

37th Traditional v St Bede's played at Silverstream 15 June 2016

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SILVERSTREAM WIN BIG AGAINST ST. BEDE'S



Photo take by Mike O'Leary

A commanding second-half has earned St. Pats Silverstream a 33-7 win over St. Bede's College in the annual traditional fixture in Wellington today.

The first-half was largely forgettable as both teams left their hands in the dressing room. Gradually Silverstream seized the upper hand and centre Albert Polu was able to find some holes in the visitors defense. After twenty minutes the home team opened the scoring when Polu supported a break by fullback Harrison Boyle and second-five Kienan Higgins.

St. Bede's lineout was a positive feature of their performance. Connor Sullivan is a fine jumper and regularly disrupted Silverstream's ball. Moments before halftime St. Bede's drove strongly towards the Silverstream goal line, but were held up and the referee called time.

The game threatened to turn in St. Bede's favour early in the second-half. Ahead 7-0, Silverstream turned down a kickable penalty, ten-metres out directly in front the posts. Silverstream fumbled the ball from a scrum and St. Bede's cleared. Silverstream fumbled again and St. Bede's halfback Vincent Lucas dashed 25m to score.

Silverstream kicked deep from the kick-off and St. Bede's responded with a shallow clearance. Boyle caught the ball in the St. Bede's half and busted two tackles before linking with wing Todd Svenson who passed inside to flanker Mitchell Bull-Elvines to put Silverstream back into the lead.

Silverstream started to take control and punched regular holes in the St. Bede's defense. Flanker Josh Southall, Svenson and Higgins added tries as Silverstream scored their biggest win in this match since 1999.

Southall and lock Iona Apineru are two good Year 11 prospects for Silverstream. Both worked feverishly on defense and the later did some serious damage with ball in hand later in the game.

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