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PREMIER GRAND FINAL EDITION
Saturday 24th September 2016



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Captains Steve Lamont (Hamilton) and Wanderers (Luke Sherwood).

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GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

After 6 months of rugby we have finally reached the 'big dance' – **The Rams 2016 Premier Rugby Grand Final!**

Grand Final day sees 4 Premier Clubs represented throughout the grades. Wanderers and Merewether Carlton have both achieved the impressive feat of achieving grand final appearances in 3 out of a possible 4 being played on the last Saturday in September. Hamilton and Maitland are the other Clubs who have earned a Grand Final appearance.

The Premier 1 Grand Final sees a rematch of last year's grand final fixture between Hamilton v Wanderers. An analysis of the results between the two sides over the last 2 seasons (2015 and 2016 seasons) makes you realise how 'neck and neck' these two sides really are (Hamilton have a 5:1 win/loss ratio however a total accumulated winning margin of only 27 points over the last 6 games between the sides).

2015 Round 7	Hamilton	41	def	Wanderers	25
2015 Round 16	Hamilton	18	def	Wanderers	17
2015 Semi Final	Wanderers	28	def	Hamilton	24
2015 Grand Final	Hamilton	14	def	Wanderers	7
2016 Round 7	Hamilton	25	def	Wanderers	20
2016 Round 16	Hamilton	30	def	Wanderers	28
2016 Grand Final	Who will WIN? And by HOW MUCH?				

There are several awards that will be presented on Grand Final Day including:

Premier Club Champions 2016	Hamilton
Kia Toa Shield	Wanderers
Toohy's Club of the Year 2016	Singleton
Toohy's Club Encouragement Award	Easts
Premier 1 Highest Point Scorer 2016	Luke Simmons (Wanderers)
Premier 1 Leading Try Scorer 2016	Tim Marsh (Wanderers)
NSWRU Zone Referee of the Year	Dru Tonks
Premier 1 Minor Premiers 2016	Hamilton
Premier 2 Minor Premiers 2016	Merewether Carlton
Premier 3 Minor Premiers 2016	Wanderers

The **Viatek** Anderson Medal for the 2016 season is also presented on Grand Final day. The Anderson Medal is voted on by the **SpecSavers** Referees on a 3-2-1 basis for each and every Premier 1 minor premierships game (90 P1 games across the season). The award represents the Best & Fairest P1 player across the competition for the entire season. The votes went 'in camera' with 4 minor premierships rounds to go. The leaders (and their votes) post round 14 were: -

Sevanaia Rokobaro	Hamilton	17
Nicholas Davidson	Maitland	15
Va Talaileva	Southern Beaches	14
Jayson Strachan	Merewether Carlton	13
Michael Delore	Southern Beaches	12

During the season The Hawthorne Club's Hawthorne Cup was won by the following Clubs who will receive their rewards at the Grand Final Luncheon being held this Friday 23 September 2016: -

Round 1 to 9	Hamilton
Round 10	Lake Macquarie
Round 11 to 12	Wanderers
Round 13 to 18	Southern Beaches

A special thanks and acknowledgement needs to go towards our major and corporate sponsors for the 2016 season as NHRU competitions and in particular Grand Final day would not be possible without their valuable support and input.



On a personal level, a special thank you to Julie Muir (first grand final) and Nathan Zervos (fourth grand final) for their tireless efforts during the Rams 2016 Final Series. I would also like to thank the NHRU Board of Directors who have been volunteering their weekends away over the last 2 months covering the Rams 2016 Final Series for all NHRU Competitions - Division, Colts, Women and Premier.

May all the Clubs who are participating in the Rams 2016 Premier Grand Final Day play to their potential...

Andy Fairfull



REFEREE'S COMMENTS

Newcastle Rugby Union Referee Association (NRURA) Grand Final 2016 Report

The 2016 season has been another successful year for the NRURA in terms of meeting the demands to provide referees for the range of games across the region. Whilst gaps still exist in the younger age groups of the junior comp, our growth in the number of younger referees is the results of NRURA investing in recruiting and training over the last few seasons. Many of the early recruits are now actively participating in the senior competitions.

There have been some highlights during the year which should be noted. The following referees and coaches were selected for various Representative appointments during the year.

Referees

- Jarryd Logan - NSW Country Championships and Caldwell Cup Final; NSW Country v Sydney Suburban; Kiama 7s.
- Rob D'Elboux - NSW Country Championships; NSW Country v Brumbies Provincial
- Dru Tonks - NSW Country Championships
- Lauren Kelly - NSW Country Championships; Kiama 7s; Women's National Championships (ref coach)
- Nik Gaal - Country U15 & 16s Championships; NSW State U 16s Championships; NSW Regional Championships
- Xavier Edwards - Country U15 & 16s Championships; NSW State U 16s Championships

Referee Coaches

Paul Ryan - Country U17 & 18s Championships; Country U15 & 16s Championships; NSW State U12 Championships

Des George - NSW Country Championships; the Armidale Schools Primary Schools Carnival; Country U15 & 16s Championships; NSW State U17s Championships

A further special mention and congratulations to Lauren Kelly following her selection and invitation as a referee coach for the women's tournament at the prestigious Dubai 7's tournament in December 2016. This is a remarkable achievement and Lauren will be a tremendous ambassador for the Newcastle and Hunter region for the duration of the event.

The year also witnessed the passing of active referee and Lake Macquarie stalwart Dennis Goodwin. Dennis made a significant contribution to the rugby and referee community. Dennis was one of the faces of selling the referee doubles on grand final day and will be missed. May he rest in peace.

NRURA also extends its thanks to our major sponsors Specsavers and Slattery Auctions and our other sponsors Daniels Recruitment, EJE Architecture, Transqual Logistics Training and Walker and Company Chartered Accountants. Their support ensures NRURA is well resourced and equipped to undertake the refereeing tasks in a professional like manner. We also thank our Coaching and Grading board members along with the NHRU, HJRU and HWRU for the operational support in relation to the competitions in which we all participate.

Finally, congratulations to the referees, assistant referees and supports appointed to officiate during the final series and particularly the grand finals today. We wish you all well and also offer our congratulations to all the teams competing today and look forward to some spirited and competitive rugby. Good luck to all.

Bob Hawes

NRURA President

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Newcastle Rugby Union Referees Association



PREMIER 10

No. 2 Sportsground | Saturday

40 minutes per half

HAMILTON

Colours: Blue & Gold



Referee Jarryd Logan

AR 1 Rob D'Elboux

AR 2 Lauren Kelly

No. 4 Eric McKenzie

No. 5 Harry Martine

Reserve Referee Brendon Farrar

1	Peter	MAXWELL
2	Steve	LAMONT ©
3	Faavae	SILA
4	Jonathan	AGNEW
5	Joe	AKKERSDYK
6	Garreth	TILSE
7	Tiueti	ASI
8	Seva	ROKOBARO
9	Daiyu	ISHIMORI
10	Jason	KEELAN
11	Fiso	VAISAGOTE
12	Paddy	KILMURRAY
13	Bryce	MADDEN
14	Sam	HAYES
15	Sam	MCNEIL
16	Geriant	WEAVER (FR)
17	Lachlan	HODGE (FR)
18	Peter	BAKARICH (FR)
19	Ben	HARRISS
20	Sam	BRENNAN
21	Chris	NAGY
22	Ivan	WALKLING
23	Tana	LAUTI
Coaches:		Scott Coleman
		Ross Duncan
		Darren Zorbas
Managers:		Duncan Le Good

KEEP SCORE

TOTAL

Tries		
Penalty Goals		
Conversions		
Drop Goals		
Turnovers		
Linebreaks		

GRAND FINAL



24th September 2016 | 3.15pm

half plus lost time



WANDERERS

Colours: Light blue & Dark Blue

1	Ben W	CHRISTENSEN
2	Phillip E	BRADFORD
3	David E	WALLER
4	Ignacio J	BATTILANA
5	Marcus	CHRISTENSEN
6	Benjamin J	HAM
7	Tanner V	FELIX
8	Daniel P	MARTINE
9	Luke	SHERWOOD ©
10	Luke M	SIMMONS
11	William L	COFFEY
12	Callum	MCDONALD
13	Tapaki J	RAHUI
14	Tim	MARSH
15	Dillon R	ROWNEY
16	Brendan S	BERRY (FR)
17	Jackson D	WALSH (FR)
18	Leeland J	MARSHALL (FR)
19	Nicholas F	BRADY
20	Manuele V	TUIQALI
21	Daniel M	MURCH
22	George C	ASHWORTH
23	Hiwaroa N	GRANT

Coaches:

Viv Passing

Dillon Rowney

Managers:

Andrew Macansh

KEEP SCORE

TOTAL

Tries		
Penalty Goals		
Conversions		
Drop Goals		
Turnovers		
Linebreaks		



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4TH GRADE GRAND FINAL



NO. 2 SPORTSGROUND

Saturday 24th September 2016 10.00am

30 minutes per half plus lost time

WANDERERS

Colours: Light Blue & Dark Blue

18	Matthew D	BOWMAN
	Simon	YANIS
3	Daniel	BARTEL
4	Andrew	FLETCHER ©
5	Owen C	FARRUGIA
6	Matthew	KAVANAGH
7	Dustin J	KAVANAGH
8	Luke	GIBSON
9	Nathan J	SHERWOOD
10	Mark L	SHERWOOD
11	Ryan J	MCCATHIE
16	Anthony J	BARRETT
13	Scott A	HERRMANN
14	Michael J	KEELING
15	Ryan D	MACDOUGALL
1	Tony R	SAMBELL (FR)
2	Daniel	BECKETT
21	Max J	SEARL
27	Paul A	DOCHERTY
12	Stephen R	CROWE
20	Scott J	MONTGOMERY
23	Andrew J	COPEMAN (FR)
22	Richard D	BEKER (FR)
28	Roman T	BRADY
17	Bradley L	GIBSON
26	Mitchell J	GIBSON
19	Benjamin T	TOWERS

Coaches: Andrew Fletcher

Managers: Phil Whetham



MEREWETHER CARLTON
RUGBY CLUB

Referee Tony Calder Mason

AR 1 Barney Collins

AR 2 Shaun McLeod

No. 4 Dave Wood

No. 5 Josh Cox

Reserve Referee Barney Collins

MEREWETHER CARLTON

Colours: Bottle Green & White

1	Nathan	FORESHAW ©
2	Luke	TRESEDER
3	Jono	MISSINGHAM
4	Luke	SKEWES
5	Branden	O'DONNELL
6	Chris	BENNETT
7	Ben	FINNIE
8	Andrew	PRYCE
9	Josh	MILLS
10	Tristan	CADEY
11	Jeremy	FARRAH
12	Nick	GARNER
13	Aiden	KELSO
14	Des	TUIVATI
15	Evan	RENFREW
16	Tala	FILIPO
17	Chris	JONES (FR)
18	Shane	MORGAN (FR)
19	Iain	MURRAY
20	Bryan	WILSON
21	Conor	SHERIDAN
22	Jesse	BUTTLER (FR)
23	Pat	O'DONOGHUE

Coaches: Justin Lees

Nathan Foreshaw

Jay Strachan

Managers: Cam Knight

Gareth Payne

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PREMIER 3 GRAND FINAL



NO. 2 SPORTSGROUND

Saturday 24th September 2016 11.30am

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MAITLAND

Colours: Black

MEREWETHER CARLTON

Colours: Bottle Green & White

1	Daniel	LEWER
2	Daniel	RUNCHEL
3	Lau-	BURDEKIN
4	Ryan	VESPER
5	Angus	TAYLOR
6	Adrian	CUNNINGHAM (FR)
7	Mick	HICKLING
8	Sean	O'CONNOR ©
9	Luke	CUNNINGHAM (FR)
10	Ryan	MCCORMACK
11	Jack-	CASSIDY
12	Mick	AKERS
13	Rhys	CLACHERTY
14	Nick	LUCKNER
15	Jeremy	MANN
16	Daniel	MAROULIS
17	Seveti	RABONU (FR)
18	Ben	EMMETT (FR)
19	Rhys	LLOYD
20	Jono	O'TOOLE
21	Ryan	THRELFO
22	Antho-	HOPKINS
23	Dom	BATEY

Coaches: Luke Cunningham
Sean O'Connor

Managers: Scott Freeman
Dan Gollan



MEREWETHER CARLTON
RUGBY CLUB

Referee Dru Tonks
AR 1 Nick Charters
AR 2 Xavier Edwards
No. 4 Brian Banister
No. 5 Nathaniel Edwards
Reserve Referee Max Collier

1	Jacob	PENFOLD
2	Cal	RAINEY
3	Jack	ROBINSON
4	Cam	MICHELLE
5	Charlie	MATHERS
6	Tim	MURPHY
7	Duncan	SCHUMACK
8	Daniel	BYRNES
9	Lachlan	TONKS
10	Damien	KELSO ©
11	Isacc	KING
12	Frazer	PRICE
13	Sam	DOORMAN
14	Barnz	TINITIELLA
15	Lachlan	SWAN
16	Cal	BLANCH (FR)
17	Nick	SYKIOTIS (FR)
18	Darcy	LEMMICH (FR)
19	Lachlan	MILTON
20	Andrew	DUNN
21	Corey	NASH
22	Hayden	O'BRIEN
23	Zac	SYKES

Coaches: Sam Gilmour
Tim Murphy

Managers: Matilda Wendtman
Jarrod Butler

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PREMIER 2 GRAND FINAL



NO. 2 SPORTSGROUND

Saturday 24th September 2016 1.05pm

35 minutes per half plus lost time

MEREWETHER CARLTON

Colours: Bottle Green & White

1	James	SNEDDON
2	Sam	DART
3	Tevita	NAITINI
4	Pat	IRELAND (FR)
5	Tom	HAWES
6	Jarome	WILSON
7	Jock	WAIT
8	Stanford	FEO
9	Gareth	ERNST ©
10	Sam	BRIGHT
11	Kostandreas	SYKIOTIS
12	Jayden	HETHERINGTON
13	Ed	BACIGALUPO
14	Sam	ROUSE
15	Tom	SMITH
16	Daniel	BRYNES
17	Jacob	PENFOLD (FR)
18	Nicholas	SYKIOTIS (FR)
19	Duncan	SCHUMACK (FR)
20	Lachlan	MILTON
21	Frazer	PRICE
22	Lachlan	TONKS
23	Corey	NASH

Coaches: Jode Roach

Martin Swan

Managers: Andy Hoolihan

Denis Neader



Referee Brendon Farrar

AR 1 Lewis Nelson

AR 2 Nik Gaal

No. 4 Greg Pearson

No. 5 Georgia Cox

Reserve Dru Tonks

Referee

WANDERERS

Colours: Light Blue & Dark Blue

1	Jackson	WALSH
2	Brendan	BERRY
3	Leeland J	MARSHALL
4	Manuele V	TUIQALI ©
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11	Zac	LAUGHLAN
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14	Patrick J	VAUGHAN
15	George C	ASHWORTH
16	Colin	HOVELL (FR)
17	Darcy J	RYAN (FR)
18	George	JAMIESON (FR)
19	Matthew	KAVANAGH
20	William J	ORR
21	Bailey R	HEFREN
22	Steven	GEE
23	Luke P	MENCHIN

Coaches: Eti Filipo

Ben Johnson

Trevor Hefren

Managers: Brett Derwin

10:00am	4th Grade	Wanderers	v	Merewether Carlton
11:30am	Premier 3's	Maitland	v	Merewether Carlton
1:05pm	Premier 2's	Merewether Carlton	v	Wanderers
3:15pm	Premier 1's	Hamilton	v	Wanderers

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