

JOHNNY TINDALE

This week the Presidents Grade team Kaukapakapa Cowboys celebrated veteran player Johnny Tindale turning 60 last Sunday. Johnny has been playing for the Kaukapakapa Cowboys for 30 years and is one of the longest serving senior players in North Harbour community rugby. He started playing the year North Harbour Rugby was formed in 1985 and celebrates his milestone with the Union also surpassing 30 years of operation.

Long time Kaukapakapa Cowboys manager Denny Warburton says “Johnny has hardly missed a game and he has also been looking after the field at Sinclair Park in Kaukapakapa, even mowing the lines with his hand mower back in the day”. The Kaukapakapa Cowboys have been affiliated to the Royal New Zealand Navy RFC for over a decade and the club made Johnny a Life Member for his services to the club and rugby. Denny advises “We had a big celebration for him on Saturday with some of the old guys showing up to watch and having a 22 to 20 win over the Silverdale Snails helped” .

Sinclair Park is a great community facility built in the 1970's by the Kaukapakapa community and hosts rugby, soccer, touch, netball and tennis in this typical NZ rural community and is the home track for the Cowboys who assist with maintenance and wellbeing. Johnny is seen here wearing the Kaukapakapa colours of red and black dating back to the 1901 strip (with a Navy RFC crest) with the Silverdale Snails team. It is interesting to note that Silverdale wear a red chest band on their green and gold jersey in recognition of the old Kaukapakapa rugby club with whom they amalgamated in 1963 following the demise of the Kaipara Sub-Union, so the fixture was indeed appropriate to celebrate Johnny's great milestone.

Happy 60th birthday Johnny Tindale and well done on 30 years with the Kaukapakapa Cowboys from North Harbour Rugby Union!!





