



Greg (right) dives in for a try; (left) Greg gets a hug from Justin Hodges.



# Green & Gold Glory

It's hard to believe, but just two short years ago, Greg Inglis was making his NRL first grade debut for the Melbourne Storm. Jump forward to October 12, 2006, and Greg was playing in his first international match for Australia.

So amazing has been the remarkable rise of this talented young star from Kempsey that even Mal Meninga has publicly stated he believes Greg will one day eclipse his record of most games played for Australia.

Not surprisingly, Greg scored on his international debut, and was only denied another by an incorrect refereeing decision after a spectacular 50 metre bolt to the try line.

In the dying stages of the match, Greg took a difficult pass from Mark

**They're two of Australian football's most promising young stars – Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis excelled in Australia's 30-18 victory over New Zealand in the first match of the Tri-Nations series.**

Gasnier above his head and held it in his left hand as he snuck over with about a centimetre to spare between the sideline and the corner post.

"I don't know how I scored that try, that's all I can say," Greg said modestly after the match.

While Greg provided the highlights in the backline, it was Johnathan Thurston, playing in only his third match since July, who orchestrated Australia's win from the halves, scoring five goals and keeping the Roos in control throughout the game in a man-of-the-match-winning performance.

With Andrew Johns now retired from international football, Johnathan's performance takes him even closer to making the Test No. 7 his own.





## Preparation for Reading

This report tells us about some of our promising young rugby league stars who have been playing in the Tri Nations Series against New Zealand and Great Britain.

Two years ago, Greg Inglis made his debut for Melbourne Storm and now he is part of the Australian team, scoring a difficult try in his international debut against New Zealand.

Jonathan Thurston has also been producing some outstanding form during the series so far.

## ACTIVITY 1: READ GREEN AND GOLD GLORY ON PAGE 7

Skimming for main ideas

1. Which rugby league series is this report about?

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2. Which team does Greg Inglis play for in the NRL?

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3. According to the report, what were the highlights of Greg Inglis' performance in Australia's win over New Zealand?

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4. What position would Jonathan Thurston like to secure in the Australian team?

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## ACTIVITY 2: SCANNING FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

1. Football great Mal Meninga has predicted that Greg Inglis will one day "\_\_\_\_\_ his record of most games played for Australia."

In this sentence, what does the word "eclipse" mean?

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2. Describe how Greg Inglis scored his debut try in the match.

Greg took a \_\_\_\_\_ pass from \_\_\_\_\_ above his \_\_\_\_\_ and held it in his \_\_\_\_\_ hand. There was only about a \_\_\_\_\_ between the sideline and the corner \_\_\_\_\_ .



3. How did Greg describe his try?

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4. Why is Greg's description of this try described as "modest"?

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5. Who kept control of the game from the half position?

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6. Jonathan Thurston wants to keep playing for Australia at the No 7 position. TRUE FALSE

### ACTIVITY 3: TRI NATIONS RESULTS

Australia beat Great Britain 33-10 in the rugby league Tri-Nations game on Saturday November 18 in Brisbane. This means that the series final will be held between Australia and New Zealand.

Justin Hodges, Mark Gasnier, Karmichael Hunt, Darren Lockyer, Anthony Tupou and Brent Tate scored tries for the Kangaroos, who will now face defending champion New Zealand in the tournament's decider on November 25.

#### TRI-NATIONS RESULTS AND SCHEDULE:

Date played	Score	Where played
October 14	Australia 30 def NZ 18	Auckland NZ
October 21	Australia 20 def NZ 15	Melbourne Vic
October 28	NZ 18 def Great Britain 14	Christchurch NZ
November 4	Great Britain 23 def Australia 12	Sydney NSW
November 11	NZ 34 def Great Britain 4	Wellington NZ
November 18	Australia 33 def Great Britain 10	Brisbane Qld
November 25 FINAL	Australia v NZ	Sydney NSW

1. How many games did Australia win against New Zealand? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where did these games take place?

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3. How many times did New Zealand defeat Great Britain? \_\_\_\_\_



4. What was the highest winning margin in the series overall?

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5. Where did the final take place? \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTIVITY 4: DIARY ENTRY

Imagine that you were at the game where Greg Inglis scored his first international try.

**Describe what it was like at the ground and how you felt when Greg scored his try.**

Remember:

- Use first person (I, me,...)
- Describe the most important things that happened
- Describe how you felt about being at the match and seeing Greg score his first international try
- Write about 100 words.

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