

Buller RU Statistics & Other Interesting Facts 1976 – 2016

A total of 446 players have completed a 1st class career for Buller between 1976 and 2016.

Forwards:

81 players
% to total = 18.2
No games played ranged from 1 to 11
Average no of games = 4.21
Median no of game = 4

1 season only:

39 players
% to total = 8.7
No games played ranged from 3 to 21
Average no of games = 10.23
Median no of games = 9

2 seasons only:

39 players
% to total = 8.7
No games played ranged from 1 to 11
Average no of games = 5.15
Median no of games = 5

1 season only import:

7 players
% to total = 1.6
No games played ranged from 10 to 19
Average no of games = 14.86
Median no of games = 14.5

2 season only import:

79 players
% to total = 17.7
No games played ranged from 4 to 161
Average no of games = 36.75
Median no of game = 24.5

3+ seasons:

Total Forwards

245 players
% to total = 54.9
No games played ranged from 1 to 161
Average no of games = 16.11
Median no of game = 8

Backs:

66 players
% to total = 14.2
No games played ranged from 1 to 10
Average no of games = 3.91
Median no of game = 3

42 players
% to total = 9.4
No games played ranged from 2 to 26
Average no of games = 11.43
Median no of games = 12

23 players
% to total = 5.2
No games played ranged from 1 to 10
Average no of games = 5.61
Median no of games = 6

4 players
% to total = 0.9
No games played ranged from 9 to 14
Average no of games = 12.00
Median no of games = 12.5

66 players
% to total = 14.8
No games played ranged from 5 to 98
Average no of games = 34.83
Median no of game = 26

Total Backs

201 players
% to total = 45.1
No games played ranged from 1 to 98
Average no of games = 15.99
Median no of game = 9

Players with 50+ games or 50+ points in their games for the Buller rep team (career games or points includes games played for other unions or other 1st class games).

No of Games - Forwards:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Brownlie Luke | 161 games | |
| Stuart Thomas | 154 games | (164 career) |
| Beveridge Philip | 147 games | (149 career) |
| Elley Glenn | 113 games | (118 career) |
| Brazil John | 101 games | (102 career) |
| Nelson Clark | 101 games | (102 career) |
| Banks Richard | 100 games | (101 career) |
| Mundy Logan | 92 games | (96 career) |
| Groot Piet | 80 games | |
| O'Connor Gerard | 64 games | (67 career) |
| Elley Robert | 51 games | |
| Dickson Murray | 59 games | |
| Moore Craig | 52 games | |
| Caldwell David | 50 games | |
| Caldwell Ryan | 50 games | (sometimes known as Hughes) |
| McIlroy Blair | 50 games | |

No of Games - Backs:

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| Bonisch Michael | 98 games | (100 career) |
| Baird David | 89 games | (91 career) |
| Gilbert John | 87 games | (89 career) |
| Stephens Andrew | 85 games | (95 career) |
| Neill Craig | 82 games | |
| Cook Robert | 79 games | (83 career) |
| Nabainivalu Penejamini | 76 games | (80 career) |
| Neighbours Allan | 72 games | |
| Alexander Chris | 71 games | (73 career) |
| Pratt Tony | 62 games | (63 career) |
| O'Dea Tony | 61 games | |
| Mumm Rex | 60 games | (62 career) |
| Mumm Peter | 59 games | |
| McArthur John | 57 games | (58 career) |
| Morris Samuel (Sam) | 57 games | |
| Bonisch Matthew | 54 games | |
| Hall Warren | 52 games | (53 career) |

No of Points - Forwards:

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|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|
| Stuart Thomas | 198 pts | 45 tries | (203 pts career) |
| Beveridge Philip | 55 pts | 11 tries | |
| Brazil John | 52 pts | | |

No of Points - Backs:

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| Baird David | 575 pts | 11 tries | |
| Pratt Tony | 349 pts | | |
| Lash James | 266 pts | 8 tries | (362 pts, 16 tries career) |
| Stephens Andrew | 246 pts | | (252 pts career) |
| Neill Craig | 191 pts | 23 tries | |

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| Mumm Rex | 175 pts | | (179 career) |
| Nabainivalu Penejamini | 140 pts | 28 tries | 145 pts, 29 tries career) |
| Thompson Nathan | 139 pts | | |
| Hart Chris | 107 pts | | (147 career) |
| Sauqaqa Setefano | 95 pts | 19 tries | (140 pts, 20 tries career) |
| Ravudra Iliesa | 85 pts | 17 tries | |
| Kaloudigibeci Mitieli | 80 pts | 16 tries | |
| Renwick Lee | 79 pts | | |
| Saukuru William | 78 pts | 14 tries | |
| Cook Robert | 75 pts | 16 tries | |
| Hart Gerald | 72 pts | | |
| Foote James | 71 pts | | (97 career) |
| Taylor Marcus | 57 pts | | |
| Aloe Robert | 56 pts | | (205 career) |
| Roche Kerry | 56 pts | | |

Other interesting facts

Average Finishing Positions from 1976 to 2016

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| As a 2nd Division team | 1976 - 1986 | 5.27 |
| As a 3rd Division team | 1987 - 2005 | 6.00 |
| As a Heartland team | 2006 - 2015 | 6.00 |

Honours

James Lash (B) 2014 Heartland Player of the Year

Played for two provinces in the same year:

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| Hart Chris J (B) | 1994 | Buller & Canterbury |
| Atkin Glen M (F) | 2000 | Buller & Nelson Bays |
| Meredith Rudolph (B) | 2006 | Buller & Tasman |
| Roeske M J (B) | 2001 | Buller & Nelson Bays |
| Leavasa R (F) | 2001 | Buller & Nelson Bays |
| Pale Sione (F) | 2001 | Buller & Hawkes Bay |

The no of players who have scored a hat trick of tries in the one game = 10

The no of players who have scored in all four ways in the one game = 0

The following are one year mysteries ie. They played all their games in the one season and never played another 1st class game anywhere in NZ. (They were local players, not imports.)

The human interest is why, what happened to them? Was it injury, work, selectors choice, or just giving up the game?

I would be interested if anyone could answer these questions.

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| Symonds E C (B) | 1987 | 9 games out of 10 & scored 13 points |
| Dunn D S (F) | 1999 | 9 games out of 11 |
| Lee J (B) | 1999 | 10 games out of 11 |
| Walter T E (F) | 1999 | 11 games out of 11 & scored 5 points |
| Hapeta Johnny (B) | 2003 | 8 games out of 8 |

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| Strachan David (B) | 2004 | 7 games out of 7 & scored 20 points |
| Thomson Bevan (B) | 2006 | 9 games out of 9 & scored 5 points |
| Martin Stephen (F) | 2006 | 8 games out of 9 |
| Gibson Casey (F) | 2008 | 8 games out of 8 |
| Norton-Taylor Andrew (B) | 2012 | 9 games out of 10 & scored 20 points |