				Simon MANNERING	13	Dale FINUCANE		1	0	0	0
INTERCHANGE														
0	0	0	0				Erin CLARK	14	Christian WELCH		1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0				Jacob LILLYMAN	15	Joe STIMSON		0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0				Sam LISONE	16	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA		1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0				Bodene THOMPSON	17	Young TONUMAIPEA		0	0	0	0
RESERVES														
1	0	0	0				Isaiah PAPALI'I	18	Brodie CROFT		0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0				James GAVET	20/19	Vincent LEULUAI		0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0				Manu VATUVEI	21/20	Mark NICHOLLS		0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0				Mason LINO	22/21	Curtis SCOTT		0	0	0	0
COACHES														
Stephen KEARNEY				Craig BELLAMY										

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

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DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 10
VENUE: MT SMART STADIUM
KICK-OFF: 8PM (NZ)
REFEREE: GRANT ATKINS
ASSISTANT REFEREE: CHRIS BUTLER
TOUCH JUDGES: ANTHONY ELLIOT & JASON WALSH
SENIOR REVIEW OFFICIAL: LUKE PATTEN
REVIEW OFFICIAL: JARED MAXWELL
FOX SPORTS: LIVE 5PM (NSW); 4PM (Qld)
LIVE RADIO: ABC, TRIPLE M

	WARRIORS	STORM
Position (Points)	8th(2)	6th(2)
Points For	26	12
Points Against	22	6
ATTACK		
Tries	5	2
Completions	73%	76%
Tries 0-20m	4	1
Tries 21-50m	1	1
Tries 51-100m	0	0
DEFENCE		
Tries	4	1
Tries 0-20m	2	0
Tries 21-50m	1	1
Tries 51-100m	1	0
MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	5	2
Tries Conceded	4	1
Points Scored	26	12
Points Conceded	22	6
Hit Ups/Runs	167	165
Tackles	309	351
Metres Gained	1681	1609
Handling Errors	6	1
Offloads	4	6
Line-breaks	8	3
Goalkicking	60%	67%

HEAD-TO-HEAD
 Played 38, Melbourne 20, Warriors 16, drawn 2

AT MT SMART STADIUM
 Played 18, Warriors 9, Melbourne 9

WINNING FORM 2017
WARRIORS: Streak W – 1 win
MELBOURNE: Streak W – 1 win

PAST 8 CLASHES
2016 – MELBOURNE D. WARRIORS 42-0 at AAMI Park;
MELBOURNE D. WARRIORS 21-14 at Mt Smart Stadium
2015 – WARRIORS D. MELBOURNE 28-14 at Mt Smart Stadium;
MELBOURNE D. WARRIORS 30-14 at AAMI Park
2014 – WARRIORS D. MELBOURNE 16-10 at AAMI Park
2013 – WARRIORS D. MELBOURNE 30-22 at Mt Smart Stadium;
MELBOURNE D. WARRIORS 28-18 at AAMI Park
2012 – MELBOURNE D. WARRIORS 22-12 at Mt Smart Stadium

BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS
WARRIORS D. MELBOURNE 28-12 at Olympic Park, 2002
MELBOURNE D. AUCKLAND 56-10 at Olympic Park, 2000

NEXT CLASH
WARRIORS: v Canterbury at Forsyth Barr, 6pm (NZ) Friday, March 17
MELBOURNE: v Brisbane at AAMI, 8.05pm Thursday, March 16

CASUALTY WARD
WARRIORS: Kieran Foran (suspension) – Rd 3; Ben Matulino (knee) – Rd 5
MELBOURNE: Jesse Bromwich (thumb) – Rd 4; Tohu Harris (foot) – Rd 8; Billy Slater (shoulder) – indefinite

NRL Preview

Storm's precision to worry Warriors

Mt Smart Stadium
Friday, 8pm

Form: The extraordinary promise that exists within the Warriors' line-up was seen in glimpses at Mt Smart Stadium last Sunday and it was evident in just enough quantity to secure victory against the Knights, but it will need to be sustained to achieve a winning result against the ultra-professional Storm. Melbourne extended their remarkable Round 1 record to 15 consecutive wins when they held off the Bulldogs last Friday night.

History: The Warriors' record for upsetting the Storm is beginning to fade into history. More recent results have swung heavily in favour of Melbourne (six wins from the past nine meetings) and the Storm have also achieved a solid share of success at Mt Smart Stadium. Melbourne won both of last year's encounters – 21-14 at Mt Smart and 42-0 at AAMI Park.

Danger sign: The return of fullback Roger Tuivasa-Sheck added plenty to the Warriors' attacking armoury last Sunday and his combination with centres Solomon Kata and David Fusitu'a proved highly productive. The Storm will rely on their 'processes' at the expense of expansive play in order to achieve their objectives.

Best Bet? Look for Melbourne to reproduce their high-completion play of last week and strike first with a penalty goal or try as First Scoring Play.

Money-spinner: Look to Suliasi Vunivalu, Cheyse Blair or Josh Addo-Carr for First Tryscorer.

by **DAVID MIDDLETON**
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JOSH ADDO-CARR

202
metres in
Round 1



HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

STATS

AVERAGE METRES	AVERAGE TACKLES	LINE-BREAKS
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck 251	Cameron Smith 39	David Fusitu'a 3
Josh Addo-Carr 202	Buntj Afoa 37	Josh Addo-Carr 2
Dale Finucane 189	Ryley Jacks 35	Roger Tuivasa-Sheck 1
Suliasi Vunivalu 184	Charlie Gubb 34	Cheyse Blair 1
Jordan McLean 156	Tim Glasby 32	Ryan Hoffman 1

NRL FANTASY

FANTASY POINTS

David Fusitu'a 65.0
Shaun Johnson 62.0
Ryan Hoffman 58.0
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck 55.0
Cheyse Blair 51.0



HOLDEN CUP

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 10 **VENUE:** MT SMART STADIUM **KICK-OFF:** 5.45PM (NZ)
REFEREE: PHIL HENDERSON **ASSISTANT REFEREE:** GAVIN REYNOLDS
TOUCH JUDGES: CHRIS MCMILLAN & NATHAN BARKER-PRINGLE **FOX:** 3.30PM

WARRIORS V STORM

Kane TELEA	1	Jesse ARTHARS
Lewis SOOSEMEEA	2	Harlan COLLINS
Melino FINEANGANOFO	3	Jacob TONGE
Matt FAITOTOA	4	Sale FINAU
Edward VAEAU-MULITALO	5	Cory PARKER
Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	6	Hayden HERBERT
Eiden ACKLAND	7	Matt EGAN
Kenese KENESE	8	Jirah MOMOISEA
Chris SIO	9	Harry GRANT
Jordan PINNOCK	10	Taumutu AFEMUI-NOHOTIMA
Joe VUNA	11	Beau FERMOR
Shane HANNAM	12	Louis GERAGHTY
Soane HUFANGA	13	Tevita ALIFA
14 Dylan TAVITA, 15 Tayler POARA, 16 Jerome MAMEA, 17 Elijah SUFIA, 18 Nathan NEWTON, 20 Lee TURNER, 21 Gibson POPOALII, 22 Auzzie TUWHANGAI, 23 Havi TUPOUNIUA, 24 Utah IOKA		14 Jacob ELMORE, 15 Jake AINSWORTH, 16 Isaak PEDERSEN, 17 Clayton DODD, 18 Levy NZOUNGOU, 19 Tea McDONALD, 20 Joel GITTINS, 21 Braydon TRINDALL, 22 Kea PERE, 23 Caleb DAUNT
Grant POCKLINGTON		Eric SMITH

OUTSMARTED AND OUTPLAYED... The Warriors will be seeking redemption after they were demolished 48-10 by the Knights. They started well enough after co-captain Kenese Kenese forced his way through to score after 20 minutes, but by the time they scored a second-half try it was all over. They missed a massive 53 tackles and will need to improve to stand a chance against the Storm.

JUST SNUCK IN... The Thunderbolts recorded a thrilling Round 1 victory against the Bulldogs in the final minute of the game after winger Cory Parker found space on the right edge and ran away to grab his second try and secure the two points. The slippery conditions didn't help the Storm, who racked up seven penalties and 39 missed tackles.

– SAM PASFIELD

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Reader Mail



Hi Sir Peter,

THANK YOU for the jersey.
My Dad is going to love it!

Warm regards, Fiona



Ian and Marcia Carpenter (Stacey Jones Lounge members) with Paul Ashton, Publican of the Port FitzRoy Boating Club Gt Barrier Island all ready to watch the Vodafone Warriors game.

In Reference To Steve's Photo In Last Weeks Newsletter

Sir P

LOVE THE Newsletter. Just wanted to correct one thing; that was not the fish I caught, it was my bait. Could not wrestle the captive onto the kayak.

Wanted to thank you again for all your hospitality in NZ. Like my fellow Canadians, we simply love your country and the people that live there.

I have attached a picture of my son proudly wearing the Warriors Auckland 9 jersey while pretending to fend his beautiful girlfriend. Look forward to watching the Warriors tomorrow, here in Vancouver.

If you are the 19th Vodafone Warrior, we are applying to be the International 20th VodafoneWarrior.

Take no prisoners!!

Best regards,

Steve in Canada

Steve your telling porkies. I watched you reel in that very small fish - Sir Peter Leitch



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More Reader Mail

Ki Ora Sir Peter Leitch,

WHAT AN awesome tour around MT Smart. Recommend everyone to jump on board and check it out, kids will love mine did. Thank you once again... Go the mighty Warriors see you all this Friday.

Kind Regards Central and Nytram



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Same Line-Up Named for Storm

by Richard Becht

AN UNCHANGED starting line-up has been named for the Vodafone Warriors' first Friday night game at Mount Smart Stadium since 2011 when they host the Melbourne Storm this week (8.00pm kick-off; match day sponsor: Woodstock).

The club's last Friday night home game was against the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs on July 15, 2011, a match they won 36-12.

The Vodafone Warriors have had only 28 Friday night home games in their history and just eight in the last 15 years.

Head coach Stephen Kearney has retained the same run-on side used in Sunday's 26-22 breakthrough win over Newcastle, the first time the Vodafone Warriors have won a first-round match since 2009.

Included in the line-up are Simon Mannering, Issac Luke and Charlie Gubb who all came out of the opening encounter with injury concerns.

"Simon will be fine, Charlie has to go through some concussion protocols and we'll see how Issac is at training over the next couple of days," said Kearney.

"We're hopeful all three will be able to play."

Bodene Thompson has been named in the No 17 jersey after being confirmed as a late interchange inclusion against the Knights.

Listed in the No 14 jersey again is utility Erin Clark (19), who will become Vodafone Warrior No 216 if he makes the final 17 on Friday night.

Added to the extended eight-man bench is veteran wing Manu Vatuei who marked his first outing of the year by scoring a try and making 116 metres from 12 carries in the Vodafone Warriors' 52-24 Intrust Super Premiership win over Newcastle on Sunday.

Friday night's match will deliver the first milestone of the season when right wing Tuimoala Lolohea plays his 50th NRL match since his debut in 2014.

A club record is also a possibility for Shaun Johnson. He sits on 671 points needing just four to go past Stacey Jones' points-scoring mark of 674.

It will be a unique experience for Kearney in just his second match in charge at Mount Smart Stadium. He has had long playing careers for both sides with 79 appearances for the Vodafone Warriors from 1995-1998 followed by 139 for the Storm from 1999-2004 before serving as an assistant coach with Melbourne under Craig Bellamy.

Kearney isn't concerned about the significance of the occasion but rather about what he sees as a huge challenge from one of the game's most successful clubs.

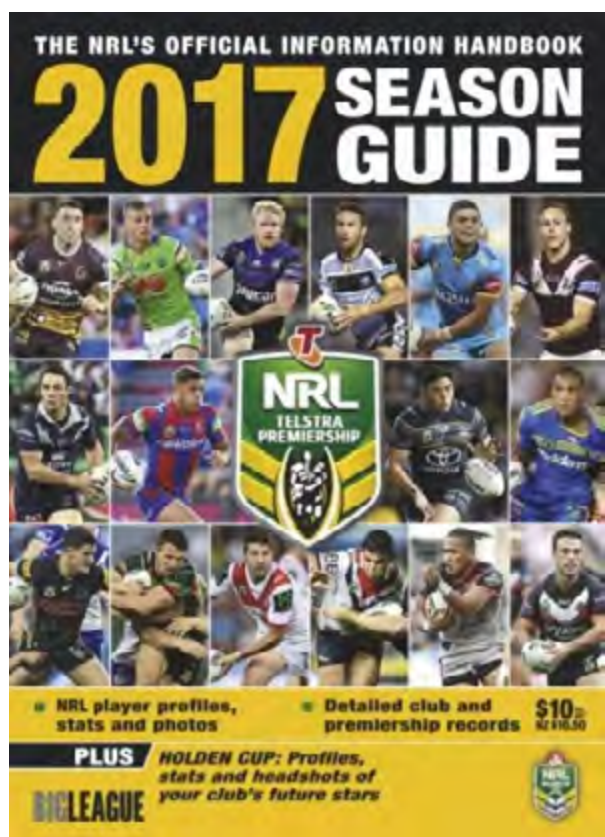
VODAFONE WARRIORS v MELBOURNE STORM

Mount Smart Stadium, Auckland

8.00pm, Friday, March 10

1 Roger TUIVA-SA-SHECK (C)	Interchange
2 Tuimoala LOLOHEA	14 Erin CLARK
3 David FUSITU'A	15 Jacob LILLYMAN
4 Solomone KATA	16 Sam LISONE
5 Ken MAUMALO	17 Bodene THOMPSON
6 Mafoa'aeata HINGANO	18 Isaiah PAPALI'I
7 Shaun JOHNSON	20 James GAVET
8 Albert VETE	21 Manu VATUVEI
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