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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 Trafalgar park in Nelson for today's match, presented by Downer.

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 Trafalgar park for all the hard work that's gone into ensuring today's match 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



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!

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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.

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adidas welcomes you to Trafalgar park, 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.

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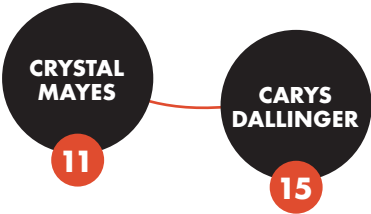
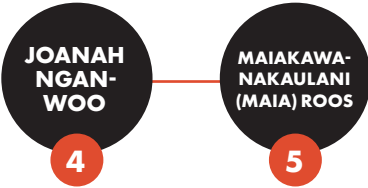
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TEAM: Bay of Plenty
DOB: 24.09.96 CAPS: 5
IWI: Te Whakatōhea, Te Whanau ā
Apanui, Ngāti Porou

TE KURA NGATA-AERENGAMATE

HOOKER



TEAM: Northland
DOB: 21.10.91 CAPS: 31
IWI: Ngāiwi Porou

CRISTO TOFA

HOOKER/PROP



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

ALDORA ITUNU

PROP



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

TANYA KALOUNIVALE

PROP



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

PHILLIPA LOVE

PROP



TEAM: Canterbury
DOB: 09.04.90 CAPS: 11
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: -

IWI: N/A

KELSIE WILLS**LOCK**

TEAM: Bay of Plenty

DOB: 08.01.93

CAPS: -

IWI: N/A

CHARMAINE MCMENAMIN**LOOSE FORWARD**

TEAM: Auckland

DOB: 13.05.90

CAPS: 25

IWI: Ngāti Porou

ILISAPETA MOLIA**LOOSE FORWARD**

TEAM: Counties Manukau

DOB: 16.08.01

CAPS: -

IWI: N/A

KENDRA REYNOLDS**LOOSE FORWARD**

TEAM: Bay of Plenty

DOB: 25.01.93

CAPS: -

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: 6

IWI: Ngāti Whakauae and Te Arawa

KENDRA COCKSEGE**HALFBACK**

TEAM: Canterbury

DOB: 01.07.88

CAPS: 53

IWI: N/A

ARIHANA 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

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: -

IWI: N/A

RENEE HOLMES**OUTSIDE BACK**

TEAM: Waikato

DOB: 21.12.99

CAPS: –

IWI: Ngāiwi Porou

CHEYELLE ROBINS-RETI**OUTSIDE BACK**

TEAM: Waikato

DOB: 09.03.97

CAPS: –

IWI: Ngāiwi Ruanui

GRACE STEINMETZ**OUTSIDE BACK**

TEAM: Canterbury

DOB: 16.01.98

CAPS: –

IWI: N/A

LANULANGI VEAINU**OUTSIDE BACK**

TEAM: Counties Manukau

DOB: 03.11.93

CAPS: –

IWI: N/A

SELICA WINIATA**OUTSIDE BACK**

TEAM: Manawatu

DOB: 14.11.86

CAPS: 40

IWI: Ngāiwi Raukawa



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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	HOOVER	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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