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Todays event ushers in an entire new chapter in the history of the Ranfurly Shield and we are pleased to be part of it.

I would thank all those members of the H.B.R.U. who have worked so hard to ensure the success of this venture, to our Sponsors too numerous to mention, for all their assistance.



We hope the Auckland Players and Officials enjoy their stay in our Province and, that when they depart that they will themselves consider the exercise has been worthwhile.

We in Hawke's Bay dream of the return of the Ranfurly Shield on a permanent basis and although it might be expecting too much for a victory today, let us continue to improve our game such that in the not too distant future the dreams may become a reality.

We wish our team Good Luck this afternoon in the knowledge, that you will be there giving of your best and for this alone we thank you.

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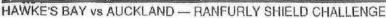
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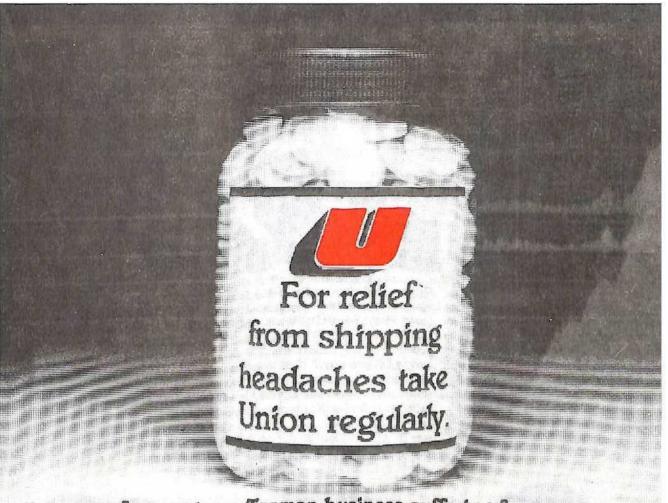
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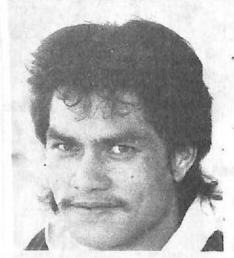
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HAWKE'S BAY PORTRAITS



Jeremy Ormond this young Mahia fisherman is one of a crop of highly promising young backs in the Bay. Played for North island under 16 in 1982 and 83 and climbed up through H.B. under 18 and B teams to make his first class debut in 1986. Injuries and work commitments have restricted his availability but he is certain to add may more appearances to the 20 odd he already has for the Bay. Age 23 5ft 10in 12st 7lb. Club Mahia.



Graham McNair a Dannevirke farmer who has progressed through provincial ranks (under 18s in 1979 and 80, Colts in 1984, B's in 1985 and A's in 1986) to become a solid performer in the first class arena. The Dannevirke OB prop played 13 of 16 games in 1986 and three early last season before injury struck. He has taken time to work his way back into reckoning this season but is now approaching 20 caps.

Age 26 6ft 1 in 15st 9 lb. Club Dannevirke Old Boys.



Matthew Cooper a utility back, in the mould of Otago and former All Black full back brother Greg, who has established himself as a first choice Bay selection since bursting on the scene as an 18 year old in 1985. He won 25 caps before his 20th birthday, already has 50 first class appearances to his credit and is fast approaching the half century for Hawke's Bay. A NZ Colt and All Black to Japan last year. Age 21 6ft 1in 13st 9lb. Club Marist.



Shaun Bell burst on to the first class scene last season after only two senior club games. In those outings he impressed enough for selector Richard Hunt to put him in at the deep end against Manawatu. Bell, a North Island under 18 rep., in 1987 and older brother of current NZ Secondary schools fullback Andre, has represented HB through the grades and adds to a group of highly talented young backs in the province. Scored 235 points in club rugby this season.

Age 19 5ft 10in 12st 10lb. Club Napier Old Boys



Saula Bueta an enthusiastic winger who wants as much action as possible and always dangerous with the ball in hand. He was a Fijian trialist four times and played for his country on three occasions. Since arriving in Hawke's Bay he impressed while playing for Central H.B., got his opportunity against Poverty Bay and stamped himself as a first choice selection.

Age 25 5ft 10in 12st 7 lb. Club Waipawa United.



Russell Shelford outstanding form for an exciting Pirate side in club rugby this season has this talented midfield back fringing on representative selection. He has worked his way up through H.B. under 16, Colts and B teams and made his first class debut as a replacement against Poverty bay this season. It can't be long before he gets his first full cap. Age 26 5ft 11in 13st 4lb. Club Colenso Pirates.

HAWKE'S BAY PORTRAITS



Stuart Forster one of the most exciting prospects in Hawke's Bay rugby, he forced his way into the team early this season and has been first choice halfback since. Left school last year after three seasons in the Napier BHS First XV and made an immediate impact in club rugby this season. Represented North Island at under 18 level last year.

Age 19 5ft 6in 11st 4lb. Club Napier Old Boys.



Jason McDowell commanded attention at national level after a magnificent game against the touring Welsh. Still a school boy at Napier Boys High where he has been in the First XV for several seasons. He represented New Zealand at under 19 and secondary schools levels in 1987 and 88 and was also a NZ Colt trialist this season. School commitments have restricted this talented fullbackwinger to a handful of games for the Bay after his debut against NZ Supporters Club XV. Age 19 5ft 10in 12st 10lb.

Napier Boys High School First XV.



Alex Mathewson an aggressive hooker who has made a comeback to first class level after some time in the wilderness. Top form for championship winning Hastings Celtic in the Club season forced his recall. A New Zealand Colt in 1982, he played five games for the Bay in 1983 and was a North Auckland reserve in 1984. Battling with Hewitt for the hooking berth this year.

Age 26 5ft 101/2in 14st 12lb. Club Hastings Celtic.



Ash Hamilton a solid scrummager who selector Richard Hunt "found" in Central Hawke's Bay. He represented that sub-union and, apart from injury, has been first choice at tighthead this season after making his debut against the NZ Supporters Club XV.

Age 31 5ft 9in 14st 7lb. Club Waipukurau HSOB.



Derek Brooks a dashing winger from Dannevirke who played 60 odd games for Wanganui before moving to the Bay in 1985. Eight games for the Bay that season and a further 10 in 1986 stamped him as an integral part of the team and he was missed when unavailable last year. But he's back as keen as ever this season and now has more than 80 first class appearances to his credit.

Age 27 5ft 9in 12st. Club Aotea.



Mark Shaw the former All Black flanker arrived in Hawke's Bay from Manawatu early 1986 and was quickly installed as captain. He played 11 games that season but was only available for the opening fixture of the 1987 programme (which qualified him for the Bay Blazer). Work commitments prevented him from being available for the first half of this season. But the veteran of more than 200 first class games (including 30 tests) has come back to help the Bay's second division campaign and has taken over the captaincy. Age 32 6ft 2 in 15st 6lb. Club Hastings Celtic.

HAWKE'S BAY PORTRAITS



Graeme Higginson the 1980 - 83 All Black lock who came from Canterbury in 1982. Captained the Bay that season and highlights were 13-12 losses to both Australia and Wellington (Ranfurly Shield challenges). He played 24 games for H.B. in two seasons before moving to the Wairarapa Bush union. Farming and injuries prevented him form playing again until this season when he linked up with the Napier Marist Club and made a comeback to first class rugby. A veteran or 125 first class games (including six tests). Age 33 6ft 4in 16st 7 lb. Club Napier Marist.



Paul Renton an uncompromising loose forward who has made steady rise through national ranks since being a NZ Secondary Schools rep in 1980. A NZ Colt in 1983, NZ Junior in 1984, NZ Emerging Player and North Island rep in 1986 and All Black trialist the past two seasons, Renton left the province and represented Manawatu in 1983 and Mid-Canterbury 1984-85. He returned home in 1986 to become a first choice selection for the Bay team. To the end of the last season he had played 61 first class games. Age 25 6ft 2in 15st. Club Hastings HSOB.



John Bird was a NZ Colt in 1981 and played 20 games for the Bay in 1981,'82 and '83 before leaving the province. In those days he played mainly at No. 8 but since arriving back in the Bay last season he has locked the scrum. One of the Magpies' hardest toilers. Bird has played around 40 games for the province and has been rewarded with the captaincy this season. Another Bay player of farming stock and one of several Central H.B. players now playing rugby in Napier of Hastings.

Age 26 6ft 4in 16st. Club Napier Marist.



Hamish Quinlivan made his first class debut for Hawke's Bay in 1986 and played five games that season. He slipped back to the B team last season but has secured a front row berth in this year's squad. Quinlivan has moved up from Central Hawke's Bay and linked up with the strong Napier Tech team and both parties have benefited. His representative background includes games for NZ Secondary schools, North Island under 18, NZ Universities, Manawatu Colts.

Age 27 6ft 2 in 16st. Club Napier Technical. Norman Hewitt another player fresh to first class rugby and the young hooker has impressed sufficiently to earn selection for the Central Zone team. Last season, his first our of Te Aute College, he played for Hawke's Bay Colts and has made an immediate impact in the senior ranks for his club this season. Hewitt is a strong, bustling player and seems set to hold down the No 1 hooking berth. Age 19 5ft 10in 15st 4lb. Club Napier Technical.



Richard Bartlett a new arrival in the Bay this season with a background of eight games for South Canterbury in the 1983, '84 and '85 seasons, Southern Maoris and Queensland b representative last season. A huge man, Bartlett adds considerable size to the pack and his value to the team should increase with his match fitness during the season.

Age 25 6ft 6in 16st 12lb. Club Clive.



Darryl Tamati not an imposing figure on the field but makes up for it with skill and a high work rate. The utility back was a H.B. Colt in 1983 and plucked from senior club ranks into top rugby by his former Hastings HSOB coach Richard Hunt in 1986. A couple of tries in his debut against Poverty Bay justified his selection and has since played nearly 30 games for the province. Plays both on the wing and at halfback in club rugby and is backup in both positions for the Bay.

Age 24 5ft 9in 11st 3 lb. Club Hastings HSOB.



Kevin White a most dependable player and is of equally good value in either the fullback or first five positions. Possesses a big goalkicking boot which has produced a prolific run of scoring in Central Hawke's Bay and Dannevirke club rugby for several seasons. He has also kicked crucial goals for the Bay and has more than 40 appearances in the black and white jersey to his credit. A regular from 1980-84 and one-gamer in 1986, his first class career seemed to be over but injuries in the squad have seen his recall. Age 29 5ft 10in 12st 10lb. Club Dannevirke OB.

THE SECOND DIVISION

By Doug Laing

All the dire predictions about what might happen to the Hawkeye guys today should not be all in vain. After all, in terms of what is left for the rest of the season, this is a practice match which should relax some of the pressures which exist in other matches when the Bay is striving for competition points and the chance to climb back into the first division of the National Mutual Championship.

Hawke's Bay's toughest opposition in that target are clearly going to be Marlborough, the final home match at Hastings on September 14, and Wairarapa Bush - at Masterton in the competition finale in Masterton on October 1st.

Each now has three convincing championship wins from three matches, while Hawke's Bay have beaten Mid-Canterbury and Southland in their only outings.

All three teams have similar extra incentive for getting into the first division. They've all been there before - Marlborough were there in the first two years (1976-77), Wairarapa Bush had an astounding six seasons in the top grade and reached fourth position in 1985, and Hawke's Bay have spent eight seasons up top, relegated twice and now aiming for the fourth straight season to get back in.

Marlborough represent the most interesting opposition. They're coached be former hooker Kevin Sutherland who was also a consistent goalkicker during a long stint which ended in 1983.

A guide to their form was given by Southland coach Barry Leonard when he was with his team in Hastings. Marlborough, he reckoned, are the team to beat with big, mobile forwards, and lots of pace in the backs - particularly in schoolboy wing threequarter Greg Parke.

Marlborough have given no opposition any chance to date, and all reports rate them an impressive lot which could give the union its greatest season since the halcyon days of Ranfurly Shield triumph and defence in 1973 and 1974.

Wairarapa Bush, on the other hand, have not been impressing their own followers who have been large in number over recent years and have perhaps had too much of a good thing and consequently still shiver in a state of shock which has predominated since their side was ushered out of the first division.

Chief among the concerns of players appears to have been the dumping of coach Roger Dee who was at the helm last season - his first at the first class level. The new man this year is Alan Cornelius who was taking a right knocking form the fans till the second half of his side's match against Mid-Canterbury when they ran in 34 points to win 43 - 6.

In both those teams, mobility appears to be the key to recent success and something which Hawke's Bay needs to develop if it is realistically to be still in the running in a month's time.

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OOPS WE DON'T EXIST By Roger Moroney

According to the Auckland media, the sharemarket and Michael (that's not fair) Fay, we don't exist.

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Aucklanders believe that time stops at the border, that commerce, sunshine, entertainment and the quest for a few bob ceases to exist when the magical Bombay line is crossed.

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You see what talking about Auckland's done for me?

I'm getting bitchy ... just like the yuppies on Gloss, an Auckland product if ever there was.

But today it's time to welcome our commerce-caring cousins from north of the border, where they've tom themselves away from a series of television adverts for everything from bananas to marital aids.

Last year I made the mistake of mentioning that the Auckland side travel to their various photographic engagements by means of a huge privately owned jet.

Well I was wrong and I apologize to the Aucklanders.

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And while the zambucks will charge out to administer a dose of soothing cold water and liniment to one of our stricken lads, his oppo (specially flown in form a Swiss medical clinic) will bolt out to an injured Terry Wright with a mirror.

All the while their cheerleaders will be bouncing about on the sideline giving several thousand schoolboys a few restless nights for a week after the game ... and creating headaches in men who scan them whilst pretending to look straight ahead so as not to inflame the anger of their wives.

They'll be singing ..."Yay yay yay ... we're going to sink the Bay, "Yippee yippee yippee ... get your filthy hands off me...... as one schoolboy decides dreams are not enough.

Auckland, a mega-side packed with international stars of stage, screen and occasionally field, will be too strong for us ... no doubt about that.

They'll retain the Ranfurly Shield quite happily and go on to see off another 1000 challenges.

We'll meanwhile have had the satisfaction of at least getting out there and knocking few of them over but I can't stop thinking about a time in the '60s when I saw us beat off the blues in a mighty challenge that I think ended in a 9 all draw.

That was in the days before the Japanese bought the shield, when the stockmarket was on Wall Street and a BMW was a car you could see pictures of in a magazine.

For me (and maybe I'm biased because we did so well then) those were rugby's good old days.

There's an imbalance due to a drift across the Bombay border that'll only get worse.

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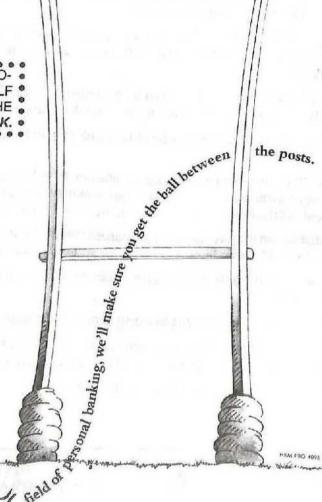


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CKLAND PORTRAITS



Lindsay Harris Waitemata Fullback 32 5ft 11in 13st Auckland rugby's Peter Pan. He beat off the Greg Cooper challenge to re-establish himself at fullback for the Ranfurly Shield campaign last winter and made the No 15 jersey again this year. Not bad for someone who retire in 1985 after first representing Auckland (at first-five) in 1979. A fearless tackler he consistently electrifies this talented Auckland backline from full back. Broke his shoulder against Canterbury in May but has made a full recovery. Sales representative.



Marist Winger 25 6ft 11st 7lb Among the swiftest footballers in New Zealand rugby and a champion scorer of tries (having now scored 57 for Auckland). A master at finishing off attacking moves. Extremely valuable team member because he can deputize at fullback and goalkicker. First represented Auckland in 1984 and broke into the All blacks in 1986. Took over the test left wing spot from Craig Green this year, scoring five tries if five tests. Accountant.



John Kirwin Marist Winger 23 6ft 1in 14st 4lb Worthily elected New Zealand player of the vear for 1987 during which he scored a staggering 34 tries (6 in the World Cup, 1 against Australia, 16 for Auckland, 2 in trials and 9 in Japan), consistently wowing the fans at Eden Park and further afield with his spectacular achievements. Mixes awesome power and aggression with skill and speed. Has scored 53 tries for Auckland, wants one more try to bring up 100 in first class play. Company representative.



Joe Stanley Ponsonby Centre 31 5ft 11in 13st 2 lb It took Smokin' Joe an awful long time to win recognition at national level but since being promoted (for the Baby Blacks' test against France in 1986) he's become a regular fixture and has appeared with great distinction in 18 consecutive tests. . As an attacker usually commits several defenders and as a tackler he's shaken the confidence of many an opponent. Has been troubled for much of the year with asthmatic type of virus. Owner driver.



Craig Innes Marist Utility back 18 5ft 111/2in 13 st The young utility back has had a meteoric rise up the ranks in his first year out of school. A New Zealand secondary schools and New Zealand Under 19 representative last season, he has made the NZ Colts and appeared in the solitary All Black trial this year. a dashing runner with an eye for the gap, he is also a resolute defender and is versatile enough to play second-five and wing, as well as his preferred centre position.

Trainee Company representative.



Va'aiga Tuigamala Ponsonby Winger 18 5ft 101/2in 15 st Explosive winger who won an All black trial in April but was ten beset with leg troubles. Returned to his best to help Ponsonby wrap up the Auckland club title. A New Zealand secondary schools representative in 1986 and 1987 he was also a member of the New Zealand Under 19 team that routed its Welsh counterpart last season. Possessed of massive thighs and a sharp turn of speed, he is one of the most exciting young footballers to emerge in recent times.

AUCKLAND PORTRAITS



Herati Matapo

Ponsonby Second-five 26 5ft 10in 12st 8lb Makes his fifth representative appearance for 1988 today after a troubled season with injury. Recovered in time to share in Ponsonby's Gallaher Shield triumph. First represented Auckland on its world tour in 1984 and played five games last winter. Forms a potent midfield combination with his Ponsonby clubmate Joe Stanley.

Factory Supervisor.



Grant Fox

University First-five 26 5ft 9in 12st
The New Zealand selectors recognized his class and matchwinning skills, using him exclusively at first-five throughout the World Cup in 1987 and against Wales and Australia this year. Responded by shattering Don Clarke's test pointscoring record. Amassed a record 391 points during the '87 domestic first class season and has now aggregated an astonishing 1303 points for Auckland since his debut in 1982.

Sports marketing executive.



Brett Crales

Ponsonby First-five 25 5ft 81/2in 11st 2lb Has the distinction of scoring 50 points in Ranfurly Shield play ... from two outings (getting 30 against Horowhenua in 1986 and 20 against East Cape last winter). His only other Auckland outing was against Canterbury in last season's crunch South Pacific contest. Captained Ponsonby to Gallaher Shield glory this season. Tidy, enterprising first-five. Auditor.



Mark Adam

University Halfback 24 6ft 1in 13st Finished up playing more games for Auckland last winter than his University clubmate and Auckland skipper David Kirk (10 against Kirk's 9), and maintained a wonderfully high level of achievement. tall as halfbacks go, he's enterprising (grabbing three tries against Wanganui) and not afraid to mix it with the forwards.



Brett Iti

Suburbs Halfback 23 5ft 6 in 12st 4lb Talented, powerfully built halfback who made his mark on the Auckland scene last winter after transferring from Rotorua. First emerged under Fred Allen's tuition on the 1984 Rugby News Youth team visit to the USA. Subsequently represented Waikato, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand Colts and New Zealand Maoris and has now worn the Auckland jersey against East Cape and Waikato. Performed outstandingly for Suburbs in the Auckland club grand final.



Zinzan Brooke

Marist Loose forward 23 6ft 3in 15st 8lb Had always appeared a footballer of unlimited potential and fulfilled that promise gloriously last year, initially as a sevens player, then as an Auckland and New Zealand representative. Incredibly headed off Kirwan as Auckland's top tryscorer, bagging 17, including 4 against Taranaki. And he's doing it again this season, having scored 11 tries in 8 outings. Valuable back-up to skipper Shelford on the recent All Black tour of Australia. Plumber.

AUCKLAND PORTRAITS



Alan Whetton
Grammar Flanker 28 6ft 4in 16st
Made the All Black No 6 jersey his own last
winter, performing outstandingly throughout
the World Cup (when he scored tries in five
consecutive test matches). Externely mobile
- he's now scored 36 tries for Auckland - he
also gives great depth to the Auckland lineout.
Like his twin brother Gary he should hoist his
100th game for Auckland this season, having
been an Auckland regular since 1983.
Driver.



Michael Jones
Waitemata Flanker 23 6ft lin 14st 7lb
John Hart "discovered" Jones in 1985, easing
him into his squad. Jones responded with a
hat-trick of tries in his debut against South
Canterbury. Now the whole world knows
about the Jones boy after his dynamic performances in the World Cup campaign and in
the test against Wales and Australia this year.
A footballer with exceptional ball skills and
physical attributes Jones' outings for Auckland have been limited because of the neveron-Sunday policy. Student.



Eric Rush
Otahuhu Flanker 23 6ft 14st 2lb
Achieved national prominence at the sevens back in March, starting at Pukekohe and being chosen to fill in for Buck Shelford in Hong Kong. Did so with great effectiveness. Fast and aggressive, he first represented Auckland in 1986 while still with East Tamaki. Got only two outings for Auckland A last winter. It ain't easy with so many world class loosies around. University student.



Gary Whetton
Grammer Lock 28 6ft 6in 16st 10lb
Registered his 100th appearance for Auckland in Brisbane in April, and it would be difficult to pinpoint one dud among them. Has been a permanent fixture in the Auckland scrum almost throughout the 1980's and assumed the captaincy in Kirk's absences last winter. Startlingly mobile - he's scored heaps of 50 metre tries - he's Auckland's chief lineout jumper. Played every game in the World Cup campaign and all five tests this year. Production Manager



Marty Brooke
Marist Lock 25 6ft 5in 16st 3lb
The eldest of the three Brooke brothers to represent Auckland in recent times and the first to wear the Auckland jersey (in 1985). Has shuffled between No 8 and lock but is now specializing at lock. Injury delayed his entry into top-level rugby this winter but he showed against King Country and Taranaki that he's back to his best. Excellent lincout leaper and very mobile around the field. Plumber.



Steve McDowell
Suburbs Prop 26 6ft 15st 7lb
Powerful scrummager who has made enormous progress since transferring from Rotorua to Auckland in 1985. Became an All Black to Argentina that year and has been a regular test choice since, contributing mightily to New Zealand's World Cup triumph in '87 and to the series this year. Has turned several games Auckland's way with his scrummaging might. And he's pretty mobile for a big fella, too. Company representative. Appearances - 32 for New Zealand (17 tests)



Peter Fatialofa Ponsonby Prop 28 6ft 17st 2lb

Would probably be boasting 50-odd games for any other union in the country, but with Drake and McDowell around he's struggled to get to 37 over six seasons. Powerful scrummager (who made his mark practising against the World Cup pack) and bruising runner. Cornerstone of the powerful Ponsonby pack that overcame Suburbs to win the Gallaher Shield.

Piano mover.



Phil Coffin Suburbs Prop 24 6ft 16st 8lb

Made his mark in the King Country, playing 31 games for that province, before transferring to Auckland at the beginning of this year. Became captain of Suburbs, leading it through to the grand final. Appeared in All Black trials in 1987-88. Strong and mobile, an excellent back-up to McDowell and Fatialofa.



University Hooker 24 5ft 11in 14st 13lb You don't get a lot of front rowers to play alternatively on the side of the scrum but when test hero Fitzpatrick is around Grant Fox's younger brother willingly becomes a breakaway (and skilful one too). Moved from the Bay of Plenty to Auckland in 1986 and introduced to the Auckland squad last winter,

making his only appearance against East

Coast. Sales Representative.



Sean Fitzpatrick
University Hooker 25 6ft 14st 8lb
He didn't wait to see if opportunity would
knock twice in 1987. When Andy Dalton

knock twice in 1987. When Andy Dalton became hamstrung, Fitzpatrick took off, and by the conclusion of the World Cup and Bledisloe Cup campaign he was being lauded as agruably the finest all purpose hook-forward in international play, a reputation he built on this year. A good thrower to the lineout, he has great strength and an uncanny knowledge of when tryscoring chances are about to happen. Builder.

AUCKLAND UNBEATEN

AUCKLAND have had 24 wins in succession since their last defeat, by 16 - 21 to Canterbury in the final round of the South Pacific Championship in May last year.

That defeat was Auckland's only loss on Eden Park since 1983 when they were beaten 25 - 12 by Waikato in a Coronation Shield match.

Auckland's record since losing to Canterbury early last year is: 1987 -

b Wairarapa Bush	63 - 4
b Manawatu	22 -12
b Wanganui	59 - 6
b Otago	34 - 6
b Canterbury	24 - 15
b Hawke's Bay	56 - 18
b East Coast	72 -0
b North Auckland	25 - 6
b Bay of Plenty	43 -3
b Taranaki	49 - 6
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b Waikato	18 -3
b King Country	28 - 0
b Taranaki	41 - 13
b North Auckland	43 -15
b Counties	18 -7

Aucklands remaining matches after today are;

September 3rd

v Bay of Plenty at Rotorua;

September 10th

v Nth Harbour at Auckland (R.S)

September 17th

v Manawatu at Auckland (R.S.)

September 24th

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COME ON BACKS - LET'S THINK ABOUT IT by Steve Greer

It's "mind over matter" and "brains before brawn". Mental preparation and awareness and the ability to think quickly and clearly are vital to today's backs.

The more you think about what you are doing out there and communicate your thoughts to others from halfback through to fullback, the easier the playing of the game becomes and the more confident you become. Confidence only comes from thinking about and knowing what you are doing and having the ability to do it.

Of course preparation and training of thought is of upmost importance if you are expecting to produce the goods on the paddock. For instance, if your forwards only have the ability to win 50% of the ball throughout a game then logically your defence is of equal importance to your attack. Yet, how often do you think about and practice and develop a defensive pattern. You will get as much satisfaction out of winning a game when your forwards have won very little ball simply because your defensive pattern was so good your opposition couldn't score a try as you will out of scoring tries because the opposition defence is so weak. In any event a good defensive pattern is a form of attack where the opposition become so frustrated with failure to breach the defense that panic sets in and mistakes abound. Again the ability to capitalize on mistakes assumes the players are interested enough to back up and support and get involved in the game. How many times do you hear "that was a lucky bounce"? You have to be there to get the lucky bounce. Supporting and backing up are absolutely vital and no one should be selected in the backs if they do not have the physical and mental ability to support and back up. If you are not so brilliant on attack to be able to comprehensively beat your opposite number, then the obvious solution is to be there when he is not but doubling around and supporting. Our very own John Timu (now playing for Otago) has the natural ability to attack and do all the above things - he is the complete rugby player - you could learn a lot from watching him.

On the other hand, even more mental preparation and positive thought is required for "attacking backs". The ability to "read a game" is essential to all but more particularly

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to halfbacks and flyhalfs if the outside backs are to have any chance of successfully operating.

A halfback must know without hesitation when to run blind, when to run open, when and where to pass and when to kick. For example, when the opposition blindside wing consistently stands deep your halfback should be using the blind and you blind side wing. You will nearly always breach the advantage line and linking up of blindside wing, halfback and loose forwards will inevitably produce tries.

The same applies to a halfback funning towards a blindside wing who has that "horrible habit" of coming in on defence. Keep your blindside wing out wide and once the opposition wing has make one or two steps towards you it is all over. This again applies out wide - bring your extra man in outside centre at pace, allow the opposition wing with the "horrible habit" (and there are plenty of them out there) to come in. Immediately pass to your wing who is mentally tuned to sating out wide and again it is "curtains" to the opposition. But for goodness sake if it works once - think about it - and keep doing it. Play to the opposition's weaknesses but don't spend 90 minutes trying to find them or alternately don't find them in the first five minutes and then forget about them for the remaining 85 minutes.

Likewise, midfield backs, don't spend all day getting knocked down behind the advantage line which is either because (a) the ball is too slow (b) you are too slow (c) you are standing too flat (d) the opposition is very quick or often offside. Alternatively have your flyhalf stand deep rather than wide, giving him the opportunity to probe the blind, run and link with the loose forwards or kick in behind the backs.

Thought variation and communication are an irrepressible combination. If the above sounds easy back, then so is playing the game. But remember the ball always beats the man (try telling Michael Jones that) and every second is 8 metres for the average runner and 8 metres away from the cover defence is good fun.

Practice and put into effect the above and we need not say good luck for the rest of the season.

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Hawke's Bay	1966-69	21
Auckland	1985-88*	21

Shortest Tenure

Wellington	1973	7 days
Auckland	1972	10
North Auckland	1960	11
Wairarapa	1950	14
South Canterbury	1950	14
Auckland	1952	14

Most Points

Robbie Deans (Canterbury)	24 games	339 points
Grant Fox (Auckland)	21	323
Ian Bishop (Hawke's Bay)	22	178
Mike Cormack (Auckland)	24	177

Most Tries

Bert Greenside (Hawkes Bay)	30
Craig Green (Canterbury)	25
J.M. Blake (Hawke's Bay)	22
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Wanganui, at Wanganui LOST 18-29. (HT Wanganui 9-3)

Manawatu, at Palmerston North LOST 16-38. (HT Manawatu 12-6)

Wales, at Napier LOST: 18-45 (HT Wales 15-6)

Poverty Bay, at Napier WON 43-13 (HT 18-9)

North Auckland, at Whangarei. LOST 15-22 (HT 12-6)

Bay of Plenty, at Rotorua. LOST 16-20 (HT 6-10)

Mid-Canterbury (NPC), at Hastings WON 20-16 (HT 8-6)

Southland (NPC) at Hastings WON 38-27 (HT 30-6)

TO COME

August 31 vs Auckland (Ranfurly Shield), at McLean Park, Napier.

Sept 10 vs South Canterbury (NPC), at Fraser Park, Timaru.

Sept 14 vs Marlborough (NPC), at Nelson Park, Hastings.

Sept 21 vs Poverty Bay (NPC), at Rugby Park, Gisborne.

Sept 24 vs King Country (NPC), at Owen Delaney Park, Taupo.

Oct 1 vs Wairarapa-Bush (NPC), at Memorial Park, Masterton.

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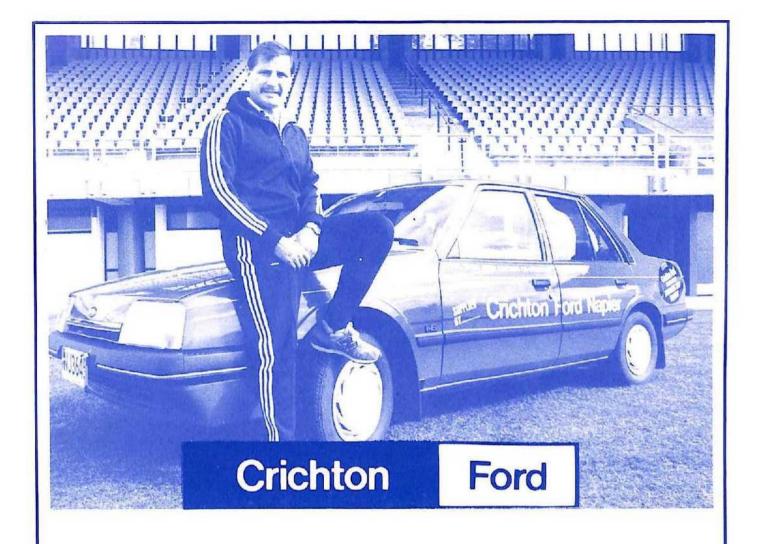
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		Second Division	FOR	AGST
	July 9	Mid-Canterbury vs Southland at Ashburton	7	9
	July 20	Mid-Canterbury vs King Country at Ashburton	10	8
1	July 23	Southland vs King Country at Invercargill	9	10
١	July 26	Marlborough vs King Country at Blenheim	18	8
ı	August 13	Poverty Bay vs Mid-Canterbury at Gisborne	26	10
I	August 17	Hawke's Bay vs Mid-Canterbury at Hastings	20	16
ı		Marlborough vs Southland at Blenheim	31	13
ı	August 20	Hawke's Bay vs Southland at Hastings	38	27
ı		Poverty Bay vs King Country at Gisborne	9	4
ı		South Canterbury vs Marlborough at Timaru	10	16
		Wairarapa-Bush vs Mid-Canterbury at Masterton	43	6
	August 24	Marlborough vs Mid-Canterbury at Ashburton	24	19
I	August 27	King Country vs South Canterbury at Te Kuiti	41	6
		Wairarapa-Bush vs Poverty Bay at Masterton	25	18
ı	August 30	Wairarapa-Bush vs South Canterbury at Masterton		
	September 3	South Canterbury vs Poverty Bay at Timaru		
	September 7	Southland vs Poverty Bay at Invercargill		
	September 10	King Country vs Wairarapa-Bush at Taumarunui		
		South Canterbury vs Hawke's Bay at Timaru		
	September 14	Hawke's Bay vs Marlborough at Hastings		
	September 17	Poverty Bay vs Marlborough at Gisborne		
		South Canterbury vs Mid-Canterbury at Timaru		
		Southland vs Wairarapa-Bush at Invercargill		
	September 21	Poverty Bay vs Hawke's Bay at Gisborne		
	September 24	King Country vs Hawke's Bay at Taupo		
		Marlborough vs Wairarapa-Bush, Blenheim		
		Southland vs South Canterbury at Invercargill		
	October 1	Wairarapa-Bush vs Hawke's Bay at Masterton		

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