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On behalf of New Zealand Rugby I am pleased to present Steinlager North v South.

We live in very difficult times and putting this game together has been a monumental challenge. Congratulations to all of you who have worked so hard make it happen.

Our thanks go to the friends of New Zealand Rugby; sponsors, partners, volunteers and fans who have continued to support our vision to Inspire and Unify New Zealanders.



NEW ZEALAND

ROGBY

Best wishes go to both teams and to the match officials whose contribution is invaluable. We admire the dedication and focus required by you all to ensure you can perform on the grass. While the stadium will be empty, TV lounges across New Zealand will be buzzing with excitement.

This match awakens a geographic tribalism which most of the time just simmers below the surface. But not today: today the team of five million will be split right down the middle.

BILL OSBORNE New Zealand Rugby President

#### **ADIDAS**

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 Steinlager North v South match unites the sense of tradition and love of the core values of the game and is a special occasion for all New Zealanders.

Equally, New Zealand has given hope to all of us around the world. As we've seen of late this crisis is far from over, but sport – and rugby especially – can be a beacon for both athletes and fans, bringing us back to the life we love: the camaraderie, excitement, banter, victories and setbacks.

Rugby is a force for positive change in the world and a major part of New Zealand life and these teams play a key role in this. The players are playing for pride, playing for their island.

New Zealand is ready. And raring to go. And so are we. Thank you from our side for making sport happen and for giving us hope, we sure have needed it. So stay safe, enjoy the game and please join us @adidasrugby in showing the team our collective support with the hashtag #ReadyForSport.

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# **NORTH V SOUTH: KNOW YOUR** INTERISLAND **HISTORY**

LYNN MCCONNELL

A fair argument can be mounted that rugby's interisland fixture has been a mirror on New Zealand's ruaby history.

In 80 games between 1897 and 2012, with no games played between 1898-1901, 1915-18, 1930, 1940-42, 1987-94, 1996-2011, the North Island won 50 games, the South won 27 and three were drawn.

The history of the game also reflected changing population patterns in the country.

In 1881 60 percent of the population lived in the South Island.

By 1901 the population spread was 50:50 and by 1970 70 percent of the population lived in the North Island

Talk of an interisland game was first mooted in 1881 in the days before the game was governed by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union (formed in 1892), Auckland and Wellington were keen to play but Canterbury and Otago were not.

Immediately after the first interisland game in 1897 in Wellington, the All Blacks team left the ground for the boat to take them to Australia.

The second game, played in 1902 was the forerunner of the game becoming an annual fixture and was won by the South Island 17-14.

The first draw (3-3) occurred in 1904 but the game could not be strictly regarded as a true interisland game. Auckland All Blacks George Nicholson and Charlie 'Bronco' Seeling didn't arrive in Dunedin in time for the game so Otago players Jack Mitchell and John Abbott were included as replacements in the North Island team. Neither ever managed to complete the double by being selected for the South Island.

No Auckland players were included in the North Island team in 1907. Because of news that an 'alternative' and professional [league] rugby tour was being planned to Britain all players who took part in the interisland game were required to sign a declaration that they had nothing to do with the proposed tour. However, that didn't affect the North as they won 11-0.

The 1922 game was the first played under the 'kick-into-touch' rule which denied direct kicks to touch between the two 25-yard lines (as they were called in the day). The game in Auckland was won 9-8 by the South Island.

One of the biggest wins in the history of the game was in 1926 when the South Island selectors played most of their backs out of between 1936 and 1948 Their second hat-trick occurred between 1975-77. The North put together 10 sequences of three consecutive wins or more

In 1946, the game, played at Athletic Park in Wellington, was abandoned 25 minutes into the second half due to bad weather.

A year later, in Invercargill, the North won 13-11 but the game is most remembered for the ordering off of All Black props Johnny Simpson and local player Leo Connolly. Simpson was sent off first and Connolly offered an explanation to the referee who said, "Well you might as well go too." The pair, who had toured Australia that year with the All Blacks, walked from the around arm-in-arm.

#### AMONG THE MOST CAPPED PLAYERS, COLIN **MEADS PLAYED 12 TIMES FOR THE NORTH** ISLAND AND FERGIE MCCORMICK AND IAN KIRKPATRICK 10 TIMES FOR THE SOUTH

position. The North took advantage and won 41-9.

No game was played in 1930 due to the first visit of what became known as the British & Irish Lions team

The game of 1932 was famous for being the first played after New Zealand decided to do away with the 2-3-2 scrum. The North coped with the change much better sticking with their 3-4-1 scrum while the South changed in the game between 3-2-3, 3-3-2 and finally 3-4-1. The North took full advantage to win 28-10.

The South managed the first of their two hat-tricks in the sequence of games in 1937-39, reflecting the strength of the game in the South where the Ranfurly Shield never moved north of the Waitaki River

In 1948, the South Island team contained 11 players from the Ranfurly Shield-holding Otago team. They won 12-11.

Among the most capped players, Colin Meads played 12 times for the North Island and Feraie McCormick and Ian Kirkpatrick 10 times for the South

The traditional contest ended in 1986 when the North won 22-10 in Oamaru. The game was replaced by zonal games between North, Central and Southern sides but that also fell out of favour.

In 1995 and 2012 interisland games were played, the first as preparation for the Rugby World Cup in South Africa and the latter as a fundraiser for Otago Ruaby Union.





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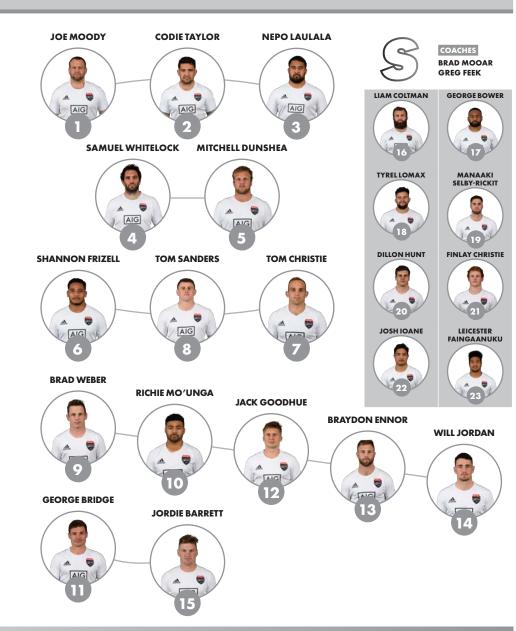
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#### **KURT EKLUND** HOOKER



FIRST PROVINCE: Auckland DOB: 05.01.92 HEIGHT: 1.80m WEIGHT: 103kg

**AYDEN JOHNSTONE** 



FIRST PROVINCE: Waikato DOB: 24.10.96 HEIGHT: 1.84m WEIGHT: 120kg

#### **ANGUS TA'AVAO** PROP



FIRST PROVINCE: Auckland DOB: 22.03.90 HEIGHT: 1.94m WEIGHT: 124kg

KARL TU'INUKUAFE PROP



FIRST PROVINCE: North Harbour DOB: 21.02.93 HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 135kg

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FIRST PROVINCE: Auckland DOB: 18.04.93 HEIGHT: 2.00m WEIGHT: 118kg

**PATRICK TUIPULOTU** LOCK



FIRST PROVINCE: Auckland DOB: 23.01.93 WEIGHT: 120kg HEIGHT: 1.98m

**TUPOU VAA'I** LOCK



FIRST PROVINCE: Taranaki DOB: 27.01.00 HEIGHT: 1.98m

**LACHLAN BOSHIER** LOOSE FORWARD



WEIGHT: 118kg

FIRST PROVINCE: Taranaki DOB: 16.11.94 HEIGHT: 1.91m WEIGHT: 104kg

#### **AKIRA IOANE LOOSE FORWARD**



FIRST PROVINCE: Auckland DOB: 16.06.95 HEIGHT: 1.94m WEIGHT: 113kg

**DALTON PAPALII** LOOSE FORWARD



FIRST PROVINCE: Auckland DOB: 11.10.97 HEIGHT: 1.93m WEIGHT: 113kg

**ARDIE SAVEA** LOOSE FORWARD



FIRST PROVINCE: Wellington DOB: 14.10.93 HEIGHT: 1.90m WEIGHT: 99kg

FIRST PROVINCE: Wellington

WEIGHT: 137kg

DOB: 19.08.97

HEIGHT: 1.87m

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#### **HOSKINS SOTUTU** LOOSE FORWARD



FIRST PROVINCE: Auckland DOB: 12.07.98 WEIGHT: 106kg HEIGHT: 1.92m

#### **TJ PERENARA** HALFBACK



FIRST PROVINCE: Wellington DOB: 23.01.92 WEIGHT: 94kg HEIGHT: 1.84m

#### **AARON SMITH** HALFBACK



FIRST PROVINCE: Manawatu DOB: 21.11.88 WEIGHT: 83kg HEIGHT: 1.71m

#### MITCHELL HUNT OUTSIDE BACK



FIRST PROVINCE: Auckland DOB: 19.06.95 HEIGHT: 1.79m WEIGHT: 88kg

**DAMIAN MCKENZIE OUTSIDE BACK** 



FIRST PROVINCE: Waikato DOB: 20.05.95 WEIGHT: 81kg HEIGHT: 1.75m

**SEVU REECE OUTSIDE BACK** 



FIRST PROVINCE: Waikato DOB: 13.02.97 HEIGHT: 1.79m WEIGHT: 87kg

#### **TE TOIROA TAHURIORANGI** HALFBACK



FIRST PROVINCE: Taranaki DOB: 31.03.95 WEIGHT: 85kg HEIGHT: 1.74m

**BEAUDEN BARRETT** FIRST FIVE-EIGHTHS



FIRST PROVINCE: Taranaki DOB: 27.05.91 WEIGHT: 91kg HEIGHT: 1.87m

**RIEKO IOANE** MIDFIELDER



FIRST PROVINCE: Auckland DOB: 18.03.97 HEIGHT: 1.89m WEIGHT: 102kg

**MARK TELEA OUTSIDE BACK** 



FIRST PROVINCE: North Harbour DOB: 06.12.96 HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 94kg

#### **ANTON LIENERT-BROWN** MIDFIELDER



FIRST PROVINCE: Waikato DOB: 15.04.95 HEIGHT: 1.85m WEIGHT: 96kg

#### PETER UMAGA-JENSEN MIDFIELDER



FIRST PROVINCE: Wellington DOB: 31.12.97 HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 102kg

#### **CALEB CLARKE OUTSIDE BACK**



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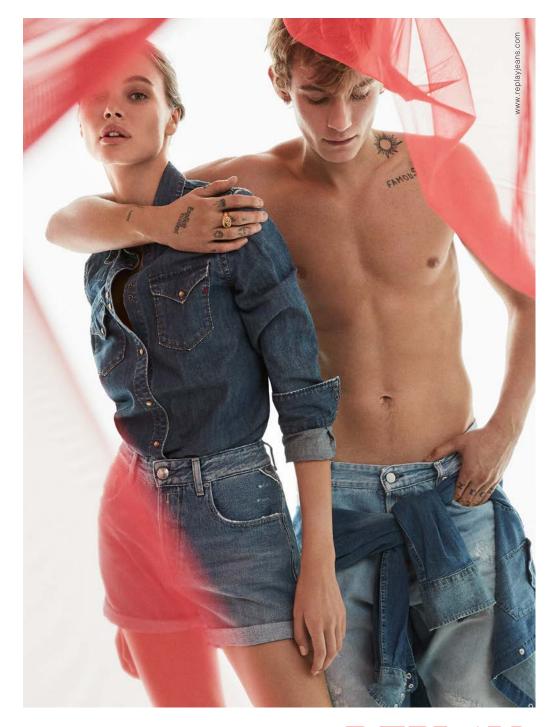
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#### LIAM COLTMAN HOOKER



FIRST PROVINCE: **Otago**DOB: **25.01.90**HEIGHT: **1.85m** WEIGHT: **109kg** 

**GEORGE BOWER** 

ANDREW MAKALIO



FIRST PROVINCE: Wairarapa-Bush
DOB: 22.01.92
HEIGHT: 1.82m WEIGHT: 128kg

#### CODIE TAYLOR HOOKER



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury

DOB: 31.03.91

HEIGHT: 1.83m WEIGHT: 108kg

#### DANIEL LIENERT-BROWN PROP



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury
DOB: 09.02.93
HEIGHT: 1.84m WEIGHT: 109kg

#### NEPO LAULALA



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury
DOB: 06.11.91
HEIGHT: 1.84m WEIGHT: 116kg

#### TYREL LOMAX



FIRST PROVINCE: Tasman
DOB: 16.03.96
HEIGHT: 1.93m WEIGHT: 127ka

JOE MOODY PROP



FIRST PROVINCE: **Canterbury**DOB: **18.09.88**HEIGHT: **1.88m** WEIGHT: **120ka** 

#### MITCHELL DUNSHEA



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury
DOB: 18.11.95
HEIGHT: 1.97m WEIGHT: 115kg

MANAAKI SELBY-RICKIT



FIRST PROVINCE: Southland

DOB: 05.06.96

HEIGHT: 2.00m WEIGHT: 112kg

SAMUEL WHITELOCK



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury

DOB: 12.10.88

HEIGHT: 2.02m WEIGHT: 116kg

TOM CHRISTIE
LOOSE FORWARD



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury
DOB: 04.03.98
HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 105kg

#### SHANNON FRIZELL



FIRST PROVINCE: **Tasman**DOB: **11.02.94**HEIGHT: **1.95m**WEIGHT: **108kg** 

#### DILLON HUNT LOOSE FORWARD



FIRST PROVINCE: **Otago**DOB: **23.02.95**HEIGHT: **1.89m** WEIGHT: **103kg** 

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DOB: 28.05.92

HEIGHT: 1.83m

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FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury
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HEIGHT: 1.90m WEIGHT: 110kg

#### FINLAY CHRISTIE



FIRST PROVINCE: Tasman
DOB: 19.09.94
HEIGHT: 1.77m WEIGHT: 82kg

#### MITCHELL DRUMMOND HALFBACK



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury

DOB: 15.02.94

HEIGHT: 1.80m WEIGHT: 88kg

#### SIO TOMKINSON MIDFIELDER



FIRST PROVINCE: **Otago**DOB: **27.05.96**HEIGHT: **1.82**m

WEIGHT: **94**kg

JORDIE BARRETT
OUTSIDE BACK



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury
DOB: 15.02.97
HEIGHT: 1.96m WEIGHT: 95kg

#### GEORGE BRIDGE OUTSIDE BACK



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury
DOB: 01.04.95
HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 96kg

#### BRAD WEBER HALFBACK



FIRST PROVINCE: **Otago**DOB: **17.01.91**HEIGHT: **1.72m** WEIGHT: **75kg** 

JOSH IOANE FIRST FIVE-EIGHTHS



FIRST PROVINCE: **Otago**DOB: **11.07.95**HEIGHT: **1.76m** WEIGHT: **85kg** 

RICHIE MO'UNGA FIRST FIVE-EIGHTHS



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury
DOB: 25.05.94
HEIGHT: 1.76m WEIGHT: 83kg

WILL JORDAN
OUTSIDE BACK



FIRST PROVINCE: Tasman
DOB: 24.02.98
HEIGHT: 1.88m WEIGHT: 94kg

#### BRAYDON ENNOR MIDFIELDER



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury
DOB: 16.07.97
HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 94kg

#### LEICESTER FAINGA'ANUKU MIDFIELDER



FIRST PROVINCE: Tasman
DOB: 11.10.99
HEIGHT: 1.88m WEIGHT: 109kg

#### JACK GOODHUE MIDFIELDER



FIRST PROVINCE: Canterbury

DOB: 13.06.95

HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 100kg

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