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We are looking forward to tonight's game and are grateful to have the full support of our region behind us. It's knockout rugby now so every game counts, and each fan at the game makes a difference. The players have commented on the benefit of playing at home in front of you all, so get behind your team and cheer them on tonight.

Every member of our Chiefs whānau has supported the team to reach this point of the season. Whether you are a fan, sponsor, staff member or player you have all contributed, so thank you.

Enjoy the game and hang around after to be a part of thanking one of the legends of our club, Sam Cane, for his significant contribution to the Gallagher Chiefs on and off the field.

**Simon Graafhuis**

Chiefs Rugby Club CEO



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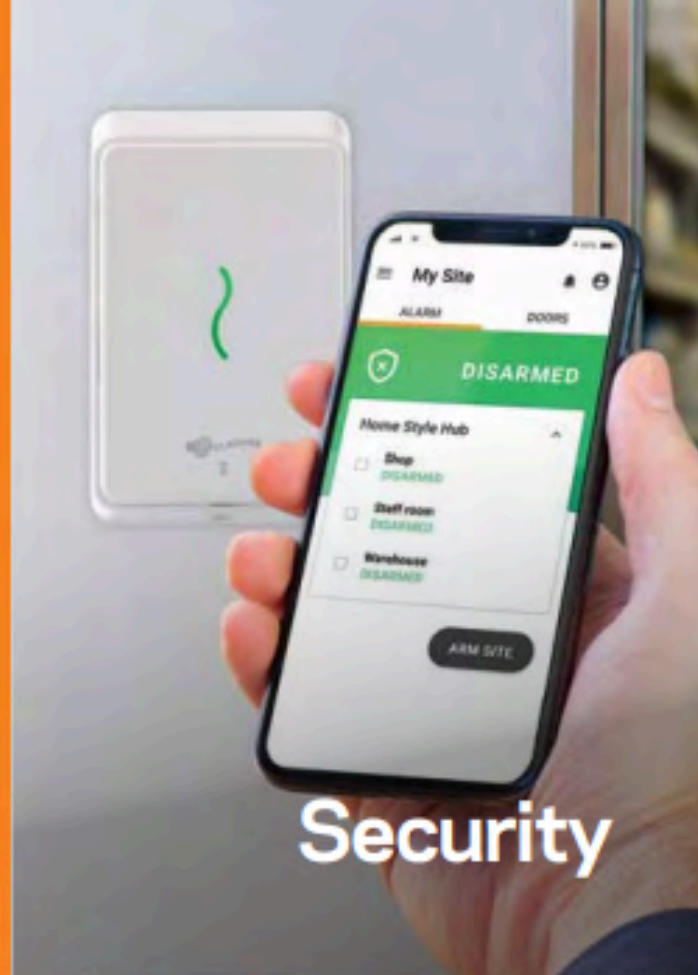
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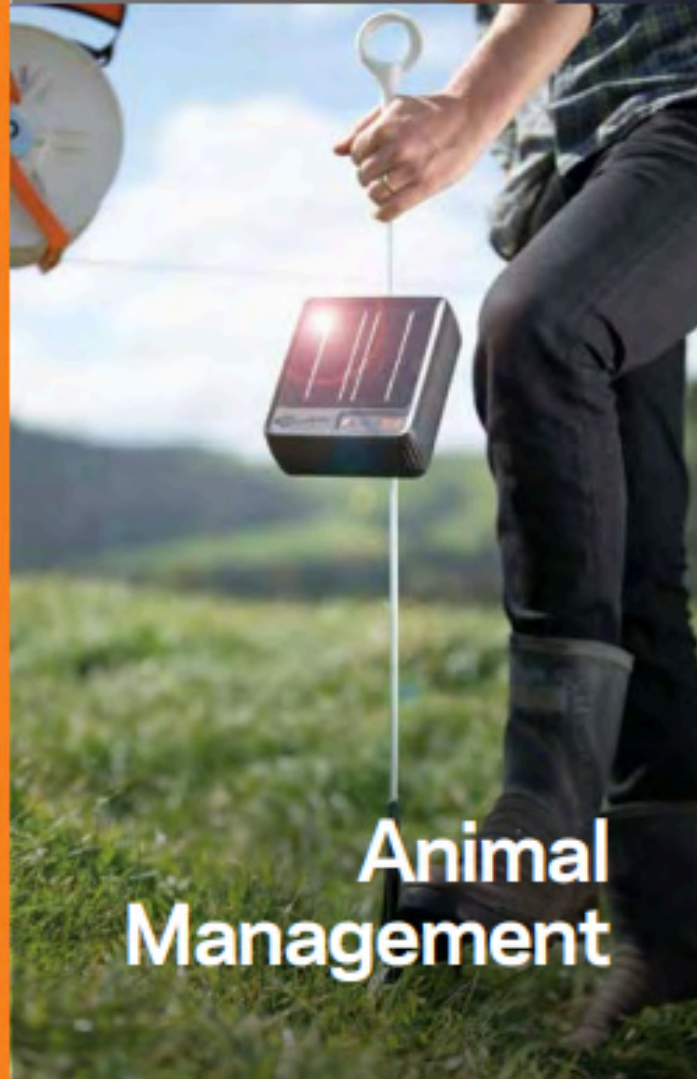
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We hope you enjoy today's game!

## The team at Gallagher



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When we play the Reds, we tend to bring out the best in each other. Both teams like to express themselves with ball in hand and we are expecting a fast-paced and fierce encounter.

We have been impressed with how the Reds have been playing, they are clear on their identity, have threats across the park to impose their game on you, and generally look a cohesive happy unit. They will be up for this game and have our full respect.

We love playing at home and think we have the best supporters in the world. They have been magnificent turning up for us all year even though at times our season has reflected a bit of a rollercoaster journey. The comforts of home and our fans are all an advantage for us on Friday night.



## Clayton McMillan

Gallagher Chiefs Head Coach



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# Starting XV

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2 Samisoni  
**TAUKEI'AHO**

3 George  
**DYER**

4 Jimmy  
**TUPOU**



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5 Tupou  
**VAA'I**

6 Samipeni  
**FINAU**

7 Luke  
**JACOBSON**

8 Wallace  
**SITITI**



9 Cortez  
**RATIMA**

10 Damian  
**MCKENZIE**

11 Etene  
**NANAI-SETURO**

12 Rameka  
**POIHIPI**



13 Anton  
**LEINERT-BROWN**

14 Emoni  
**NARAWA**

15 Shaun  
**STEVENSON**



# Match Officials

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## Referee

Ben O'Keeffe

## Assistant Referees

Stu Curran

Jackson Henshaw

## TMO

Glenn Newman

# Impact

16 Bradley  
**SLATER**

17 Jared  
**PROFFIT**

18 Reuben  
**O'NEILL**

19 Naitoa  
**AH KUOI**

20 Simon  
**PARKER**

21 Xavier  
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22 Quinn  
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# Player Profiles



## #290 Aidan Ross

Position: Prop  
Physical: 1.89m, 111kg  
DOB: 25/10/1995  
Province: Bay of Plenty  
Chiefs Debut: 2017 v Western Force  
Chiefs Caps: 85  
All Blacks Debut: 2022 v Ireland

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## #312 Bradley Slater

Position: Hooker  
Physical: 1.86m, 110kg  
DOB: 23/09/1998  
Province: Taranaki  
Chiefs Debut: 2019 v Sunwolves  
Chiefs Caps: 57

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## #325 Reuben O'Neill

Position: Prop  
Physical: 1.83m, 117kg  
DOB: 17/02/1995  
Province: Taranaki  
Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Sunwolves  
Chiefs Caps: 26



## #282 Samisoni Taukei'aho

Position: Hooker  
Physical: 1.83m, 115kg  
DOB: 08/08/1997  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2017 v Highlanders  
Chiefs Caps: 90  
All Blacks Debut: 2022 v Fiji

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## #329 Simon Parker

Position: Loose Forward  
Physical: 1.97m, 117kg  
DOB: 06/05/2000  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Crusaders  
Chiefs Caps: 19



## Malachi Wrampling

Position: Loose Forward  
Physical: 1.94m, 114kg  
DOB: 16/04/2004  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut:  
Chiefs Caps:



# Player Profiles



## #336 Xavier Roe

Position: Halfback  
Physical: 1.79m, 81kg  
DOB: 13/12/1998  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Highlanders  
Chiefs Caps: 28



## #263 Shaun Stevenson

Position: Outside Back  
Physical: 1.90m, 90kg  
DOB: 14/11/1996  
Province: North Harbour  
Chiefs Debut: 2016 v Crusaders  
Chiefs Caps: 94  
All Blacks Debut: 2023 v Australia



## #357 Liam Coombes-Fabling

Position: Winger  
Physical: 1.80m, 83kg  
DOB: 07/07/1998  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Crusaders  
Chiefs Caps: 9

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## #328 Tupou Vaa'i

Position: Lock  
Physical: 1.98m, 118kg  
DOB: 27/01/2000  
Province: Taranaki  
Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Highlanders  
Chiefs Caps: 55  
All Blacks Debut: 2020 v Australia



## #298 Luke Jacobson

Position: Loose Forward  
Physical: 1.91m, 107kg  
DOB: 20/04/1997  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2018 v Blues  
Chiefs Caps: 75  
All Blacks Debut: 2019 v Argentina



## #338 Kaylum Boshier

Position: Loose Forward  
Physical: 1.89m, 109kg  
DOB: 09/04/1999  
Province: Taranaki  
Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Crusaders  
Chiefs Caps: 30



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# Player Profiles



## #340 Rameka Poihipi

Position: Midfield Back

Physical: 1.87m, 105kg

DOB: 14/10/1998

Province: Canterbury

Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Hurricanes

Chiefs Caps: 41



## #362 Manaaki Selby-Rickit

Position: Lock

Physical: 2.0m, 112kg

DOB: 05/06/1996

Province: Bay of Plenty

Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Rebels

Chiefs Caps: 14



## #321 Ollie Norris

Position: Prop

Physical: 1.95m, 126kg

DOB: 11/12/1999

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Crusaders

Chiefs Caps: 54

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## #348 Josh Ioane

Position: First-Five

Physical: 1.8m, 85kg

DOB: 11/07/1995

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Highlanders

Chiefs Caps: 29

All Blacks Debut: 2019 v Tonga



## #337 Josh Lord

Position: Lock

Physical: 2.02m, 106kg

DOB: 17/01/2001

Province: Taranaki

Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Crusaders

Chiefs Caps: 22

All Blacks Debut: 2021 v USA



## #344 Gideon Wrampling

Position: Utility Back

Physical: 1.88m, 102kg

DOB: 26/07/2001

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Blues

Chiefs Caps: 3



# Player Profiles



## #350 Cortez Ratima

Position: Halfback  
Physical: 1.79m, 87kg  
DOB: 22/03/2001  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Crusaders  
Chiefs Caps: 39



## #242 Anton Lienert-Brown

Position: Midfielder  
Physical: 1.85m, 96kg  
DOB: 15/04/1995  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2014 v Bulls  
Chiefs Caps: 118  
All Blacks Debut: 2016 v Australia

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## #247 Damian McKenzie

Position: First Five / Fullback  
Physical: 1.75m, 81kg  
DOB: 20/04/1995  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2015 v Blues  
Chiefs Caps: 123  
All Blacks Debut: 2016 v Argentina

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## #349 Emoni Narawa

Position: Utility Back  
Physical: 1.84m, 98kg  
DOB: 03/07/1999  
Province: Bay of Plenty  
Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Highlanders  
Chiefs Caps: 37  
All Blacks Debut: 2023 v Argentina



## #333 Samipeni Finau

Position: Loose Forward  
Physical: 1.93m, 115kg  
DOB: 10/05/1999  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Highlanders  
Chiefs Caps: 43  
All Blacks Debut: 2023 v Australia



## #319 Quinn Tupaea

Position: Midfielder  
Physical: 1.86m, 102kg  
DOB: 10/05/1999  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Blues  
Chiefs Caps: 45  
All Blacks Debut: 2021 v Tonga



# Player Profiles



## #318 Kaleb Trask

Position: First Five  
Physical: 1.80m, 90kg  
DOB: 27/01/1999  
Province: Bay of Plenty  
Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Blues  
Chiefs Caps: 19



## #359 Jared Proffit

Position: Prop  
Physical: 1.86m, 113kg  
DOB: 14/09/1993  
Province: Taranaki  
Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Moana Pasifika  
Chiefs Caps: 12



## Kauvaka Kaivelata

Position: Prop  
Physical: 1.89m, 118kg  
DOB: 11/07/2002  
Province: Counties Manukau  
Chiefs Debut: 2024 v Western Force  
Chiefs Caps: 1



## #365 Jimmy Tupou

Position: Lock / Loose Forward  
Physical: 1.96m, 114kg  
DOB: 08/08/1992  
Province: Counties Manukau  
Chiefs Debut: 2024 v Crusaders  
Chiefs Caps: 7



## #309 Etene Nanai-Seturo

Position: Outside Back  
Physical: 1.83m, 92kg  
DOB: 20/08/1999  
Province: Counties Manukau  
Chiefs Debut: 2019 v Highlanders  
Chiefs Caps: 57



## #320 Naitoa Ah Kuoi

Position: Lock / Loose Forward  
Physical: 1.96m, 116kg  
DOB: 07/10/1999  
Province: Bay of Plenty  
Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Blues  
Chiefs Caps: 60

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# Player Profiles



**#343 Tom Florence**  
Position: Loose Forward  
Physical: 1.89m, 106kg  
DOB: 20/05/1998  
Province: Taranaki  
Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Blues  
Chiefs Caps: 4



**#296 Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi**  
Position: Halfback  
Physical: 1.74m, 85kg  
DOB: 31/03/1995  
Province: Bay of Plenty  
Chiefs Debut: 2018 v Crusaders  
Chiefs Caps: 54  
All Blacks Debut: 2018 v Argentina



**Sione Ahio**  
Position: Prop  
Physical: 1.85m, 120kg  
DOB: 29/01/2001  
Province: Auckland  
Chiefs Debut: 2024 v  
Moana Pasifika  
Chiefs Caps: 4



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**#366 Wallace Sititi**  
Position: Loose Forward  
Physical: 1.87m, 113kg  
DOB: 07/09/2002  
Province: North Harbour  
Chiefs Debut: 2024 v Reds  
Chiefs Caps: 10



**#351 George Dyer**  
Position: Prop  
Physical: 1.89m, 124kg  
DOB: 22/10/1999  
Province: Waikato  
Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Crusaders  
Chiefs Caps: 34



**#363 Peniasi Malimali**  
Position: Outside Back  
Physical: 1.80m, 96kg  
DOB: 08/12/1996  
Province: Counties Manukau  
Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Rebels  
Chiefs Caps: 5

# Player Profiles



**#361 Daniel Rona**

Position: Midfielder  
Physical: 1.87m, 97kg  
DOB: 10/09/2000  
Province: Taranaki  
Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Highlanders  
Chiefs Caps: 19



**#354 Tyrone Thompson**

Position: Hooker  
Physical: 1.86m, 11kg  
DOB: 28/05/2000  
Province: Hawkes Bay  
Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Moana Pasifika  
Chiefs Caps: 21

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# Sam Cane

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# Coaching Team

## Clayton McMillan

Head Coach

The Bay of Plenty centurion transitioned into coaching while finishing playing professionally in Japan.

Upon his return to New Zealand, he held several age group and club roles in both Bay of Plenty and Wellington before taking the reins of his home province in 2015.

In 2017 McMillan was appointed as the New Zealand Provincial Barbarians Head Coach to face the British and Irish Lions during their 2017 tour of New Zealand. Later that year he was announced as the incoming Māori All Blacks Head Coach.

In 2019 McMillan led the Bay of Plenty Steamers to victory as head coach, claiming the Mitre 10 Cup Championship title at Rotorua International Stadium.

He took up the role of Interim Head Coach for the Gallagher Chiefs in 2021. In his first season as head coach, the team had nine wins across the season with an appearance against the Crusaders in the Sky Super Rugby Aotearoa Grand Final 2021.

In 2022 he took on a role as Assistant Coach for the All Blacks XV, touring Japan. In 2023 he then went on to lead the Gallagher Chiefs to a record 10-game winning streak with the team once again meeting the Crusaders in the DHL Super Rugby Pacific final.



## David Hill

Assistant Coach

Former All Black and Gallagher Chiefs first five-eighth David Hill returns to his former team as an Assistant Coach.

Before signing on as Chiefs assistant, Hill's hands-on coaching experience included the New Zealand Under 20 side, assistant at the Blues in Super Rugby, Bay of Plenty in Mitre 10 Cup, as well as joining the All Blacks as a kicking specialist for the 2019 and 2023 Rugby World Cup's.

# Coaching Team

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## Ross Filipo

Assistant Coach

Waikato Rugby Head Coach Ross Filipo joins the coaching team with a significant playing resume having run out for the All Blacks, Crusaders, Chiefs, and the Wellington Lions.

He gained experience overseas playing for Bayonne, Wasps and Racing 92. Additionally, Filipo coached and played in Japan before he returned to New Zealand in 2019 to take up Rugby Development and assistant coaching roles with the Waikato Rugby Union.

Filipo moved into the Head Coach role at Waikato in 2021 to take out the Bunnings NPC championship during the union's Centurian season. Filipo joined the Gallagher Chiefs for the 2023 season with a focus on the lineout and general forward play.

In 2024, Filipo will take on the Māori All Blacks head coaching role.



## Roger Randle

Assistant Coach

Former All Black, New Zealand Sevens and Chiefs player Roger Randle will head the Gallagher Chiefs attack. Randle's coaching career now spanning over ten years, provides a wealth of attack coaching experience across both provincial and international rugby.

The Māori All Blacks and Waikato assistant coach has continued to build on his coaching resume with the Gallagher Chiefs moving from his role as the assistant backs coach into Attack Coach.



# Coaching Team

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## Marty Bourke

Assistant Coach

A former fullback, Bourke stepped into an assistant coach role for the Bay of Plenty Steamers after plying his trade coaching club rugby. From there he took up a coaching role for Rugby United New York before returning to New Zealand to join Canterbury. After his first season as an assistant coach for the side, he was promoted to the head coach position where he took the team to the final.

Off the back of this success, Bourke was named as an assistant coach for the 2023 New Zealand U20s. Later that year, Bourke's Canterbury team made it to Bunnings NPC playoffs again, however, bowed out to Taranaki in the semi-final.

Bourke joined the Gallagher Chiefs as an assistant coach in 2023 ahead of the 2024 DHL Super Rugby Pacific season.



## Nick White

Assistant Coach

Another former player turning his hand to coaching, Nick White, was a prop for Northland, Auckland, the Crusaders, the Highlanders, the Blues and New Zealand A before retiring. From there he joined the Blues as scrum coach in 2012 which then followed onto his appointment as head coach for Auckland in 2016.

White joined the Gallagher Chiefs as scrum coach for the 2018 season. He has been instrumental in the performance of the Gallagher Chiefs scrummaging since the beginning of his tenure and will continue to hold his role as scrum coach.



# Opposition Team

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## Starting XV

1. Alex Hodgman
2. Matt Faessler
3. Jeffery Toomaga-Allen
4. Seru Uru
5. Ryan Smith
6. Liam Wright (c)
7. Fraser McCreight
8. John Bryant
9. Tate McDermott (c)
10. Tom Lynagh
11. Mac Grealy
12. Hunter Paisami
13. Josh Flook
14. Tim Ryan
15. Jock Campbell

## Reserves

16. Josh Nasser
17. Sef Fa'Agase
18. Zane Nonggorr
19. Connor Vest
20. Joe Brial
21. Kalani Thomas
22. Lawson Creighton
23. Taj Annan

## Head Coach

Les Kiss

## Assistant Coaches

Brad Davis

Jonathan Fisher

Zane Hilton

Dale Roberson

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# 2024 Gallagher Chiefs Draw



**23 February**  
**FMG Stadium Waikato**  
**33-29 (W)**



**3 March**  
**AAMI Park, Melbourne**  
**46-12 (W)**



**9 March**  
**Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane**  
**25-19 (L)**



**16 March**  
**FMG Stadium Waikato**  
**46-29 (W)**



**23 March**  
**FMG Stadium Waikato**  
**28-21 (W)**



**29 March**  
**Apollo Projects Stadium**  
**26-37 (L)**



**6 April**  
**FMG Stadium Waikato**  
**68-12 (W)**



**13 April**  
**Sky Stadium, Wellington**  
**36-23 (L)**



**26 April**  
**Allianz Stadium, Sydney**  
**38-22 (W)**



**4 May**  
**FMG Stadium Waikato**  
**56-07 (W)**



**10 May**  
**GO Media Stadium**  
**43-07 (W)**



**17 May**  
**AAMI Park, Melbourne**  
**26-23 (W)**



**24 May**  
**FMG Stadium Waikato**  
**20-17 (L)**



**1 June**  
**Eden Park**  
**31-17 (L)**

# 2024 Chiefs Manawa Draw



**POUA**

2 March

FMG Stadium Waikato

46-24 (W)



9 March

Pakuranga United Rugby Club

10-17 (W)



16 March

FMG Stadium Waikato

26-03 (W)



**POUA**

22 March

CET Arena, Palmerston North

43-12 (W)



30 March

FMG Stadium Waikato

26-40 (L)



6 April

Nga Puna Wai, Christchurch

22-20 (L)



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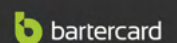
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