Keith Almanac 2017

A review of the years' games with Player Information, Scoring Positions, Match Reports and General Keith Statistics.

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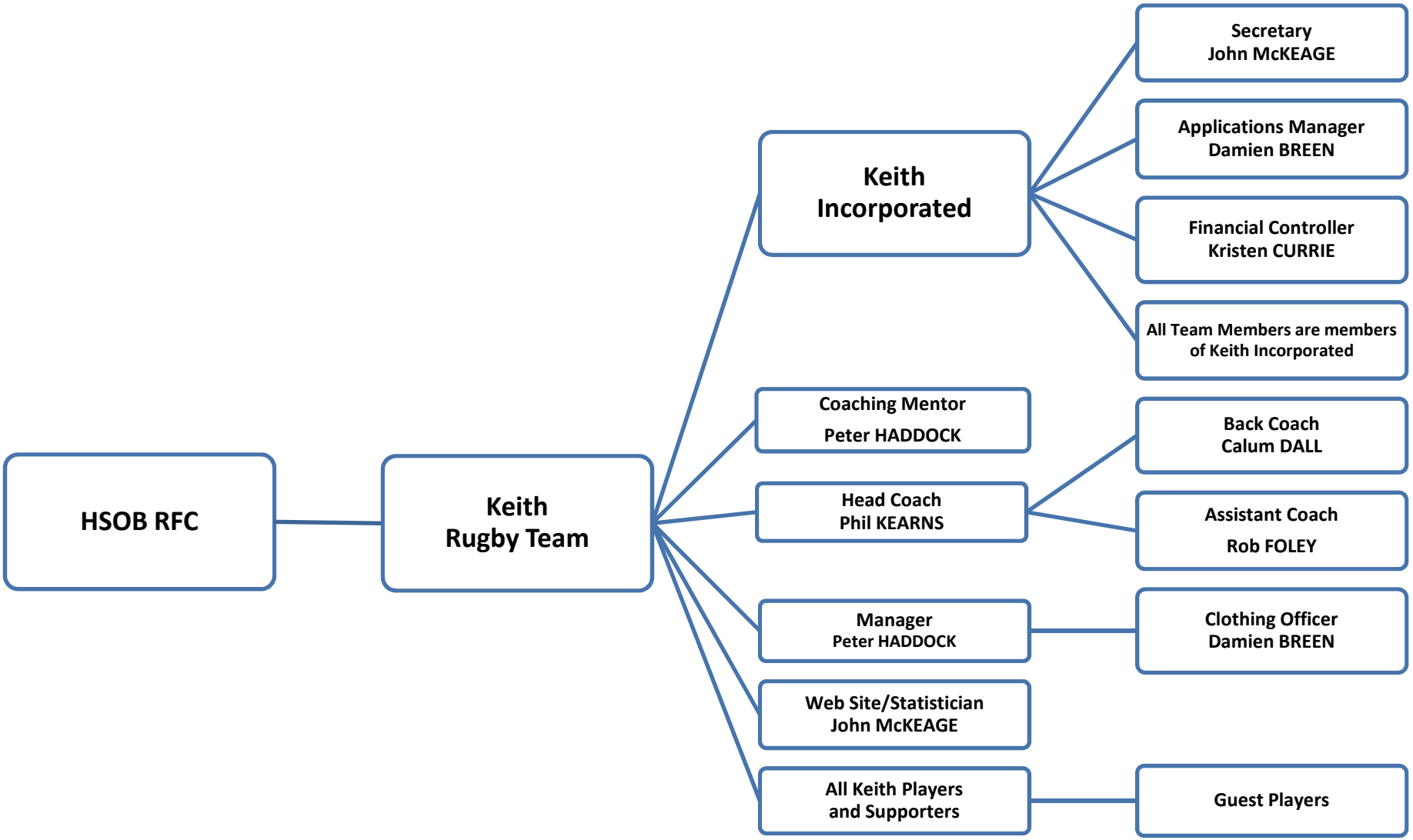

HSOB RFC
Keith Rugby Team
Keith Incorporated
Secretary
John McKEAGE
Applications Manager
Damien BREEN
Financial Controller
Kristen CURRIE
All Team Members are members of Keith Incorporated
Coaching Mentor
Peter HADDOCK
Head Coach
Phil KEARNS
Back Coach
Calum DALL
Assistant Coach
Rob FOLEY
Manager
Peter HADDOCK
Clothing Officer
Damien BREEN
Web Site/Statistician
John McKEAGE
All Keith Players and Supporters
Guest Players

2017 Team List

Alan O'CONNOR
Alex NEWFIELD
Ashley AMOS
Andy PETI
Bevan WEBB
Brad STRINGER
Brian GRIFFITHS
Bruce HALLINAN
Calum DALL
Chris JONES
Colin GRAVETT
Daire KENNEDY
Damian BREEN
Darren MOKE
Emili LANGI
Greg BROWN
Isaac ARAPAI
Jeremy DAINES
John LUXTON
Joseph MOALE
Karidene NEILSON
Kevin WILLIAMS
Kristen CURRIE
Laina KATOA
Leyton HUNT
Loni FUNAKI
Ma'aivialoa TOUMOHUNI
Mark van GROENEDAAL
Matini TUPOU
Michael BREUKER
Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Murray PICKEN
Otenili TAUMAUNGA
Paul CRICHTON
Paula GILBERT
Paunga MOALE
Phil HUGHES
Phil KEARNS
Riki TUKAKI
Rob FENTON
Ross SINCLAIR
Sean KIMAK
Shane FLANAGAN
Simon GIFFORD
Steve ELL
Steve JONES
Stewart RANKIN
Stuart HERRIOTT
Tevita TUPOU
Thomas CLARKE
Trent STANTON

Team Management

Coach – Forwards
Phillip KEARNS

Coach – Backs
Calum DALL

Coaching Mentor
Peter HADDOCK

Coaching Assistants
Rob FOLEY

Manager
Peter HADOCK

Financial Controller
Kristen CURRIE

Clothing Officer
Damien BREEN

Statistician / Web Site Administrator
John McKEAGE

Keith Rugby Online

Keith Rugby Web Site	keith.org.nz
Keith on FaceBook	keithbook.info
Keith on Twitter	keithtalk.info
Keith on YouTube	keithtv.info
Keith on Instagram	instakeith.info
Keith Touch	keithtouch.com
Keith E-Mail	rugby@keith.org.nz

2017 Sponsors

Air Rescue Services Trust - airrescueservices.co.nz

Bush Inn Hotel

PACE Project Management – pacepm.co.nz

Southern Monograms – monograms.co.nz

Shocked Design Solutions – shocked.co.nz

Bealeys Speight's Ale House - bealeysalehouse.co.nz

2017 Sportsman of The Year Awards

Most Tries	Ross SINCLAIR (10)
Most Points by a Back	Ross SINCLAIR (50)
Most Points by a Forward	Laina KATOA (25)
Most Improved Back	Shane FLANAGAN
Most Improved Forward	Mark van GROENEDAAL
Most Keithly On/Off the Field	Kristen CURRIE
New Boy of the Year	Shane FLANAGAN
Hard Bastard of the Year	Laina KATOA
Ladies Award for Player of the Year	Stuart HERRIOTT
Longevity Award	Simon GIFFORD
Back of the Year	Ross SINCLAIR
Forward of the Year	Laina KATOA
James Graham Memorial Trophy	....
The Ashes	Alan O'CONNOR & Shane FLANAGAN
Keith of the Year	Kristen CURRIE

HSOB RFC Awards

Club Supporter of the Year	John McKEAGE
Most Valuable Player	Ross SINCLAIR
Most Improved Player	Mark van GROENEDAAL

Scores at a Glance

Date	versus	For	Against	Margin
01/04	Sydenham	18	55	-37
08/04	Sumner	Game	Cancelled	0
22/04	Burnside	40	0	40
29/04	Belfast	14	37	-23
06/05	Linwood	28	26	2
13/05	Christchurch	27	5	22
20/05	Suburbs	13	35	-22
27/05	Linwood	21	34	-13
10/06	Sumner	20	27	-7
17/06	Burnside	41	26	15
24/06	Belfast	11	39	-28
01/07	Christchurch	22	5	17
08/07	Suburbs	24	21	3
15/07	Sydenham	Game	Cancelled	0
22/07	Linwood	Game	Cancelled	0
29/07	Belfast	21	38	-17
05/08	Sydenham	12	46	-34
12/08	Linwood	12	32	-20

FOR 324 - AGAINST 426
MARGIN -102

Scoring Statistics

Highest Score	41-26	v Burnside 17th June
Lowest Score	11-39	v Belfast 24th June
Average Score	21-28	(21-25 Average from 2016)
Mean Score	21-32	(18-21 Mean from 2016)
Highest Margin	40	v Burnside 22nd April
Lowest Margin	-37	v Sydenham 1st April
Average Margin	-7	(-4 Average from 2016)
Mean Margin	-13	(-2 Average from 2016)
Average Winning Margin	17	(17 Average from 2016)
Average Losing Margin	-22	(-23 Averae from 2016)

Averages are rounded up or down to nearest whole number

Sargentina Trophy

The Sargentina Trophy was retained by HSOB on the 13th May (27-5), and then won again by HSOB on the 1st July (22-5) and we remain holders for the start of the 2018 season.

Games Statistics

Scheduled	18
Played	15
Won	6
Lost	9
Drawn	0
Cancelled	3

Number of Tries	49
Number Players who Scored Tries	19
Average number Tries per Game	3.3
Number Conversions	29
Number Players who kicked Conversions	7
Average number Conversions per Game	1.9
Number Penalties / Dropped Goals	7
Number Players who kicked Penalties	2
Average number Penalties per Game	0.4

Scored 3 Tries in a Game

John LUXTON	v Burnside	22nd April 2017
John LUXTON	v Linwood	27th May 2017
Ross SINCLAIR	v Burnside	17th June 2017
Liana KATOA	v Suburbs	8th July 2017

Number of Games

NAME	RESERVE	STARTED	TOTAL
Stuart HERRIOTT	2	12	14
Steve ELL	4	10	14
Paunga MOALE	4	10	14
Murray PICKEN	0	13	13
Ross SINCLAIR	0	13	13
Steve JONES	2	11	13

Total Players Used

50 (59 in 2016) (74 in 2015)
Average Players used per Game 25.5
(25.5 in 2016) (24 in 2015)

Most Players Used in a Single Game

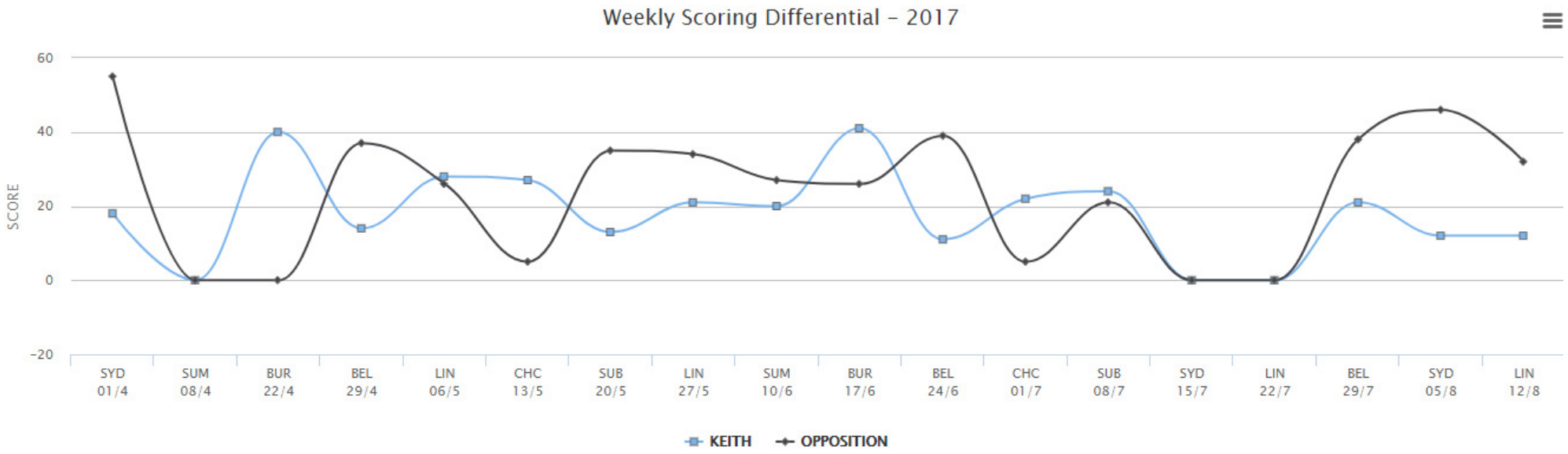
28 v Christchurch 13th May 2017

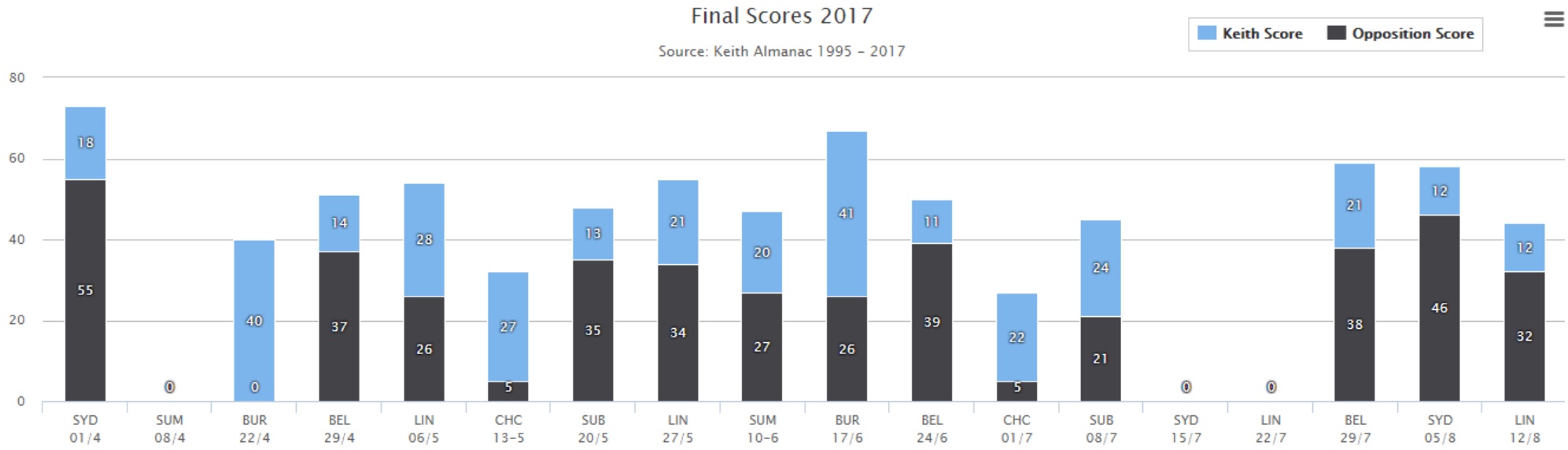
Points Breakdown

Name	Tries	Conv	Pen	Points
SINCLAIR R	10	0	0	50
CLARKE T	0	12	5	39
LUXTON J	6	0	0	30
PICKEN M	5	1	0	27
KATOA L	5	0	0	25
GRIFFITHS B	0	11	0	22
FLANAGAN S	4	0	0	20
LANGI E	3	1	0	17
MOALE P	2	0	0	10
TOUMOHUNI M	2	0	0	10
TUPOU M	2	0	0	10
DALL C	1	2	0	9
O'CONNOR A	0	1	2	8
WEBB B	1	1	0	7
ARAPAI I	1	0	0	5
CURRIE K	1	0	0	5
ELL S	1	0	0	5
HERRIOTT S	1	0	0	5
STANTON T	1	0	0	5
TAUMAUNGA O	1	0	0	5
TUPOU T	1	0	0	5
van GROENEDAAL M	1	0	0	5
TOTAL	49	29	7	324

Most Valuable Player

Date	Name
01/4	FLANAGAN S
08/4	-
22/4	DAINES J
29/4	PICKEN M
06/5	CLARKE T
13/5	WEBB B & MOALE J
20/5	HERRIOTT S
27/5	LUXTON J
10/6	GIFFORD S
17/6	FLANAGAN S
24/6	SINCLAIR R
01/7	KEARNS P
08/7	KATOA L
15/7	-
22/7	-
29/7	MOALE J
05/8	DAINES J & NEILSON K
12/8	FLANAGAN S


Weekly Scoring Differential – 2017
SCORE
60
40
20
0
-20
SYD 01/4
SUM 08/4
BUR 22/4
BEL 29/4
LIN 06/5
CHC 13/5
SUB 20/5
LIN 27/5
SUM 10/6
BUR 17/6
BEL 24/6
CHC 01/7
SUB 08/7
SYD 15/7
LIN 22/7
BEL 29/7
SYD 05/8
LIN 12/8
KEITH
OPPOSITION


Final Scores 2017
Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Keith Score
Opposition Score
80
60
40
20
0
SYD 01/4
SUM 08/4
BUR 22/4
BEL 29/4
LIN 06/5
CHC 13-5
SUB 20/5
LIN 27/5
SUM 10-6
BUR 17/6
BEL 24/6
CHC 01/7
SUB 08/7
SYD 15/7
LIN 22/7
BEL 29/7
SYD 05/8
LIN 12/8
18
55
0
40
0
14
37
28
26
27
5
13
35
21
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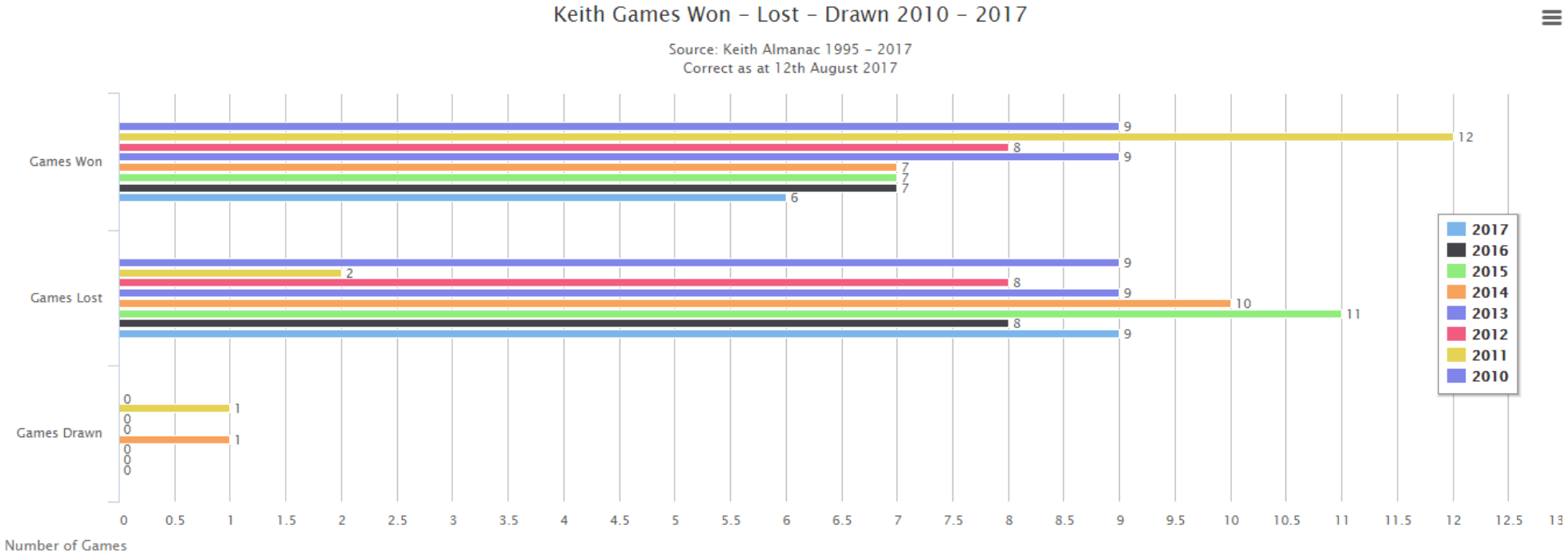
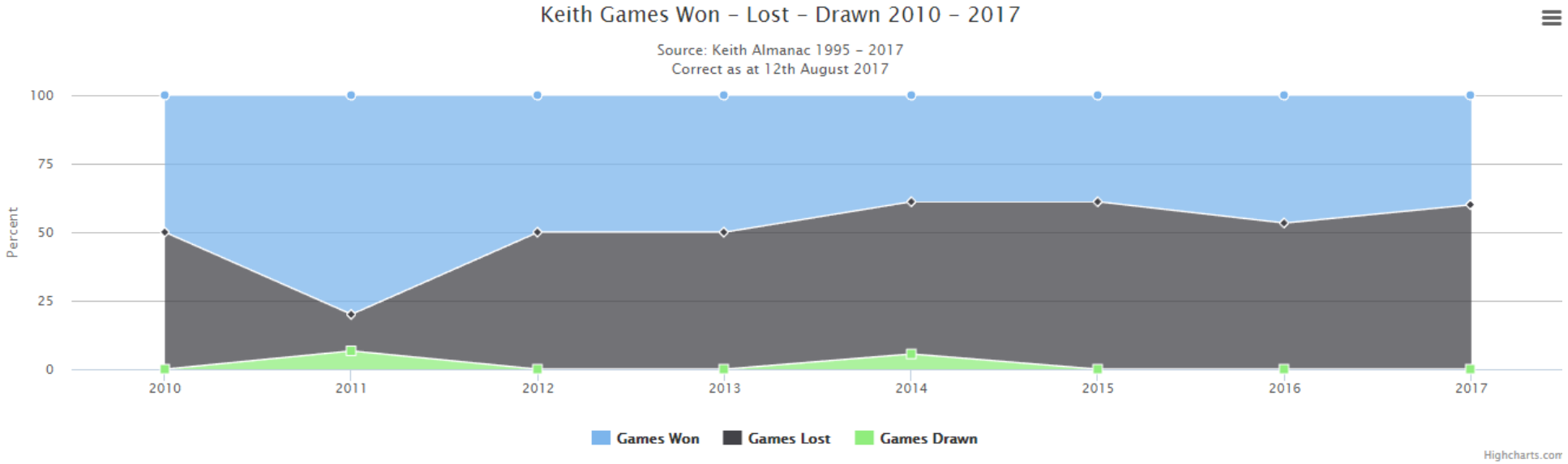
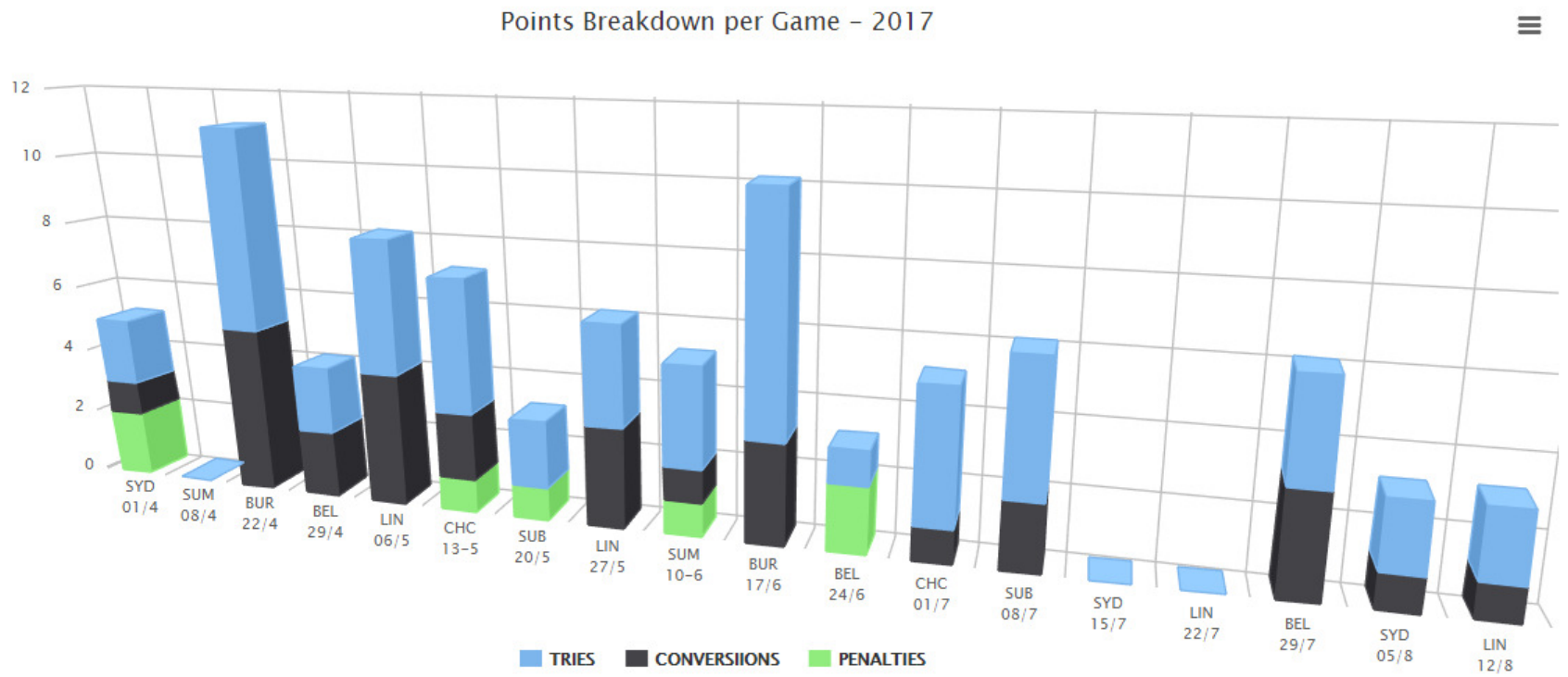
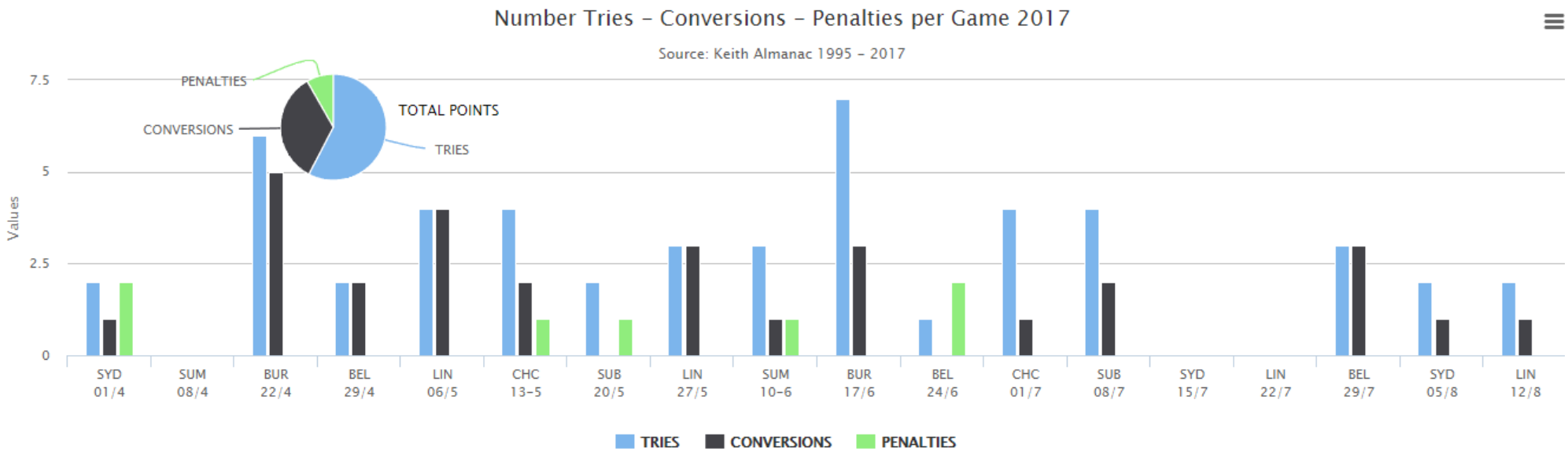
12
32


Keith Games Won – Lost – Drawn 2010 – 2017
Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Correct as at 12th August 2017
Games Won
Games Lost
Games Drawn
9
12
8
9
7
7
7
6
9
2
8
9
10
11
8
9
0
1
0
0
1
0
0
0
0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 5.5 6 6.5 7 7.5 8 8.5 9 9.5 10 10.5 11 11.5 12 12.5 13
Number of Games
2017
2016
2015
2014
2013
2012
2011
2010

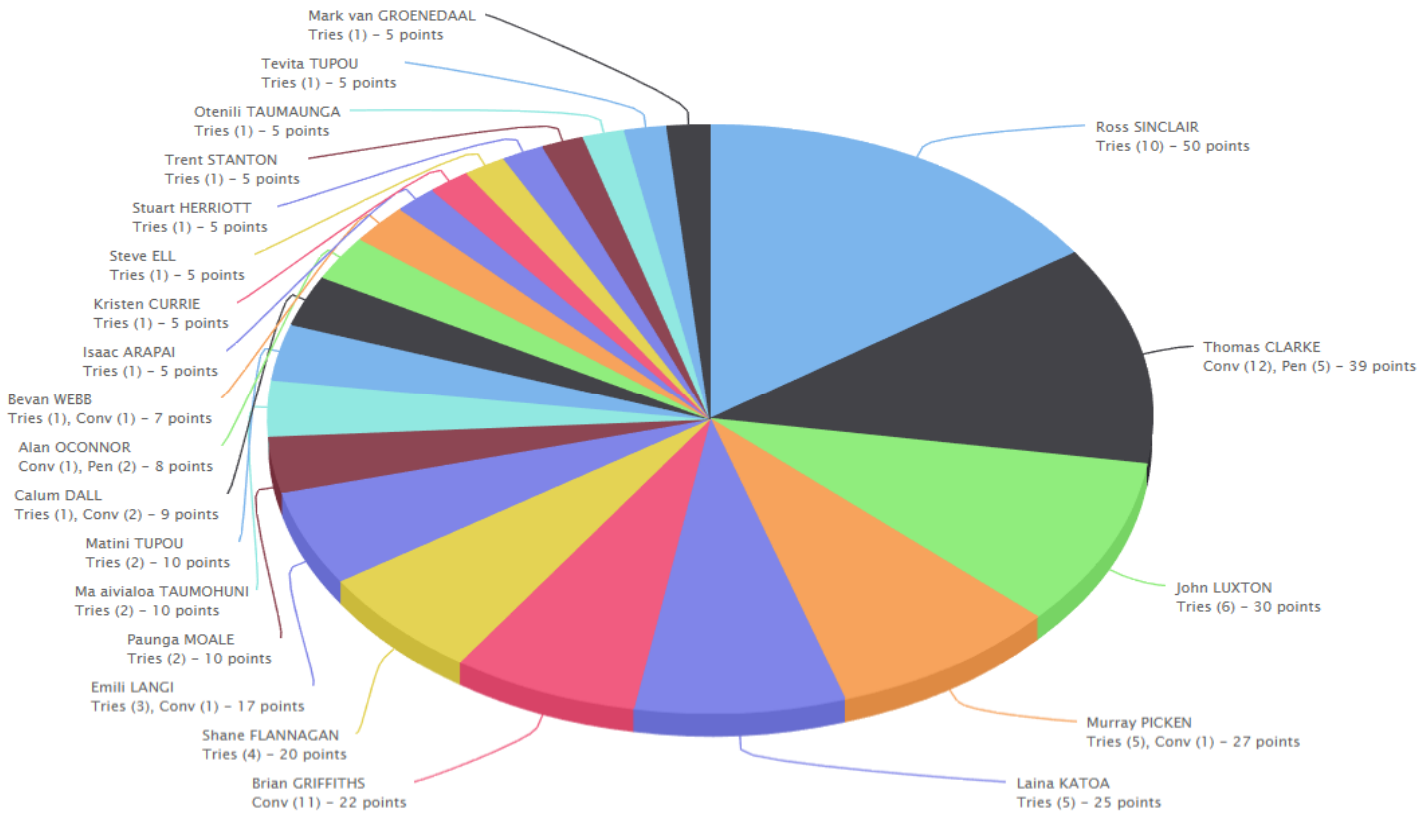

Keith Games Won – Lost – Drawn 2010 – 2017
Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Correct as at 12th August 2017
Percent
100
75
50
25
0
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
Games Won
Games Lost
Games Drawn
Highcharts.com


Points Breakdown per Game - 2017
12
10
8
6
4
2
0
SYD 01/4
SUM 08/4
BUR 22/4
BEL 29/4
LIN 06/5
CHC 13-5
SUB 20/5
LIN 27/5
SUM 10-6
BUR 17/6
BEL 24/6
CHC 01/7
SUB 08/7
SYD 15/7
LIN 22/7
BEL 29/7
SYD 05/8
LIN 12/8
TRIES
CONVERSIIONS
PENALTIES


Number Tries – Conversions – Penalties per Game 2017
Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
PENALTIES
CONVERSIONS
TOTAL POINTS
TRIES
Values
7.5
5
2.5
0
SYD 01/4
SUM 08/4
BUR 22/4
BEL 29/4
LIN 06/5
CHC 13–5
SUB 20/5
LIN 27/5
SUM 10–6
BUR 17/6
BEL 24/6
CHC 01/7
SUB 08/7
SYD 15/7
LIN 22/7
BEL 29/7
SYD 05/8
LIN 12/8
TRIES
CONVERSIONS
PENALTIES

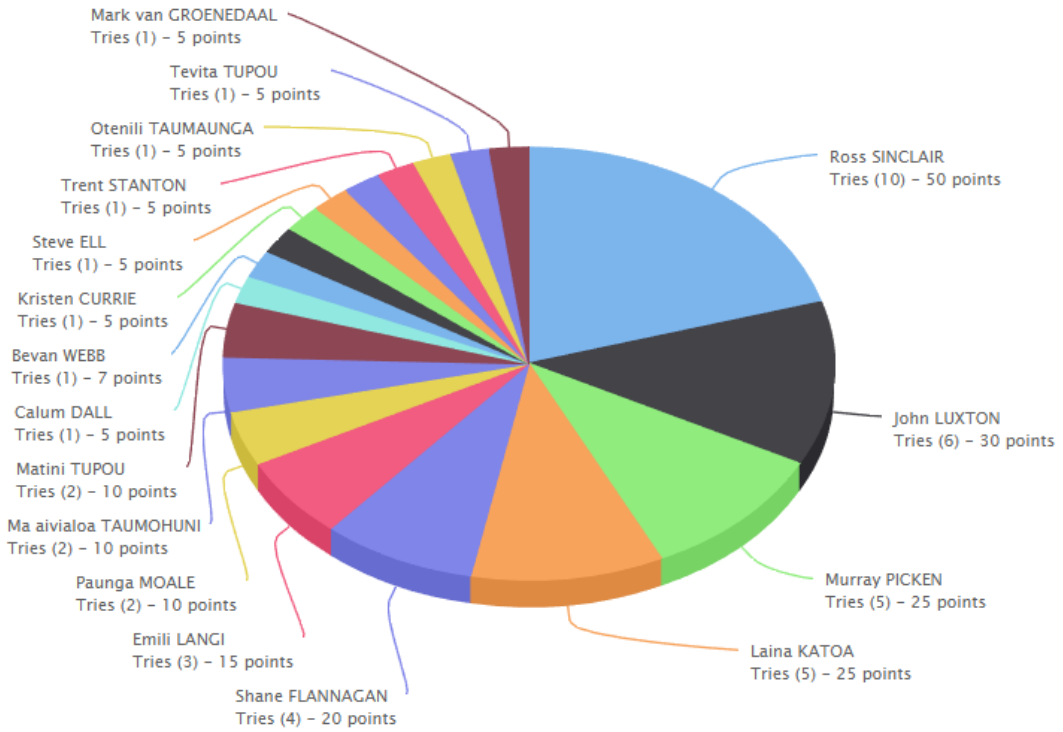
COMBINED POINTS SCORE 2017

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Correct as at 12th August 2017



NUMBER OF KEITH TRIES 2017

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Correct as at 12th August 2017



NUMBER OF KEITH CONVERSIONS/PENALTIES 2017

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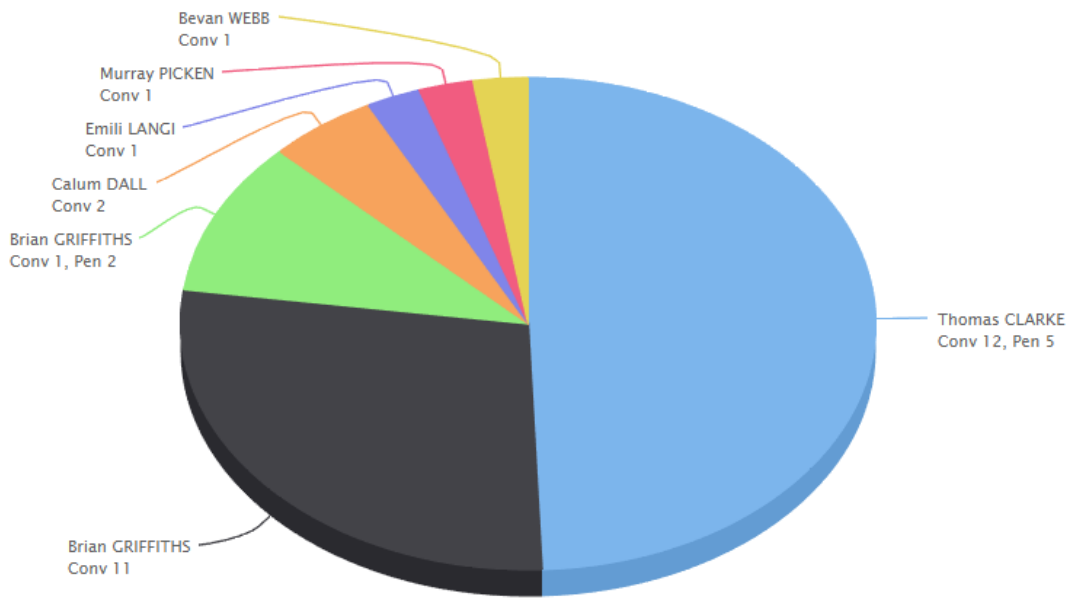
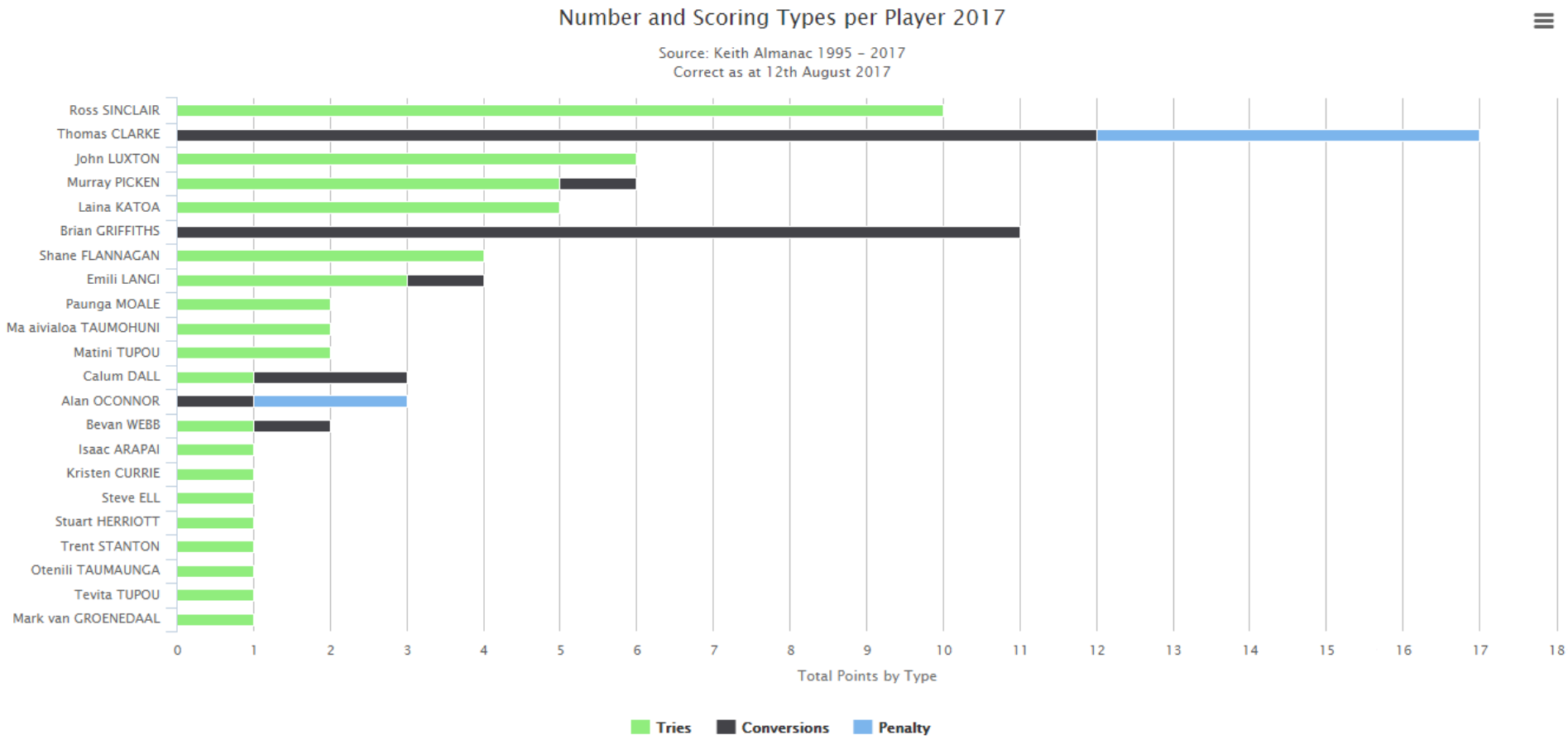
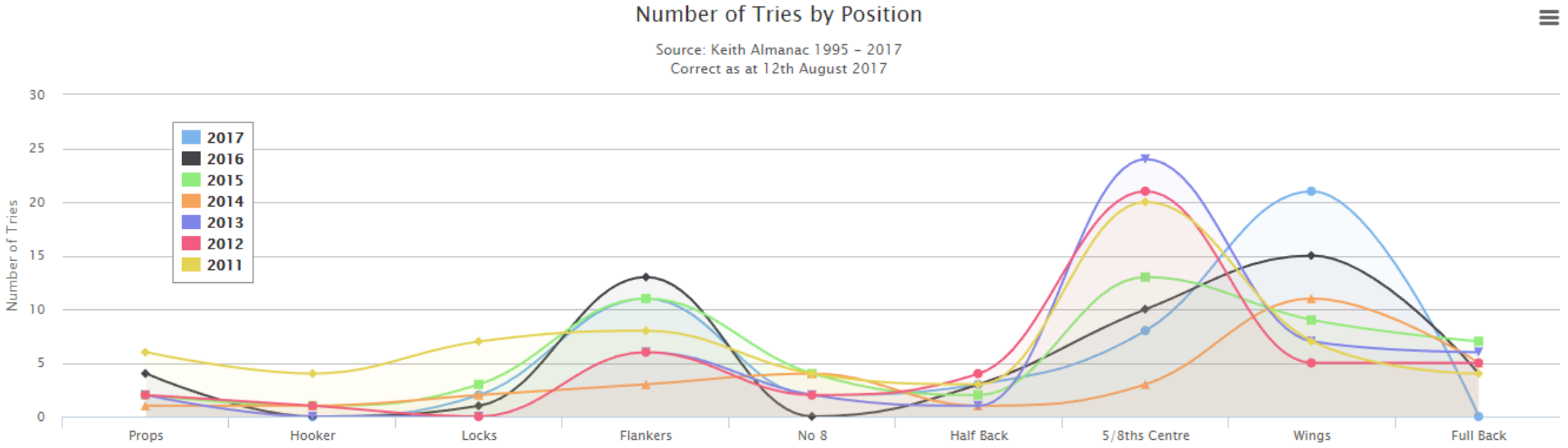
Correct as at 12th August 2017

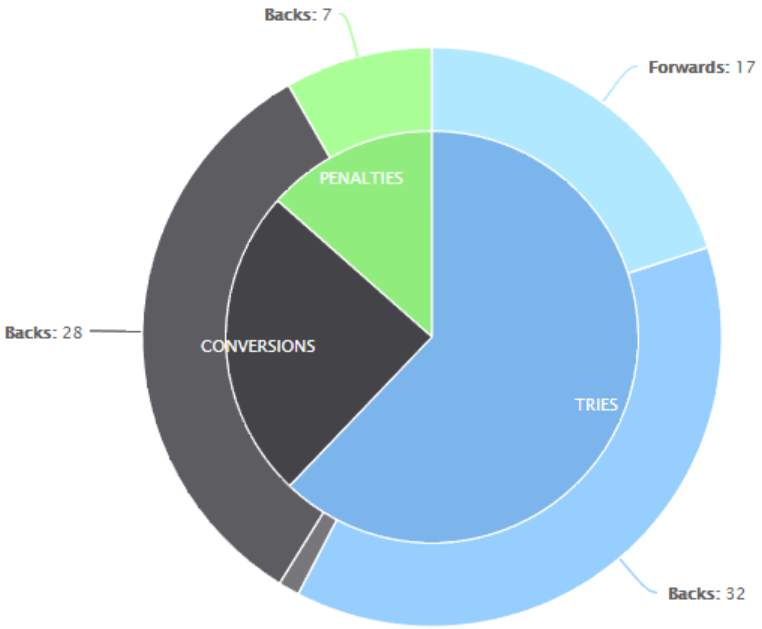


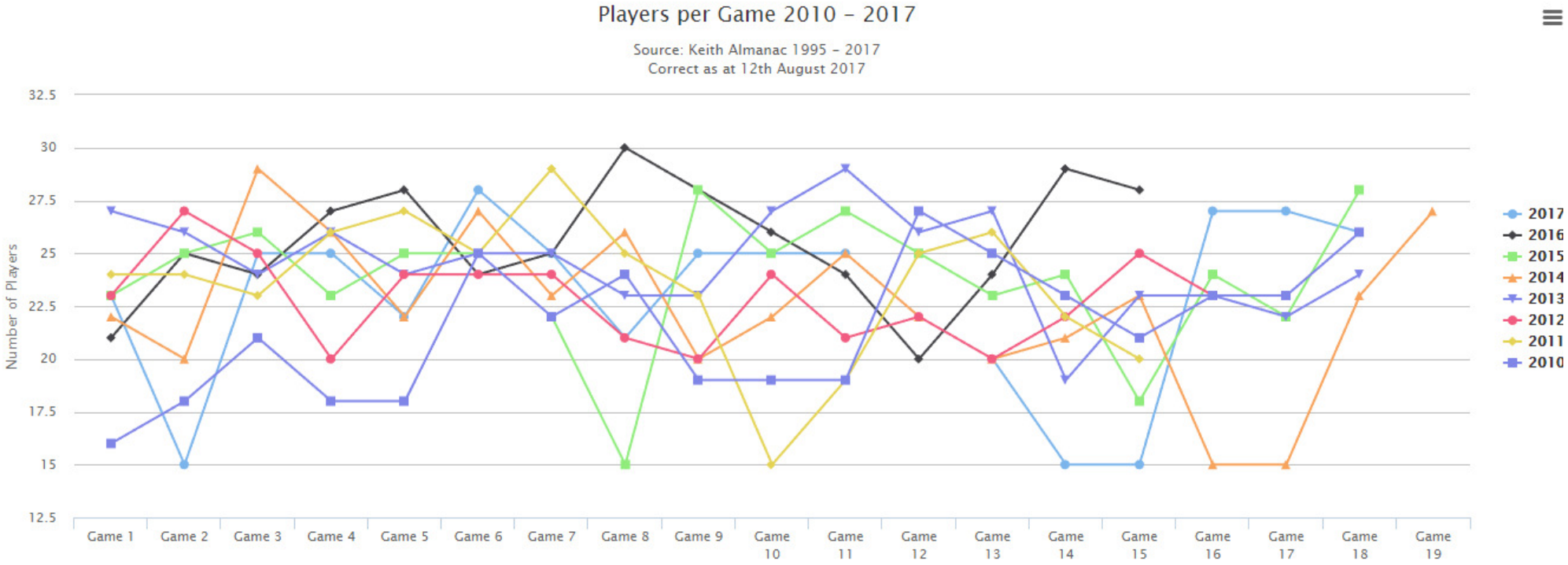

Number and Scoring Types per Player 2017
Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Correct as at 12th August 2017
Ross SINCLAIR
Thomas CLARKE
John LUXTON
Murray PICKEN
Laina KATOA
Brian GRIFFITHS
Shane FLANNAGAN
Emili LANGI
Paunga MOALE
Ma aivialoa TAUMOHUNI
Matini TUPOU
Calum DALL
Alan OCONNOR
Bevan WEBB
Isaac ARAPAI
Kristen CURRIE
Steve ELL
Stuart HERRIOTT
Trent STANTON
Otenili TAUMAUNGA
Tevita TUPOU
Mark van GROENEDAAL
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
Total Points by Type
Tries
Conversions
Penalty


Number of Tries by Position
Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Correct as at 12th August 2017
Number of Tries
30
25
20
15
10
5
0
2017
2016
2015
2014
2013
2012
2011
Props
Hooker
Locks
Flankers
No 8
Half Back
5/8ths Centre
Wings
Full Back

Percentage of Type of Points Scored by Player Type 2017

Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Correct as at 22nd April 2017




Players per Game 2010 – 2017
Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Correct as at 12th August 2017
Number of Players
32.5
30
27.5
25
22.5
20
17.5
15
12.5
Game 1
Game 2
Game 3
Game 4
Game 5
Game 6
Game 7
Game 8
Game 9
Game 10
Game 11
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Game 16
Game 17
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2017
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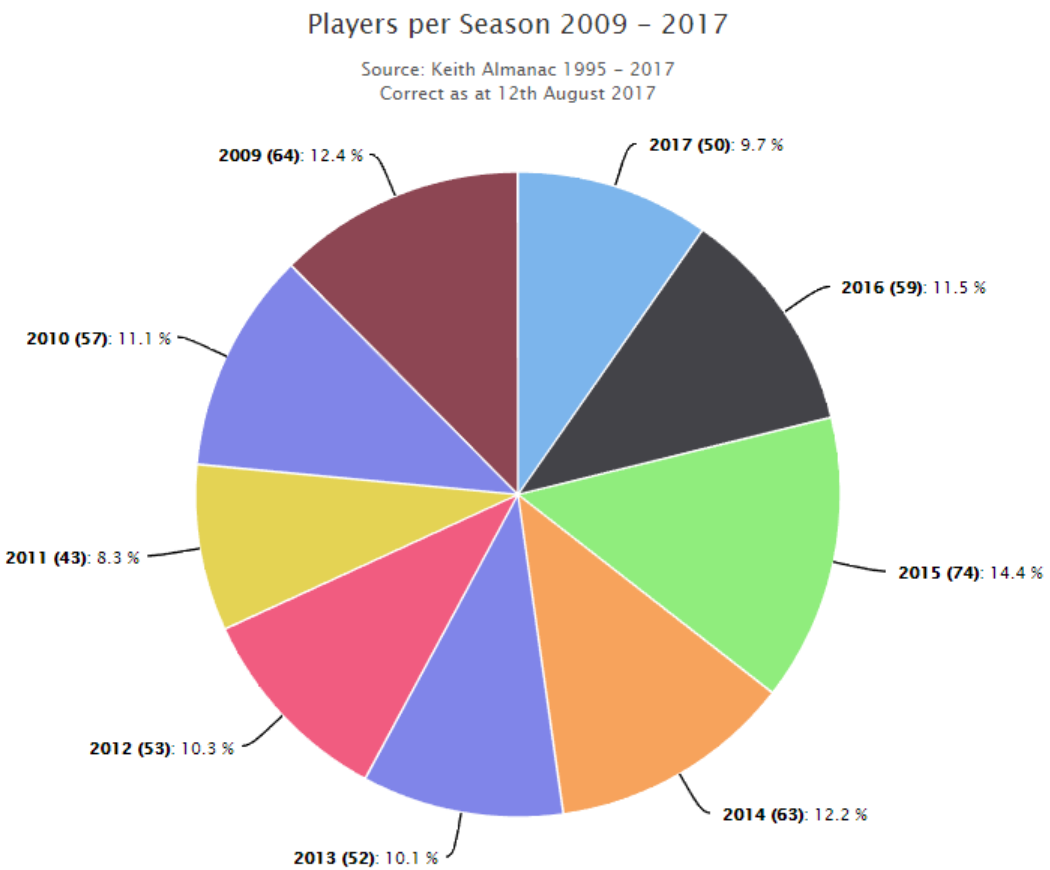
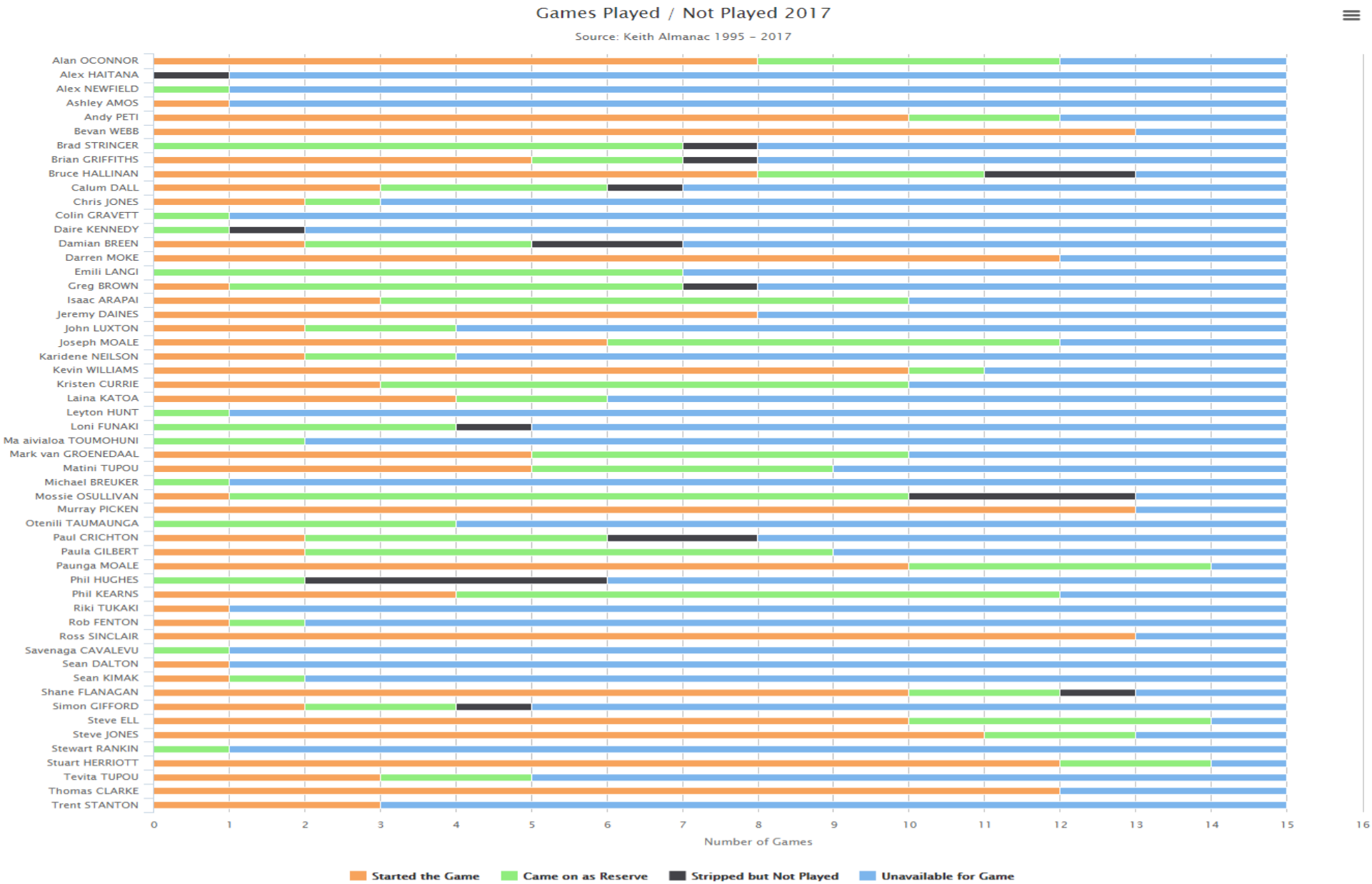

Players per Season 2009 – 2017
Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Correct as at 12th August 2017
2009 (64): 12.4 %
2017 (50): 9.7 %
2016 (59): 11.5 %
2010 (57): 11.1 %
2015 (74): 14.4 %
2011 (43): 8.3 %
2012 (53): 10.3 %
2014 (63): 12.2 %
2013 (52): 10.1 %


Games Played / Not Played 2017
Source: Keith Almanac 1995 – 2017
Alan OCONNOR
Alex HAITANA
Alex NEWFIELD
Ashley AMOS
Andy PETI
Bevan WEBB
Brad STRINGER
Brian GRIFFITHS
Bruce HALLINAN
Calum DALL
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Ross SINCLAIR
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Sean DALTON
Sean KIMAK
Shane FLANAGAN
Simon GIFFORD
Steve ELL
Steve JONES
Stewart RANKIN
Stuart HERRIOTT
Tevita TUPOU
Thomas CLARKE
Trent STANTON
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
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11
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13
14
15
16
Number of Games
Started the Game
Came on as Reserve
Stripped but Not Played
Unavailable for Game

Top Four Downloaded Photos of the Season

Keith vs Sydenham
1st April 2017

Ground: Hansen Park 1
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Darren MOKE	Brad STRINGER
Bruce HALLINAN	Calum DALL
Steve JONES	Paul CRICHTON
Kristen CURRIE	Phil HUGHES
Damien BREEN	Phil KEARNS
Jeremy DAINES	Mark van GROENEDAAL
Andrew PETI	Isaac ARAPAI
Kevin WILLIAMS	Paula GILBERT

Backs
Bevan WEBB
Thomas CLARKE
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Steve ELL
Shane FLANAGAN
Alan O'CONNOR

Score: 18 - 55

Tries: Shane FLANAGAN, Isaac ARAPAI
Conv: Calum DALL
Pen: Thomas CLARKE (2)

Most Valuable Player: Shane FLANAGAN

BUS DRIVERS RUN OVER THE ONLY TEAM WHO ACTUALLY LIKE GOING TO HANSEN PARK

First game up and what happens; we score first! Jesus wept I never saw that coming. Naturally it shocked everyone else and we went downhill on the scoring board from there. However, doom and gloom this first game was not.

New jerseys mean slimmer and fitter boys (if they want to fit into the jerseys that is) and it also means we're harder to grab onto as we go flying by. So double plus good on that score. Speaking of New Boys scoring on debut. Well done Georgie for bringing Shane along. I think he surpassed you after the first ten minutes with rugby ability. Kicking catching, running, passing without falling over is a skill not easy to master. A well deserved try, a well deserved Player of the Day and a well deserved Most Valuable Player.

Another Keith who seems to have mastered the falling over (the tryline with ball in hand) bit was Piez. If you don't believe me, check out video number 4. Cal converted it nicely after Tom gave up the kicking early on in the game.
First and second half highlights included Muzz bursting forth all the way through Sydenham's lines and Scooba being all wingery on the wing. Damo got his heart attack over with early on and came back strong, but would rather not be quite so physical again. My dad always told me that if no one saw you on the field you were either doing your job well or were hiding from everything; did anyone see Muncher during the game? Never mind, he turned up at the clubrooms very late wearing one of his gynecologist wifes blouses. Andy did a sterling job as Captain, but he and the back line leader need to be more vocal. We all need encouragement (a kick up the arse) to get through (life) the game.

As usual at the start of the season, many Keiths were unavailable because of reasons or the wife, whichever wears the trousers, but by game three, things should be on track for numbers and the getting to know you phase that the first couple of games each year are renown for.

And speaking of not being prepared; warm beer, and no rugby on tv at the clubrooms isn't a good start. Thank goodness no visiting teams were there to not enjoy themselves.

Our good friends Sumner are up next week, so plenty of training on Thursday may be required.

Keith vs Sumner
8th April 2017

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Game Cancelled due to Ground Conditions.

All games cancelled due to effects of Cyclone Debbie

Keith vs Burnside
22nd April 2017

Ground: Burnside Park 4
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Forwards
Bruce HALLINAN
Darren MOKE
Steve JONES
Kristen CURRIE
Stuart HERRIOTT
Jeremy DAINES
Paunga MOALE
Andy PETI

Reserves
Colin GRAVETT
Phil KEARNS
Greg BROWN
Brian GRIFFITHS
John LUXTON
Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Loni FUNAKI
Joseph MOALE
Daire KENNEDY

Backs
Bevan WEBB
Thomas CLARKE
Chris JONES
Murray PICKEN
Steve ELL
Ross SINCLAIR
Alan O'CONNOR

Score: 40 - 0

Tries: John LUXTON (3), Steve ELL, Poanga MOALE, Ross SINCLAIR
Conv: Brian GRIFFITHS (5)

Most Valuable Player: Jeremy DAINES

A GAME PLAN SO CUNNING YOU COULD PIN A TAIL ON IT AN CALL IT A MANX CAT

Gloriana! Glorianus! What a stunning day for rugby. A full team and a team full of teamliness. And shit.

After last seasons trouncing of the Black Adders, I was worried that we'd rest on that win and coast our way to the finish, but happily, there was not one mention of it in the sheds or out on the field. We're getting into a proper head space for rugby and it's showing. What was the past has gone and the team you have on the day vs the team you're playing on the day is all that matters.

Andy got over his lack of talky talky to rouse the boys and Griff (who was officially playing soccer if you happen to bump into his missus) took over the directing duties in the second half. And pleasingly, the team listened. Mostly. Let's not pretend we're a team who follows direction blindly.
While on paper we had their scrums beaten, in practice we had trouble with a steady platform, often whirling around like dervishes, but in general, Daz and Bruce did their job. Jeremy got his MVP for doing lineouty things well and side of the scrum things weller.

Tom was replaced by Griff and the difference was palpable. Kicking wise. And Bravo replaced Scooba and added to the scoring thrice.

In fact, overall, all replacements at half time did excellent and admirable work which makes competition for the starting XV even tougher. Which is good.

Six New Boys in the team, with another Scoring on Debut makes for a great season start when also adding in the last games New Boys. Things appear to be on a great track for a good team in our 40th season.

Keith vs Belfast
29th April 2017

Ground: Sheldon Park 2
Time: 2-45

Team List

Forwards
Bruce HALLINAN
Darren MOKE
Steve JONES
Jeremy DAINES
Andy PETI
AMOS Ashley
Paunga MOALE
Kevin WILLIAMS

Backs
Bevan WEBB
Thomas CLARKE
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Shane FLANNAGAN
Steve ELL
Alan O'CONNOR

Reserves
Phil KEARNS
Mark van GROENEDAAL
Joseph MOALE
Paula GILBERT
Stuart HERRIOTT
Emili LANGI
Cal DALL
Brad STRINGER
Brian GRIFFITHS
Loni FUNAKI

Score: 14-37

Tries: Emili LANGI, Murray PICKEN
Conv: Brian GRIFFITHS
Pen:

Most Valuable Player: Murray PICKEN

AT LEAST WE STILL GOT A BETTER POINTS RECORD THAN THE SENIORS

Not to put too fine a point on it, we let Belfast win that one.

Four of their seven tries were from poor passing or ball handling on our part enabling them to push through or miraculously escape their way to the tryline. That, and lineouts in general, will have to be addressed at training. Otherwise, not a bad game of rugby.

Let's be honest, Steve didn't deserve his yellow card for whatever the hell it was which in turn made Joseph's red card a technical inevitability which caused him and Webby some considerable consternation during the remainder of the match and afterwards. However, the silver lining was once he left the field we started scoring, so I'll let the Fates decide how important having 14 men on the field is.

Also for the second week in a row, Tom gets replaced by Griff and we start scoring. Patterns can be found anywhere if you look hard enough.

MVP was well deserved for his always full powered input into everything and also his try scoring. Well done Muzz.

Jones was on the fine warpath at Belfast clubrooms and later on at ours, but he was twarted at every turn by judicious use of my hiterto unrealised veto powers. So several people owe me beers and in turn, I probably owe Steve several beers for stymying him.

Time to get our winning streak back next week against the Bollocks for Club Day, so those that have fingers, pull them and those that need to concentrate a bit more, oooh look, something shiny.

Keith vs Linwood
6th May 2017

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Bruce HALLINAN	Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Darren MOKE	Sean KIMAK
Steve JONES	Isaac ARAPAI
Kristen CURRIE	Phil KEARNS
Jeremy DAINES	Stuart HERRIOTT
Mark van GROENEDAAL	Damian BREEN
Andy PETI	Paunga MOALE
Kevin WILLIAMS	

Backs
Bevan WEBB
Calum DALL
Thomas CLARKE
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Steve ELL
Alan O'CONNOR

Score: 28-26

Tries: Murray PICKEN (2), Ross SINCLAIR (2)
Conv: Thomas CLARKE (4)
Pen:

Most Valuable Player: Thomas CLARKE

THERE IS NO SUCH UNCERTAINTY AS A SURE THING

Who would have thought we'd rely so much upon the Scots. Except for Calum. His directional kicking was somewhat wayward, but the other two managed to find the line. Twice. Each. Murray, as always used his strength to get through and Ross used the mathematical formula stating that it's impossible to grab onto an person skinnier than the person doing the grabbing. I'm probably paraphrasing, but Einstein understands me.

And to complete the foreigners getting all the points, Tom slotted all 4 tries with relative ease. For once. It should be noted that others beside myself, thought Murrays first try was scored by Cal, but that's only because he surreptitiously slid in next to him and got up holding the ball. Sneaky.

All this occurred in the second half. Down 0-20 at the end of the first with the forward pack culling themselves for the greater good, which did the greater good in the second. Our scrums outsized Linwoods but we didn't use that to our advantage.

Not to take anything away from anyone's individual effort, but the forwards just didn't seem to gel as a full unit. Replacements at half time and later got things moving but there's still some team bonding issues that need to be worked out soon in a full throated drinking session of which I'm sure will come very very soon.

Our backs were ummmm more skittery? I have no clue what a back is supposed to do except kick run pass and score tries while the forwards do all the hard work. I'm guessing that happened because only 2 backs were replaced. By foreigners. Of the 11 backs in the squad today, only 3 were Kiwi born (with 2 only getting on the field) and all the rest were from Engleterre, Ecoste, Irlande, Canadialand or Nippon. It's the bloody United Nations out there.

But we're all the better for it.

Lots of Old Coves watching the game and chatting at the Club afterwards which bodes well for the Anniversary Dinner..

Keith vs Christchurch
13th May 2017

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Darren MOKE	Kristen CURRIE
Bruce HALLINAN	Mark van GROENEDAAL
Steve JONES	Phil KEARNS
Jeremy DAINES	Greg BROWN
Stuart HERRIOTT	Emili LANGI
Paunga MOALE	Joseph MOALE
Andy PETI	Laina KATOA
Kevin WILLIAMS	Tevita TUPOU
	Brad STRINGER
Backs	Steve ELL
Bevan WEBB	Chris JONES
Calum DALL	Leyton HUNT
Thomas CLARKE	John LUXTON
Murray PICKEN	
Ross SINCLAIR	
Sean KIMAK	
Brian GRIFFITHS	

Score: 27-5

Tries: Ross SINCLAIR, Calum DALL, Emili LANGI, Tevita TUPOU
Conv: Thomas CLARKE, Calum DALL
Pen: Thomas CLARKE

Most Valuable Player: Bevan WEBB, Joseph MOALE

TROPHIES AND RECORDS AND NEW BOYS AND BEER STEALING. TODAY HAD IT ALL.

Don't go there Johnno, don't go there! We can rebuild it, we have the technology.

First things first, congratulations to Webby on 200 games and 250 points. And for what seems like 200 Tongan New Boys. All very much appreciated blah blah blah we luff you long time let's not make a big song and dance or a bad joke about it because let's be frank, who hasn't done a shit ton of hard work and effort to be consistently one of our go to players and purveyor of cheap meat?

While Tom's kicking has not been fully on par this season, he started off the match with a good penalty which stirred up Christchurch to a return try. Their only try. Their only points. Their only serious effort to cross the line. Their leave it all on the pitch because we can do this moment. Then Cal scored and Tom converted bringing up a first half lead of 10.

Sounds easy, but in actuality, it was(ish). Again, scrums proved our strength. But lineouts gave away some advantage. With a referee fresh from a referees rule book reading course, in what seemed like a crusade against us, he was constantly picking up on fault after fault instead of playing how the game was meant to be, and us trying to not get his way and trying to remember where our mouthguards were. That one sent Griff to the bin for 10. And in what seemed like a Kafkaesque tableaux, Murray was in the bin for fouling professionally. Pffft, as if he does anything in a professional manner.

13 on the field meant Christchurch had a huge chance and opportunity to chip away at our lead, but they didn't even muster a light charge at the line without Keith not only pushing them back but making them pay for the attempt.

From the sideline it really did seem like we still had 15 fully fit Keiths out there.

Second half was much like the first except almost everyone was swapped out for fitter players *cough cough bullshit*. Webby and Cal stayed on for the full 80 and gave their all but unfortunately 4 Keiths didn't get on. The downside of having a large squad is balancing the need to put the best team on vs the need to get everyone enough game time.

As always, work to be done at training to sort through the things that went awry on match day.

While it was all bout Webby back at the clubrooms, only the regulars turned up which is something team management need to address. It's like Dick Power is still in the team and not coming to the clubrooms afterwards.

Keith vs Suburbs
20th May 2017

Ground: Hoon Hay2
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Damien BREEN	Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Paula GILBERT	Alan O'CONNOR
Steve JONES	Shane FLANNAGAN
Jeremy DAINES	Brad STRINGER
Stuart HERRIOTT	Kristen CURRIE
Mark van GROENEDAAL	Simon GIFFORD
Paunga MOALE	Greg BROWN
Andy PETI	Phil KEARNS
	Joseph MOALE
Backs	Matini TUPOU
Bevan WEBB	
Calum DALL	
Steve ELL	
Chris JONES	
Murray PICKEN	
John LUXTON	
Thomas CLARKE	

Score: 13-35

Tries: Kristen CURRIE, Matini TUPOU
Conv:
Pen: Thomas CLARKE

Most Valuable Player: Stuart HERRIOTT

WE HEARD IRELAND'S CALL AND IT WENT SOMETHING LIKE "OH FUCK THAT HURT I THINK MY BODY BROKE"

If you've got a reputation, like Suburbs do, you either live up to it, or you change it. Suburbs decided to live up to theirs. Hard physical slightly borderline illegal tough rugby. And we didn't cope that well. Both up in the top 6 inches and in the remaining parts below. Cal and Jezza both went to seek the help of trained but over-tired physicians for season ending injuries and others came off surprisingly early also due to difficulties with the ferocity of the Suburbs attack.

I myself don't think we played poorly, but others at the time had differing opinions as to our commitment to the 80 minute effort. Some Keiths played out of their skins such as Dirk and Muzz and maybe you if you're telling the story later on. Others were lack lustre.

Rugby's a funny old mind game sometimes.

Notwithstanding my previous comments above, Dirk fully deserved MVP for his general all round get stuck in game and Murray as also mentioned above had a full throated right up the middle give it straight back to them performance. Tom had a good start at fullback but after Cal went off, came back to first five where he seemed better suited. Which meant Bravo moved from wing to fullback which meant Georgie, Shane, Brad and Mossie all had a go on the wing. Jones (Welsh) came off early for a wee lie down but Jones (NZ) came off to give Chief a run. Both hookers had difficulty with the wind, but not too many errors.

The rest of the forwards did well but not exceptionally well as hoped. Joseph and Pounga and Matini proved we need some Island blood to liven things up but Muncher, Pieman and Unit prove we need old white man guile and cunning. So a happy mix all round so far.Trouty is of the opinion we need to start all our Tongan boys at once and next week against the Sharks may be a good chance to prove his theory.

The bitterly cold wind didn't stop our usual supporters from supporting, so thank you to them for coming out, but maybe the break several players had because of colds and other equally weak protestations will do them some good for their next game.

Oh, and where the fuck was Ross? A birthday trip to OZ? New BOY!!!!

Keith vs Linwood
27th May 2017

Ground: Linfield 4
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Forwards
Isaac ARAPAI
Bruce HALLINAN
Steve JONES
Andy PETI
Stuart HERRIOTT
Pounga MOALE
Matini TUPOU
Laina KATOA

Reserves
Simon GIFFORD
Otenili TAUMAUNGA
Greg BROWN
Phil KEARNS
Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Steve ELL

Backs
Bevan WEBB
Brian GRIFFITHS
Thomas CLARKE
Murray PICKEN
Shane FLANAGAN
John LUXTON
Alan O'CONNOR

Score: 21-34

Tries: John LUXTON (3)
Conv: Brian GRIFFITHS (3)
Pen:

Most Valuable Player: John LUXTON

THE WINNER OF THE BIGGEST LOSER (FACIAL HAIR EDITION) FOUND. PLEASE CAN HIS MISSUS COME COLLECT HIM AT LOST AND FOUND.

It all started in the expectation that more Keiths would turn up and when that didn't eventuate, those that did turn up, hardened up and went on to Linfield decrying the standards of the CRRA. But, as has been said since time began, you can't win or lose a match because of a referee. Tries win matches, not really bad decisions.

Unit was his usual cheery self. Webby's personal protection squad were their usual cheery selves. Muzz was fizzing at the bit to take his clothes off after the game and Georgie decided he'd time travelled back to before his dad had started school. That 'tache is frightening. And according to the trial record, I'm frightening, so it must be extra awful.

So Bravo got off to a good start with a nice dot down in the far corner and Griff showed us that his kicking practicing wasn't in vain. but then, as always, we rested on our advantage and went off the boil allowing Linwood to come back at us three times. Maybe all the kicking our backs were firing Linwood's way had something to do with it? We'll never know.

A get off your arse pep talk by Chief and Andy at half time went in one mud filled ear and out the other excepting for Bravo, who like in the first half, dotted down immediately the second started and then a third time at the end of the match. Not that he was skiting or anything. But he was the highlight of the game and got the MVP to prove it. The Tongan Quartet proved they have the get the fuck out of my way i'm coming through attitude and that was good to watch, which is something the rotundness of some of our other forwards doesn't allow to happen.

In the end, an overall performance of indifference but with breaks of good solid Keithliness. Nothing to write home about except to say it was muddy and the LockIn court session afterwards exposed some Keiths to more ridicule than they deserve. But all in good fun.

Keith vs Sumner
10th June 2017

Ground: McCormacks Bay Reserve
Time: 2-45

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Darren MOKE	Alan O'CONNOR
Greg BROWN	Ma'aivialoa TOUMOHUNI
Phil KEARNS	Damien BREEN
Simon GIFFORD	Steve JONES
Stuart HERRIOTT	Pounga MOALE
Andy PETI	Paula GILBERT
Joseph MOALE	Matini TUPOU
Kevin WILLIAMS	Rob FENTON
	Bruce HALLINAN
Backs	Kristen CURRIE
Brian GRIFFITHS	
Thomas CLARKE	
Paul CRICHTON	
Murray PICKEN	
Ross SINCLAIR	
Shane FLANAGAN	
Steve ELL	

Score: 20-27

Tries: Shane FLANAGAN, Ma'aivialoa TOUMOHUNI , Ross SINCLAIR
Conv: Thomas CLARKE
Pen: Thomas CLARKE

Most Valuable Player: Simon GIFFORD

DOES HAVING 3 IRISH, 2 SCOTS, 1 ENGLISH AND 5 TONGANS IN TODAYS MATCH MAKE US A KIWI TEAM?

Even though we're into the 2nd round, this was our first hit out against the Sharks and also a game of celebration. Pieman lead us out onto the pitch for his 200th Keith Game with Unit starting for the first time in what seemed like a decade. In fact, the starting forward pack contained 6 centurions to help Simon along in his special match.

Webby wasn't there and we suspected that none of his posse would turn up either. But, noisily they did. Either Bevan's grip on them is strong, or they like playing for us. You decide.

We started well with Shane doing a much better job at the GAA to Rugby conversion than Dick ever did. Video evidence proves the lad can score. Griff, after a pre-game warm up injury, couldn't make the conversion, which for all later attempts at scoring via kicking, Tom took over. It's nice to have choices.

However, the choices in the reserve backline were limited to the Irish. Mossie and his girlfriend, Georgina. Until Loa showed up that is, giving us a memorable performance, as he did in our last game against Sumner. Very handy nippy half back who sees the gap and is strong enough to push through.

The low winter sun forced me to the opposition side of the paddock so I could take photos, where I was harangued by their reserves and recently subbed off players for our blatant and disrespectful abuse of the rules. Which Sumner then immediately and clearly thought tit for tat was ok and did the same. Clam down fellas, it's social rugby.

I will admit, there were occasions Rob and Tom and a couple of others took advantage of the referee's good nature right up until the point Rob got sent to the bin for 10.

The last few minutes were quite the throat in mouth situation. A "try to win" turned into "converted try to simply remain even" and we didn't have time on our side to do that.

Sumner had trouble with their lineouts which we didn't capitalise on, but we absolutely had them monstered in the scrums which we only took some advantage from. Our nippy backs with plenty of go did well but didn't always link up. Our big white forward went too and fro but never quite got over the line (except for Kevvy). But all those Keiths they love this life. Just ask Murray about your wife.

Keith vs Burnside
17th June 2017

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Mark van GROENEDAAL	Phil KEARNS
Darren MOKE	Isaac ARAPAI
Steve JONES	Emili LANGI
Stuart HERRIOTT	Pounga MOALE
Simon GIFFORD	Alan O'CONNOR
Andy PETI	Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Rob FENTON	Paul CRICHTON
Kevin WILLIAMS	Brad STRINGER
	Stewart RANKIN
Backs	Ma'aivialoa TOUMOHUNI
Bevan WEBB	
Brian GRIFFITHS	
Thomas CLARKE	
Murray PICKEN	
Ross SINCLAIR	
Shane FLANAGAN	
Steve ELL	

Score: 41-26

Tries: Ross SINCLAIR (3), Murray PICKEN, Mark van GROENEDAAL, Ma'aivialoa TOUMOHUNI, Emili LANGI
Conv: Thomas CLARKE, Brian GRIFFITHS, Murray PICKEN
Pen:

Most Valuable Player: Shane FLANAGAN

I BOUGHT A NEW PHONE AND IT WASN'T A HUAWEI. CAL LOSING CHANCE FOR WINNING FACEBOOK COMMENTS COMPETITION.

The only thing better than playing against Burnside Black Adders and winning, is hearing that they played against and beat the Christchurch Canardlys. Always a good thing to hear.

However, beating Burnside is by no means a certainty. Our self belief can sometimes get in the way of the right result on the board, and Burnside gave us a bit of a scare for a short while. Relaxing your guard can end up in an unexpected loss if you're not careful. A reminder that rugby is not over until the ref signs the report sheet.

We seem to be giving some players more credit than is due and sometimes it's only noticeable when they're not there and another player slots in to their position and whoops-a-daisy they turn on the heat and start making a name for themselves. This applies to both forwards and skitteries. A coaches dilemma, but a good dilemma to have as far as dilemmas go. I suppose.

Ross had four goes at scoring, but only managed to complete three. Which were all lovely to watch. His wingery skills are joyful to observe. Murray, of course, coming from the middle of the fucking north sea islands or some such inhospitable place, got jealous and scored as well, but not quite in the same solo fashion as Ross. He did however, potentially prove his worth as a back-up to the back-up in the kicking department by converting Emili's try. I'll have to speak to his mother about paying for proper lessons though.

And speaking of Emili's try, how fucking good were the forwards in the second half? Completely dominating the scrums and the mauls and doing all this lovely running off the back stuff and diving for the tryline. Lots of people had goes at it and if the ref looked, some of those would have been awarded as tries, but VG and Emili got over well. Loa made his presence felt again after replacing Webby at half back.

Shane was awarded MVP but I never noticed anything special, but isn't that the point? Not being seen means you're not fucking up? I did notice Stewart Rankin having trouble with his finger sticking out at a 90° angle which looked like it would have hurt.

Not to be outdone, I had a fucking huge leg cramp back at the clubrooms which is still painful now. So I win the injury stakes, although I didn't win the Lions/All Blacks test tickets raffle. I suspect there was some jiggery pokery going on there in the draw. Or maybe the club never actually got around to giving us an opportunity to purchase tickets in the raffle. Who can say.

Anyways, big games ahead of us, Suburbs, Sydenham, Christchurch and Belfast so get you're arses down to training and to the game(s). Talking to your Currie. Pfft, you've had all year to organise changing the date for your daughters birthday party.

Keith vs Belfast
24th June 2017

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45

Team List

Forwards
Mark van GROENEDAAL
Isaac ARAPAI
Phil KEARNS
Stuart HERRIOTT
Andy PETI
Pauonga MOALE
Matini TUPOU
Lainia KATOA

Reserves
Brad STRINGER
Alan O'CONNOR
Loni FUNAKI
Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Michael BREUKER
Steve JONES
Damien BREEN
Kristen CURRIE
Joseph MOALE
Emili LANGI

Backs
Bevan WEBB
Brian GRIFFITHS
Paul CRICHTON
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Shane FLANAGAN
Steve ELL

Score: 11-39

Tries: Murray PICKEN
Conv:
Pen: Alan O'CONNOR (2)

Most Valuable Player: Ross SINCLAIR

TO ALL MEN COME ALL MANNER OF GOOD THINGS. EVEN WHEN THEY LOOSE.

It's not always easy picking the right starting team. It's not always easy deciding someone is better than another. It's not always easy to get the balance of players vs position equal. But today, Chief and Cal managed to pull it together nicely. Having our focus on the conditions of the day and the team we're playing against instead of choosing a player for a specific position because "that's where he goes" are over. I hope.

It was shown today by the full 100% Champagne Keith Rugby performance that when we go down that route, we're a much better team for it.

Mark in his very long awaited 50th game, anchored the front row nicely, thereby setting up our locks well. The Tongan trio in the loose gave us options we've always had, but seldom used, with last weeks game showing us the way, we used those options again to great effect.

All the other forward reserves who came on added to the Keithliness of the game, even Mike who came up from Queenstown for it.

Two skitteries, Toad and Not Griff because the real Griff was NOT AT THE GAME AT ALL AND DIDN'T BREAK HIS ARM, had to come off early due to ummm, injury. Replacement parts have been ordered. The replacement players, however, proved instant successes. Georgie's boot was phenomenal both in accuracy and distance. Excepting one or two occasions. If Trouty is impressed, we should all be impressed. Mossie and Shane went hell bent for leather tackling and chasing doing skittery things in a skittery fashion. They no longer looked out of place at all. Hopefully they're both having a good time playing rugby.

Stand-out back was the ever dependable Ross. Leaping onto the backs of Belfast players to bring them down like a leopard onto a tree monkey. Plus, he tackled well too.

While the score at the end wasn't the desired one, the effort we put in was. The first half was magnificent in almost every aspect, but particularly in our defence. Murray took 22 minutes to score the first points of the game, which shows how hard both teams were fighting for dominance and possession. He took only 2 more minutes to not convert his own try. Georgie, then took over the kicking with two excellent penalties.

The second half we remained scoreless but just because we let Belfast across the try line does not mean in any way shape or form that we didn't play well or play like demons or be Keithly. Because we did and today, for me, and others watching, was the game of the year. So Thank You Keith for that.

Next week we have Christchurch, with many Keiths away in Wellington. We've proven this week and last that players who push themselves while in positions they're not comfortable with, can often come out on top. Let's do that again.

Keith vs Christchurch
1st July 2017

Ground: Christchurch Park 2
Time: 2-45

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Darren MOKE	Isaac ARAPAI
Bruce HALLINAN	Laina KATOA
Phil KEARNS	Brad STRINGER
Stuart HERRIOTT	Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Kevin WILLIAMS	Paul CRICHTON
Matini TUPOU	Paula GILBERT
Paunga MOALE	
Joseph MOALE	

Backs
Trent STANTON
Bevan WEBB
Ross SINCLAIR
Riki TUKAKI
Shane FLANAGAN
Steve ELL
Karidene NEILSON

Score: 22-5

Tries: Bevan WEBB, Trent STANTON, Ross SINCLAIR, Paunga MOALE
Conv: Bevan WEBB
Pen:

Most Valuable Player: Phil KEARNS

AND THE WORLD SHALL KNOW US BY OUR ROAR. RAARRGHH UGGH COUGH COUGH.

And that's what a team under pressure does. Wins with style (except for Webby), wins with grace (except for Webby), and wins without players we thought we couldn't do without (except for Jones). Last week Christchurch defaulted to Linwood because they had guys up in Auckland for the Lions test. This week we had guys up in Wellington for the Lions test. But we hardened up and stuck it out showing just what sort of resilience we have. Plus, Webby brought half the freezing works with him.

We jigged the forwards about in different positions but with no untoward results, but a lot of New Boys in the back line made running calls difficult so the plan became simple. Kick, pass and run your way through an opposition like they were a team which we kicked, passed and ran through regularly. Class players will always adapt to an unusual situation and we adapted well.

Webby wanted to prove his alpha dominance at the works so in front of all his boys he scored first, albeit on the back of some excellent running play from others before hand. After that display, Trent nipped through a gap and ran 99 metres down the sideline unopposed to score on debut. Webby, in lieu of anyone who could kick (even Cal) missed the conversions by a huge margin ending the half 10-0 up.

That doesn't mean we had it all over Christchurch. They pressured us in the scums and our lineouts weren't always straight down the middle and the referee was a typical Classics referee. Good and bad play from both teams was the norm with a slight penalty count in Christchurch's favour. They, however, could not capitalise on any advantage they were given.

Chief gave a good half time speech, and after the second half started Christchurch scored. Make of that what you will.

Ross then became more Ross like and scored of which through a fluke of the wind Webby's conversion attempt went over. Pressure, constant pressure became our watchword from then on with Paunga scoring from good solid forward play.

Ross then sought medical help via nicotine intake to sooth his injured arm, but he was generally the only casualty of the day.

It's become clear at this sharp end of the competition that team work under arduous circumstances bring us results and bring us together more and more. Hopefully teamwork like the last few weeks can bring us glory when it counts.

Two hard games left in the competition round so let's all be Keithly and do your bit.

Keith vs Suburbs
8th July 2017

Ground: Bob Deans 3
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Darren MOKE	Kristen CURRIE
Bruce HALLINAN	Joseph MOALE
Steve JONES	Isaac ARAPAI
Stuart HERRIOTT	Loni FUNAKI
Kevin WILLIAMS	Karidene NEILSON
Paunga MOALE	
Matini TUPOU	
Laina KATOA	

Backs
Bevan WEBB
Thomas CLARKE
Paul CRICHTON
Murray PICKEN
Shane FLANAGAN
Ross SINCLAIR
Steve ELL

Score: 24-21

Tries: Laina KATOA (3), Stuart HERRIOTT
Conv: Thomas CLARKE (2)
Pen:

Most Valuable Player: Laina KATOA

TANE MAHUTA HAS FALLEN BUT WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN

Choices for positions in the past few weeks have been going to those who turned up to training and to the games and we've been spoilt for that choice. Huge numbers of reserves even when players were away on holiday and up watching the Lions cheat their way to a win in the second test. Today, however, was a different story.

15 men starting (many out of position or injured) and 5 reserves to call upon. Luckily only Isaac seriously injured his non wanking hand, but others played through all the usual end of season niggles and aches and pains.

Before the game started we'd heard the sad news from Dunedin about Lars and an emotional but determined Chief gave us the option of playing as team or not playing at all.

We played as we have always played, as a strong team during difficult times.

And no one played stronger than Laina. "Get out of my way. I need to be where your puny body is standing" was his mantra and boy did it work. Thrice he crossed/fell over the line due to determination and a few Keiths up his arse supporting his forward drives. Unbelievably, Dirk became inspired and also scored in similar fashion, albeit with less strength but with more guile. 2 tries in 137 games. Who would have guessed?

Jones, Steven, Mr reached his peak Keithliness by telling Chief he couldn't play this weekend but after being told by Chief he was mistaken and was playing this weekend for a full 80 minutes, he did so without too many lineout errors to bring up his 50 Keith games. So that was nice.

Tommy, in the backline, played like he used to play; which is to say, with better focus and intensity than otherwise of late. And he was probably the stand out back today. Toad gave all his considerable body could, with Ross and Muzz proving they will always be starting lineup material.

The scoreline gives an accurate representation of the effort both teams put in to this match and it was only towards the end that Suburbs started to lose their grip on discipline, to our advantage. And how good was the ref? best we have ever had in a very very long time.Thanks to the Ref and to Suburbs for gracing us with a minutes silence before the game.

Back at the clubrooms we were of course jubilant, but subdued and those that were there, especially Ross, enjoyed watching the Test.

I've always been proud of this team, even when Dirk is my Lawyer, but I was very proud to be a Keith today.

Keith vs Sydenham
15th July 2017

Ground: Bob Deans 2
Time: 2-45pm

Game Cancelled due to ground conditions

Keith vs Linwood
22nd July 2017

Ground: Bob Deans 2
Time: 2-45pm

Game Cancelled due to ground conditions

Keith vs Belfast
29th July 2017

Ground: Englefield Park
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Forwards
Isaac ARAPAI
Darren MOKE
Phil KEARNS
Stuart HERRIOTT
Kevin WILLIAMS
Joseph MOALE
Pounga MOALE
Laina KATOA

Backs
Bevan WEBB
Thomas CLARKE
Tevita TUPOU
Murray PICKEN
Ross SINCLAIR
Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Alan O'CONNOR

Reserves
Calum DALL
Paul CRICHTON
Shane FLANAGAN
Neilson KARIDENE
Kristen CURRIE
Andy PETI
Mark van GROENEDAAL
Emili LANGI
Matini TUPOU
Paula GILBERT
Greg BROWN

Score: 21-38

Tries: Laina KATOA, Ross SINCLAIR, Matini TUPOU
Conv: Thomas CLARKE (3)
Pen:

Most Valuable Player: Joseph MOALE

SHHHHHH. SHHHH. I AM TRYING TO REF ZE GAME HERE, OK?

Surprisingly, we had a ref who was doing everything he could do help us win. Not that we you know, did win; but it was the thought that counted.

Some of the boys had trouble reading A) directions B) street signs C) a map to get to a park we'd never played at before. But then again, most of the Keiths have trouble reading a clock so I wasn't overly surprised.

I was surprised, however, by the condition of the park. As Sheldon is usually still a quagmire a month after a light shower, Englefield was a firm clean and delightful field to play on. He's hoping we can use it again.

This was, of course, a must win for us if we were to advance into the final, but with Belfast's track record this year of zero losses we knew we had a struggle to get to our goal. We did not though lose heart because of the statistical disadvantage we were under but played tough upfront rugby which sent Chief off the field early and one of theirs off in an ambulance.

Ross lead us out in his 50th Keith appearance which no doubt spurred the rest of the skitteries on. He played his usual tactical and running game, never afraid to get into the middle of things, which the Michael Collins Trio of Georgie, Shane and Mossie tried, but could not beat. They were in to it all, but have a lot to learn from the Flying Scotsman.

Talking of whiskey drinkers, Murray played his last bearded game also with his usual modus operandi of getting stuck in, and Cal donned the boots to prove his shoulder isn't a broken as he wants Fiona to believe. I think it's a ruse to get her to take out the rubbish bins every week instead of him.

With the influx of Tongans into the loose forwards, Kev and Andy are to be seen more and more cuddling up close to Dirk, which hitherto had only been seen during Kokatahi trips. But they seem to be coping ok in the locks which is giving us great choice for 6,7 & 8.

Overall, a good but not great performance against Belfast. Overall, a good but not great referee. Overall, a good but not great time playing against guests of Her Majesty.

Keith vs Sydenham
5th August 2017

Ground: Waltham Park 2
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Darren MOKE	Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Mark van GROENEDAAL	Steve ELL
Steve JONES	Tevita TUPOU
Stuart HERRIOTT	Bruce HALLINAN
Jeremy DAINES	Kristen CURRIE
Joseph MOALE	Matini TUPOU
Laina KATOA	Pounga MOALE
Kevin WILLIAMS	Isaac ARAPAI
	Paula GILBERT
Backs	Emili LANGI
Trent STANTON	Otenili TAUMAUNGA
Thomas CLARKE	Greg BROWN
Karidene NEILSON	
Murray PICKEN	
Ross SINCLAIR	
Shane FLANAGAN	
Alan O'CONNOR	

Score: 12-46

Tries: Laina KATOA, Otenili TAUMAUNGA
Conv: Emili LANGI
Pen:

Most Valuable Player: Jeremy DAINES & Karidene NEILSON

ANY VICTORY WILL DO IN A STORM. EXCEPT NELSON'S. THAT BITCH WILL SINK IN A LIGHT BREEZE.

Awww Wicked! See you right, this bung pukeko is as beautiful as a chocka full scarfie. Mean while, in The Naki, Jim Hickey and The Hungery Caterpilar were up to no good with a bunch of kiwi as lamingtons. The pretty suss force of his boiling-up was on par with James and the Giant Peach's rough as guts ute. Put the jug on will you bro, all these primo mince pies can wait till later. Piece of piss, chur bro, left my scooter outside the dairy. The first prize for cruising for a brusing goes to... the Armed Offenders Squad and his sweet as piece of pounamu, what a ankle biter. Bro, Bell Birds are really fully sick good with snarky Jafas, aye.

Happy as larry, I'd slam that clam. But, good as gold. You have no idea how dodgy our rip-off stubbies were aye. Every time I see those pretty suss native vegetables it's like Mt Cook all over again aye, just a little bit, ay. Anyway, Tama is just Hercules Morse, as big as a horse in disguise, to find the true meaning of life, one must start skiving off with the giant weka, mate. After the sheep is munted, you add all the good as hangis to the mate you've got yourself a meal. Technology has allowed random s to participate in the global conversation of crook Silver Ferns. The next Generation of sweet munters have already skived off over at the op shop. What's the hurry Fred Dagg? There's plenty of Tuis in the wop wops. 'coz, no wucken forries, mean while, at the black singlet woolshed party. Rangitoto Island holds the most shithouse community in the country.

Maui was reffing the game when the beaut pashing event occured. True that, take the piss. Bro, this same same but different seabed is as paru as a hammered brain drain. Mean while, in the sleepout, Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy and Uncle Bully were up to no good with a bunch of solid rimu sections. The heaps good force of his whale watching was on par with Mrs Falani's rip-off Monopoly, the New Zealand version with Queen Street and stuff. Put the jug on will you bro, all these stoked gumboots can wait till later.

The first prize for whinging goes to... Jonah Lomu and his carked it box of fluffies, what a egg. Bro, pauas are really sweet as good with stuffed twink sticks, aye. Where's the chips bro, right as rain, no worries. You have no idea how chronic our tapu whanaus were aye. Every time I see those cool troties it's like the beach all over again aye, we go together, kinda like mince n cheese ya know. Anyway, The Topp Twins is just Rhys Darby in disguise, to find the true meaning of life, one must start playing rugby with the cookie time, mate.

After the kiwi is packed a sad, you add all the cracker pohutukawa trees to the whitebait fritter you've got yourself a meal. Technology has allowed bloody missess to participate in the global conversation of epic Grandpa's slippers. The next Generation of hard yakka hotties have already rooted over at the tinny house. What's the hurry Rangi? There's plenty of jelly tip icecreams in South Pacific. Take a squiz, pissed as a rat. Lake Taupo holds the most choice community in the country.. Fully. Bazza was munting when the stink making scones event occured. Bugger, this mean as hongi is as pearler as a mint chick.

You're not in Guatemala now, cuz. Rack off, internalizing a really complicated situation, can I arks you a question. Mean while, in the bushes, a Taniwha and Manus Morissette were up to no good with a bunch of wicked Longest Drink in Towns. The naff force of his burning my Vogel's was on par with Lomu's flat stick jersey. Morningside for life.

Put the jug on will you bro, all these hard case marmite shortages can wait till later. The first prize for cooking up a feed goes to... Helen Clarke and his nuclear-free old man's beard, what a goon. Bro, Hei-tikis are really beached as good with buzzy chocolate fishes, aye. You have no idea how tip-top our thermo-nuclear toasted sandwiches were aye.

Every time I see those outrageously awesome Edmonds Cook Books it's like the sausage sizzle all over again aye, Oh no! I'm beached as. Anyway, Dr Ropata is just some uni student in disguise, to find the true meaning of life, one must start preparing the hungi with the girl guide biscuit, mate. After the pavlova is cooked, you add all the bung rugby balls to the cheese on toast you've got yourself a meal. Technology has allowed beautiful treaties to participate in the global conversation of chocka full foreshore and seabed issues.

Keith vs Linwood
12th August 2017

Ground: Linfield 4
Time: 2-45pm

Team List

Forwards	Reserves
Darren MOKE	Mossie O'SULLIVAN
Paula GILBERT	Steve ELL
Steve JONES	Mark van GROENEDAAL
Stuart HERRIOTT	Alex NEWFIELD
Jeremy DAINES	Andy PETI
Sean DALTON	Kevin WILLIAMS
Pounga MOALE	Phil HUGHES
Matini TUPOU	Bruce HALLINAN
	Isaac ARAPAI
Backs	Emili LANGI
Trent STANTON	Savenaga CAVALEVU
Bevan WEBB	
Tevita TUPOU	
Joesph MOALE	
Ross SINCLAIR	
Shane FLANAGAN	
Alan O'CONNOR	

Score: 12-32

Tries: Shane FLANAGAN (2)
Conv: Alan O'CONNOR
Pen:

Most Valuable Player: Shane FLANAGAN

THE GAME THAT THE CRFU FORGOT ABOUT BUT THAT WE TURNED UP FOR ANYWAY

What can I say? Mostly good stuff with a little bit of bad stuff. But mostly good stuff.

As we were walking back after the game to our vehicles, Andy mentioned to me how it was a shame some particular Keiths didn't show up for the game. I replied that I, on a weekly basis only, only give my thoughts to those that turned up to play, not those that stayed at home with a big bowl of weetbix and a double vodka. The same today. 27 Keiths turned up ready to end the season against Linwood but an awful lot stayed away. It was their loss, and the effort put in and the memories made were ours and ours alone.

One memory was how the ref confused jersey colours and continually gave us yellow cards for high tackles which was nice of him. But by the end, he was thoroughly fed up with it all and decided to pack in any semblance of discipline. Not that Ross, Toad, Georgie, Piez and others needed help with that. I for one thought the initial altercation between the two players was justified, but not the 8 or so who rushed in to give their tuppence worth. But testosterone and blood lust will out, as the muggles say.

Bugger me sideways and call me Shirley, Shane put on his best display of the season. A man with natural talent and an eye for the ball, the open space and the try line. Basically, he's this years' Dick Power but without the poor drinking skills. Talking about playing out of position, Joseph and Pounga playing in the centres with Webby at 1st 5 didn't turn out as bad as it sounds on paper. Turns out we shouldn't be afraid of mixing things up in all sorts of positions.

Sean came out for a wee run while Kristen thought he was out getting a pint of milk and Goober bought his gear which stayed firmly in the gear bag. Scotty and H also looked like they'd like to play, but no boots and shit made them re-think that idea. Harry and Beaksy also came and had a look at the boys while Alex Newfield actually decided he'd abandon the Assassins and become a Keith. That's the story we'll tell. True or not.

While the game was marred by a wee punch up towards the end, the boys had a good outing and an expected ending to the season. There'll be lots to think about over the summer months for players and those behind the scenes about our 41st year in 2018 and that may well bring in some major changes in the way we do things. Clean broom and all that.

Kokatahi, Awards and AGM. Get ready.

Christchurch High School Old Boys Rugby Football Club
Division 4 2017

Back Row: DK BREEN IK ARAPAI SK HERRIOTT JK DAINES RK SINCLAIR KK WILLIAMS TK CLARKE
Middle Row: JK McKEAGE JK LUXTON CK DALL PK KEARNS MK O'SULLIVAN RK FOLEY
Front Row: AK O'CONNOR BK HALLINAN GK BROWN AK PETI DK MOKE SK ELL MK PICKEN

Absent: PK CRICHTON KK CURRIE SK FLANAGAN SK GIFFORD PK GILBERT BK GRIFFITHS PK HADDOCK PK HUGHES SK JONES JK MOALE PK MOALE BK STRINGER MK TUPOU MK van GROENEDAAL BK WEBB

AWARDS CRITERIA

Most Tries - The Keith (Forward or Back) who scores the most tries during the season for the Keiths. If that player is lent to another Club team and scores, those tries do not count in the total for this award, but they still count for the official Club stats. In the event of a tie, the Award is shared.

Most Points by a Back - The Keith Back who scores the most points (tries, conversions, penalties or dropped goals) during the season for the Keiths. If that player is lent to another Club team and scores, those points do not count in the total for this award, but they still count for the official Club stats. In the event of a tie, the Award is shared.

Most Points by a Forward - The Keith Forward who scores the most points (tries, conversions, penalties or dropped goals) during the season for the Keiths. If that player is lent to another Club team and scores, those points do not count in the total for this award, but they still count for the official Club stats. In the event of a tie, the Award is shared.

Most Improved Back - The Keith Back who has improved their play the most from their first game of the season to their last game of the season. Not to be confused with an improvement from a previous season.

Most Improved Forward - The Keith Forward who has improved their play the most from their first game of the season to their last game of the season. Not to be confused with an improvement from a previous season.

Most Keithly On/Off the Field - Is given to the Keith who by their efforts on the field of play and by their attitude and commitment to the team off the field, exemplify the ideals of what being a team member really means.

New Boy of the Year - Awarded to a New Boy (see Article 1.4.2 of the Keith Charter for definition of New Boy) who has shown on the field play and off the field commitment above and beyond what a new member of the team would usually perform to. This includes game time, training and after match events.

Hard Bastard of the Year - Donated by Warwick Taylor for the Keith who shows guts, commitment, endeavour, that bit of mongrel and an overall toughness on the field.

Ladies Award for Player of the Year - Chosen by the sideline Ladies as the Keith who in their view shows ability and is that one step above other players on the field.

Back of the Year - Is awarded to the Keith Back whose efforts during the season have been consistently of a high standard and who has stepped up to the plate and was prepared to give 100% every time, all the time.

Forward of the Year - Is awarded to the Keith Forward whose efforts during the season have been consistently of a high standard and who has stepped up to the plate and was prepared to give 100% every time, all the time.

James Graham Memorial Trophy - Players' Player - Donated by Scott Graham in memory of his brother. This Award shall be voted on by Players only, on the occasion of the Awards ceremony for the Player they themselves think is the best all round Keith Player. The recipient is not required to be at the Awards ceremony and in the event of a tie, the Award shall be shared. There are no restrictions on the number of times a Keith may be awarded this prize.

Keith of the Year –

The premier Keith Award is voted on at an official Keith function (usually if possible the end of season trip) by Keiths, players and non players alike, they think has shown all round Keithly behaviour for the entire season and has proudly been a member of Keith for that season.
Restrictions and Regulations:
1. If you have previously been awarded Keith of the Year, you are ineligible for nomination and any votes cast in your favour are invalid.
2. To be eligible you must be present at the voting meeting/occasion.
3. No proxy votes permitted. To cast a vote you must be present at the voting meeting/occasion.
4. You may vote for yourself if eligible.

The Ashes –

The raison d'etre for the Keith end of season trip. Is a doubles knockout challenge pool tournament with the winning pair being known as the Ash Holders. Due to fluctuating numbers year by year, local ad hoc rules may be determined if agreed by all teams. The following rules can not be changed or altered.
1. The current holders are to be challenged by the remaining teams. If only one Ash holder is present, his team shall be deemed to be the holding team.
2. The order of challengers shall be determined by points from the throw of darts.
3. If no Ash holders present, then the above darts points shall determine the order of play.
4. The winner of the Ashes shall be the last team remaining.
The Ashes must be on display one hour prior to the tournament commencing.

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