

# YOUR RUGBY EXPERIENCE

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## Welcome to Your Rugby Experience

Who is the Duck Man and what is **Your Rugby Experience** all about? Well, Your Rugby Experience is a dedicated digital magazine to promote everything good about subbies rugby and the clubs who will be participating in the 2026 men's and women's competition.

Leading into a men's home RWC in 2027 and a women's home RWC in 2029 is an exciting time to be involved in NSW Suburban Rugby Union and supporting the Waratahs, Wallabies and Wallaroos in 2026.

It's an interesting time to be involved in rugby right at this point in time. The Waratahs are rebuilding after some lean seasons on the field, the Wallabies have been going through generational changes and major coaching and administrative restructures, and this has even had a trickle-down effect into the governance of NSW Suburban rugby.



Massive strides were made last year in NSW Rugby with the appointment of the first ever Head of Western Sydney Rugby with the appointment of Simon Kacimawai taking on this role which has now recognised the strategic piece in the rugby chessboard that Western Sydney plays, not only in the Sydney Suburban Rugby landscape or Shute Shield competition, but on a state, national and even international influence level.

I ran a social media survey of all the existing clubs in NSW suburban rugby clubs who participated in the 2025 that would potentially be in this market of Western Sydney. The stats presented me the following info. The NSW Suburban clubs who would potentially be in the catchment area included Blue Mountains, Briars, Blacktown, Hills, Hawkesbury Valley, Redfield College, Rouse Hill Renegades, Western Raptors / Chifley Chiefs, Merrylands, Penrith Emus, Camden. This was based purely on geographic location only. But the social media member numbers for all clubs in NSW



Suburban rugby is 105,794 Facebook members of all NSW Suburban rugby clubs out of 48 clubs. The club with the highest Facebook patronage is Sydney Convicts with 7809 and followed by Penrith Emus in 2<sup>nd</sup> on 6594 Facebook members. A side from the west. A club that has been battlers and struggling in the past when they were in the Shute Shield. Number 1 of all Sydney Rugby clubs including Shute Shield? Western Sydney Two Blues with 24,093 Facebook members.

So, the total number of members from club Facebook pages and dedicated club's women's rugby pages in the Western Sydney area that I identified is 28,479. That is 24.5% of the total number of social media members in NSW Suburban rugby. Western Sydney has a current estimated population of 2.9 million people today. It's expected to be 4.1 million by 2041 across the 13 Local Government areas that make up Western Sydney.

Some people probably want to know why this is important. Western Sydney is the future of population growth in NSW and Australia. Why would it not be the strategic piece to unlock the sleeping behemoth of the Australian public who want to play, support, sponsor and be associated with rugby in Australia, particularly NSW and Suburban Rugby. NSW Suburban rugby currently taps into just under 1% of Western Sydney via social media outlets such as Facebook, which was the only one I measured for this survey. Imagine they tap into 3%, 5% or even 10%...The mind boggles. 290,000 social media followers is achievable.

The product is good. The quality of NSW Suburban rugby is right up there, and it's our duty to promote everything good to the public and re-engage the public with the game that we love.

Could you imagine sell outs to the test matches, the Bledisloe Cup, 30,000-40,000 people every week watching the Waratahs play. This excites me. The future is here. The future is now.

Dream big and believe that rugby can once again be a sport where all our Wallabies players are household names, and perhaps the second-best known sporting team in Australia behind the Australian cricket team. That's where we were in 1991 and even in 1999. There is no reason why this could not happen again as it has in the past.



I'm still after podcast guests before I launch the first episode of Your Rugby Experience via Zoom and Facebook. If you would like to be involved, email me at [admin@duckman.com.au](mailto:admin@duckman.com.au)

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Have a fantastic weekend and go the mighty Waratahs!

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## Simon Poidevin



## UNSW to Wallaby



**Simon Poidevin** had an amazing career in rugby. The lad from Goulburn who played 59 test

matches for the Wallabies was the third of 5 children to a sports loving family. His family prior to Simon's birth had many significant sporting achievements. It started with his grandfather on his mother's side Les Hannan who was a rugby player and obtained selection for the Australian Rugby Tour of Great Britain in 1908/09. However, Les broke his leg before the team departed and missed the tour. Hanna did fight in World War 1 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Lighthorse Brigade, where he served as a stretcher bearer. Poidevin's father's cousin, Dr Leslie Oswald Poidevin, was an accomplished cricketer hitting 151 for NSW against McLaren's MCC team, and during the 1918/19 season he became the first Australian to score a century in all levels of cricket. He later became the co-founder of the inter-club cricket competition in Sydney known as the Poidevin-Gray Shield. And played 149 first class cricket matches scoring 7022 runs, averaging 32.96 with 14 centuries and 31 fifties under his belt. Leslie Oswald Poidevin was also an accomplished tennis player and while studying medicine in Great Britain, Leslie Oswald Poidevin won the Swiss Tennis Championship and played in the Davis Cup for Australia. Poidevin's eldest sibling Andrew obtained a scholarship to study at Chevalier College in Bowral where



he represented NSW schoolboys playing rugby union and went on to represent the Australian National University, ACT U23s team at breakaway and later played with Simon at UNSW.

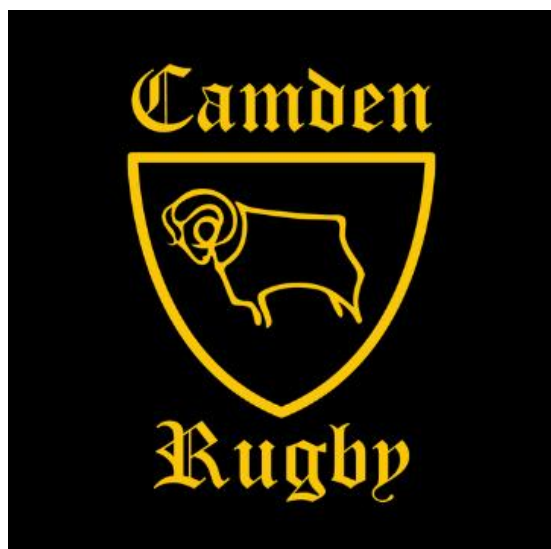
Simon's first taste in the sporting world was playing rugby league at Our Lady of Mercy prep school in Goulburn, then he attended St Patrick's College (Now Trinity College) in his primary school education level and played with Gavin Miller who played rugby league for the Cronulla Sharks, NSW and Australia. Poidevin changed football codes into rugby as he progressed into his senior years of St Patrick's College, where rugby union was the only form of rugby played. Poidevin made the school's 1<sup>st</sup> XV in his penultimate year at school, and the team went through the season undefeated. From this Poidevin made the ACT Schools representative team for the Australian Schools championship in Melbourne where ACT defeated NSW but lost the final to QLD.

Upon finishing school he played a season with the Goulburn Rugby Union Football Club and then, in 1978, he moved to Sydney to study at the UNSW, from which he graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science (Hons). He made his first-grade debut with the UNSW's rugby union team in 1978. In 1982

he moved clubs to Randwick, the famous Galloping Greens, home of the Ella brothers and many other Wallabies. Poidevin also played for the Wallabies in the 1984 Grand Slam tour of Britain and Ireland which had never been done before or since, and represented Australia at the inaugural RWC in 1987 and played in the Wallabies successful 1991 RWC winning team playing 59 tests for Australia, being the first player to play 50 tests and captaining the side on 4 occasions.

And just remember that he made the Wallabies team from UNSW who were in the NSW 2<sup>nd</sup> division at the time which would be the equivalent of the Kentwell Cup today.





### Camden Rugby Club

In 1975, a group of enthusiastic rugby supporters founded Camden Rugby Club. Their first team, a third-grade squad, entered the Illawarra District Rugby Union competition, blending Camden locals, new residents with a rugby background, and University of Sydney students. Despite knowing little about the game initially, their inaugural team made it to the grand final, narrowly losing to Wollongong University.

The following year, they expanded to include both second and third-grade teams, with their second-grade team securing their first premiership by defeating Campbelltown Harlequins. This victory ignited a fierce and lasting rivalry with the Harlequins.

By 1977, Camden fielded three grades in the competition. Despite challenges with player numbers,

they never forfeited a game in any grade. Throughout the 1980s, their first-grade team became a formidable force, reaching the Illawarra grand finals in 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1995, and 1996, winning in 1987 and 1995. In both 1985 and 1996, all three senior grades made the grand finals, with third grade emerging victorious each time. 1996 also marked their first Club Championship win.

Their commitment to junior rugby began with an Under 19 Colt side, reaching the semi-finals in 1996 and the Grand Final in 2005. Today, they proudly field teams from Under 8s to Under 18s, nurturing the next generation of rugby talent.

Camden Rugby Club stands on a strong foundation built by the tireless work of our dedicated committee, players, supporters, and sponsors. While we celebrate our rich history, we are committed to evolving with the changing social and economic environment. Our strategic planning focuses on meeting new challenges and setting priorities to maintain our leadership within the rugby community and the broader Macarthur district sports area. They have been participating in subbies in the Halligan Cup in recent years and it would be good to see Camden continue this involvement in 2026..



## Chifley Chiefs Rugby Club

The Chiefs previously competed as the Western Raptors in both the NSW Suburban Rugby Union and Sydney Women's Rugby Union, and they made their presence known on the field since their foundation in 2019, we've achieved rapid success on the field – winning multiple premierships, earning club championships, and expanding into women's premier rugby. The Chiefs have launched a new name and brand identity for 2026 and beyond, to drive the next phase of their growth. The club is built on cultural diversity, inclusivity, and strong community pride. Their motto "From the Area – For the Area" reflects their ongoing commitment to representing and uplifting Western Sydney. At the heart of the club is family and community - the club was established to provide opportunities for local juniors to

play senior rugby. They continue to strive to be a club that is welcoming and inclusive of all players, coaches, volunteers and their families. Some important recent history to note is in 2024 they fielded two men's teams and their first ever women's team. They had 32 women and 66 men registered, a total of 98 registered players. They were grand finalists in both men's grades and were awarded NSW Suburban Rugby Union Division 4 club champions. And in 2025 they fielded two men's teams, with a total of 74 registered players against some red hot clubs such as Redfield College and Hawkesbury Valley who they beat at Valley's home ground McQuade Park in round 9 coming from behind at half time and late into the second half to win 36-35 on the bell against the eventual premiers which was no mean feat inflicting only Valley's 2nd loss of the season on them.

2026 the club have rebranded as the Chifley Chiefs, and are relaunching their women's team, and look to grow our men's program to include colts (under 21s) and hopefully field a side in Division 3 in the NSW Suburban Rugby comp. The club hopes to be the rugby club of choice in the Western Sydney area for pathways and recreational rugby opportunities for rugby players.



## Colleagues Convicts Rugby Club

The Sydney Convicts are Australia's first gay and inclusive Rugby Union club. Founded in 2004, the Convicts are a group of passionate individuals with a common theme - committed to building a competitive, social and diverse club. They compete in the Sydney Suburban Rugby Union championship (Subbies), under the umbrella of Woollahra Colleagues RFC. The Convicts are proud members of both the LGBTIQ+ and NSW Rugby Union communities. Together with their partners and sponsors we strive to grow the conversation around anti-homophobia in sport, and for many years have been involved in creating real change. This includes launching an Anti-Homophobia & Inclusion Framework for Australian Sports on the back of hosting the 2014 Bingham Cup in Sydney and leading the 'Out on

The Fields' survey - the first international study on homophobia in Sport. During their season we train and play at our home ground in Rose Bay, Sydney / Gadigal Land with the Woollahra Colleagues RFC. The Sydney Convicts Rugby Club has a zero-tolerance approach to any form of bullying, harassment, or vilification of people with diverse sexuality and/or gender. Homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and interphobia are not accepted within their club. The club have numerous life members including the following Andrew "Fuzz" Purchas OAM, Simon Thompsen, David Whittaker, Duncan McGregor, Charlie Winn, Richie McGrath, Steve Thorne, Tommy Bourne and Don Rose. In 2005 in just their second season of competitive rugby, Sydney Convicts picked up the Halligan Cup which they repeated this 11 years later in 2016. The club also won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Nicholson Cup title in 2012 which was a feather in the cap for Sydney Convicts Rugby. The club are very strong on the rugby field and will gain play quality attractive attacking rugby and will be extremely competitive when they take the field again in 2026 in the NSW Suburban Rugby competition.



### Epping Rams Rugby Club

The Epping Rugby Club started in the 1930s as Epping Juniors, giving juniors in the Epping area a chance to play rugby. Since their inception, there have been a number of future international rugby players played for Epping's juniors. These include Ian Williams, Mick Mathers, Brett Papworth, Matt Mostyn, Steve Tuynman (the Club Patron), Matt Burke and Lachlan Turner. In 1960, former junior players with the Epping Rugby Club formed the Epping Juniors suburban rugby club. Epping Juniors played in various divisions of Suburban Rugby through until 1991, winning only one premiership, the 1986 Walker Cup, before folding. A schism occurred in the late 1980s, which resulted in some members joining another local Suburban Rugby Club, the Cavaliers. Upon folding, some remaining members joined Lane Cove, ensuring a

healthy rivalry between the clubs. The Cavaliers started as Eastwood Methodist in the early 1970s in Sydney's Protestant Church rugby competition. They joined Suburban Rugby as Roselea in the late 1970s, before changing their name to the Cavaliers in the 1980s. The Cavaliers won one Suburban premiership, winning the Grose Cup (2nd Grade) in 1992. In 1997, the Cavaliers were invited to join the Epping Rams, as the senior club, and immediately scored success, by winning the Grose Cup (4th Division, 2nd Grade). In 2000, the Epping Rams seniors were promoted to 3rd Division, and won the Clark Cup (3rd Division, 1st Grade) premiership the following year, in 2001. Epping have won numerous premierships including Keith 'Doc' Harris Shield (3rd Division Club Champions) - 2005, 2017, Clark Cup (3rd Division, 1st Grade) - 2001, 2005, 2017, Grose Cup (4th Division, 2nd Grade) - 1992 (as Cavaliers), 1997, Radford Cup (3rd Division, Colts) – 2013, Blunt Cup (2nd Division, 3rd Grade) – 2020, Campbell Cup (3rd Division, 3rd Grade) - 2004, 2005, Walker Cup (4th Division, 3rd Grade) - 1986 (joint) and their most recent success was winning the Division 2 Stockdale Cup in 2024 with Nathan Harvey in charge and the Richardson Cup Div 2 4<sup>th</sup> grade. 2026 is a big year for the Rams.



## Forest Rugby Club

Forest Rugby Club has a proud history in the Sydney Suburban Rugby Competition. Established in 1958, Forest have had success across several divisions and individual grades. Forest is a proud club, with heavy focus on junior pathways and a culture of enjoyment. In 1957 the Forest Rugby story began when a small group of men from the French's Forest area, who used to meet for a drink after work in a Chatswood Hotel, decided they would like their sons to play rugby. As there was no organised rugby in the area, one of the fathers Bill Holmes, formed a team of boys to enter the Gordon, Northern Districts competition. By 1958 the number of players, officials and supporters increased, and it was decided to form a club. The first meeting was held in Soldiers Hall, Forestville on 10 February 1958.

The club's colours of Bottle Green and White were chosen. The home ground would be French's Forest Primary School Oval. Throughout the 60's the club progressed further by drafting and having accepted a constitution and re-locating to the permanent home ground of The War Memorial Playing Fields, Melwood Oval, Forestville. Notably, in 1966 the club's numbers had grown to 300 with 16 teams being fielded and Peter Sullivan being the first player from the club to be selected to play for NSW (and later went on to captain Australia). In 1972 the club entered its first team in the Sydney Sub-District Competition where they stayed until 1979 where they were invited to join the newly formed 3rd Division. Back in 2012, Forest rugby was a leader in creating and nurturing girls rugby in Sydney as one of the inaugural clubs to field an all-girls 7s team, and in 2024 the club established a women's side to wear the green and white and become part of Forest Rugby Club. Forest have won the 1998 NSW Suburban Rugby club of the year, 3 Division 2 club championships, 2 Division 3 club championships, 5 Barraclough Cups, and completed the Div 2 collection winning the Richardson Cup last year. With 24 competition wins, 2026 promises to be a good year for Forest.



## Georges River Rugby Drop Bears

Georges River Rugby Drop Bears were formed back in 2023. The Drop Bears are the second newest club in NSW Suburban Rugby, with the formation of Chifley Chiefs in the 2026 season. President Richard “Beachie” Ekholm said “At Georges River Rugby Club, our mission is to cultivate a vibrant community united by the passion for rugby. We strive to foster an inclusive environment where players of all levels can develop their skills, embrace teamwork, and embody sportsmanship. Through dedication to excellence on and off the field, we aim to inspire our members to lead healthy, active lifestyles while upholding the values of respect, integrity, and camaraderie. By promoting the values of rugby within our local community, we seek to make a positive impact

and create lifelong memories for our players, supporters, and stakeholders”. The Drop Bears have a series of core principles they believe in which include Respect for the opponent, the officials, and the game itself is a cornerstone of rugby culture. Teamwork is a fundamental value for Georges River Rugby, and players are expected to put the needs of the team above their own. Sportsmanship is about playing fair and respecting the rules of the game. It involves accepting defeat gracefully and showing respect for the opposition, regardless of the result. Rugby is a physically demanding sport that requires a high level of discipline from its players. Discipline involves adhering to a strict training regimen, following team rules and protocols, and maintaining a positive attitude. Players are expected to demonstrate courage both on and off the field. This involves being willing to take risks, make sacrifices, and stand up for what is right. Integrity is about being honest and transparent in all your actions, both on and off the field. Georges River Rugby values players who demonstrate integrity and who are committed to doing the right thing, even when it is not easy. Having these core principles will help lead the Drop Bears to success in the future.



## Hawkesbury Valley Rugby Club

Hawkesbury Valley was founded in 1987 when the NSWRU were anxious to get the game played in the Northwest of Sydney. Rugby Union had been played in the Hawkesbury district until shortly after the First World War then converted to Rugby League. John Carroll from the NSWRU was the catalyst behind the formation of HVRC and the initial meeting took place at Richmond. The meeting was attended by a number of rugby players including, Mick Mathers (initial President and First Grade Coach), Ken Fairfax, Adrian Lindo), Ross Cameron (Second Grade Coach and later First Grade Coach) and Bruce. Mick Mathers, a former Australian Player, provided profile for the club and led successful delegations to the

Council that resulted in McQuade Park being obtained for home games whilst Windsor Bowling Club became the clubs watering hole. The meeting with NSWRU officials resulted in the club entering the Sydney Rugby Union second division competition. The club secured players from the RAAF Richmond and the defunct Kellyville Rugby Club. In all the club used 137 players in its first season of which about 30 were permanent members. The balance of players being people at the ground who were new to rugby. This is Valley's 40<sup>th</sup> season and 2025 saw the club win their first 1<sup>st</sup> grade grand final after 3 attempts beating Redfield College at McQuade Park winning the 5th division David Swan Shield club championship and the McLean Cup. Over the years Valley had also won 2 Farrant Cups in 2005 and 2013 for winning Div 3 second grade, and 4 Campbell Cups (div 3 fourth grade) in 1995, 2000, 2007 and 2014. The club has produced one representative player Peter Besseling who played for Penrith Emus, Sydney Uni, ACT Brumbies, NSW Waratahs and IBM Japan. Hawkesbury Valley will be hoping to hit the ground running in 2026.

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### Hills Rugby Club

The Hills Club was established in 1959. The club are still trying to uncover and unlock some of their past history on its foundation. Luckily for Hills I have been fortunate to interview several former players who played juniors with the club and went on to have amazing careers such as former Wallabies Andrew Leeds and Tony Melrose and his older brother Gregg and younger brother Brian all came through Hills at least as juniors before moving on to Parramatta Two Blues and had accomplished rugby careers of their own right. The Melrose boys were former Northmead High School students as well and were good at everything including athletics and running which would have been a handy thing to be able to do at Yattenden Oval. Fast forward to 2000 and Hills Rugby Club did have a viable presence in

the competition again with James Lovely and a bunch of juniors who used to play with my cousin, start the side back up in the Meldrum Cup 6<sup>th</sup> division. Craig Brinnand took over in 2001 and has been a mainstay ever since with his son Matthew the current Club coach, his brother Mick was the club's first grade captain in 2025, and their cousin Adam coaches the second-grade team. It is very family orientated club and that is the cornerstone of the longevity of the club. Hills have had a lot of success in their return to NSW Suburban Rugby winning the McLean 4<sup>th</sup> Div 1<sup>st</sup> grade in 2004 also securing the Herlihy Shield 4<sup>th</sup> Div club championship, in 2012 the club won the Radford Cup Colts competition, 2014 proved to be highly successful winning the Clark Cup (Div 3 first grade), and the Keith Doc Harris Shield for Div 3 Club championship which then saw them promoted up to Division 2 and Hills won a hatrick of Richardson Cup's (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Div 2) in 2015, 16 and 17. They also picked up 2 Blunt Cups (Div 2 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) in 2022 and 2023 and last season won the Farrant Cup (Div 3 second Grade) and also the Keith Doc Harris Shield for Div 3 Club championship for the second time. Hills are rebuilding nicely with numbers and will be extremely competitive again in the 2026 NSW Subbies competition.



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# Super Rugby Round 3 Wrap up

**ROUND 3 RESULTS**

FRI 27 FEB

- MOANA PASIFIKA 19 - 35 WESTERN FORCE
- QUEENSLAND REDS 31 - 14 HIGHLANDERS

SAT 28 FEB

- FIJIAN DRUQA 25 - 20 HURRICANES
- CHIEFS 33 - 43 CRUSADERS
- BLUES 30 - 27

BYE: NSW WARATAHS

**ROUND 3 STANDINGS**

	W	D	L	PF	PT
1 ACT BRUMBIES	3	0	0	61	14
2 NSW WARATAHS	2	0	0	47	10
3 CHIEFS	2	0	1	-3	8
4 HURRICANES	1	0	1	37	6
5 BLUES	1	0	2	3	6
6 QUEENSLAND REDS	1	0	1	-7	5
7 CRUSADERS	1	0	2	-18	5
8 HIGHLANDERS	1	0	2	-18	5
9 WESTERN FORCE	1	0	2	-26	4
10 FIJIAN DRUQA	1	0	2	-32	4
11 MOANA PASIFIKA	1	0	2	-44	4

## Round 4 – Waratahs miss the storm warning and get blown away by Hurricanes

The Waratahs were back in action in Round 4 against the very formidable Wellington Hurricanes at Allianz Stadium after having the Round 3 bye. I had a weird feeling about the game prior and when Joseph Suaalii pulled out after a pre-match warm up hamstringing injury, things didn't bode well for the match. The Hurricanes finished a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> last season on 38 points in the Super Rugby competition, and the irony was not lost on me that when the Waratahs played the Hurricanes in Round 7 last season, they comprehensively beat the Waratahs 57-12 at the Cake Tin. But 2026 has been an amazing start for the Waratahs. Matt Phillip is leading the way as captain, and Max Jorgenson had scored 2 doubles in his first 2 matches, so optimism was high. George Poolman was the late call up



when Suaalii and Dan McKellar's team were rocked by the last-minute



withdrawal. But you know what they say in the classics. A team is not built around 1 man.



The Waratahs started hard and fast again. The defence was solid, particularly around the breakdown, they were getting clean ball out for Jake Gordon, the scrum was rock solid again and the lineouts were good. Triston Reilly darted over for the first try of the match to give the Waratahs the momentum and first points on the board and Lawson Creighton converted to take the lead to 7-0. It only took 2 minutes for Asofa Aumua to hit back and get the Hurricanes first try of the night, and they scored again 3 mins later with Fineanganofu streaking away from the defence to put Peter Leki over for a try. The Waratahs were starting to miss tackles at the breakdown and first phase around the ruck. Max Jorgenson has been unbelievable this season though and crossed for another try in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute to level the score up giving the Tahs fans hope. Only 2 minutes later Bailyn Sullivan

restored order for the Hurricanes adding a try and extending the lead to 17-12. Dan McKellar would have been relatively happy heading into the half time break and oranges, but only 3 mins into the second half, Billy Proctor ran through the biggest hole to score another try and take the lead to 24-12. Proctor made it a double in the 46<sup>th</sup> minute with another try to really open the game up for the Hurricanes. In the 58<sup>th</sup> minute Sullivan crossed for his 2<sup>nd</sup> try to take the Hurricanes out to a 38-12 lead. Jorgenson picked up a double for the home side in the 61<sup>st</sup> minute with debutant Sid Harvey converting from the sideline as cool as you like to get the Waratahs back to 38-19 down, still with a slim chance of a comeback on the cards. It wasn't to be though Enari crossed for his first try of the day to take the Hurricanes to a 45-19 lead and completely end any chance of a miracle comeback. The Hurricanes hit their half century in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute when Poolman grassed a long pass and Jone Rova picked the ball up and streaked away to score under the posts. Only 1 minute later, the fight was over when the Hurricanes crossed for their last try in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute which saw Billy Proctor pick up a hat-trick, the Hurricanes secure their 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 point score of the Super Rugby season and the



Waratahs get defeated at home 59-19. It was a tough day out for the Tahs fans for Club round and Dan McKellar will need to go back to the drawing board to keep the Waratahs in the fight for this season.



The upcoming matches for the rest of Round 4 look like this:

**FIXTURES**

**FRI 6 MAR**

<b>7.05PM NZT</b> FMG STADIUM WAIRATO, HAMILTON	<b>MOANA</b>
<b>7.35PM AEDT</b> ALLIANZ STADIUM, SYDNEY	<b>HURICANES</b>

**SAT 7 MAR**

<b>4.35PM NZT</b> FORSYTH BARR STADIUM, DUNEDIN	<b>SCOTTISH FORCE</b>
<b>7.05PM NZT</b> EDEN PARK, AUCKLAND	<b>CROCODILES</b>
<b>7.35PM AEDT</b> GIO STADIUM, CANBERRA	<b>REDS</b>

BYE: FIJIAN DRUA

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I hope you enjoy your weekend of rugby. Let's hope the Waratahs bounce back for Round 5 of Super Rugby next week.

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- 06 MARCH** BARKER SCHOOLGIRL LEADERS BREAKFAST  
with Piper Duck, Emily Chancellor, Kerry Chikarovski & Raeleen Hooper.
- 06 MARCH** GIRLS ONLY TRI TAG COMPETITION  
Sydney Junior Rugby Union Girls Only Tri Tag Competition Launched Pre Match at Allianz Stadium Waratahs Game
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