

## 82<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> XV traditional v PNBHS at Silverstream 28 June 2017

**Won 71 – 0 for the Wallace Cup.**



Silverstream are on course to achieve a rare “Grand Slam” of traditional victories after winning the fourth of their six annual matches by a record 71-0 over Palmerston North Boys’ High School this afternoon. Silverstream’s win more than doubled their previous biggest win in the fixture which was 30-3 in 1985, a year Silverstream won all six games and coach Tim Mannix was in the team.

The first 15 minutes was entirely forgettable with both teams lacking cohesion. Gradually the hosts forwards gained the ascendancy and the floodgates soon opened. Silverstream led 21-0 at halftime and scored 11 tries in the romp. Wing Chris Aumua opened Silverstream’s account when he looped around a scrum and dashed 40-metres. Fullback Todd Svenson and rampant openside Josh Southall completed the first-half scoring.

The second-half was akin to a training run for Silverstream. Palmerston North struggled to attain the ball and when they did it was invariably on the backfoot. Silverstream’s tries in the second spell were scored by Aumua, Southall, Harrison Boyle (2), Te Tana Wright, Iona Apineru, Riley Forbes and Teagan Harawira. Boyle and Forbes each kicked four conversions.

There were several highlights for Silverstream. Apineru’s try where he busted four tackles and stormed 30-meters was an outstanding individual effort. Wright gassed his marker to complete a sweeping team movement and Boyle run down a kick after Silverstream broke out from their 22.

Silverstream are on a serious roll. They have won their last eight games and scored 500 points while only conceding 32. Silverstream have won three of their four traditional games by a record score. By contrast Palmerston North have suffered three record defeats this season. They were beaten 100-0 by Hastings BHS and 76-7 by Hamilton BHS.

It was a fine all-round day for Silverstream. The Second XV won 48-21 while Silverstream won both football fixtures as well. The First XI prevailed 2-1 and the Colts 3-1.

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