

High Five - Aumua breaks Land Rover First XV Record

84th Traditional Silverstream v SPC Town 27 July 2016 for the Old Boys Cup

Overall Results Stream 60 SPC 19 Drawn 5



Chris Aumua about to touchdown

Photo Mike O'Leary

St. Pats Silverstream: 43 (Chris Aumua 5, Callum McLachlan, Freddy Sunia tries; Callum Harkin 3 con, Kieran De La Rangelie 1 con) St. Pats Town: 10 (Grayson Whitman try; Luke Georgeson 1 con, 1 pen)

St. Pats Silverstream have produced a stunning performance to upset St. Pats Town 43-10 in the 85th annual traditional fixture at Evans Bay Park this afternoon.

Fourth placed Silverstream hadn't beaten a top four Wellington side this season, but outpaced Town to score their biggest victory over the hosts in any match since 2004.

Chris Aumua (brother of New Zealand U20's hooker Asafo Aumua) scored five tries. He is the first player in the history of Land Rover First XV rugby to score five tries in a single match. Aumua's tally passes the four tries scored by Nick Burn of Rangitoto College and Will Jordon of Christchurch Boys' High School.

Aumua's five tries are a record in this fixture and fell just one try short of the Silverstream record for most tries in a traditional match, which is six by John Leslie (Scottish International) against Rongotai College in 1988.

Silverstream welcomed back three senior players, Jarrod Harawira, Jack Wright and Albert Polu from injury. Town's three Hurricanes U18 reps: Billy Procter, Sia Paese and Xavier Numia were all absent due to injury.

Silverstream began with usual confidence. Fullback Todd Svenson breached the defense initially before tumbling to ground to create the next ruck. Halfback Callum Harkin then looped into a hole and wing Aumua opened the scoring.

Second-five Polu was destructive at times and he burst 40-meters before being restrained at the Town 22. Silverstream recycled and first-five Harrison Boyle kicked for Aumua who received the perfect bounce to make it 14-0.

Town finally got into the game when wing Connor Fitzsimons broke, but he failed to pass accurately to blindside Tom Horan who had a clear run to the try line.

Silverstream roared back into the Town half and hooker Freddy Sunia scored try number three from a lineout drive.

Down 21-3 at halftime Town started the second-half with aggression and accuracy. A series of pick and goes ended in first-five Grayson Whitman gliding in under the posts, 21-10.

Town lost a player to the sin bin and Polu in wide open space surged 60-meters to win a penalty inside the Town 22. A quick tap by Kienan De La Rambelie caught Town short outside and Aumua cantered in for his hat-trick.

At 26-10 Town's will to fight appeared broken and Silverstream punished the hosts errors. Reserve halfback Callum McLachlan burrowed over from close range for try and Aumua capped a stellar afternoon by scoring twice more.

De La Rambelie set-up his fourth try and a 40-meter dash from a Town fumble resulted in his fifth try.

The afternoon belonged to Auamu, but lock Aisea Mafile'o and first-five Harrison Boyle were other standouts for Stream.

Horan, Keelan Whitman (lock) and Xavier English (openside) were honest in an uncharacteristically limp display by Town.

On Saturday Silverstream hosts Rongotai College in a Premier One quarter final. The winner will face first-placed Wellington College. Town have a bye before facing a likely semi-final against Scots College.

Silverstream won the overall sports exchange 6-4. The results of the other fixtures were.

Colts Rugby: 17-12, Stream

Senior Basketball: 82-51, Town

Junior Basketball: 64-58, Town

Senior Football: 1-0, Town (Liberato Cacace goal)

Colts Football: 3-0, Stream

Hockey: 4-0, Stream

Road Race: 2-1, Stream

Golf: 4-0, Stream

Badminton: 6-0, Town

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