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On behalf of New Zealand Rugby I'm delighted to introduce the 2020 Māori All Blacks media guide for this historic match against Moana Pasifika here in Kirikiriroa.



NEW ZEALAND

ROGBY

I would like to extend a special thanks to Sky for supporting this match and to King Tuheitia and the Kingitanga for hosting the teams at Turangawaewae earlier in the week.

What a great opportunity we all have to finish the season with an

occasion that brings us together at the end of a challenging year to celebrate rugby and the diversity that makes it such a welcoming and inclusive sport.

It is the Māori All Blacks first match in Kirikiriroa since 2009, their only match in 2020, and of course the only time they have played Moana Pasifika, who take the field for the first time.

It is great to see some young players introduced to the Māori All Blacks squad and I know they are incredibly proud of the chance to represent their whānau and iwi.

I'm sure Moana Pasifika are just as proud and just as motivated to represent their heritage, family and culture.

It shapes as a great match, but more importantly a special occasion.

Nāku nei, nā

BILL OSBORNE

New Zealand Rugby President

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adidas welcomes you to FMG Stadium Waikato, to witness the Māori All Blacks return to rugby for the first time since 2019. Safe to say,



we've been craving this moment for a long time.

It is moments like this that makes us appreciate the return of sport. The time away from rugby gives us the chance to reflect on what makes it so special, what we've missed, even down to the smallest detail.

The Māori All Blacks vs Moana Pasifika 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.

While this year it is not as we all had initially planned, 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. For the final time in 2020. Of almost seeing it renewed. How it can make us feel. How it can bring people together. Safely of course.

Next year is full of opportunities. We are extremely excited for the journey we will take in 2021, and you should be too.

So the Māori All Blacks are ready. And raring to go. And so, are we.

We hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the game.

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CELINE DEL GENES

Global Vice President

- General Manager Specialist Sports

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Kia ora koutou. Afia mai. Welcome.



It is our special privilege to join you at this match between the Māori All Blacks and Moana Pasifika and to broadcast what promises to be a game filled with passion and skill from two exceptional teams.

Having disrupted the landscape 30 years ago, Sky is so proud to back this exciting breakthrough event which heralds positive change for the development of rugby in the Pacific region.

2020 has been a challenging year, but it has also given us the opportunity to re-imagine the way we choose to grow, how we will navigate uncertain times with confidence and how to support and nurture what is best in all of us. This meeting between the pride of Aotearoa and the Pacific signals fresh thinking and hope.

Enjoy the game, cheer loudly for your heroes and know that Sky is 100% behind rugby and its future.

Ngā mihi nui. Fa afetai. Thank you.

MARTIN STEWART

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EDITORIAL: MĀORI ALL BLACKS v MOANA PASIFIKA

CAMPBELL BURNES

If the Māori All Blacks and Moana Pasifika can recapture something of the drama and sheer intensity that pervaded this venue - now FMG Stadium Waikato - back in 2005 when the Māori shocked the British and Irish Lions, then we will be in for some spectacle.

On that celebrated occasion, Leon MacDonald scored the winning try, Marty Holah had a blinder in the loose and Carlos Spencer a cameo off the pine in the rousing 19–13 victory on a memorable winter's evening.

It's now summer, the latest firstclass 15s match to be played in New Zealand, as far as we know. but then in this extraordinary season, records are surely made to be broken.

While the Māori All Blacks will not have access to a clutch of All Blacks, who are in quarantine after returning from the Tri Nations in Australia, they do have a compelling mix of seasoned campaigners and talented rookies.

Loose forward Liam Messam is back in the fold after a fine Mitre 10 Cup campaign with Waikato that belied his 36 years. He has 13 matches for this team under his belt

Leading from the front, as ever, will be inspirational captain Ash Dixon, fresh off helping his beloved Hawke's Bay to the Mitre 10 Cup Championship title. Dixon has 16 Māori games to his name.

"This year has been challenging for a lot of people across our communities in New Zealand and to have the chance to represent the Māori All Blacks in the heart of Waikato-Tainui and the Kingitanga for the only time in 2020 will be a huge honour for us as players, our whānau and our iwi," says Dixon.

"It will be a celebration and connection of culture in Hamilton but we know Moana Pasifika is a talented, passionate and physical opponent, so expect there will be a real edge in both camps."

competition. There are fringe and future All Blacks, while Counties Manukau flanker Alamanda Motuga, who was outstanding for the Steelers in 2020, has appeared for Samoa Sevens.

THE MĀORI ALL BLACKS HAVE **AN ENVIABLE RECORD AGAINST** INTERNATIONAL OPPOSITION, **AND IN FACT HAVE LOST JUST TWICE AT HOME SINCE THAT FAMOUS 2005 NIGHT**

There are eight new caps in the squad chosen by head coach Clayton McMillan, who will have Roger Randle and Tony Brown as his lieutenants. Most have been rewarded for impressive Super Rugby and Mitre 10 Cup seasons, notably hooker Kurt Eklund, flanker Ethan Roots, and the midfield pairing of Rameka Poihipi and Quinn Tupaea, who carved up at First XV level, with Hamilton BHS, not far from this venue.

The Māori All Blacks have an enviable record against international opposition, and in fact have lost just twice at home since that famous 2005 night.

We don't know exactly how Moana Pasifika, this new entity. will go, but we do know the side is bursting with prime NZ-based Fiji, Samoa and Tonga talent under the coaching of Fa'alogo Tana Umaga.

The entire squad has shown its wares in Mitre 10 Cup or Super Rugby in 2020, Josh Ioane has worn the All Blacks jersey, and in Leicester Faingaanuku and Salesi Rayasi, Moana Pasifika has the two most devastating wings in the

"We have nine players who have represented one of these three Pacific nations; seven have played at Rugby World Cup or World Cup Sevens tournaments. We are really grateful to have had great support from the coaching teams of the Manu Samoa and Ikale Tahi (Tonga) as they also see this as an opportunity to build Pasifika home nations rugby talent and capability first," says Umaga.

There are no other rugby distractions for this match, so it should be a fitting climax to the season. As the home team steels itself to play in the heart of Māori dom against a talented and new opposition, we should all prepare for some high-octane rugby, as befitting the ethos of Māori and Pacific Island rugby, which has given so much to the game on these shores



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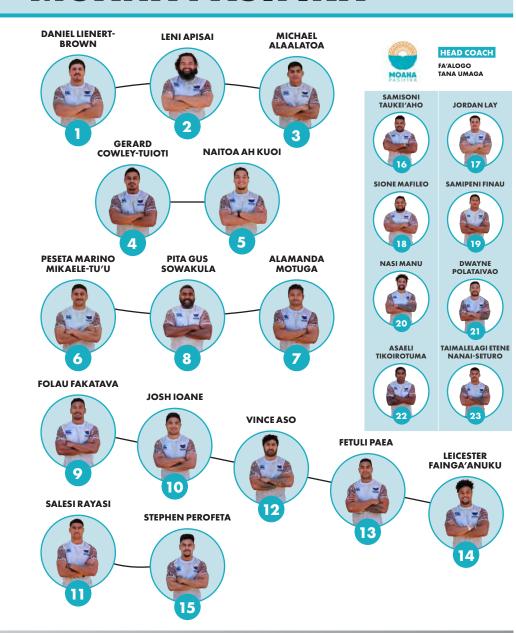
MĀORI ALL BLACKS

JOSH HOHNECK **ASH DIXON MARCEL RENATA** HEAD COACH CLAYTON **KURT EKLUND** MANAAKI SELBY-RICKIT ISAIA WALKER-LEAWERE WHETUKAMOKAMO DOUGLAS **LIAM MESSAM BILLY HARMON** MITCHELL KARPIK RAMEKA POIHIPI JONAH LOWE **BRYN HALL OTERE BLACK QUINN TUPAEA BILLY PROCTOR SHAUN STEVENSON SEAN WAINUI KALEB TRASK**

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JOSH HOHNECK PROP



TEAMS: Otago HEIGHT: 1.91m WEIGHT: 123kg DOB: 06.01.86 (34) IWI: Ngāti Manuhiri/Ngāti Whātua

TAMAITI WILLIAMS



TEAMS: Canterbury HEIGHT: 1.93m WEIGHT: 137kg DOB: 01.01.99 (21) IWI: Nāgpuhi

POURI RAKETE-STONES



TEAMS: Hurricanes/Hawkes Bay HEIGHT: 1.83m WEIGHT: 118kg DOB: 17.06.97 (23) IWI: Nāgpuhi

ASH DIXON



TEAMS: Highlanders/Hawkes Bay HEIGHT: 1.82m WEIGHT: 102kg DOB: 01.09.88 (32) IWI: Ngāti Tahinga

MARCEL RENATA PROP



TEAMS: Blues/Auckland HEIGHT: 1.89m WEIGHT: 121kg DOB: 24.02.94 (26) IWI: Ngāti Whānaunga/Ngāi Takoto

KURT EKLUND



TEAMS: Blues/Bay of Plenty HEIGHT: 1.8m DOB: 05.01.92 (28) IWI: Nāgpuhi

MANAAKI SELBY-RICKIT



HEIGHT: 2m WEIGHT: 112kg DOB: 05.06.96 (24) IWI: Ngāti Raukawa

BILLY HARMON LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Crusaders/Canterbury HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 104ka DOB: 23.12.94 (25) IWI: Ngāi Tahu

REED PRINSEP LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Hurricanes/Canterbury HEIGHT: 1.92m WEIGHT: 109kg DOB: 17.02.93 (27) IWI: Te Rārawa

ISAIA WALKER-LEAWERE



TEAMS: Hurricanes/Hawkes Bay HEIGHT: 1.97m WEIGHT: 122kg DOB: 16.04.97 (23) IWI: Ngāti Porou

MITCHELL KARPIK LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Chiefs/Bay of Plenty HEIGHT: 1.85m WEIGHT: 101kg DOB: 02.06.95 (25) IWI: Rongomaiwahine/Ngāti Kahungunu

ETHAN ROOTS LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Crusaders/North Harbour HEIGHT: 1.88m WEIGHT: 110kg DOB: 10.11.97 (23) IWI: Ngāti Kahungunu

WHETUKAMOKAMO DOUGLAS LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Crusaders/Canterbury HEIGHT: 1.9m WEIGHT: 107kg DOB: 18.04.91 (29) IWI: Ngāti Porou/Ngāti Whakaue

LIAM MESSAM LOOSE FORWARD



TFAMS: Waikato HEIGHT: 1.9m WEIGHT: 109kg DOB: 25.03.84 (36) IWI: Ngāi Tuhoe

BRYN HALL



TEAMS: Crusaders/North Harbour HEIGHT: 1.83m DOB: 03.02.92 (28) IWI: Ngāti Ranginui

TE TOIROA TAHURIORANGI HALF BACK



TEAMS: Chiefs/Bay of Plenty WEIGHT: 85kg HEIGHT: 1.74m DOB: 31.03.95 (25) IWI: Ngāti Pikiao

BILLY PROCTOR MIDFIELD



TEAMS: Hurricanes/Wellington WEIGHT: 96kg HEIGHT: 1.87m DOB: 14.05.99 (21) IWI: Ngai Te Rangi/Ngāpuhi

SHAUN STEVENSON OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: Chiefs/North Harbour HEIGHT: 1.9m WEIGHT: 90kg DOB: 14.11.96 (24) IWI: Nāgpuhi

OTERE BLACK FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH



TEAMS: Blues/Bay of Plenty HEIGHT: 1.85m WEIGHT: 86kg DOB: 04.05.95 (25) IWI: Ngāi Tuhoe/Te Whānau ā Apanui/ Ngāti Tūwharetoa

QUINN TUPAEA MIDFIELD



TEAMS: Chiefs/Waikato HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 97kg DOB: 10.05.99 (21) IWI: Waikato/Tainui

KALEB TRASK OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: Chiefs/Bay of Plenty WEIGHT: 90kg HEIGHT: 1.8m DOB: 27.01.99 (21) IWI: Nāgpuhi

RAMEKA POIHIPI MIDFIELD



TEAMS: Canterbury HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 105kg DOB: 14.10.98 (22) IWI: Ngāti Whakaue

JONAH LOWE OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: Hurricanes/Hawkes Bay HEIGHT: 1.84m WEIGHT: 92kg DOB: **09.05.96 (24)** IWI: Ngāti Pikiao

SEAN WAINUI OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: Chiefs/Taranaki HEIGHT: 1.91m WEIGHT: 102kg DOB: 23.10.95 (25) IWI: Ngāi Tuhoe/Te Āitanga a Māhaki/ Ngā Arikikaiputahi/Ngāti Porou



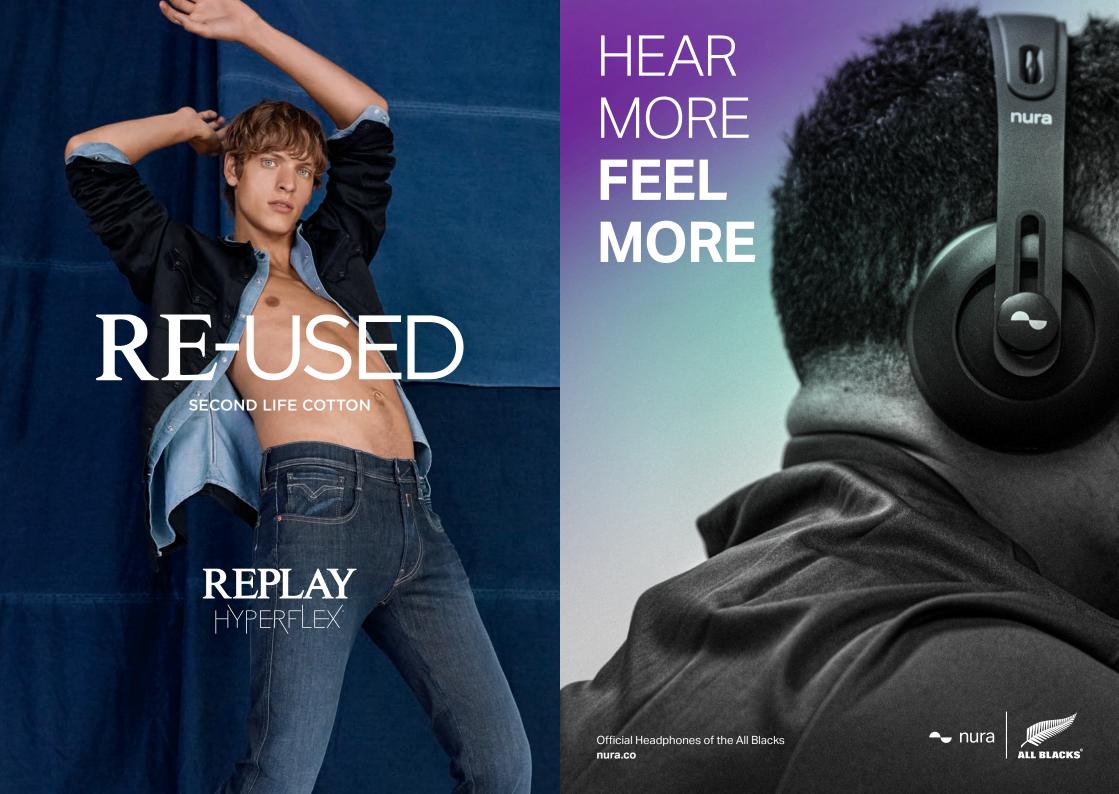
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DANIEL LIENERT-BROWN

PROP

TEAMS: Highlanders/Canterbury

SAMISONI TAUKEI'AHO

HOOKER

WEIGHT: 109kg

WEIGHT: 115kg

HEIGHT: 1.84m

DOB: 09.02.93 (27)

NATIONALITY: Samoa

TEAMS: Chiefs/Waikato

HEIGHT: 1.83m

DOB: 08.08.97 (23)

NATIONALITY: Tonga

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MICHAEL ALAALATOA



 TEAMS: Crusaders/Manawatu

 HEIGHT: 1.9m
 WEIGHT: 130kg

 DOB: 28.08.91 (29)

 NATIONALITY: Samoa

SIONE MAFIELO



TEAMS: Blues/North Harbour
HEIGHT: 1.78m WEIGHT: 128kg
DOB: 14.04.93 (27)
NATIONALITY: Tonga

JORDAN LAY



TEAMS: Bristol (UK)/Bay of Plenty
HEIGHT: 1.84m WEIGHT: 115kg
DOB: 05.11.92 (28)
NATIONALITY: Samoa

LENI APISAI HOOKER



NAITOA AH KUOI



TEAMS: Chiefs/Wellington
HEIGHT: 1.96m WEIGHT: 116kg
DOB: 07.10.99 (21)
NATIONALITY: Samoa

ZANE KAPELI



TEAMS: Highlanders/Bay of Plenty
HEIGHT: 1.88m WEIGHT: 103kg
DOB: 28.09.92 (28)
NATIONALITY: Tonga

ALAMANDA MOTUGA LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Counties Manukau

HEIGHT: 1.83m WEIGHT: 96kg

DOB: 11.09.94 (26)

NATIONALITY: Samoa

GERARD COWLEY-TUIOTI



TEAMS: Blues/North Harbour
HEIGHT: 1.96m WEIGHT: 112kg
DOB: 16.06.92 (28)
NATIONALITY: Samoa

NASI MANU LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Benneton Treviso/Otago
HEIGHT: 1.9m WEIGHT: 118kg
DOB: 15.08.88 (32)
NATIONALITY: Tonga

PITA GUS SOWAKULA



TEAMS: Chiefs/Taranaki
HEIGHT: 1.95m WEIGHT: 110kg
DOB: 26.10.94 (26)
NATIONALITY: Fiji

SAMIPENI FINAU LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Waikato
HEIGHT: 1.93m WEIGHT: 109kg
DOB: 10.05.99 (21)
NATIONALITY: Tonga

PESETA MARINO MIKAELE-TU'U LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Highlanders/Hawkes Bay
HEIGHT: 1.91m WEIGHT: 115kg
DOB: 06.11.97 (23)
NATIONALITY: Samoa

FOLAU FAKATAVA HALFBACK



TEAMS: **Highlanders/Hawkes Bay**HEIGHT: **1.77m** WEIGHT: **80kg**DOB: **16.12.99** (**20**)
NATIONALITY: **Tonga**

DWAYNE POLATAIVAO HALFBACK



TEAMS: Utah Warriors (MLR)/Tasman HEIGHT: 1.75m WEIGHT: 83kg DOB: 30.07.90 (30) NATIONALITY: Samoa

JOSH IOANE FIRST FIVE EIGHTH



TEAMS: Highlanders/Otago HEIGHT: 1.76m WEIGHT: 85kg DOB: 11.07.95 (25) NATIONALITY: Samoa

STEPHEN PEROFETA FIRST FIVE EIGHTH



TEAMS: Blues/Taranaki HEIGHT: 1.81m WEIGHT: 85kg DOB: 12.03.97 (23) NATIONALITY: Samoa

SALESI RAYASI **OUTSIDE BACK**



TEAMS: Hurricanes/Auckland HEIGHT: 1.93m WEIGHT: 105kg DOB: 25.09.96 (24) NATIONALITY: Fiji/Samoa

ASAELI TIKOIROTUMA OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: /North Harbour HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 91kg DOB: 24.06.86 (34) NATIONALITY: Fiji

TOMASI ALOSIO OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: Wellington HEIGHT: 1.85m WEIGHT: 83kg DOB: 26.01.1992 (26) NATIONALITY: Samoa

VINCE ASO OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: Hurricanes/Wellington HEIGHT: 1.81m WEIGHT: 90kg DOB: 05.01.95 (25) NATIONALITY: Samoa

LEICESTER FAINGA'ANUKU **OUTSIDE BACK**



TEAMS: Crusaders/Tasman HEIGHT: 1.88m WEIGHT: 109kg DOB: 11.10.99 (21) NATIONALITY: Tonga

JONE MACILAI OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: Crusaders/Northland HEIGHT: 1.78m WEIGHT: 88kg DOB: 27.08.90 (30) NATIONALITY: Fiji

TAIMALELAGI ETENE NANAI-SETURO **OUTSIDE BACK**



TEAMS: Chiefs/Counties Manukau HEIGHT: 1.83m WEIGHT: 92kg DOB: 20.08.99 (21) NATIONALITY: Samoa

FETULI PAEA OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: Crusaders/Tasman HEIGHT: 1.89m WEIGHT: 95kg DOB: 16.08.94 (26) NATIONALITY: Tonga



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