## 86<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> XV Traditional v SPC Town at Evans Bay Park 25 July 2018

## Won 52 – 10 for the Old Boys Cup



Stream the team to beat in Wellington

St Patrick's College, Silverstream have crushed St Patrick's College, Wellington by a record score of 52-10 to capture a clean sweep of their annual traditional fixtures for just the 11th time since 1931.

Silverstream remains unbeaten in Premier I and are overwhelming favourites to defend their title after their 18th win a row locally.

The visitors started ominously when second-five Maika Fifita made a clean bust off a lineout and raced 40-meters to touch down under the sticks.

Wing Fritz Rayasi dropped ball over the line two minutes later as Silverstream were rampant early.

Town regrouped and held Silverstream to 7-3 five minutes until halftime. Prop Jeremiah Tuiatua was busy and his bust created a chance which Keelan Whitman failed to grasp.

Boston Christe kicked a penalty to close the gap to 7-3 and narrowly missed to the right with his second attempt.

Town's lineout was wobbly and just before the break Iona Apineru collected a loose throw and backhanded to prop Chris Hemi who charged over.

From the kickoff Silverstream first five Sam Clark retrieved a half-volley pass and glided into a hole, reaching the 22. Silverstream won a penalty and from the tap stretched play to the opposite wing where Raysai dotted down.

The halftime score was 19-3 to Silverstream.

Silverstream captain and No.8 Luke Mannix scored a soft try, breaking a tackle and galloping 20-meters to start the second spell.

At this point Town's will was broken and the floodgates opened.

Centre Scott Svenson and lock Neyla Masima scored long range solo tries and reserve halfback Swayde Brightwell made the most of his brief appearance by grabbing a double, including the last try which brought up the record score.

Christian Stenhouse was the solitary try scorer for Town.

Silverstream and Town have played each other annually since the two St Patrick's College's split in 1931. Silverstream have won 62 matches and Town 19 with five draws.

Stream have only lost twice to Town in the annual fixture since 1997 and today achived their highest score against Town passing the 50-14 win in 2004.

In 1988, Silverstream beat Town by the same margin of 42 points, but the score was 48-6.

Silverstream has completed their 11th Grand Slam, going through their annual traditional matches undefeated. The other seasons in which a Grand Slam occurred were: 1933, 1936, 1937, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1967, 1985, 1988 and 2017.

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