

MEDIA RELEASE

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ST 11/07 – New Zealand Rugby League v Sonny Cavanagh

ST 12/07 – New Zealand Rugby League v Joe Vaifale

Two Harbour League players have been declared ineligible to play in the Bartercard Cup rugby league final against Auckland Lions at Mt Smart Stadium at 2.30pm tomorrow because of anti-doping rule violations relating to cannabis.

At an urgent hearing of the Sports Tribunal held in Auckland this morning, Sonny Cavanagh and Joe Vaifale admitted that they had tested positive for cannabis in samples taken after a Bartercard Cup match against the Canterbury Bulls on 30 June. The Tribunal ruled that they should each be suspended from sport for six weeks from 28 August 2007. Full reasons for the Tribunal's decision will be released next week.