



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE

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**Nathan Cayless Cup**  
Winners Counties Manukau 15s



**Mark Graham Cup**  
Winners Counties Manukau 17s

# NATIONAL COMPETITION WRAP



Northern Swords



Auckland



Counties Manukau



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE NATIONAL COMPETITION



Waioia Bay



Heartland



Orcas



South Island



**Albert Baskerville Trophy**  
Winners Auckland Premiers

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# Nathan Cayless Cup 15s

Ladder After Round 7				Add to myRugbyLeague							
POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Ag	GD	Pts
1	Counties Manukau 15s	7	6	0	0	1	0	236	54	182	14
2	Wellington Orcas 15s	7	4	2	0	1	0	218	86	132	10
3	Auckland 15s	7	4	2	0	1	0	198	116	82	10
4	South Island 15s	7	3	3	0	1	0	84	194	-110	8
5	Waicoa Bays Colts 15s	7	2	4	0	1	0	144	156	-12	6
6	Heartland 15s	7	2	4	0	1	0	130	158	-28	6
7	Northern Swords 15s	7	0	6	0	1	0	42	288	-246	2

It is no secret that New Zealand is a nursery for wonderful rugby league talent. The battle has always been how to best develop the players, to offer them a genuine pathway to greater success, to support those who wish to stay at home and play quality league and ensure that if they move away, they remember their roots and aspire to play for the Kiwis.

The New Zealand Rugby League administration felt it was critical to address this issue urgently. We needed to offer our young people a quality national competition, with more than one grade level offering a pathway to success. By having 15s and 17s, players can see that if they do well one year, there is something to work towards.

They travelled with their Zones Premiers, which meant they got to rub along with players with years of experience, some of whom have spent time in the much aspired to NRL competition in Australia. All of this offered them a new and unique opportunity which they grasped with both hands.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNTIES MANUKAU Inaugural holders of the Nathan Cayless Cup

**Final Result:**  
**Counties Manukau 30 – Wellington Orcas 16**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS WHO MADE THE NATIONAL MERIT TEAM 15s

1	TUIMOALA LOLOHEA	Auckland
2	JOSH MINHINNICK	Auckland
3	REUBEN RENNIE	Counties Manukau
4	LAFU FEAGAIGA	Counties Manukau
5	EZRA TOGIA	Wellington Orcas
6	JARED MCILWRICK	South Island
7	TAUTURU HAPUKU	Counties Manukau
8	PAUL TULI	Counties Manukau
9	SEMISI TYRELL	Counties Manukau
10	PJ LOSE	Heartland
11	JACKSON BAIRD-GILLET	Waicoa Bays
12	WATSON HELETA	Counties Manukau
13	PRIDE PETTERSON-ROBATI	Wellington Orcas
14	CLAYTON WILLIAMS	Waicoa Bays
15	KAURI AUPOURI	Wellington
16	JULES WEBLEY	South Island
17	PETER DILLEN	Counties Manukau

# Mark Graham Cup 17s

Ladder After Round 7		 		 Add to myRugbyLeague							
POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Ag	GD	Pts
1	Counties Manukau 17s	7	6	0	0	1	0	312	72	240	14
2	Auckland 17s	7	4	2	0	1	0	232	122	110	10
3	Wellington Orcas 17s	7	4	2	0	1	0	146	150	-4	10
4	Heartland 17s	7	3	3	0	1	0	188	124	64	8
5	South Island 17s	7	3	3	0	1	0	178	164	14	8
6	Waicoa Bays Colts 17s	7	1	5	0	1	0	126	160	-34	4
7	Northern Swords 17s	7	0	6	0	1	0	52	442	-390	2



## CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNTIES MANUKAU

**Inaugural holders of the  
Mark Graham Cup**

**Final Result:  
Counties Manukau 22 -  
Auckland 12**



The National Competition had seven Zones with three teams each. Each team played all of the other Zone equivalents once and all teams earned two points for the bye.

Zones invited players recommended by their clubs and districts to a Hearts camp in their Zone prior to the competition, where weather permitting, they played trial games in front of selectors and the lucky ones were named in their Zone teams.

At the Hearts camps they were also brought up to speed with the opportunities ahead and given a clear picture of the work they would need to put in to achieve in this new competition.

All teams played three games at home and three away, and these were played, as appropriate, at grounds spread around the Zones to provide the biggest reach possible.

The 15s teams competed for the Nathan Cayless Cup, the 17s for the Mark Graham Cup and the Premiers for the Albert Baskerville Trophy.

The best of the best were selected for two merit teams who will go on to do further development work with the NZRL in 2011.

The NZ Residents team was named from the Premiers competition and will spend time with the Kiwis including an opposed training session at Rotorua Stadium prior to the October 30 test.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS WHO MADE THE NATIONAL MERIT TEAM 17s

1	ROGER SHECK	Counties Manukau
2	JEREMY HAWKINS	Wellington Orcas
3	REGAN HAIKA	Waicoa Bays
4	NGANI LAUMAPE	Heartland
5	VILIAMU LOLOHEA	Counties Manukau
6	CARLOS HOTENE	Counties Manukau
7	MITCHELL VINCENT	South Island
8	DAVID BHANA	Auckland
9	SILIVA HAVILI	Counties Manukau
10	MIRO ATERA	Counties Manukau
11	CADE UMAGA	Wellington Orcas
12	JESSE PERETE	Heartland
13	TAMATEREREWA KOOPU	Waicoa Bays
14	ISAAC ROBINSON	Heartland
15	SIMEONA SEUMANUFAGAI	Wellington Orcas
16	ALFRED TO'OMALATAI	South Island

# Albert Baskerville Trophy Premiers

Ladder After Round 7											
POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Ag	GD	Pts
1	Auckland Premiers	7	5	1	0	1	0	232	86	146	12
2	Counties Manukau Premiers	7	4	2	0	1	0	232	142	90	10
3	Wellington Orcas Premiers	7	4	2	0	1	0	188	100	88	10
4	South Island Premiers	7	4	2	0	1	0	196	126	70	10
5	Waicoa Bays Stallions	7	3	3	0	1	0	186	172	14	8
6	Heartland Premiers	7	1	5	0	1	0	132	146	-14	4
7	Northern Swords Premiers	7	0	6	0	1	0	46	440	-394	2

## CONGRATULATIONS TO AUCKLAND

Inaugural holders of  
the Albert Baskerville  
Trophy

Final Result:  
Auckland 14 -  
Counties Manukau 6



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS WHO MADE THE NZ RESIDENTS TEAM

1	JAMES BLACKWELL	Counties Manukau
2	JUNIOR SALEVAO	South Island
3	SHAUN METCALF	Auckland
4	MATT WANOA	Wellington
5	BURETA FARAIMO	Wellington
6	MATT EVERITT	Wellington
7	TRENT WALLACE	Auckland
8	KARL EDMONDSON	Auckland
9	DARIN KINGI	Counties Manukau
10	JAYE PUKEPUKE	South Island
11	ALFRED PENESE	Wellington
12	TANE HART	Auckland
13	SAULALA HOUMA	Auckland
14	SUAIA MATAGI	Auckland
15	GEORGE MAFI	Wellington
16	HEMI KEMP	Wellington
17	PAULY TUUTA	Heartland



# Match Officials Development



Referees from across the seven Zones benefited enormously from this inaugural National Competition; firstly because specialised training was given to all Match Officials to bring them up to the required standard, which was much higher than regular club league, secondly because this was the first time a national event has covered 15s, 17s and Premiers all on the same day.

This meant that the Premier Referees turned up early to watch the 15s and 17s games and then passed their knowledge and feedback onto the Junior Referees, and then the Junior Referees were able to stay behind to watch how the Senior Referees plied their trade.

Friendship and knowledge was shared through the ages and various experience levels, and this was a great success and can only get better in years to come.

The continuation of National and / or Zonal Referees Training Camps just prior to the commencement of the Competition will also benefit everyone.

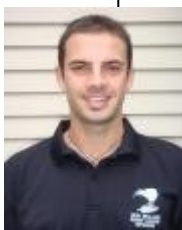
Youth development was reflected in the Finals appointments:

**15s Final** - Referee Jamal Thompson (19yrs), and touch judges Kena Waikai (16 yrs) & Alex Herbert (23 yrs).

**17s Final** - Referee Steve Urquhart (25yrs) and touch judges Brad Spiers (26yrs) Sam Davis (29yrs) and there were a dozen more just like them from all over the Country, pressing for appointments.

To have so many people under 30 and even under 20, learning match official skills is a great thing for our game.

Plans for the future include targeting Year 12 and 13 Secondary School Students along with Tertiary Students so that we continue to get young people training to be the on-field decision makers of our game.



Our NZRL referee at the current Four Nations Tournament is Shane Rehm (28 yrs). He is also in consideration for an NRL Contract which would mean full-time professionalism and possibly a great career for the next 10 to 12 years.

As Henry Perenara, NZ born professional Match Official said, when he visited NZ earlier this year, many of our young players should consider this as an option both to help their playing and provide an alternative way to still be involved in league at a top level.

The opportunity is here now, the decision is yours.

The NZRL would like to acknowledge the support of the Lion Foundation and NZCT, without their support an amateur competition such as this would not happen.



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The second Four Nations tournament test is in the beautiful lakeside tourist city of Rotorua. Both the Junior Kiwis and the Kiwis will be in the city for some time prior to the test and will be getting out and about.

The players will be having an open opposed training session with the newly announced NZ Residents team at Rotorua International Stadium on Wednesday 27 October at 10am. You are welcome to come along and watch.

Please check the NZRL website closer to the time for all the details. <http://www.nzrl.co.nz/support-the-team.aspx>

