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Welcome back to FMG Stadium Waikato, we are looking forward to another great evening of rugby against the Western Force.

It was too good an opportunity to not embrace the draw which gave us a game versus the Force on May the 4th. It is set to be an out of this world evening with a galactic battle and laser light show at half time to entertain you for this May the Fourth themed game.

We are grateful for the opportunity to host the USA for an exhibition training against our Chiefs Manawa Development XV team too. It is a first for women's rugby in New Zealand to have a Super Club women's teams compete against an international side, and an opportunity that we see as key to growing the women's game in both countries. We appreciate the support from Provincial Unions and Clubs to release their players for this fantastic opportunity.



Simon Graafhuis

Chiefs Rugby Club CEO



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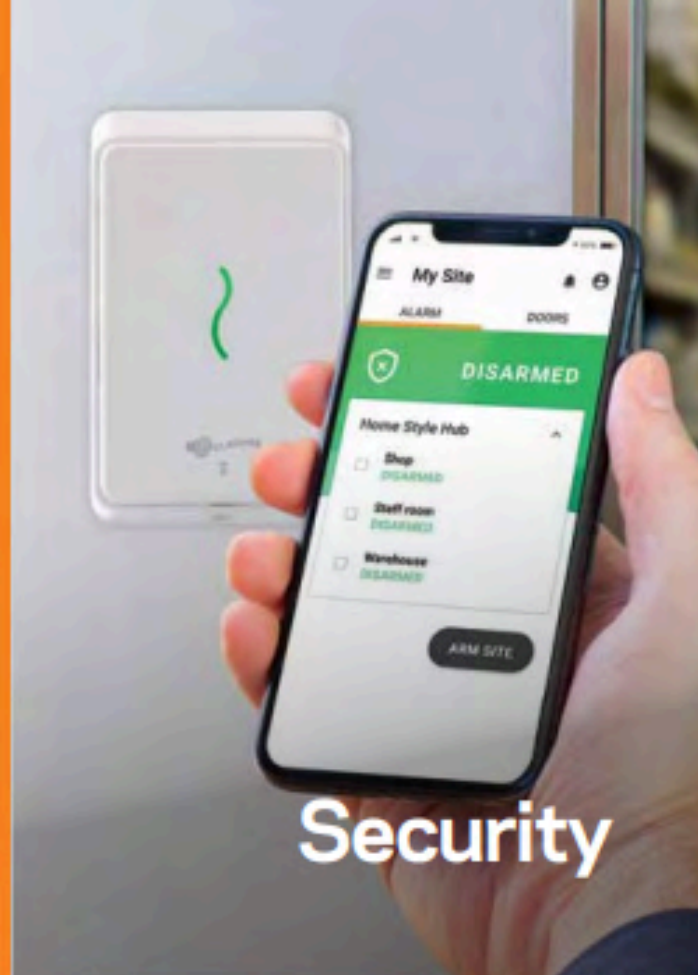
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We hope you enjoy today's game!

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We look forward to playing at home in front of our loyal supporters and are preparing for the best version of the Force. They are a team who have recruited some great experience in key positions and have demonstrated an ability to knock off some of the best teams in the competition.

Injuries to Jimmy Tupou and Shaun Stevenson have forced a couple of changes to the starting team, whilst exciting young prop Kouvaka Kaivelata gets his first opportunity in the match day 23.

Enjoy the game Chiefs whānau.



Clayton McMillan

Gallagher Chiefs Head Coach



STADIUM MAP



KEY



GATE 5



BRIAN PERRY STAND

PLATINUM (UPSTAIRS ↗)

GATE 3



GATE 4



GATE 4A

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Starting XV

1 Aidan
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2 Bradley
SLATER

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3 George
DYER



4 Naitoa
AH KUOI



5 Tupou
VAA'I



6 Samipeni
FINAU



7 Kaylum
BOSHIER



8 Wallace
SITITI



9 Cortez
RATIMA



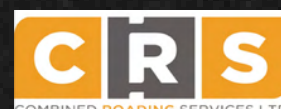
10 Damian
MCKENZIE



11 Daniel
RONA



12 Quinn
TUPAEA



13 Anton
LIENERT-BROWN



14 Emoni
NARAWA



15 Etene
NANAI-SETURO



Match Officials

Referee

James Doleman

Assistant Referees

Jono Bredin
Fraser Hannon

TMO

Chris Hart

Assistant TMO

Aaron Paterson

Impact

16 Tyrone
THOMPSON

17 Ollie
NORRIS

18 Kauvaka
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19 Manaaki
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20 Luke
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Player Profiles



#290 Aidan Ross

Position: Prop

Physical: 1.89, 111kg

DOB: 25/10/1995

Province: Bay of Plenty

Chiefs Debut: 2017 v Western Force

Chiefs Caps: 81

All Blacks Debut: 2022 v Ireland

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#312 Bradley Slater

Position: Hooker

Physical: 1.86, 110kg

DOB: 23/09/1998

Province: Taranaki

Chiefs Debut: 2019 v Sunwolves

Chiefs Caps: 55

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#325 Reuben O'Neill

Position: Prop

Physical: 1.83m, 117kg

DOB: 17/02/1995

Province: Taranaki

Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Sunwolves

Chiefs Caps: 24



#282 Samisoni Taukei'aho

Position: Hooker

Physical: 1.83m, 115kg

DOB: 08/08/1997

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2017 v Highlanders

Chiefs Caps: 86

All Blacks Debut: 2022 v Fiji

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#329 Simon Parker

Position: Loose Forward

Physical: 1.97m, 117kg

DOB: 06/05/2000

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Crusaders

Chiefs Caps: 14



Malachi Wrampling

Position: Loose Forward

Physical: 1.94m, 114kg

DOB: 16/04/2004

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut:

Chiefs Caps:

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Player Profiles



#336 Xavier Roe

Position: Halfback

Physical: 1.79m, 81kg

DOB: 13/12/1998

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Highlanders

Chiefs Caps: 24



#263 Shaun Stevenson

Position: Outside Back

Physical: 1.90m, 90kg

DOB: 14/11/1996

Province: North Harbour

Chiefs Debut: 2016 v Crusaders

Chiefs Caps: 92

All Blacks Debut: 2023 v Australia



#357 Liam Coombes-Fabling

Position: Winger

Physical: 1.80m, 83kg

DOB: 07/07/1998

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Crusaders

Chiefs Caps: 7

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#328 Tupou Vaa'i

Position: Lock

Physical: 1.98m, 118kg

DOB: 27/01/2000

Province: Taranaki

Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Highlanders

Chiefs Caps: 51

All Blacks Debut: 2020 v Australia



#298 Luke Jacobson

Position: Loose Forward

Physical: 1.91m, 107kg

DOB: 20/04/1997

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2018 v Blues

Chiefs Caps: 70

All Blacks Debut: 2019 v Argentina



#338 Kaylum Boshier

Position: Loose Forward

Physical: 1.89m, 109kg

DOB: 09/04/1999

Province: Taranaki

Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Crusaders

Chiefs Caps: 25



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Player Profiles



#340 Rameka Poihipi

Position: Midfield Back

Physical: 1.87m, 105kg

DOB: 14/10/1998

Province: Canterbury

Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Hurricanes

Chiefs Caps: 37

VC



#362 Manaaki Selby-Rickit

Position: Lock

Physical: 2.0m, 112kg

DOB: 05/06/1996

Province: Bay of Plenty

Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Rebels

Chiefs Caps: 10



#321 Ollie Norris

Position: Prop

Physical: 1.95m, 126kg

DOB: 11/12/1999

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Crusaders

Chiefs Caps: 51

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#348 Josh Ioane

Position: First-Five

Physical: 1.8m, 85kg

DOB: 11/07/1995

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Highlanders

Chiefs Caps: 25

All Blacks Debut: 2019 v Tonga



#337 Josh Lord

Position: Lock

Physical: 2.02m, 106kg

DOB: 17/01/2001

Province: Taranaki

Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Crusaders

Chiefs Caps: 22

All Blacks Debut: 2021 v USA



#344 Gideon Wrampling

Position: Utility Back

Physical: 1.88m, 102kg

DOB: 26/07/2001

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Blues

Chiefs Caps: 2

Player Profiles



#350 Cortez Ratima

Position: Halfback

Physical: 1.79m, 87kg

DOB: 22/03/2001

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Crusaders

Chiefs Caps: 35



#242 Anton Lienert-Brown

Position: Midfielder

Physical: 1.85m, 96kg

DOB: 15/04/1995

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2014 v Bulls

Chiefs Caps: 113

All Blacks Debut: 2016 v Australia



#247 Damian McKenzie

Position: First Five / Fullback

Physical: 1.75m, 81kg

DOB: 20/04/1995

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2015 v Blues

Chiefs Caps: 119

All Blacks Debut: 2016 v Argentina



#349 Emoni Narawa

Position: Utility Back

Physical: 1.84m, 98kg

DOB: 03/07/1999

Province: Bay of Plenty

Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Highlanders

Chiefs Caps: 34

All Blacks Debut: 2023 v Argentina



#333 Samipeni Finau

Position: Loose Forward

Physical: 1.93m, 115kg

DOB: 10/05/1999

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Highlanders

Chiefs Caps: 41

All Blacks Debut: 2023 v Australia



#319 Quinn Tupaea

Position: Midfielder

Physical: 1.86m, 102kg

DOB: 10/05/1999

Province: Waikato

Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Blues

Chiefs Caps: 40

All Blacks Debut: 2021 v Tonga



Player Profiles



#318 Kaleb Trask

Position: First Five
Physical: 1.80m, 90kg
DOB: 27/01/1999
Province: Bay of Plenty
Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Blues
Chiefs Caps: 19



#359 Jared Proffit

Position: Prop
Physical: 1.86m, 113kg
DOB: 14/09/1993
Province: Taranaki
Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Moana Pasifika
Chiefs Caps: 9



Kauvaka Kaivelata

Position: Prop
Physical: 1.89m, 118kg
DOB: 11/07/2002
Province: Counties Manukau
Chiefs Debut:
Chiefs Caps:



#365 Jimmy Tupou

Position: Lock / Loose Forward
Physical: 1.96m, 114kg
DOB: 08/08/1992
Province: Counties Manukau
Chiefs Debut: 2024 v Crusaders
Chiefs Caps: 9



#309 Etene Nanai-Seturo

Position: Outside Back
Physical: 1.83m, 92kg
DOB: 20/08/1999
Province: Counties Manukau
Chiefs Debut: 2019 v Highlanders
Chiefs Caps: 52



#320 Naitoa Ah Kuoi

Position: Lock / Loose Forward
Physical: 1.96m, 116kg
DOB: 07/10/1999
Province: Bay of Plenty
Chiefs Debut: 2020 v Blues
Chiefs Caps: 56

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Player Profiles



#343 Tom Florence

Position: Loose Forward
Physical: 1.89m, 106kg
DOB: 20/05/1998
Province: Taranaki
Chiefs Debut: 2021 v Blues
Chiefs Caps: 4



#296 Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi

Position: Halfback
Physical: 1.74m, 85kg
DOB: 31/03/1995
Province: Bay of Plenty
Chiefs Debut: 2018 v Crusaders
Chiefs Caps: 52
All Blacks Debut: 2018 v Argentina



Sione Ahio

Position: Prop
Physical: 1.85m, 120kg
DOB: 29/01/2001
Province: Auckland
Chiefs Debut: 2024 v
Moana Pasifika
Chiefs Caps: 1



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#366 Wallace Sititi

Position: Loose Forward
Physical: 1.87m, 113kg
DOB: 07/09/2002
Province: North Harbour
Chiefs Debut: 2024 v Reds
Chiefs Caps: 5



#351 George Dyer

Position: Prop
Physical: 1.89m, 124kg
DOB: 22/10/1999
Province: Waikato
Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Crusaders
Chiefs Caps: 30



#363 Peniasi Malimali

Position: Outside Back
Physical: 1.80m, 96kg
DOB: 08/12/1996
Province: Counties Manukau
Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Rebels
Chiefs Caps: 4

Player Profiles



#361 Daniel Rona

Position: Midfielder

Physical: 1.87m, 97kg

DOB: 10/09/2000

Province: Taranaki

Chiefs Debut: 2023 v Highlanders

Chiefs Caps: 17



#354 Tyrone Thompson

Position: Hooker

Physical: 1.86m, 11kg

DOB: 28/05/2000

Province: Hawkes Bay

Chiefs Debut: 2022 v Moana Pasifika

Chiefs Caps: 18

View full player profiles at www.chiefs.co.nz/team



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Coaching Team

Clayton McMillan

Head Coach

The Bay of Plenty centurion transitioned into coaching while finishing playing professionally in Japan.

Upon his return to New Zealand, he held several age group and club roles in both Bay of Plenty and Wellington before taking the reins of his home province in 2015.

In 2017 McMillan was appointed as the New Zealand Provincial Barbarians Head Coach to face the British and Irish Lions during their 2017 tour of New Zealand. Later that year he was announced as the incoming Māori All Blacks Head Coach.

In 2019 McMillan led the Bay of Plenty Steamers to victory as head coach, claiming the Mitre 10 Cup Championship title at Rotorua International Stadium.

He took up the role of Interim Head Coach for the Gallagher Chiefs in 2021. In his first season as head coach, the team had nine wins across the season with an appearance against the Crusaders in the Sky Super Rugby Aotearoa Grand Final 2021.

In 2022 he took on a role as Assistant Coach for the All Blacks XV, touring Japan. In 2023 he then went on to lead the Gallagher Chiefs to a record 10-game winning streak with the team once again meeting the Crusaders in the DHL Super Rugby Pacific final.



David Hill

Assistant Coach

Former All Black and Gallagher Chiefs first five-eighth David Hill returns to his former team as an Assistant Coach.

Before signing on as Chiefs assistant, Hill's hands-on coaching experience included the New Zealand Under 20 side, assistant at the Blues in Super Rugby, Bay of Plenty in Mitre 10 Cup, as well as joining the All Blacks as a kicking specialist for the 2019 and 2023 Rugby World Cup's.

Coaching Team

Ross Filipo

Assistant Coach



Waikato Rugby Head Coach Ross Filipo joins the coaching team with a significant playing resume having run out for the All Blacks, Crusaders, Chiefs, and the Wellington Lions.

He gained experience overseas playing for Bayonne, Wasps and Racing 92. Additionally, Filipo coached and played in Japan before he returned to New Zealand in 2019 to take up Rugby Development and assistant coaching roles with the Waikato Rugby Union.

Filipo moved into the Head Coach role at Waikato in 2021 to take out the Bunnings NPC championship during the union's Centurian season. Filipo joined the Gallagher Chiefs for the 2023 season with a focus on the lineout and general forward play.

Roger Randle

Assistant Coach

Former All Black, New Zealand Sevens and Chiefs player Roger Randle will head the Gallagher Chiefs attack. Randle's coaching career now spanning over ten years, provides a wealth of attack coaching experience across both provincial and international rugby.

The Māori All Blacks and Waikato assistant coach has continued to build on his coaching resume with the Gallagher Chiefs moving from his role as the assistant backs coach into Attack Coach.



Coaching Team

Marty Bourke

Assistant Coach



A former fullback, Bourke stepped into an assistant coach role for the Bay of Plenty Steamers after plying his trade coaching club rugby. From there he took up a coaching role for Rugby United New York before returning to New Zealand to join Canterbury. After his first season as an assistant coach for the side, he was promoted to the head coach position where he took the team to the final.

Off the back of this success, Bourke was named as an assistant coach for the 2023 New Zealand U20s. Later that year, Bourke's Canterbury team made it to Bunnings NPC playoffs again, however, bowed out to Taranaki in the semi-final.

Bourke joined the Gallagher Chiefs as an assistant coach in 2023 ahead of the 2024 DHL Super Rugby Pacific season.

Nick White

Assistant Coach

Another former player turning his hand to coaching, Nick White, was a prop for Northland, Auckland, the Crusaders, the Highlanders, the Blues and New Zealand A before retiring. From there he joined the Blues as scrum coach in 2012 which then followed onto his appointment as head coach for Auckland in 2016.

White joined the Gallagher Chiefs as scrum coach for the 2018 season. He has been instrumental in the performance of the Gallagher Chiefs scrummaging since the beginning of his tenure and will continue to hold his role as scrum coach.



Opposition Team



Starting XV

1. Josh Bartlett
2. Tom Horton
3. Santiago Medrano
4. Tom Franklin
5. Jeremy Williams (C)
6. Will Harris
7. Carlo Tizzano
8. Reed Prinsep
9. Issak Fines-Leleiwasa
10. Ben Donaldson
11. Chase Tiatia
12. Hamish Stewart
13. Sam Spink
14. Bayley Kuenzle
15. Kurtley Beale

Reserves

16. Feleti Kaitu'u
17. Marley Pearce
18. Tiaan Tauakipulu
19. Izack Rodda
20. Michael Wells
21. Henry Robertson
22. Max Burey
23. Henry O'Donnell

Head Coach

Simon Cron

Assistant Coaches

Jimmy Duffy

Mark Ozich

Will Eggleston

2024 Gallagher Chiefs Draw



23 February
FMG Stadium Waikato
33-29 (W)



3 March
AAMI Park, Melbourne
46-12 (W)



9 March
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
25-19 (L)



16 March
FMG Stadium Waikato
46-29 (W)



23 March
FMG Stadium Waikato
28-21 (W)



29 March
Apollo Projects Stadium
26-37 (L)



6 April
FMG Stadium Waikato
68-12 (W)



13 April
Sky Stadium, Wellington
36-23 (L)



26 April
Allianz Stadium, Sydney
38-22 (W)



4 May
FMG Stadium Waikato



10 May
GO Media Stadium



17 May
AAMI Park, Melbourne



24 May
FMG Stadium Waikato



1 June
Eden Park

2024 Chiefs Manawa Draw



2 March
FMG Stadium Waikato
46-24 (W)



9 March
Pakuranga United Rugby Club
10-17 (W)



16 March
FMG Stadium Waikato
26-03 (W)



22 March
CET Arena, Palmerston North
43-12 (W)



30 March
FMG Stadium Waikato



6 April
Nga Puna Wai, Christchurch
22-20 (L)



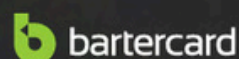
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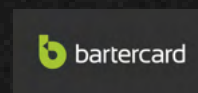
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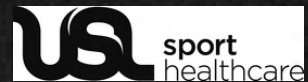
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