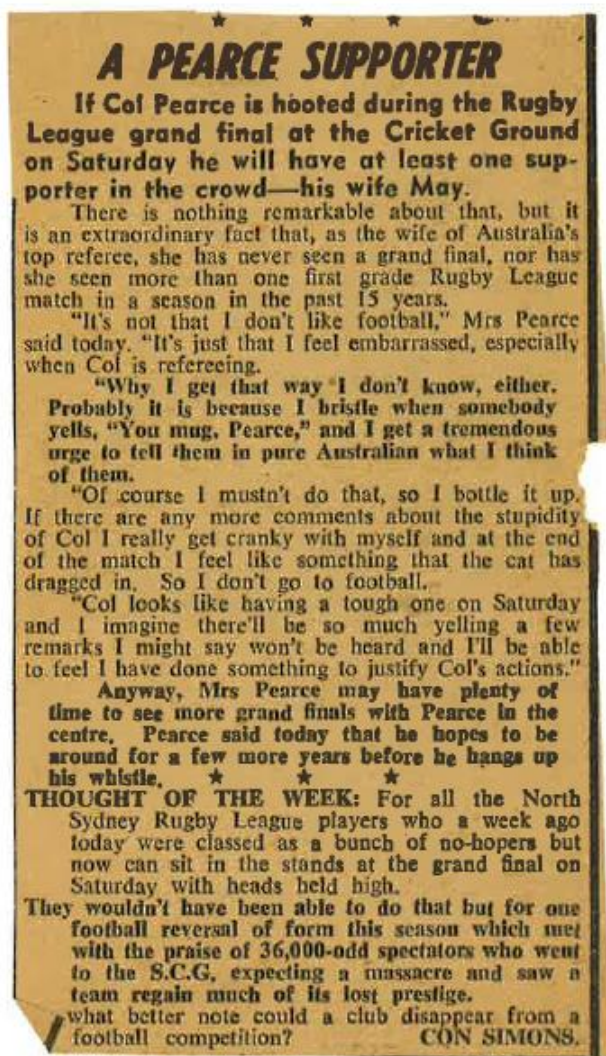




# Col Pearce Medal 2015



With Kind Regards  
From  
Col Pearce



May and Col Pearce – circa 1941



May Pearce with 2015 Col Pearce Medal winner Gerard Sutton



The Pearce family at the 2015 Col Pearce Medal presentation

Cover photo: 2015 Dally M winner and Grand Final winning captain Johnathan Thurston lines up a kick with Col Pearce in control (Note: This image is digitally enhanced)

Images in this booklet have been provided by NRL squad members, NRL.com, My Pearce, George Jankowski and Julie Sutton. Thank you all.





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# WELCOME

Welcome to the culmination of the 2015 NRL season from an officiating perspective with the awarding of the most prestigious prize, the Col Pearce Medal. This being the 12<sup>th</sup> annual awarding of the medal and to have Col's wife, May and family once again present is an honour.

The naming of the Medal after Col Pearce is in recognition of his title as the 'Doyen of Referees'. Col's title as the doyen encapsulates the character and qualities of Col and all of us should aspire to follow those traits.

Col Pearce's on field record speaks for itself, including 343 First grade games, Six Grand Finals, Nine Test Matches and Three World Cup matches. But most importantly, he spent countless years coaching, mentoring and developing referees so that they could all achieve the same wonderful experiences that he did through refereeing rugby league.

Although there can only be one recipient of this medal, it is not achieved without the help and support of his fellow officials. The development of officiating in the current game is very much around being part of a team of officials.

So importantly we also recognised the achievements of the Touch Judge of the Year, The NYC Referee of the Year, The Clubman of the Year and The Referee's Referee.

We have introduced a new award known as the Most Improved Award. This award is open to any official from either the NRL or the Emerging Referees Squad as a Referee, Touch Judge or Video Referee who has demonstrated significant improvement in their performance.

All officials should be very proud of their efforts, dedication and commitment to the season. No official is successful without the wonderful support of their family and close friends. I thank all the partners for their support in the endless hours that the referees were away from home. Additionally, for those times when they were at home but distracted by the demands of officiating in the elite competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for their unbelievable support and hard work throughout the season. Your contribution to the success of the squad this year is immeasurable. The demonstrated unwavering support of the NRL Management team including Dave Smith, Todd Greenberg and Nathan McGuirk is very much appreciated.

Please enjoy the event and on behalf of the management of the NRL Referees Squad, I congratulate all award winners.

Tony Archer  
Elite Performance Manager



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# NRL SQUAD

## Management, coaching and support staff:

Elite Performance Manager  
Tony Archer

Assistant Performance Manager  
Bernard Sutton

Assistant Coach  
Russell Smith

Emerging & development coach  
Shayne Hayne

Rugby League Consultant  
Andrew Dunemann

Touch Judge Coach  
Steve Chiddy

Referees Analyst  
Kristy Mills

Referees Operations Manager  
Don Stuart

Physiotherapist  
Michelle Minichiello

Strength & Conditioning Manager  
Cameron Black

Strength & Conditioning coach  
Reece Williams

PhD student  
Matt Jeffries

## On-field members:

Number	Name
52	Matt Cecchin
58	Steve Carrall
64	Russell Turner
70	Gerard Sutton
71	Gavin Badger
72	Jeff Younis
79	Ben Cummins
85	Jason Walsh
87	Alan Shortall
89	Jared Maxwell
92	Chris James
93	Adam Devcich
95	Brett Suttor
98	Gavin Reynolds
100	Rickey McFarlane

Number	Name
101	Ashley Klein
102	Adam Reid
103	Grant Atkins
104	Gavin Morris
106	Henry Perenara
107	David Munro
108	Adam Gee
109	Michael Wise
110	Clayton Sharpe
112	Chris Butler
114	Nick Morel
115	Shane Rehm
116	Peter Gough
117	Nick Beashel
118	David Ryan

Number	Name
124	Matt Noyen
127	Chris Sutton
131	Jon Stone
132	Anthony Elliott
133	Phil Henderson
134	Belinda Sleeman
135	Lawrence McDonnell
136	Kasey Badger
138	Tim Roby
139	Rohan Best
140	Kena Waikai
141	Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski

## Video Referees:

Number	Name
4	Steve Clark
5	Steve Chiddy
55	Shayne Hayne

Number	Name
94	Bernard Sutton
105	Luke Phillips
121	Luke Patten

Number	Name
128	Steve Folkes
130	Ben Galea
137	Daniel Irvine



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# DEBUTS

## Referees



**Matt Noyen**  
*235<sup>th</sup> First Grade Referee*



*Round 1*  
*Hunter Stadium*  
*Newcastle*



## Touch Judges



**Lawrence McDonnell**  
*342<sup>nd</sup> First Grade*  
*Touch Judge*



*Round 4*  
*WIN Stadium*  
*Wollongong*



**Kasey Badger**  
*343<sup>rd</sup> First Grade*  
*Touch Judge*



*Round 7*  
*CBus Super Stadium*  
*Gold Coast*



**Tim Roby**  
*344<sup>th</sup> First Grade*  
*Touch Judge*



*Round 9*  
*GIO Stadium*  
*Canberra*



**Rohan Best**  
*345<sup>th</sup> First Grade*  
*Touch Judge*



*Round 19*  
*Hunter Stadium*  
*Newcastle*



**Nick Morel**  
*( Was previously a late fill-in*  
*due to injury in 2011)*



*Round 21*  
*CBus Super Stadium*  
*Gold Coast*



**Kena Waikai**  
*346<sup>th</sup> First Grade*  
*Touch Judge*



*Round 24*  
*Mt Smart Stadium*  
*Auckland, NZ*



**Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski**  
*347<sup>th</sup> First Grade*  
*Touch Judge*



*Round 24*  
*CBus Super Stadium*  
*Gold Coast*



## Video Referee



**Daniel Irvine**  
*54<sup>th</sup> Video Referee*



*Round 8*  
*Hunter Stadium*  
*Newcastle*





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# RETIREMENTS

The following on-field squad members retired after the 2014 Col Pearce Medal presentation:

## #55 Shayne Hayne



Touch Judge debut Round 1, 2000  
Referee debut Round 4, 2001  
Retired from on-field duties after 15 seasons service  
Appointed to a total of 397 on field NRL games:  
328 as a Referee, including 4 Grand Finals – 2009, 10, 13 & 14  
69 as a Touch Judge, including 2 Grand Finals – 2001 & 02  
(Plus Video Referee for 12 games, including the 2012 Grand Final)  
Referee - Australia vs New Zealand 2014  
Referee - 14 State of Origin games 2007 to 2014  
Referee - City vs Country 2007  
Referee - World Cup tournaments 2008 & 2013  
Referee - Four Nations tournament 2009  
Transition into NRL Coach and Video Referee positions

## #96 Phil Haines



Touch Judge debut Round 2, 2008  
Referee debut Round 10, 2008  
Retired from on-field duties after 7 seasons service  
Appointed to a total of 103 NRL games  
including 78 as a Referee and 25 as a Touch Judge  
Representative honours:  
Referee – PNG vs Australia Prime Ministers' XIII 2012  
Touch Judge – Pacific Cup 2009  
Referee – Malta vs Lebanon 2006

## #97 Daniel Eastwood



Touch Judge debut Round 5, 2008  
Retired from on-field duties after 7 seasons service  
171 NRL Touch Judge appointments, including 2011 Grand Final  
Representative honours:  
Touch Judge - 2 State of Origin games 2011  
Touch Judge - City vs Country 2011

## #99 Luke Potter



Touch Judge debut Round 13, 2008  
Retired from on field duties after 7 seasons service  
113 NRL Touch Judge appointments, including 4 finals series games  
Representative honours:  
Touch Judge - City vs Country 2011

The following Video Referees retired after the 2014 Col Pearce Medal presentation:

**#34 Chris Ward**

NRL Video Referee debut Round 1, 1998 (Inaugural NRL round)

Retired from NRL squad after 17 years' service

442 Video Referee NRL games, including 5 Grand Finals – 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006 & 2012

Representative honours:

Video Referee 7 State of Origin games 1998 to 2011

Video Referee City vs Country games – 2004 & 2013

Video Referee Australia vs New Zealand 2000 & 2006

Video Referee Tri-nations tournament 2005

(Also refereed 136 NSWRL/ARL fixtures prior to the establishment of the NRL)

**#113 Paul Mellor**

Debut Round 12, 2011

Retired after 4 years of Video Referee duties

54 NRL Video Referee appointments, including 1 finals series appointment

(Also played over 260 first grade games in Australia & UK Super League)

**#123 Matt Rodwell**

Debut Round 2, 2013

Retired after 2 years of Video Referee duties

47 NRL Video Referee appointments, including 1 finals series appointment

(Also played over 185 first grade games in Australia UK Super League)

**# 126 Reece Williams**

Debut Round 2, 2013

Retired after 2 years of Video Referee duties

28 NRL Video Referee appointments

1 NRL Touch Judge appointment - Round 26, 2013

(Also played nearly 100 first grade games in the NRL)

Transition into NRL Referees' Strength & Conditioning staff member

**#129 Andrew Dunemann**

Debut Round 1, 2014

Retired after 1 year of Video Referee duties

15 NRL Video Referee appointments

(Also played over 260 first grade games in Australia UK Super League)

Continued service as NRL Referees' Rugby League consultant staff member
















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# MILESTONES















<b>250</b> games	<b>Ben Cummins</b> Referee		<i>Finals Week 1 Allianz Stadium Sydney</i>	
	<b>Gavin Badger</b> Referee		<i>Finals Week 2 1300 Smiles Stadium Townsville</i>	

<b>200</b> games	<b>Matt Cecchin</b> Referee		<i>Round 6 GIO Stadium Canberra</i>	
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<b>150</b> games	<b>Rickey McFarlane</b> Touch Judge		<i>Round 5 Hunter Stadium Newcastle</i>	
	<b>Adam Reid</b> Touch Judge		<i>Round 5 Allianz Stadium Sydney</i>	
	<b>Gerard Sutton</b> Referee		<i>Round 6 Suncorp Stadium Brisbane</i>	
	<b>Alan Shortall</b> Referee		<i>Round 15 Hunter Stadium Newcastle</i>	
	<b>Bernard Sutton</b> Video Referee		<i>Round 21 ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park</i>	



**100**  
games

<b>Luke Patten</b> Video Referee		Round 2 Brookvale Oval Sydney	
<b>Grant Atkins</b> Touch Judge		Round 5 ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park	
<b>Adam Devcich</b> Referee		Round 5 AAMI Park Melbourne	
<b>Nick Beashel</b> Touch Judge		Round 10 Hunter Stadium Newcastle	
<b>Luke Phillips</b> Video Referee		Round 12 GIO Stadium Canberra	
<b>Michael Wise</b> Touch Judge		Round 18 GIO Stadium Canberra	
<b>Steve Chiddy</b> Video Referee		Round 18 ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park	

**50**  
games

<b>Brett Suttor</b> Touch Judge		Round 1 Pepper Stadium Penrith	
<b>David Ryan</b> Touch Judge		Round 2 Carrington Park Bathurst	
<b>Ben Galea</b> Video Referee		Round 11 ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park	
<b>Steve Folkes</b> Video Referee		Round 20 Mt Smart Stadium Auckland, NZ	
<b>Grant Atkins</b> Referee		Round 22 AAMI Park Melbourne	



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# REPRESENTATIVE GAMES



Auckland 9's  
Grand Final  
Auckland

Referee: Matt Cecchin  
Touch Judges: Chris Butler & Chris Sutton  
In-goal: Adam Devcich & Gavin Reynolds



Junior Kangaroos vs  
Junior Kiwis  
Gold Coast

Referee: Grant Atkins  
Touch Judges:  
Belinda Sleeman & Lawrence McDonnell



Trans-Tasman Test  
Match  
Australia vs New  
Zealand  
Brisbane

Referee: Gerard Sutton  
Touch Judges: Anthony Elliott & Nick Beashel  
Video Referees: Bernard Sutton & Henry Perenara



NSW vs Queensland  
Under-20's  
Brisbane

Referee: Matt Noyen  
Touch Judges:  
Belinda Sleeman & Nick Morel



Test Matches  
Gold Coast

Samoa vs Tonga

Referee: Ben Cummins  
Touch Judges: Brett Suttor & Michael Wise  
Video Refs: Steve Chiddy & Luke Patten

Fiji vs Papua New  
Guinea

Referee: Matt Cecchin  
Touch Judges: Jeff Younis & Chris Sutton  
Video Refs: Bernard Sutton & Luke Patten





City vs Country  
Wagga Wagga

Referees: Adam Devcich & Allan Shortall  
Touch Judges: Russell Turner & Rickey MacFarlane  
Video Referees: Ashley Klein & Ben Galea



State of Origin  
New South Wales  
vs Queensland

Game I: Sydney  
Game II: Melbourne  
Game III: Brisbane

Referees: Gerard Sutton & Ben Cummins  
Touch Judges: Brett Suttor & Nick Beashel  
Video Referees: Bernard Sutton & Luke Patten



Australia Prime  
Ministers XIII vs Papua  
New Guinea Kumuls  
Port Moresby

Referee: Gavin Reynolds  
Touch Judges: Benson Kaupa & Paul Wanu  
In-goal: Aron Henry & Ronin Talopa







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# GRAND FINALS



2015  
NRL State  
Championship  
Grand Final

Ipswich Jets vs  
Newcastle  
Knights

ANZ Stadium,  
Sydney

Referees: Matt Noyen

Touch Judges: Belinda Sleeman & Rohan Best

Video Referees: Ashley Klein & Ben Galea

Standby: Jon Stone



2015  
Holden Cup  
Under 20's  
Grand Final

Penrith vs  
Manly-  
Warringah

ANZ Stadium,  
Sydney

Referees: Adam Gee & Peter Gough

TJ's: Anthony Elliott & Lawrence McDonnell

Video Referees: Steve Chiddy & Henry Perenara

Standby: Jon Stone







2015 National Rugby League Telstra Premiership Grand Final  
Brisbane vs North Queensland  
ANZ Stadium, Sydney

Referees: Gerard Sutton & Ben Cummins  
Touch Judges: Steve Carrall & Brett Suttor  
Video Referees: Bernard Sutton & Luke Patten  
Standby: Matt Cecchin & Nick Beashel



Andrew Alchin (trainer), Steve Carrall, Ben Cummins, Gerard Sutton, Brett Suttor, Chris Bettiol (trainer)

## All-time First Grade Grand Final Referee appointments

10	Bill Harrigan
8	Darcy Lawler
7	Jack O'Brien
6	Tony Archer, Col Pearce & Lal Deane
5	Greg Hartley, George Bishop & Tom McMahon Jnr
4	Shayne Hayne

Current squad members:	
3	Ben Cummins
2	Gerard Sutton
1	Matt Cecchin

## All-time Grand Final Touch Judge appointments

9	John Martin
8	Max Tomsett
6	Steve Carrall & George Taylor
5	Brian Barry
4	Paul Holland, Col White, Martin Weekes, Mick Ryan, J Kelly & Robert Brock

Current squad members:	
3	Russell Turner & Steve Chiddy
2	Jeff Younis, Matt Cecchin & Shayne Hayne
1	Brett Suttor & Jason Walsh

## All-time Grand Final Video Referee appointments

5	Chris Ward & Bill Harrigan
3	Mick Stone & Ian Parnaby
2	Bernard Sutton, Luke Patten, Steve Clark, Phil Cooley, Graeme West & John Gocher
1	Luke Phillips, Ashley Klein, Shayne Hayne, Russell Smith & Sean Hampstead



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# PREVIOUS WINNERS

## Col Pearce Medal



*Julie Sutton with 2015 award winner Gerard*

## Clubman of the year



*Simone Butler with 2015 award winner Chris*

Gerard Sutton	2015	Chris Butler
Gerard Sutton	2014	Chris Butler
Shayne Hayne	2013	Reece Williams
Ben Cummins	2012	Alan Shortall
Shayne Hayne	2011	Gavin Badger
Tony Archer	2010	Russell Smith
Shayne Hayne	2009	Ben Cummins
Tony Archer	2008	Klinton Hoare
Tony Archer	2007	Mick Stone
Steve Clark	2006	Steve Nash
Paul Simpkins	2005	Paul Kalina
Tim Mander	2004	Jason Robinson
	2003	Tony Archer

## Touch Judge of the year

2015	Brett Suttor
2014	Jason Walsh
2013	Russell Turner
2012	Russell Turner
2011	Daniel Eastwood
2010	Paul Holland



*Meaghan Suttor with 2015 award winner Brett*



## Emerging Squad (NYC) Referee of the year

From 2006 to 2012 this award was awarded to the  
"NRL Rookie of the year"



Louise Noyen with 2015 award winner Matt

2015	Matt Noyen
2014	Chris Sutton
2013	Chris Butler
2012	Gavin Morris
2011	Adam Devcich
2010	Ricky McFarlane
2009	Brett Suttor
2008	Alan Shortall
2006	Ben Cummins



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## Referees Referee



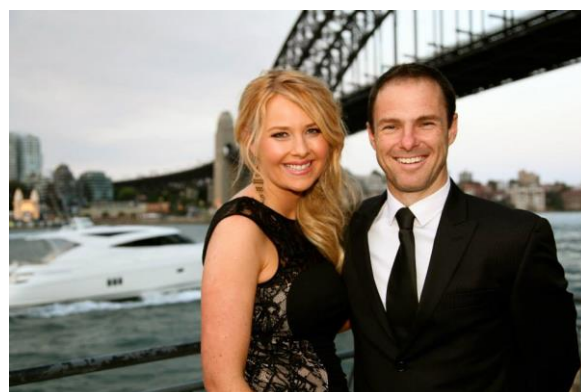
Chris Butler with retiring Referee Operations Manager Don "the ROM" Stuart – farewell Donny, you will be missed.

2015	Chris Butler
2014	Gerard Sutton
2013	Shayne Hayne
2012	Ben Cummins
2011	Ben Cummins
2010	Gerard Sutton
2009	Bernard Sutton
2008	Jason Robinson

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## Most improved official



Candice Shortall with 2015 award winner Alan

2015	Alan Shortall
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# NRL “CLUBS”

## REFEREES



300 Club includes pre-NRL  
300 Club members.

### 300 Club

Bill Harrigan 2000  
Col Pearce 1967

Steve Clark 2007  
Shayne Hayne 2013

### NRL 200 Club

Tony Archer 2009  
Jason Robinson 2013  
Ben Cummins 2013  
Jared Maxwell 2014  
Gavin Badger 2014  
Matt Cecchin 2015

### NRL 100 Club

Steve Lyons 2010  
Tony DeLas Heras 2012  
Ashley Klein 2012  
Alan Shortall 2013

Gerard Sutton 2013  
Brett Suttor 2013  
Chris James 2014  
Adam Devcich 2015

## TOUCH JUDGES



300 Club includes pre-NRL  
300 Club members

### 300 Club

Max Tomsett 1983  
Steve Betts 1999  
Steve Chiddy 2010  
Steve Carrall 2012  
Russell Turner 2013  
Paul Holland 2014

### NRL 200 Club

David Abood 2009  
Jeff Younis 2012

### NRL 100 Club

Phil Cooley 2001  
Steve Nash 2001  
Paul Kalina 2003  
Darren Gocher 2004  
Allen Foster 2004  
Pat Reynolds 2004  
Matt Cecchin 2006  
Rod Lawrence 2007  
Michael Jones 2008

Daniel Eastwood 2011  
Jason Walsh 2012  
Rickey McFarlane 2013  
Adam Reid 2013  
Luke Potter 2014  
Grant Atkins 2015  
Michael Wise 2015  
Nick Beashel 2015

## VIDEO REFEREES



### NRL 400 Club

Chris Ward 2013

### NRL 300 Club

Graeme West 2008

### NRL 200 Club

Phil Cooley 2009  
Steve Clark 2013

### NRL 100 Club

Ian Parnaby 2001  
John Gocher 2001  
Eddie Ward 2003  
Mick Stone 2004  
Tim Mander 2007  
Bill Harrigan 2009

Paul Simpkins 2010  
Sean Hampstead 2011  
Russell Smith 2011  
Bernard Sutton 2014  
Steve Chiddy 2015  
Luke Phillips 2015  
Luke Patten 2015





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## REFEREES

(Number in brackets indicates period of service)

ALL TIME		
Rank	Name	Games
1	Bill Harrigan (1986 - 2003)	393
2	Col Pearce (1947 - 1968)	343
3	Shayne Hayne (2001 - 2014)	328
4	Steve Clark (1992 - 2007)	314
5	Tony Archer (1999 - 2012)	295
6	Tim Mander (1992 - 2005)	292
7	Sean Hampstead (1996-2008)	290
8	Paul Simpkins (1996 - 2007)	284
9	Kevin Roberts (1975 - 1988)	273
10	Darcy Lawler (1944 - 1963)	272
11	Jack O'Brien (1940 - 1955)	262
12	Ben Cummins (Debut 2006)	253
13	Gavin Badger (Debut 2004)	251
14	Tom McMahon Jr (1933 - 1951)	246
15	Jared Maxwell (Debut 2006)	245
16	Graham Annesley (1982 - 1997)	244
17	Greg McCallum (1983 - 1994)	241
18	Laurie Bruyeres (1961 - 1975)	239
19	Matt Cecchin (Debut 2000)	225
20	Eddie Ward (1988 - 1998)	217
21	Tom McMahon Sr (1908 - 1926)	211
22	Jason Robinson (2003 - 2013)	210
23	George Bishop (1938 - 1952)	208
24	Keith Page (1967 - 1976)	206

CURRENT		
Rank	Name	Games
28	Ashley Klein* (Debut 2009)	180
33	Gerard Sutton (Debut 2009)	171
35	Alan Shortall (Debut 2008)	162
41	Chris James (Debut 2009)	136
47	Adam Devcich (Debut 2009)	116
51	Brett Suttor (2009 – 2014)	109
55	Gavin Morris (Debut 2010)	98
58	Henry Perenara (Debut 2011)	88
60	Gavin Reynolds (Debut 2010)	83
69	Grant Atkins (Debut 2011)	55
83	David Munro (Debut 2011)	43
85	Adam Gee (Debut 2011)	40
87	Russell Smith* (2005 & 2006)	38
90	Bernard Sutton (2007 – 2010)	37
111	Luke Phillips (2010 – 2014)	27
114	Chris Sutton (Debut 2000)	22
136	Matt Noyen (Debut 2015)	12
136	Steve Chiddy (1998)	12
138	Chris Butler (Debut 2014)	10
188	Steve Carrall (2001)	2
206	Michael Wise (2011)	1

\*\* Plus additional referee appointments in  
English Super League



Col Pearce in charge of one of his many test match appointments - New Zealand vs England.



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# TOUCH JUDGES

(Number in brackets indicates period of service)

ALL TIME		
Rank	Name	Games
1	Steve Carrall (Debut 2000) Russell Turner (Debut 2001)	380
3	Steve Chiddy (2000 - 2011) Steve Betts (1983 - 2000)	325
5	Paul Holland (2001 - 2014)	323
6	Max Tomsett (1968 - 1983)	308
7	George Benson (1967 - 1983)	294
8	Jeff Younis (Debut 2002)	282
9	David Abood (2001 - 2012)	279
11	Colin Jones (1983 - 1999) Gordon Hedger (1957 - 1975)	274
12	Brian Gately (1980 - 1992)	266
13	Brian Wiseman (1976 - 88)	265
14	Colin White (1985 - 1999)	264
15	Ian McCall (1971 - 1988)	259
16	Frank Walsh (1953 - 1977)	257
17	Michael Howell (1985 - 97)	242
18	John Martin (1955 - 1969)	230
19	Martin Weekes (1987 - 98)	218
20	Ross Picard (1985 - 1997) John Kelly (1969 - 1983)	213
22	Ernest Tinsley (1951- 1969)	206
23	Steve Nash (1979 - 2004)	205
24	Brian Barry (1962 - 1978)	200

CURRENT		
30	Jason Walsh (2005 - 2007, 2011 - )	179
32	Rickey McFarlane (Debut 2008)	174
33	Adam Reid (Debut 2009)	173
39	Matt Cecchin (2000 - 2008)	166
58	Nick Beashel (Debut 2011)	119
64	Michael Wise (Debut 2010)	110
71	Grant Atkins (Debut 2009)	101
93	Brett Suttor (Debut 2008)	82
102	David Ryan (Debut 2011)	73

CURRENT (CONTINUED)		
Rank	Name	Games
108	Shayne Hayne (2000 - 2005)	69
122	David Munro (Debut 2010) Gavin Reynolds (Debut 2008)	59
127	Gerard Sutton (2002-03, 2007-10)	54
136	Adam Devcich (2007 - 2010)	49
139	Clayton Sharpe (Debut 2010)	48
143	Chris Butler (Debut 2011)	46
147	Chris James (2007 - 2010, 2014)	45
152	Gavin Morris (2002, 2009 - 2014)	44
153	Alan Shortall (2005 - 2009)	43
163	Adam Gee (Debut 2010)	41
165	Gavin Badger (2002 - 2007)	37
173	Peter Gough (Debut 2011)	33
176	Henry Perenara (2010 - 2012)	30
185	Chris Sutton (Debut 2013)	27
187	Ben Cummins (2004, 2011 - 2013)	26
196	Anthony Elliott (Debut 2014)	23
200	Luke Phillips (2009 - 2012)	21
219	Belinda Sleeman (Debut 2014) Bernard Sutton (2007 & 08)	17
223	Tony Archer (2000, 03 & 04)	16
226	Jared Maxwell (Debut 2006)	14
239	Shane Rehm (Debut 2011)	12
240	Kasey Badger (Debut 2015)	11
244	Phil Henderson (Debut 2014)	10
249	Matt Noyen (Debut 2013) Jon Stone (Debut 2014) Lawrence McDonnell (2015)	9
279	Rohan Best (Debut 2015)	5
289	Tim Roby (Debut 2015)	4
298	Nick Morel (Debut 2011)	3
310	Ziggy Przeklasa- Adamski (Debut 2015) Kena Waikai (Debut 2015)	2
327	Reece Williams (2013)	1





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# VIDEO REFEREES

(Number in brackets indicates period of service)

## ALL TIME

Rank	Name	Games
1	Chris Ward (1998 - 2014)	442
2	Graeme West (1998 - 2008)	302
3	Steve Clark (Debut 2003)	292
4	Phil Cooley (2002 - 2012)	279
5	Tim Mander (2003 - 2012)	187
6	Paul Simpkins (2004 - 2013)	163
	Bernard Sutton (Debut 2011)	
8	Bill Harrigan (2003 - 2010)	146
9	Luke Patten (Debut 2013)	145
10	Ian Parnaby (1998 - 2002)	141
11	Mick Stone (2001 - 2006)	139
12	John Gocher (1998 - 2002)	132
13	Sean Hampstead (2004 - 2013)	127
14	Luke Phillips (Debut 2013)	125
15	Russell Smith (2007 - 2012)	123
16	Steve Chiddy (2004, 2013 - )	119
17	Eddie Ward (1998 - 2003)	107

## CURRENT

Rank	Name	Games
19	Ben Galea (Debut 2014)	79
21	Steve Folkes (Debut 2014)	58
28	Shayne Hayne (Debut 2012)	49
	Ashley Klein (Debut 2013)	
30	Henry Perenara (Debut 2013)	39
31	Jared Maxwell (Debut 2013)	34
39	Daniel Irvine (Debut 2015)	16
41	Andrew Dunemann (2014)	15
42	Matt Cecchin (Debut 2012)	14
43	Gavin Badger (Debut 2013)	10
45	Alan Shortall (Debut 2012)	4
46	Gavin Reynolds (2013)	2
47	Chris Butler (2012)	1
	Adam Gee (2013)	
	Chris James (2012)	
	Tony Archer (2012)	

## The crowd roars...

COULD I, as an Englishman who badly wanted Great Britain to win the series, congratulate Col. Pearce on his brilliant refereeing.

I'm flabbergasted that, even in the heat of battle, his handling of the game could possibly have been questioned.

In years of travelling and following sport of all kinds I have NEVER seen a better referee in any code.

His firmness, speed of decision, absolute impartiality and his terrific judgment in ignoring minor infringements on either side so the game could flow, was, as Professor Sumner Miller would say 'a marvel to behold' — was it not Barnes?

He knew exactly WHEN to blow that whistle and the success of the third Test as a spectacle was in great measure a result of mature control.

If there is a better referee anywhere in any code I haven't seen him — congratulations Mr Pearce.

BOB ANDREWS,  
Darling Point.

What a contrast to our good, gentlemen footballers.

This display of unsportsmanship is a bad example to schoolboys.

"A FAIR PLAYER WHO CAN TAKE IT,"  
Tumut.

### Hypocrites

WHAT a mob of hypocrites we Aussies have turned out to be over the Tommy Bishop incident!

Maybe I am being my usual impulsive, speak-first-think-later self, but I seem to recall cases of Australian players jostling a referee on the last two Kangaroo tours.

They were not reprimanded, yet little Tommy is lashed at with all kinds of names.

In "The Sun" on July 27, Bishop stated publicly his shame at his behaviour after the Balmain match.

Anyone who is big enough to do that, does not deserve the treatment handed out.

By the way, some of the comments made in recent weeks smack of petty jealousy of "The Sun" and Channel 2 superior football.



# PEARCE THE MAN TO HEAD UP JUDICIARY

Former Test referee Col Pearce is the man to take over as chairman of the NSW Rugby League judiciary.

That's the verdict of Sydney's top players in a poll conducted exclusively for the Daily Mirror by Casmev Pty Ltd.

In the poll of 100 first-grade players Pearce cleared away from the rest of the field, collecting 33 votes, 8 ahead of Jack Gibson on 25 and prominent Sydney solicitor Jim Comans, who scored nine.

Players were asked to name the man they would like to see take over League's toughest job following the recent surprise retirement of Dick Dunn as chairman of the judiciary.

They were asked to consider men both inside and outside the game and this led to a variety of nominees, ranging from Bob Hawke, Kevin Ryan, Gary Cook and Rex Mossop to the more fancied nominations of Pearce, Gibson and Comans.

Even the former "wild man" of league Noel Kelly figured in the voting as did former referees Keith Page, Keith Holman and Laurie Bruyeres.

## Popular

But Pearce, one of the most popular referees in the history of Australian Rugby League and now a Sydney radio commentator, emerged a clear favorite with the players.

"There's not a fairer man connected with the game than Col Pearce," said Canterbury's star three-quarter Peter Mortimer.

"Col's fully aware of the problems which players face especially in the heat of the moment when they lash



Col Pearce... "no fairer man."



out in retaliation -- I think he would be ideal for the job."

Another who chose Pearce was Parramatta's champion Test centre Mick Cronin.

"Having been a referee Col Pearce has the ability to differentiate between deliberate actions and those

which are reflex," said Cronin.

Those who favored Jack Gibson did so because of the big fellow's straight-talking no-nonsense approach to the game.

"Jack Gibson doesn't pull any punches... with him a spade's a spade. He's straight down the line and would certainly give the players a fair go," said Canterbury winger Steve Gearin.

## POLL RESULTS

- 33—Col Pearce
- 25—Jack Gibson
- 9—Jim Comans
- 6—Ron Coote
- 4—Laurie Bruyeres
- 3—Keith Holman
- 2—Bob Hawke; Gary Cook; Rex Mossop; Kevin Ryan
- 1—Noel Kelly; Paul Broughton; Terry Fearnes; Keith Page; Barry Wilson
- 7—No comment