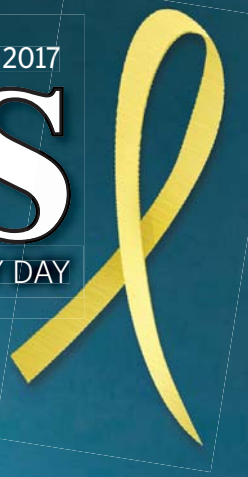




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Battle for captaincy

By ELENOA BASELALA

WHO will lead the Vodafone Fiji Bati pack to the 2017 Rugby League World Cup?

He may not have had his best season this year but Captain Jarryd Hayne?

One of Fiji's internationally renowned sporting sons, Hayne is one of the senior players earmarked to captain the Fiji Bati to the RLWC to be held in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

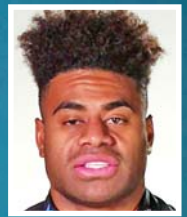
The battle for captaincy is between Hayne, Kevin Naiqama and Ashton Sims. Naiqama and Sims had in the past captained Fiji.

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Sims.
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Naiqama.
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Jarryd Hayne is one of the top bets to captain the Fiji Bati to the Rugby League World Cup this year.
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MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

149 dead

Fijians shaken after devastating experience

By TEVITA VUIBAU

FIJIANs living in earthquake devastated Mexico City have thanked God for bringing them through yesterday's powerful earthquake.

As of last night, there were 149 people confirmed dead.

The death toll from the magnitude 7.1

disaster is expected to increase as first responders and other rescuers continue to comb the rubble of the Mexican capital in search of survivors and victims.

The quake rocked the high altitude Mexican capital Mexico City on Tuesday morning (Wednesday morning Fiji time), toppling buildings, cutting off electricity supply to 3.8 million people and causing

widespread damage.

Sera Saukawa Qarau, who lives just outside Mexico City, said Fijians in the area were shaken after coming through the experience but were thankfully unharmed.

"We live just outside of Mexico City and yes, the tremors were felt everywhere," she told this newspaper.

"We believe from watching the news,

the downtown area or CBD area of Mexico City was badly hit in certain areas, with buildings collapsing. The videos are now on Youtube. In another state of Mexico called Morelos, it was badly hit with 42 people already dead and the number could rise."

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