

83rd 1st XV Traditional v Palmerston North Boys High School at Palmerston North 27 June 2018

Won 25 – 7 for the Wallace Cup



St Patrick's College, Silverstream 1st XV made it four wins from four matches in their annual traditional fixtures, defeating Palmerston North Boys' High School 25-7 in the Manawatu this afternoon.

Silverstream achieved their first victory in Palmerston North since 2012 and their biggest in Palmy since 1988 with a dominant, albeit inaccurate, forwards display.

Silverstream started in emphatic fashion, scoring two tries in the opening 10 minutes. Prop Luke Chisholm busted at the 10-metre mark Palmerston North territory and rumbled up inside the 22 before recycling promptly. Further forward assaults led to a try to halfback Cullen Goldsmith. Riley Forbes converted and it was 7-0.

Silverstream second five-eighth Maika Fifita was a dominant presence on the carry and he made a bust that led to a break down the left side and a try in the corner to fullback Sam Clarke.

The visitors fumbled the kick-off and Palmerston North from the turnover scored via first five-eighth Stewart Cruden. Cruden crawled on his knees through a crowd of defenders and then rose to his feet and galloped clear. He converted his own try to make it 12-7.

Palmerston North left wing Korie Winters was lucky to stay on the field after a tackle in the air on his opposite Rocco Berry. Forbes made a poor clearance from the 22 and

the Palmerston North blindside flanker Bryn Gordon broke down the sideline. Only an ankle tap by Silverstream lock Ollie Rigby saved the day.

On the stroke of halftime, the third try was scored with Fritz Rayasi dashing over in the right corner following a break by Forbes. The score at the oranges was 17-7.

Silverstream scored the only points of the second half, a try at the end to prop Chris Hemi who steamrolled the fullback after a short side bust by Iona Apineru.

The story of the second half was missed chances for Silverstream. Palmerston North lived off scraps, their best players being flankers Gordon, Ethan Johanson and lock Tom Finlay. Silverstream's lineout misfired, allowing the home side to stay in it.

This was the 83rd meeting between these two schools. Palmerston North has had 50 wins, Silverstream 29 with four games drawn.

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