

Weltech Premiership Semi final

St Pat's Town v St Pat's Silverstream 1 August 2015

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St. Pats Town 23 (Sefo Numia, Hannon Brighthouse, Saia Paese, Willie Schutz) **beat St. Pats Silverstream 20**(Albert Polu 2, Josh Brown, Losi Filipo tries). HT: 20-8. Yellow Cards: Josh Brown, Todd Svenson (both Silverstream).

St Pat's Town have beaten St Pat's Silverstream on their home ground for the first time since 1997 in today's WelTec Premiership semi-final.

The final score was 23-20. St Pat's Silverstream led 20-8 at halftime but rued the fact they missed 11 points in goal kicks including a sitter right out in front of the posts.

Silverstream exploited the blindside extremely well in the first half. They scored two tries from an 8 -9 scrum play. The first of these tries was scored by Albert

Polu who dashed 20 metres down the right wing side, and then scored again later in the first half dashing 40 metres down the side.

Second five-eighth Losi Filipo scored a 30 metre try in the first half, and the other try for the home side was scored by No. 8 Josh Brown shortly before halftime when fullback Kenneth Tuffin leapt high and took the kick-off and set up a ruck before Brown secured the ball and fended off three players and sprinted 25 metres to score.

St Pat's Town kicked a penalty through centre Billy Proctor and then they scored a try just before halftime as well, to No. 8 Hannon Brighthouse after a rigorous set of pick and goes.

The second half started with St Pat's Town asserting pressure inside the 22, and they scored a try from a lineout when the ball was thrown short to prop Sefo Numia and he crashed over to make it 20-13.

Controversy then followed when a fight erupted and a penalty which went the way of Silverstream was reversed in favour of Town. They applied pressure on the line and speedy fullback Saea Paese flew over to make it 20-18.

Silverstream reserve wing Todd Svenson was sin-binned for a head high tackle, putting more pressure on Silverstream who were camped on their own goal line and then Town right wing Willie Schutz scored to make it 23-20 in his side's favour.

Losi Filipo made a desperate break, fending off two players and running 30 metres. He was tackled into touch. Town fed the lineout and won the game.

Players to stand out for Town included prop Numia for his immense scrummaging and big ball carries, Brighthouse for his bustling running and lineout work and trick first five-eighth Zac Donaldson. Blindside flanker Kevin Fauatea was also strong.

For Silverstream, Filipo was full of running, as was No. 8 Brown, while prop Ivan Pepuleai had some big runs and, made some strong hits and had a good game.