



# **BLACK FERNS** **v NZ BARBARIANS**

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# WELCOME MESSAGES

## NEW ZEALAND RUGBY

Kia ora koutou,

On behalf of New Zealand Rugby, I am pleased to welcome the Black Ferns and the New Zealand Barbarians, the match officials and all the rugby supporters to The Trusts Arena in Waitakere for today's match, presented by Downer.



This is a very special occasion for rugby as we host six teams including the Defence Ferns v New Zealand Police, and Tonga v Samoa - a Rugby World Cup 2021 qualifying match. Today fans will have a taste of the excitement we are in for next year when New Zealand hosts Rugby World Cup 2021.

The 2020 Black Ferns were named last week, and this new side is full of experienced players and new up and coming talent, led by new captain Eloise Blackwell. To run out on the field in a black jersey for the first time is a moment players never forget. The New Zealand Barbarians also boast some of the country's best players and will be determined to catch the eye of selectors.

Thank you to the sponsors and partners of the Black Ferns as their support for rugby is essential in making today's matches possible. This has been a very challenging year and through our collective efforts and commitment to rugby we can all be here today to enjoy live sport.

Our thanks also go to The Trusts Arena for all the hard work that's gone into ensuring today's triple header is a great event for fans, partners and teams. And, I acknowledge the fantastic contribution of the many volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make these matches possible. Lastly, I want to thank all our match officials who are an essential part of the contest.

I hope you all enjoy the rugby.

**BILL OSBORNE**

New Zealand Rugby President

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## DOWNER

At Downer, we are huge supporters of women's rugby in New Zealand and as proud partners of the Black Ferns we couldn't be happier to be a part of this exciting series!



This partnership between Downer and New Zealand Rugby is more than just an opportunity for us to support rugby at the highest level. The values of New Zealand Rugby and Downer align. Together we have been working to promote high performance and the acceptance of individuality and the strength of everyone's differences.

We will continue to showcase our partnership to make a positive impact on the code, the players, our people, the fans and the wider sporting community in New Zealand.

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adidas welcomes you to the Trusts Arena, to witness the Black Ferns take on the New Zealand Barbarians. While this year it is not as we all had initially planned, safe to say, we've been craving this moment for a long time.



Today, we are ready for sport once more. And perhaps today, this match means something a little more to each of us. That true excitement of sport. How it makes us feel. How it can bring people together. Safely of course. We missed rugby. And this is our moment to be reminded how magical this game, and these teams really are. The Black Ferns vs New Zealand Barbarians match unites the sense of tradition and love of the core values of the Game, a special occasion for all. Bringing us back to the life we love both as athletes and fans; the camaraderie, excitement, banter, victories and setbacks.

Equally, this game represents an important milestone on the road to the 2021 Rugby World Cup set to take place next year in New Zealand. Providing an exciting chance for the team to grow and develop and ensure it is the strongest possible position going into the year ahead with the World Cup kicking off in ten months' time.

Next year is full of opportunities. An opportunity for change. An opportunity for action. An opportunity to lead the way and be a force for positive change in the world. adidas is committed to creating an equal playing field and equal opportunities for all, for diversity and inclusion. We are extremely excited for the journey we will take with the Black Ferns in 2021, and you should be too.

This match perhaps means something to each of us that we haven't had in recent years. That true excitement of when the whistle blows. Of almost seeing it renewed. How it can make us feel. How it can bring people together. Safely of course. The start of an exciting journey.

So the Black Ferns are ready. And raring to go. And so, are we.

We hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the game.

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Natahlia Moors on the charge for the Possibles during the Black Ferns trial match on November 7

# EDITORIAL: BLACKS FERNS v NZ BARBARIANS

CAMPBELL BURNES

We are just 10 months out from the 2021 Women's Rugby World Cup in New Zealand, when the Black Ferns will defend the title they have won no less than five times in the last six tournaments.

Time is short, meaning this two-match series between the Black Ferns and the NZ Barbarians assumes vital importance for the players and fringe squad members, not to mention Glenn Moore and his coaching staff.

In lieu of what was to be a packed international programme in 2020 – Covid-19 scuppered those plans – the Black Ferns will be able to build on what they showed as individuals during the Farah Palmer Cup and a high quality trial featuring the Probables versus the Possibles.

After a promising 2019 which yielded a 5-1 record and a sweep of the Laurie O'Reilly Memorial Trophy series, the Black Ferns feature a new captain, lock Eloise Blackwell, in place of the injured Les Elder, and 10 new players. There is plenty to be excited about for the good rugby folk of west Auckland and Nelson.

Injuries to the outside backs, in particular, have seen call-ups for rookies Grace Steinmetz, Renee Holmes, Cheyelle Robins-Reti, Langi Veainu and Amy du Plessis, all of whom performed strongly in the Farah Palmer Cup.

In the pack, alongside a hard core of experience, enters Chelsea Bremner, Tanya Kalounivale, Ilisapetu Molia, Kendra Reynolds and former Commonwealth games beach volleyballer Kelsie Wills. Again, all were FPC standouts.

Coach Moore will be seeking fluency in combinations, be it in the midfield, loose forwards and halves, as well as set-piece solidity. He knows what Kendra Cocksedge, Selica Winiata and Charmaine McMenamin can do under pressure. He wants to see how a Cristo Tofa or a Grace Brooker can

cope under set-piece heat and fast line speed from motivated opponents.

"We are now less than a year away from Rugby World Cup and we have a clear goal.

Throughout the Farah Palmer Cup, we've been looking for athletes who fit the type of rugby we want to play and we knew there would be a lot of new faces in the Black Ferns this year. It's exciting to see the talent coming through," says Moore.

The New Zealand Barbarians club, now in its 83rd year, fosters women's and grassroots rugby.

was a standout in the trial, the versatile allround talent that is loose forward Marcelle Parkes and the Otago Spirit's midfield rock Kilisitina Moata'ane.

Talents who first made their name in sevens include Carys Dallinger and Lyric Faleafaga in the backs. Lock Cindy Nelles, who scored the last gasp match-winner in the Farah Palmer Cup final, has 19 caps for Canada. Watch out, too, for 17-year-old Auckland Storm first five/fullback Patricia Maliepo, who was still finishing her exams and studies at Southern Cross Campus just weeks ago, but is already earmarked as a rare talent.

**“WE ARE NOW LESS THAN A YEAR AWAY FROM RUGBY WORLD CUP AND WE HAVE A CLEAR GOAL”**

The first Barbarians women's team was formed in 2019 and played the Black Ferns in a non-first class hit out in Auckland.

Club President, former All Black Alan 'AJ' Whetton, is looking forward to the squad doing the famous scarlet jersey proud:

"Rugby and all sport has been so badly affected by Covid this year, so to be able to watch a New Zealand Barbarians side take on the best players in the country in two matches will be really special. It will be a fantastic way to celebrate women's rugby and the history of the club. I offer my huge congratulations to those who have been selected and I know they will wear the jersey with pride."

There is much to play for amongst the Barbarians squad. Seven have played Test rugby for the Black Ferns, including Wellington lock Joanah Ngan-Woo, who

The captain is Canterbury's Alana Bremner, fresh from raising the FPC silverware aloft with her province.

Barbarians coach Rodney Gibbs has already spoken about how he wants his players to give more headaches to the Black Ferns selectors by the time this series winds up in Nelson.

It should make for a fascinating series which you should watch closely if you want to stay informed ahead of a massive 2021 for women's rugby in this country.





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LUKA CONNOR



2

ALEISHA-PEARL NELSON



3

ELOISE BLACKWELL



4

KELSIE WILLS



5

CHARMAINE MCMENAMIN



6

AROHA SAVAGE



8

KENNEDY SIMON



7

KENDRA COCKSEDGE



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HAZEL TUBIC



10

CHELSEA ALLEY



12

GRACE BROOKER



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CHEYELLE ROBINS-RETI



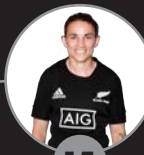
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LANGI VEAINU



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SELICA WINIATA



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HEAD COACH  
GLENN MOORE

CRISTO TOFA



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PHILLIPA LOVE



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ALDORA ITUNU



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CHELSEA BREMNER



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KENDRA REYNOLDS



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ARIHIANA MARINO-TAUHINU



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RUAHEI DEMANT



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AMY DU PLESSIS



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# NZ BARBARIANS

HEAD COACH  
RODNEY GIBBS

KRYSTAL MURRAY

1

SAPHIRE ABRAHAM

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AMY RULE

3

JOANAH NGAN-WOO

4

CINDY NELLES

5

ALANA BREMNER

6

KAIPO OLSEN-BAKER

8

MARCELLE PARKES

7

ARIANA BAYLER

9

CARYS DALLINGER

10

KILISITINA MOATA'ANE

12

MONICA TAGOAI

13

LYRIC FALEAFAGA

14

JANNA VAUGHAN

11

PATRICIA MALIEPO

15

REBECCA TODD

16

JAY JAY TAYLOR

17

OLIVIA WARD-DUIN

18

MAJAKAWA-NAKAULANI (MAIA) ROOS

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MORGAN HENDERSON

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IRITANA HOHAIA

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MARTHA LOLOHEA

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ROSIE KELLY

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**LUKA CONNOR**  
HOOKER



TEAM: Bay of Plenty  
DOB: 24.09.96 CAPS: 5  
IWI: Te Whakatōhea, Te Whanau ā  
Apanui, Ngāti Porou

**TE KURA NGATA-AERENGAMATE**  
HOOKER



TEAM: Northland  
DOB: 21.10.91 CAPS: 30  
IWI: Ngāti Porou

**CRISTO TOFA**  
HOOKER/PROP



TEAM: Auckland  
DOB: 11.12.87 CAPS: 2  
IWI: N/A

**TOKA NATUA**  
PROP



TEAM: Waikato  
DOB: 22.11.91 CAPS: 22  
IWI: N/A

**ALEISHA-PEARL NELSON**  
PROP



TEAM: Auckland  
DOB: 02.03.90 CAPS: 35  
IWI: Ngātiwai, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine

**ELOISE BLACKWELL**  
LOCK



TEAM: Auckland  
DOB: 28.12.90 CAPS: 43  
IWI: Ngātiwai, Ngāti Maru,  
Ngāti Whātua

**CHELSEA BREMNER**  
LOCK



TEAM: Canterbury  
DOB: 11.04.95 CAPS: 0  
IWI: N/A

**KELSIE WILLS**  
LOCK



TEAM: Bay of Plenty  
DOB: 08.01.93 CAPS: 0  
IWI: N/A

**CHARMAINE MCMENAMIN**  
LOOSE FORWARD



TEAM: Auckland  
DOB: 13.05.90 CAPS: 25  
IWI: Ngāti Porou

**ALDORA ITUNU**  
PROP



TEAM: Auckland  
DOB: 28.06.91 CAPS: 20  
IWI: N/A

**TANYA KALOUNIVALE**  
PROP



TEAM: Waikato  
DOB: 20.01.99 CAPS: 0  
IWI: N/A

**PHILLIPA LOVE**  
PROP



TEAM: Canterbury  
DOB: 09.04.90 CAPS: 11  
IWI: N/A

**ILISAPETA MOLIA**  
LOOSE FORWARD



TEAM: Counties Manukau  
DOB: 16.08.01 CAPS: 0  
IWI: N/A

**KENDRA REYNOLDS**  
LOOSE FORWARD



TEAM: Bay of Plenty  
DOB: 25.01.93 CAPS: 0  
IWI: Ngāti Ranginui

**AROHA SAVAGE**  
LOOSE FORWARD



TEAM: Northland  
DOB: 11.03.90 CAPS: 33  
IWI: Te Whānau ā Apanui



**KENNEDY SIMON**  
**LOOSE FORWARD**


TEAM: Waikato  
 DOB: 01.10.96 CAPS: 4  
 IWI: Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Māhanga

**PIA TAPSELL**  
**LOOSE FORWARD**


TEAM: North Harbour  
 DOB: 02.08.98 CAPS: 5  
 IWI: Ngāti Whakauae and Te Arawa

**KENDRA COCKSEGE**  
**HALFBACK**


TEAM: Canterbury  
 DOB: 01.07.88 CAPS: 53  
 IWI: N/A

**RENEE HOLMES**  
**OUTSIDE BACK**


TEAM: Waikato  
 DOB: 21.12.99 CAPS: 0  
 IWI: Ngāti Porou

**CHEYELLE ROBINS-RETI**  
**OUTSIDE BACK**


TEAM: Waikato  
 DOB: 09.03.97 CAPS: 0  
 IWI: Ngāti Ruanui

**GRACE STEINMETZ**  
**OUTSIDE BACK**


TEAM: Canterbury  
 DOB: 16.01.98 CAPS: 0  
 IWI: N/A

**ARIHIANA MARINO-TAUHINU**  
**HALFBACK**


TEAM: Counties Manukau  
 DOB: 29.03.92 CAPS: 6  
 IWI: Te Uri Taniwha, Ngāti Hineira,  
 Ngāpuhi, Ngai Tahu

**RUAHEI DEMANT**  
**FIRST FIVE EIGHTH**


TEAM: Auckland  
 DOB: 21.04.95 CAPS: 11  
 IWI: Te Whanau a Apanui, Te  
 Whakatohea and Ngāti Awa

**HAZEL TUBIC**  
**FIRST FIVE EIGHTH/FULLBACK**


TEAM: Counties Manukau  
 DOB: 31.12.90 CAPS: 11  
 IWI: N/A

**LANULANGI VEAINU**  
**OUTSIDE BACK**


TEAM: Counties Manukau  
 DOB: 03.11.93 CAPS: 0  
 IWI: N/A

**SELICA WINIATA**  
**OUTSIDE BACK**


TEAM: Manawatu  
 DOB: 14.11.86 CAPS: 40  
 IWI: Ngāti Raukawa

**CHELSEA ALLEY**  
**MIDFIELD**


TEAM: Waikato  
 DOB: 07.11.92 CAPS: 24  
 IWI: Ngāti Maru

**GRACE BROOKER**  
**MIDFIELD/OUTSIDE BACK**


TEAM: Canterbury  
 DOB: 20.06.99 CAPS: 1  
 IWI: N/A

**AMY DU PLESSIS**  
**MIDFIELD**


TEAM: Otago  
 DOB: 07.07.99 CAPS: 0  
 IWI: N/A



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PLAYER	POSITION	DOB	CAPS	TEAM
SAPHIRE ABRAHAM	HOOKER	03.07.01	-	Auckland
ALANA BREMNER	LOOSE FORWARD	10.02.97	-	Canterbury
MORGAN HENDERSON	LOOSE FORWARD	25.03.98	-	Otago
GRACE HOUPAPA-BARRETT	PROP/HOOKER	25.07.95	-	Waikato
KRYSTAL MURRAY	PROP	16.06.93	-	Northland
CINDY NELLES	LOCK	19.08.93	-	Canterbury
JOANAH NGAN-WOO	LOCK/LOOSE FORWARD	15.12.95	3	Wellington
KAIPO OLSEN-BAKER	NUMBER 8	07.05.02	-	Manawatu
MARCELLE PARKS	LOOSE FORWARD	09.09.97	5	Wellington
MAIAKAWANAKAULANI (MAIA) ROOS	LOCK	27.07.01	-	Auckland

PLAYER	POSITION	DOB	CAPS	TEAM
AMY RULE	PROP	15.07.00	-	Canterbury
JAY JAY TAYLOR	PROP	22.05.97	-	North Harbour
REBECCA TODD	HOOKER	14.08.91	-	Canterbury
OLIVIA WARD-DUIN	PROP	23.12.93	2	North Harbour
ARIANA BAYLER	HALFBACK	14.12.96	-	Waikato
CARYS DALLINGER	UTILITY BACK	30.04.00	-	Manawatu
LYRIC FALEAFAGA	OUTSIDE BACK	13.10.99	-	Wellington
IRITANA HOHAIA	HALFBACK	01.03.00	-	Taranaki
ROSIE KELLY	FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH/HALFBACK	16.01.00	-	Otago
MARTHA LOLOHEA	OUTSIDE BACK	19.07.99	-	Canterbury
PATRICIA MALIEPO	FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH	13.03.03	-	Auckland
KILISITINA MOATA'ANE	MIDFIELD	23.11.97	1	Otago
NATAHLIA MOORS	OUTSIDE BACK	12.07.95	2	Auckland
MONICA TAGOAI	MIDFIELD BACK	17.10.98	3	Wellington
JANNA VAUGHAN	OUTSIDE BACK/MIDFIELD	17.07.88	6	Manawatu



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