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CAN THE OLDIES HANDLE THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK?

FCFL have expanded in 2020 by adding a 7th Sydney based side, as well as creating a local derby by adding 2Great4U, who are based in Hamilton New Zealand.

For those who are unfamiliar with New Zealand geography, Hamilton is an expanding city 125km south of Auckland city. Hamilton is part of the Waikato district and is most famous for the Waikato mooloo cowbell of the Waikato Rugby franchise, for having Huntly win the Shit Towns of NZ 2019 award, and Hamilton being chlamydia capital of New Zealand.

2GreatforU coach Eddie Rangi has spoken about the love of Rugby League in the Waikato, and how he feels he can finally put New Zealand on the map in FCFL.

“New Zealand has been crying out for a Waikato based team, just look at how The Warriors have done in the NRL. And then we have Papatoetoe in FCFL... what a joke they are. For starters, who was the idiot that decided to put a bloody Aussie in charge of an Auckland based franchise?, I mean what have the Piranhas done really?? A Minor premiership to sinking ship is all I see to be frank. 2Great4U are here to bury those lowlife Aucklanders once and for all”. Mr. Rangi is obviously not one to mince his words, unless it's with eggs.

2020 will also be one of redemption for Dazzlers Dingoes. The 2018 champions felt the pain of being dethroned of the FCFL title by Grubs in 2019, and will be even hungrier to get back to the top in 2020.

Grubs will be Grubs, Not saying too much and just going about their business. From cellar dwellers to the penthouse in 2019, we are hoping they don't get a case of 2nd year syndrome.

Eely Avengers are surprisingly quiet in the early stages of 2020. It is believed the rumors of a rekindling of her complicated romance with Viliame Kikau has her in Sydney more than Melbourne these days, and the rumor mill is in full swing that Joanne Bevan will look to move the Avengers to Wankbest Stadium in Western Sydney.

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Rose and the Dragons are also quiet. It is believed that the upset in the 2019 final series has her working hard on continuing the form they found. After picking up the wooden spoon, the Dragons knocked out the underperforming Balmain Tigers in round 1 of the finals, before bowing out to eventual winners Grubs.

The Finals format has stayed the same in 2020, meaning 2 of the 10 sides will bow out at the end of the regular season. Each team will play a home and an away fixture over 18 weeks before the finals series starts. It will be a little tougher with the talent spread around a little more this season, but as Big Kev used to say “I'M EXCITED”



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The 2020 draft date will be once again a day of mystery. 2 coaches have missed the draft day, and ended up taking home silverware. In 2018 Piranhas (then known as 100N80) ended up with the first ever minor premiership. In 2019 Grubs came from last, to finish 4th at the seasons end, before steamrolling their way to a maiden premiership. Piranhas chose Damien Cook as the first draft pick in 2019. The 2018 Don "Cowboy" McLeod medalist failing to return to his 2018 heights. James Tedesco remains the 2020 first pick favorite.

FCC 2020 Predictions.

Dazzlers Dingoes 1st: the first team to do the double. 2020 was a nightmare. Let the king rule supreme once more.

Grubs 2nd: Will play in the GF, but will narrowly lose to the Dingoes.

Rosebery Rampage 4th: Another great year, with a few hiccups. One to watch closely.

Basic B!tches 6th: Has improved every year with her mentor. 2020 is B!tches breakout season.

Papatoetoe Piranhas 5th: Need to improve. Lost a few good players in 2019. Can't afford repeat or they will slide further.

Dragons 1015 8th: This will be a breakout year for the Dragons. Will upset a lot of teams.

Eely Avengers 7th: This position all depends on the coach. Held onto a bench of injured stars in 2019. Needs to learn from it.

Balmain Tigers 10th: Will struggle with the mental demons of 2019. Hopefully they don't medically retire anyone else.











2Great4U 3rd: There is always a darkhorse, and they don't come much darker than Hamilton after midnight.

New Sydney Franchise 9th: Based only on the fact this side is still a mystery. For all we know it could be the great Don McLeod himself in charge.

ALL-TIME POINTS LEADERS

Rank	Player	PTS
1	 Damien Cook	2805
2	 Jake Trbojevic	2612
3	 Martin Taupau	2479
4	 Cody Walker	2365
5	 Cameron Smith	2330
6	 James Tedesco	2328
7	 Esan Marsters	2320
8	 Andrew Fifita	2308
9	 Latrell Mitchell	2223
10	 Kalyn Ponga	2180

ALL-TIME GAMES PLAYED LEADERS

Rank	Player	APP
1	 Martin Taupau	39
2	 Esan Marsters	39
3	 Jake Trbojevic	39
4	 Cody Walker	38
5	 Andrew Fifita	36
6	 Damien Cook	36
7	 Cameron Smith	36
8	 Latrell Mitchell	35
9	 Blake Ferguson	34
10	 Paul Vaughan	34

ALL-TIME CENTURY LEADERS

Rank	Player	100s
1	 Damien Cook	9
2	 Tom Trbojevic	8
3	 James Tedesco	5
4	 Latrell Mitchell	5
5	 Josh Addo-Carr	4
6	 Cameron Smith	4
7	 Cameron Munster	4
8	 Jake Trbojevic	3
9	 Daly Cherry-Evans	3
10	 Esan Marsters	3