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# GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

After 6 months of rugby we have finally reached the penultimate event – **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).

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

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

Premier Club Champions 2016	Hamilton
Kia Toa Shield	Wanderers
Toohey's Club of the Year 2016	Singleton
Toohey'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 premiership 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 premiership 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...



## 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 1

No. 2 Sportsground | Saturday

## HAMILTON

Colours: Blue & Gold

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
Coa	aches:	Scott Coleman

Ross Duncan
Darren Zorbas

Duncan Le Good



40 minutes per h

Referee	Jarryd Logan		
AR 1	Rob D'Elboux		
AR 2	Lauren Kelly		
No. 4	Eric McKenzie		
No. 5	Harry Martine		
Reserve Referee	Brendon Farrar		

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Linebreaks	

Managers:

## BRAND FINAL



24th September 2016 | 3.15pm



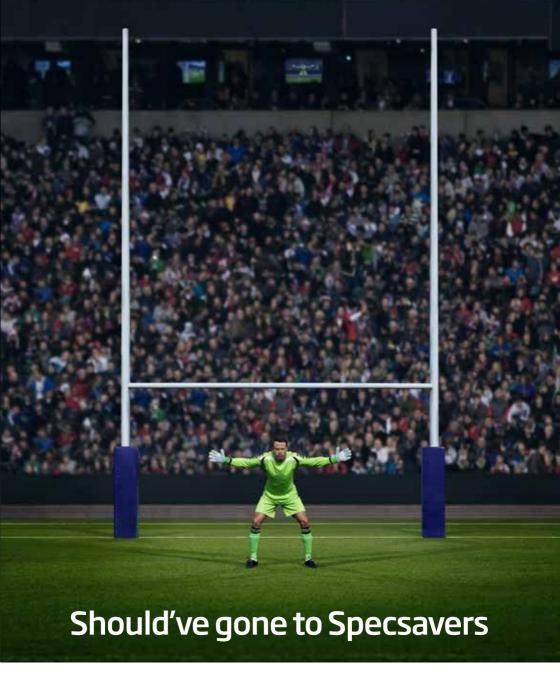
**Turnovers** 

Linebreaks

## WANDERERS

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	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: Managers:		iches:	Viv Passing
			Dillon Rowney
		nagers:	Andrew Macansh



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## 4<sup>TH</sup> 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

#### **MEREWETHER CARLTON**

Colours: Bottle Green & White



Andrew Fletcher

Phil Whetham

Coaches:

Managers:







MEREWETHER CARLTO RUGBY CLUB

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leferee	Tony Calder Mason	·
R 1	Barney Collins	
R 2	Shaun McLeod	
lo. 4	Dave Wood	
lo. 5	Josh Cox	N
leserve leferee	Barney Collins	

	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
76.7	13	Aiden	KELSO
LW	14	Des	TUIVATI
	15	Evan	RENFREW
	16	Tala	FILIPO
	17	Chris	JONES (FR)
	18	Shane	MORGAN (FR)
	19	lain	MURRAY
N	20	Bryan	WILSON
	21	Conor	SHERIDAN
	22	Jesse	BUTTLER (FR)
	23	Pat	O'DONOGHUE
	Coa	aches:	Justin Lees
			Nathan Foreshaw
			Jay Strachan
	Ма	nagers:	Cam Knight
			Gareth Payne

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### PREMIER 3 GRAND FINAL



**NO. 2 SPORTSGROUND** 

#### Saturday 24th September 2016 11.30am

30 minutes per half plus lost time

#### **MAITLAND**

Colours: Black

#### **MEREWETHER CARLTON**

Colours: Bottle Green & White



Dan Gollan







MEREWETHER CARLTO RUGBY CLUB

leferee	Dru Tonks
R 1	Nick Charters
R 2	Xavier Edwards
lo. 4	Brian Banister
lo. 5	Nathaniel Edwards
leserve leferee	Max Collier

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

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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
Coa	aches:	Jode Roach
		Martin Swan
Ма	nagers:	Andy Hoolihan
		Denis Neader







Referee	Brendon Farrar
AR 1	Lewis Nelson
AR 2	Nik Gaal
No. 4	Greg Pearson
No. 5	Georgia Cox
Reserve Referee	Dru Tonks

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	7	Jaeger G	COLLINS
	8	Hiwaroa N	GRANT
	9	Shannon L	TWOHILL
	10	Zachary J	ATALLAH
1	11	Zac	LAUGHLAN
1	12	Daniel M	MURCH
Ž	13	Elliot J	JENNINGS
Ĺ	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
	Coa	aches:	Eti Filipo
			Ben Johnson
			Trevor Hefren
	Ма	nagers:	Brett Derwin



## 2016 RUGBY PREMIERSHIP GRAND FINAL DAY

10:00am	4th Grade	Wanderers	٧	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	٧	Wanderers

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