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**MESSAGE FROM THE SANZAR CEO, GREG PETERS**

Hello all and welcome to Super Rugby 2013!

Last year saw the highly successful conference format continue for the second season, becoming the most watched (both live at ground and on television) Super Rugby competition after seventeen years of being the Southern Hemisphere's preeminent rugby showpiece.

The 2012 season also saw a healthy 16% increase in overall viewing numbers across the three Conferences, while ground attendance jumped by 4% across the board.

The Chiefs became just the sixth team to win the competition, beating the Sharks in a pulsating Super Rugby Final.

The Game Measures, key benchmarks to track the game, performed beyond expectations this season based on pre-season targets.

These measures, put in place with consultation with coaches and referees, yielded some outstanding results.

The ball was in play just under 35 minutes a match, completed 'first hit' scrums sat at 60% (up 15% from 2011), while this season kicks in play were at just 41 a game (compared with 72 in the 2009 Super Rugby competition).

We continue to review Super Rugby with key stakeholders, ensuring that the competition continues to serve up some of the best rugby action you can see!

We will also continue to utilise new trials, including the successful white card seen in 2012 Super Rugby, while extra powers to the TMO will see Super Rugby be at the forefront of innovation to the game.

The 2013 season is a historic one that sees the introduction of the Southern Kings from South Africa.

The Southern Kings will take the place of the Lions, giving the Eastern Province region of the Republic representation for the first time.

This Super Rugby season will also see some unique rounds of action featuring Australian teams only, with the 2013 British and Irish Lions Tour meaning the competition will start a week earlier for the Conference, also giving Australian sides an extended break in June.

As always a bumper campaign is ahead, and we extend best wishes to all Franchises, players, coaches and referees for a fantastic Super Rugby 2013 and to the media, thank you for your on-going support of Super Rugby and spreading the action to the fans.

We look forward to enjoying the new season with you.

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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## COMPETITION INFORMATION

The Super Rugby tournament comprises 15 teams – five each from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

This season Super Rugby welcomes the Kings as the three-Conference system features for the third season. The Kings, based in Port Elizabeth and in the Eastern Province region of South Africa, replace the Lions, who finished at the bottom of the South African Conference in the 2012 season.

The tournament features a three-Conference system where the teams in each country make up nationally-based Conferences and play their four 'local' rivals on a home and away basis (eight games in total). They will also play four of the five teams in each of the other two Conferences on a home and away basis (another eight games).

During the Regular Season, each team will play a total of 16 matches and will have two byes.

In each country the teams will be ranked in separate Australian Conference, New Zealand Conference and South African Conference tables.

In the overall competition standings, the three Conference leaders will occupy the top three places, followed by the three next-best "wildcards", from any of the Conferences, based on their log points.

After the completion of the Regular Season, a three-week Super Rugby Finals Series will take place involving the three Conference winners and the three best-placed "wildcards", irrespective of the Conference in which they are based.

The teams ranked 1 and 2 have a bye during the first week of the Finals Series with the teams ranked 3 to 6 taking part in Qualifiers to secure a place in the Semi-Finals. Teams 1 and 2 will host home semi-finals against the two qualifier winners.

With the Conference winners ensured of home advantage, at least one Finals Series match will be played in each country each year.

In 2013 the regular season will be extended to 20 rounds, with specific Australian Conference only rounds, and specific New Zealand and South African Conference rounds, which will accommodate the British and Irish Lions Tour to Australia.

In June the competition will break for each respective country's inbound Tests series.

## SUPER RUGBY 2013 AT A GLANCE:

- 125 matches will be played during the Regular Season
- 40 Regular Season matches will be played in each country
- There will be 20 Regular Season 'local derbies' in each country
- 50% of all Regular Season matches will be 'local derbies'
- Each team will play 12 of its 16 Regular Season games within its own country – with only four matches overseas

## COMPETITION RULES

### CONFERENCES

The Super Rugby competition will consist of 15 Teams across three Conferences as follows:

NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE "NZC"	AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE "AC"	SOUTH AFRICAN CONFERENCE "SAC"
Blues	Brumbies	Bulls
Chiefs	Rebels	Cheetahs
Crusaders	Reds	Kings
Highlanders	Waratahs	Sharks
Hurricanes	Western Force	Stormers

### REGULAR SEASON

Each Team will play 16 matches during the Regular Season with eight matches played at home venues and eight matches played at away venues. The opposition for these matches will be determined as follows:

- Internal Conference Matches** – a team will play each of the four other teams in its Conference on two occasions meaning a total of eight Internal Conference Matches. With one match against each team played at a home venue and one match played at an away venue this will result in four home matches and four away matches;
- Cross Conference Matches** – a team will play four of the five teams from each of the other Conferences on one occasion meaning a total of eight Cross Conference Matches. For the four teams from the other conferences two of these matches will be played at a home venue and two matches will be played at away venues for a total of four home and four away.

### POINTS TABULATION

Competition points will be awarded in all Regular Season matches on the following basis:

- Win 4 points
- Draw 2 points
- Loss 0 points for loss of more than 7 points
- Bonus 1 point for loss by 7 points or less
- Bonus 1 point for 4 tries or more
- Bye 4 Points

SANZAR will maintain and publish the following official competition tables:

- Separate Conference competition tables for the AC, NZC and SAC;
- A combined Super Rugby Standings table showing the 15 teams in order as determined by the Conference Tables.

## DETERMINING REGULAR SEASON TABLE PLACING AND SUPER RUGBY FINALS SERIES QUALIFICATION

### TIE BREAKING RULES

In the event of two or more teams being equal on competition points for any position on either the Conference or Super Rugby Standings tables, either during or at the end of the season, such position will be decided upon using the following steps until the tie is broken:

- Most wins from all matches;
- Highest aggregate points difference from all matches;
- Most tries from all matches;
- Highest aggregate difference of total tries for versus tries scored against from all matches;
- Coin toss.

### Six teams will qualify for the Finals Series at the conclusion of the Regular Season as follows:

- Conference Winners:** the team in each of the AC, NZC and SAC with the highest number of competition points will be the Conference Winner for the respective Conference and will qualify for the Finals Series. The three Conference Winners will receive a Finals Series Ranking as follows:
  - The team with the highest number of competition points will have a Finals Series Ranking of 1;
  - The team with the second highest number of competition points will have a Finals Series Ranking of 2;
  - The team with the third highest number of competition points will have a Finals Series Ranking of 3.
- Wildcard Teams:** the remaining three Finals Series places will be allocated to the three non-Conference Winning teams with the highest number of Super Rugby table competition points regardless of the Conference in which the team plays. The three Wildcard Teams will receive a Finals Series Ranking as follows:
  - The team with the highest number of competition points will have a Finals Series Ranking of 4;
  - The team with the second highest number of competition points will have a Finals Series Ranking of 5;
  - The team with the third highest number of competition points will have a Finals Series Ranking of 6.

### SUPER RUGBY FINALS SERIES FORMAT

The Super Rugby Finals Series will be played over three weeks and involve six matches in the following format:

FINALS WEEK	MATCH	NAME	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM
1	A	Qualifier Match	Rank 4	v	Rank 5
	B	Qualifier Match	Rank 3	v	Rank 6
2	C	Semi-Final	Rank 2	v	Winner of matches A or B with highest Finals Ranking
	D	Semi-Final	Rank 1	v	Other winner from matches A or B
3	E	Final	Winner of matches C or D with highest Finals Ranking		Other winner from matches C or D

## DETERMINING WINNERS OF SUPER RUGBY FINALS SERIES MATCHES

If the teams are tied at fulltime in any Finals Series Match then the following will apply until a winner is found:

- (a) Extra Time – played in two 10 minute periods with a two-minute half-time
- (b) Sudden Death – played for up to 10 minutes with the first team to score declared the winner
- (c) Kicking Competition

## MATCH CANCELLATIONS AND ABANDONMENT

In the event of a Match having to be cancelled or abandoned for any reason whatsoever, the following procedure shall apply:

- (i) In the event of a match being cancelled prior to match day, SANZAR will decide, based on all facts, the outcome of the match. The SANZAR Operations Manager will prepare a detailed report to the SANZAR CEO for consideration by the SANZAR Executive Committee.
- (ii) Where a match has been abandoned either at half-time or at any time in the second half the result shall stand;
- (iii) Where a match has been abandoned during the first half the result shall be declared as a draw; and
- (iv) In the case of a Final, should the match be abandoned in the first half; the finalists shall become the joint winners.
- (v) In the case of a Semi Final, including in the case of a draw resulting from (iii) above, the following shall apply;
- (vi) The Team scoring the most tries in the semi-final will be declared the winner.
- (vii) If the Teams are still tied after applying (a) above, the winner will be the Team with the higher Playoff Ranking following the Regular Season.

## MATCH OFFICIALS

All referee appointments for Super Rugby matches will be made by the SANZAR Referee Selectors. These will be advised in 3-4 week blocks, as the competition unfolds. The appointment process is based on “merit selection”. Where possible, the Selectors have agreed to avoid a referee appointed to his home franchise.

*Some of the information contained in this section has been summarised. Please contact SANZAR or your national union for the full text of these rules and policies and to seek further information on the rules.*

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

Daylight Savings Time ends in Australia and New Zealand on 7 April 2013.

Until 6 April 2013 (Round Eight):

- Australia: 2 hours behind New Zealand
- South Africa: 9 hours behind Australia (AEDT)
- South Africa: 11 hours behind New Zealand

From 7 April 2013 (Round Eight):

- Australia: 2 hours behind New Zealand
- South Africa: 8 hours behind Australia (AEDT)
- South Africa: 10 hours behind New Zealand

*Note: No Daylight Savings in WA or Queensland. WA is 2 hours behind AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time) and 3 hours behind AEDT (Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time)*

DAY & DATE	MATCH	HOME VENUE	KICK-OFF (LOCAL)
<b>ROUND 1</b>			
Friday 15 February	Rebels v Force	AAMI Park, Melbourne	19:40
Saturday 16 February	Brumbies v Reds	Canberra Stadium, Canberra	19:40
BYE: WARATAHS			
<b>ROUND 2</b>			
Friday 22 February	Highlanders v Chiefs	Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin	19:35
Friday 22 February	Rebels v Brumbies	AAMI Park, Melbourne	19:40
Friday 22 February	Bulls v Stormers	Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria	19:10
Saturday 23 February	Hurricanes v Blues	Westpac Stadium, Wellington	19:35
Saturday 23 February	Reds v Waratahs	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	18:40
Saturday 23 February	Cheetahs v Sharks	Free State Stadium, Bloemfontein	17:05
Saturday 23 February	Kings v Force	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth	19:10
BYE: CRUSADERS			
<b>ROUND 3</b>			
Friday 1 March	Blues v Crusaders	Eden Park, Auckland	19:30
Friday 1 March	Waratahs v Rebels	Allianz Stadium, Sydney	19:20
Friday 1 March	Reds v Hurricanes	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	20:20
Saturday 2 March	Chiefs v Cheetahs	Waikato Stadium, Hamilton	19:35
Saturday 2 March	Bulls v Force	Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria	17:05
Saturday 2 March	Sharks v Stormers	Mr Price King's Park, Durban	19:10
BYE: BRUMBIES, HIGHLANDERS, KINGS			

DAY & DATE	MATCH	HOME VENUE	KICK-OFF (LOCAL)
<b>ROUND 4</b>			
Friday 8 March	Hurricanes v Crusaders	Westpac Stadium, Wellington	19:35
Friday 8 March	Rebels v Reds	AAMI Park, Melbourne	19:40
Saturday 9 March	Highlanders v Cheetahs	Rugby Park, Invercargill	19:35
Saturday 9 March	Brumbies v Waratahs	Canberra Stadium, Canberra	19:40
Saturday 9 March	Stormers v Chiefs	DHL Newlands Stadium, Cape Town	17:05
Saturday 9 March	Kings v Sharks	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth	19:10
Sunday 10 March	Blues v Bulls	Eden Park, Auckland	16:05
BYE: FORCE			
<b>ROUND 5</b>			
Friday 15 March	Highlanders v Hurricanes	Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin	19:35
Friday 15 March	Waratahs v Cheetahs	Allianz Stadium, Sydney	19:40
Friday 15 March	Kings v Chiefs	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth	19:10
Saturday 16 March	Crusaders v Bulls	AMI Stadium, Addington Christchurch	19:35
Saturday 16 March	Reds v Force	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	18:40
Saturday 16 March	Sharks v Brumbies	Mr Price King's Park, Durban	17:05
BYE: BLUES, REBELS, STORMERS			
<b>ROUND 6</b>			
Friday 22 March	Chiefs v Highlanders	Waikato Stadium, Hamilton	19:35
Saturday 23 March	Crusaders v Kings	AMI Stadium, Addington Christchurch	19:35
Saturday 23 March	Reds v Bulls	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	18:40
Saturday 23 March	Force v Cheetahs	NIB Stadium, Perth	18:45
Saturday 23 March	Sharks v Rebels	Mr Price King's Park, Durban	17:05
Saturday 23 March	Stormers v Brumbies	DHL Newlands Stadium, Cape Town	19:10
Sunday 24 March	Waratahs v Blues	Allianz Stadium, Sydney	16:05
BYE: HURRICANES			
<b>ROUND 7 (Easter)</b>			
Friday 29 March	Highlanders v Reds	Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin	19:35
Saturday 30 March	Hurricanes v Kings	Westpac Stadium, Wellington	16:35
Saturday 30 March	Chiefs v Blues	Baypark Stadium, Mount Maunganui	19:35
Saturday 30 March	Brumbies v Bulls	Canberra Stadium, Canberra	19:40
Saturday 30 March	Cheetahs v Rebels	Free State Stadium, Bloemfontein	17:05
Saturday 30 March	Stormers v Crusaders	DHL Newlands Stadium, Cape Town	19:10
Sunday 31 March	Waratahs v Force	Allianz Stadium, Sydney	16:05
BYE: SHARKS			

DAY & DATE	MATCH	HOME VENUE	KICK-OFF (LOCAL)
<b>ROUND 8 (End of Day Light Savings Australia and New Zealand)</b>			
Friday 5 April	Blues v Highlanders	Eden Park, Auckland	19:35
Friday 5 April	Brumbies v Kings	Canberra Stadium, Canberra	19:40
Friday 5 April	Sharks v Crusaders	Mr Price King's Park, Durban	19:10
Saturday 6 April	Hurricanes v Waratahs	Westpac Stadium, Wellington	19:35
Saturday 6 April	Force v Rebels	NIB Stadium, Perth	16:40
Saturday 6 April	Cheetahs v Stormers	Free State Stadium, Bloemfontein	17:05
BYE: BULLS, CHIEFS, REDS			
<b>ROUND 9</b>			
Friday 12 April	Highlanders v Brumbies	Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin	19:35
Saturday 13 April	Chiefs v Reds	Waikato Stadium, Hamilton	16:35
Saturday 13 April	Blues v Hurricanes	Eden Park, Auckland	19:35
Saturday 13 April	Rebels v Kings	AAMI Park, Melbourne	19:40
Saturday 13 April	Force v Crusaders	NIB Stadium, Perth	19:45
Saturday 13 April	Stormers v Sharks	DHL Newlands Stadium, Cape Town	17:05
Saturday 13 April	Bulls v Cheetahs	Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria	19:10
BYE: WARATAHS			
<b>ROUND 10</b>			
Friday 19 April	Hurricanes v Force	Westpac Stadium, Wellington	19:35
Friday 19 April	Waratahs v Chiefs	Allianz Stadium, Sydney	19:40
Saturday 20 April	Crusaders v Highlanders	AMI Stadium, Addington Christchurch	19:35
Saturday 20 April	Reds v Brumbies	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	19:40
Saturday 20 April	Sharks v Cheetahs	Mr Price King's Park, Durban	17:05
Saturday 20 April	Kings v Bulls	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth	19:10
BYE: BLUES, REBELS, STORMERS			
<b>ROUND 11</b>			
Friday 26 April	Hurricanes v Stormers	FMG Stadium, Palmerston North	19:35
Friday 26 April	Reds v Blues	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	19:40
Saturday 27 April	Chiefs v Sharks	Waikato Stadium, Hamilton	19:35
Saturday 27 April	Brumbies v Force	Canberra Stadium, Canberra	19:40
Saturday 27 April	Bulls v Waratahs	Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria	17:05
Saturday 27 April	Cheetahs v Kings	Free State Stadium, Bloemfontein	19:10
Sunday 28 April	Crusaders v Rebels	AMI Stadium, Addington Christchurch	16:05
BYE: HIGHLANDERS			

DAY & DATE	MATCH	HOME VENUE	KICK-OFF (LOCAL)
<b>ROUND 12</b>			
Friday 3 May	Blues v Stormers	North Harbour Stadium, Albany	19:35
Friday 3 May	Rebels v Chiefs	AAMI Park, Melbourne	19:40
Saturday 4 May	Highlanders v Sharks	Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin	19:35
Saturday 4 May	Force v Reds	NIB Stadium, Perth	17:40
Saturday 4 May	Kings v Waratahs	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth	17:05
Saturday 4 May	Bulls v Hurricanes	Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria	19:10
Sunday 5 May	Brumbies v Crusaders	Canberra Stadium, Canberra	16:05
BYE: CHEETAHS			
<b>ROUND 13</b>			
Friday 10 May	Chiefs v Force	ECOLight Stadium, Pukekohe	19:35
Friday 10 May	Reds v Sharks	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	19:40
Friday 10 May	Cheetahs v Hurricanes	Free State Stadium, Bloemfontein	19:10
Saturday 11 May	Blues v Rebels	Eden Park, Auckland	19:35
Saturday 11 May	Waratahs v Stormers	Allianz Stadium, Sydney	19:40
Saturday 11 May	Kings v Highlanders	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth	17:05
BYE: BRUMBIES, BULLS, CRUSADERS			
<b>ROUND 14</b>			
Friday 17 May	Hurricanes v Chiefs	Westpac Stadium, Wellington	19:35
Friday 17 May	Rebels v Stormers	AAMI Park, Melbourne	19:40
Friday 17 May	Force v Sharks	NIB Stadium, Perth	19:45
Saturday 18 May	Crusaders v Blues	AMI Stadium, Addington Christchurch	19:35
Saturday 18 May	Waratahs v Brumbies	ANZ Stadium, Sydney	19:40
Saturday 18 May	Bulls v Highlanders	Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria	17:05
Saturday 18 May	Cheetahs v Reds	Free State Stadium, Bloemfontein	19:10
BYE: KINGS			
<b>ROUND 15</b>			
Friday 24 May	Chiefs v Crusaders	Waikato Stadium, Hamilton	19:35
Friday 24 May	Rebels v Waratahs	AAMI Park, Melbourne	19:40
Saturday 25 May	Blues v Brumbies	Eden Park, Auckland	19:35
Saturday 25 May	Force v Highlanders	NIB Stadium, Perth	17:40
Saturday 25 May	Kings v Cheetahs	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth	15:00
Saturday 25 May	Stormers v Reds	DHL Newlands Stadium, Cape Town	17:05
Saturday 25 May	Sharks v Bulls	Mr Price King's Park, Durban	19:10
BYE: HURRICANES			



DAY & DATE	MATCH	HOME VENUE	KICK-OFF (LOCAL)
<b>ROUND 16</b>			
Friday 31 May	Crusaders v Waratahs	AMI Stadium, Addington Christchurch	19:35
Friday 31 May	Brumbies v Hurricanes	Canberra Stadium, Canberra	19:40
Saturday 1 June	Highlanders v Blues	Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin	19:35
Saturday 1 June	Reds v Rebels	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	19:40
Saturday 1 June	Stormers v Kings	DHL Newlands Stadium, Cape Town	17:05
Saturday 1 June	Cheetahs v Bulls	Free State Stadium, Bloemfontein	19:10
BYE: CHIEFS, FORCE, SHARKS			
<b>ROUND 17 (Australian Teams ONLY)</b>			
Friday 7 June	Brumbies v Rebels	Canberra Stadium, Canberra	19:40
Sunday 9 June	Force v Waratahs	NIB Stadium, Perth	14:05
BYE: REDS			
<b>ROUND 18 (New Zealand and South African Teams ONLY)</b>			
Friday 28 June	Chiefs v Hurricanes	Waikato Stadium, Hamilton	19:35
Saturday 29 June	Highlanders v Crusaders	Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin	19:35
Saturday 29 June	Sharks v Blues	Mr Price King's Park, Durban	15:00
Saturday 29 June	Bulls v Kings	Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria	17:05
Saturday 29 June	Stormers v Cheetahs	DHL Newlands Stadium, Cape Town	19:10
<b>ROUND 19 (New Zealand and South African Teams ONLY)</b>			
Friday 5 July	Crusaders v Chiefs	AMI Stadium, Addington Christchurch	19:35
Saturday 6 July	Hurricanes v Highlanders	Westpac Stadium, Wellington	19:35
Saturday 6 July	Cheetahs v Blues	Free State Stadium, Bloemfontein	15:00
Saturday 6 July	Kings v Stormers	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth	17:05
Saturday 6 July	Bulls v Sharks	Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria	19:10
<b>ROUND 20</b>			
Friday 12 July	Crusaders v Hurricanes	AMI Stadium, Addington Christchurch	19:35
Friday 12 July	Rebels v Highlanders	AAMI Park, Melbourne	19:40
Saturday 13 July	Blues v Chiefs	Eden Park, Auckland	19:35
Saturday 13 July	Waratahs v Reds	ANZ Stadium, Sydney	19:40
Saturday 13 July	Force v Brumbies	NIB Stadium, Perth	19:45
Saturday 13 July	Sharks v Kings	Mr Price King's Park, Durban	17:05
Saturday 13 July	Stormers v Bulls	DHL Newlands Stadium, Cape Town	19:10
BYE: CHEETAHS			

**AUSTRALIA**

**BRUMBIES**

**REBELS**

**WARATAHS**

**REDS**

**WESTERN FORCE**



**SUPERUGBY**



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DAY & DATE	MATCH	HOME VENUE	KICK-OFF (LOCAL)
Super Rugby Qualifiers			
Friday 19 July			
Saturday 20 July			
Super Rugby Semi Finals			
Friday 26 July			
Saturday 27 July			
Super Rugby Final			
Saturday 3 August			



PLAYER	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Ben Alexander	Prop	1.89m	120kg	13.11.84
Fotu Auelua	No.8	1.89m	115kg	29.01.84
Sam Carter	Lock	2.00m	110kg	10.09.89
Robbie Coleman	Utility Back	1.79m	83kg	03.08.90
Tom Cox	Wing	1.86m	91kg	04.10.88
Colby Faingaa	Flanker	1.82m	100kg	31.03.91
Scott Fardy	Flanker	1.98m	110kg	05.07.84
Zack Homes	Flyhalf	1.75m	87kg	30.05.90
Peter Kimlin	Flanker/Lock	1.98m	110kg	11.07.85
Tevita Kuridrani	Wing/Centre	1.96m	102kg	31.03.91
Christian Lealiifano	Flyhalf/Centre	1.79m	95kg	24.09.87
Josh Mann-Rea	Hooker	1.81m	105kg	19.02.81
Pat McCabe	Utility Back	1.86m	94kg	21.03.88
Jesse Mogg	Fullback/Wing	1.87m	90kg	08.06.89
Stephen Moore	Hooker	1.86m	112kg	20.01.83
Ben Mowen	No.8/Flanker	1.95m	110kg	01.12.84
Ruaidhri Murphy	Prop	1.87m	119kg	05.07.87
Etienne Oosthuizen	Lock	1.98m	120kg	22.12.92
Dan Palmer	Prop	1.80m	112kg	13.09.88
David Pocock	Flanker	1.84m	104kg	23.04.88
Leon Power	Lock	2.00m	116kg	27.02.86
Ian Prior	Scrumhalf	1.79m	83kg	21.08.90
Clyde Rathbone	Centre/Wing	1.81m	93kg	23.07.81
Siliva Siliva	Hooker	1.77m	112kg	11.12.91
Scott Sio	Prop	1.87m	116kg	16.10.91
Jordan Smiler	Flanker	1.93m	107kg	19.06.85
Andrew Smith	Centre/Wing	1.94m	104kg	10.01.85
Ruan Smith	Prop	1.88m	121kg	24.01.90
Mark Swanepoel	Scrumhalf	1.81m	91kg	26.10.90
Henry Speight	Wing	1.86m	97kg	24.03.88
Joseph Tomane	Wing	1.90m	102kg	02.02.90
Matt Toomua	Flyhalf	1.82m	91kg	02.01.90
Ita Vaea	No.8/Flanker	1.87m	109kg	09.02.89
Stephan Van Der Walt	Outside Backs	1.92m	98kg	21.04.91
Nic White	Scrumhalf	1.73m	82kg	13.11.90



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## HOMEGROUND

Canberra Stadium  
 Battye Street,  
 Bruce ACT 2617  
 Australia  
 Capacity: 27,000

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Navy blue jersey with gold panels, three gold stripes and white trim.

**AWAY STRIP:** Navy blue jersey and navy socks with gold panels and gold panels.

## FIXTURES

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Saturday 16 February	Reds	Canberra Stadium	19:40
2	Friday 22 February	Rebels	AAMI Park	19:40
3	BYE			
4	Saturday 9 March	Waratahs	Canberra Stadium	19:40
5	Saturday 16 March	Sharks	Mr Price King's Park	17:05
6	Saturday 23 March	Stormers	DHL Newlands	19:10
7	Saturday 30 March	Bulls	Canberra Stadium	19:40
8	Friday 5 April	Kings	Canberra Stadium	19:40
9	Friday 12 April	Highlanders	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
10	Saturday 20 April	Reds	Suncorp Stadium	19:40
11	Saturday 27 April	Force	Canberra Stadium	19:40
12	Sunday 5 May	Crusaders	Canberra Stadium	16:05
13	BYE			
14	Saturday 18 May	Waratahs	ANZ Stadium	19:40
15	Saturday 25 May	Blues	Eden Park	19:35
16	Friday 31 May	Hurricanes	Canberra Stadium	19:40
17	Friday 7 June	Rebels	Canberra Stadium	19:40
18	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
19	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
20	Saturday 13 July	Force	nib Stadium	19:40

## MILESTONES

- Clyde Rathbone needs one more game to have 50 Brumbies Rugby caps
- Pat McCabe needs eight more caps to have 50 Brumbies Rugby and Super Rugby caps
- Dan Palmer needs 15 more games to have 50 Super Rugby caps

**JAKE WHITE – HEAD COACH**

Born: 13.12.63

Brumbies Rugby 2011 – present  
Coaching Debut: Springboks 2003

Other Coaching Roles: SA Under 21's,  
South African National Team 2003-2007  
(World Cup Winning Coach)

With more than 20 year's experience, which has taken him to success around the globe, White led the University of Canberra Brumbies out of the wilderness in 2012 to the cusp of the Super Rugby finals.

Starting from scratch, White restructured the entire rugby program in Canberra, surrounding himself with industry pace-setters like Dean Benton (Athletic Performance Coach), Laurie Fisher (Forwards Coach), Stephen Larkham (Backs Coach) and Tony Thorpe (Team Manager).

In less than 12 months, White took the Brumbies from Super Rugby strugglers to a team capable of challenging for the title. The Brumbies rugby program is once again attracting top-line players, with the world's best open-side flanker David Pocock joining the ACT based side last June.

**STEPHEN LARKHAM – BACKS COACH**

Born: 29.05.74

Brumbies Rugby – backs coach 2011 – present

Other Coaching Roles: Nil

One of the greatest fly-halves to ever play the game is quickly developing into a first-class backs coach. Now in his third year as the University of Canberra Brumbies back's mentor, Stephen Larkham has made the transition from player to coach seamlessly, with the 2012 backline humming throughout the season.

Watching Christian Lealiifano carve up defensive lines in 2012, Brumbies fans could have been forgiven for thinking they were watching their side from a decade earlier. Larkham has had a profound influence on Lealiifano's game, as well as Matt Toomua and Zack Holmes, helping the young playmakers with decision making and supplying their backline with opportunity.



## LAURIE FISHER – FORWARDS COACH



Born: 25.04.58

Brumbies Rugby 2001 – present

Other Coaching Roles:

1999-2001 – Brumby Runners Head Coach  
 1999-2001 – ACT President's XV Head Coach  
 2000-2002 – Australian Universities Head Coach  
 2000-2003 – Brumbies Academy Coach  
 2002-2003 – Canberra Vikings Head Coach  
 2002-2003 – Brumby Runners Head Coach  
 2003-2004 – Australian Under 21's Head Coach  
 2004 – Brumbies Forwards Coach  
 2005-2008 – Brumbies Head Coach  
 2009-2011 – Munster Forwards Coach  
 2012-2013 – Brumbies Forwards Coach

Laurie Fisher was born in Canberra and is the former Head coach of the ACT Brumbies, in charge of the team between 2005 and 2008.

He began his coaching career with the Brumbies in 2000 when he was appointed Head Coach of the Brumbies Rugby Academy and later assumed control of the Brumby Runners and the Canberra Vikings.

Fisher's contribution and devotion to the Brumbies as an assistant coach saw them earn success from 2000 as semi finalists, two time finalists and two time champions.

In February 2011 Munster Rugby announced that Laurie Fisher will end his association with the Irish Province at the close of the current season. During his time at the Irish Province, Munster have won the Magners League title, contested two Heineken and one Magners League semi final.

Laurie returned to Australia and is now Jake White's forwards coach.

## BEN ALEXANDER – PROP



Physical: 1.89m, 120kg

Born: 13.11.84

Province/Club: Uni-Norths Owls

Super Rugby Caps: 63

Super Rugby Points: 80 (16t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Reds, Canberra

Test Caps: 45

Test Points: 15 (3t)

Test Debut: 2008 v France, Sydney

Since bursting onto the scene in 2008, Ben Alexander has become Australia's most dependable prop.

Equally as efficient at either loose or tight-head, Alexander has clocked up 63 Super Rugby caps in record time and is fifth on the University of Canberra Brumbies all-time consecutive games-played list, behind George Smith, Bill Young, Nic Henderson and George Gregan.

A regular Wallaby since making his debut in 2008, Alexander will shoot for 50 Test caps while on spring tour. Alexander has had a steady influence over the national side for the last four years and is now a veteran of four European Spring Tours, countless inbound Tests and the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand.

**FOTU AUELUA – NO.8**

Physical: 1.89m, 115kg

Born: 29.01.84

Province/Club: Western Districts, ACT

Super Rugby Caps: 7

Super Rugby Points: 5 (t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Rebels, Canberra

A knee injury suffered in late 2011 while playing with NTT Communications in Japan held Auelua's debut back until week eight of the 2012 competition against the Rebels where Jake White threw the Samoan powerhouse into the deep end to start at No.8.

From there, Auelua played another six games throughout 2012, scoring his first career try in front of his family at Westpac Stadium in the University of Canberra Brumbies first win in Wellington over the Hurricanes since 2003.

Originally a league player who starred for the Parramatta Eels aged grade teams, Auelua was picked up by Trinity Grammar School in 2001 before switching to The Southport School on the Gold Coast midway through 2002.

**SAM CARTER – LOCK**

Physical: 2.00m, 115kg

Born: 10.09.89

Province/Club: Canberra Royals

Super Rugby Caps: 16

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Rebels, Canberra

Playing 15 games in 2012, Carter has emerged as a long-term option for Jake White in the University of Canberra Brumbies lock stocks.

Linking with his second-row partner Scott Fardy against the Hurricanes in Wellington, Carter scored a cracking try, his second in New Zealand having earlier touched down against the Chiefs in week four.

Carter is an aggressive ball carrier who gets through plenty of work. He is regularly among the team's top tackle makers and has worked hard at his set piece play throughout 2012. Props like having him on their back at scrum time, while his vertical elevation at line-out time makes his lifter's job a whole lot easier.

## ROBBIE COLEMAN – UTILITY BACK



Physical: 1.79m, 84kg

Born: 03.08.89

Province/Club: Queanbeyan Whites

Super Rugby Caps: 25

Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Reds, Canberra

Now in his third season of professional rugby, Robbie Coleman is one of Australia's most dangerous attacking options in broken play.

A slight player at just 1.79m and 84kg, what Coleman lacks in size he makes up for in pace off the mark and elusiveness. Over 40m Coleman is among the fastest players the Brumbies have ever had on their books providing him with ample opportunity to get over the try-line in 2013.

The 2010 Australian Under 20's Player of the Year was a world IRB Under 20's nominee in the same year, which he capped off with a silver medal at the Delhi Commonwealth Games in the men's sevens team.

## TOM COX – WING



Physical: 1.79m, 91kg

Born: 04.10.88

Province/Club: Uni-Norths Owls

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Pound for pound, Tom Cox is the quickest player the University of Canberra Brumbies have ever had on their books.

Brumbies fans were treated to glimpses of his speed during 2012 when the elusive winger was let loose against the Force in Darwin and again against Wales at Canberra Stadium.

On both occasions, Cox showed his brilliant best in open space, blitzing his opposite numbers through traffic to claim valuable metres.

**COLBY FAINGAA – FLANKER**


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Physical: 1.82m, 96kg

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Born: 31.03.91

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Province/Club: Tuggeranong Vikings

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Super Rugby Caps: 18

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Super Rugby Points: 0

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Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Chiefs, Canberra

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Colby Faingaa will be looking to bounce back in 2013 after a series of injuries kept him sidelined for the majority of 2012.

Despite being one of the strongest of the University of Canberra Brumbies forwards during his brief appearance in 2012, Faingaa spent the majority of the season working hard to get himself out of a moon boot and into something with studs.

The 2011 Australian Under 20's skipper has been earmarked as a future Wallaby since making his Brumbies debut against the Chiefs in 2010. A strong ball runner and gap-proof defender, Faingaa has all the qualities elite coaches are looking for when selecting a loose forward.

**SCOTT FARDY – FLANKER**


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Physical: 1.98m, 112kg

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Born: 05.07.84

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Province/Club: Western Districts, ACT

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Super Rugby Caps: 16

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Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Force, Canberra

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After years of running close to top gear, Scott Fardy blew the cogs out of his transmission in 2012 claiming 16 Super Rugby caps in what was his most rewarding season to date.

A hard grafter with an admirable work ethic, Fardy has had half starts with the Waratahs and Western Force Academy systems but couldn't break into either club's game day 22.

A last chance EPS contract at the University of Canberra Brumbies saw Fardy handed a final role of the dice in 2012, with the bearded bushranger from the beaches providing the ACT based side with a tireless work horse.

## ZACK HOLMES – FLYHALF



Physical: 1.75m, 87kg
Born: 30.05.90
Province/Club: Tuggeranong Vikings
Super Rugby Caps: 8
Super Rugby Points: 89 (2t, 8c, 21p)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Chiefs, Mt Maunganui

A standout debut season with the University of Canberra Brumbies has thrust Zack Holmes into the spotlight as the talented playmaker prepares to stake his claim on a starting spot for the 2013 Super Rugby season.

After featuring heavily for the Brumbies during their 2012 trial matches in Darwin and Cairns, Holmes made his Super Rugby debut against the Chiefs in New Zealand, ironically the same side his father had played for just over a decade earlier.

Injuries to Matt Toomua and Christian Lealiifano provided plenty of opportunity for Holmes in 2012. He took his chances with both hands, including an eye catching starting debut against the Hurricanes in Wellington that netted him 22 points and Man of the Match honours.

## PETER KIMLIN – FLANKER/LOCK



Physical: 1.98m, 114kg
Born: 11.07.85
Province/Club: Western Districts, ACT
Super Rugby Caps: 60
Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Stormers, Canberra
Test Caps: 2
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2009 v Italy, Canberra

Eclipsing 50 caps against the Reds in Brisbane during 2012 was a just reward for Kimlin after overcoming a series of character defining injuries earlier in his career.

The powerful lock-come-flanker has re-established himself as one of Australia's premier big forwards, consistently leading the pack over the advantage line thanks to his trademark line-breaks.

At almost two metres tall, Kimlin proves incredibly hard to handle when given space and moves faster over 40m than any other University of Canberra Brumbies forward. A local boy out of the prestigious Canberra Grammar School, Kimlin has been representing the ACT since he was a junior, through the Under 16's, Schoolboys and into the Brumbies Academy.

**TEVITA KURIDRANI – WING / CENTRE**


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 Physical: 1.92m, 102kg
 

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 Born: 31.03.91
 

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 Province/Club: Queanbeyan Whites
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 9
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 0
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Reds, Brisbane
 

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After drawing comparisons to Lote Tuqiri in 2012, Tevita Kuridrani will be looking to capitalise on his size and strength to stamp authority over the University of Canberra Brumbies outside backs in 2013.

From the first glimpses Brumbies fans were treated to of Kuridrani during the trial game against the Force in Darwin, the Fijian native has not failed to live up to his hype, cutting through defensive lines and causing wingers and fullbacks headaches whenever he's involved with play.

Kuridrani's extra-long legs allow him to glide past would-be defenders while a deadly fend and subtle left-foot step are enough to keep the best of defenders second guessing.

**CHRISTIAN LEALIIFANO – FLYHALF / CENTRE**


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 Physical: 1.79m, 92kg
 

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 Born: 24.09.87
 

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 Province/Club: Tuggeranong Vikings
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 52
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 169 (5t, 21c, 32p, 2dg)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Crusaders, Christchurch
 

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Christian Lealiifano is one of the most talented playmakers the University of Canberra Brumbies have ever produced.

His leadership through the early rounds of 2012 proved invaluable for the most inexperienced Brumbies backline in more than a decade. Following a season ending injury to Matt Toomua against the Sharks, Lealiifano blossomed in the No 10 jersey creating opportunities for outside backs like Henry Speight, Joe Tomane, Jesse Mogg and Andrew Smith to shine.

Of the last four Super Rugby seasons, Lealiifano has suffered year-ending injuries three times, with the latest a nasty ankle break against the Waratahs 10 games into the 2012 season.

## JOSH MANN-REA – HOOKER



Physical: 1.81m, 105kg

Born: 19.02.81

Province/Club: Gungahlin Eagles

Super Rugby Caps: 1

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Stormers,  
Cape Town

Josh Mann-Rea returned to Australian rugby and the Waratahs in 2012 after three successful years in the Japanese Top-League with Kyuden Voltex in Fukuoka.

A strong, bullocking ball-runner, Mann-Rea adds experience to the Brumbies squad having been on the professional rugby circuit for more than a decade. One of three hookers in the Brumbies stocks for the 2013 season, Mann-Rea has played with several of his new team mates while part of Waratahs Academy in 2006, including Dan Palmer and Scott Fardy.

## PAT MCCABE – UTILITY BACK



Physical: 1.86m, 94kg

Born: 21.03.88

Province/Club: Western Districts, ACT

Super Rugby Caps: 52

Super Rugby Points: 169 (5t, 21c, 32p, 2dg)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Crusaders,  
Christchurch

Test Caps: 21

Test Points: 15

Test Debut: 2010 v Italy, Florence

Pat McCabe is Australia's most trusted defensive back and an expert at reading lines and angles.

In just his fourth professional season, McCabe has risen to household name status thanks largely to his selfless efforts in Wallaby green and gold. The 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand was an impressive show of courage and character from McCabe as he battled through the tournament with the use of only one shoulder.

McCabe's subsequent shoulder reconstruction ruled him out of the 2012 season opener against the Force but he made a successful return the following week against the Cheetahs at Canberra Stadium, scoring a try and reproducing some of his brilliant best.

**JESSE MOGG – FULLBACK/WING**

Physical: 1.87m, 90kg

Born: 08.06.89

Province/Club: Western Districts, ACT

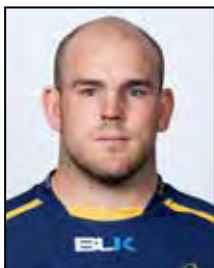
Super Rugby Caps: 16

Super Rugby Points: 37 (4t, c, 5p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Force, Canberra

In just 12 months, Jesse Mogg has developed from a standout club competitor to a player on the brink of earning a start with the Wallabies.

Known as the Greyhound for his slender build and long stride, Mogg's ability to break the line saw him score the University of Canberra Brumbies try of the season in 2012, with a chip- and-regather finish against the Sharks at Canberra Stadium. It was one of four tries he scored during his debut season after being handed an EPS spot in the months prior to the 2012 kick-off.

**STEPHEN MOORE – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.86m, 112kg

Born: 20.01.83

Province/Club: Easts, ACT

Super Rugby Caps: 100

Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2003 v Bulls, Pretoria (Reds)

Test Caps: 74

Test Points: 20 (4t)

Test Debut: 2005 v Samoa, Sydney

Knocking over his 100th Super Rugby cap at Canberra Stadium against the Blues last year, Stephen Moore cemented himself as Australia's premier hooker.

The disappointment of narrowly missing the finals was slightly alleviated when Moore's efforts throughout 2012 were recognised by his peers, who named him the Brett Robinson Player's Player. It was a worthy addition to his trophy cabinet, which also features the Brumbies Best Forward Award for the 2011 season.



## BEN MOWEN – NO.8/FLANKER



Physical: 1.95m, 115kg

Born: 01.12.84

Province/Club: Tuggeranong Vikings

Super Rugby Caps: 63

Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Sharks, Durban

Having led the University of Canberra Brumbies out of the wilderness in 2012, Ben Mowen has been hailed as the Super Rugby buy of the season.

A hard-working, big forward who can feature in any jersey numbered 4 to 8, Mowen's leadership skills were vital in guiding one of the most inexperienced Brumbies sides ever assembled through the 2012 season.

After playing 42 games for the Waratahs, Mowen made a seamless transition to the Brumbies and was quickly identified by Jake White as a leader of the group. Having sharpened his captaincy skills while on tour with the Waratahs and as an Australian Under 21 representative, Mowen made the perfect fit for skipper of a new team with plenty to prove.

## RUAIDHRI MURPHY – PROP



Physical: 1.87m, 119kg

Born: 05.07.87

Province/Club: Gungahlin Eagles, ACT

Super Rugby Caps: 16

Super Rugby Points: 5 (t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Force, Canberra

Brumbies front-rowers enjoyed heavy northern hemisphere influence in their scrummaging throughout 2012, with Irish native Ruaidhri Murphy cementing himself in the match day 22 from week one of the season.

Serving a tough scrummaging apprenticeship in the United Kingdom with Exeter and Ireland with Leinster, Murphy came to the University of Canberra Brumbies attention at the Talent Identification Camps held in Narrabeen last August.

**ETIENNE OOSTHUIZEN – LOCK**

Physical: 1.98m, 120kg

Born: 22.12.92

Province/Club: Easts, ACT

Super Rugby Caps: 3

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Cheetahs,  
Bloemfontein (Lions)

Etienne Oosthuizen is a big, strong lock with ambitions to one day wear Wallaby gold for Australia.

South African born and bred Oosthuizen fits the bill for what Jake White is looking for in a lock – big, powerful and aggressive. 2013 presents Oosthuizen with his first taste of Australian rugby having represented South Africa's Northern provinces for the majority of his life as a junior, first with the Leopards and then with the Lions.

**DAN PALMER – PROP**

Physical: 1.80m, 115kg

Born: 13.09.88

Province/Club: Gungahlin Eagles

Super Rugby Caps: 37

Super Rugby Points:

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Highlanders,  
Dunedin, (Waratahs)

Test Caps: 1

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2012 v Scotland, Newcastle

One of the University of Canberra Brumbies hard men, Dan Palmer has quickly developed into a player the ACT based team could not do without.

Named as one of three vice-captains for the 2012 Super Rugby season, Palmer has led by example since joining the Brumbies in 2011. As one of Australia's premier minds on scrummaging and set piece, Palmer has taken on extra responsibility in 2012 by leading all scrum sessions from the white board, to video analysis and onto the pitch.

By nature, Palmer is a no-nonsense, cut to the chase sort of guy. Palmer does not suffer fools lightly and expects maximum effort from everyone he works with, both on and off the field.

## DAVID POCOCK – FLANKER



Physical: 1.84m, 104kg

Born: 13.09.88

Province/Club: Easts, ACT

Super Rugby Caps: 69

Super Rugby Points: 40 (8t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Sharks, Durban (Force)

Test Caps: 45

Test Points: 20 (4t)

Test Debut: 2008 v New Zealand, Hong Kong

The University of Canberra Brumbies will continue their trend of world class open-side flankers in 2013 with the addition of David Pocock to an already ferocious forward pack.

Widely regarded as the best No 7 on the planet, Pocock comes to the Brumbies looking to refresh his career after seven years playing with the Western Force in Perth.

A renowned leader both on and off the field, Pocock's recruitment has been hyped as one of the biggest coups in Brumbies history. Strong in contact and a master of controlling the breakdown, Pocock's game is set to improve even further under the Brumbies coaching structure, with Jake White and Laurie Fisher eager to see him reach his potential.

## LEON POWER – LOCK



Physical: 2.00m, 115kg

Born: 27.02.86

Province/Club: Queanbeyan Whites

Super Rugby Caps: 7

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Force, Canberra

Power by name, power by nature – it's a mantra this hulking, Kiwi-raised lock has chosen to live by since moving to the Australian Capital in early 2012.

A former New Zealand Under 21's representative who starred for the aged grade All Blacks alongside Wallaby Sekope Kepu in 2007, Power has worked hard to fit into the University of Canberra Brumbies way of life claiming seven Super Rugby caps along the way.

Returning to New Zealand and ITM Cup side the Bay of Plenty after the 2012 Super Rugby season, Power has improved in areas of his play and is now an unshakeable part of the Brumbies forward play.

**IAN PRIOR – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.79m, 83kg

Born: 21.08.90

Province/Club: Uni-Norths Owls

Super Rugby Caps: 19

Super Rugby Points: 5 (t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Lions,  
Johannesburg (Reds)

Ian Prior is a mature, poised rugby player with the capacity to play professionally for many years to come.

A hard worker and good listener, Prior has worked hard to improve his game since moving to Canberra after the 2011 Super Rugby season. A former Reds scrumhalf who played understudy to Wallabies skipper Will Genia on their way to the 2011 title, Prior's quick service has allowed the University of Canberra Brumbies forwards to gain momentum at key points throughout the season.

In particular, his stirring efforts against the table-topping Highlanders at Canberra Stadium in 2012 backed the early hype that surrounded Prior's arrival from Lang Park.

**CLYDE RATHBONE – CENTRE/WING**

Physical: 1.81m, 93kg

Born: 23.06.81

Province/Club: Easts, ACT

Super Rugby Caps: 52

Super Rugby Points: 75 (15t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2002 v Crusaders,  
Durban (Sharks)

Test Caps: 26

Test Points: 40 (8t)

Test Debut: 2004 v Scotland, Melbourne

Not since John Farnham's 'Farewell Tour' has an Australian comeback been so widely anticipated.

Once feared as the Wallabies toughest outside back, Clyde Rathbone will be hoping to regain some of the world-class form that saw him rise to the top of Australian rugby midway through last decade.

A strong ball carrier, Rathbone is best known for his aggressive presence around the field and tremendous leg strength. An able defender, Rathbone adds unshakable toughness to any side's backline having been bought up through the school of hard knocks in Durban, South Africa.

## SILIVA SILIVA – HOOKER



Physical: 1.77m, 112kg

Born: 11.12.91

Province/Club: Canberra Royals

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Hard in contact and incredibly mobile for a front-rower, Siliva Siliva has the potential to play Super Rugby for many years to come.

2012 was a tough year for the young hooker, who despite being under the world class eyes of Stephen Moore, Dan Palmer and Ben Alexander, did not feature in a Super Rugby match thanks to multiple operations to fix a knee injury.

Making a return from the knee problems that plagued him early in the season, Siliva claimed his first state cap for the ACT playing against Wales at Canberra Stadium in their mid-week match. Coming off the bench, Siliva was competitive throughout the encounter, throwing well at the line-out and working hard around the field in attack and defence.

## SCOTT SIO – PROP



Physical: 1.87m, 115kg

Born: 16.10.91

Province/Club: Tuggeranong Vikings

Super Rugby Caps: 4

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Sharks, Canberra

Scott Sio has the size, opportunity and ability to become one of Australia's leading props within the next three years.

Taking one of the University of Canberra Brumbies five EPS positions in 2012 gave Sio his first professional contract having spent the 2011 season in the Waratahs Academy, playing for Northern Suburbs in Sydney's Shute Shield.

Like fellow Brumbies Zack Holmes, Tom Cox and Ruiadhri Murphy, Sio was offered his spot on the Brumbies roster after impressing at the Talent Identification Camps in Narrabeen late last year.

**JORDAN SMILER – FLANKER**

Physical: 1.93m, 107kg

Born: 19.06.85

Province/Club: Easts, ACT

Super Rugby: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

A tall, athletic ball-runner and fearless defender, Jordan Smiler comes to the University of Canberra Brumbies after a successful career on the global Sevens circuit.

A former New Zealand Sevens squad member, Smiler switched his allegiances in 2011 to skipper the Australian side at the Oceania Championships in Samoa.

Having cut his teeth in Waikato's aged grade ranks, Smiler moved to Australia looking for greater opportunities.

**ANDREW SMITH – CENTRE/WING**

Physical: 1.94m, 104kg

Born: 10.01.85

Province/Club: Easts, ACT

Super Rugby Caps: 31

Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Blues, Auckland

Andrew Smith is a hard running outside centre with the ability to make metres over the advantage line.

At 1.94m and 104kg, bringing Smith down with a full head of steam is like trying to tackle a Harley Davidson. Making him even harder to defend is Smith's world-class ability to read the game, with the outside centre always looking for avenues to exploit a defender on the back foot or a big forward out of position.

In 2012, Smith formed a set of lethal backline combinations, both inside and out, that lead to tries from every corner of the rugby field. Linking with Joe Tomane against the Highlanders, Smith made the initial busts, putting one of Australia's best finishers in space and on his way to the try-line.

## RUAN SMITH – PROP



Physical: 1.88, 123kg
Born: 24.01.90
Province/Club: Easts, ACT
Super Rugby: 2
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Blues, Auckland

Ruan Smith is a prolific junior representative prop who graduated from one of the world's toughest rugby nurseries in South Africa's Western Cape.

Switching between Brisbane and Cape Town during his late teens, Smith became one of few players to represent two countries at schoolboys' level when he was picked for the Australian and South African sides in consecutive years.

Since then he has been part of the Stormers, Reds and Force Academy systems, earning his first Super Rugby caps for the Western Australian franchise in 2012.

## MARK SWANEPOEL – SCRUMHALF



Physical: 1.81m, 91kg
Born: 26.10.90
Province/Club: Canberra Royals
Super Rugby: 4
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Bulls, Perth

Joining the University of Canberra Brumbies after two years in Canterbury with the champion Crusaders, Mark Swanepoel joins the ACT-based franchise with eyes on claiming the No 9 jersey.

A quick, strong scrumhalf who previously represented the Force at Super Rugby level, Swanepoel makes the move to Canberra with ambitions of working his way into the Brumbies starting side.

An aged-grade international who represented Australia at schools and Under 20's level, Swanepoel provides extra competition for the Brumbies halfback stocks of Ian Prior and Nic White while also providing extra cover.

**HENRY SPEIGHT – WING**

Physical: 1.86m, 97kg

Born: 24.03.87

Province/Club: Gungahlin Eagles

Super Rugby Caps: 28

Super Rugby Points: 55 (11t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Chiefs, Canberra

Henry Speight has quickly developed into one of the Southern Hemisphere's most dangerous outside backs. His eight tries in 2012 made him the highest try-scorer in not only the University of Canberra Brumbies ranks, but throughout all provinces in the Australian Conference.

Lightning-quick off the mark, Speight's deadly right-to-left double step is the envy of all outside backs. His ability to change direction at pace, stepping off either foot has handed the Brumbies five-pointers in some of the most unlikely circumstances.

With backs against the wall, Speight's tries against the Blues and Waratahs in 2012 clearly demonstrated his ability to find space in traffic, with both five-pointers handing the Brumbies breathing space at key points.

**JOE TOMANE – WING**

Physical: 1.88m, 101kg

Born: 11.02.90

Province/Club: Uni-Norths Owls

Super Rugby Caps: 12

Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Force, Canberra

Test Caps: 1

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2012 v Scotland, Newcastle

After just 12 Super Rugby games, Joe Tomane has been hailed as the most successful league convert since Lote Tuqiri joined the Waratahs in 2002.

A big, strong outside-back who can play outside centre, wing or fullback, Tomane put the competition on notice with two sensational tries against the Highlanders at Canberra Stadium, his first since returning to the game he grew up with.

The Nudgee College old boy was an Australian Schoolboys star in the same generation as James O'Connor, with the pair tearing Queensland's GPS competition apart as a flyhalf-fullback combination in 2007.



## MATT TOOMUA – FLYHALF



Physical: 1.82m, 90kg

Born: 02.01.90

Province/Club: Canberra Royals

Super Rugby Caps: 29

Super Rugby Points: 20 (3t, c, dg)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Hurricanes, Canberra

At the ripe old age of 22, it feels like Matt Toomua has been playing professional rugby for decades.

A quality 10 with silky-smooth skills, Toomua makes the play making role look easy as he glides across the pitch looking for options. One of the University of Canberra Brumbies biggest lifters in the gym, Toomua is constantly working on his game, body and mind to ensure he is in perfect condition come game day.

Unfortunately for Toomua, 2012 was one he would personally rather forget with a serious knee injury sidelining him after just three games. It came as a massive blow to the aspiring young playmaker, who had turned in Man of the Match performances in two of the three trial matches played during Brumbies pre-season.

## ITA VAEA – NO.8/FLANKER



Physical: 1.87m, 108kg

Born: 09.02.89

Province/Club: Gungahlin Eagles

Super Rugby Caps: 26

Super Rugby Points: 5 (t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Chiefs, Canberra

University of Canberra Brumbies powerhouse Ita Vaea will storm into his third year of Super Rugby in 2013 after claiming 27 caps over the last two seasons.

A born No.8, Jake White experimented with Vaea during 2012, moving the hulking Tongan from the back of the scrum to both blind and open-side flanker.

One of the most feared ball carriers in the competition, Vaea made his presence felt against the Sharks in Canberra last season, running over the top of Bismarck Du Plessi after a powerful fend to the champion hooker's sternum. It was a textbook Vaea play and one that bought the entire crowd at Canberra Stadium to its feet.

**STEPHAN VAN DER WALT – OUTSIDE BACKS**

Physical: 1.92m, 98kg

Born: 21.04.91

Province/Club: Easts, ACT

Super Rugby: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Another South African born Brumbies recruited for the 2013 Super Rugby season, Stephan Van Der Walt is a big physical outside back who would rather run over his opposition than around it.

After moving to Queensland from South Africa at the age of eight, Van Der Walt has made a name for himself in the Sunshine State as a powerful weapon in attack and solid defender. Primarily used as an outside centre or wing, Van Der Walt made his 1st Grade debut in Queensland alongside All Blacks Caleb Ralph and hasn't looked back since.

Van Der Walt has signed a one-year deal with the Brumbies and occupies one of five EPS positions with the club.

**NIC WHITE – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.73m, 82kg

Born: 13.06.90

Province/Club: Queanbeyan Whites

Super Rugby Caps: 17

Super Rugby Points: 14 (1t, 3p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Reds, Brisbane

Long known for its quality wines, the Hunter Valley has produced a different kind of vintage recently with talented playmakers exporting their freakish abilities to the rugby-crazy Australian public.

First it was rugby league magician Andrew Johns, then Wallabies playmaker Luke Burgess. But more recently Nic White has taken the mantle of the Hunter's most dynamic rugby success after a breakout season in the University of Canberra Brumbies No 9 jersey.

A boisterous scrumhalf, White has quickly developed into a key ingredient the Brumbies could not do without. Thrown in the deep end with three different fly-halves rotating through the starting side in 2012, White stuck to his processes and produced consistent, world class rugby.



# MELBOURNE REBELS

NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Eddie Aholelei	Prop	1.90m	120kg	03.12.81
Paul Alo-Emile	Prop	1.81m	119kg	22.12.91
Kurtley Beale	Flyhalf/Fullback	1.80m	90kg	06.01.89
Tim Davidson	Back Row	1.92m	103kg	03.01.82
Gareth Delve	Back Row	1.91m	114kg	30.12.82
Scott Fuglistaller	Back Row	1.83m	101kg	16.04.87
Bryce Hegarty	Flyhalf/Fullback	1.84m	90kg	28.08.92
Nic Henderson	Prop	1.87m	112kg	01.05.91
Scott Higginbotham	Back Row	1.95m	110kg	05.09.86
Shota Horie	Hooker	1.80m	104kg	20.01.86
Mitch Inman	Centre	1.91m	105kg	24.10.88
Luke Jones	Back Row/Lock	1.96m	110kg	02.04.91
James King	Lock/Flanker	2.00m	114kg	16.03.87
Richard Kingi	Utility Back	1.77m	80kg	17.03.89
Pat Leafa	Hooker	1.81m	108kg	16.03.19
Lachlan Mitchell	Centre/Wing	1.78m	94kg	30.09.87
Cadeyrn Neville	Lock	2.02m	120kg	09.11.88
James O'Connor	Flyhalf/Fullback	1.80m	89kg	05.07.90
Nick Phipps	Scrumhalf	1.80m	87kg	09.01.89
Hugh Pyle	Lock	2.01m	117kg	21.09.88
Angus Roberts	Flyhalf/Fullback	1.86m	92kg	17.12.90
Gerard Robinson	Hooker	1.78m	105kg	20.06.83
Alex Rokobaro	Fullback	1.83m	91kg	06.10.89
Jarrold Saffy	Back Row	1.89m	107kg	24.10.84
Rory Sidey	Centre/Wing	1.88m	100kg	04.07.86
Kimami Sitauti	Centre/Wing	1.83m	93kg	21.04.91
Nic Stirzaker	Scrumhalf	1.79m	82kg	08.03.91
Chris Thomson	Lock	2.05m	120kg	10.07.85
Cooper Vuna	Wing	1.87m	100kg	05.07.87
Laurie Weeks	Prop	1.80m	115kg	05.04.86
Jason Woodward	Fullback	1.88m	97kg	17.05.90

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## HOMEGROUND

AAMI Park  
Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Capacity: 30,000

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Dark blue jersey with white and red trim. Dark blue shorts with white and red trim. Dark blue socks with white and red trim.

**AWAY STRIP:** White jersey with dark blue and red trim. White shorts with dark blue and red trim. White socks with dark blue and red trim.

## FIXTURES

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Friday 15 February	Force	AAMI Park	19:40
2	Friday 22 February	Brumbies	AAMI Park	19:40
3	Friday 1 March	Waratahs	Allianz Stadium	19:20
4	Friday 8 March	Reds	AAMI Park	19:40
5	BYE			
6	Saturday 23 March	Sharks	Mr Price King's Park	17:05
7	Saturday 30 March	Cheetahs	Free State Stadium	17:05
8	Saturday 6 April	Force	nib Stadium	16:40
9	Saturday 13 April	Kings	AAMI Park	19:40
10	BYE			
11	Sunday 28 April	Crusaders	AMI Stadium	16:05
12	Friday 3 May	Chiefs	AAMI Park	19:40
13	Saturday 11 May	Blues	Eden Park	19:35
14	Friday 17 May	Stormers	AAMI Park	19:40
15	Friday 24 May	Waratahs	AAMI Park	19:40
16	Saturday 1 June	Reds	Suncorp Stadium	19:40
17	Friday 7 June	Brumbies	Canberra Stadium	19:40
18	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
19	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
20	Friday 12 July	Highlanders	AAMI Park	19:40

## MILESTONES

- With the Rebels opening match on February 22nd 2013, Shota Horie could be the first Japanese player to play Super Rugby in the competition's history.
- For the first time in history, the Melbourne Rebels will play the British and Irish Lions at AAMI Park Tuesday 25 June.
- Welsh International Gareth Delve will be the first player International player in Australian Super Rugby history to be officially named as Season Captain.
- 2013 will Wallaby Scott Higginbotham will make his debut for the Melbourne Rebels.

**DAMIEN HILL – HEAD COACH**


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 Born: 02.12.70
 

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 Rebels Coaching Debut: 2011
 

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 Coaching: Suntory (Japan) Sydney University, Melbourne Rebels (current)
 

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Damien began his Rugby coaching career at an early age, where he would watch his father, Brian, coach the Wagga City first hand as a 10 year old. Hill continued to play sport, although not Rugby, playing state representative honours in AFL, Rugby League and Soccer.

In 1999 Damien joined the ACT Brumbies Staff as a Development Officer, progressing into a Coaching Development role under Eddie Jones.

In 2002 Hill moved to Japan to become Coaching Coordinator and Backs Coach of Suntory Rugby Football Club, before returning to the Shute Shield with Sydney University, winning three consecutive premierships.

As the RaboDirect Rebels Head Coach Damien has been influenced by many great Rugby mentors, including former Wallaby and Japan National Coach Eddie Jones and Rebels foundation Head Coach Rod MacQueen.

**JOHN MUGGLETON – SENIOR ASSISTANT COACH**


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 Born: 31.03.60
 

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 Melbourne Rebels Coaching Debut 2012
 

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 Coaching: Wallabies, USA National Team, Georgia National Team, Llanelli Scarlets (Wales), Queensland Reds, NSW Waratahs, ACT Brumbies, Melbourne Rebels (current)
 

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John is a highly regarded coach who comes to the RaboDirect Rebels with experience coaching over 140 Tests. After a successful career with the Wallabies, USA, Llanelli Scarlets and most recently Georgia at the 2011 Rugby World Cup, his fourth as a coach, he returned to Australia regarded as one of the world's best coaches in his defensive field.

During his 10 years as the Wallabies' defence coach, John played a major role in winning five Bledisloe Cups, two Tri-Nations titles and the 1999 World Cup where the Wallabies conceded only one try throughout the tournament.

An accomplished Rugby League player in his own right, the Club's Senior Assistant was a member of the undefeated Australian Kangaroo tour of 1982 and won three premierships with the Parramatta Eels.

John's sons Jarrod and Joshua both display similar sporting prowess, with Jarrod excelling in soccer at the University of Alabama and Joshua in racing where he is among the top five in the world.

## NATHAN GREY – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 31.03.75

Rebels Coaching Debut 2011

Super Points: 100 (20t)

Tests: 36

Test Points: 20 (4t)

Coaching: Kyushu Electric Power Company (Japan), Melbourne Rebels (current)

Upon finishing the 2005 season with the NSW Waratahs, Former Wallaby Nathan moved to Japan, where he played and coached with Kyushu Electric Power Company's team, Kyuden, for five years. In 2011, Nathan joined the RaboDirect Rebels as Skills Coach for the Club's inaugural season. In October 2011, he was promoted to the role of Assistant Coach, under Damien Hill.

As a player, Nathan was known as an aggressive go forward centre with strong defensive skills, and played 35 Tests over seven years for the Wallabies throughout his international career. He was part of the successful 1999 Rugby World Cup campaign, as well as a member of the 2003 World Cup squad. With 94 caps, Nathan holds the record as the most capped centre in NSW Waratahs history, and was renowned for his team first ethos and professionalism throughout his playing career, traits that he has carried into his young coaching career.

## MATT COCKBAIN – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 19.09.72

Playing: State Caps: 91 (Reds)

Tests: 63

Test Points: 5 (1 Try)

Coaching: Queensland Reds, Melbourne University, Melbourne Rebels (Current)

Former Wallaby Matt Cockbain has been a welcome addition to Victoria, since his move from Brisbane to be a player for the original Rebels during the 2007 Australian Rugby Championships.

Matt enjoyed a successful professional career, which included 91 matches for the Queensland Reds and 63 Tests for the Wallabies. During his international career he participated in two World Cups, including the successful 1999 campaign under Rod Macqueen.

After retirement, Matt transitioned into coaching and was appointed as the Reds' lineout coach in 2007, before moving to Melbourne. Since then, Matt has taken up various coaching roles with Melbourne University Rugby Club and the Victorian State team.

In 2010, Matt formed part of the Rebel Rising coaching team and played a significant role in developing Rugby Union players within the Victorian community. It was through his work with grassroots Rugby and his technical expertise that Matt was appointed Assistant Coach of the RaboDirect Rebels for the 2012 season.

**EDDIE AHOLELEI – PROP**

Born: 03.12.81

Physical: 1.90m, 120kg

Province/Club: Northern, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 1

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Brumbies, Canberra

Eddie's experience proves that good things come to those who wait. At 30 years of age, Eddie has been promoted from the Extended Playing Squad into the full-time RaboDirect Rebels Squad for 2013.

The Tongan Born: prop is able to play both sides of the scrum, and is regarded as having one of the best attitudes and work ethic at the Club.

Eddie offers great coverage to all of our props, and is also a fantastic role model for young Polynesian players in the local community.

**PAUL ALO-EMILE – PROP**

Born: 22.12.91

Physical: 1.81m, 119kg

Province/Club: Powerhouse, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 2

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Lions, Johannesburg

In 2012, Paul played the final two games of the RaboDirect Rebels season, debuting as a replacement hooker on their tour of South Africa. At such a young age for a prop, Paul still has a lot of time to develop into a top class front row forward, although his rise has been rapid.

The 120kg prop arrived in Victoria with massive potential. A fixture in the Australian Under 20 squad in 2010 and 2011, Paul was a key member of the group that finished third in the Junior World Championships, alongside Rebels teammate, Luke Jones.

Known for his powerful scrummaging and remarkable athleticism for a man his size, Paul is earmarked for big things in the coming years.

Paul spent 2011 with the Western Force, but didn't manage to break through to the match day 22. He joined the Force after playing for Sunnybank in the Brisbane Premier Competition, during which he spent time with the Queensland Reds Academy.



## KURTLEY BEALE – FLYHALF/FULLBACK



Born: 06.01.89
Physical: 1.80m, 90kg
Province/Club: Footscray, Melbourne
Super Rugby Caps: 78 (68 Waratahs)
Super Rugby Points: 407 (14t 74c 60p 3d)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Lions Johannesburg
Tests: 36
Test points: 80 (10t 10p)
Test Debut 2009 v Wales Cardiff

The kid they call 'KB' is recognised as one of the best Rugby players on the planet.

Kurtley's 2012 season was severely interrupted by injury, however despite playing just 10 games for the Rebels, he took out the Players' Player of the Year Award. Whether playing from fullback or Flyhalf, Kurtley's brilliance in breaking the line or putting a teammate through a defensive hole is extraordinary.

In recent times, the former Waratah back has received many accolades, including the John Eales Medal in 2011, and was nominated for the IRB Player of the Year in 2010.

He made his Super Rugby debut in 2007 at 18 years of age, and quickly asserted himself in the Super Rugby Competition. Later that year he competed for Australia A, then made his full international debut in 2009 where he was later honoured as Australia's Rookie of the Year.

## TIM DAVIDSON – BACK ROW



Born: 03.11.82
Physical: 1.92m, 103kg
Province/Club: Melbourne University, Melbourne
Super Rugby Caps 39 (5 Western Force, 7 Waratahs, 27 Rebels)
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut 2006 v Hurricanes, Wellington

As the inaugural Club Captain (off-field leadership role) and one of the leaders within the playing group, Tim Davidson is a vital member of the RaboDirect Rebels squad. The industrious back rower has played in 27 of the Rebels' matches in the Club's two year existence.

With his calm assurance and wealth of experience from his time skippering the all-conquering Sydney University, Tim has played an important role establishing the culture of success in the Club's formative stages.

The Rebels are Tim's third Super Rugby club, after he debuted for the Western Force in 2006 and played with the Waratahs in 2007. He made five appearances with the Force and eight with the Waratahs before moving to English Premiership side Leeds Carnegie. The 29 year old has also played for the Australian Sevens.

**GARETH DELVE – BACK ROW**


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 Born: 30.12.82
 

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 Physical: 1.91m, 114kg
 

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 Province/Club: Wyndam City, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 31
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Waratahs, Melbourne
 

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 Tests: 11
 

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 Test points: 5
 

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 Test Debut: 2006 v Scotland, Cardiff
 

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In 2013, Delve will take over from Stirling Mortlock as the RaboDirect Rebels Captain. Gareth has been a stand out recruit and one the most consistent performers for the RaboDirect Rebels since arriving from Gloucester in 2011.

The Welsh number eight was appointed Vice Captain for the Club's debut season in Super Rugby, and became the first non-Australian to Captain an Australian side in the Super Rugby Competition.

Furthermore, he is also the first – and thus far only – Welshman to take part in the Southern Hemisphere's premier provincial Rugby contest.

The Welsh international has only missed one match since joining the Rebels, even managing to get his name on the score sheet on three occasions in 2012. His ball carrying and breakdown work is respected enormously throughout the competition.

**SCOTT FUGLISTALLER – BACK ROW**


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 Born: 16.04.87
 

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 Physical: 1.83m, 101kg
 

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 Province/Club: Footscray, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 2 (Highlanders)
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 0
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Bulls, Dunedin
 

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Scott joins the RaboDirect Rebels from ITM Cup side, the Wellington Lions.

At 101kg, Scott represents the traditional openside flanker, with great presence at the breakdown and an immense work rate around the park.

Fuglistaller waited patiently for his Super Rugby debut with his hometown team, Wellington, but seized an opportunity (through injury) to play a starring role with the Otago Highlanders late in the 2012 Super Rugby season.

A New Zealand under 19s representative in 2006, Scott has played 54 matches for Wellington since his debut in 2008. He will now look to be a permanent starter for the Rebels, after the departures of regular openside flankers Michael Lipman, and Tom Chamberlain. Scott has signed for a two year term with the Club, and is considered a developing foreign player, which demonstrates the faith shown in the ability of the Taranaki born flanker.

## NIC HENDERSON – PROP



Born: 01.05.81
Physical: 1.87m, 112kg
Province/Club: Footscray, Melbourne
Super Rugby Caps: 103 (70 Brumbies, 8 Force, 25 Rebels)
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Blues, Canberra
Tests: 3
Tests Points: 0
Test Debut: 2004 v Pacific Islands, Adelaide

Foundation RaboDirect Rebel Nic Henderson was only the 11th player in the history of Super Rugby to play 100 Super Rugby matches at 31 years of age. The loosehead forward packed down in 10 matches for the 2011 season, following that with all but one of the 2012 matches.

Nic's career began in Melbourne in 1999, where he was part of the Melbourne Rugby League Club, the Melbourne Storm, before converting to Rugby Union. He debuted for the ACT Brumbies in their Premiership year of 2004 and, incredibly, featured in every Brumbies game until the end of the 2008 season.

On his departure from the nation's capital, Nic spent a season with the Western Force, before joining the Rebels and buying a house in Melbourne, a city he now calls home.

## SCOTT HIGGINBOTHAM – BACK ROW



Born: 05.09.86
Physical: 1.95m, 110kg
Province/Club: Geelong
Super Rugby Caps: 63 (Reds)
Super Rugby Points 85 (9t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Bulls, Brisbane
Tests: 23
Test Points: 10 (2t)
Test Debut : 2010 v France, Paris

With the signing of Scott Higginbotham for the 2013 season, The RaboDirect Rebels acquired one of the brightest and most flamboyant forwards in world Rugby.

The 2012 Super Rugby Player of the Year runner up is the ultimate back row forward, with his exceptional vertical leap and robust nature in contact – which has caused havoc among his opposition since his debut in 2009.

Having experienced success at a young age with a Super Rugby title at the Queensland Reds, Scott has made his intentions clear – he wants to return to the Super Rugby summit with his new club in Melbourne.

**SHOTA HORIE – HOOKER**


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 Born: 21.01.86
 

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 Physical: 1.80m, 104kg
 

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 Province/Club: Boroondara, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
 

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 Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
 

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 Tests: 19 (Japan)
 

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 Test Points: 25 (5t)
 

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 Test Debut: 2009 v Canada, Miyagi
 

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The industrious hooker debuted for Otago in the 2012 ITM Cup, and was also part of the Japanese national side in the 2011 Rugby World Cup, where he played every game and scored a try against Canada in the group stages.

Shota spent two seasons with the Canterbury Academy in New Zealand, before returning to Japan in 2008 to play for the Sanyo Club where he won the Japan Top League, scoring eight tries in the process.

The Cherry Blossom hooker became the first Japanese player ever to sign with an Australian Super Rugby Club. He will be looking to make history in 2013, being the first Japanese player to ever play in the Super Rugby competition since its inception in 1996.

**MITCH INMAN – CENTRE**


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 Born: 24.10.88
 

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 Physical: 1.91m, 105kg
 

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 Province/Club: Melton, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 31 (19 Force)
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 0
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Brumbies, Perth
 

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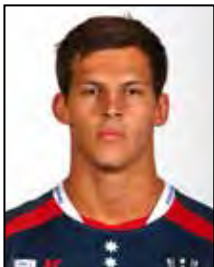
Mitch joined the RaboDirect Rebels at the start of the 2012 season. He was an immediate success, filling in for the injured Stirling Mortlock.

In 2012 Mitch was a standout player, in defence in particular, where he always leads by example.

His efforts were rewarded when Wallaby coach Robbie Deans called the young centre onto the Wallabies Spring Tour, where he fell agonisingly short of making his Wallaby debut.

Mitch is well known in Rugby circles for his time spent at Sydney University in the Shute Shield competition, where this year he won his fourth premiership. His first premiership was in 2008, alongside current Rebels Head Coach Damien Hill.

Before dominating the Australian Sevens arena, injury stunted any early success for Inman. An elbow injury and hamstring issues curtailed parts of his 2011 and 2012 seasons.

**LUKE JONES – BACK ROW/LOCK**


Born: 02.04.91
Physical: 1.96m, 110kg
Province/Club: Melbourne University, Melbourne
Super Rugby Caps 15
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Hurricanes, Wellington

Luke's 2012 season was a breakout year, where he displayed the same kind of talent witnessed in his 12 games as a young schoolboy sensation at St Pius.

Luke is the prototype modern forward. Tall enough to operate in the second row, he is also athletic and skilful enough to line up anywhere in the back row. He debuted for the Rebels as a blindside flanker, but in his next outing represented his Club as a lock.

Luke's season was crippled with misfortune. After stringing eight matches in a row and sustaining suspension, Luke suffered a ruptured volar plate in his foot, which he battled through until season's end before having it surgically corrected.

**JAMES KING – LOCK/BACK ROW**


Born: 16.03.87
Physical: 2.00m, 114kg
Province/Club: Moorabbin, Melbourne
Super Rugby Caps: 4 (Blues)
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2011, Auckland

2013 will be King's second season at the RaboDirect Rebels, after arriving from the New Zealand Super Rugby side, the Auckland Blues.

The New Zealand Born: lock will not be difficult to miss around the Club this year, standing at 2.00m tall and often sporting one of the game's most colourful scrum caps.

The 25 year old made his Super Rugby debut in 2011, making four appearances in total for the Blues as well as being a regular starter in the ITM Cup for North Harbour.

James' ride in Rugby has been rapid, with a breakout year in New Zealand in 2009. However, a raft of shoulder injuries since has stalled his progress as a Rugby player. Given his training efforts in the off season, it seems only a matter of time before he displays that same form when many were predicting him as a future All Black.

**RICHARD KINGI – UTILITY BACK**


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 Born: 17.03.89
 

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 Physical: 1.77m, 80kg
 

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 Province/Club: Northern, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 27 (5 Reds)
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 13 (1t, 4c)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Crusaders, Christchurch
 

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RaboDirect Rebel Richard Kingi is one of the competition's most underrated performers, easily claiming to be a specialist in every position in the backline.

Richard proved his versatility by making 12 appearances for the Rebels in the Club's debut season; half of which he began as the starting fullback, a quarter as a winger and the remaining three from the bench. He went on to play 10 matches in 2012 as he battled with Nick Phipps, although still made a massive contribution when given the chance.

Born: in New Zealand, Richard moved to Queensland when he was 15 and quickly became an integral part of his state and Australian representative sides. His performance for Australia at the IRB Junior World Championship in 2009 earned him a place on the shortlist for that year's world Junior Player of the Year.

**PAT LEAFA – HOOKER**


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 Born: 16.03.89
 

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 Physical: 1.81m, 108kg
 

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 Province/Club: Box Hill, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
 

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 Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped
 

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The young hooker joins the RaboDirect Rebels after being promoted from an Extended Playing Squad (EPS) following an outstanding off season in 2012, continuing from his club form in Canberra in that year.

Leafa moved from New Zealand to Canberra in 2012, taking up a spot in the ACT Brumbies Development Squad and playing for the Tuggeranong Vikings.

Having moved to Melbourne in September, Leafa has flourished in his new home town, and taken his Super Rugby opportunity with great enthusiasm. A scrumaging purist, Pat will be looking to bring a new approach to the hooking role in 2013, and has already captured the attention of Rebels Head Coach Damien Hill with his form at training and in his transition into the professional environment.

Although prolific in attack and defence, Pat's demeanour is the opposite off the training paddock, where he has already proven to be a Club favourite with his kind hearted approach to local charities and the Victorian Rugby community.

**LACHLAN MITCHELL – CENTRE/WING**


Born: 30.09.87

Physical: 1.78m, 96kg

Province/Club: Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 31

Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Waratahs, Melbourne

Tireless outside back Lachlan Mitchell may appear to be one of the quiet achievers at the RaboDirect Rebels, but both his teammates and the AAMI Park crowd certainly know his worth.

Playing as either a centre or a wing, the 25 year old appeared in 31 of a possible 32 games for the Rebels in their first two seasons. Only a sickening clash against the Hurricanes in Wellington (Mitchell was stretchered from the field), saw him miss the following week's game against the ACT Brumbies.

The composed back joined the Rebels from English Premiership side London Wasps, where he had been since 2008. Prior to that, Mitchell spent time with the Waratahs Academy following impressive performances for Sydney University in the Shute Shield.

**CADEYRN NEVILLE – LOCK**


Born: 09.11.88

Physical: 2.02m, 120kg

Province/Club: Eltham, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 8

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Bulls, Melbourne

Not many people in Super Rugby would have heard of the name Cadeyrn Neville early 2012, but after debuting in round eight against the Bulls at AAMI Park, he quickly established himself as one of the lock forwards of the Australian Conference.

Following his starting debut and the RaboDirect Rebels win over the Crusaders, Cadeyrn took the competition by storm in Perth, with two tries and a victory over the Western Force. He went on to play all remaining games for the Rebels in 2012, winning both the Rookie of the Year and Matt Cockbain Rebel Rising Medal at the end of year awards event.

Success followed his debut season, with a call up to Wallabies extended training squad during the mid-season Test fixtures against Scotland and Wales, which continued into the Rugby Championship and end of season Spring Tour.

**JAMES O'CONNOR – FLYHALF / FULLBACK**


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 Born: 05.07.90
 

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 Physical: 1.80m, 89kg
 

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 Province/Club: Brimbank/Harlequins, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 46 (38 Force)
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 204 (12t, 36c, 24p)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Reds, Perth
 

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 Tests: 37
 

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 Tests Points: 201 (12t, 36c, 23p)
 

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 Test Debut: 2008 v Italy, Padova
 

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It's hard to believe RaboDirect Rebel James O'Connor is one of the youngest players in the squad, although he is rich beyond his years in experience. His blistering pace causes havoc when he lines up on the wing or at fullback, yet he has the leadership and creativity to play in a Flyhalf role. His strength and combative defensive technique make him a powerful centre, at 12 or 13. He is also the owner of one of Australia's most potent pair of boots, and is the Wallabies' first choice goal kicker.

In James' debut season with the Force in 2008, he became Super Rugby's youngest player at just 17 years of age. He debuted for the Wallabies later that year, becoming the second youngest Australian to pull on the famous gold jersey. In 2009, he became the first Wallaby to bag a hat trick of tries on his full run on debut. He capped off that stellar season being named the Australian Rookie of the Year.

**NICK PHIPPS – SCRUMHALF**


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 Born: 09.01.89
 

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 Physical: 1.80m, 87kg
 

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 Province/Club: Maroondah, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 32
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Waratahs, Melbourne
 

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 Tests: 12
 

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 Test Points: 0
 

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 Test Debut: 2011 v Samoa, Sydney
 

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Now in his third year of Super Rugby, RaboDirect Rebel Nick Phipps is one of the competitions premier halfbacks. Nick's rise to fame was rapid. In 2010, Phipps was recruited by the Rebels out of third grade in the Sydney Shute Shield competition, with the intention to be part of a development plan for the Club's marquee halfbacks.

In his debut season, he was awarded the 2011 Super Rugby Rookie of the Year. He also received the inaugural Rebels Player's Player of the Year Award from his teammates, as their choice for the Club's best player that season.

Nick's rise through the ranks has been nothing short of meteoric. In 2009 he was part of Sydney University's successful program, which earned him a spot in the Australian Sevens Squad. Through this, he won a silver medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games which later lead to a spot on the Wallabies Spring Tour, culminating in an appearance for the midweek side against Munster. This call up, although not a cap,



made Nick the first RaboDirect Rebel to be selected for the Wallabies.

## **HUGH PYLE – LOCK**



Born: 21.09.88

Physical: 2.01m, 117kg

Province/Club: Hume, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 28

Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2001 v Chiefs, Waikato

RaboDirect Rebel Hugh Pyle is now in his third year of Super Rugby, where the flamboyant lock has established himself as one of Australia's most elusive and dynamic lock forwards.

Having played 12 matches in his rookie year, Hugh played every match for the Rebels last season and has blossomed into a young leader. In 2012, he was announced as Co-Vice Captain, and holds the responsibility of calling the Rebels lineout, whilst still only being 24 years of age.

Hugh's ability to carry and call lineouts makes the 2.01m lock a huge asset for the Rebels, along with his knack of finding the try line, where he has scored four tries in two seasons.

## **ANGUS ROBERTS – FLYHALF / FULLBACK**



Born: 17.12.90

Physical: 1.86m, 92kg

Province/Club: Moorabbin, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Angus Roberts moves to the RaboDirect Rebels on a two year deal, with many Australian Club's chasing the promising 22 year old.

Although not decorated with representative honours, Angus is highly regarded amongst his Rebels peers, with many of the coaches claiming he is one of the most natural footballers they have ever seen at the Club.

Having played his junior Rugby Union in country New South Wales for the Gunnedah Red Devils, Angus went on to attend St Ignatius College where many tipped Angus to immediately progress through the grade system of Sydney. He had a different view, deciding to take a break from his studies to travel, whilst working as a Physical Education teacher in the UK.

**GED ROBINSON – HOOKER**

Born: 20.06.83
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Physical: 1.78m, 105kg
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Province/Club: Harlequin, Melbourne
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Super Rugby Caps: 36 (6 Hurricanes)
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Super Rugby Points 15 (3t)
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Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Waratahs, Wellington
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RaboDirect Rebels hooker Ged Robinson appeared in every match of the Rebels debut season, followed by 14 of a possible 16 in 2012, gaining widespread acclaim for his industry and technique.

At the close of the 2011 campaign, Ged was honoured with the Spirit of Weary Dunlop Award in recognition of his dedication to the team's cause.

Before joining the Rebels, Robinson had made five appearances in Super Rugby with the Hurricanes, all in the 2009 season. This followed a breakthrough in 2010, seeing the Wellington Born: forward receiving a call up for the Junior All Blacks.

Now in his third season at the Club, Ged is firmly established as a Rebels leader, after gaining responsibilities during the Club's Development Tour of the UK and Ireland in 2011 and forming part of the 2012 game day strategy group.

**ALEX ROKOBARO – FULLBACK/WING**

Born: 06.10.89
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Physical: 1.83m, 91kg
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Province/Club: Harlequins, Melbourne
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Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
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Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
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Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped
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RaboDirect Rebel Alex Rokobaro returns to Super Rugby after a successful stint at French glamour club, Stade Français.

Alex began playing Rugby Union in his hometown of Adelaide, where he quickly became one of the state's brightest young stars.

His young Rugby journey took him to Brisbane, where he represented both Australian and Queensland Schools.

Alex again moved, relocating to Sydney, where he won a Colts Premiership for Sydney University as well as featuring in many of their grade triumphs. His success was rewarded by NSW Waratahs selectors, when he was drafted into their Academy system in 2010.

## JARROD SAFFY – BACK ROW



Born: 24.10.84

Physical: 1.89m, 107kg

Province/Club: Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 24

Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Waratahs, Melbourne

Unfortunately for Jarrod an injury ruined his 2012 campaign, which saw him featuring in only seven games for the RaboDirect Rebels. However his form during this past off season would suggest that he will once again be a wrecking ball in Super Rugby.

A formidable ball carrier and pilferer, Saffy has one the highest work rates at the Club, with the back rower landing the most tackles of any player in the competition in 2011. Listed on the interchange bench for his debut, Jarrod quickly forced his way into the side, starting 13 of the remaining games, completing the full 80 minutes in nine of them.

Jarrod's success is not only limited to Rugby Union, but also in Rugby League, playing an integral role in the St. George-Illawarra Dragons 2010 NRL Premiership win.

## RORY SIDEY – CENTRE/WING



Born: 04.07.86

Physical: 1.88m, 100kg

Province/Club: Power House, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 30 (26 Waratahs, 4 Force)

Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Reds, Brisbane

Sidey's Rugby Union rise has been unlike any other, but knowing Rory he would not have wanted it any other way.

Rory is another player who is tipped for a huge season at the RaboDirect Rebels. At only 26, he has had a taste of European Rugby with Newport-Gwent Dragons, and has spent the last three seasons with Super Rugby clubs the NSW Waratahs and Western Force, collecting 30 caps along the way.

The robust and agile centre showed his class and versatility immediately, scoring a try on debut for the Waratahs against the Reds at Suncorp Stadium, a moment he claims as his finest.

**KIMAMI SITAUTI – WINGER**

Born: 21.04.91

Physical: 1.83m, 93kg

Province/Club: Box Hill, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Kimami's rise through the Rugby ranks has been turbulent, yet the schoolboy prodigy has proven this off season he will no doubt be a player of the future.

Having grown up in and representing Auckland at a young age, Kimami travelled to Brisbane, attending Nudgee College. Here, he represented Souths in the premier Rugby competition whilst still at school.

Upon leaving school, Kimami debuted for the Australian Sevens side in Darwin, before traveling to Delhi to compete at the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

During the following season with the Queensland Reds, Kimami was selected in the Australian under 20s side at the 2011 IRB Junior World Championships. His form was rewarded with an opportunity to head south to Canberra, for a full time position at the ACT Brumbies in 2012.

**NIC STIRZAKER – SCRUMHALF**

Born: 08.03.91

Physical: 1.79m, 82kg

Province/Club: Wydnham City, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 4

Super Rugby points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Highlanders, Invercargill

2012 was the perfect initiation to professional Rugby Union for Nic Stirzaker, playing four Super Rugby games and turning in stellar performances for the Rebel Rising. His efforts saw him win the post season Rebel Rising Best Player Award, with many predicting big things for him in the future.

Blessed with great speed off the mark, Nic is the quickest player over 20 and 40 metres in the Rebels squad, with his 20 metre record of 2.71 seconds, a time better than the quickest ever time at AFL draft camp. He also leads the Club in all agility testing, but it's his service at the ruck that is his strongest attribute, with the careful guidance of former Wallaby and Rebels halfback Sam Cordingley.

In a competitive environment strongly endorsed by Damien Hill for every position, Nic will provide plenty of impetus for the halfback role against incumbent Wallaby half Nick Phipps, and utility back Richard Kingi.

## CHRIS THOMSON – LOCK



Born: 10.07.85

Physical: 2.05m, 120kg

Province/Club: Southern Districts, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 11 (Waratahs)

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2009, Sydney

RaboDirect Rebels lock Chris Thomson returns to Super Rugby following a two year stint with Narbonne Racing Club in France, a move that will see him with the Club until the end of 2014.

Having played since the age of seven, Chris spent a year abroad after high school, before returning to the ARC competition, where he signed his first Super Rugby contract with the NSW Waratahs, earning nine caps.

Chris is regarded as one of the best lineout technicians at the Club, and at 2.04m, there is no doubt where his abilities lie. 2012 has seen a transformation in Thomson's game, trimming down to his best playing weight since his first professional rugby season, and proving to be one of the most prominent ball carriers at training.

## COOPER VUNA – WINGER



Born: 05.07.87

Physical: 1.87m, 100kg

Province/Club: Endeavor Hills, Melbourne

Super Rugby Caps: 29

Super Rugby Points: 55 (11t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Waratahs, Melbourne

Tests: 2

Test points: 0

Test Debut: 2012 v Wales, Brisbane

In his first season with the RaboDirect Rebels, Cooper Vuna exploded onto the Super Rugby scene, proving to be one of the competition's most dynamic ball carriers and the Club's top try scorer.

His form continued into 2012, with Cooper achieving what many had predicted – he gained his first cap for the Wallabies against Scotland in Newcastle, the second Wallaby debutant through the Rebels system.

A serious shoulder injury sustained while playing for his local Club, Endeavour Hills, saw him miss most of 2012, which would have seen the Wallaby winger feature heavily in the Rugby Championships.

Although only his second year, Cooper's speed, strength and mercurial ball skills have made him a crowd favourite at AAMI Park and many rugby grounds throughout New Zealand.

**LAURIE WEEKS – PROP**


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 Born: 05.04.86
 

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 Physical: 1.80m, 115kg
 

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 Province/Club: Boroondara, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 45 (23 Reds)
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Bulls, Pretoria
 

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Having featured in every match in 2011, gaining five starts and playing under All Black legend Greg Somerville, 2012 ended for Weeks in the sixth round when he suffered a serious shoulder injury that required a full reconstruction.

It was a devastating moment for Weeks, given many had him pinned for Wallaby honours that season.

One of the most outgoing and personable members of the squad, Laurie is a similarly effervescent presence on the pitch. Technically solid and a powerful scrummager, he is also extremely mobile, having an uncanny knack to always pop up in the right place at the right time.

**JASON WOODWARD – FULLBACK**


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 Born: 17.05.90
 

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 Physical: 1.88m, 97kg
 

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 Province/Club: Southern Districts, Melbourne
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
 

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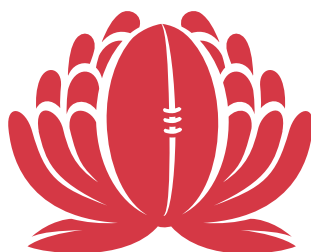
 Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped
 

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Jason joins the RaboDirect Rebels as one of the finds of the 2012 ITM Cup, having played a starring role for the Wellington Lions at fullback.

The former New Zealander Under 20 representative joins the star studded Rebels backline for two seasons, where he will be looking to reproduce the form that saw many New Zealanders disappointed to see him head across the ditch.

Jason's greatest assets are his speed, skill and versatility. He plays first five, fullback or wing, and possesses the ability to kick from both feet.



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NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Adam Ashley-Cooper	Utility Back	1.82m	98kg	27.03.84
Ollie Atkins	Lock	2.00m	117kg	12.08.88
Berrick Barnes	Flyhalf/Centre	1.83m	87kg	28.05.86
Peter Betham	Winger	1.92m	98kg	06.01.89
Tom Carter	Centre	1.89m	100kg	25.02.83
Cam Crawford	Winger	1.93m	98kg	14.11.88
Dave Dennis	Flanker	1.92m	110kg	10.01.86
Kane Douglas	Lock	2.02m	119kg	01.06.89
Damien Fitzpatrick	Hooker	1.83m	106kg	08.06.89
Israel Folau	Wing/Fullback	1.93m	103kg	03.04.89
Bernard Foley	Flyhalf/Fullback	1.82m	89kg	08.09.89
Grayson Hart	Scrumhalf	1.85m	91kg	19.06.88
Michael Hodge	Wing	1.83m	90kg	27.05.89
Michael Hooper	Flanker	1.82m	101kg	29.10.91
Rob Horne	Centre	1.86m	92kg	15.08.89
Sekope Kepu	Prop	1.88m	118kg	05.02.86
Tom Kingston	Wing	1.90m	91kg	19.06.91
Sam Lane	Flyhalf	1.76m	88kg	21.02.91
Pat McCutcheon	Flanker	1.87m	106kg	24.06.87
Brendan McKibbin	Scrumhalf	1.75m	85kg	19.09.85
Drew Mitchell	Wing	1.82m	92kg	26.03.84
Wycliff Palu	No.8	1.94m	116kg	27.07.83
Greg Peterson	Lock	2.04m	118kg	26.03.91
Tatafu Polota-Nau	Hooker	1.81m	115kg	26.07.85
Benn Robinson	Prop	1.83m	112kg	18.07.84
Paddy Ryan	Prop	1.89m	117kg	09.08.88
Jeremy Tilse	Prop	1.90m	118kg	02.06.86
Lopeti Timani	Backrow	1.93m	116kg	28.09.90
Sitaleki Timani	Lock	2.03m	121kg	19.09.86
Lachie Turner	Wing	1.89m	94kg	11.05.87
John Ulugia	Hooker	1.80m	112kg	17.10.86

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## HOMEGROUND

Allianz Stadium  
 Driver Avenue  
 Moore Park NSW 2021  
 Capacity: 44,000

ANZ Stadium  
 Edwin Flack Avenue  
 Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127  
 Capacity: 83,500



## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** sky blue jersey with navy blue trim, navy blue shorts and navy blue socks with sky blue calf.

**AWAY STRIP:** white jersey with navy blue sleeves, navy blue shorts and white socks with navy blue calf.

## FIXTURES

Week	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (local)
1	BYE			
2	Saturday 23 February	Reds	Suncorp Stadium	19:40
3	Friday 1 March	Rebels	Allianz Stadium	19:20
4	Saturday 9 March	Brumbies	Canberra Stadium	19:40
5	Friday 15 March	Cheetahs	Allianz Stadium	19:40
6	Sunday 24 March	Blues	Allianz Stadium	16:05
7	Sunday 31 March	Force	Allianz Stadium	16:05
8	Saturday 6 April	Hurricanes	Westpac Stadium	17:35
9	BYE			
10	Friday 19 April	Chiefs	Allianz Stadium	19:40
11	Sunday 28 April	Bulls	Loftus Versfeld	01:05
12	Sunday 5 May	Kings	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	01:05
13	Saturday 11 May	Stormers	Allianz Stadium	19:40
14	Saturday 18 May	Brumbies	ANZ Stadium	19:40
15	Friday 24 May	Rebels	AAMI Park	19:40
16	Friday 31 May	Crusaders	AMI Stadium	17:35
17	Sunday 9 June	Force	nib Stadium	16:05
18	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
19	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
20	Saturday 13 July	Reds	ANZ Stadium	19:40

## MILESTONES

- Dave Dennis needs three caps for 50 NSW/Super Rugby caps
- Rob Horne needs three caps for 50 NSW/Super Rugby caps
- Sekope Kepu needs three caps for 50 NSW/Super Rugby caps
- Kane Douglas needs seven caps for 50 NSW/Super Rugby caps
- Sitaleki Timani needs seven caps for 50 NSW/Super Rugby caps
- Adam Ashley-Cooper needs six caps for 100 Super Rugby caps (78 Brumbies)
- Tafa Polota-Tau needs seven caps for 100 Super Rugby caps
- Benn Robinson needs five caps to move to fifth on the most capped NSW all time player list
- Benn Robinson needs six caps to move to fourth on the most capped NSW Super Rugby player list
- Brendan McKibbin needs six points for 100 NSW/Super Rugby points
- Drew Mitchell needs 20 points for 100 NSW/Super Rugby points

**MICHAEL CHEIKA – HEAD COACH**

Born: 04.03.67, Sydney NSW

Waratahs Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: Petrarca Rugby Padova (coach, 2000), Randwick (head coach second grade 2002, first grade 2003-2005), Leinster (head coach, 2005-2010), Stade Francais (head coach, 2011-2012)

An Australian U21 and NSW representative, former Randwick No.8 Michael Cheika made 212 first grade appearances for the club, winning seven Premiership titles in his 14-year playing career, before adding another title, this time as coach, in 2004. In May 2005, Cheika replaced Declan Kidney as Head Coach of Leinster, where he stayed for five years, leading the Province to a first ever Heineken Cup Victory. He took over as the NSW Waratahs head coach in October 2012 on a three-year contract and has already instilled a hard work ethic and clear team identity that he hopes will become the foundations of future success.

**ALAN GAFFNEY – ASSISTANT COACH**

Born: 16.12.46, Sydney NSW

Waratahs Coaching Debut: 1997

Other Coaching Roles: Randwick (coach, 1984-1996), HSBC Waratahs (assistant coach, 1997-1999), Leinster (backs coach, 2000-2002), Munster (head coach, 2002-2005), Australia (assistant coach, 2005-2006), Saracens (director of rugby, 2006-2008), Leinster (technical consultant, 2008-2010), Ireland (backs coach, 2008-2011)

The 2013 season will be Alan Gaffney's second consecutive season with the HSBC Waratahs and fourth year in total. Well known to new head coach Michael Cheika, Gaffney served as his assistant during his second stint at Leinster, when the pair guided the Irish Province to Heineken Cup victory. A life member of Randwick Rugby Club in Sydney, Gaffney coached them for more than a decade, whilst also holding various roles including coach of the NSW Under 21s and assistant coach of the Waratahs. A highly accomplished and former Celtic League, Celtic Cup, Heineken Cup, Six Nations and Grand Slam-winning coach, Gaffney has also served with both the Wallabies and Ireland, whom he worked with through to RWC 2011.

**DARYL GIBSON – ASSISTANT COACH**


Born: 02.03.75, Lumsden NZ

Waratahs Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: Crusaders (assistant coach, 2008-2012), Maori All Blacks (assistant coach 2010, 2012), Glasgow Warriors (backs coach 2007-2008)

As an inside centre, Daryl Gibson played 19 Tests for the New Zealand All Blacks between 1999 and 2002, including the 1999 RWC. He made a team record 78 appearances for the Crusaders in Super 12 between 1996 and 2002, scoring 14 tries and winning four championships in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2002. As a player he also played 80 matches for Canterbury (claiming 35 tries and twice winning the New Zealand Provincial Championship) and represented the New Zealand Maori, New Zealand Barbarians and English Premiership sides Bristol Shoguns and Leicester Tigers and the Glasgow Warriors in the Magners League, where he was a player as well as a backs coach. After four years with the Crusaders, he joins the NSW Waratahs for the 2013 season.

**ADAM ASHLEY-COOPER – UTILITY BACK**


Physical: 1.82m, 98kg

Born: 27.03.84, Sydney NSW

Senior Club: Northern Suburbs

Provincial Rugby Caps: 94 (NSW 16, ACT 78)

Provincial Rugby Points: 78 (15t, 1d), (Brumbies 70 (14t); NSW 8 (1t, 1dg))

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2005 v Crusaders

Super Rugby Caps: 94 (NSW 16, ACT 78)

Super Rugby Points: 78 (15t, 1d), (Brumbies 70 (14t); NSW 8 (1t, 1dg))

Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Crusaders

Test Rugby Caps: 77

Test Rugby Points: 115 (23t)

Test Rugby Debut: 2005 v South Africa

A former NSW junior representative, Adam Ashley-Cooper enters his second season with the HSBC Waratahs on the back of yet another season of international consistency.

Despite having a passion for rugby as a six-year-old, the talented and versatile outside back only started to take the game seriously at the age of 17. Educated at Berkeley Vale High School, Adam got his first real taste of the sport as a 15-year-old while living on the NSW Central Coast. Having played junior rugby for local side Ourimbah, he began playing junior state representative football, before moving to Sydney to coincide with his university studies with the aim of becoming a professional rugby player. At the age of 19, he moved to Canberra to take up his first professional contract.

**OLLIE ATKINS – SECOND ROW**

Physical: 2.00m, 117kg

Born: 12.08.88, Hobart TAS

Senior Club: Sydney University

Provincial Rugby Caps: 2 (Western Force)

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2012 v Blues  
(Western Force)

Super Rugby Caps: 2 (Western Force)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Blues  
(Western Force)

After impressing in the recent Shute Shield finals series, including the 2012 Grand Final win over Southern Districts, 24-year-old Ollie Atkins became the penultimate addition to the HSBC Waratahs' 2013 roster.

Described as a stand out for his work rate and the impact around the ground, the Students' lock puts his 117kg, 2.00m frame to good use across the field, whether it's with ball in hand, at the breakdown or tackle or in the set piece.

**BERRICK BARNES – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.83m, 87kg

Born: 28.05.86, Brisbane QLD

Senior Club: Sydney University

Provincial Rugby Caps: 82 (Queensland 45,  
NSW 37)Provincial Rugby Points: 263 (8t, 44c,  
36p, 9d), (Queensland 105 (6t,18c,7p,6d),  
NSW 158 (2t,26c,29p,3d))Provincial Rugby Debut: 2006 v HSBC  
Waratahs (Queensland Reds)Super Rugby Caps: 82 (Reds 45, HSBC  
Waratahs 37)Super Rugby Points: 263 (8t, 44c, 36p, 9d),  
(Reds 105 (6t,18c,7p,6d), HSBC Waratahs 158  
(2t,26c,29p,3d))

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v HSBC Waratahs (Reds)

Test Rugby Caps: 50

Test Rugby Points: 200 (8t, 17c, 34p, 8d)

Test Rugby Debut: 2007 v Japan (RWC)

A star on the Super Rugby and international stages and a firm favourite with fans, Berrick Barnes became the 37th Australian to earn his 50th Test cap against Wales in the final match of the 2012 season.

The 2013 season will be Berrick Barnes' fourth season in the sky blue. An accomplished goal kicker, Barnes overtook Lote Tuqiri (148) to become the seventh highest points' scorer in NSW Super Rugby history with 158 points in the 2012 round 17 loss to the Brumbies at ANZ Stadium. A former rugby league star, Barnes has long been a favourite with NSW and Australian rugby fans, his popularity is as much down to his down to earth attitude and willingness to sign every last autograph, as it is to his impressive on field skills.

**PETER BETHAM – WING**



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Physical: 1.92m, 98kgs

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Born: 06.01.89, Wellington NZ

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Senior Club: Unattached

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Provincial Rugby Caps: 2

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Provincial Rugby Debut: 2011 (Rebels)

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Super Rugby Caps: 10 (Rebels 8,  
HSBC Waratahs 2)

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Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2011 (Rebels)

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Former Australia Under 20 winger Peter Betham made his HSBC Waratahs debut against the Crusaders in April 2012, in front of a 30,000-strong home crowd at Allianz Stadium. Turning in a composed debut performance, the 23-year-old proved his potential against one of the in-form sides in the competition and has been rewarded with a place in the 30-man squad for 2013.

A strong and elusive outside back, Peter returned to NSW pre-season training in October last year after spending the off-season playing for New Zealand premiership side Tasman. Seeking a challenge and the opportunity to play alongside childhood friend and fellow Shute Shield player, Jeremy Sua, the experience has brought an added confidence to Peter's game. He finished the tournament as one of the top three offensive players, scoring six tries throughout Tasman's campaign, which ended with a semi final loss to Otago.

**TOM CARTER – INSIDE CENTRE**



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Physical: 1.89m, 100kg

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Born: 25.02.83, Young NSW

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Senior Club: Sydney University

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Provincial Rugby Caps: 79

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Provincial Rugby Points: 85 (17t)

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Provincial Rugby Debut: 2004 v Salta

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Super Rugby Caps: 72

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Super Rugby Points: 75 (15t)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Hurricanes

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A contract extension in 2013 will see the hard-running Tom Carter play his tenth successive season with the HSBC Waratahs. Known for his passion and fierce competitive spirit, Tom wears his heart on his sleeve every time he pulls on a NSW jersey.

Carter played his first game for his state as a 21-year-old against Salta in Argentina back in 2004 – making his debut alongside current HSBC Waratahs teammate Benn Robinson. However ongoing injury problems then stalled his promising career until 2008, when he made his Super Rugby debut on the wing against the Hurricanes in Sydney.

Carter has gone on to notch up an impressive 79 caps for NSW, giving him the illustrious honour of being the 18th most capped player in NSW rugby history. His 15 tries also place him in the top ten try scorers for the HSBC Waratahs in Super Rugby, just one behind teammate Drew Mitchell.

**CAM CRAWFORD – FULLBACK**

Physical: 1.93m, 98kg

Born: 14.11.88, Sydney NSW

Senior Club: Northern Suburbs

Provincial Rugby Caps: 2 (ACT Brumbies 2)

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2012 v Wales  
(ACT Brumbies)

Super Rugby Caps: 1 (ACT Brumbies 1)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Western Force  
(ACT Brumbies)

Sydney -born, Northern Suburbs fullback Cam Crawford joins the HSBC Waratahs this season, returning home to NSW after two years with the Brumbies.

A skillful and versatile fullback, Cam spent five years with Northern Suburbs before moving to Canberra to accept an Academy position for the 2011 season. Unfortunately, a torn medial ligament ruled him out of Super Rugby action that season but after returning to Shute Shield action and proving his fitness with Norths later that year, finishing as the Shute Shield's third highest try scorer for the second year running, he was rewarded with a full time contract that saw him make his Brumbies' debut in an exhibition match against Wales in 2012. His only other appearance for the side was his Super Rugby debut, which came from the bench against the Western Force. It was this lack of game time that proved pivotal in the 23-year-old's decision to move home to Sydney.

**DAVE DENNIS – BLINDSIDE FLANKER**

Physical: 1.92m, 110kg

Born: 10.01.86, Sydney NSW

Senior Club: Sydney University

Provincial Rugby Caps: 47

Provincial Rugby Points: 30 (6t)

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2007 v Crusaders

Super Rugby Caps: 47

Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Crusaders

Test Rugby Caps: 15

Test Rugby Debut: 2012 v Scotland

However after being a bolter on the Wallabies 2009 Spring Tour, Dennis has gone on to feature in 30 of the HSBC Waratahs 31 Super Rugby matches in the past two seasons and in 2012, amassed 14 caps for Australia and rounded off the season by collecting the prestigious Player's Player of the Year award.

Well-respected amongst his teammates, Dennis polled third in the previous year's Matthew Burke Cup voting behind Kurtley Beale and Tafa Tu'ipulotu. His strong form in 2011 saw him again selected in the Wallaby squad and, while not a member of the final 30-man RWC 2011 squad, he was one of a select group of players to train-on throughout the tournament. His reward was a place on the Spring Tour to the UK, where he started in non-cap XV that defeated the Barbarians by 60-11 at Twickenham.

**KANE DOUGLAS – LOCK**


Physical: 2.02m, 119kg
Born: 01.06.89, Maclean NSW
Senior Club: Southern Districts
Provincial Rugby Caps: 43
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2010 v Queensland
Super Rugby Caps: 43
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Reds
Test Rugby Caps: 6
Test Rugby Debut: 2012 v Argentina

Kane Douglas has risen as a Test performer during 2012. The 2.02m tall second rower was propelled into the Wallabies' starting XV for the match against Argentina on the Gold Coast as part of the inaugural Castrol EDGE Rugby Championship in 2012. Douglas featured in the remaining three Tests of the Rugby Championship which helped him secure his ticket for the 2012 Spring Tour to Europe.

Establishing a Test place was the logical next step in the career of the 23-year-old, who has been a regular figure for the HSBC Waratahs since his debut four years ago. Kane hails from Yamba on the Far North Coast of New South Wales, where he went to Yamba Public School and Maclean High School. He began his rugby career at 15, when he joined the Yamba Buccaneers Under-15 – Under-17 Academy for rugby union. He quickly developed into a dominant physical presence, representing his state at Under-17 level and playing for the Australian Under 20s team in Japan in 2009.

**DAMIEN FITZPATRICK – HOOKER**


Physical: 1.83m, 106kg
Born: 08.06.89, Sydney NSW
Senior Club: Eastwood
Provincial Rugby Caps: 22
Provincial Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2009 v Crusaders
Super Rugby Caps: 22
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Crusaders

Following a horror run of injuries, Damien Fitzpatrick again be forced to spend the majority of the 2013 season on the sidelines. Despite showing enormous promise, the talented hooker has been restricted to just 22 caps across four seasons of Super Rugby, with another knee operation forcing him to wait until 2014 to add to that tally.

He made his debut for the HSBC Waratahs against the Crusaders in 2009, at just 19 years of age. The same year, he captained Australia in the Under 20 Junior World Championship and was selected in the Wallabies preliminary squad for the spring tour.

**ISRAEL FOLAU – WING**

Physical: 1.93m, 103kg

Born: 03.04.89, Minto NSW

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Israel Folau joined the HSBC Waratahs in December 2012 after completing a high-profile code-switch that will see him swap the Greater Western Sydney Giants for the NSW Waratahs.

A highly acclaimed and exceptionally talented rugby league player, Israel played 90 games for the Melbourne Storm (including two Grand Finals) and Brisbane Broncos from 2007-2010 before announcing his switch to join the AFL in June 2010. In two years with the Greater Western Sydney Giants, he played 13 games for the western Sydney side in their debut AFL season, making his debut in the code against the Sydney Swans in round one of 2012, playing as a key forward and occasional ruckman.

Having broken the NRL's record for most tries in a debut year and earned the Dally M award for Rookie of the Year in his inaugural season with the Melbourne Storm in 2007/2008, he went on to make history as the youngest rugby league player to represent Australia (18 years and 194 days).

**BERNARD FOLEY – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.82m, 89kg

Born: 08.09.89, Sydney NSW

Senior Club: Sydney University

Provincial Rugby Caps: 14

Provincial Rugby Points: 21 (3t, 2p)

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2011 v Blues

Super Rugby Caps: 14

Super Rugby Points: 21 (3t, 2p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Blues

Bernard Foley proved to be an attacking revelation at fullback and flyhalf for the HSBC Waratahs last season, exhibiting the flair and vision he had honed in his time on the international sevens circuit.

His stellar season was capped off when he won the Chris Whitaker Aspiring Waratah Medal for 2012.

Bernard had the rare honour of making his Super Rugby debut in a finals match, coming on in the closing stages of the 2011 Qualifying Final against the Blues. He was a silver medallist with the Australian Sevens team at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and went on to captain the national squad on the 2010/11 IRB Series. After making his first debut in state colours, he enjoyed a stellar season with Sydney University where his skill and versatility earned him a call-up to the Australian Barbarians and a full-time Super Rugby contract.



**GRAYSON HART – SCRUMHALF**



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Physical: 1.85m, 91kg

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Born: 19.06.88, Kaitaia NZ

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Senior Club: Southern Districts

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Provincial Rugby Caps: 40 (Auckland 25, North Harbour 6, Blues 7, HSBC Waratahs 2)

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Provincial Rugby Debut: 2007 v Bay of Plenty (Auckland)

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Super Rugby Caps: 9 (Auckland Blues 7, HSBC Waratahs 2)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Bulls (Auckland Blues)

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The nephew of former All Blacks coach John Hart, 24-year-old Grayson Hart steps up into the full squad for the 2013 season. A member of the 2012 Extended Playing Squad, the Southern Districts youngster was rewarded with a senior contract after impressing in his debut performance against the Brumbies at ANZ stadium and in the final round of his team's 2012 campaign, against the Reds in Brisbane.

A former national representative at New Zealand Under 19 and Under 20 level, when he played alongside All Blacks Aaron Smith, Sam Whitelock and Zac Guildford, in 2007 he made his NPC debut at just 19 years of age, playing for Auckland and then North Harbour. He went on to play Super Rugby for the Blues, debuting against the Bulls in 2009 and playing seven games before making the decision to cross the Tasman to Sydney on the advice of his uncle who he credits as having a "massive" influence on his career.

**MICHAEL HODGE – WING**



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Physical: 1.83m, 90kg

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Born: 27.05.89, Canberra ACT

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Senior Club: Sydney University

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Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

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Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

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Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

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Born: in Canberra, Michael Hodge joined the HSBC Waratahs squad in 2013, on the back of consistent excellence at club level.

Voted Players' Player of the Year for 2011 by his club Sydney University, Hodge was a member of the Students' side that contested last year's Shute Shield Grand Final, losing to eventual winners Eastwood.

A former Australian Sevens player, Michael left Canberra in favour of Sydney five years ago. After taking up the sport as an under-eight with ACT junior side South Tuggernong, he represented his Canberra school Marist College before earning a place in the ARU's National Training Squad at the age of 15.

**MICHAEL HOOPER – OPEN SIDE FLANKER**


Physical: 1.82m, 97kg
Born: 29.10.91, Sydney NSW
Senior Club: Manly
Provincial Rugby Caps: 30 (ACT Brumbies 30)
Provincial Rugby Points: 25 (5t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2010 v Chiefs (ACT Brumbies)
Super Rugby Caps: 30 (ACT Brumbies 30)
Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Chiefs (ACT Brumbies)
Test Rugby Caps: 13
Test Rugby Debut: 2012 v Scotland, Newcastle

A product of the Manly Marlins, 23-year-old Michael Hooper returns home to Sydney for the 2013 Super Rugby season having become one of the hottest properties in Australian rugby.

Known for an incredible work rate and tenacity at the breakdown, the Wallaby newcomer made his Super Rugby debut for the Canberrians against the Chiefs in 2010. In 2011, he was awarded the Australian Under 20 Player of the Year award and, after a stellar 2012 season for the Brumbies, he went on to make his full international debut against Scotland in Newcastle in June.

One of the Brumbies' best performers of last season, Hooper consistently topped the tackle count and proved himself as one of the competition's best ball scavengers.

**ROB HORNE – OUTSIDE CENTRE**


Physical: 1.86m, 90kg
Born: 15.08.89, Greenacre NSW
Senior Club: Southern Districts
Provincial Rugby Caps: 47
Provincial Rugby Points: 55 (11t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2008 v ACT Brumbies
Super Rugby Caps: 47
Super Rugby Points: 55 (11t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v ACT Brumbies
Test Rugby Caps: 14
Test Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Test Rugby Debut: 2010 v Fiji

Rob Horne will be back in action in 2013 after being forced to miss the Wallabies' Spring Tour after sustaining a hamstring injury whilst helping his club Southern Districts to a semi final victory in the Shute Shield.

Known as a hard-running, fast-paced outside-centre with an aggressive attitude to defence, Rob made his HSBC Waratahs' debut against the Brumbies in his first year out of school at just 18 years of age and went on to score a try in his run on debut against the Western Force in Perth later that season.

**SEKOPE KEPU – PROP**


Physical: 1.88m, 120kg
Born: 05.02.86, Sydney NSW
Senior Club: Randwick
Provincial Rugby Caps: 47
Provincial Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2008 v Highlanders
Super Rugby Caps: 47
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Highlanders
Test Rugby Caps: 23
Test Rugby Debut: 2008 v Italy

Able to play on the both sides of the scrum, Sekope Kepu has been a mainstay in state and national colours since his debut for the HSBC Waratahs in 2008.

Despite being born in Sydney, Kepu was raised in Auckland, where he attended Wesley College – the same school as All Black legend Jonah Lomu. During the 2011 Rugby World Cup, Kepu revisited the school to present the jersey he wore in the final game of the successful 2011 Tri Nations tournament.

The chance to return home to Sydney came in 2008, when the HSBC Waratahs offered the physically imposing prop a spot in their elite squad. A hugely successful debut season was capped off with Kepu being named in the Wallabies squad for the end of season tour. He made his Test debut against Italy in Padova the same year. Kepu has gone on to play 23 matches for the Wallabies.

**TOM KINGSTON – RIGHT WING**


Physical: 1.90m, 90kg
Born: 19.06.91, Sydney NSW
Senior Club: Sydney University
Provincial Rugby Caps: 19
Provincial Rugby Points: 25 (5t)
Super Rugby Caps: 19
Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)

Capable of playing on the wing or at outside centre, the electric Tom Kingston is rapidly becoming an indispensable asset in the HSBC Waratahs' backline. In 2012, Tom scored four tries and made 15 appearances during the regular season.

Kingston attended St Aloysius' College in North Sydney for his primary and secondary education, but moved to Hong Kong as a teenager, where he spent five years playing for the Stanley Fort Rugby Club.

When he returned to Australia, Kingston impressed NSW selectors with his pace and finishing ability while playing for his Shute Shield club, Sydney University. Strong pre-season training performances with the HSBC Waratahs in 2011 saw him earn a contract upgrade before the Super Rugby tournament had even commenced.

**PAT MCCUTCHEON – OPEN SIDE FLANKER**

Physical: 1.87m, 105kg
Born: 24.06.87, Narromine NSW
Senior Club: Sydney University
Provincial Rugby Caps: 14
Provincial Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2010 v Highlanders
Super Rugby Caps: 14
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Highlanders

With the retirement of Phil Waugh in 2011, Pat took over as the first choice openside flanker in the squad for the 2012 Super Rugby season. However, a horrific ankle injury against the Highlanders in round three of the competition saw him sidelined for the rest of the season.

A member of the Waratahs pathway since 2006, Pat McCutcheon was named captain of the Australian Sevens team in the 2009/10 IRB Series before being required for Super 14 duty.

**BRENDAN MCKIBBIN – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.75m, 86kg
Born: 19.09.85, Irvine, Scotland
Senior Club: Eastern Suburbs
Provincial Rugby Caps: 30 (Queensland 4, NSW 26)
Provincial Rugby Points: 104 (1t, 21c, 19p), (Queensland 10 (5c); NSW 94 (1t, 16c, 19p))
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2009 v Chiefs (Queensland)
Super Rugby Caps: 30 (Reds 4, HSBC Waratahs 26)
Super Rugby Points: 104 (1t, 21c, 19p), (Reds 10 (5c); HSBC Waratahs 94 (1t, 16c, 19p))
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Chiefs (Queensland Reds)

Brendan McKibbin was rewarded for an outstanding 2012 Super Rugby season with a call up to the Wallabies' squad for the last Test match of the year. Standing in for the injured Brett Sheehan, McKibbin was named on the bench for the final match of the Spring Tour, against Wales in Cardiff, gaining valuable experience although not a cap on this occasion.

Earning a position in the senior squad and widely considered the best goal-kicker at the time, McKibbin's opportunities were limited by the presence of Luke Burgess, with his longest appearance of the 2011 season totalling just 18 minutes. In 2012, Burgess' departure was compensated for by the arrival of South African marquee signing Sarel Pretorius.

Last season, McKibbin went on to become the team's first choice halfback and goal kicker, playing in all but one of the team's 16 Super Rugby matches, making the starting XV on eight occasions.

**DREW MITCHELL – WING**


Physical: 1.82m, 95kg
Born: 26.03.84, Liverpool NSW
Senior Club: Balmain
Provincial Rugby Caps: 102 (Queensland 37, WA 38, NSW 27)
Provincial Rugby Points: 175 (35t), (Queensland 50 (10t), WA 45 (9t), NSW 80 (16t))
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2004 v Highlanders (QLD)
Super Rugby Caps: 100 (Reds 35, Force 38, HSBC Waratahs 27)
Super Rugby Points: 170 (34t), (Reds 45 (9t), Force 45 (9t), HSBC Waratahs 80 (16t))
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Highlanders (QLD Reds)
Test Rugby Caps: 63
Test Rugby Points: 150 (30t)
Test Rugby Debut: 2005 v South Africa

One of the most prolific try scorers in Super Rugby history, Drew Mitchell completed his Super Rugby century when he took to the field in the HSBC Waratahs' final match of the 2012 season.

Mitchell made his NSW debut in 2010 against his former Queensland team mates. In July 2012, he played his 100th game against the same opposition, when he represented the HSBC Waratahs for the 27th time, having already played for the Reds (on 37 occasions, including 35 Super Rugby matches) and the Force (38 times) earlier in his career.

**WYCLIFF PALU – NO.8**


Physical: 1.94m, 118kg
Born: 27.07.82, Sydney NSW
Senior Club: Manly
Provincial Rugby Caps: 85
Provincial Rugby Points: 60 (12t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2003 v Samoa
Super Rugby Caps: 80
Super Rugby Points: 60 (12t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Chiefs
Test Rugby Caps: 46
Test Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Test Rugby Debut: 2006 v England

Widely acknowledged as one of the most influential figures in the HSBC Waratahs' squad, Wycliff Palu is also one of the most longstanding.

Starting the 2012 season in strong physical condition, Palu went on to play in 13 of the HSBC Waratahs' 16 Super Rugby matches – including 11 in the run on side – and finish the season as Best Forward, just four points behind Matthew Burke Cup winner Dave Dennis.

**GREG PETERSON – LOCK**

Physical: 2.04m, 122kg

Born: 23.03.90, Sydney NSW

Senior Club: Manly

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Having been drafted into the playing squad in 2012, Greg spent a frustrating year on the sidelines behind his more experienced HSBC Waratah team mates. But after a season spent training with the squad and the departures of Dan Vickerman and Dean Mumm, Peterson will be looking to play a far greater role in 2013.

Following a standout season in schoolboy rugby, Peterson joined the Waratahs Academy in 2009. In 2010, he made his Shute Shield debut for the Manly Marlins, making his mark by winning the 2010 Shute Shield Rookie of the Year award in his first year out of school.

**TATAFU POLOTA-NAU – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.81m, 113kg

Born: 26.07.85, Sydney NSW

Senior Club: Parramatta

Provincial Rugby Caps: 94

Provincial Rugby Points: 60 (12t)

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2005 v Auckland

Super Rugby Caps: 93

Super Rugby Points: 60 (12t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Reds

Test Rugby Caps: 44

Test Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Test Rugby Debut: 2005 v England

One of the most damaging front-rowers in the game, Tatafu Polota-Nau is one of Australia's first choice hookers who will undoubtedly put up a challenge to be picked to take on the 2013 British & Irish Lions front row.

Since making his debut in 2006 against the Reds, Polota-Nau has gone on to register 93 Super Rugby appearances and over 40 Test appearances. He became the youngest player in NSW Rugby history to register 50 caps for his state, missing just seven games in his first six seasons with the club. In 2010, his hard work saw him awarded the Matthew Burke Cup for Player of the Year. He is also one of the most popular members of the HSBC Waratahs squad, having won the 2012 Members' Choice Player of the Year, which was voted on by the general public.

**BENN ROBINSON – PROP**



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Physical: 1.83m, 113kg

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Born: 19.07.84, Sydney NSW

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Senior Club: Eastwood

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Provincial Rugby Caps: 101

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Provincial Rugby Points: 40 (8t)

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Provincial Rugby Debut: 2004 v Salta

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Super Rugby Caps: 94

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Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Reds

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Test Rugby Caps: 56

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Test Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

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Test Rugby Debut: 2006 v South Africa

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The 2012 season was a year of milestones for the man known to his teammates as 'Cat'. He bought up his 100th cap for NSW in the penultimate round against the Brumbies, a feat that saw him become the sixth most capped player in NSW history. He also became the 163rd player to captain the state, leading the side out on ten occasions in place of the injured Rocky Elsom. Remarkably, it was the first time he had captained a side at any level.

In 2004, he was invited to tour Argentina with the Waratahs, and made his provincial debut in a 51-22 win against local side Salta. He went on to play every minute of every game in the 2005 Under 21 World Championships in Argentina.

**PADDY RYAN – PROP**



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Physical: 1.89m, 120kg

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Born: 09.08.88 Tamworth NSW

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Senior Club: Sydney University

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Provincial Rugby Caps: 13

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Provincial Rugby Debut: 2011 v Chiefs

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Super Rugby Caps: 13

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Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Chiefs

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Test Rugby Caps: 1

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Test Rugby Debut: 2012 v France

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Ryan has had a great grounding at the HSBC Waratahs since his introduction to the side in 2011 and has loomed as a potential Test player since his selection for the Australian Schoolboys in 2006.

With the retirement of Al Baxter at the end of the 2011 season, Paddy was capped for NSW ten times in 2012 and would have enjoyed even more game time had he not suffered a frustrating layoff with a Lisfranc fracture in his foot. His physicality in general play and strong scrummaging effort caught the eye of national coach Robbie Deans, and he was fast tracked into the Wallabies squad for the 2012 Rugby Championship, after just 13 appearances in Super Rugby.

**JEREMY TILSE – PROP**

Physical: 1.90m, 120kg

Born: 02.06.86, Newcastle NSW

Senior Club: Sydney University

Provincial Rugby Caps: 19

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2006 v Saracens A

Super Rugby Caps: 16

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Cheetahs

The 2013 season will be Jeremy Tilse's eighth year with the HSBC Waratahs, making him one of the most experienced members of the 30 man squad. The big front rower made his state debut on the 2006 Development Tour to the UK and Ireland, and has gone on to make 19 provincial appearances between 2006 and 2012.

A multiple-premiership winner with the Sydney University club, Tilse made his Super 14 debut against the Cheetahs in Kimberley in 2007, but an abundance of front row talent saw the talented young prop struggle for game time behind Wallabies Al Baxter, Benn Robinson and Sekope Kepu. However in 2010, with the injury-enforced absence of Benn Robinson and Sekope Kepu, Tilse took the opportunities presented to him with both hands and established himself as an important component of the squad.

**LOPETI TIMANI – NO.8**

Physical: 1.93m, 117kg

Born: 28.09.90, Navutoka Tonga

Senior Club: Southern Districts

Provincial Rugby Caps: 14

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2012 v  
Queensland Reds

Super Rugby Caps: 14

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Queensland Reds

Backrower Lopeti Timani graduates to the HSBC Waratahs squad this year after a breakthrough season playing out of the Extended Playing Squad in 2012. The powerful young forward debuted against the Queensland Reds in round one, and went to play in all but two of the remaining fixtures last year (2012).

Growing up in Tonga, Lopeti attended Atele Boys College and played his rugby for the Silapelua'ua club. He moved to Australia to pursue a rugby league career with the Canterbury Bulldogs, where he played 24 games in the Under 20 Toyota Cup between 2009 and 2010. His physical playing style and his prior experience in rugby union caught the eye of selectors, and he was offered a contract to come back into the rugby fold with the HSBC Junior Waratahs for 2011.

From there, Lopeti's professional rugby career has gone from strength to strength. He represented the HSBC Junior Waratahs in the 2011 IRB Pacific Rugby Cup and played alongside Grayson Hart at Southern Districts in the Shute Shield where he developed his ability to play at lock in addition to the back row.



**SITALEKI TIMANI – LOCK**


Physical: 2.03m, 120kg
Born: 19.09.86, Navutoka Tonga
Senior Club: Southern Districts
Provincial Rugby Caps: 43 (Western Force 3, Brumbies 12, HSBC Waratahs 28)
Provincial Rugby Points: 30 (6t), (Brumbies 10 (2t), HSBC Waratahs 20 (4t))
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2008 v Sharks (Western Force)
Super Rugby Caps: 39 (Western Force 3, Brumbies 8, HSBC Waratahs 28)
Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t), (Brumbies 5 (1t), HSBC Waratahs 20 (4t))
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Sharks (Western Force)
Test Rugby Caps: 10
Test Rugby Debut: 2011 v Samoa

Since returning to the HSBC Waratahs for a second season in 2012, Sitalaki Timani has gone on to become a powerful new force on the international stage.

From there, the former Tongan Schoolboys football goal-keeper made rapid strides, becoming a first choice selection in the Qantas Wallabies forward pack and earning 10 Test caps. With a promising Super Rugby season ahead, there is little doubt that will be just as much of a force against the British & Irish Lions in 2013.

**LACHIE TURNER – WING**


Physical: 1.89m, 96kg
Born: 11.05.87, Sydney NSW
Senior Club: Eastwood
Provincial Rugby Caps: 75
Provincial Rugby Points: 138 (25t, 2c, 3p)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2006 v Reds
Super Rugby Caps: 69
Super Rugby Points: 125 (25t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Stormers
Test Rugby Caps: 15
Test Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Test Rugby Debut: 2008 v France

After a frustrating injury lay-off last season, the electric Lachie Turner bring his pace, skill and experience back to the HSBC Waratahs backline in 2013. Prior to tearing his hamstring in the 2012 pre-season trial against Samoa, Turner hadn't missed a match since his HSBC Waratahs debut – an impressive run of 67 consecutive Super Rugby appearances.

In the 2007 season, he earned his first Super Rugby cap in round seven against the Stormers in Sydney, going on to play every match in the remainder of the year. His head-turning debut season was capped off when he won the Super Rugby Rookie of the Year award and received a call up to the Australia-A side to play Tonga in Sydney.

**JOHN ULUGIA – HOOKER**


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 Physical: 1.80m, 113kg
 

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 Born: 17.10.86, Auckland NZ
 

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 Senior Club: Southern Districts
 

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 Provincial Rugby Caps: 40 (ACT 14, NSW 26)
 

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 Provincial Rugby Points: 5 (1t), HSBC  
Waratahs 5 (1t)
 

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 Provincial Rugby Debut: 2006 v Cheetahs (ACT)
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 38 (Brumbies 12,  
HSBC Waratahs 26)
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t),  
HSBC Waratahs 5 (1t)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Cheetahs (Brumbies)
 

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Since spending a year in limbo in 2010, working in a meat factory and playing for his Shute Shield side, Southern Districts, Ulugia has become an integral part of the HSBC Waratahs squad. Capable of playing hooker or tight head prop, the talented front rower has earned 26 NSW Super Rugby caps over his two seasons with the club.

John was born across the ditch, in Auckland, but moved to Victoria to study at Noble Park High School. He started his Super Rugby career in 2006 for the Brumbies, where he earned 12 caps over four seasons with the club. Unwanted in Canberra for the 2010 season, Ulugia spent a year away from Super Rugby until hard work and determination saw the big hooker earn a place in the HSBC Waratahs' wider training squad for 2011.

Injury to Tatafu Polota-Nau midway through the 2011 season presented Ulugia the chance to make his NSW Super Rugby debut against the Cheetahs in round five. Under a wave of public pressure, Ulugia was a standout against the Western Force when he scored the match-winning try in a headline-grabbing performance. A further string of strong performances earned him a contract extension, keeping him in NSW until 2013.



NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Nigel Ah Wong	Backrow	1.93m	102kg	30.05.90
Albert Anae	Prop/Hooker	1.85m	114kg	21.06.89
Jarrad Butler	No.8/Flanker	1.86m	106kg	20.07.91
Quade Cooper	Flyhalf	1.86m	92kg	05.04.88
Ben Daley	Prop	1.84m	112kg	27.06.88
Rod Davies	Wing	1.80m	90kg	18.05.89
Kevin Davis	Hooker/Prop	1.84m	110kg	26.01.86
Blake Enever	Lock	1.98m	112kg	12.10.91
Chris F'Sautia	Wing/Centre	1.81m	92kg	17.11.93
Anthony Faingaa	Centre	1.82m	92kg	02.02.87
Saia Faingaa	Hooker	1.87m	108kg	02.02.87
Nick Frisby	Scrumhalf/Utility Back	1.84m	84kg	29.10.92
Will Genia	Scrumhalf	1.74m	82kg	17.01.88
Liam Gill	Flanker	1.83m	96kg	08.06.92
James Hanson	Hooker	1.83m	104kg	15.09.88
Mike Harris	Centre/Flyhalf	1.86m	96kg	08.07.88
Greg Holmes	Prop	1.87m	114kg	11.06.83
James Horwill	Lock	2.00m	116kg	29.05.85
Digby Ioane	Wing/Centre	1.82m	96kg	14.07.85
David McDuling	Lock/Flanker	1.96m	115kg	07.04.89
Jono Lance	Flyhalf/Centre/Fullback	1.83m	92kg	27.06.90
Ben Lucas	Scrumhalf/Flyhalf/Fullback	1.78m	84kg	30.12.87
Luke Morahan	Fullback/Wing	1.89m	95kg	13.04.90
Jono Owen	Prop	1.86m	119kg	01.11.86
Eddie Quirk	Flanker	1.91m	108kg	28.08.91
Beau Robinson	Flanker	1.80m	97kg	15.08.86
Radike Samo	No.8/Flanker/Lock	1.98m	117kg	09.07.76
Jake Schatz	No.8/Flanker	1.92m	109kg	25.07.90
Uluapano 'UJ' Seuteni	Flyhalf/Utility Back	1.85m	94kg	09.12.93
Dom Shipperley	Wing	1.86m	94kg	04.01.91
Rob Simmons	Lock	2.00m	115kg	19.04.89
James Slipper	Prop	1.86m	117kg	06.06.89
Ben Tapuai	Centre	1.80m	95kg	19.01.89
Aidan Toua	Wing/Fullback	1.83m	92kg	19.01.90
Adam Wallace-Harrison	Lock	2.00m	114kg	24.09.79

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## HOMEGROUND

Suncorp Stadium  
 Castlemaine Street  
 Milton  
 Brisbane  
 Capacity: 52,500

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Cardinal red jersey, cardinal red shorts and cardinal red socks.

**AWAY STRIP:** White jersey with cardinal red shoulders and stitching, cardinal shorts and cardinal red socks.

## FIXTURES

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Saturday 16 February	Brumbies	Canberra Stadium	19:40
2	Saturday 23 February	Waratahs	Suncorp Stadium	18:40
3	Friday 1 March	Hurricanes	Suncorp Stadium	20:20
4	Friday 8 March	Rebels	AAMI Park	19:40
5	Saturday 16 March	Western Force	Suncorp Stadium	18:40
6	Saturday 23 March	Bulls	Suncorp Stadium	18:40
7	Friday 29 March	Highlanders	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
8	BYE			
9	Saturday 13 April	Chiefs	Waikato Stadium	16:35
10	Saturday 20 April	Brumbies	Suncorp Stadium	19:40
11	Friday 26 April	Blues	Suncorp Stadium	19:40
12	Saturday 4 May	Western Force	nib Stadium	17:40
13	Friday 10 May	Sharks	Suncorp Stadium	19:40
14	Saturday 18 May	Cheetahs	Free State Stadium	19:10
15	Saturday 26 May	Stormers	DHL Newlands	17:05
16	Saturday 1 June	Rebels	Suncorp Stadium	19:40
17	BYE			
18	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
19	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
20	Saturday 13 July	Waratahs	ANZ Stadium	19:40

## MILESTONES

- Lock Rob Simmons is two games away from registering 50 games for Queensland and in Super Rugby
- Anthony Faingaa is three games away from registering 50 games for Queensland
- Prop Greg Holmes is 12 games away from registering 100 games for Queensland and 13 games away from chalking up 100 Super Rugby appearances
- Fullback Luke Morahan is 13 games away from registering 50 games for Queensland and in Super Rugby
- Winger Rod Davies is 15 games away from registering 50 games for Queensland and in Super Rugby
- Hooker James Hanson is 15 games away from registering 50 games for Queensland and in Super Rugby
- Prop James Slipper is 16 games away from registering 50 games for Queensland and in Super Rugby
- David McDuling could make his Queensland and Super Rugby debut in 2013, while prop Jono Owen could make his Queensland debut in 2013
- The Queensland Reds hold the all-time record for a Super Rugby crowd with 52,113 filling Suncorp Stadium in the 2011 Super Rugby Final v the Crusaders

**EWEN MCKENZIE – DIRECTOR OF COACHING**

Born: 21.06.65

Reds Coaching Debut: 2010 v Waratahs,  
Suncorp Stadium

**Coaching Appointments:**

Director of Coaching – Queensland Reds, 2013

Head Coach – Queensland Reds, 2010-2012

Head Coach – Stade Francais, 2009

Head Coach – Australia A, 2005

Head Coach – Waratahs, 2003-2008

Assistant Coach/Coaching Coordinator –  
Wallabies, 2000-2003

Coaching Coordinator – ACT Brumbies,  
1998-2000

Ewen McKenzie has successfully transformed the St.George Queensland Reds into the powerhouse Rugby province of Australia with the team's second straight conference title in 2012 coming only a year after guiding the team to their maiden Super Rugby championship in 2011. In his first three years at the helm, Ewen contributed to the Reds winning every major piece of available silverware.

He succeeded Bob Dwyer as Head Coach of the Waratahs. He led the team to the 2005 Super 12 final in just his second year at the helm, and to the semi-final in 2006 and final again in 2008. He is currently the Waratahs' longest serving coach in history. McKenzie has also been involved with the Brumbies, Australia A, and French club Stade Francais.

**RICHARD GRAHAM – HEAD COACH**

Born: 05.08.72

Reds Coaching Debut: 2013

**Coaching Appointments:**

Head Coach – Western Force, 2011-2012

Backs Coach – Western Force, 2010

Skills Coach – Wallabies, 2009-2010

Head Coach – Saracens, 2009

Backs and Defence / Coaching Coordinator –  
Saracens, 2006-2009

Skills, Backs and Defence Coach –  
Bath, 2002-2006

Richard Graham joins the St.George Queensland Reds in 2013 as Head Coach and will bring with him a wealth of knowledge gained as both a player and coach at an elite level. Richard played for the Reds between 1998 and 2002 and returns home to Queensland after serving as Head Coach of the Western Force since 2010. Richard commenced his professional coaching career in 2002 with Bath and enjoyed early success with Bath English Premiership finalists in 2003-04; Powergen Cup finalists in 2004-05; and Heineken Cup semi-finalists in 2005-06. Richard moved to Saracens RFC in 2006.

Richard returned to Australia in 2009 as the Skills Coach of the Wallabies, while at the same time, combined his national role with being an Assistant Coach at the Western Force.

## JIM MCKAY – SENIOR ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 25.10.66

Reds Coaching Debut: 2010 v Waratahs, Suncorp Stadium

Coaching Appointments:  
Queensland Reds – Senior Assistant Coach, 2010-2013

Academy Coach – Leicester Tigers, 2009  
Director of Rugby and Coaching – Cornish Pirates, 2004-2008

Assistant Coach – Orrell, 2003  
Director of Rugby and Coaching – Henley Hawks, 1999-2002

Director of Rugby and Coaching – North Walsham, 1998

Assistant Coach – Norwich, 1997

Heading into his fourth season with the St.George Queensland Reds, Jim McKay has lived up to his reputation for having one of the best attacking minds in the game and was an influential figure in guiding the squad as Senior Assistant Coach to their first Super Rugby Championship in the professional Rugby era in 2011.

Proud of the path he has travelled on his way to Super Rugby, McKay is one of the quiet achievers behind the Reds' success. He is qualified as a Level 4 RFU Coach (elite level). In 2012, McKay also finished his Masters of Coaching and Education after completing his final thesis on the 'Role of Unstructured Practice in Elite Rugby'.

## NIGEL AH WONG – BACKROW



Physical: 1.93m, 102kg

Born: 30.05.90, Wellington NZ

Senior Club: Sunnybank

School: Taita College, NZ

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

St.George Queensland Reds backrower Nigel Ah Wong has been signed to Queensland Rugby's Extended Playing Squad for the 2013 Super Rugby season. Nigel boasts an impressive Rugby resume which includes being a member of the Australian Rugby Union's National Academy in 2012, while in the same year he was also chosen to represent the Reds in their exhibition match against the Hurricanes on the Sunshine Coast. 2011 was another watershed year for the New Zealand-born talent with the powerful backrower playing an integral role in Sunnybank's Queensland Premier Rugby Hospital Cup victory. Also in 2011, Ah Wong was chosen on the Melbourne Rebels European Tour after first being selected in their 'Rebels Rising' development squad.

**ALBERT ANAE – PROP/HOOKER**

Physical: 1.85m, 114kg

Born: 21.06.89, Wellington NZ

Senior Club: Sunnybank

Provincial Rugby Caps: 6

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2011 v Hurricanes, Wellington

Super Rugby Caps: 6

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Hurricanes, Wellington

St. George Queensland Reds front-rower Albert Anae has progressed from the Extended Playing Squad in 2012 to a fulltime contract in 2013, where he will cover both prop and hooker positions. Albert earned his first Super Rugby starting appearance in 2012 when injury forced the youngster into the No.2 jersey against the Western Force at Suncorp Stadium in round two. The Reds won the game 35-20 with Albert excelling in the opportunity and finished the season with five caps. Capable of playing all three front-row positions, Albert was a major contributor to Sunnybank's Queensland Premier Rugby title in 2011 and in their bid for back-to-back Hospital Cups in 2012.

**JARRAD BUTLER – NO.8**

Physical: 1.86m, 106kg

Born: 20.07.91, Wellington NZ

Senior Club: Easts

Provincial Rugby Caps: 2

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2012 v Highlanders, Suncorp Stadium

Super Rugby Caps: 2

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Highlanders, Suncorp Stadium

Jarrad Butler has been signed to the St. George Queensland Reds Extended Playing Squad for 2013 after making his Super Rugby debut in 2012 after being plucked out of the National Academy by Director of Coaching Ewen McKenzie. Jarrad has followed the elite development pathway in his journey to the EPS and was a former QAS Reds Academy squad member in 2010 and 2011 before being selected by the Australian Rugby Union as a Brisbane-based member of their inaugural Academy in 2012. Jarrad impressed McKenzie enough in 2012 to be called into the Reds group for their late season campaign and debuted in round 17. Jarrad boasts an impressive Rugby resume that includes The Southport School 1st XV 2007-09; Queensland and Australian Schoolboys 2008; and the QAS Reds Academy and Reds 2nd XV 2010-11.



**QUADE COOPER – FLYHALF**


Physical: 1.86m, 92kg
Born: 05.04.88, Tokoroa, Waikato NZ
Senior Club: Souths
Provincial Rugby Caps: 72
Provincial Rugby Points: 436 (16t, 64c, 71p, 5d)
Provincial Rugby Debut: Feb 2007 v Crusaders, Jade Stadium, Christchurch
Super Rugby Caps: 71
Super Rugby Points: 436 (16t, 64c, 71p, 5d)
Super Rugby Debut: Feb 2007 v Crusaders, Jade Stadium, Christchurch
Test Rugby Caps: 38
Test Rugby Points: 68 (6t, 7c, 7p, 1d)
Test Rugby Debut: 2008 v Italy, Padova

Talented St.George Queensland Reds playmaker Quade Cooper in 2012 made a successful recovery from his World Cup knee reconstruction to ignite the Reds backline in the latter stages of the Super Rugby competition. After returning in round 13 against the Lions, Quade went on to feature in each of the Reds remaining five regular season matches where the team went undefeated to finish at the top of the Australian Conference.

Quade holds the Reds single-season point scoring record of 228, his efforts in 2011 breaking the previous best mark of 171 set also by Quade just a year earlier.

**BEN DALEY – PROP**


Physical: 1.84m, 112kg
Born: 27.06.88, Sydney NSW
Senior Club: Rugby Gold Coast
Provincial Rugby Caps: 51
Provincial Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: Nov 2006 v Japan
Super Rugby Caps: 50
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Crusaders, Christchurch
Test Rugby Caps: 3
Test Rugby Debut: June 2010 v England, Perth

St.George Queensland Reds prop Ben Daley reached a major career milestone in 2012 when he made his 50th appearance for the Reds in their final regular season match of the year against the Waratahs at Suncorp Stadium. It turned out to be a night to celebrate for both the team and for Ben with the Reds scoring a four-try bonus point to top the Australian Conference and qualify for back-to-back finals series. Ben's rugged and physical style has been a major asset to the Reds and he has battled through to earn 32 of a possible 35 caps for the Reds during the past two seasons after first making his Test debut for Australia in 2010.

**ROD DAVIES – WING**

Physical: 1.80m, 90kg

Born: 18.05.89, Rockhampton QLD

Senior Club: University

Provincial Rugby Caps: 35

Provincial Rugby Points: 50 (10t)

Provincial Rugby Debut: March 2009 v Chiefs, Suncorp Stadium

Super Rugby Caps: 35

Super Rugby Points: 50 (10t)

Super Rugby Debut: March 2009 v Chiefs, Suncorp Stadium

Test Rugby Caps: 1

Test Rugby Debut: July 2011 v Samoa, Sydney

St.George Queensland Reds winger Rod Davies continued to be one of the Reds best attacking threats during an injury-hit 2012 campaign which netted a further 10 Super Rugby caps. When healthy, Rod proved equally impressive in stints at fullback and on the wing and will be confident of returning to a full bill of health in 2013 after recently re-committing to Queensland Rugby through until the end of 2014. A knee injury in May forced a premature end to Rod's 2012 season but only a year earlier the Rockhampton-born flyer exploded during a breakthrough year where he featured heavily in the Reds Super Rugby title-winning feat before going on to earn his Wallabies debut against Samoa on the wing. He is the only Reds player to score a hat-trick in one match for Queensland, coming in the Reds 2011 Semi-Final win over the Blues.

**KEVIN DAVIS – HOOKER/PROP**

Physical: 1.84m, 110kg

Born: 26.01.86, Bristol UK

Senior Club: University

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Kevin Davis enters his second year in the St.George Queensland Reds Extended Playing Squad, where he will be aiming to build on the experienced gained during his first year within the Reds setup. Kevin moved from England to take up a position with 2010 Premier Rugby champions University and has since progressed from the QAS Reds Academy in 2011 to the Extended Playing Squad in 2012 and 2013. During this time he has enjoyed extreme success with University at Queensland Premier Rugby level and won a second Hospital Cup in 2012. Kevin is a former England Under 20 Schoolboy representative and is renowned for his scrummaging ability while also impressing coaches with his training habits and enthusiasm.

## BLAKE ENEVER – LOCK



Physical: 1.98m, 112kg
Born: 12.10.91, Buderim QLD
Senior Club: Easts
Provincial Rugby Caps: 1
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2012 v Rebels, Melbourne
Super Rugby Caps: 1
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Rebels, Melbourne

Blake Enever joins the St.George Queensland Reds Extended Playing Squad for 2013 after impressing coach Ewen McKenzie with each opportunity he received last season as a member of the Australian Rugby Union's National Academy. A former QAS Reds Academy member in 2011, Blake made his Super Rugby debut in 2012 with a short five-minute cameo against the Highlanders. Blake didn't follow the traditional Rugby pathway on his way to the QAS Reds Academy as he was first noticed not at school, but as part of the Sunshine Coast Stingrays colts' team. Blake was also chosen in the Australian Under 20s side to contest the Youth World Cup in Italy in 2011. With impressive size and athleticism, Blake possesses good aggression for a lock; while away from Rugby he studies Marine Biology.

## CHRIS F'SAUTIA – WING/CENTRE



Physical: 1.81m, 92kg
Born: 17.11.93, Auckland NZ
Senior Club: Souths
Provincial Rugby Caps: 3
Provincial Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: May 2012 v Lions, Suncorp Stadium
Super Rugby Caps: 3
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: May 2012 v Lions, Suncorp Stadium

St.George Queensland Reds flyer Chris F'Sautia lived up to his reputation as the "next big thing" in his debut Super Rugby season with the young Samoan rising to the occasion in each of the three appearances he made for Queensland in 2012. Such was the buzz surrounding Chris that Reds Director of Coaching Ewen McKenzie signed the powerful winger to a fulltime contract while he was still completing his schooling at Brisbane State High School at just 17 years of age. But rather than succumb to the pressure and expectation, Chris flourished with each opportunity he received and enjoyed one of the more remarkable debut performances in recent memory, scoring in his first movement with the ball. Chris was also chosen in the Australian Under 20 squad for the Junior Rugby World Cup in South Africa in 2012 while the flyer is the most capped Australian Schoolboy in history, tied on 11 caps with Hugh Roach.

**ANTHONY FAINGAA – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.82m, 92kg
Born: 02.02.87, Queanbeyan NSW
Senior Club: GPS
Provincial Rugby Caps: 47
Provincial Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: Feb 2009 v Bulls, Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria
Super Rugby Caps: 51 (47 Reds, 4 Brumbies)
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Super Rugby Debut: Feb 2009 v Bulls, Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria (Brumbies Debut 2007 v Bulls)
Test Rugby Caps: 23
Test Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Test Rugby Debut: 2010 v All Blacks, Melbourne

Hard-hitting St.George Queensland Reds centre Anthony Faingaa continued to go from strength to strength in 2012 as he stepped up to become one of the team's vocal leaders in their Australian Conference-winning campaign, surpassing the half-century mark for Super Rugby caps, before again being a staple within the Wallabies setup. His contributions, both on and off the field, were recognised at the Reds Gala Ball & Auction with Anthony taking home the Spirit of the Reds Award, awarded to the player who has demonstrated the behaviour and attributes that are hallmarks of the Reds' team culture.

**SAIA FAINGAA – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.87m, 108kg
Born: 02.02.87, Queanbeyan NSW
Senior Club: GPS
Provincial Rugby Caps: 53
Provincial Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: Feb 2009 v Bulls, Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria
Super Rugby Caps: 80 (53 Reds, 27 Brumbies)
Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Super Rugby Debut: Feb 2009 v Bulls, Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria (2006 v Stormers, Cape Town for Brumbies)
Test Rugby Caps: 18
Test Rugby Debut: June 2010 v Fiji, Canberra

Hard-nosed St.George Queensland Reds hooker Saia Faingaa earned the honour of playing his milestone 50th game for Queensland in 2012 and, despite only being 25-years old, is now the second most experienced Super Rugby player within the Reds squad with 80 total appearances, behind only fellow front-rower Greg Holmes (87). After an ankle injury disrupted the opening part of his campaign, Saia made an impact on his return and reached his milestone 50th game for the Reds against the Melbourne Rebels in round 17.

## NICK FRISBY – SCRUMHALF/UTILITY BACK



Physical: 1.84m, 84kg
Born: 29.10.92, Brisbane QLD
Senior Club: GPS
Provincial Rugby Caps: 9
Provincial Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: March 2012 v Sharks, Durban
Super Rugby Caps: 9
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: March 2012 v Sharks, Durban

The standout performances of 2012 Extended Playing Squad member Nick Frisby have earned the versatile scrumhalf a fulltime contract with the St.George Queensland Reds from 2013, where he will be aiming to improve on an impressive debut Super Rugby season which resulted in Reds Rookie of the Year honour. In his nine appearances, Nick excelled in a number of positions including scrumhalf, wing and fullback. In his debut against the Sharks, Nick showed he had the ability to compete at the highest level by scoring his first Super Rugby try.

## WILL GENIA – SCRUMHALF



Physical: 1.74m, 82kg
Born: 17.01.88, Papua New Guinea
Senior Club: Sunshine Coast
Provincial Rugby Caps: 75
Provincial Rugby Points: 80 (15t, 1c, 1p)
Provincial Rugby Debut: Nov 2006 v Japan
Super Rugby Caps: 74
Super Rugby Points: 80 (15t, 1c, 1p)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Hurricanes, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Test Rugby Caps: 41
Test Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Test Rugby Debut: 2009 v All Blacks, Auckland

St.George Queensland Reds scrumhalf Will Genia was the real ironman of Queensland Rugby in 2012 as he featured in every minute of all 17 Super Rugby matches before finishing the season as the team's captain following a hamstring injury to James Horwill. The 75 Reds caps Will has earned heading into 2013 ranks him third on the current squad list of most games played for Queensland and he is now well on track to join the prestigious 100 Cap Club of Queensland Rugby after re-signing with the province for a further three seasons midway through the 2012 Super Rugby season.

**LIAM GILL – OPENSIDE FLANKER**

Physical: 1.83m, 96kg
Born: 08.06.92, Melbourne VIC
Senior Club: Sunnybank
Provincial Rugby Caps: 25
Provincial Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: Mar 2011 v Brumbies, Canberra
Super Rugby Caps: 25
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: Mar 2011 v Brumbies, Canberra
Test Rugby Caps: 8
Test Rugby Debut: 2012 v All Blacks, Auckland

St.George Queensland Reds flanker Liam Gill enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2012, playing in all but one match during the Reds' Australian Conference winning Super Rugby campaign and also debuting for the Wallabies at just 20 years of age. Liam flourished as Queensland's best breakdown scavenger in 2012, finishing the Super Rugby year with a competition-high 33 turnovers, including 26 breakdown or tackle steals. Liam was the only Australian to average more than 2 breakdown or tackle steals per game (2.4). Liam first earned a fulltime Reds contract in 2011 while still just 17 years of age.

**JAMES HANSON – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.83m, 104kg
Born: 15.09.88, Brisbane QLD
Senior Club: University
Provincial Rugby Caps: 35
Provincial Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: Feb 2010 v Crusaders, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Super Rugby Caps: 35
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Super Rugby Debut: Feb 2010 v Crusaders, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Test Rugby Caps: 1
Test Rugby Debut: 2012 v All Blacks, Suncorp Stadium

Hooker James Hanson is the yardstick for the St.George Queensland Reds in terms of resilience and consistency with the powerful No.2 selected in the Reds matchday squad for each of their 35 games during the past two Super Rugby seasons, putting him on track to reach the milestone 50-game mark for the Reds after re-committing his future to the province midway through 2012. James also captained University to their second Queensland Premier Rugby title in three years.

## MIKE HARRIS – CENTRE/FLYHALF



Physical: 1.86m, 96kg
Born: 08.07.88, North Harbour NZ
Senior Club: University
Provincial Rugby Caps: 23
Provincial Rugby Points: 183 (3t, 27c, 37p, 1d)
Provincial Rugby Debut: Feb 2011 v NSW Waratahs, Anz Stadium, Sydney
Super Rugby Caps: 23
Super Rugby Points: 183 (3t, 27c, 37p, 1d)
Super Rugby Debut: Feb 2011 v NSW Waratahs, Anz Stadium, Sydney
Test Rugby Caps: 8
Test Rugby Points: 55 (1t, 1c, 16p)
Test Rugby Debut: 2012 v Scotland, Newcastle

2011 St.George Queensland Reds Rookie of the Year Mike Harris backed up his impressive debut Super Rugby season by solidifying his place within the Reds midfield during 2012 before going on to earn national honours in an incredible 12 month period. It was a record-breaking Super Rugby campaign for Mike with his accurate goal-kicking first drawing headlines after he broke South African sharpshooter Morne Steyn's goal kicking record of 21 successful attempts in a row, when he calmly slotted his 24th consecutive goal against the Western Force in round two. He also successfully kicked nine goals at Suncorp Stadium that night to equal the feat of Queensland great John Eales set back in 1996 for goals kicked in a single match.

## GREG HOLMES – PROP



Physical: 1.87m, 114kg
Born: 11.06.83, Warwick QLD
Senior Club: Sunnybank
Provincial Rugby Caps: 88
Provincial Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2005 v Blues, Auckland
Super Rugby Caps: 87
Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Blues, Auckland
Test Rugby Caps: 13
Test Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Test Rugby Debut: 2005 v France, Marseille

A distinguished career by St.George Queensland Reds front-rower Greg Holmes has the Warwick-born powerhouse in line to become the next Queensland player to join the prestigious 100 Caps Club for the Reds, after he finished 2012 with 88 caps. Greg has been a staple in the Reds front-row for the past eight seasons and is now arguably in career best form after featuring heavily in all 17 matches during Queensland's 2012 Australian Conference winning Super Rugby campaign. Greg also excelled in 2011 and stepped up into the starting line-up for both the Super Rugby semi-final and final, where he replaced injured tighthead James Slipper.

**JAMES HORWILL – LOCK**

Physical: 2.00m, 116kg
Born: 29.05.85, Brisbane QLD
Senior Club: University
Provincial Rugby Caps: 81
Provincial Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2006 v NSW
Super Rugby Caps: 77
Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v NSW
Test Rugby Caps: 35
Test Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Test Rugby Debut: 2007 v Fiji, Perth

Inspirational leader James Horwill was the backbone behind the St. George Queensland Reds unprecedented success at Super Rugby level in recent seasons, guiding the side to their second straight Australian Conference title in 2012 a year after captaining the Reds to the 2011 Super Rugby championship. He excelled in the chief leadership role both on and off the field during a 2012 season where he captained Queensland in their opening 13 games of the year before being cruelly struck down with a season-ending hamstring injury just one game prior to Australia's June Test window. James enters 2013 just 19 games shy of the prestigious 100-game milestone for Queensland and a healthy run to the Super Rugby final would see him capture the feat just eight seasons into a remarkable career.

**DIGBY IOANE – WING/CENTRE**

Physical: 1.82m, 96kg
Born: 14.07.85, Wellington NZ
Senior Club: Sunnybank
Provincial Rugby Caps: 56
Provincial Rugby Points: 85 (17t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2008 v Highlanders
Super Rugby Caps: 76 (56 Reds, 20 Force)
Super Rugby Points: 105 (21t) (85 Reds, 20 Force)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Highlanders (2006 v Brumbies for Force)
Test Rugby Caps: 34
Test Rugby Points: 55 (11t)
Test Rugby Debut: June 2007 v Wales, Suncorp Stadium

St. George Queensland Reds flyer Digby Ioane solidified his place as Australia's best winger during 2012 with his impact on the field and much-loved persona off it making him an extremely valuable and popular figure within the code. Digby reached the 50-game milestone for the Reds in 2012 before playing an integral role for the Wallabies in the June Test window, Rugby Championship and end-of-season tour. His showmanship has also seen the star flyer become a media favourite following his signature 'turtle' post-try celebration, which was a colourful highlight of Queensland's 16-year drought-breaking Super Rugby campaign in 2011.



**JONO LANCE – FLYHALF / CENTRE / FULLBACK**


Physical: 1.83m, 92kg

Born: 27.06.90, Canberra ACT

Senior Club: University

Provincial Rugby Caps: 7

Provincial Rugby Points: 3 (1p)

 Provincial Rugby Debut: 2011 v Force,  
NIB Stadium, Perth

Super Rugby Caps: 7

Super Rugby Points: 3 (1p)

 Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Force,  
NIB Stadium, Perth

St.George Queensland Reds playmaker Jono Lance entered the 2012 Super Rugby season with heightened expectation following a dynamic finish to his 2011 campaign, where he featured at fullback in the team's final four games, but was the victim of a long-term ankle injury that stifled what was a hugely promising beginning to the year. Jono received three caps before his injury against the Bulls in round five with his defence among the early season highlights of the Reds backline. His efforts had the talented playmaker in line to receive a significantly increased role before his season was cruelly cut short through injury. Jono is also an extremely talented goal kicker who has been instrumental to club Rugby side University at both Premier Rugby and Colts level in the past and is also a former Australia A Schoolboy, Australian Under 20 and Australian Sevens representative.

**BEN LUCAS – SCRUMHALF / FLYHALF / FULLBACK**


Physical: 1.78m, 84kg

Born: 30.12.87, Ipswich QLD

Senior Club: Sunnybank

Provincial Rugby Caps: 52

Provincial Rugby Points: 46 (3t, 5c, 7p)

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2008 v Brumbies

Super Rugby Caps: 52

Super Rugby Points: 46 (3t, 5c, 7p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Brumbies

St.George Queensland Reds dynamo Ben Lucas excelled as the team's chief playmaker for large portions of the Reds' 2012 Australian Conference winning campaign and finished the year having earned his milestone 50th game for Queensland. Injury hampered Ben during the middle stages of 2012 although when healthy he showed an ability to shine at either scrumhalf, flyhalf or at fullback. It was in the No.10 jersey, however, where he enjoyed the majority of his success in 2012, playing a starring role in Queensland's most impressive win of the season against the eventual champions, the Chiefs. Also a gifted goal kicker, Ben earned his maiden selection in coach Robbie Deans Wallabies squad for the end-of-year Tour to the UK and Wales in 2011. Ben's brother Matt was signed by the NSW Waratahs in the offseason for 2013.

**DAVID MCDULING – LOCK/FLANKER**

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Physical: 1.96m, 115kg

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Born: 07.04.89, Sydney NSW

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Senior Club: University

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Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

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Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

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Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

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Young St.George Queensland Reds backrower David McDuling entered 2012 as one of the team's most interesting prospects but was cruelly struck down by a season-ending knee injury only days before the Reds opening preseason game.

Dave was a standout preseason performer after graduating from the QAS Reds Academy in 2012 with flashes of training brilliance showing just why coach Ewen McKenzie was eager to bring the young lock into the fulltime squad. Dave was an impressive performer before joining the Reds and represented Australia at both Under 20 (2009) and Schoolboys (2007) level and was an integral part of the Sydney University 2010 premiership-winning Shute Shield team. A former St. Ignatius' College, Riverview student, the hardworking lock also possesses the ability to provide skilled cover in the backrow, playing both No.6 and No.8.

**LUKE MORAHAN – FULLBACK/WING**

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Physical: 1.89m, 95kg

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Born: 13.04.90, Brisbane QLD

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Senior Club: University

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Provincial Rugby Caps: 37

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Provincial Rugby Points: 50 (10t)

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Provincial Rugby Debut: 2009 v Lions,  
Suncorp Stadium

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Super Rugby Caps: 37

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Super Rugby Points: 50 (10t)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Lions,  
Suncorp Stadium

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Test Rugby Caps: 1

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Test Rugby Debut: 2012 v Scotland, Newcastle

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St.George Queensland Reds flyer Luke Morahan cemented his role as the team's first-choice fullback in an impressive 2012 Super Rugby season that was rewarded with his Wallabies debut when Australia faced Scotland in June. Luke featured in all 17 games during the Reds' Australian Conference success of 2012 and made arguably the most critical play of the season with his chip-and-chase try against the Brumbies in round 14 keeping the Reds finals dreams alive. In an action-filled season, Luke also made his return to the Sevens Rugby circuit following the Super Rugby season and was also an influential member in University winning their second Queensland Premier Rugby trophy in three seasons. In Sevens Rugby, Luke played an integral role in Australia winning silver at the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

## JONO OWEN – PROP



Physical: 1.86m, 119kg

Born: 01.11.86, Hong Kong

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Cheetahs, Bloemfontein (for Brumbies)

Super Rugby Caps: 17 (9 Rebels; 8 Brumbies)

Jono Owen is the sole new recruit to the St. George Queensland Reds contracted 30-man squad for season 2013 after enjoying stints with the ACT Brumbies and Melbourne Rebels in 2012.

At 119kg and 1.86m tall, Jono will further strengthen the Reds front-row stocks and will be aiming to build of the 17 Super Rugby caps he earned during the past two seasons. Jono signed and then debuted for the Brumbies in 2011 before moving to the Rebels midway through the 2012 season, adding a further nine Super Rugby caps to his resume under former Sydney University coach Damien Hill. Before joining the Brumbies in 2011, Jono earned 13 caps for Counties-Manukau in New Zealand while he played for Sydney University in Australia between 2007 and 2009 and for Randwick in 2010.

## EDDIE QUIRK – FLANKER



Physical: 1.91m, 108kg

Born: 28.08.91, Brisbane QLD

Senior Club: Easts

Provincial Rugby Caps: 12

Provincial Rugby Debut: May 2010 v Highlanders, Suncorp Stadium

Super Rugby Caps: 12

Super Rugby Debut: May 2010 v Highlanders, Suncorp Stadium

St. George Queensland Reds flanker Eddie Quirk enjoyed his best year of Super Rugby during a 2012 season where he matured as a player to become a regular performer within the matchday squad before a shoulder reconstruction ended a promising individual campaign. His impact was heavily felt on the field with his high work rate and accuracy at the breakdown giving the Reds a decisive edge. However, just as the young red-head was producing career-best form, a shoulder injury in the Reds exhibition game against the Hurricanes on the Sunshine Coast cruelly put an end to his campaign midseason. With flanker Scott Higginbotham making the move south to Melbourne, Eddie is expected to be a huge contributor in 2013. The powerful red head brings a hard edge to the forward pack and also valuable versatility with the ability to slot in comfortably at No.6 or No.8.

**BEAU ROBINSON – FLANKER**

Physical: 1.80m, 97kg

Born: 15.08.86, Alice Springs NT

Senior Club: Souths

Provincial Rugby Caps: 30

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2011 v Force,  
Suncorp Stadium

Super Rugby Caps: 51 (30 Reds, 21 NSW)

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Force, Suncorp  
Stadium (2007 v Sharks for Waratahs)

Test Rugby Caps: 1

Test Rugby Debut: 2011 v Samoa, Sydney

St.George Queensland Reds flanker Beau Robinson produced arguably the bravest and most courageous individual 2012 Super Rugby campaign within the Reds squad as he battled an ankle injury on a weekly basis but still managed to play a heavy role in 15 of the team's 17 matches. For the second half of the season Beau was severely limited at training because of an ankle injury but battled through the pain to suit up on matchday. He was rewarded by playing his 50th career Super Rugby game – coming against his former province NSW Waratahs. During the year Beau and fellow flanker Liam Gill terrorised opponents with Beau's strategic selection at blindside flanker for numerous games giving the Reds an unrivalled one-two punch at the breakdown.

**RADIKE SAMO – NO.8/FLANKER/LOCK**

Physical: 1.98m, 117kg

Born: 09.07.76, Fiji

Senior Club: GPS

Provincial Rugby Caps: 28

Provincial Rugby Points: 25 (5t)

Provincial Rugby Debut: May 2010 v  
Hurricanes, Wellington

Super Rugby Caps: 63 (28 Reds, 35 Brumbies)

Super Rugby Points: 45 (9t), (25 Reds,  
20 Brumbies)Super Rugby Debut: May 2010 v Hurricanes,  
Wellington (2000 v Reds for Brumbies)

Test Rugby Caps: 23

Test Rugby Points: 15 (3t)

Test Rugby Debut: 2004 v Scotland, Melbourne

After a blockbuster 2011 campaign for Radike Samo, the dynamic St.George Queensland Reds backrower endured a slower than usual start to the 2012 Super Rugby season as he battled a shoulder complaint. However, once back to peak health and conditioning, the rampaging Fijian was re-called into the Reds matchday squad during a late season charge, where they finished the regular season with six consecutive wins and qualified for back-to-back finals series.

**JAKE SCHATZ – NO.8/FLANKER**


Physical: 1.92m, 109kg

Born: 25.07.90, Brisbane QLD

Senior Club: Sunnybank

Provincial Rugby Caps: 32

 Provincial Rugby Debut: Feb 2010 v Crusaders,  
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

Super Rugby Caps: 32

 Super Rugby Debut: Feb 2010 v Crusaders,  
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

A standout 2012 Super Rugby season for Jake Schatz saw the Brisbane-born talent solidify his place as one of the St.George Queensland Reds' first-choice backrow selections during their Australian Conference winning campaign. Featuring in all but one game during the Reds 2012 season, Jake fulfilled his potential as one of the game's rising stars with his consistency and high work rate invaluable to the team's success. It didn't take long for Jake to hit his strides in 2012 and his form was soon recognised by Wallaby coaches who selected the Sunnybank junior in their inaugural Rugby Championship squad. Unfortunately, shoulder surgery crippled any chance Jake had of making his Test debut although it's only a matter of when, not if, he will wear the green and gold. Jake will be required to take on a more senior role with the departure of flanker Scott Higginbotham to the Rebels.

**ULUPANO 'UJ' SEUTENI – FLYHALF/UTILITY BACK**


Physical: 185m, 94kg

Born: 09.12.93, Adelaide SA

Senior Club: Easts

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Ulupano 'UJ' Seuteni remains the youngest member of the St.George Queensland Reds Extended Playing Squad despite 2013 being his second year within Queensland Rugby's development setup. Such was the talent of UJ that he was contracted to the 2012 EPS at just 17 years-of-age and while still in his final year of schooling at The Southport School. In his inaugural year with the Reds, UJ was chosen in the Australian Under 20 side to compete at the Junior World Cup, where he featured predominantly in the number 15 jersey. A highly regarded and freakish schoolboy talent, UJ has represented South Australia from an under 12-18 level and he was also part of an Australian Schools Presidents XV team against Samoa.

**DOM SHIPPERLEY – WING**

Physical: 1.86m, 94kg

Born: 04.01.91, Redcliffe QLD

Senior Club: Brothers

Provincial Rugby Caps: 24

Provincial Rugby Points: 50 (10t)

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2011 v Hurricanes, Wellington

Super Rugby Caps: 24

Super Rugby Points: 50 (10t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Hurricanes, Wellington

Test Rugby Caps: 3

Test Rugby Debut: 2012 v South Africa, Perth

St.George Queensland Reds winger Dom Shipperley enjoyed a ground-breaking 2012 season, capped off with Wallaby honours, the Most Improved Player of the Year Award for the Reds, and Super Rugby's Try of the Year accolade. Dom ticked all the boxes for the coaching group after excelling in a season where he scored eight Super Rugby tries, equal with Ben Tune in the Reds' Super Rugby season try-scorers list and behind only Chris Latham's effort of 10 tries in 2002. His standout performances on the wing and ability to score points didn't go unnoticed at national level, receiving a 2012 starting Test debut against South Africa in Perth.

**ROB SIMMONS – LOCK**

Physical: 2.00m, 115kg

Born: 19.04.89, Theodore QLD

Senior Club: Sunnybank

Provincial Rugby Caps: 48

Provincial Rugby Debut: Feb 2009 v Bulls, Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria

Super Rugby Caps: 48

Super Rugby Debut: Feb 2009 v Bulls, Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria

Test Rugby Caps: 23

Test Rugby Debut: July 2010 v South Africa, Brisbane

Rob Simmons was a standout performer for the St.George Queensland Reds in 2012, appearing in every game of the season for the second year running to finish the year just two matches shy of his 50th Queensland and Super Rugby cap. After also featuring in every match during 2011, Rob backed his efforts up to be one of the team's leading performers as he elevated his game further once captain and fellow second-rower James Horwill succumb to a season-ending hamstring injury. A consistent performer for both the Reds and the Wallabies, Rob earned 16 Test Caps during the 2010 and 2011 Test seasons and featured in six of the seven games during the 2011 World Cup. He again was a member of the Wallabies 2012 campaign before a dangerous tackle charge ruled Rob out of the final three matches of their European tour, but he will be ready for a return in round one for the Reds.

## JAMES SLIPPER – PROP



Physical: 1.86m, 117kg
Born: 06.06.89, Gold Coast QLD
Senior Club: Rugby Gold Coast
Provincial Rugby Caps: 34
Provincial Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: Feb 2010 v NSW Waratahs, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Super Rugby Caps: 34
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: Feb 2010 v NSW Waratahs, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Test Rugby Caps: 34
Test Rugby Debut: June 2010 v England, Perth

James Slipper was the St. George Queensland Reds standout performer in 2012, not missing a single game and becoming just the second prop in Queensland Rugby history to win the prestigious Pilecki Medal, awarded to the Players' Player of the Year. A versatile prop, James' record 272 Pilecki Medal votes surpassed the previous mark set by Will Genia in 2011, polling in the top three for eight matches during the season including four of the last five critical rounds of the regular competition.

## BEN TAPUAI – CENTRE



Physical: 1.80m, 95kg
Born: 19.01.89, Brisbane QLD
Senior Club: Sunnybank
Provincial Rugby Caps: 24
Provincial Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial Rugby Debut: 2009 v Crusaders, Christchurch
Super Rugby Caps: 24
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Crusaders, Christchurch
Test Rugby Caps: 7
Test Rugby Debut: 2011 v Wales, Millennium Stadium

Centre Ben Tapuai commenced the 2012 Super Rugby season as the St. George Queensland Reds most consistent performer with his star performances critical in the team's perfect three-match stretch to begin the season. His form continued during the opening eight matches of the season before a colossal hit from Stormers centre Juan De Jough in round nine left the hard-running centre sidelined with a fractured collarbone. It was a big blow for the Reds but he continued his form in the later stages of the Super Rugby season to earn selection in the Wallabies Rugby Championship squad before cementing his place in the number 12 jersey for the Wallabies in a star-studded end of season tour to Europe.

**AIDAN TOUA – WING/FULLBACK**

Physical: 1.83m, 92kg

Born: 19.01.90, Port Moresby PNG

Senior Club: Easts

Provincial Rugby Caps: 3

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2011 v Force,  
Suncorp Stadium

Super Rugby Caps: 3

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Force,  
Suncorp Stadium

St. George Queensland Reds flyer Aidan Toua flashed his huge potential and ability in his sole Super Rugby appearance during 2012 in an otherwise frustrating season where he was plagued by injuries. Signed to the fulltime squad in 2012, Aidan was cruelly struck down with a hamstring injury in the Reds opening trial game before returning in round seven against the Brumbies at Suncorp Stadium. A stellar 56-minute performance at outside centre marked a successful return but despite showing exciting promise in that match, his other hamstring again proved his undoing when he broke down at training during a midweek session, forcing an end to his 2012 campaign. Aidan is set to return to a full bill of health in 2013 where his speed and x-factor play is set to be a valuable asset to the team.

**ADAM WALLACE-HARRISON – LOCK**

Physical: 2.00m, 114kg

Born: 24.09.79, Perth WA

Senior Club: Sunnybank

Provincial Rugby Caps: 27

Provincial Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial Rugby Debut: 2003 v Crusaders,  
Ballymore

Super Rugby Caps: 62 (25 Reds, 37 Brumbies)

Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t), (10 Reds,  
15 Brumbies)Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Brumbies,  
Canberra (2005 v Sharks for Brumbies)

The experience of veteran lock Adam Wallace Harrison proved a huge asset to the St. George Queensland Reds in 2012 with coach Ewen McKenzie nominating the talented lineout general as the team's vice-captain following a season ending injury to James Horwill. Adam's knowledge of the game and steadfast nature made him the perfect candidate for the vice-captaincy role during Horwill's absence. Adam featured nine times for the Reds in 2012 with his return from a knee injury sustained during the preseason keeping him out of action until round 10 against the Blues. He also spent time as assistant coach to Queensland Premier Rugby heavyweights Sunnybank, who fell agonisingly short of back-to-back Hospital Cups after losing to University in the grand final at Ballymore.





NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Chris Alcock	Flanker	1.82m	103kg	26.06.88
Phoenix Batty	Lock	2.04m	115kg	28.09.90
Richard Brown	Flanker/No.8	1.89m	103kg	28.08.84
Nathan Charles	Hooker	1.83m	104kg	09.01.89
Angus Cottrell	Flanker	1.91m	105kg	20.11.89
Pekahou Cowan	Prop/Hooker	1.85m	116kg	02.06.86
Nick Cummins	Wing/Outside Centre	1.89m	99kg	05.10.87
Patrick Dellit	Centre/Fullback	1.92m	100kg	21.08.86
Sias Ebersohn	Flyhalf	1.76m	83kg	23.02.89
Tetera Faulkner	Prop	1.78m	117kg	26.07.88
Kyle Godwin	Flyhalf	1.87kg	93kg	30.07.92
Jayden Hayward	Centre	1.85m	95kg	11.08.87
Matt Hodgson	Flanker/No.8	1.85m	103kg	25.06.81
Kieran Longbottom	Prop	1.81m	113kg	20.12.85
Toby Lynn	Lock	1.97m	113kg	06.10.84
Salesi Ma'afu	Prop	1.84m	118kg	26.03.83
Alfie Mafi	Wing/Fullback	1.82m	95kg	08.06.88
Alby Mathewson	Scrumhalf	1.73m	93kg	13.12.85
Lachlan McCaffrey	No.8/Flanker	1.94m	108kg	17.03.90
Ben McCalman	No.8/Flanker/Lock	1.92m	106kg	18.03.88
Hugh McMeniman	Flanker/Lock	2.00m	114kg	01.11.83
Sam Norton-Knight	Centre/Flyhalf/Fullback	1.88m	88kg	02.12.83
Junior Rasolea	Centre	1.84m	102kg	29.04.91
Brett Sheehan	Scrumhalf	1.73m	90kg	16.09.79
Winston Stanley	Centre	1.84m	95kg	11.02.89
Ed Stubbs	Centre/Wing/Fullback	1.84m	94kg	02.02.89
Chris Tuatara-Morrison	Inside Centre	1.89m	100kg	11.09.86
Will Tupou	Inside/Outside Centre	1.95m	104kg	20.07.90
Ben Whittaker	Hooker	1.89m	113kg	10.10.89
Sam Wykes	Lock/Flanker	1.97m	111kg	25.04.88



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## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Ocean blue embraced by iconic black swan. Ocean blue shorts and socks with black trim.

**AWAY STRIP:** White with a blue panel on the front, embraced by iconic swan. White shorts and socks with ocean blue trim.

## FIXTURES

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Friday 15 February	Rebels	AAMI Park	19:40
2	Saturday 23 February	Kings	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	19:10
3	Saturday 2 March	Bulls	Loftus Versfeld	17:05
4	BYE			
5	Saturday 16 March	Reds	Suncorp Stadium	18:40
6	Saturday 23 March	Cheetahs	nib Stadium	18:40
7	Sunday 31 March	Waratahs	Allianz Stadium	16:05
8	Saturday 6 April	Rebels	nib Stadium	16:40
9	Saturday 13 April	Crusaders	nib Stadium	19:40
10	Friday 19 April	Hurricanes	Westpac Stadium	19:35
11	Saturday 27 April	Brumbies	Canberra Stadium	19:40
12	Saturday 4 May	Reds	nib Stadium	17:40
13	Friday 10 May	Chiefs	ECOligh Stadium	19:35
14	Friday 17 May	Sharks	nib Stadium	19:40
15	Saturday 25 May	Highlanders	nib Stadium	17:40
16	BYE			
17	Sunday 9 June	Waratahs	nib Stadium	14:05
18	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
19	New Zealand and South African franchises only			
20	Saturday 13 July	Brumbies	nib Stadium	19:40

## MILESTONES

- The Western Force will reach 100 Super Rugby matches in its Week Three match against the Bulls in Pretoria.
- Scrumhalf Brett Sheehan requires 12 matches to register 100 matches in Super Rugby and 50 matches for the Western Force.
- Flanker Matt Hodgson requires 17 matches to register 100 matches in Super Rugby and for the Western Force.
- Scrumhalf Alby Mathewson requires 17 matches to register 100 matches in Super Rugby.
- Lock Toby Lynn requires three matches to register 50 matches in Super Rugby.
- Lock Sam Wykes requires six matches to register 50 matches in Super Rugby and for the Western Force.
- Hooker Nathan Charles requires 11 matches to register 50 matches in Super Rugby and for the Western Force.
- Utility forward Ben McCalman requires 13 matches to register 50 matches in Super Rugby and for the Western Force.

**MICHAEL FOLEY – HEAD COACH**


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 Born: 07.06.1967
 

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 Western Force Coaching Debut: 2013
 

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 Other Coaching Roles: Forwards Coach – Bath (2001-2006), Assistant Coach – Wallabies (2006-2008), Assistant Coach – NSW Waratahs (2009-2010), Coaching Coordinator – NSW Waratahs (2011), Head Coach – NSW Waratahs (2012)
 

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Michael Foley joins the Western Force as Head Coach from the NSW Waratahs for the 2013 Super Rugby season. Foley spent three seasons as Assistant Coach with the Waratahs before taking the reins of the side for the 2012 Super Rugby season. The former Rugby World Cup-winning hooker and former Wallabies Assistant Coach began his coaching career as Forwards Coach with UK Premiership club, Bath in 2001.

**STEVE MEEHAN – BACKS/ATTACK COACH**


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 Born: 01.12.66
 

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 Western Force Coaching Debut: 2013
 

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 Other Coaching Roles: Head Coach – Brisbane Cyclone (1999), Assistant Coach (Backs & Skills) – Stade Français (2002-2005), Backs Coach – Bath Rugby (2006), Head Coach – Bath Rugby (2006-2011)
 

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Steve Meehan joins the Western Force as Backs/Attack Coach, having spent five seasons in charge of English Premiership club, Bath, where he guided the club to its undefeated European Challenge Cup campaign in 2007/08. Meehan began his coaching career in Queensland before spending three successful seasons as Assistant Coach with Stade Français.

## NICK STILES – FORWARDS COACH



Born: 17.10.73

Western Force Coaching Debut: 2011

Other Coaching Roles: Director of Rugby – University of Queensland (2005-2007), Consultant Forwards Coach – Kubota Spears (2005-2006), Forwards Coach – Kubota Spears (2007-2010)

Nick Stiles joined the Western Force for the 2011 Super Rugby season as Forwards Coach and continued to develop the West Australian pack into one of the most revered in the tournament. The 12-Test former Wallaby front-rower was a stalwart in a star-studded Queensland pack during his 96 caps between 1993 and 2005.

## PHILIP FOWLER – RUGBY STRATEGIST



Born: 11.06.48

Western Force Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: Strategic Advisor – Wallabies (1991 & 2003), Strategic Advisor – All Blacks (1992-1995), Strategist/Kicking Coach/Psychologist – NSW Waratahs (2005-2006), Technical Consultant – Springboks (2007), Strategist & Psychologist – Queensland Reds (2007-2008), Technical Advisor – Stade Français (2010), Strategy & Kicking Coach – Queensland Reds (2011-2012)

Philip Fowler is a New Zealand-born strategist who has played a role in four Rugby World Cup campaigns, with the respective sides qualifying for the final on each occasion – including the Wallabies (1991 & 2003), South Africa (2007) and New Zealand (1995). Fowler was a key contributor to the resurgence of the Queensland Reds. Fowler is also a registered psychologist.

**CHRIS ALCOCK – FLANKER**

Physical: 1.82m, 103kg
Born: 26.06.88, Durban RSA
Province/Club: Eastwood
Super Rugby Caps: 25 (Waratahs)
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 (Waratahs) v Cheetahs

Chris Alcock joins the Western Force as a key signing from the NSW Waratahs. South African-born Alcock played 25 matches for the Waratahs after he was plucked from Sydney grade rugby for the beginning of the 2010 season. Alcock played 12 matches in 2012, starting in the '7' jersey for the bulk of the season.

**PHOENIX BATTYE – LOCK**

Physical: 2.04m, 115kg
Born: 28.09.90, Cooma NSW
Province/Club: Wanneroo (WA)/Randwick (NSW)
Super Rugby Caps: 9
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Reds

Phoenix Battye is a lofty young lock who made his Super Rugby debut against the Reds last season. The two metre-plus second-rower is one of the tallest tight forwards in Australian Super Rugby and a reliable lineout option. Battye joined the Western Force on a rookie contract for 2011 before earning his debut in Brisbane last year.

**RICHARD BROWN – FLANKER/NO.8**


Physical: 1.89m, 103kg
Born: 28.08.84, Townsville QLD
Province/Club: Cottesloe (WA)/Warringah (NSW)
Super Rugby Caps: 75
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Brumbies
Test Caps: 23
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2008 v New Zealand

Richard Brown has been a mainstay of the Western Force's back row over the past seven years. Brown can play No.8, openside and blindside flanker, and is the club's third most-capped player of all time behind Nathan Sharpe (92) and Matt Hodgson (83). He has been a regular in Wallabies squads since making his Test debut against the All Blacks in 2008.

**NATHAN CHARLES – HOOKER**


Physical: 1.83m, 104kg
Born: 09.01.89, Sydney NSW
Province/Club: UWA (WA)/Sydney University (NSW)
Super Rugby Caps: 39
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Stormers

Nathan Charles is a mobile, hard-working hooker that has become a permanent fixture in the Western Force 22-man squad over the past three seasons. Since making his debut against the Stormers two seasons ago, he has not missed a match and was the only Western Force player to start in every Super Rugby match for the club in 2012.

**ANGUS COTTRELL – FLANKER/NO.8**

Physical: 1.91m, 105kg

Born: 20.11.89, Brisbane QLD

Province/Club: Associates (WA)

Super Rugby Caps: 7

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Brumbies

Angus Cottrell is a hardworking member of the Western Force back row. Cottrell made the most of his opportunities in 2012, earning seven caps in his maiden season and has graduated from the Extended Playing Squad to a full contract. He was recruited from Brisbane club rugby for the Force's 2011 Samoan tour.

**PEKAHOU COWAN – PROP**

Physical: 1.85m, 116kg

Born: 02.06.86, Wellington NZ

Province/Club: Nedlands (WA)/  
Warringah (NSW)

Super Rugby Caps: 60

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Waratahs

Test Caps: 5

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2009 v Italy

Pek Cowan remains one of the most consistent performers and unsung heroes for the Western Force. At 26, Cowan has played seven seasons of Super Rugby and is one of the senior leaders within the West Australian forward pack. He is an aggressive ball runner, strong scrummager and versatile, being able to play across the front row.



## NICK CUMMINS – WING/CENTRE



Physical: 1.89m, 99kg

Born: 05.10.87, Port Macquarie NSW

Province/Club: UWA (WA)/  
Southern Districts (NSW)

Super Rugby Caps: 53

Super Rugby Points: 45 (9t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Sharks

Test Caps: 6

Test Points: 10 (2t)

Test Debut: 2012 v Argentina

Nick Cummins is an outstanding outside back for the Western Force, who is equally adept at outside centre or on the wing. Cummins was one of the standout performers in the Western Force backline last season with his consistent showing and ability to hit the line at pace leading to his long-awaited Test debut for the Wallabies against Argentina.

## PATRICK DELLIT – CENTRE/FULLBACK



Physical: 1.92kg, 100kg

Born: 21.08.86, Sydney NSW

Province/Club: Nedlands (WA)/  
Eastern Suburbs (NSW)

Super Rugby Caps: 17

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Lions

Patrick Dellit is a hard-running utility back who embarks on his third season of Super Rugby. Having established himself as one of the leading players in Sydney's Shute Shield, Dellit was picked up by the Western Force for the 2011 season. He was periodically sidelined with a groin injury throughout last year but managed five appearances in 2012.

**SIAS EBERSOHN – FLYHALF**

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Physical: 1.76m, 83kg

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Born: 23.02.89, Bloemfontein RSA

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Province/Club: TBC

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Super Rugby Caps: 30 (Cheetahs)

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Super Rugby Points: 220 (2t, 36c, 44p, 2dg)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2010 (Cheetahs) v Bulls

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Sias Ebersohn is an attacking playmaker who joins the Western Force from the Cheetahs. The specialist flyhalf has been a regular starting pivot for the Cheetahs since making his Super Rugby debut in 2010. Ebersohn has represented South Africa at Schoolboys and Under 20 level as well as playing five seasons at the senior provincial level.

**TETERA FAULKNER – PROP**

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Physical: 1.78m, 117kg

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Born: 26.07.88, Tauranga NZ

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Province/Club: Wanneroo (WA)/  
Southern Districts (NSW)

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Super Rugby Caps: 3

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Super Rugby Points: 0

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Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Rebels

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Tetera Faulkner is a supremely strong athlete that continues to forge his way towards regular Super Rugby representation. The Kiwi-born front-rower is a technically outstanding scrummager and has represented the Australian Schoolboys, Under 19 and Under 20 sides. Faulkner played two matches in 2012, earning his run-on debut against the Crusaders.

## KYLE GODWIN – FLYHALF



Physical: 1.87m, 93kg

Born: 30.07.92, Harare Zimbabwe

Province/Club: Associates (WA)

Super Rugby Caps: 3

Super Rugby Points: 7 (1t, 1c)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Reds

Kyle Godwin is a talented, local Perth product, who graduates to the Western Force senior squad from the Extended Playing Squad. Godwin had a stellar 2012 that featured his selection as starting flyhalf for the Australian Under 20 side at the IRB Junior World Championships, making his Super Rugby debut and a premiership with Perth club, Associates.

## JAYDEN HAYWARD – CENTRE



Physical: 1.85m, 95kg

Born: 11.08.87

Province/Club: TBC

Super Rugby Caps: 24 (9 Highlanders, 15 Hurricanes)

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 (Highlanders) v Brumbies

Jayden Hayward joins the Western Force as a foreign developing player for 2013. Hayward joins the Force after spending two years each representing the Highlanders and Hurricanes. Hayward has been a consistent performer for Taranaki across five seasons of ITM Cup rugby, breaking a New Zealand first-class record – scoring a try in 10 consecutive matches in 2010 and 2011.

**MATT HODGSON – FLANKER/NO.8**

Physical: 1.85m, 103kg

Born: 25.06.81, Sydney NSW

Province/Club: Wanneroo (WA)

Super Rugby Caps: 83

Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Brumbies

Test Caps: 6

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2010 v Fiji

Matt Hodgson has been part of the backbone of the Western Force since joining the club for its inaugural season in 2006. The robust and versatile back-rower can play on either side of the scrum or at No.8, and is renowned for his high involvement and consistent ball-winning at the breakdown. He has been appointed Club Captain for the 2013 Super Rugby season.

**KIERAN LONGBOTTOM – PROP**

Physical: 1.81m, 113kg

Born: 20.12.85, Perth WA

Province/Club: Rockingham (WA)/  
Eastwood (NSW)

Super Rugby Caps: 30

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Chiefs

Kieran Longbottom is a powerful, locally-produced loosehead prop, who lines up for his sixth season of Super Rugby. A neck injury restricted the 27-year-old to eight matches in 2012 with starts against the Hurricanes and Rebels. Longbottom is the first born-and-bred WA player to progress into the Western Force with his current contract keeping him in Perth until 2014.

**TOBY LYNN – LOCK**


Physical: 1.97m, 113kg
Born: 06.10.84, Hamilton NZ
Province/Club: Wanneroo (WA)
Super Rugby Caps: 47
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 (Chiefs) v Brumbies

Toby Lynn returns for his second season with the Western Force after joining from ITM Cup side, Waikato. Regarded as one of the most experienced tight forwards Waikato has produced, Lynn was a consistent performer for the Force, proving a reliable option in the lineout and crossed for his maiden Super Rugby try against the Brumbies.

**SALESI MA'AFU – PROP**


Physical: 1.84m, 118kg
Born: 26.03.83, Sydney NSW
Province/Club: Joondalup (WA)/ West Harbour (NSW)
Super Rugby Caps: 65 (52 Brumbies)
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t – Brumbies)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 (Brumbies) v Chiefs
Test Caps: 13
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2010 v Fiji

Salesi Ma'afu is a supremely powerful front-rower who returns for his seventh season of Super Rugby. The international tighthead prop joined the Western Force as a key signing for the 2012 season. A broken arm suffered towards the end of the season, ruled him out of the final three matches and robbed him of adding to his 13 Test caps.

**ALFIE MAFI – WING/FULLBACK**


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 Physical: 1.82m, 95kg
 

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 Born: 08.06.88, Tongatapu TON
 

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 Province/Club: Perth Bayswater (WA)/Sydney University (NSW)
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 45 (9 Waratahs, 7 Brumbies)
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t) (5 Brumbies)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2008 (Waratahs) v Hurricanes
 

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Alfie Mafi asserted himself as a 'must have' in the Western Force starting line-up in 2012. The former junior Australian representative played each match for the Western Force and finished the season as the side's top try scorer. Having played the bulk of his career on the wing, Mafi added another string to his bow, starting 10 matches at fullback during the 2012 season.

**ALBY MATHEWSON – SCRUMHALF**


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 Physical: 1.73m, 93kg
 

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 Born: 13.12.85, Hastings NZ
 

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 Province/Club: Hawkes Bay (NZ)
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 83 (36 Hurricanes, 47 Blues)
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 85 (17t) (20 Hurricanes, 65 Blues)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2007 (Hurricanes) v Reds
 

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 Test Caps: 4
 

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 Test Points: 0
 

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 Test Debut: 2010 (New Zealand) v Australia
 

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Alby Mathewson is a livewire scrumhalf who joins the Western Force as the side's international marquee player for 2013 and 2014. The four-time All Black is one of the competition's premier attacking scrumhalves, who has remained a consistent performer since making his debut for the Hurricanes in 2007. Mathewson has not missed a game through injury during his Super Rugby career.

## LACHLAN MCCAFFREY – NO.8/FLANKER



Physical: 1.94m, 108kg
Born: 17.03.90, Sydney NSW
Province/Club: Nedlands (WA)/Eastwood (NSW)
Super Rugby Caps: 8 (1 Waratahs)
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 (Waratahs) v Cheetahs

Locky McCaffrey is a grafting back-rower who returns for his second season with the Western Force. McCaffrey, who made his Super Rugby debut for the Waratahs in 2010, played seven matches for the Force last season, starting at No.8 against the Blues and Crusaders. McCaffrey has represented the Australian Schoolboys (2007) and Under 20's (2010).

## BEN MCCALMAN – LOCK/NO.8/FLANKER



Physical: 1.92m, 106kg
Born: 18.03.88, Dubbo NSW
Province/Club: Sydney University (NSW)
Super Rugby Caps: 37
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Brumbies
Test Caps: 21
Test Points: 10 (2t)
Test Debut: 2010 v South Africa

Ben McCalman is a big, powerful utility, who has become a key member of the Western Force. With the ability to play lock or across the back row, McCalman is one of the Force pack's most valuable assets. Prior to his injury-depleted 2012, McCalman had been a part of every Force match day 22 since making his Super Rugby debut.

**HUGH MCMENIMAN – LOCK/FLANKER**

Physical: 2.00m, 114kg
Born: 01.11.83, Brisbane QLD
Province/Club: TBC
Super Rugby Caps: 29 (Reds)
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t) (Reds)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 (Reds) v Hurricanes
Test Caps: 21
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2005 v Samoa

Hugh McMeniman returns to Australian rugby with the Western Force for the 2013 Super Rugby season. The former Wallabies lock/flanker, who left Australian shores to play in Japan in 2009, played 21 Tests for the Wallabies over four years, including four matches during the 2007 World Cup, has also represented the Australian Schoolboys (2001) and Australia A (2005).

**SAM NORTON-KNIGHT – FLYHALF/CENTRE/FULLBACK**

Physical: 1.88m, 88kg
Born: 02.12.83, Canberra ACT
Province/Club: TBC
Super Rugby Caps: 58 (9 Brumbies, 49 Waratahs)
Super Rugby Points: 52 (10t, 1c) (12 Brumbies, 40 Waratahs)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 (Brumbies) v Crusaders
Test Caps: 2
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2007 v Wales

Sam Norton-Knight is a classy playmaker who joins the Western Force with a wealth of experience in Australia and abroad. Norton-Knight represented the Brumbies and Waratahs in Super Rugby before playing a season with the Cardiff Blues and four with Japan's Panasonic Wild Knights. The utility back was selected for the Wallabies' Spring Tour in 2006 before making his Test debut against Wales in 2007.



## JUNIOR RASOLEA – CENTRE



Physical: 1.84m, 102kg

Born: 29.04.91, Brisbane QLD

Province/Club: GPS (Qld)

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Junior Rasolea is an up-and-coming rugby talent who has progressed through the Australian Sevens pathway. The explosive centre has been a regular with the Aussie Thunderbolts in the abridged version of the game, after he was recruited prior to the 2011 Gold Coast Sevens. The former Queensland Schoolboy has also represented Fiji at the 2010 and 2011 IRB Junior World Championships.

## BRETT SHEEHAN – SCRUMHALF



Physical: 1.73m, 90kg

Born: 16.09.79, Geraldton WA

Province/Club: Cottesloe (WA)/Warringah (NSW)

Super Rugby Caps: 88 (4 Reds, 46 Waratahs)

Super Rugby Points: 26 (2t, 2c, 4p) (5 Waratahs)

Super Rugby Debut: 2005 (Reds) v Bulls

Test Caps: 6

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2006 v South Africa

Brett Sheehan enters his fourth season with the club after extending his stay with the Western Force for a further year. The 33-year-old is a tough and terrier-like scrumhalf and was one of four players to take the field in all 16 matches. His strong season was recognised when he was called into the Australian squad for the Rugby Championship and Wallabies' Spring Tour.

**WINSTON STANLEY – CENTRE**


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Physical: 1.84m, 95kg

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Born: 11.02.89, Brisbane QLD

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Province/Club: Wanneroo (WA)

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Super Rugby Caps: 17 (6 Blues)

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Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2009 (Blues) v Bulls

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Winston Stanley is a tough centre, who returns for his second season with the Western Force. The former IRB Junior Player of the Year nominee linked with the Force after two years with the Blues. Stanley, who played 11 matches in 2012, has previously represented the New Zealand Under 19's (2007) and Under 20's (2009) in their respective IRB junior world championship titles.

**ED STUBBS – CENTRE/WING/FULLBACK**


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Physical: 1.84m, 94kg

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Born: 02.02.89, Sydney NSW

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Province/Club: Eastern Suburbs (WA)

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Super Rugby Caps: 3 (Brumbies)

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Super Rugby Points: 0

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Super Rugby Debut: 2010 (Brumbies) v Cheetahs

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Ed Stubbs joins the Western Force having been a permanent fixture of the Australian Sevens side for the past three years. Stubbs made his debut with the Brumbies against the Cheetahs in 2010. Stubbs was a member of the Cup-winning Australian Sevens side in London in 2010, as well as finishing runner-up in the subsequent Edinburgh tournament.

## CHRIS TUATARA-MORRISON – CENTRE



Physical: 1.89m, 100kg

Born: 11.09.86, Hastings NZ

Province/Club: Northern Suburbs (NSW)

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Chris Tuatara-Morrison is a powerful centre, who joins the Emirates Western Force after helping guide Northern Suburbs to a finals berth in Sydney's Shute Shield. The former NSW Schoolboys representative returned to rugby in 2012 after seven seasons in rugby league with the Melbourne Storm, Canterbury Bulldogs, Wests Tigers and Sydney Roosters. Tuatara-Morrison was a revelation for Norths in 2012, crossing for five tries during the season.

## WILL TUPOU – CENTRE



Physical: 1.95m, 104kg

Born: 20.07.90, Auckland NZ

Province/Club: Wanneroo (WA)

Super Rugby Caps: 7

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Waratahs

Will Tupou is a dynamic centre, who returns for his second season with the Western Force. Having made the transition back to rugby in 2012, Tupou played seven games for the Western Force, starting six games at outside centre. The imposing midfielder spent four seasons playing rugby league representing the Brisbane Broncos (Under 20) and North Queensland Cowboys in the National Rugby League.

**BEN WHITTAKER – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.89m, 113kg

Born: 10.10.89, Canberra ACT

Province/Club: Cottesloe (WA)/Northern Suburbs (NSW)

Super Rugby Caps: 30

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Lions

Ben Whittaker is a burly and aggressive hooker who returns for his fifth season of Super Rugby with the Western Force. The 23-year-old has amassed 30 Super Rugby caps since making his debut for the Western Australian province in 2009. Whittaker was a member of the 2009 Australian Under 20's at the IRB Junior World Championship in Japan.

**SAM WYKES – LOCK/FLANKER**

Physical: 1.97m, 111kg

Born: 25.04.88, Sydney NSW

Province/Club: UWA (WA)/Eastwood (NSW)

Super Rugby Caps: 44

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Cheetahs

Sam Wykes is a mobile lock who is developing into an increasingly influential member of the Western Force forward pack. Still only 24, Wykes already has played five seasons of Super Rugby since his debut as a 19-year-old in 2008. Wykes was forced to contend with three separate injuries in 2012 allowing him to only play three matches, before a knee reconstruction ended his year.

**NEW ZEALAND**

**BLUES**

**CHIEFS**

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**HIGHLANDERS**

**HURRICANES**



**SUPERUGBY**





NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Kane Barrett	Loose Forward/Lock	1.94m	111kg	16.04.90
Anthony Boric	Lock	2.00m	113kg	27.12.83
Luke Braid	Loose Forward	1.85m	101kg	05.10.88
Charlie Faumuina	Prop	1.85m	128kg	24.12.86
Malakai Fekitoa	Midfield Back	1.87m	99kg	10.05.92
Jamison Gibson-Park	Halfback	1.76m	80kg	23.02.92
Frank Halai	Wing	1.95m	105kg	06.03.88
Bryn Hall	Halfback	1.83m	89kg	03.02.92
Baden Kerr	First Five-eighth	1.90m	90kg	09.06.89
Steven Luatua	Lock/Loose Forward	1.96m	115kg	04.04.91
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Quentin MacDonald	Hooker	1.81m	102kg	25.09.88
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Keven Mealamu	Hooker	1.81m	108kg	20.03.79
George Moala	Utility Back	1.83m	104kg	05.11.90
Liaki Moli	Lock	1.97m	114kg	04.01.90
Waisake Naholo	Wing	1.86m	96kg	08.05.91
Chris Noakes	First Five-eighth	1.81m	88kg	21.07.85
Brendon O'Connor	Loose Forward	1.86m	100kg	11.09.89
James Parsons	Hooker	1.85m	105kg	27.11.86
Tim Perry	Prop	1.88m	116kg	01.08.88
Charles Piutau	Outside Back	1.86m	95kg	31.10.91
Ronald Raaymakers	Lock/Loose Forward	1.93m	108kg	07.04.90
Rene Ranger	Outside Back	1.85m	101kg	30.09.86
Culum Retallick	Lock	1.98m	113kg	08.05.84
Francis Saili	Midfield Back	1.80m	99kg	16.02.91
Peter Saili	Loose Forward	1.89m	111kg	04.01.88
Angus Ta'avao	Prop	1.94m	125kg	22.03.90
Ofa Tu'ungafasi	Prop	1.95m	129kg	19.04.92
Piri Weepu	Halfback	1.78m	96kg	07.09.83
Ali Williams	Lock	2.02m	118kg	30.04.81
Jackson Willison	Midfield Back	1.83m	94kg	05.09.88

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## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Jersey with New Navy and Power Blue with image of Rangitoto Is. embossed across chest. Shorts with New navy with power blue stripes.

**AWAY STRIP:** Jersey White with detail in New Navy/Power Blue, Shorts with white with New Navy stripes.

## FIXTURES

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	Saturday 23 February	Hurricanes	Westpac Stadium	19:35
3	Friday 1 March	Crusaders	Eden Park	19:30
4	Sunday 10 March	Bulls	Eden Park	16:05
5	BYE			
6	Sunday 24 March	Waratahs	Allianz Stadium	16:05
7	Saturday 30 March	Chiefs	Bay Park Stadium	19:35
8	Friday 5 April	Highlanders	Eden Park	19:35
9	Saturday 13 April	Hurricanes	Eden Park	19:35
10	BYE			
11	Friday 26 April	Reds	Suncorp Stadium	19:40
12	Friday 3 May	Stormers	North Harbour Stadium	19:35
13	Saturday 11 May	Rebels	Eden Park	19:35
14	Saturday 18 May	Crusaders	AMI Stadium, Addington	19:35
15	Saturday 25 May	Brumbies	Eden Park	19:35
16	Saturday 1 June	Highlanders	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Saturday 29 June	Sharks	Mr Price King's Park	15:00
19	Saturday 6 July	Cheetahs	Free State Stadium	15:00
20	Saturday 13 July	Chiefs	Eden Park	09:35

## MILESTONES

- Rene Ranger, Peter Saili and Charlie Faumuina should all reach the milestone of 50 games for the Blues this season while Jackson Willison and Luke Braid are set to play their 50th Super Rugby match.
- Blues captain Ali Williams looks set to play his 100th Blues match and Piri Weepu will play his 100th Super Rugby Match.
- Veteran Keven Mealamu should reach the milestone of 150 Super Rugby matches – only the second player to ever reach this milestone.
- 11 players are set to make their Super Rugby debut this season; Kane Barrett, Malakai Fekitoa, Jamison Gibson-Park, Frank Halai, Bryn Hall, Baden Kerr, Marty McKenzie, Waisake Naholo, Tim Perry, Ronald Raaymakers and Ofa Tu'ungafasi.

**SIR JOHN KIRWAN – HEAD COACH**


Born: 16.12.64

Blues Coaching Debut: 2001 as Assistant Coach

Other Coaching Roles: NEC Green Rockets  
1999-2001, Blues 2001, Italy 2002-2005,  
Japan 2007-2011

Sir John Kirwan returns home to New Zealand as Head Coach of the Blues. After a distinguished playing career for Auckland and the All Blacks he began his coaching career in Japan in the late 1990s. Since then he has coached both the Italian and Japanese national rugby teams. In the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honour list, Kirwan was appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to mental health awareness.

**MICK BYRNE – ASSISTANT COACH**


Born: 02.12.58

Blues Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: All Blacks skills coach  
2005-12, Japan – Forwards and Skills coach –  
2009-2011.

Mick Byrne, a former AFL player, joins the Blues for his first Super Rugby coaching role in New Zealand. He has previously coached with Kirwan in Japan and held several specialist skills coaching roles with the All Blacks, Brumbies, Wallabies and Scotland. Byrne's coaching will focus on the forwards and kickers in the Blues squad.

## GRANT DOOREY – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 03.02.68

Blues Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: CSBJ Rugby Top 14, Italy Assistant Coach 2003-05, Japan Assistant Coach 2007-11

Grant Doorey has joined the Blues for his first Super Rugby coaching role. A former rugby league player, Doorey worked alongside Kirwan as assistant coach for both Italy and Japan. He will be in charge of the backline and skills with the Blues in 2013.

## SIR GRAHAM HENRY – TECHNICAL ADVISOR



Born: 08.06.46

Blues Coaching Debut: 1996

Other Coaching Roles: Auckland provincial coach 1992-97, Blues Head Coach 1996-98, Wales Head Coach 1998-2002, British & Irish Lions Coach 2001, Blues Technical Advisor 2003, All Blacks Head Coach 2004-11 (World Cup Winning Coach)

Sir Graham Henry has a long and illustrious coaching career and returns to Auckland where it all started in the 1990s. Henry was the first ever coach of the Blues in 1996 and since then has gone on to coach Wales, the British and Irish Lions and the Rugby World Cup 2011 winning All Blacks. Henry will be the technical advisor for the Blues.

**KANE BARRETT – LOOSE FORWARD/LOCK**

Physical: 1.94m, 111kg
Born: 16.04.90, New Plymouth NZ
Province: Taranaki
Provincial Caps: 18
Provincial Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial Debut: 2010 v Otago
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Kane Barrett joins the Blues for his first season of Super Rugby. The older brother of All Black Beauden Barrett, he is a dynamic back row forward, strong on attack and defence while also offering a versatile line out option. Barrett has previously represented New Zealand at Secondary Schools level.

**ANTHONY BORIC – LOCK**

Physical: 2.00m, 113kg
Born: 27.12.83, Auckland NZ
Province: North Harbour
Provincial Caps: 58
Provincial Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial Debut: 2005 v Samoa
Super Rugby Caps: 62
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Waratahs
Test Caps: 24
Test Points: 10 (2t)
Test Debut: 2008 v England

Boric, an All Blacks lock, was sidelined for the majority of 2012 with a neck injury which required surgery. He returns to play his eighth season for the Blues. His natural athleticism and physical attributes make him an excellent line-out forward.

## LUKE BRAID – LOOSE FORWARD



Physical: 1.85m, 101kg

Born: 05.10.88, Tauranga NZ

Province: Bay of Plenty

Provincial Caps: 54

Provincial Points: 40 (8t)

Provincial Debut: 2007 v North Harbour

Super Rugby Caps: 41

Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions (Chiefs)

A specialist openside flanker, Braid is in his third season with the Blues.

In 2008 he was a member of the successful New Zealand Under 20 team which won the IRB Junior World Championship and he was named IRB Junior Player of the Year.

## CHARLIE FAUMUINA – PROP



Physical: 1.85m, 128kg

Born: 24.12.86, Auckland NZ

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 45

Provincial Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial Debut: 2007 v Counties Manukau

Super Rugby Caps: 41

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Sharks

Test Caps: 7

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2012 v Argentina

Faumuina had a breakthrough year in 2012 and was the stand out performer in the Blues campaign. He was voted the players' Player of the Year and selected for the All Blacks – debuting in Wellington against Argentina.

**MALAKAI FEKITOA – MIDFIELD BACK**

Physical: 1.87m, 99kg

Born: 10.05.92, Tonga

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 12

Provincial Points: 15 (3t)

Provincial Debut: 2012 v Hawke's Bay

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Fekitoa burst onto the scene as an 18-year-old at the National Sevens in 2011 where he was voted Player of the Tournament by Gordon Teitjens. In 2012 he played every game in the Auckland ITM Cup campaign, proving himself to be a physical defender and a strong runner with the ability to create space for himself and others.

**JAMISON GIBSON-PARK – HALFBACK**

Physical: 1.76m, 80kg

Born: 23.02.92, Great Barrier Island NZ

Province: Taranaki

Provincial Caps: 11

Provincial Points: 20 (4t)

Provincial Debut: 2012 v King Country

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

2012 was a big year for Gibson-Park as he made his provincial debut, was selected for the Maori All Blacks and signed on for his first Super Rugby campaign with the Blues. The dynamic halfback has a gifted running game with tremendous acceleration.

**FRANK HALAI – WING**


Physical: 1.95m, 105kg
Born: 06.03.88, Tonga
Province: Counties Manukau
Provincial Caps: 11
Provincial Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial Debut: 2012 v Counties Manukau (Waikato)
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

An explosive winger, Halai made a name for himself in the All Blacks Sevens team and will make his Super Rugby debut for the Blues. This towering, prolific try scorer, is a powerful runner with an eye for the gap.

**BRYN HALL – HALFBACK**


Physical: 1.83m, 89kg
Born: 03.02.92, Auckland NZ
Province: North Harbour
Provincial Caps: 10
Provincial Points: 35 (3t, 4c, 4p)
Provincial Debut: 2012 v Waikato
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Hall was the co-captain of the 2012 New Zealand Under 20 team and also made his provincial debut for North Harbour in the same year. Hall has good core skills and is also a strong goal kicker. 2013 is his first year of Super Rugby.

**BADEN KERR – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH**



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 Physical: 1.90m, 90kg
 

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 Born: 09.06.89, Papakura NZ
 

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 Province: Counties Manukau
 

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 Provincial Caps: 20
 

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 Provincial Points: 226 (2t, 38c, 48p)
 

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 Provincial Debut: 2010 v Otago
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
 

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 Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped
 

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Kerr was instrumental in taking Counties Manukau to their 2012 ITM Cup Championship title. He is tactically astute and is an excellent goal kicker. This is his first year of Super Rugby.

**STEVEN LUATUA – LOCK/LOOSE FORWARD**



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 Physical: 1.96m, 115kg
 

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 Born: 04.04.91, Auckland NZ
 

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 Province: Auckland
 

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 Provincial Caps: 24
 

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 Provincial Points: 15 (3t)
 

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 Provincial Debut: 2010 v Waikato
 

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 Super Rugby Caps: 6
 

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 Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
 

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 Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Lions
 

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A former New Zealand Secondary Schools and Under 20 representative, Luatua made his provincial debut for Auckland in 2010. The versatile lock/loose forward was elevated to the Blues squad in 2012 as injury cover and performed with distinction.



**TOM MCCARTNEY – PROP**


Physical: 1.85m, 109kg

Born: 06.09.85, Palmerston North NZ

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 75

Provincial Points: 15 (3t)

 Provincial Debut: 2007 v Thames Valley  
(North Harbour)

Super Rugby Caps: 51

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Chiefs

McCartney is a versatile front rower who can play both hooker and prop. Affectionately known as ‘Freak’ for his impressive strength and work ethic in the gym, McCartney is coming into his sixth season with the Blues.

**QUENTIN MCDONALD – HOOKER**


Physical: 1.81m, 102kg

Born: 25.09.88, Blenheim NZ

Province: Tasman

Provincial Caps: 44

Provincial Points: 15 (3t)

Provincial Debut: 2007 v Waikato

Super Rugby Caps: 24

Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)

 Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Highlanders  
(Crusaders)

McDonald joins the Blues from Tasman and has previously spent three seasons with the Crusaders. With a high work rate around the field and accuracy at line out he will be an asset to the 2013 team.

**MARTY MCKENZIE – FULLBACK**

Physical: 1.83m, 85kg

Born: 14.08.92, Invercargill NZ

Province: Southland

Provincial Caps: 12

Provincial Points: 25 (2t, 3c, 3p)

Provincial Debut: 2012 v Otago

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

A player with great potential, McKenzie is one of three players in the 2013 squad that played in last year's New Zealand Under 20 team. Comfortable in several backline positions, McKenzie is also a goal kicker and makes his Super Rugby debut this season.

**KEVEN MEALAMU – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.81m, 108kg

Born: 20.03.79, Tokoroa NZ

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 64

Provincial Points: 70 (14t)

Provincial Debut: 1999 v North Harbour

Super Rugby Caps: 143

Super Rugby Points: 45 (9t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2000 v Brumbies

Test Caps: 102

Test Points: 60 (12t)

Test Debut: 2002 v Wales

The most capped New Zealand Super Rugby player of all time, Mealamu is entering his 13th campaign with the Blues. In 2012 he became just the third All Black to play 100 Test matches. Mealamu is taking an extended break, therefore has stood down from captaincy and joins the Blues before their match against the Waratahs in March.

## GEORGE MOALA – UTILITY BACK



Physical: 1.83m, 104kg

Born: 05.11.90, Auckland NZ

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 13

Provincial Points: 30 (6t)

Provincial Debut: 2011 v Otago

Super Rugby Caps: 4

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Sharks

George comes into 2013 for his second Super Rugby campaign. His 2012 season was marred with injury but the powerful winger is back to full fitness. An explosive runner, Moala is dangerous with ball in hand.

## LIAKI MOLI – LOCK



Physical: 1.97m, 114kg

Born: 04.01.90, Auckland NZ

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 27

Provincial Points: 15 (3t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v North Harbour

Super Rugby Caps: 12

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Hurricanes

Moli has represented New Zealand at Under 17, Secondary School and Under 20 age groups and in 2010 was the NZRU's Age Grade Player of the Year. A string of injuries delayed his Super Rugby debut until 2012 but his national and provincial performances proved he's ready for this level.

**WAISAKE NAHOLO – WING**

Physical: 1.86m, 96kg

Born: 08.05.91, Sigatoka Fiji

Province: Taranaki

Provincial Caps: 13

Provincial Points: 25 (5t)

Provincial Debut: 2011 v Wellington

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Naholo burst onto the rugby scene playing sevens and has been an member of the All Blacks Sevens team. Hailing from Taranaki the winger has x-factor and the ability to strike from anywhere on the field.

**CHRIS NOAKES – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH**

Physical: 1.81m, 88kg

Born: 21.07.85, Auckland NZ

Province: Bay of Plenty

Provincial Caps: 42

Provincial Points: 242 (4t, 45c, 43p, 1dg)

Provincial Debut: 2007 v Southland (Otago)

Super Rugby Caps: 13

Super Rugby Points: 86 (2t, 14c, 16p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Chiefs (Highlanders)

Noakes returns home to Auckland after stints playing for Otago, Bay of Plenty and the Highlanders. At 27, he will be one of the leaders in the Blues backline and his ability to control a backline will be an asset in 2013.

## BRENDON O'CONNOR – LOOSE FORWARD



Physical: 1.86m, 100kg
Born: 11.09.89, Gisborne NZ
Province: Canterbury
Provincial Caps: 17
Provincial Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial Debut: 2010 v Manawatu
Super Rugby Caps: 2
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Cheetahs (Crusaders)

A former New Zealand Secondary Schools representative, O'Connor graduates from the Crusaders Wider Training Group to the Blues full squad in 2013. Having recovered from a knee injury, O'Connor is a strong, mobile player with a solid defensive game.

## JAMES PARSONS – HOOKER



Physical: 1.85m, 105kg
Born: 27.11.86, Palmerston North NZ
Province: North Harbour
Provincial Caps: 50
Provincial Points: 30 (6t)
Provincial Debut: 2007 v Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: 7
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Highlanders

A natural leader, Parsons joins the Blues squad after being a member of the 2012 Wider Training Group. The North Harbour captain is technically astute, mobile around the field and has excellent accuracy.

**TIM PERRY – PROP**

Physical: 1.88m, 116kg

Born: 01.08.88, Ashburton NZ

Province: Tasman

Provincial Caps: 21

Provincial Points: 15 (3t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v South Canterbury  
(Mid Canterbury)

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Perry has represented New Zealand at Secondary School, Under 19 and Heartland levels. The former Crusaders' Wider Training Group member returned to rugby in 2012 after a break and showed solid form for Tasman.

**CHARLES PIUTAU – OUTSIDE BACK**

Physical: 1.86m, 95kg

Born: 31.10.91, Auckland NZ

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 19

Provincial Points: 40 (8t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v Bay of Plenty

Super Rugby Caps: 2

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Force

Piutau was the top try scorer for the New Zealand Under 20 in their 2011 World Championship winning campaign. In 2010 he played for the Tongan Under 20 team and he was a member of the All Blacks Sevens team in 2011/12.

He was brought into the Blues squad to cover injuries at the tail end of the 2012 season and proved his skills are up there with the best in his two 'man of the match' appearances.

**RONALD RAAYMAKERS – LOCK/LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.93m, 108kg
Born: 07.04.90, Waiuku NZ
Province: Counties Manukau
Provincial Caps: 30
Provincial Points: 0
Provincial Debut: 2010 v Otago
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

With three years of ITM Cup experience under his belt, Raaymakers joins the Blues for his first Super Rugby campaign. The strong ball carrier was a member of the New Zealand Under 20 team in 2010 and has a huge work rate on the field.

**RENE RANGER – OUTSIDE BACK**


Physical: 1.85m, 101kg
Born: 30.09.86, Auckland NZ
Province: Northland
Provincial Caps: 56
Provincial Points: 70 (14t)
Provincial Debut: 2006 v North Harbour
Super Rugby Caps: 49
Super Rugby Points: 95 (19t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Force
Test Caps: 2
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2012 v Wales

Ranger is a dynamic midfielder coming into his fifth Super Rugby campaign. With his trademark sidestep and great acceleration Ranger has the ability to spark a game into life. Ranger was selected for the All Blacks in 2010, earning three caps against Wales, South Africa and Australia.

**CULUM RETALLICK – LOCK**

Physical: 1.98m, 113kg
Born: 08.05.84, Rangiora NZ
Province: Bay of Plenty
Provincial Caps: 66
Provincial Points: 40 (8t)
Provincial Debut: 2007 v Hawke's Bay
Super Rugby Caps: 30
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions (Chiefs)

Retallick brings experience and leadership to the Blues, having previously played for both the Chiefs and Highlanders. With excellent aerial skills, Retallick will add bulk and all round ability to the Blues pack.

**FRANCIS SAILI – MIDFIELD BACK**

Physical: 1.80m, 99kg
Born: 16.02.91, Auckland NZ
Province: North Harbour
Provincial Caps: 15
Provincial Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial Debut: 2011 v Canterbury (Auckland)
Super Rugby Caps: 5
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Stormers

An exciting young talent, Saili is a genuine threat to opposition defence. In 2011 he played for the New Zealand Under 20 team and made his provincial debut. A member of the Blues Wider Training Group in 2012 Saili made his Super Rugby debut and is one to watch for the future.



**PETER SAILI – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.89m, 111kg
Born: 04.01.88, Auckland NZ
Province: Auckland
Provincial Caps: 50
Provincial Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial Debut: 2008 v Poverty Bay
Super Rugby Caps: 45
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Force

A former New Zealand Under 19 and Under 20 representative, Saili is the older brother of Francis. A strong, agile player, Saili has established himself as a regular feature in the match day 22 and is set to bring up his 50th game for the Blues this season.

**ANGUS TA'AVAO – PROP**


Physical: 1.94m, 125kg
Born: 22.03.90, Auckland NZ
Province: Auckland
Provincial Caps: 29
Provincial Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial Debut: 2010 v Taranaki
Super Rugby Caps: 6
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Chiefs

A former New Zealand Under 20 captain, Ta'avao made his Super Rugby debut in 2012 against the Chiefs after spending 2011 in the Wider Training Group. The tall, strong prop has a high work rate on the field.

**OFA TU'UNGAFASI – PROP**

Physical: 1.95m, 129kg

Born: 19.04.92, Tonga

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 7

Provincial Points: 0

Provincial Debut: 2012 v Hawke's Bay

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

At 129kg and 1.95m, Tu'ungafasi has impressive power on the rugby field. He played two years with the New Zealand Secondary Schools team and in 2012 was a member of the New Zealand Under 20 team as well as the Auckland provincial side. At only 20 years of age, Tu'ungafasi has a bright future.

**PIRI WEEPU – HALFBACK**

Physical: 1.78m, 96kg

Born: 07.09.83, Lower Hutt NZ

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 56

Provincial Points: 254 (5t, 50c, 43p)

Provincial Debut: 2003 v Otago (Wellington)

Super Rugby Caps: 99

Super Rugby Points: 274 (4t, 49c, 52p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Bulls (Hurricanes)

Test Caps: 69

Test Points: 110 (8t, 11c, 16p)

Test Debut: 2004 v Wales

Weepu is set to play his 100th Super Rugby game this season. The experienced halfback has sound decision making skills and a fantastic kicking game. The All Blacks halfback is in his second season with the Blues after moving north from the Hurricanes for the 2012 season.

## ALI WILLIAMS – LOCK



Physical: 2.02m, 118kg
Born: 30.04.81, Auckland NZ
Province: Auckland
Provincial Caps: 35
Provincial Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial Debut: 2001 v Taranaki
Super Rugby Caps: 101
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2002 v Hurricanes
Test Caps: 77
Test Points: 35 (7t)
Test Debut: 2002 v England

Williams will captain the Blues in 2013. First picked for the team in 2002 he has played 100 Super Rugby matches and is likely to play his 100th Blues match this season. He is an All Blacks veteran with 77 Test caps.

## JACKSON WILLISON – MIDFIELD BACK



Physical: 1.83m, 94kg
Born: 05.09.88, Hamilton NZ
Province: Waikato
Provincial Caps: 52
Provincial Points: 65 (13t)
Provincial Debut: 2007 v Taranaki
Super Rugby Caps: 39
Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Waratahs

Willison joins the Blues with five seasons of Super Rugby under his belt and a championship win with the Chiefs in 2012. The experienced midfielder is a solid defender and is set to be one of the backline leaders with a number of exciting younger players around him. In 2012 he was selected for the Maori All Blacks end of year tour.





NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Ben Afeaki	Prop	1.93m	127kg	12.01.88
Bundee Aki	Midfield Back	1.82m	92kg	07.04.90
Gareth Anscombe	First Five-eighth	1.84m	90kg	10.05.91
Sam Cane	Loose Forward	1.89m	104kg	13.01.92
Craig Clarke	Lock	2.00m	114kg	01.08.83
Nick Crosswell	Loose Forward	1.95m	110kg	03.04.86
Aaron Cruden	First Five-eighth	1.78m	84kg	08.01.89
Hikawera Elliot	Hooker	1.84m	112kg	22.01.86
Ross Filipo	Loose Forward	1.98m	114kg	14.04.79
Michael Fitzgerald	Lock	1.97m	114kg	03.02.87
Romana Graham	Lock	2.00m	115kg	29.05.86
Andrew Horrell	Utility Back	1.82m	93kg	18.07.88
Richard Kahui	Midfield Back	1.90m	104kg	09.06.85
Tawera Kerr-Barlow	Halfback	1.87m	89kg	15.08.90
Tanerau Latimer	Loose Forward	1.87m	101kg	06.05.86
Fritz Lee	No.8	1.90m	107kg	29.08.88
Brendon Leonard	Halfback	1.83m	93kg	16.04.85
Pauliasi Manu	Prop	1.84m	115kg	23.12.87
Rhys Marshall	Hooker	1.84m	104kg	12.10.92
Lelia Masaga	Winger	1.83m	95kg	30.08.86
Liam Messam	Loose Forward	1.90m	108kg	25.03.84
Tim Nanai-Williams	Outside Back	1.81m	87kg	12.06.89
Charlie Ngatai	Midfield Back	1.86m	97kg	17.08.90
Patrick Osborne	Winger	1.89m	105kg	14.06.87
Augustine Pulu	Halfback	1.79m	93kg	04.01.90
Brodie Retallick	Lock	2.04m	117kg	31.05.91
Robbie Robinson	Fullback	1.81m	89kg	22.08.89
Solomoana Sakalia	Prop	1.90m	118kg	02.02.91
Mahonri Schwalger	Hooker	1.84m	107kg	15.09.79
Toby Smith	Prop	1.89m	115kg	10.10.88
Ben Tameifuna	Prop	1.84m	137kg	30.08.91
Asaeli Tikoirotuma	Winger	1.88m	92kg	24.06.86



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## HOMEGROUND

Waikato Stadium  
 Seddon Road  
 Hamilton  
 Capacity: 25,000

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Black jersey with yellow and yellow on the shoulders and red down the sides. Black shorts with red stripes.

**AWAY STRIP:** White Jersey with red on the shoulders and yellow down the sides, White shorts with yellow stripes.

## FIXTURES

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	Friday 22 February	Highlanders	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
3	Saturday 2 March	Cheetahs	Waikato Stadium	19:35
4	Saturday 9 March	Stormers	DHL Newlands	17:05
5	Friday 15 March	Kings	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	19:10
6	Friday 22 March	Highlanders	Waikato Stadium	19:35
7	Saturday 30 March	Blues	Bay Park	19:35
8	BYE			
9	Saturday 13 April	Reds	Waikato Stadium	16:30
10	Friday 19 April	Waratahs	Allianz Stadium	19:40
11	Saturday 27 April	Sharks	Waikato Stadium	19:35
12	Friday 3 May	Rebels	AAMI Park	19:40
13	Friday 10 May	Force	ECOLight Stadium, Pukekohe	19:35
14	Friday 17 May	Hurricanes	Westpac Stadium	19:35
15	Friday 24 May	Crusaders	Waikato Stadium	19:35
16	BYE			
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Friday 28 June	Hurricanes	Waikato Stadium	19:35
19	Friday 5 July	Crusaders	AMI Stadium	19:35
20	Saturday 13 July	Blues	Eden Park	19:35

## MILESTONES

- Liam Messam is currently on 96 games and has the opportunity to become the first Chiefs centurion. He is currently the most capped Chiefs player having exceeded Sitiveni Sivivatu's 89 games.
- Bundee Aki, Rhys Marshall, Patrick Osborne, Solomona Sakalia, all make their Investec Super Rugby debut this season.
- Gareth Anscombe, Charlie Ngatai, Nick Crosswell, Ross Filipo all make their Chiefs debut this season.
- Tim Nanai-Williams (39 caps), has the chance to reach his 50th Super Rugby cap this season.
- Brodie Retallick was awarded both the Chiefs Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year in 2012



## DAVE RENNIE – HEAD COACH



Born: 22.11.63, Upper Hutt NZ

Chiefs Coaching Debut: 2011

Other Coaching Roles: Head Coach Manawatu NPC 2006-2011, Head Coach New Zealand Under 20 2008-2010, Head Coach IRANZ 2003-2007, Assistant Coach Hurricanes 2002, Head Coach Hurricanes U23 2001, Head Coach Wellington NPC 2000-2002.

In his first year coaching the Chiefs, Dave Rennie led his side to win both the 2012 Investec Super Rugby title and the New Zealand Conference. Prior to joining the Chiefs he was the Head Coach of the Manawatu NPC side from 2006 and took the team to the final of the ITM Cup Championship in 2011. As the New Zealand Under 20 coach his side won three consecutive world championship titles from 2008-2010. Dave was the Head Coach of the International Rugby Academy of New Zealand (IRANZ) from 2003 – 2007 and made his Super Rugby debut in 2002 as the Assistant Coach of the Hurricanes. In his first year as Head Coach of the Wellington NPC team his side won the 2000 NPC Championship. Dave played 59 games as a midfield back for the Wellington Lions from 1986 also representing Cook Islands in 1990 and retired from playing in 1991.

## TOM COVENTRY – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 24.11.65, Hamilton NZ

Chiefs Coaching Debut: 2011

Other Coaching Roles: Manu Samoa 2010-2011, Hawke's Bay NPC 2007-2011, New Zealand Under 20 Resource Coach 2008-2009, New Zealand Schools Head Coach 2005-2006, Chiefs Development Head Coach 2002-2003.

Tom Coventry was an integral part of the Chiefs winning performance in 2012. His work with the forwards transformed an area that had previously been under scrutiny. He coached Manu Samoa from 2010 – 2011 which included their historic victory over the Wallabies prior to the Rugby World Cup 2011. Tom coached the Hawke's Bay NPC side from 2007, winning the ITM Cup Championship in 2011. As a player, he captained the New Zealand University team. He played NPC for Otago and 52 games for the Waikato NPC side as a loose forward, winning the Ranfurly Shield in 1993 and the 1992 NPC title with them.



## WAYNE SMITH – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 19 04.57, Putaruru NZ

Chiefs Coaching Debut: 2011

Other Coaching Roles: Crusaders 1997-98, All Blacks Technical Advisor 1998-99, All Blacks Coach 2000-01, Northampton Saints Coach 2001-04, All Blacks Assistant Coach 2004-11

It was an impressive twelve months of rugby for Wayne Smith, having been part of the Chiefs inaugural Investec Super Rugby title and assisting the All Blacks to the 2011 Rugby World Cup win. He was named a Companion of the Order of New Zealand for his services to rugby in the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honours list. Wayne was involved as the All Blacks attacking coach from 2004 until 2011 and was previously All Blacks Technical Advisor in 1998 and 1999 before taking over the Head Coach role for the following two seasons. Wayne then spent three seasons with English club Northampton. He coached the Crusaders to the Super 12 title in 1998 with Peter Sloane and again in 1999 with Steve Hansen. As a rugby player, Wayne played 35 games (17 Tests) at first five-eighth for the All Blacks between 1980 and 1985. He scored six tries and four drop goals for the All Blacks. Unusually, all six of his Test points were scored by dropped goal. Wayne played 74 games for Canterbury at first-five scoring the winning try for Canterbury when the Ranfurly Shield was lifted from Wellington in 1982.

## ANDREW STRAWBRIDGE – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 05.08.64, Christchurch NZ

Chiefs Coaching Debut: 2001

Other Coaching Roles: Blues Development Coach 2010-2011, Auckland NPC Assistant Coach 2009-2011, NZRU Resource Coach 2003-2011, NZ Under 20 Skills Coach 2008-2009, North Harbour NPC Assistant Coach 2003-2004, Chiefs Skills Coach 2001-2002, Chiefs Development Coach 2002-2003

Andrew Strawbridge played his rugby in the Waikato from 1983-1995. He retired with 131 games and 53 tries to his name. He won the National Provincial Championship with the side in 1992 and the Ranfurly Shield in 1993. The former All Blacks trialist played rugby in Scotland and retired from the game after changing codes to play Soccer. Strawbridge was involved with the Chiefs in 2001 as a kicking coach until he became Assistant Coach at North Harbour in 2003. He assisted with the New Zealand Under 20 in 2008 and 2009 and was the Auckland ITM Cup Assistant Coach and Blues Development Coach prior to re-joining the Chiefs. Strawbridge was also a New Zealand resource coach for eight years.

**BEN AFEAKI – PROP**

Physical: 1.93m, 127kg

Born: 12.01.88, Auckland NZ

Province: North Harbour

Provincial Caps: 51

Provincial Points: 15 (3t)

Provincial Debut: 2007 v Thames Valley

Super Rugby Caps: 23

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v The Sharks

Ben Afeaki was part of the 2012 Maori All Blacks tour and captained North Harbour for the ITM Cup Championship. He spent much of last year's Investec Super Rugby out after breaking his arm in round one. He came back in strong form at the business end of the season. The highly mobile, explosive forward was part of the New Zealand World Champion Under 19 and Under 20 sides. He has also represented New Zealand at water polo.

**BUNDEE AKI – MIDFIELD BACK**

Physical: 1.82m, 92kg

Born: 07.04.90, Otahuhu NZ

Province: Counties Manukau

Provincial Caps: 21

Provincial Points: 45 (9t)

Provincial Debut: 2011 v Bay of Plenty

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Bunde Aki was involved with the Chiefs wider training group in 2012. On the back of a stellar ITM Cup season for Counties Manukau, Aki earned his first Investec Super Rugby contract. He was named the Counties Manukau Steelers Player of the Year and was awarded Player's Player of the Year by his team mates. He was one of the most exciting players to watch during the ITM Cup.

## GARETH ANSCOMBE – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH



Physical: 1.84m, 90kg

Born: 10.05.91, Auckland NZ

Province: Auckland

Provincial Caps: 30

Provincial Points: 146 (10t, 66c, 78p)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v Taranaki

Super Rugby Caps: 10

Super Rugby Points: 102 (2t, 13c, 21p, 1d)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Chiefs

Gareth Anscombe had an impressive 2012 ITM Cup campaign and was the top point scorer in the competition. He made his Investec Super Rugby debut for the Blues, against the Chiefs in 2012 and has represented Auckland in the ITM Cup since his first year out of school in 2010. The former New Zealand Secondary Schools representative was the top point scorer at the IRB Junior World Championships in 2011.

## SAM CANE – LOOSE FORWARD



Physical: 1.89, 104kg

Born: 13.01.92, Rotorua NZ

Province: Bay of Plenty

Provincial Caps: 16

Provincial Points: 25 (5t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v Auckland

Super Rugby Caps: 23

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions

Test Caps: 5

Test Points: 10

Test Debut: 2012 v Ireland

Sam Cane made his first All Blacks start on his Chiefs homeground in 2012, scoring two tries in the 60-0 win over Ireland. On the back of a solid season with the Chiefs he won the Bay of Plenty Junior Sportsman of the Year in 2012. Cane was an IRB finalist for Under 20 player of the year in 2011 and won the New Zealand Rugby Award Age Group Player of the Year having been part of the New Zealand Under 20 gold medal winning team in Italy. Cane debuted for the Chiefs in 2010 and plays his ITM Cup rugby at Bay of Plenty.

**CRAIG CLARKE – LOCK**

Physical: 2.00m, 114kg

Born: 01.08.83, Masterton NZ

Province: Taranaki

Provincial Caps: 86

Provincial Points: 15 (3t)

Provincial Debut: 2005 v Marlborough  
(Canterbury)

Super Rugby Caps: 74

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Stormers  
(Crusaders)

Craig Clarke was instrumental to the Chiefs Investec Super Rugby title win last year, defying medical odds to play the final after injuring his knee in the semi final. His calm and effective leadership coupled with his impressive work ethic and lineout expertise earned Clarke a nomination for the New Zealand Steinlager Rugby Award Super Rugby Player of the Year. Currently in his fifth year with the Chiefs, Clarke captained his ITM Cup side, Taranaki, to defend the Ranfurly Shield for much of the season after emphatically winning it in 2011. He is a former Junior All Black, Crusader and Hurricane.

**NICK CROSSWELL – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.95m 110kg

Born: 03.04.86, Palmerston North NZ

Province: Manawatu

Provincial Caps: 61

Provincial Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial Debut: 2006 v Auckland

Super Rugby Caps: 31

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Blues (Hurricanes)

Nick Crosswell enters his first year with the Chiefs, which sees him reunite with his former coach Dave Rennie, with whom he shared success captaining his provincial side Manawatu to the ITM Cup Championship final in 2011. The Maori All Black is a highly versatile player who can play both lock and loose forward. He has played for both the Hurricanes and Highlanders and is highly consistent.

## AARON CRUDEN – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH



Physical: 1.78m 83kg

Born: 08.01.89, Palmerston North NZ

Province: Manawatu

Provincial Caps: 31

Provincial Points: 272 (8t, 47c, 46p)

Provincial Debut: 2008 v Hawke's Bay

Super Rugby Caps: 43

Super Rugby Points: 397 (7t, 61c, 80p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Blues

Test Caps: 20

Test Points: 80 (1t, 15c, 14p 1dg)

Test Debut: 2010 v Ireland

On the back of a very impressive 2012 Investec Super Rugby competition, Aaron Cruden was nominated for the Steinlager Awards Super Rugby Player of the Year and was awarded the Player of Year as voted by the Chiefs fans. The current All Black was part of the 2011 Rugby World Cup winning side but was unfortunately struck by injury in the final. The 2009 captain of the New Zealand Under 20 world title winners was voted Junior IRB Player of the Year in the same year. He made the All Blacks after a shining debut Super Rugby season for the Hurricanes in 2010. In 2011 he won the ITM Cup Player of the Year after guiding Manawatu to the ITM Cup Championship final.

## HIKAWERA ELLIOT – HOOKER



Physical: 1.84m 115kg

Born: 22.01.86, Hastings NZ

Province: Hawke's Bay

Provincial Caps: 83

Provincial Points: 50 (10t)

Provincial Debut: 2005 v Nelson Bays

Super Rugby Caps: 69

Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Waratahs

Test Caps: 3

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2010 v Scotland

Hikawera Elliot is a current and long standing Maori All Black. He was recalled back into the All Blacks in the July test against Ireland in Auckland after having worn the black jersey in 2008 and 2010. He won the Hawke's Bay ITM Cup Player of the Year in 2010. The talented singer enters his fourth season with the Chiefs and in pre-season training took part in the fundraising 'Fight for Life'. The highly mobile hooker is a martial arts black belt and captained New Zealand Secondary Schools in 2004 and represented New Zealand in age group basketball.

**ROSS FILIPO – LOCK**

Physical: 1.98m 114kg
Born: 14.04.79, Lower Hutt NZ
Province: Wellington
Provincial Caps: 57
Provincial Points: 65 (13t)
Provincial Debut: 2001 v Mid Canterbury (Marlborough)
Super Rugby Caps: 45
Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Bulls
Test Caps: 4
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2007 v Canada

Ross Filipo is a former All Black, Junior All Blacks and current Maori All Black. The versatile lock/loose forward returned to New Zealand to play in the ITM Cup in 2012, making the semi finals for his provincial side Wellington. After playing over 100 first class games in New Zealand, Filipo headed overseas playing rugby for Bayonne in France and Wasps in England. Prior to heading overseas, the resilient player was under Chiefs coach Dave Rennie in Wellington. He moved to the Crusaders, enjoying the success of winning three championships. Ross also played for New Zealand Secondary School in his younger days.

**MIKE FITZGERALD – LOCK**

Physical: 1.97m, 114kg
Born: 03.02.87, Otahuhu NZ
Province: Manawatu
Provincial Caps: 68
Provincial Points: 55 (11t)
Provincial Debut: 2005 v Wairarapa Bush (for Wanganui)
Super Rugby Caps: 12
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Highlanders

Mike Fitzgerald is in his second year with the Chiefs. The young lock played every game in the 2012 ITM Cup competition for his side Manawatu. He got limited game time in his Investec Super Rugby debut season but added impact off the bench with his uncompromising attitude in contact. The ultimate work horse has proven to be a solid tackler. Fitzgerald represented the Heartland XV that toured the United States in 2009.

## ROMANA GRAHAM – LOCK



Physical: 2.00m, 115kg

Born: 29.05.86, Hastings NZ

Province: Waikato

Provincial Caps: 42

Provincial Points: 20 (4t)

Provincial Debut: 2008 v Otago

Super Rugby Caps: 18

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Western Force

The current Maori All Black was part of the Waikato side who lifted the Ranfurly Shield in 2012. He is strong aerially and highly skilled. Graham has represented Waikato for the past five years and heads into his fifth year with the Chiefs. Romana is a former New Zealand basketball representative and will be looking to make an impact this season.

## ANDREW HORRELL – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH



Physical: 1.82m, 93kg

Born: 18.07.88, Lincoln NZ

Province: Hawke's Bay

Provincial Caps: 34

Provincial Points: 204 (7t, 26c, 39p)

Provincial Debut: 2009 v Bay of Plenty

Super Rugby Caps: 14

Super Rugby Points: 5

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Blues

Andrew Horrell enjoyed a strong debut Investec Super Rugby season. Initially selected as a first five-eighth, he forced his way into the starting line-up at fullback, before settling in midfield for the play-offs. Horrell earned his Super Rugby position on the back of an impressive ITM Cup competition in 2011 where he helped his province Hawke's Bay win the ITM Cup Championship.

**RICHARD KAHUI – MIDFIELD BACK**

Physical: 1.90m 105kg

Born: 09.06.85, Tokoroa NZ

Province: Waikato

Provincial Caps: 36

Provincial Points: 75 (15t)

Provincial Debut: 2004 v Northland

Super Rugby Caps: 64

Super Rugby Points: 90 (18t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Cheetahs  
(for Highlanders)

Test Caps: 17

Test Points: 50 (10t)

Test Debut: 2008 v England

Richard Kahui is one of the most experienced players in the side and notched up his 50th match for Chiefs last year before enduring a season ending shoulder injury which kept him out of the All Blacks. A true team man, Kahui contributes greatly to the franchise both on and off the field. He was part of the 2011 Rugby World Cup winning side scoring two tries on the wing in the opening match. A strong all rounder, Kahui is equally comfortable on both attack and defence, proving to be a handful for his opposition.

**TAWERA KERR-BARLOW – HALFBACK**

Physical: 1.87m, 89kg

Born: 15.08.90, Melbourne VIC

Province: Waikato

Provincial Caps: 36

Provincial Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial Debut: 2009 v Bay of Plenty

Super Rugby Caps: 28

Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Brumbies

Test Caps: 2

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2012 v Scotland

Tawera Kerr-Barlow made his All Blacks debut against Scotland on the Northern Hemisphere end of year tour. He was one of the stand-out players from last season's Investec Super Rugby showing the opposition that he is tenacious and aggressive. He was an influential part of Waikato's Ranfurly Shield win, having made his ITM Cup debut in his first year out of school for Waikato in 2010. The son of a former Women's Australian rugby international, Kerr-Barlow represented New Zealand in school rugby and was part of 2010 IRB World Championship winning side.



**TANERAU LATIMER – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.87m, 101kg
Born: 06.05.86, Te Puke NZ
Province: Bay of Plenty
Provincial Caps: 74
Provincial Points: 27 (5t, 1c)
Provincial Debut: 2004 v Counties Manukau
Super Rugby Caps: 80
Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Western Force (for Crusaders)
Test Caps: 5
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2009 v France

Honoured with the captaincy of Maori All Blacks in 2012 after an impressive Investec Super Rugby season, Tanerau Latimer is a highly respected contributor both on and off the field. He is calm under pressure, extremely professional with an outstanding work rate. Latimer is a triple New Zealand representative having made his All Blacks debut in 2009, Maori All Blacks debut in 2010 and was part of the All Blacks Sevens side who won gold at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. He plays his ITM Cup rugby for Bay of Plenty.

**FRITZ LEE – NO.8**


Physical: 1.90m, 107kg
Born: 29.08.88, Samoa
Province: Counties Manukau
Provincial Caps: 53
Provincial Points: 45 (9t)
Provincial Debut: 2007 v Northland
Super Rugby Caps: 16
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Brumbies

Fritz Lee had a dream start to the 2012 ITM Cup, scoring two tries in the opening game for his Tana Umaga coached Counties Manukau side. In round four he incurred a season ending arm injury. Despite not getting much game time over the last year, Lee showed he is a team player by bringing his physical edge and pushing hard behind the scenes. He has appeared for the All Blacks Sevens team and is aggressive with ball in hand.

**BRENDON LEONARD – HALFBACK**

Physical: 1.83m, 93kg

Born: 16.04.85, Morrinsville NZ

Province: Waikato

Provincial Caps: 63

Provincial Points: 75 (15t)

Provincial Debut: 2005 v North Harbour

Super Rugby Caps: 68

Super Rugby Points: 90 (18t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Brumbies

Test Caps: 13

Test Points: 10 (2t)

Test Debut: 2007 v France

Brendon Leonard enters his seventh season with the Chiefs. The former All Black missed a big part of the 2012 Investec Super Rugby last season with a hamstring injury. He is a highly dedicated player who offers a wealth of experience to the young side. Leonard was part of the 2012 Ranfurly Shield winning Waikato side, made two finals in 2010 and 2011 and won a National Provincial title in 2006 with them.

**PAULIASI MANU – PROP**

Physical: 1.84m, 115kg

Born: 23.12.87, Vavau TON

Province: Auckland

Province caps: 39

Province Points: 15

Province Debut: 2007 v Poverty Bay

Super Rugby Caps: 5

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Waratahs (Blues)

Pauliasi Manu joins the Chiefs after two seasons with the Blues. The explosive prop is a strong and agile ball carrier. Manu was in the Auckland Academy and the Blues wider training squad before being called into the starting line up against the Waratahs in 2011. He had a strong ITM Cup season and is looking forward to securing a starting role.

## RHYS MARSHALL – HOOKER



Physical: 1.84m, 104kg

Born: 12.10.92, New Plymouth NZ

Province: Taranaki

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Rhys Marshall makes his Investec Super Rugby debut this season. The hooker was part of New Zealand Under 20 side in 2012, having a strong tournament at the Junior World Championship in South Africa. He captained the Hawke's Bay Under 20 side that won the Central Region competition and was captain of the New Plymouth Boys First XV. He is joining Taranaki for the 2013 ITM Cup, a side his father has also represented.

## LELIA MASAGA – WINGER



Physical: 1.83m, 95kg

Born: 30.08.86, Wellington NZ

Province: Bay of Plenty

Provincial Caps: 81

Provincial Points: 220 (44t)

Provincial Debut: 2005 v Thames Valley  
(Counties Manukau)

Super Rugby Caps: 75

Super Rugby Points: 165 (33t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Western Force

Test Caps: 1

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2009 v Italy

Nicknamed 'Flash', Lelia Masaga is one of the most entertaining players in the competition. The former All Black and Junior All Black is renowned for his try scoring prowess and celebrations. In his eighth season with the Chiefs, the winger plays his ITM Cup rugby for Bay of Plenty and was the top try scorer in the Under 21 Rugby World Cup in 2006.

**LIAM MESSAM – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.90m, 108kg
Born: 25.03.84 Blenheim NZ
Province: Waikato
Provincial Caps: 84
Provincial Points: 148 (29t, 1d)
Provincial Debut: 2003 v Italy
Super Rugby Caps: 96
Super Rugby Points: 110 (22t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v The Sharks
Test Caps: 20
Test Points: 15 (3t)
Test Debut: 2008 v Scotland

All Blacks Liam Messam is on track to become the Chiefs first centurion. He is currently the highest capped Chief and has cemented the All Blacks no 6 jersey due to his solid work rate. Messam is one of the Chiefs' biggest communicators and plays a pivotal leadership role both on and off the field. The former Maori All Blacks captain is also a double Gold Commonwealth Games sevens winner and was a finalist of the 2012 for Maori Sportsperson of the Year and won the 2012 Tom French Memorial Maori Player of the Year at the NZRU Steinlager Awards.

**TIM NANAI-WILLIAMS – FULLBACK/WINGER**

Physical: 1.81m, 87Kg
Born: 12.06.89, Auckland NZ
Province: Counties Manukau
Provincial Caps: 46
Provincial Points: 234 (16t, 29c, 32p)
Provincial Debut: 2008 v Northland
Super Rugby Caps: 39
Super Rugby Points: 58 (10t, 1c, 2p)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v The Sharks

Tim Nanai-Williams is an exciting attacking back, entering his fourth season with the Chiefs. The versatile former All Blacks Sevens player's agility and speed make him highly threatening with the ball in hand. He earned a nomination in the 2012 Steinlager Awards for ITM Cup Player of the Year after being a key play maker in Counties Manukau's ITM Cup Championship win.

## CHARLIE NGATAI – MIDFIELD BACK



Physical: 1.86m, 97kg

Born: 17.08.90, Gisborne NZ

Province: Wellington

Provincial Caps: 37

Provincial Points: 45 (9t)

Provincial Debut: 2008 v Wanganui  
(Poverty Bay)

Super Rugby Caps: 11

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Chiefs

Charlie Ngatai makes his Chiefs debut this season bringing with him valuable experience and a solid skill set. The Maori All Black is quick and has represented New Zealand in the Colgate games as a sprinter. He is a former New Zealand Under 20, New Zealand Schools team member and Hurricane. He plays his ITM Cup rugby for Wellington.

## PATRICK OSBORNE – WINGER



Physical: 1.89m, 105kg

Born: 14.06.87, Suva FIJI

Province: Canterbury

Provincial Caps: 17

Provincial Points: 25 (5t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v Hawke's Bay

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Patrick Osborne makes his Chiefs debut this season having been part of the Crusaders squad last year and is looking forward to making his on-field debut. His agility, acceleration and try scoring abilities make him an exciting player to watch. The tall Fijian born winger made his ITM Cup debut for Canterbury in 2010 but had limited 2012 ITM Cup action due to a broken collar bone. The physically aggressive player has come through the Canterbury academy system.

**AUGUSTINE PULU – HALFBACK**

Physical: 1.79m, 93kg

Born: 04.01.90, Otahuhu NZ

Province: Counties Manukau

Provincial Caps: 40

Provincial Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial Debut: 2009 v Bay of Plenty

Super Rugby Caps: 8

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Blues

Augustine Pulu was part of the Chiefs wider training squad last year, but injury saw him called into the side where he capitalised on his opportunities and earned an early Chiefs contract for the 2013 season. He was instrumental in Counties Manukau's ITM Cup Championship win in 2012 and was awarded Player of the Day in the final. Pulu is a talented young player with a bright future.

**BRODIE RETALICK – LOCK**

Physical: 2.04m 117kg

Born: 31.05.91, Rangiora NZ

Province: Bay of Plenty

Provincial Caps: 12

Provincial Points: 5 (1t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v Auckland

Super Rugby Caps: 17

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Highlanders

Test Caps: 13

Test Points: 0

Test Debut 2012 v Ireland

Brodie Retallick has had an outstanding last twelve months. The talented young lock earned a call into the All Blacks in 2012 after an impressive Investec Super Rugby debut season. One of the strongest locks in the competition last year, Retallick was a key driving player for the Chiefs forward pack. He was presented the Chiefs Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year awards. With his massive work rate and mobility the former 2011 World Champion New Zealand Under 20 member has a long bright future ahead.

## ROBBIE ROBINSON – FULLBACK



Physical: 1.81m, 89kg

Born: 22.08.89, Westport NZ

Province: Southland

Provincial Caps: 51

Provincial Points: 165 (3t, 44c, 53p, 1d)

Provincial Debut: 2008 v Bay of Plenty

Super Rugby Caps: 35

Super Rugby Points: 64 (4t, 7c, 9p, 1d)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Reds

Robbie Robinson enters his second season with the Chiefs as one of the stand-out performers at the business end of the previous season. He has played all his ITM Cup for Southland but his 2012 season was cut short with a broken leg. Robinson was part of the 2011 Ranfurly Shield winning side, slotting a memorable kick for the win. The dynamic fullback is a former Maori All Black, was part of the 2009 New Zealand Under 20 Junior World Championship winning side and captained New Zealand Secondary Schools in 2007. He has also played for the Highlanders.

## SOLOMOANA SAKALIA – PROP



Physical: 1.90m, 118kg

Born: 02.02.91, Porirua NZ

Province: Wellington

Provincial Caps: 7

Provincial Points: 0

Provincial Debut: 2012 v Hawke's Bay

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Solomoana Sakalia makes his Investec Super Rugby debut this season. The tall prop plays his ITM Cup for Wellington but had limited action in the 2012 competition due to a shoulder injury. The mobile former 2011 New Zealand Under 20 Junior World Championship-winning team member has also represented New Zealand Secondary Schools.

**MAHONRI SCHWALGER – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.84m, 107kg
Born: 15.09.79, Apia SAMOA
Province: Counties Manukau
Provincial Caps: 98
Provincial Points: 90 (18t)
Provincial Debut: 1999 v Waikato (for Hawke's Bay)
Super Rugby Caps: 46
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Stormers (Highlanders)
Test Caps: 42 (Samoa)
Test Points: 20 (4t)
Test Debut: 2000 v Wales

Mahonri Schwalger was one of the stand-out hookers of last year's Investec Super Rugby competition. The former captain of Samoa and three time RWC veteran joined forces with Tana Umaga at Counties Manukau and helped the side to their ITM Cup Championship title win. A player who possesses outstanding leadership skills, Schwalger captained Samoa to their historic win over Australia in 2011. He has played for the Sale Sharks, Llanelli Scarlets, Highlanders, Hurricanes and Taranaki ITM Cup side.

**TOBY SMITH – PROP**

Physical: 1.89m, 115kg
Born: 10.10.88, Townsville QLD
Province: Waikato
Provincial Caps: 40
Provincial Points: 30 (6t)
Provincial Debut: 2008 v Bay of Plenty
Super Rugby Caps: 26
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Reds

Toby Smith is in his fourth season with the Chiefs. He is dynamic around the field with good scrummaging technique. Smith was a consistent performer in the ITM Cup and helped his side Waikato win the Ranfurly Shield in 2012. This season will see the former New Zealand Under 20 2008 Junior World Championship winning team member try to cement a starting position.



**BEN TAMEIFUNA – PROP**


Physical: 1.84m, 137kg
Born: 30/08/1991, Auckland NZ
Province: Hawke's Bay
Provincial Caps: 14
Provincial Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial Debut: 2010 v Counties Manukau
Super Rugby Caps: 16
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Blues

Ben Tameifuna entered last year's Investec Super Rugby competition as injury cover and quickly made his mark with his strong scrummaging skills for such a young player and was nominated for Chiefs Rookie of the Year. The former halfback was part of the New Zealand Under 20 IRB Junior World Championship winning team and has proven he is a big defender who is strong with the ball in hand.

Tameifuna played ITM Cup for Hawke's Bay and represented New Zealand Schools in 2009.

**ASAELI TIKOIROTUMA – WINGER**


Physical: 1.88m, 92kg
Born: 24.06.86, Fiji
Province: Manawatu
Provincial Caps: 62
Provincial Points: 155 (31t)
Provincial Debut: 2005 v North Otago (for Wanganui)
Super Rugby Caps: 15
Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Highlanders

Asaeli Tikoirotuma enters his second season with the Chiefs after a solid start to his Investec Super Rugby career. The winger's confidence grew as the competition progressed. He scored four tries in a match against the Blues, joining the Super Rugby elite group of only ten other players to have achieved this, including former Chief Sitiveni Sivivatu. Fijian-born Tikoirotuma has played three ITM Cup seasons for Manawatu, aiding them to the final of the ITM Cup Championship in 2011. He won the Heartland Player of the Year in 2009 with Wanganui in his fifth season with the provincial side.



CHIEFS

SUPER RUGBY



NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Dominic Bird	Lock	2.06m	112kg	09.04.91
Tyler Bleyendaal	First Five-eighth	1.85m	96kg	31.05.90
Daniel Carter	First Five-eighth	1.78m	94kg	05.03.82
Shane Christie	Loose Forward	1.84m	107kg	23.09.85
Wyatt Crockett	Prop	1.93m	116kg	24.01.83
Ryan Crotty	Second Five-eighth	1.79m	91kg	23.09.88
Israel Dagg	Fullback	1.86m	95kg	06.06.88
Tom Donnelly	Lock	2.00m	113kg	01.10.81
Andrew Ellis	Halfback	1.82m	89kg	21.02.84
Corey Flynn	Hooker	1.84m	108kg	05.01.81
Owen Franks	Prop	1.85m	118kg	23.12.87
Robbie Fruean	Centre	1.90m	104kg	13.07.88
Ben Funnell	Hooker	1.80m	105kg	06.06.90
Zac Guildford	Wing	1.82m	94kg	08.02.89
Willi Heinz	Halfback	1.79m	92kg	24.11.86
Nepo Laulala	Prop	1.84m	116kg	06.11.91
Tom Marshall	Utility Back	1.83m	91kg	07.05.90
Richie McCaw	Flanker	1.87m	107kg	31.12.80
Johnny McNicholl	Wing	1.85m	96kg	24.09.90
Joe Moody	Prop	1.88m	112kg	18.09.88
Kieran Read	No.8	1.93m	110kg	26.10.85
Luke Romano	Lock	1.99m	115kg	16.02.86
Jeremy Su'a	Halfback	1.77m	92kg	10.11.88
Jordan Taufua	No.8	1.82m	100kg	29.01.92
Codie Taylor	Hooker	1.83m	106kg	31.03.91
Tom Taylor	First/Second Five-eighths	1.83m	90kg	11.03.89
Matt Todd	Loose Forward	1.85m	104kg	24.03.88
Jimmy Tupou	Flanker	1.96m	109kg	08.08.92
Adam Whitelock	Centre	1.85m	95kg	17.04.87
George Whitelock	Loose Forward	1.90m	106kg	27.03.86
Luke Whitelock	Loose Forward	1.90m	104kg	29.01.91
Sam Whitelock	Lock	2.02m	116kg	12.10.88

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 95 Jack Hinton Drive,  
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## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Red jersey with shield image on front. Three black stripes across shoulders and black panel on sides. Black shorts with three red stripes. Black socks with three red stripes.

**AWAY STRIP:** White jersey shield image on front. Three red stripes across shoulders and black panel on sides. White shorts with three red stripes. White socks with three red stripes.

**FIXTURES**

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	BYE			
3	Friday 1 March	Blues	Eden Park	19:35
4	Friday 8 March	Hurricanes	Westpac Stadium	19:35
5	Saturday 16 March	Bulls	AMI Stadium	19:35
6	Saturday 23 March	Kings	AMI Stadium	19:35
7	Saturday 30 March	Stormers	DHL Newlands	19:10
8	Friday 5 April	Sharks	Mr Price King's Park	19:10
9	Saturday 13 April	Force	nib stadium	19:40
10	Saturday 20 April	Highlanders	AMI Stadium	19:35
11	Sunday 28 April	Rebels	AMI Stadium	16:05
12	Sunday 5 May	Brumbies	Canberra Stadium	16:05
13	BYE			
14	Saturday 18 May	Blues	AMI Stadium	19:35
15	Friday 24 May	Chiefs	Waikato Stadium	19:35
16	Friday 31 May	Waratahs	AMI Stadium	19:35
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Saturday 29 June	Highlanders	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
19	Friday 5 July	Chiefs	AMI Stadium	19:35
20	Friday 12 July	Hurricanes	AMI Stadium	19:35

**MILESTONES**

- Three players have a good chance of reaching 50 Super Rugby caps this season – Ryan Crotty (45 caps), Adam Whitelock (42 caps) and Samuel Whitelock (42 caps). Robbie Fruean has 50 Super Rugby caps but one of those was for the Hurricanes, so he should get his 50th Crusaders cap this season.
- Halfback Andrew Ellis is approaching his 100th Super Rugby cap, having played 89 games for the Crusaders by the end of last season.
- Four players in the Crusaders squad have already surpassed 100 Super Rugby games – Richie McCaw (120 caps), Corey Flynn (119 caps), Daniel Carter (109 caps), Wyatt Crockett (104 caps).
- The Crusaders had the highest point's differential in the 2012 season, at 142 points.
- Daniel Carter's 1377 Super Rugby points (30 tries, 228 conversions, 246 penalties, 6 drop goals) is the highest total in Super Rugby history.

**TODD BLACKADDER – HEAD COACH**


Born: 20.09.73, Rangiora NZ

Crusaders Coaching Debut: 2009

Other Coaching Roles: Tasman Coach 2008; Tasman Director of Rugby 2007; Crusaders Technical Assistant 2007; Edinburgh Gunners Coach 2006; Scotland Assistant Coach 2004-05; Edinburgh Forwards Coach 2004-05.

Former All Blacks and Crusaders Captain, Todd Blackadder returns for his fifth year as Head Coach of the Crusaders. He has guided the team to three semi-finals and one final in his four years as coach to date.

Blackadder took on the Crusaders role after playing and coaching in Scotland and then taking Tasman to the quarter-finals of New Zealand's national provincial competition in 2008.

He had previously enjoyed an illustrious playing career consisting of 25 All Blacks games including 14 as All Blacks captain; captain of the Crusaders Super Rugby team and the only man to ever lift the Super Rugby trophy three times as captain of the winning team; and captain of the Canterbury provincial team, which included leading the team to its first NPC success in 14 years in 1997 and a second NPC triumph immediately prior to his departure in 2001.

**DAVE HEWETT – ASSISTANT COACH**


Born: 14.07.71, Christchurch NZ

Crusaders Coaching Debut: 2011

Other Coaching Roles: Crusaders Scrum Coach 2009; Crusaders Technical Advisor – Forwards 2010.

Former All Blacks prop, Dave Hewett, first joined the Crusaders coaching team as a Scrum Coach in 2009 and in 2010 he was a Technical Advisor – Forwards. In 2011 and 2012 he was one of the Assistant Coaches.

Hewett's expert guidance with the forwards helped ensure that the Crusaders had the most efficient scrum out of all the Super Rugby teams in the 2012 season.

Hewett played 22 tests for the All Blacks after making his first appearance at age 30. He scored a try on his test debut against Ireland at Dublin in 2001 and played the last of his 22 tests for New Zealand at the 2003 Rugby World Cup. He also played 71 times for the Crusaders, 55 times for the Canterbury provincial team and eight times for South Canterbury. He played 35 games for Edinburgh, under the stewardship of fellow coach Todd Blackadder for 2 years.

**TABAI MATSON – ASSISTANT COACH**


Born: 14.05.73, Fiji

Crusaders Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: Canterbury Head Coach 2012, Canterbury Assistant Coach 2009-2011, Head Coach Gold Coast Eagles RC 2009, Gold Coast Breakers Div 1 Head Coach 2008, University of Queensland Assistant Coach 2007; Head Coach Yamaha Rugby Club 2003-2006

Tabai Matson joins the Crusaders coaching team fresh from a season as head coach of Canterbury. He led the team to its fifth successive national provincial title plus set try scoring and defensive records for Canterbury and the ITM Cup. His focus with the Crusaders will be on improving the attack play.

Matson is also a former All Black, Canterbury and Crusaders centre and a Fijian International. Having lived in France, England, Japan and Australia for more than ten years, Matson brings a wealth of overseas playing and coaching experience. He would be one of a very few New Zealand Coaches to have the ARU Top Coaching Qualification.

**AARON MAUGER – ASSISTANT COACH**


Born: 29.11.80 Christchurch NZ

Crusaders Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: Canterbury Attack Coach 2012, High School Old Boys Coach 2011-2012

Aaron Mauger has been picked up by the Crusaders coaching team after impressing with the work he did on skills and attack with the Canterbury provincial team.

He is another former Canterbury, Crusaders and All Blacks player, who made his mark with his ability to find gaps, run outstanding lines, stand his line solidly in defence, pass intelligently to set up his outside players, and kick like a first-five – all skills he'll be aiming to impart on the 2013 Crusaders back line. Throughout his entire career with the Crusaders he managed to rack up over 150 points, dotting down a staggering 22 times, with an additional 10 conversions, two penalties and six drop goals. He did this from many different positions on the park, ranging from fullback, to centre and first or second five. He played for the All Blacks at second five from 2001 to 2007.

**DOMINIC BIRD – LOCK**

Physical: 2.06m, 112kg
Born: 09.04.91
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 13
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Manawatu
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Bird, the tallest member of the Crusaders squad, has earned a place in the 2013 line-up after an impressive campaign with the 2012 ITM Cup Premiership-winning Canterbury team. After two seasons in the Crusaders' wider training group and only a single provincial cap prior to the 2012 season, patience and hard work paid off for Bird in the 2012 provincial season. He appeared in every match for Canterbury and shone as one of the best lineout technicians in the competition.

The towering lock grew up in the farming community of Waipukurau in the Hawkes Bay, but moved to Christchurch at the end of 2009 to further his rugby career.

Bird was also a member of the 2011 New Zealand Under 20 team that competed in the IRB Junior World Championship in Italy.

**TYLER BLEYENDAAL – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH**

Physical: 1.85m, 96kg
Born: 31.05.90
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 21
Provincial/State Points: 101 (2t, 23c, 14p, 1dg)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: 5
Super Rugby Points: 44(4c, 12p)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Blues

Tyler Bleyendaal was born and raised in Christchurch. He started off playing soccer when he was younger but by about the age of eight had switched to rugby. It was a wise move as Bleyendaal captained the Under 20 New Zealand side which lifted the World Championship title in Argentina in 2010, and was selected in both the Crusaders and Canterbury ITM squads in 2011.

His Crusaders debut came last season against the Blues and saw him continue the remarkable record of Christchurch Boys' High School old boys, such as Colin Slade, Stephen Brett, Aaron Mauger, Andrew Mehrrens and Daniel Carter, who have started at number 10 for the Crusaders.



**DANIEL CARTER – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH**


Physical: 1.78m, 94kg
Born: 05.03.82
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 27
Provincial/State Points: 289(12t, 47c, 45p)
Provincial/State Debut: 2002 v Marlborough
Super Rugby Caps: 109
Super Rugby Points: 1377 (30t, 228c, 246p, 11d)
Super Rugby Debut: 2003 v Hurricanes
Test Caps: 94
Test Points: 1385 (29t, 245c, 244p, 6d)
Test Debut: 2003 v Wales

As the highest points scorer in both Super Rugby and test match rugby, Carter is regarded as one of the world's best current first-fives and is believed by many to be one of rugby's greatest ever.

Carter made his provincial debut for Canterbury in 2002 and joined the Crusaders the following season. He also made his All Blacks debut in 2003, scoring 20 points against Wales in Hamilton and going on to make the 2003 Rugby World Cup squad. He also played in the 2007 and 2011 Rugby World Cups, although a groin injury kept him out of the 2011 RWC playoffs and saw him miss the early stages of the 2012 Super Rugby season.

**SHANE CHRISTIE – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.84m, 107kg
Born: 23.09.85
Province/Club: Tasman
Provincial/State Caps: 31
Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Christie is one of three new loose forwards in the Crusaders squad. He received the call-up after an outstanding provincial season where he was one of the star players for Tasman.

He is a physical openside flanker who generates turnovers and has an impressive work rate.

He has also played in the All Blacks Sevens team and in the Maori All Blacks squad for the 2012 European tour.

**WYATT CROCKETT – PROP**

Physical: 1.93m, 116kg
Born: 24.01.83
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 72
Provincial/State Points: 30 (6t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2005 v Marlborough
Super Rugby Caps: 104
Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Highlanders
Test Caps: 11
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2009 v Italy

Loosehead prop Crockett joined the Canterbury side and the Crusaders wider training group in 2005, and the following year was named a member of the Crusaders playing squad. He has become a pivotal part of the team and earned his 100th Crusaders cap last season.

He has also represented at all levels nationally, as a member of New Zealand's 2002 Under 19 World Cup and 2004 Under 21 World Cup championship sides, and making his All Blacks debut in 2009.

He is a skilled scrummager who also boasts an excellent work rate around the field.

**RYAN CROTTY – SECOND FIVE-EIGHTH**

Physical: 1.79m, 91kg
Born: 23.09.88
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 43
Provincial/State Points: 35(7t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Otago
Super Rugby Caps: 45
Super Rugby Points: 25(5t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Hurricanes

An intelligent midfielder and natural leader, Crotty really started to hit his straps for the Crusaders last season.

He earned his first start for the Crusaders in 2009 against the Western Force and scored his first Super Rugby try early in that match.

Crotty was a member of the successful New Zealand Under 20 team at the Junior World Championship in Wales in 2008 and captained the team against Ireland. He was also selected for the Junior All Blacks in 2009. Ryan's father, Steve played rugby for Nelson Bays and his mother Robyn is a former New Zealand Waterpolo representative.

**ISRAEL DAGG – FULLBACK**


Physical: 1.86m, 95kg
Born: 06.06.88
Province/Club: Hawkes Bay
Provincial/State Caps: 43
Provincial/State Points: 64(11t, 3c, 1p)
Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v Counties Manukau
Super Rugby Caps: 52
Super Rugby Points: 193(20t, 18c, 19p)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Brumbies
Test Caps: 25
Test Points: 62 (12t, 1c)
Test Debut: 2010 v Ireland

Talented fullback Israel Dagg rejoins the Crusaders for a third season, after making the move from the Highlanders Franchise in 2011.

He is a naturally gifted and instinctive player whose talent was spotted at an early age. While still in high school, Dagg represented Hawke's Bay at Under 16 and Under 19 level, and in 2006 he became the first secondary school player to be selected for Hawke's Bay since Danny Lee.

His debut season with the All Blacks was in 2010 and he made an immediate impact with two match winning tries against the Springboks in Wellington and Soweto.

He has also represented New Zealand in Sevens in 2007 and 2008, New Zealand Under 19 in 2007 and New Zealand Schools in 2006.

**TOM DONNELLY – LOCK**


Physical: 2.00m, 113kg
Born: 01.10.81
Province/Club: N/A
Provincial/State Caps: 73
Provincial/State Points: 20(4t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2002 v Marlborough
Super Rugby Caps: 79
Super Rugby Points: 15(3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Chiefs
Test Caps: 15
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2009 v Australia

Donnelly joined the Crusaders in 2012 after eight years and 65 caps with the Highlanders.

He is an experienced lock who is a great scrummager, excellent lineout technician and ball winner.

Donnelly played for the Junior All Blacks in 2006 and 2007 and made his All Blacks debut in 2009 against Australia.

**ANDREW ELLIS – HALFBACK**

Physical: 1.82m, 89kg
Born: 21.02.84
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 61
Provincial/State Points: 69(12t, 3d)
Provincial/State Debut: 2005 v Nelson Bays
Super Rugby Caps: 89
Super Rugby Points: 89(16t, 3d)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Reds
Test Caps: 26
Test Points: 20 (4t)
Test Debut: 2006 v England

Ellis has been the first choice halfback for the Crusaders since his debut season in 2006. He has scored 89 Super Rugby points in as many games and will be hoping to add enough to that tally to top 100 this season.

A member of the Rugby World Cup winning All Blacks side in 2011, Ellis was unlucky to miss selection in 2012.

As well as excelling on the rugby field, Ellis is a former Canterbury age group cricketer and a talented landscape gardener who has won numerous awards at the prestigious Ellerslie Flower Show and a gold award at the Singapore Garden Festival last year.

**COREY FLYNN – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.84m, 108kg
Born: 05.01.81
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 82
Provincial/State Points: 40 (8t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2001 v Otago
Super Rugby Caps: 119
Super Rugby Points: 80(16t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2002 v Blues
Test Caps: 15
Test Points: 15 (3t)
Test Debut: 2003 v Canada

Veteran hooker Corey Flynn is an important member of the Crusaders team, bringing physicality and toughness to the front row, as well as valuable experience.

Flynn celebrated 100 Super Rugby caps in the 2011 semi final match against the Stormers in Capetown.

Flynn made his international debut for the All Blacks against Canada in the 2003 Rugby World Cup. He was also included in the 2011 RWC squad and has previously played for the Maori All Blacks and the Junior All Blacks.

Flynn follows in the footsteps of his father who played for Southland, his uncle, Robbie Flynn, who played Tests for the United States and nephew Aaron Flynn who played for the Crusaders from 1998-2000.

**OWEN FRANKS – PROP**


Physical: 1.85m, 118kg
Born: 23.12.87
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 18
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v North Harbour
Super Rugby Caps: 60
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Force
Test Caps: 45
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2009 v Italy

Tighthead prop Owen Franks has become a key part of the Crusaders front row since he debuted for them in 2009. With older brother Ben moving to the Hurricanes this season, Owen will be partnering up with loosehead props Wyatt Crockett and Joe Moody. His impressive strength and scrummaging technique should help the Crusaders to establish a formidable scrum this season.

Franks has represented New Zealand at Secondary School, Under 21 and All Blacks level, making his first run on for the All Blacks against Italy in Christchurch in 2009.

**ROBBIE FRUEAN – CENTRE**


Physical: 1.90m 104kg
Born: 13.07.88
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 52
Provincial/State Points: 120 (24t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Auckland
Super Rugby Caps: 50
Super Rugby Points: 65 (13t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Blues

Fruean is a dynamic and inspirational player who has brought speed and power to the Crusaders midfield since he joined the squad in 2010.

In 2007 he represented NZ in the Under 19 Rugby World Championship, was named the IRB World Under 19 Player of the Year, and made his provincial debut for Wellington. However his rugby career then had to be put temporarily on hold while he underwent open-heart surgery to repair a potentially life-threatening inflammation of the heart known as pancarditis. It didn't hold him back for long though and in his debut season with Canterbury in the 2010 ITM Cup he was the joint leading try scorer and ITM Cup Player of the Year. He has continued to impress in recent seasons and will no doubt continue to be a serious threat on attack this season.

**BEN FUNNELL – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.80m 105kg
Born: 06.06.90
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 22
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v North Otago
Super Rugby Caps: 1
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Waratahs

Funnell returns to the Crusaders after his debut season last year and two impressive seasons with the Canterbury provincial side.

He and fellow young hooker Codie Taylor clearly benefitted from some more regular game time with Canterbury in 2012 and, with the experience and expertise of former All Blacks hooker Corey Flynn to draw on, they can only continue to improve.

Ben was a former captain of Palmerston North Boys High school Rugby team and was a member of the 2008 NZ Secondary Schools squad. He also captained the Crusader Knights development team in 2012.

**ZAC GUILDFORD – WING**

Physical: 1.82m, 94kg
Born: 08.02.89
Province/Club: Hawkes Bay
Provincial/State Caps: 56
Provincial/State Points: 175 (35t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Taranaki
Super Rugby Caps: 66
Super Rugby Points: 135 (27t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Stormers
Test Caps: 10
Test Points: 30 (6t)
Test Debut: 2009 v Wales

Terrific speed, an impressive work rate and a knack for finding the gap make winger, Guildford, an important asset to the Crusaders.

Like fellow Crusaders back Israel Dagg, Guildford hails from the Hawkes Bay and plays his provincial rugby there. He moved to the Crusaders from the Hurricanes in 2010.

Guildford has had an extensive representative career, being involved in the New Zealand Secondary schools, Under 19 and Under 20 squads, as well as winning the IRB Junior World Championships in 2008 and 2009.

Guildford was first selected for the All Blacks for the end of year tour in 2009 and was the youngest player in the squad. He has also represented the All Blacks Sevens rugby.

**WILLI HEINZ – HALFBACK**


Physical:	1.79m 92kg
Born:	24.11.86
Province/Club:	Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps:	34
Provincial/State Points:	35 (7t)
Provincial/State Debut:	2009 v Waikato
Super Rugby Caps:	23
Super Rugby Points:	5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut:	2010 v Chiefs

This will be Willi Heinz's fourth season with the Crusaders, and going on recent form it's likely to be his best yet. Fresh from a fourth championship win in a row with the Canterbury provincial team, Heinz really showed his class in this most recent season and clearly benefitted from more regular game time thanks to regular rotation with fellow halfback Andy Ellis.

A strong all-round player with a good pass, Heinz will be continuing to push for the starting halfback spot.

**NEPO LAULALA – PROP**


Physical:	1.84m, 116kg
Born:	06.11.91
Province/Club:	Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps:	17
Provincial/State Points:	5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut:	2011 v North Otago
Super Rugby Caps:	Uncapped
Super Rugby Points:	Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut:	Uncapped

Laulala is one of nine new recruits in this year's Crusaders squad, earning the call-up after a second impressive provincial season for Canterbury.

As the younger brother of former All Black Casey Laulala, it is already clear that there is plenty of natural talent for this tighthead prop but it is his attitude and commitment that most impressed the Crusaders selectors.

He will benefit from the mentorship of fellow tighthead and All Blacks Owen Franks this season and will provide useful back-up to him.

**TOM MARSHALL – UTILITY BACK**

Physical: 1.83m 91kg

Born: 07.05.90

Province/Club: Tasman

Provincial/State Caps: 26

Provincial/State Points: 101(5t, 11c, 18p)

Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Wellington

Super Rugby Caps: 24

Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Waratahs

Tom Marshall was selected for the Crusaders after a successful season with his provincial side, Tasman, in 2010. He had an impressive debut season with the Crusaders, gaining regular starts in the second half of the campaign.

A versatile back, Marshall is a talented second-five however he has also frequently stepped into the fullback position for the Crusaders. No matter where he plays he brings a hard edge to the backline, with a physical tackle and great step.

**RICHIE MCCAW – FLANKER**

Physical: 1.87m, 107kg

Born: 31.12.80

Province/Club: Canterbury

Provincial/State Caps: 34

Provincial/State Points: 50(10t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2000 v North Harbour

Super Rugby Caps: 120

Super Rugby Points: 130 (26t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2001 v Hurricanes

Test Caps: 116

Test Points: 95 (19t)

Test Debut: 2001 v Ireland

As a master of the breakdown and one of the coolest heads in the game, McCaw is considered by many as the greatest openside flanker of all time.

He debuted for the Crusaders in 2001 and was also selected for the All Black's end-of-year tour that year despite having only played a total of eight minutes of Super Rugby. He quickly became the first choice openside flanker and was first named All Blacks captain in 2004 at just 23 years of age. In 2012 he became the first player to achieve 100 test victories – an incredible record given he has only lost 12.

McCaw captained Canterbury to the national provincial title in 2004 and then led the Crusaders to back to back titles in 2005 and 2006 and again in 2008.



**JOHNNY MCNICHOLL – WING**


Physical: 1.85m, 96kg
Born: 24.09.90
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 22
Provincial/State Points: 75(15t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v North Otago
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

McNicholl is one of the exciting new talents in this year's Crusaders squad. He is not completely new to the environment, having trained in the Crusaders Wider Training Squad in 2012. But it was his outstanding season with the championship Canterbury team in the 2012 national provincial competition that secured his call-up to the Crusaders squad.

He has excelled at both wing and fullback. His remarkable ability to break through tackles saw him regularly cross the chalk for the Canterbury team.

**JOE MOODY – PROP**


Physical: 1.88m, 112kg
Born: 18.09.88
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 13
Provincial/State Points: 5(1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v North Otago
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Joining the Crusaders after two championship-winning seasons with the Canterbury provincial team, Moody is looking to make his mark in the loosehead prop position this year. He will receive invaluable mentorship from Canterbury stalwart and All Black Wyatt Crockett.

As a former rugby league junior and New Zealand wrestling representative who won a Junior Commonwealth Games bronze medal and competed at the world junior championships, Moody will be no pushover in the scrum.

**KIERAN READ – NO.8**

Physical: 1.93m, 110kg
Born: 26.10.85
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 37
Provincial/State Points: 50(10t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v Wairarapa Bush
Super Rugby Caps: 84
Super Rugby Points: 65(13t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Blues
Test Caps: 48
Test Points: 45 (9t)
Test Debut: 2008 v Scotland

Read began his senior representative career as a blindside flanker but has evolved as the starting No.8 for both the Crusaders and All Blacks.

Read represented New Zealand at Schools, Under 19, Under 21 and Junior All Blacks Level. He joined the Canterbury Rugby Football Union Academy just one year out of high school and was playing for Canterbury in the national provincial competition within a year.

Read was first selected for the Crusaders in 2007 and then for the All Blacks in 2008. In 2010 he was named New Zealand Rugby Player of the Year. He has captained Canterbury, the Crusaders and the All Blacks at various times.

Read was also a talented cricketer, being selected for the New Zealand Under 17 tournament side in 2002.

**LUKE ROMANO – LOCK**

Physical: 1.99m, 115kg
Born: 16.02.86
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 26
Provincial/State Points: 20(4t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Tasman
Super Rugby Caps: 31
Super Rugby Points: 20(4t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Bulls
Test Caps: 11
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2012 v Ireland

2012 was a breakthrough year for Romano, impressing for both the Crusaders and for the All Blacks in his debut season.

His professional rugby career started with the Canterbury provincial team in 2009. This will be his third season for the Crusaders and he seems to be going from strength to strength as he gains in experience and confidence.

A builder by trade, Romano was a promising cricketer until he was overcome by injury and made the switch to rugby.

**JEREMY SU'A – HALFBACK**


Physical: 1.77m, 92kg
Born: 10.11.88
Province/Club: Tasman
Provincial/State Caps: 11
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Canterbury
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Su'a is one of the Crusaders' new recruits in 2013 but he does not lack in experience. He is a former Australian age-group representative player, has previously been contracted to the Waratahs, was in the Melbourne Rebels wider training squad, and represented Samoa at the 2011 Rugby World Cup. But it was his 2012 season with the Tasman Makos in New Zealand's national provincial competition where he really shone.

With his impressive pace and strong pass, he will challenge experienced Crusaders Andy Ellis and Willi Heinz for the halfback role.

**JORDAN TAUFUA – NO.8**


Physical: 1.82m, 100kg
Born: 29.01.92
Province/Club: Tasman/Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 12
Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Canterbury
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

One of three new loose forwards in the Crusaders squad for 2013, Taufua is an explosive player who will play an important role in this year's forward pack.

Taufua made his professional debut in 2012 in the national provincial competition. He had an outstanding season for Tasman in the ITM Cup and made a real impact when he joined the Canterbury squad for the semi-final and final.

Taufua was also part of the Under 20 team which competed in the 2012 IRB Junior World Championship.

**CODIE TAYLOR – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.83m, 106kg

Born: 31.03.91

Province/Club: Canterbury

Provincial/State Caps: 10

Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Auckland

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

An impressive young player with surprising speed for a hooker, this will be Codie Taylor's debut Super Rugby season. He has already gained valuable experience with the Crusaders though as a member of the Wider Training Squad in 2012.

2012 was also Taylor's first season for the Canterbury provincial team, where he really showed his worth and gained further beneficial experience packing down between players of the calibre of All Blacks props Ben Franks and Wyatt Crockett.

Taylor was part of the Under 20 team which won the 2011 IRB Junior World Championship.

**TOM TAYLOR – FIRST/SECOND FIVE-EIGHTHS**

Physical: 1.83m 90kg

Born: 11.03.89

Province/Club: Canterbury

Provincial/State Caps: 22

Provincial/State Points: 272 (5t, 56c, 45p)

Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v North Otago

Super Rugby Caps: 12

Super Rugby Points: 146(1t, 15c, 37p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Chiefs

Taylor joined the Crusaders squad in 2012 after being involved in the wider training squad in 2011. He had an outstanding debut season, taking goal kicking duties while Dan Carter recovered and establishing himself as one of the most accurate boots in the competition.

He has also been part of the Canterbury provincial team in its last two championship winning seasons, and was also involved in the 2009 New Zealand Under 20 championship side.

Tom is the son of All Blacks Warwick Taylor who played for the national side from 1983-1988. Warwick also played for Canterbury from 1982-1990. Uncle, Murray Taylor, was also an All Black.

**MATT TODD – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.85m 104kg
Born: 24.03.88
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 44
Provincial/State Points: 25 (5t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Waikato
Super Rugby Caps: 34
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Chiefs

This is Matt Todd's season to shine – with All Blacks openside flanker Richie McCaw being on sabbatical for the first part of the year, Todd will have more opportunity than ever to make his mark during this Crusaders campaign. His intelligence will be highly valued by the team as will his outstanding defensive abilities and skills at the breakdown.

Todd first joined the Crusaders in 2011 after a year in the Wider Training Squad and an impressive ITM Cup campaign for Canterbury, which resulted in him being awarded the 2010 Canterbury player of the year.

**JIMMY TUPOU – FLANKER**


Physical: 1.96m, 109kg
Born: 08.08.92
Province/Club: Counties Manukau
Provincial/State Caps: 12
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Southland
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

One of three new loose forwards in the 2013 Crusaders squad, Jimmy Tupou would have the least rugby experience of anyone in the squad. He was a rugby league player until his final year at Pukekohe High School, when his school principal suggested he give rugby union a shot. It was a wise move, with Tupou soon making it into the Counties Manukau Under 18 side, followed by the New Zealand Under 20 and the Counties Manukau ITM Cup team in 2012.

Tupou has the ability to play at lock, 6 or 8 and will benefit from training and playing alongside some experienced payers in each of those positions in the Crusaders squad.

**ADAM WHITELOCK – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.85m 95kg
Born: 17.04.87
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 32
Provincial/State Points: 35 (7t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: 42
Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Brumbies

Adam debuted for the Crusaders in 2009 against the Brumbies, after moving from the Manawatu to study accountancy at the University of Canterbury in 2006. Prior to his Crusaders selection, he played for the Canterbury Under 19, Canterbury Colts and then made his debut for the Canterbury team in 2008.

While an injury cut short his 2011 Crusaders campaign and prevented him from playing for Canterbury in the 2011 ITM Cup, he was back for both the Crusaders and Canterbury 2012 seasons and was a standout player in both campaigns.

**GEORGE WHITELOCK – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.90m 106kg
Born: 27.03.86
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 69
Provincial/State Points: 45 (9t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Southland
Super Rugby Caps: 60
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Lions
Test Caps: 1
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2009 v Italy

The captain of the victorious Canterbury team for the last four campaigns, George is a talented loose forward with strong leadership qualities. He has also previously captained the 2005 New Zealand Under 19 side and the New Zealand Under 21 side against Canada in 2007. He is a leader who truly leads by example and is known for his incredible work rate.

George is the eldest of four brothers in the squad and was the first to be selected in the Crusaders.

George made his All Blacks debut against Italy in 2009, where he scored a try in front of a home crowd at AMI Stadium.

**LUKE WHITELOCK – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.90m 104kg
Born: 29.01.91
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 14
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: 10
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Chiefs

The newest of the Whitelock recruits to the Crusaders, Luke joined the squad for the 2012 season after being involved in the wider training group in 2011. He is a loose forward like eldest brother George, but specialises at number 8.

He debuted for Canterbury in 2011 and had another excellent season with the provincial side in 2012.

Luke also has great leadership potential, already having captained the New Zealand Under 20 side in the 2011 IRB Junior World Championship.

**SAM WHITELOCK – LOCK**


Physical: 2.02m 116kg
Born: 12.10.88
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 19
Provincial/State Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: 42
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Highlanders
Test Caps: 39
Test Points: 20 (4t)
Test Debut: 2010 v Ireland

Sam has been an integral part of the Crusaders squad since his debut in 2010. He impressed the All Blacks selectors enough to also make his debut for the national side in 2010, scoring two tries in his first match against Ireland in New Plymouth. In 2011 he was selected into All Blacks Rugby World Cup 2011 squad and started every game bar the first pool match.

It was his second world championship win, having previously been a member of the New Zealand Under 20 side that won the 2008 IRB Junior World Championship.



CRUSADERS





NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Josh Bekhuis	Lock	2.00m	111kgs	26.04.86
Tim Boys	Loose Forward	1.88m	98kgs	19.02.84
Phil Burleigh	Midfield Back	1.82m	92kgs	22.10.86
Liam Coltman	Hooker	1.85m	109kgs	25.01.90
Elliot Dixon	Loose Forward	1.93m	110kgs	04.09.89
Tamati Ellison	Midfield Back	1.85m	96kgs	01.04.83
Jason Emery	Midfield Back	1.73m	88kgs	21.09.93
Ma'a'fu Fia	Prop	1.80m	114kgs	22.11.89
Hosea Gear	Wing	1.88m	103kgs	16.03.84
John Hardie	Flanker	1.83m	103kgs	27.07.88
Jarrad Hoeata	Loose Forward	1.98m	115kgs	12.12.82
Andrew Hore	Hooker	1.83m	110kgs	13.09.78
Chris King	Prop	1.86m	118kgs	30.04.81
Jamie Mackintosh	Prop	1.92m	130kgs	20.02.85
Nasi Manu	Loose Forward	1.90m	112kgs	15.08.88
Brayden Mitchell	Hooker	1.83m	104kgs	24.01.89
Ma'a Nonu	Midfield Back	1.82m	107kgs	21.05.82
Declan O'Donnell	Wing	1.86m	96kgs	28.11.90
Jake Paringatai	Loose Forward	1.85m	106kgs	13.04.80
Hayden Parker	First Five-eighth	1.75m	80kgs	19.11.90
Kade Poki	Wing	1.76m	92kgs	17.01.88
Buxton Popoalii	Wing/Fullback	1.73m	87kgs	04.12.89
Colin Slade	First Five-eighth	1.83m	90kgs	10.10.87
Aaron Smith	Halfback	1.71m	83kgs	21.11.88
Ben Smith	Wing/Fullback	1.86m	93kgs	01.06.86
Lima Sopoaga	First Five-eighth	1.75m	91kgs	03.02.91
Fumiaki Tanaka	Halfback	1.63m	75kgs	03.01.85
Brad Thorn	Lock	1.95m	112kgs	03.02.75
Shaun Treeby	Midfield Back	1.75m	85kgs	26.01.89
Joe Wheeler	Lock/Loose Forward	2.00m	111kgs	20.10.87
Tony Woodcock	Prop	1.84m	119kgs	27.01.81



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 Assistant Coach: Jon Preston  
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## HOMEGROUND

Forsyth Barr Stadium  
 Anzac Ave, Dunedin  
 Capacity: 29,000  
 Rugby Park Stadium  
 278 Tweed Street, Invercargill  
 Capacity: 17,000

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Blue and gold jersey with maroon trim and blue and gold shorts.

**AWAY STRIP:** Green jersey with blue and white trim, blue shorts with green trim.

**FIXTURES**

ROUND	DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	KICK-OFF (LOCAL)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	Friday 22 February	Chiefs	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
3	BYE			
4	Saturday 9 March	Cheetahs	Rugby Park	19:35
5	Friday 15 March	Hurricanes	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
6	Friday 22 March	Chiefs	Waikato Stadium	19:35
7	Friday 29 March	Reds	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
8	Friday 5 April	Blues	Eden Park	19:35
9	Friday 12 April	Brumbies	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
10	Saturday 20 April	Crusaders	AMI Stadium	19:35
11	BYE			
12	Saturday 4 May	Sharks	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
13	Sunday 12 May	Kings	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	19:05
14	Saturday 18 May	Bulls	Loftus Versfeld	19:05
15	Saturday 25 May	Force	nib Stadium	19:40
16	Saturday 1 June	Blues	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Saturday 29 June	Crusaders	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
19	Saturday 6 July	Hurricanes	Westpac Stadium	19:35
20	Friday 12 July	Rebels	AAMI Park	19:40

**MILESTONES**

- Chris King 97 Caps – Tight-head prop Chris King is only three games away from 100 games in Super Rugby. King started his Super Rugby career for the Crusaders in 2003, and then moved south in 2005 to join the Highlanders where he's remained loyal ever since. King has been the cornerstone of the Highlanders' scrum during the past eight seasons and reaching 100 games in Super Rugby while playing for the Highlanders is wonderful reward for a hardworking player and great bloke.
- Brad Thorn 92 Caps – Brad played all of his 92 games for the Crusaders before joining the Highlanders this season. Thorn has a decorated professional sporting career, including success in the NRL with the Brisbane Broncos and Queensland, Super Rugby with the Crusaders and more recently with Irish-based rugby club Leinster who lifted the Heineken Cup in the European League. It will be a remarkable achievement when he runs out with the Highlanders in 2013 for his 100th Super Rugby game.
- Hosea Gear 86 Caps – Hosea joined the Highlanders in 2012 and quickly enhanced his reputation on the field as a world class player. Gear has played the majority of his Super Rugby games for the Hurricanes, but since making his Super Rugby debut for the Highlanders in 2012 he has been warmly welcomed by all Highlanders fans. Gear will be looking for another stellar season in 2013 and with the responsibility of vice captain he will no doubt lead by example.
- A number of players are in line to make their debuts for the Highlanders in 2013: Liam Coltman, Jason Emery, Ma'a Nonu, Declan O'Donnell, Jake Paringatai, Hayden Parker, Fumiaki Tanaka, Brad Thorn, Joe Wheeler and Tony Woodcock.

**JAMIE JOSEPH – HEAD COACH**


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Born: 21.11.69, Blenheim NZ

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Highlanders Coaching Debut: 2011

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Other Coaching Roles: Wellington Coach 2007-2010, Maori All Blacks Coach 2010-2012

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Jamie joined the Highlanders in 2011 as head coach following coaching success with the Maori All Blacks team and the Wellington Lions. Following a distinguished player career, which included 20 tests for the All Blacks, Jamie took up an assistant coaching role with the Wellington Lions in 2003.

In 2007 Jamie took the reins at Wellington and coached the team to consecutive domestic finals in 2008 and 2009 both against Canterbury. In 2010 Jamie was appointed as Maori All Blacks Coach and guided them to a clean sweep against the NZ Barbarians, Ireland and a famous victory over England.

**SCOTT MCLEOD – ASSISTANT COACH**


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Born: 28.02.73, Brisbane QLD

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Highlanders Coaching Debut: 2013

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Other Coaching Roles: Chiefs and Waikato

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Scott joins the Highlanders from Hamilton where he has been the Waikato ITM Cup coach for the past two seasons. Scott has also been involved with the Chiefs since 2009. Scott played 113 first class games, including 10 test matches for the All Blacks between 1995 and 2001.

## JON PRESTON – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 15.11.67, Dunedin NZ

Highlanders Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: Wellington ITM Cup

Former All Blacks Preston also joins the Highlanders' coaching staff this season. Jon played 10 tests for the All Blacks between 1991 and 1997. He has been involved with the Wellington Lions as a specialist skills coach over the past few seasons.

## KEES MEEUWS – SCRUM COACH



Born: 26.07.74, Auckland NZ

Highlanders Coaching Debut: 2012

Other Coaching Roles: Otago ITM Cup

As an Otago and All Blacks legend Kees Meeuws returned to the deep South in 2009 to reclaim his starting position as prop for Otago. Kees played for the Highlanders from 1997-2001 and also played 42 tests for the All Blacks between 1998 and 2004, scoring 10 test tries.

## JOSH BEKHUIS – LOCK



Physical: 2.00m, 111kgs

Born: 26.04.86, Invercargill NZ

Province/Club: Southland

Provincial/State Caps: 82

Provincial/State Points: 40 (8t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v North Otago

Super Rugby Caps: 57

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Brumbies

Josh Bekhuis is now one of the senior players in the Highlanders tight five. With 57 caps in the Investec Super Rugby competition, Bekhuis will be looking to build on the consistent form that has made him the first choice locking option in the Highlanders engine room. A specialist lineout option, Bekhuis is also developing his running game and this will keep opposition defences on their toes during the 2013 season.

**TIM BOYS – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.88m, 98kgs
Born: 19.02.84, Oamaru NZ
Province/Club: Southland
Provincial/State Caps: 89
Provincial/State Points: 25 (5t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2005 v North Otago
Super Rugby Caps: 41
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Cheetahs

Tim Boys made his debut for the Highlanders in 2006 and he was re-selected from 2008 to 2010. In 2011 he made a return to the squad from the Wider Training Group for one game and played a further 6 games in 2012 as a replacement for injury. As a traditional open-side flanker, Boys had an impressive 2012 and was always near the loose ball. An agile player, he is elusive with ball in hand and effective at the breakdown. Boys will team up with the likes of John Hardie, Nasi Manu, Elliot Dixon and Jarrad Hoeata in 2013 to form a formidable loose unit.

**PHIL BURLEIGH – MIDFIELD BACK**

Physical: 1.82m, 92kgs
Born: 22.10.86, Christchurch NZ
Province/Club: Bay of Plenty
Provincial/State Caps: 42
Provincial/State Points: 67 (11t, 3c, 2p)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Northland
Super Rugby Caps: 15
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Waratahs (Chiefs)

Phil Burleigh made his debut for the Highlanders in 2012 after selection from the Chiefs wider training group at the beginning of the season. He made a sensational start to his Super Rugby season against the Crusaders in Dunedin by scoring a critical try, at a sold-out Forsyth Barr Stadium, which ensured a Highlanders win. Phil was a consistent performer through the remainder of the 2012 season and 2013 promises to be another big season for him.

## LIAM COLTMAN – HOOKER



Physical: 1.85m, 109kgs

Born: 25.01.90, New Plymouth NZ

Province/Club: Otago

Provincial/State Caps: 29

Provincial/State Points:

Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Counties Manukau

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Liam Coltman played his third season for Otago in 2012 and was impressive whether playing at prop or his preferred position of hooker. He was a member of the New Zealand Under 20 team that won (and retained) the world title in 2010. Coltman was a member of the Highlanders wider training group in 2012 and has earned his spot in the playing group in 2013 through a consistent 2012 ITM Cup with Otago.

## ELLIOT DIXON – LOOSE FORWARD



Physical: 1.93m, 110kgs

Born: 04.09.89, Christchurch NZ

Province/Club: Southland

Provincial/State Caps: 27

Provincial/State Points: 15 (3t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v North Otago

Super Rugby Caps: 2

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Brumbies

Elliot Dixon was unlucky to be injured at the start of the 2011 Highlanders' campaign. He made his debut for the southern franchise against the Brumbies in 2012. Dixon had an impressive season at the back of the Southland scrum in the 2011 and 2012 ITM Cups, and will bring this outstanding form into the 2013 Highlanders pack. He made his provincial debut in 2010 for the Southland Stags and, with only 27 provincial games, will be looking forward to getting some game time in 2013.

**TAMATI ELLISON – MIDFIELD BACK**

Physical: 1.85m, 96kgs
Born: 01.04.83, Wellington NZ
Province/Club: Otago
Provincial/State Caps: 52
Provincial/State Points: 94 (12t, 8c, 6p)
Provincial/State Debut: 2003 v Auckland (Wellington)
Super Rugby Caps: 69
Super Rugby Points: 45 (9t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Waratahs (Blues)
Test Caps: 4
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2009 v Italy

Tamati Ellison was a new signing for the 2012 season and he brought a wealth of experience to the Highlanders' midfield. A versatile player, Ellison can play in the midfield and also on the wing, which gives the Highlanders' coaching staff additional selection options. A former Hurricane, Ellison made his Super Rugby debut in 2005 playing for the Blues against the Waratahs. He subsequently played 53 games for the Hurricanes. He is building on this tally for the Highlanders as he is a regular starter in the midfield.

**JASON EMERY – MIDFIELD BACK**

Physical: 1.74m, 92kgs
Born: 21.09.93, Tauranga NZ
Province/Club: Manawatu
Provincial/State Caps: 10
Provincial/State Points: 12 (2t, 1c)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Jason Emery has just completed his first ITM Cup season for Manawatu in 2012. He has been impressive in the Turbos' mid-field since making his debut against Wellington. He was part of the New Zealand Under 20 Team that played in the Junior World Championship in South Africa in 2012. Emery joins the Highlanders for his first season of Super Rugby in 2013.



**MA'AFU FIA – PROP**


Physical: 1.80m, 114kgs

Born: 22.11.89, Tonga

Province/Club: Manawatu

Provincial/State Caps: 42

Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Tasman

Super Rugby Caps: 9

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Hurricanes

Ma'afu Fia was new to the Highlanders squad in 2012, when he joined the vastly experienced 'front row club' of Chris King, Jamie Mackintosh, Jason Rutledge, Bronson Murray and Andrew Hore. Fia plays his provincial rugby for Manawatu and has played 42 games since making his debut in 2009. A robust prop forward, Fia is good with ball in hand, and adds real impact to the running forward game of the Highlanders.

**HOSEA GEAR – WING**


Physical: 1.88m, 103kgs

Born: 16.3.84, Gisborne NZ

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 78

Provincial/State Points: 210 (42t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2002 v Wanganui

Super Rugby Caps: 86

Super Rugby Points: 155 (31t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Chiefs

Test Caps: 14

Test Points: 30 (6t)

Test Debut: 2008 v Australia

All Black, Hosea Gear, was another new signing for the Jamie Joseph coached Highlanders in 2012. Gear has played 86 Super Rugby games, and is a dynamic player who knows his way to the try line. With 31 tries in Super Rugby and 42 tries at provincial level, Gear is proven out wide as a strike weapon, and 2013 will be no different. At 1.88m and 102kgs, he will be a handful for all opponents in this season's competition. Hosea will also have more of a leadership role within the squad being named vice captain for 2013.

**JOHN HARDIE – FLANKER**

Physical: 1.83m, 103kgs
Born: 27.07.88, Lumsden NZ
Province/Club: Southland
Provincial/State Caps: 44
Provincial/State Points: 30 (6t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Manawatu
Super Rugby Caps: 25
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Crusaders

John Hardie made his Highlanders debut in 2010 against the Crusaders and played 11 of the 13 games in his first season. 2011 was another solid season for Hardie with plenty of game time. He is a strong ball runner and his tenacity at the breakdown resulted in numerous turnovers for the Highlanders in 2011. A typically rugged loose forward, Hardie had a stellar 2011 ITM Cup season for the Southland Stags. Injury restricted his appearances to four games for the Highlanders in 2012; he did not appear in the ITM Cup. Hardie will be focusing on securing the number one loose forward spot in 2013.

**JARRAD HOEATA – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.98m, 115kgs
Born: 12.12.82, Porirua NZ
Province/Club: Taranaki
Provincial/State Caps: 59
Provincial/State Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v Waikato
Super Rugby Caps: 32
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions (Chiefs)
Test Caps: 3
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2011 v Fiji

Jarrad Hoeata was called into the All Blacks as their only debutant for the maiden 2011 squad on the back of a brilliant season with the Highlanders. A physical tight forward who has the ability to play on the blindside flank, Hoeata will continue to add real steel to the Highlanders pack in 2013. From his provincial home in Taranaki, Hoeata made his Super Rugby debut for the Chiefs in 2010 against the Lions.

**ANDREW HORE – HOOKER**


Physical: 1.83m, 110kgs
Born: 13.09.78, Dunedin NZ
Province/Club: Taranaki
Provincial/State Caps: 75
Provincial/State Points: 75 (15t)
Provincial/State Debut: 1998 v Southland (Otago)
Super Rugby Caps: 127
Super Rugby Points: 105 (21t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2001 v Chiefs (Crusaders)
Test Caps: 74
Test Points: 40 (8t)
Test Debut: 2002 v England

Andrew Hore started his rugby career in the South with Otago in 1998 so 2012 was a home coming for the 'lad from the Maniototo'. A World Cup winning All Black, Andrew Hore has played 74 test matches and 127 Super Rugby games. An accurate line-out exponent and aggressive ruck and maul forward, Hore, when he joined the Highlanders, has added real metal to the forward platform. Hore will lead a pack that includes Tony Woodcock, Brad Thorn and Jamie Mackintosh and his go-forward with ball in hand will set the benchmark for the Highlanders in 2013.

**CHRIS KING – PROP**


Physical: 1.86m, 118kgs
Born: 30.04.81, Ashburton NZ
Province/Club: Taranaki
Provincial/State Caps: 118
Provincial/State Points: 25 (5t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2002 v Mid Canterbury (Canterbury)
Super Rugby Caps: 97
Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2003 v Hurricanes (Crusaders)

A Highlander stalwart, Chis King has played 97 Super Rugby games, and he will be searching for the magical 100 games in 2013. King made his debut in 2003 for the Crusaders against the Hurricanes, however a shift south in 2005 saw King starting for the Highlanders where he has stayed loyal. King had a huge season with the Southland Stags in the 2011 ITM Cup, lifting the Ranfurly Shield for the second time in two years from Canterbury. King also achieved Ranfurly Shield success with Taranaki in 2012. He will be looking to continue his consistent form into the 2013 Super competition.

**JAMIE MACKINTOSH – PROP**

Physical: 1.93m, 130kgs

Born: 20.02.85, Invercargill NZ

Province/Club: Southland

Provincial/State Caps: 92

Provincial/State Points: 70 (14t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2004 v Otago

Super Rugby Caps: 62

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Force

Test Caps: 1

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2008 v Scotland

Jamie Mackintosh was named as Highlanders' captain in 2011 and this proved a masterstroke with the Southland prop leading from the front on the field. Mackintosh has played for every national age grade side for which he was eligible and has played for Southland since 2004. He played an instrumental part in the Southland Stags lifting the Ranfurly Shield from Canterbury in 2009 and 2011. He made his All Blacks debut on the northern hemisphere spring tour in 2008. Mackintosh will again form part of a formidable front-row combination 2013.

**NASI MANU – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.90m, 112kgs

Born: 15.08.88, Lincoln NZ

Province/Club: Canterbury

Provincial/State Caps: 56

Provincial/State Points: 40 (8t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Counties Manukau

Super Rugby Caps: 48

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Bulls (Crusaders)

Nasi Manu played first-class rugby before he had even played club rugby – a rare distinction. A nephew of former Australian test loose forward Daniel Manu, he played for New Zealand Secondary Schools in 2005 and 2006, and for New Zealand Under 19 and Under 20 teams. Manu made his Super Rugby debut for the Crusaders in 2008, and was first selected for the Highlanders in 2010. Manu is a strong running number 8 who brings explosive power to the Highlanders back three.

## BRAYDEN MITCHELL – HOOKER



Physical: 1.83m, 104kgs

Born: 24.01.89, Gore NZ

Province/Club: Southland

Provincial/State Caps: 21

Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Wellington

Super Rugby Caps: 5

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Hurricanes

A product of Southland Rugby, Brayden Mitchell is a young hooker with an exciting future at Super Rugby level. He made his provincial debut for the Southland Stags in 2009 against Wellington and played 10 first class games as understudy to Jason Rutledge. Brayden made four Super Rugby appearances in 2011 after making his debut against the Hurricanes, one in 2012 when brought into the team from the wider training group. He will be looking to improve on this tally in 2013.

## MA'A NONU – MIDFIELD BACK



Physical: 1.82m, 107kgs

Born: 21.05.82, Wellington NZ

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 61

Provincial/State Points: 140 (28t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2002 v Hawke's Bay

Super Rugby Caps: 124

Super Rugby Points: 225 (45t)

 Super Rugby Debut: 2003 v Crusaders  
(Hurricanes)

Test Caps: 76

Test Points: 125 (25t)

Test Debut: 2003 v England

Ma'a Nonu has played 73 tests for the All Blacks since his debut in 2003 against England in Wellington. He has also had a stellar Super Rugby career for both the Hurricanes and Blues playing a total 124 games. Nonu's move south will add to this impressive playing record at Super level and the Highlanders are looking forward to welcoming him for the 2013 season.

**DECLAN O'DONNELL – WING**

Physical: 1.86m, 96kgs
Born: 28.11.90, Thames Valley NZ
Province/Club: Waikato
Provincial/State Caps: 18
Provincial/State Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Southland
Super Rugby Caps: 1
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Blues (Chiefs)

Declan O'Donnell will join the Highlanders for the 2013 season after impressing at ITM Cup level for Waikato. Declan has also played for the All Blacks Sevens team, and his pace and skills will be a welcome addition to the Highlanders' squad for the upcoming season. Declan made one appearance for the Blues in 2012, and he will be looking to increase his game-time in 2013 for the Highlanders.

**JAKE PARINGATAI – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.85m, 106kgs
Born: 13.04.80, Paraparaumu NZ
Province/Club: Northland
Provincial/State Caps: 48
Provincial/State Points: 25 (5t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2003 v North Harbour (Northland)
Super Rugby Caps: 4
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Blues (Crusaders)

Jake Paringatai started his Super Rugby career with the Crusaders back in 2007 after making his domestic debut for Northland in the NPC back in 2003. A hard-nosed loose forward, Paringatai has been plying his trade in the Japanese Top League over the past few seasons. He will join a Highlanders forward pack that has plenty of experience and he will be a good fit for the men from the South.

## HAYDEN PARKER – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH



Physical: 1.75m, 80kgs
Born: 19.11.90, Oamaru NZ
Province/Club: Otago
Provincial/State Caps: 23
Provincial/State Points: 143 (19c, 34p, 1d)
Provincial/State Debut:
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

The 'Kurow Kid' is a newcomer for the 2013 Highlanders squad. After a very successful ITM Cup with Otago, Parker gets his first opportunity to play in the Investec Super Rugby competition. A skillful first five eighth, Parker is also adept from the kicking tee, with a kicking percentage over 80% in the 2012 ITM Cup. Parker will add some real punch with the Highlanders backline, and he has a running game that will keep opposition defences guessing all season long.

## KADE POKI – WING



Physical: 1.76m, 92kgs
Born: 17.01.88, Blenheim NZ
Province/Club: Southland
Provincial/State Caps: 55
Provincial/State Points: 35 (7t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Taranaki (Tasman)
Super Rugby Caps: 34
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Brumbies (Crusaders)

Kade Poki began in the Highlanders' wider training squad at the start of the 2011 season, and through injury, was called into the regular squad. Poki had an outstanding season on the wing, and was one of the best players in the squad over the course of the season. A strong ball runner, Poki surprised many defenders with his raw power and elusive running style. With good pre-season form, Poki is sure to light up the Highlanders back line in 2013.

**BUXTON POPOALII – WING/FULLBACK**

Physical: 1.73m, 87kgs

Born: 4.12.89, Auckland NZ

Province/Club: Otago

Provincial/State Caps: 40

Provincial/State Points: 30 (3t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v North Harbour (Wellington)

Super Rugby Caps: 9

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Chiefs

Buxton Popoalii made the move from Wellington to join the Otago ITM Cup team in 2011. A dynamic wing/fullback, Buxton has been a part of the All Blacks Sevens team since 2009 and added plenty of spark to the blue and gold back three in 2011. As part of the Highlanders' wider training group in 2012, Popoalii was called into the Highlanders for nine appearances and impressed with his speed and skill around the field. He played a significant role in Otago's successful 2012 ITM Cup campaign. Popoalii will be seeking some regular game-time in 2013.

**COLIN SLADE – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH**

Physical: 1.83m, 90kgs

Born: 10.10.87, Christchurch NZ

Province/Club: Canterbury

Provincial/State Caps: 41

Provincial/State Points: 286 (9t, 56c, 43p)

Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Manawatu

Super Rugby Caps: 33

Super Rugby Points: 101 (2t, 20c, 16p, 1d)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Chiefs

Test Caps: 10

Test Points: 60 (3t, 18c, 3p)

Test Debut: 2010 v Australia

Another of the Highlanders All Blacks Rugby World Cup winners, Colin Slade made his first class debut for Canterbury in the 2008 domestic competition and made an immediate impact. A versatile player who can play first five eighth, wing or full back, he also has a strong kicking game both in general play and from the tee. His debut Super Rugby season was with the Crusaders; after 26 appearances he joined the Highlanders for their 2011 campaign. Slade will be looking for increased game time in 2013 following a spell on the sideline in 2012 due to serious injury.



**AARON SMITH – HALFBACK**


Physical: 1.71m, 83kgs
Born: 21.11.88, Palmerston North NZ
Province/Club: Manawatu
Provincial/State Caps: 43
Provincial/State Points: 45 (9t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Bay of Plenty
Super Rugby Caps: 28
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Bulls
Test Caps: 13
Test Points: 20 (4t)
Test Debut: 2012 v Ireland

Aaron Smith was a part of the successful Manawatu team that made the ITM Cup Championship final in 2011. A skillful halfback, Aaron made his debut for the Highlanders in 2011 and served his apprenticeship under All Blacks halfback Jimmy Cowan. Aaron was selected in the Maori All Blacks team in 2010 and then he was selected for the All Blacks in 2012. He made his test debut against Ireland and played 10 tests in his debut season.

**BEN SMITH – WING/FULLBACK**


Physical: 1.86m, 93kgs
Born: 01.06.86, Dunedin NZ
Province/Club: Otago
Provincial/State Caps: 42
Provincial/State Points: 55 (11t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: 56
Super Rugby Points: 50 (10t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Brumbies
Test Caps: 12
Test Points: 10 (2t)
Test Debut: 2009 v Italy

Ben Smith made his Highlanders debut in 2009 and has been a regular selection in the run-on XV ever since. Smith had an outstanding debut season which was rewarded with selection in the All Blacks' spring tour. His form continued in 2010 and he was the stand-out Otago back during the ITM Cup competition. Smith was selected for the All Blacks Sevens team that won gold at Delhi in 2010 and was again selected for the All Blacks in 2011 and 2012. Smith bought up his 50th appearance for the Highlanders in 2012 and is now one of the senior players within the squad.

**LIMA SOPOAGA – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH**

Physical: 1.75m, 91kgs
Born: 03.02.91, Wellington NZ
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 25
Provincial/State Points: 223 (2t, 42c, 43)
Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Manawatu
Super Rugby Caps: 9
Super Rugby Points: 63 (1t, 5c, 16p)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Hurricanes

Lima Sopoaga is a young, skillful first five eighth who burst onto the first class scene in 2010. Playing for the Wellington Lions he became the regular starter in the number 10 jersey. He made his debut against Manawatu and played a further nine games in the 2010 ITM Cup and added 11 games in 2011. Sopoaga made his Super Rugby debut for the Highlanders against the Hurricanes in the 2011 season and played in six games in total, collecting 51 points. His 2012 season was curtailed by injury.

**FUMIAKI TANAKA – HALFBACK**

Physical: 1.63m, 75kgs
Born: 03.01.85, Kyoto JAP
Province/Club: Otago
Provincial/State Caps: 13
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Northland
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped
Test Caps: 31 (Japan)
Test Points: 30 (6t)
Test Debut: 2008 v Arabian Gulf

Fumiaki Tanaka joined the Otago ITM Cup team for the 2012 season. Tanaka had a great season and quickly became the first choice halfback. Fumiaki has a sharp pass and provides outstanding service for both forwards and backs. The first Japanese Super Rugby player, Tanaka is a welcome addition to the 2013 Highlanders squad.

**BRAD THORN – LOCK**


Physical: 1.95m, 112kgs
Born: 03.02.75, Mosgiel NZ
Province/Club: Canterbury
Provincial/State Caps: 31
Provincial/State Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2001 v Buller
Super Rugby Caps: 92
Super Rugby Points: 55 (11t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2001 v Brumbies
Test Caps: 59
Test Points: 20 (4t)
Test Debut: 2003 v Wales

Brad Thorn was part of the 2011 World Cup winning All Blacks and has been playing for Fukuoka Sanix Blues in Japan's Top League. He joins the Highlanders for his first season with the franchise in 2013. Thorn has a decorated professional sporting career, including success in the NRL with the Brisbane Broncos and Queensland, Super Rugby with the Crusaders and more recently with Irish-based rugby club Leicester who lifted the Heineken Cup in the European League. Thorn made his test debut for the All Blacks in 2003 against Wales in Hamilton. He played 59 test matches in total, including his last test which was against France in the Rugby World Cup final last year.

**SHAUN TREEBY – MIDFIELD BACK**


Physical: 1.75m, 85kgs
Born: 26.01.89, New Plymouth NZ
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 36
Provincial/State Points: 35 (7t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Wairarapa Bush
Super Rugby Caps: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Hurricanes

Shaun Treeby is a midfielder who made his provincial debut for the Wellington Lions in 2009, after coming through the Wellington Rugby Academy Programme. After making his debut against Wairarapa Bush he has been a regular starter in the Wellington line-up. Treeby joined the Highlanders for the 2011 campaign and played 12 games. Injury in 2012 limited his selection to six appearances. A strong ball runner, Treeby will be looking to build on his 2011 debut season form.

**JOE WHEELER – LOCK/LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 2.00m, 111kgs
Born: 20.10.87, Christchurch NZ
Province/Club: Tasman
Provincial/State Caps: 26
Provincial/State Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Taranaki
Super Rugby Caps: 4
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Sharks

Joe Wheeler joins the Highlanders from Tasman, where he's been an integral part of the Makos forward pack over the past few seasons. Wheeler can play both lock and loose forward and this gives the Highlanders coaches additional options for team selection. Wheeler is a big ball runner, so expect some impact with ball in hand. A key lineout jumper who will line up at 5 or 6 at lineout time and be a safe target and option for any hooker.

**TONY WOODCOCK – PROP**

Physical: 1.84m, 119kgs
Born: 27.01.81, Helensville NZ
Province/Club: North Harbour
Provincial/State Caps: 54
Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2000 v Waikato
Super Rugby Caps: 113
Super Rugby Points: 40 (8t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2002 v Hurricanes
Test Caps: 96
Test Points: 45 (9t)
Test Debut: 2002 v Wales

Rugby World Cup winning All Black, 31 year old Tony Woodcock was born in Helensville, and made his first class debut for North Harbour in 2000. He has played 113 Super Rugby games for the Blues and 88 tests for the All Blacks and he is set to write a new chapter for the Highlanders in 2013. A true 'southern man' at heart, Woodcock will enjoy meeting up with fellow All Blacks and Highlanders captain, Andrew Hore.



NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Beauden Barrett	First Five-eighth	1.87m	92kg	27.05.91
Tim Bateman	Midfield Back	1.83m	91kg	03.06.87
James Broadhurst	Lock	2.01m	122kg	01.12.87
Dane Coles	Hooker	1.84m	108kg	10.12.86
Jason Eaton	Lock	2.02m	115kg	21.08.82
Samisoni Fisilau	Halfback	1.87m	105kg	12.11.87
Ben Franks	Prop	1.84m	118kg	27.03.84
Reggie Goodes	Prop	1.84m	112kg	04.04.92
Cory Jane	Wing/Fullback	1.83m	85kg	08.02.83
Jack Lam	Flanker	1.88m	103kg	18.11.87
Reynold Lee-Lo	Second Five-eighth	1.81m	96kg	20.02.86
Alapati Leiua	Centre	1.85m	96kg	21.09.88
Faifili Levave	Flanker	1.93m	111kg	15.01.86
Karl Lowe	Loose Forward	1.81m	104kg	17.09.84
James Marshall	Utility Back	1.83m	90kg	07.12.88
Motu Matu'u	Hooker	1.84m	108kg	30.04.87
Ben May	Prop	1.93m	124kg	13.10.82
TJ Perenara	Halfback	1.84m	94kg	23.01.92
Tusi Pisi	First Five-eighth	1.83m	91kg	18.06.82
Matt Proctor	Wing	1.80m	90kg	26.10.92
Mark Reddish	Lock	1.96m	112kg	03.03.85
Ardie Savea	Loose Forward	1.88m	95kg	14.10.93
Julian Savea	Wing	1.92m	103kg	07.08.90
Brad Shields	Flanker	1.93m	111kg	02.04.91
Eric Sione	Prop	1.84m	126kg	29.10.92
Conrad Smith	Centre	1.86m	95kg	12.10.81
Chris Smylie	Halfback	1.80m	91kg	22.03.82
Andre Taylor	Fullback/Wing	1.80m	93kg	11.01.88
Blade Thomson	Loose Forward	1.98m	106kg	04.12.90
Jeremy Thrush	Lock	1.98m	115kg	19.04.85
Jeffery Toomaga-Allen	Prop	1.92m	125kg	19.11.90
Victor Vito	Loose Forward	1.92m	109kg	27.03.87



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## HOMEGROUND

Westpac Stadium  
 Waterloo Quay  
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 Capacity: 34,500

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Sunshine yellow jersey with black trim, black shorts and yellow socks.

**AWAY STRIP:** White jersey with yellow trim, white shorts and yellow socks.

## FIXTURES

ROUND	DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	KICK-OFF (LOCAL)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	Saturday 23 February	Blues	Westpac Stadium	19:35
3	Friday 1 March	Reds	Suncorp Stadium	20:20
4	Friday 8 March	Crusaders	Westpac Stadium	19:35
5	Friday 15 March	Highlanders	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
6	BYE			
7	Saturday 30 March	Kings	Westpac Stadium	16:35
8	Saturday 6 April	Waratahs	Westpac Stadium	19:35
9	Saturday 13 April	Blues	Eden Park	19:35
10	Friday 19 April	Force	Westpac Stadium	19:35
11	Friday 26 April	Stormers	FMG Stadium	19:35
12	Saturday 4 May	Bulls	Loftus Versfeld	19:10
13	Friday 10 May	Cheetahs	Free State Stadium	19:10
14	Friday 17 May	Chiefs	Westpac Stadium	19:35
15	BYE			
16	Friday 31 May	Brumbies	Canberra Stadium	19:40
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Friday 28 June	Chiefs	Westpac Stadium	19:35
19	Saturday 6 July	Highlanders	Westpac Stadium	19:35
20	Friday 12 July	Crusaders	AMI Stadium	19:35

## MILESTONES

- Victor Vito and Dane Coles both begin the season on 47 Hurricanes and Super Rugby caps. If they play every game they should celebrate their 50th game at home against the Crusaders.
- Five players within the Hurricanes squad hail from the Oriental Rongotai club in Wellington, the biggest representation of any single club within the Hurricanes.
- This year's eight new players takes the total number of Hurricanes to represent the franchise to 195 since the team formed in 1996.
- If Beauden Barrett repeats his 2012 season total of almost 200 points, he will become the second highest point scorer in the franchise's history. He only needs 164 points to take the number two spot on the ladder. David Holwell still holds the record with 676 points.

**MARK HAMMETT – HEAD COACH**

Born: 13.07.72

Hurricanes Coaching Debut: 2011

Other Coaching Roles: Crusaders: Assistant Coach 2006-2010, Coaching Assistant 2005.

2013 will be Mark Hammett's third year with the Hurricanes and as a Super Rugby head coach. Hammett was a member of the Crusaders side of 1996 in the inaugural Super Rugby competition. He has a big input into set pieces and has superior general rugby

knowledge. The former All Blacks hooker made 29 appearances for the All Blacks including the 1999 and 2003 Rugby World Cups. Hammett has a strong provincial background, as during his 81 appearances for the Crusaders between 1996 and 2003, he also made 76 appearances for Canterbury over the same time.

**ALAMA IEREMIA – ASSISTANT COACH**

Born: 27.10.70

Hurricanes Coaching Debut: 2009

Other Coaching Roles: Hurricanes Assistant/ Technical Advisor 2009-2010, Wellington Assistant Coach 2007-2008, Wellington Under 21 2008.

Alama Ileremia became the first former Hurricanes player to return as part of the management when he took up the reins as an assistant/technical advisor under Colin Cooper in 2009. His coaching

career has continued to grow since he stopped playing professionally in 2006. He first started with the Wellington Lions as an assistant coach before stepping into Super Rugby. The former All Black has the distinction of scoring the first ever try in Super Rugby, against the Blues in the inaugural Super 12 match in Palmerston North in 1996.

**RICHARD WATT – TECHNICAL ADVISOR**

Born: 03.04.65

Hurricanes Coaching Debut: 2011

Other Coaching Roles: Wellington Assistant Coach 2010-2012

Richard Watt has been with the Hurricanes since 2011 as a technical advisor. The former Wellington representative is also the current assistant coach for the Wellington Lions, a role he has held since he stepped up to support Andre Bell in 2010. In his

playing days Watt made 18 appearances for the province and has had a long association with Poneke and Wellington Rugby.



**BEAUDEN BARRETT – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH**


Physical: 1.87m, 92kg

Born: 27.05.91

Province/Club: Taranaki

Provincial/State Caps: 26

Provincial/State Points: 188 (6t, 31c, 32p)

Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Northland

Super Rugby Caps: 20

Super Rugby Points: 199 (2t, 36c, 39p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Cheetahs

Test Caps: 5

Test Points: 9 (3c, 1p)

Test Debut: 2012 v Ireland

2012 was a big year for the young first five-eighth. Barrett had a strong Super Rugby season, earning a call up to the All Blacks in June. since making his provincial debut two years ago, Barrett has managed to reach a number of national honours with the All Blacks Sevens team, as a member of the IRB Junior World Championship winning team in 2011 and now the All Blacks. Barrett is the first son of a former Hurricane to also play for the franchise. His father, Kevin, was a lock/flanker for the Hurricanes in 1997 and now older brother Kane has signed with the Blues in 2013.

**TIM BATEMAN – MIDFIELD BACK**


Physical: 1.83m, 91kg

Born: 03.06.87

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 49

Provincial/State Points: 75 (15t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v South Canterbury (Canterbury)

Super Rugby Caps: 50

Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Lions (Crusaders)

Tim Bateman returned to New Zealand rugby in 2012 after playing in Japan for the Coca-Cola West Red Sparks in the Top League since 2010. Bateman was one of the senior Hurricanes players in 2012 reaching his 50th Super Rugby cap in the final match of the season. 2012 was a massive year for the second five-eighth playing for the Sparks, Hurricanes, Wellington Lions and Maori All Blacks. The 25 year old offers experience and great attacking knowledge from either second or first five-eighth.

**JAMES BROADHURST – LOCK**

Physical: 2.01m, 122kg

Born: 01.12.87

Province/Club: Taranaki

Provincial/State Caps: 52

Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Otago

Super Rugby Caps: 29

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Force

Hard-working Taranaki lock James Broadhurst provides the Hurricanes' engine room with power and ball winning ability. He adds to the highly contested locking positions within the Hurricanes and has provided many strong performances in the past two seasons. The Kaitia born forward first joined the Hurricanes in 2010 after previously playing for Canterbury and was a member of the Crusaders wider training group. Broadhurst attended secondary school in Gisborne and went on to represent New Zealand at the under-19 and Under 21 grades.

**DANE COLES – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.84m, 108kg

Born: 10.12.86

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 66

Provincial/State Points: 85 (17t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Auckland

Super Rugby Caps: 47

Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Waratahs

Test Caps: 4

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2012 v Scotland

Livewire hooker Dane Coles received his first call up to the All Blacks on the end of year tour in 2012. It was great recognition for the Hurricanes' number one hooker who behind the scenes has worked hard on his core roles. He is perfectly suited to the faster, more mobile nature of modern rugby and has a high work rate around the park. Coles is never far from the action in any match and has quickly gained a reputation as an exciting, natural ball player with speed to burn. He burst on to the scene in 2007 making his provincial debut for Wellington and the New Zealand Under 21.

**JASON EATON – LOCK**


Physical: 2.02m 115kg

Born: 21.08.82

Province/Club: Taranaki

Provincial/State Caps: 76

Provincial/State Points: 45 (9t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2002 v Wanganui (Manawatu)

Super Rugby Caps: 78

Super Rugby Points: 50 (10t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Blues

Test Caps: 14

Test Points: 5 (1t)

Test Debut: 2005 v Ireland

Jason Eaton is a senior member of this year's camp and is the second most capped Hurricane in the 2013 team. The 2.02m lock had a stellar season for the Hurricanes and Taranaki in 2012, earning him selection for the Maori All Blacks tour to the UK at the end of the year. Eaton made a big contribution on and off the field for the Hurricanes last season, using his experience to help lead the young forward pack. Eaton was selected for the 2005 All Blacks with no prior Super Rugby experience, and last appeared for them on the end of year tour in 2009.

**SAMISONI FISILAU – HALFBACK**


Physical: 1.86m 105kg

Born: 29.11.87

Province/Club: Northland

Provincial/State Caps: 43

Provincial/State Points: 13 (2t, 1d)

Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Northland (Counties Manukau)

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Test Caps: 9

Test Points: 2 (1c)

Test Debut: 2010 v Samoa (Tonga)

Samisoni Fisilau is one of six new players to the Hurricanes squad in 2013. The Tongan halfback plays an aggressive style of game and has an excellent box kick. He was impressive behind the Northland forward pack in the 2012 ITM Cup season catching the eye of the Hurricanes coaches. At only 25-years old, Fisilau offers great experience through his recent international performances with Tonga.

**BEN FRANKS – PROP**

Physical: 1.84m 118kg

Born: 27.03.84

Province/Club: Hawke's Bay

Provincial/State Caps: 40

Provincial/State Points: 0

Provincial/State Debut: 2005 v Otago  
(Canterbury)

Super Rugby Caps: 83

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Chiefs

Test Caps: 23

Test Points: 5 (1t)

Test Debut: 2010 v Ireland

One of the six new players to the Hurricanes squad in 2013, Ben Franks is a valuable addition with his versatility to play both sides of the scrum. As the older of the two Franks' brothers, Ben made his All Blacks debut in 2008 and has since pulled on the black jersey 23 times. Ben had previously represented New Zealand in the Under 19 side in 2003, Under 21 side in 2005 and made his Super Rugby debut for the Crusaders in 2006.

**REGGIE GOODES – PROP**

Physical: 1.84m, 112kg

Born: 04.04.92

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 19

Provincial/State Points: 0

Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Tasman

Super Rugby Caps: 8

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Chiefs

South African born Reggie Goodes (pronounced "Goods") was one of the young forwards to impress during the 2012 Super Rugby season. After stepping up from ITM Cup and the Hurricanes wider training group in 2011, Goodes made eight appearances in his debut season. That was despite suffering a shoulder injury in the last pre-season game which sidelined him for the first half of the competition. He is noted for his intense work rate around the field and his scrummaging ability.

**CORY JANE – WING/FULLBACK**


Physical: 1.83m, 85kg

Born: 08.02.83

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 61

Provincial/State Points: 156 (29t, 4c, 1p)

 Provincial/State Debut: 2003 v Otago  
(Hawke's Bay)

Super Rugby Caps: 69

Super Rugby Points: 85 (17t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Reds

Test Caps: 41

Test Points: 80 (16t)

Test Debut: 2008 v Australia

Cory Jane played a senior role within the Hurricanes in 2012, guiding the back three and ensuring they were always a danger with ball in hand. A member of the Rugby World Cup winning All Blacks side, he has dominated the right wing jersey for both the All Blacks and Hurricanes in the last 18 months. His consistency under the high ball and strong attacking play has seen the Upper Hutt boy go from strength to strength. He has previously represented Maori All Blacks and All Blacks Sevens team.

**JACK LAM – FLANKER**


Physical: 1.88m, 103kg

Born: 18.11.87

Province/Club: Waikato

Provincial/State Caps: 41

Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)

 Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Bay of Plenty  
(Tasman)

Super Rugby Caps: 29

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Highlanders

Named Hurricanes Rookie of the Year in his debut season in 2011, Jack Lam will continue to fiercely contest the loose forward positions in 2013. Sidelined by injury for most of the 2012 ITM Cup he will be eager to get back into the game. Lam has a high work rate and is always on the hunt for turnover ball at the breakdown. Although born in New Zealand, he was selected as a centre for the 2004 Australian Secondary Schools team and as a loose forward the following year. He returned to New Zealand to continue his rugby career in 2008.

**REYNOLD LEE-LO – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.81m 96kg
Born: 20.02.86
Province/Club: Counties Manukau
Provincial/State Caps: 32
Provincial/State Points: 30 (6t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Hawke's Bay
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Reynold Lee-Lo first made the Counties Manukau team in 2009 when he was called into the side as injury cover for Tasesa Lavea. The 25 year old was recalled in 2011 and the following year helped the side lift the ITM Cup Championship title. The Samoa-born player midfield back will make his Super Rugby debut with the Hurricanes in 2013.

**ALAPATI LEIUA – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.85m, 96kg
Born: 21.09.88
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 48
Provincial/State Points: 90 (18t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Wairarapa Bush
Super Rugby Caps: 20
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Cheetahs

Named Wellington Player of the Year in 2011, exciting midfielder Alapati Leiua has continued to develop since bursting onto the scene in 2009. That year he was named Most Promising Player for Wellington and has quickly accumulated his provincial caps and points since. Born in Samoa, the 24 year old has the ability to play both centre and on the wings, with pace to burn. This will be Leiua's third season as a full squad member for the Hurricanes.

**FAIFILI LEVAVE – FLANKER**


Physical: 1.93m, 111kg
Born: 15.01.86
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 50
Provincial/State Points: 30 (6t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2005 v Otago
Super Rugby Caps: 50
Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Waratahs (Chiefs)

Faifili Levave made his first class debut when he was 19. The flanker joins the Hurricanes again in 2013, following a season with Honda Heat in Japan for the past six months. Since his debut Super Rugby season with the Chiefs back in 2008, he has been with the Hurricanes ever since. In the last match of 2012, Levave brought up his 50th Super Rugby cap with 38 appearances for the Hurricanes and 12 for the Chiefs. His older brother, George, played American Football for Idaho State University.

**KARL LOWE – FLANKER**


Physical: 1.81m, 104kg
Born: 17.09.84
Province/Club: Hawke's Bay
Provincial/State Caps: 91
Provincial/State Points: 100 (20t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2004 v Bay of Plenty
Super Rugby Caps: 30
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Waratahs

After missing the entire 2011 Super Rugby season due to a knee injury, dynamic Hawke's Bay openside flanker, Karl Lowe returned for the Canes, making seven starting appearances in 2012. Noted for a high work rate and his hunger for the ball, he already has an impressive provincial record with 20 tries to his name. Lowe was in the Junior All Blacks in 2009, part of the unbeaten New Zealand Maori All Blacks side in 2010 which won their centenary series and again toured with them to the UK in 2012.

**JAMES MARSHALL – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH / FULLBACK**

Physical: 1.83m, 90kg

Born: 07.12.88

Province/Club: Taranaki

Provincial/State Caps: 48

Provincial/State Points: 73 (10t, 4c, 5p)

Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Bay of Plenty (Tasman)

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

A new face to Hurricanes fans will be James Marshall, but the versatile five-eight and fullback has a strong resume for a 24 year old. He started with Tasman, before shifting north to Taranaki in 2012. Marshall has international experience as well, including a season with Aironi in Italy in 2010/11 and the All Blacks Sevens team. His younger brother, Tom, is a member of the Crusaders squad.

**MOTU MATU'U – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.84m, 108kg

Born: 30.04.87

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 24

Provincial/State Points: 0

Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Wairarapa Bush

Super Rugby Caps: 14

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Stormers

Wellington hooker Motu Matu'u made his Super Rugby debut in 2012. He provided strong impact off the bench in his 14 appearances and had oppositions on their toes with his big hitting defence. Combining muscle and strong defensive play, Matu'u also brings a strong work ethic to the side.



**BEN MAY – PROP**


Physical: 1.93m, 124kg
Born: 13.10.82
Province/Club: Waikato
Provincial/State Caps: 69
Provincial/State Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2004 v Thames Valley (Nelson Bays)
Super Rugby Caps: 50
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Lions (Crusaders)

Ben May adds size and strength to the Hurricanes front row. He had an impressive first season with the Hurricanes in 2012, as he remained injury free and took on a leadership role to support his younger team mates up front. The versatile prop can play either side of the scrum. May reached the milestone of 50 Super Rugby caps during 2012 which included appearances for the Crusaders, Chiefs and Hurricanes. He was a member of the Maori All Blacks to tour the UK at the end of 2012.

**TJ PERENARA – HALFBACK**


Physical: 1.84m, 94kg
Born: 23.01.92
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 12
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Southland
Super Rugby Caps: 13
Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Stormers

TJ Perenara was named the Hurricanes Rookie of the Year in 2012 and had a superb debut season, before it was cruelly cut short by a broken ankle. The attacking halfback is quick to spot the gap and run it, which helped the 21 year old score seven tries in his first season. Perenara was still at Mana College when he made his provincial debut for Wellington in 2010. He captained and starred for the New Zealand Secondary Schools team in 2010, kicking 15 points in the 30-21 victory over Australia, and won the IRB Junior World Championship with the New Zealand Under 20 the following year.

**TUSI PISI – FIRST FIVE-EIGHTH**

Physical: 1.83m, 91kg
Born: 18.06.82
Province/Club: North Harbour
Provincial/State Caps: 50
Provincial/State Points: 114 (9t, 18c, 10p, 1d)
Provincial/State Debut: 2003 v Taranaki (North Harbour)
Super Rugby Caps: 8
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Sharks (Crusaders)
Test Caps: 10 (Samoa + Pacific Islands)
Test Points: 67 (2t, 9c, 11p, 2d)
Test Debut: 2006 v Wales (Pacific Islands)

Tusi Pisi appeared seven times for the Hurricanes in 2012, making six starts off the bench and one as the starting pivot against the Brumbies in Wellington. The Samoan International first five-eighth returns to the Hurricanes for a second year running, while continuing to play for Japanese club Suntory in the Super Rugby off-season. He has been based in Japan since 2009, following a stint with Toulon from 2007-2009.

**MATT PROCTOR – OUTSIDE BACK**

Physical: 1.80m, 90kg
Born: 26.10.92
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 11
Provincial/State Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Manawatu
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Matt Proctor is one of five members of the Hurricanes squad from the Oriental-Rongotai club in Wellington. After completing his debut provincial rugby season in the Capital, Proctor has shown he has pace and flair on attack. He is one to watch over the coming years.

**MARK REDDISH – LOCK**


Physical: 1.96m, 112kg
Born: 03.03.85
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 37
Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Wairarapa Bush
Super Rugby Caps: 14
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Highlanders

Determined lock/loose forward Mark Reddish earned his first contract with the Hurricanes in 2011. This was on the back of many years of hard work in Wellington club rugby and some stellar performances for the Wellington Lions. He is a quiet achiever on the field and eager for the ball. His versatility and reliability as a lineout jumper offers a number of options to the Hurricanes set piece.

**ARDIE SAVEA – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.88m, 95kg
Born: 14.10.93
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 10
Provincial/State Points: 35 (7t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Manawatu
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Nineteen year old Ardie Savea will join older brother Julian in the Super Rugby ranks this season, after signing with the Hurricanes for two years. The former Rongotai College head boy has just completed his first ITM Cup campaign with Wellington, and after starring on the world sevens circuit with New Zealand, has shown he can adapt his exceptional speed and vision to the full version of the game. Savea captained the New Zealand Secondary Schools team in 2011.

**JULIAN SAVEA – WING**

Physical: 1.92m, 103kg

Born: 07.08.90

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 22

Provincial/State Points: 40 (8t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Tasman

Super Rugby Caps: 25

Super Rugby Points: 45 (9t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Highlanders

Test Caps: 9

Test Points: 60 (12t)

Test Debut: 2012 v Ireland

2012 was a memorable year for Julian Savea. After a debut season where he struggled to find his rhythm, the big winger bounced back in style. Named Hurricanes Player of the Year in 2012, the 22-year old used his pace and strength to be an attacking weapon for the Canes. He worked hard off the field and together with his solid performances, earned his first call up to the All Blacks. He scored three tries on debut in the black jersey and from there went from strength to strength. Savea has represented New Zealand Secondary Schools, All Blacks Sevens team and New Zealand Under 20, along with the honour of being named IRB Junior Player of the Year in 2010.

**BRAD SHIELDS – FLANKER**

Physical: 1.93m, 111kg

Born: 02.04.91

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 17

Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Hawke's Bay

Super Rugby Caps: 13

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Stormers

Brad Shields is one to watch amongst New Zealand's emerging players. Shields has a consistently high work rate that has impressed many. He shot into the limelight after a superb 2011 season with the New Zealand Under 20 team and Wellington Lions, where he was named Most Promising Player in the Capital. The loose forward brings strength and physicality to the Hurricanes pack. Dangerous with ball in hand, the All Blacks selectors have already identified Shields as one for the future, as they included him in their wider training squad in the June break of 2012.

**ERIC SIONE – PROP**


Physical: 1.84m, 126kg

Born: 29.10.92

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 5

Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Canterbury

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Eric Sione earns his first Super Rugby call up in 2013 following his debut provincial season in 2012. The prop was a member of the New Zealand Under 20 side in 2012, travelling to South Africa for the Junior World Championships and coming off the bench in the final against the hosts. Sione is one of five props in the side and will look to gain plenty of experience by taking the step up to the Super Rugby environment.

**CONRAD SMITH – CENTRE**


Physical: 1.86m, 95kg

Born: 12.10.81

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 43

Provincial/State Points: 60 (12t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2003 v Bay of Plenty

Super Rugby Caps: 82

Super Rugby Points: 80 (16t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Cats

Test Caps: 66

Test Points: 115 (23t)

Test Debut: 2004 v Italy

The Hurricanes' inspirational captain, Conrad Smith, leads by example in his work rate on the field and attitude off it. The World Cup winning centre remains one of the most consistent elite rugby players in the world, combining accurate defence with vision and the ability to run great lines on attack. Smith first made the All Blacks in 2004 and scored a try with his first touch of the ball against Italy. Smith graduated with a Bachelor of Laws with Honours from Victoria University in 2003 and is a former New Zealand Universities representative.

**CHRIS SMYLIE – HALFBACK**

Physical: 1.80m, 91kg

Born: 22.03.82

Province/Club: Taranaki

Provincial/State Caps: 88

Provincial/State Points: 65 (13t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2002 v Auckland  
(North Harbour)

Super Rugby Caps: 44

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Crusaders  
(Highlanders)

Chris Smylie returned to the Hurricanes last season, five years after first playing for the franchise. The halfback missed out on adding to his 44 Super Rugby caps after he suffered a shoulder injury in the final pre-season match, ruling him out for six months. After a long rehab, Smylie will be eager to come back better and stronger in 2013 and will fight for the starting halfback spot with young gun Perenara and international Fisilau.

**ANDRE TAYLOR – FULLBACK/WING**

Physical: 1.80m, 93kg

Born: 11.01.88

Province/Club: Taranaki

Provincial/State Caps: 57

Provincial/State Points: 144 (18t, 12c, 9p, 1d)

Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v Taranaki  
(Manawatu)

Super Rugby Caps: 31

Super Rugby Points: 65 (12t, 1c, 1p)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Force

Andre Taylor was Super Rugby's top try scorer in 2012. He ran in 10 tries for the Canes, while starting all 16 matches at fullback. His speed and ability to slip through defensive lines makes him a threat from all over the park. The fullback toured with the Maori All Blacks to the UK at the end of 2012. He first played ITM Cup rugby on the wing for Manawatu while still at school at Palmerston North Boys' High School in 2006.

**BLADE THOMSON – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.98m, 106kg

Born: 04.12.90

Province/Club: Taranaki

Provincial/State Caps: 15

Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Manawatu

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Versatile forward Blade Thomson had an outstanding season for Taranaki in the 2012 ITM Cup. He displayed a high work rate around the park and added some nice touches with the ball that showed Thomson really shine as a loose forward. The former champion New Zealand Under 20 player can play lock, blindside flanker or number eight. At 1.98m, Thomson offers another lineout choice for the Hurricanes.

**JEREMY THRUSH – LOCK**


Physical: 1.98m, 115kg

Born: 19.04.85

Province/Club: Wellington

Provincial/State Caps: 76

Provincial/State Points: 80 (16t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v Waikato

Super Rugby Caps: 66

Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Waratahs

Wellington captain Jeremy Thrush is an experienced forward, who continually works hard season after season. Despite tough competition for the locking positions, he started all but one game in the 2012 season. Thrush, World Under 19 Player of the Year in 2004 and Junior All Blacks in 2009, is an aggressive ball winner in the air and committed in the tight. He is a highly mobile and skilful lock with a nose for the tryline.

Thrush's father played on the wing for Bush prior to their amalgamation with Wairarapa.

**JEFFERY TOOMAGA-ALLEN – PROP**

Physical: 1.92m, 125kg
Born: 19.11.90
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 10
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Manawatu
Super Rugby Caps: 16
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Stormers

Jeffery Toomaga-Allen played Super Rugby before he even made his provincial debut. He played in every game in his debut season too, with six appearances off the bench and 10 starting spots. Toomaga-Allen is a quality scrummager and was never afraid to take on bigger, more experienced oppositions in his first season. He is strong with ball in hand and has a huge work rate on defence. Embarking on his first provincial campaign after the Hurricanes season, the 22 year old was named Wellington Player of the Year. The prop was a member of the IRB Junior World Championship winning New Zealand Under 20 side in 2010.

**VICTOR VITO – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.92m, 109kg
Born: 27.03.87
Province/Club: Wellington
Provincial/State Caps: 44
Provincial/State Points: 40 (8t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v Waikato
Super Rugby Caps: 47
Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Highlanders
Test Caps: 20
Test Points: 10 (2t)
Test Debut: 2010 v Ireland

Victor Vito is one of the top loose forwards in the country, using the speed and strength he was known for in Sevens from the back of the scrum. A member of the Rugby World Cup winning All Blacks team, the loose forward will bring up his 50th Hurricanes cap this season, only four years after making his debut. The hard-working Scots College product captained the New Zealand Under 19 team in 2006 and played a starring role in the New Zealand International Sevens in February 2008, scoring two tries in the final against Samoa, including the match winner.



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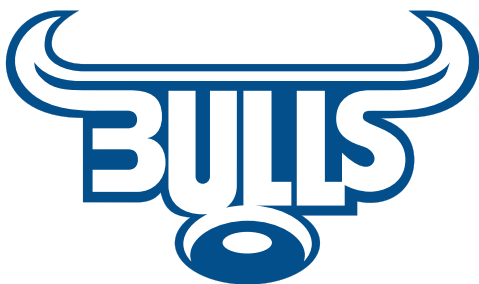
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**SUPERUGBY**





NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Bjorn Basson	Wing	1.85m	87kg	11.02.87
Arno Botha	No.8	1.90m	106kg	26.10.91
JJ Engelbrecht	Wing	1.90m	95kg	22.02.89
Louis Fouchè	Flyhalf	1.86m	98kg	04.01.90
Dean Greyling	Prop	1.86m	120kg	01.01.86
Grant Hattingh	Lock	2.01m	107kg	03.10.90
Francois Hougaard	Scrumhalf	1.80m	92kg	06.04.88
Zane Kirchner	Fullback	1.86m	96kg	16.06.84
Frik Kirsten	Prop	1.93m	120kg	18.09.88
Juandrè Kruger	Lock	1.98m	110kg	06.09.85
Werner Kruger	Prop	1.90m	117kg	23.01.85
Lionel Mapoe	Centre/Wing	1.82m	87kg	13.07.88
Sampie Mastriet	Wing	1.80m	87kg	03.08.90
Bongi Mbonambi	Hooker	1.76m	98kg	07.01.91
Mornè Mellett	Prop	1.85m	115kg	02.10.89
Akona Ndungane	Wing	1.82m	92kg	20.02.81
Wynand Olivier	Centre	1.86m	94kg	11.06.83
Rudy Paige	Scrumhalf	1.69m	77kg	02.08.89
Handrè Pollard	Flyhalf	1.89m	96kg	11.03.94
Dewald Potgieter	Loose Forward	1.90m	102kg	22.02.87
Jacques Potgieter	Loose Forward	1.94m	112kg	24.04.86
Chiliboy Ralepelle	Hooker	1.80m	106kg	11.09.86
Jan Serfontein	Centre	1.87m	97kg	15.04.93
William Small-Smith	Centre	1.84m	92kg	31.03.92
Pierre Spies	No.8	1.94m	107kg	08.08.85
Wilhelm Steenkamp	Lock	2.00m	109kg	07.02.85
Deon Stegmann	Loose Forward	1.81m	101kg	22.03.86
Mornè Steyn	Flyhalf	1.82m	91kg	11.07.84
Flip van der Merwe	Lock	1.98m	117kg	16.06.85
Francois Venter	Centre	1.85m	93kg	19.04.91
Jano Vermaak	Scrumhalf	1.72m	83kg	01.01.85
Callie Visagie	Hooker	1.88m	108kg	09.08.88
Jürgen Visser	Fullback	1.91m	92kg	13.09.89
Willie Wepener	Hooker	1.79m	108kg	02.04.81
Paul Willemse	Lock	2.00m	127kg	13.11.92



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**HOME STRIP:** Sky Blue and navy blue jersey with sky blue central sleeves. Navy blue shorts with sky blue trim. Navy blue socks with sky blue panel on back.

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## FIXTURES

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	Friday 22 February	Stormers	Loftus Versfeld	19:10
3	Saturday 2 March	Force	Loftus Versfeld	17:05
4	Sunday 10 March	Blues	Eden Park Auckland	16:05
5	Saturday 16 March	Crusaders	AMI Stadium	19:35
6	Saturday 23 March	Reds	Suncorp Stadium	18:40
7	Saturday 30 March	Brumbies	Canberra Stadium	19:40
8	BYE			
9	Saturday 13 April	Cheetahs	Loftus Versfeld	19:10
10	Saturday 20 April	Kings	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	19:10
11	Saturday 27 April	Waratahs	Loftus Versfeld	17:05
12	Saturday 4 May	Hurricanes	Loftus Versfeld	19:10
13	BYE			
14	Saturday 18 May	Highlanders	Loftus Versfeld	17:05
15	Saturday 25 May	Sharks	Mr Price King's Park	19:10
16	Saturday 1 June	Cheetahs	Free State Stadium	19:10
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Saturday 29 June	Kings	Loftus Versfeld	17:05
19	Saturday 6 July	Sharks	Loftus Versfeld	19:10
20	Saturday 13 July	Stormers	DHL Newlands	19:10

## MILESTONES

- Mornè Steyn (106) or Wynand Olivier (103) could become the most capped Super Rugby player in the franchise history. The current record is held by Victor Matfield and Danie Rossouw (116).
- Pierre Spies (89) and Jano Vermaak (89) are also in line to play 100 Super Rugby matches this year, although 73 of Vermaak's caps were in Cats and MTN Lions colours.
- Steyn's 1201 points in the competition, which is a franchise and South African record for points in the tournaments could be extended, as will his number of conversions (210), penalties (218) and drop goals (24). The latter is also the tournament record.
- Olivier (29) is eight tries away from Bryan Habana's franchise record of 37.
- Flip van der Merwe (also six for Cheetahs), Francois Hougaard (45) and Bjorn Basson (42, nine for Cheetahs) should all move past the 50 match mark in Super Rugby in 2013.



## FRANS LUDEKE – HEAD COACH



Born: 24.04.68

Bulls Coaching Debut: 2008

Other Coaching Roles: Head Coach – SWD Currie Cup; Golden Lions Currie Cup/Vodacom Cup; Cats Super Rugby. Assistant Coach Springboks.

Ludeke is the only South African coach to have won two Super Rugby titles (2009 & 2010), a feat well deserved to one of the most hard-working and humble people in rugby. A former provincial flanker himself, Ludeke understands team dynamics and have great understanding in working with people. He will be keen to improve on his win tally in 2013 after disappointing campaigns in 2011 and 2012.

## VICTOR MATFIELD – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 11.05.77

Bulls Coaching Debut: 2013 (Forwards and Attack Coach)

Other Coaching Roles: Line-out consultant Vodacom Bulls, Vodacom Blue Bulls 2012

Matfield was one of the most decorated players in world rugby and a true legend of Springbok rugby. The former test captain has limited experience as a front line coach, having spent his first year of retirement as a television pundit and line-out consultant. His vast knowledge of the game, massive work ethic and competitive nature will stand in good stead in 2013.

## PINE PIENAAR – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 09.09.78

Bulls Coaching Debut: 2013 (Defense Coach)

Other Coaching Roles: Blue Bulls Currie Cup 2011/12, Blue Bulls Vodacom Cup 2011/12, Free State Cheetahs Under 21 coach 2006-2010). SA Under 20 Assistant Coach 2010/2011.

Pienaar made a name for himself while coaching junior teams and slowly but surely worked his way up the coaching ladder. He coached the Vodacom Blue Bulls in the Absa Currie Cup competition in 2012 and will bring new energy and ideas to the team. A student of the game, chances are that Pienaar will bring some innovation to his portfolio.

## BJORN BASSON – WING



Physical: 1.85m, 87kg

Born: 11.02.87, King William's Town

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 60 (48 Griquas, 12 Blue Bulls)

Provincial/State Points: 250 (195 Griquas 39t; 55 Blue Bulls 11t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2008 (Griquas v Border)

Super Rugby Caps: 42 (9 Cheetahs, 33 Bulls)

Super Rugby Points: 125 (30 Cheetahs 6t; 95 Bulls 19t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Lions (Cheetahs)

Test Caps: 6

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2010 v Wales

Only injury could stop Basson from scoring tries in 2012 and robbed him of not only a likely Springbok call-up, but more records also. Basson broke the season's Super Rugby try scoring record (10 tries) for the Vodacom Bulls last season, but an injury sustained in the play-off match against the Crusaders then almost ended his season and he missed all but three Currie Cup matches. A true finisher and exceptional under the high ball, the winger will be looking to strike back in 2013.

**ARNO BOTHA – NO.8**

Physical: 1.90m, 105kg
Born: 26.10.91, Nylstroom
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 16
Provincial/State Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Mpumalanga Pumas
Super Rugby Caps: 10
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Reds
Test Caps: 0
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: Springbok touring squad, November 2012

There is a very bright future ahead of this 21 year old, who is rapidly progressing through the rugby ranks and toured with the Springboks to the Northern Hemisphere in November last year, barely a year after captaining the South African Under 21 team to the Junior World Championship. Big, fast, strong and totally committed, Botha could be one of the real stars in this year's competition.

**JJ ENGELBRECHT – WING**

Physical: 1.90m, 95kg
Born: 22.02.89, Port Elizabeth
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 35 (27 Western Province, 8 Blue Bulls)
Provincial/State Points: 65 (65 Western Province, 13t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 (Western Province v Mighty Elephants)
Super Rugby Caps: 17
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Sharks
Test Caps: 1
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2012 v Argentina

A Springbok call-up in 2012 indicated the impact this elusive outside back made in his first season of Super Rugby. Engelbrecht runs great lines on attack and is always a threat with ball in hand. He will be looking to improve on his test match cap tally this year and in order to do that, a consistent and high class contribution will be needed – and can be expected from the Eastern Cape born player.



**LOUIS FOUCHÈ – FLYHALF**


Physical: 1.86m, 98kg
Born: 04.01.90, Pretoria
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 19
Provincial/State Points: 263 (2t, 41c, 52p, 5d)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Mpumalanga
Super Rugby Caps: 10
Super Rugby Points: 2
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Sharks

A full season at Currie Cup level has matured this young flyhalf and could really bear fruit in the new season. Fouchè had few opportunities in the 2012 Super campaign, but had an extensive run for the Vodacom Blue Bulls in the season's Currie Cup, where he ended up as the season's top points' scorer with 137 points. This should give him all the momentum and confidence going into the new season.

**DEAN GREYLING – PROP**


Physical: 1.86m, 120kg
Born: 01.01.86, Potgietersrus
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 31
Provincial/State Points: 20 (4t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2005
Super Rugby Caps: 30
Super Rugby Points: 15
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Lions
Test Caps: 3
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2011 v Australia

Now in his sixth season of top flight rugby and with a number of test caps for the Springboks to boot, Greyling could be considered one of the senior players in the side. The hard-running prop saw his stocks plummeted following an incident of dangerous play, but he is far to a good rugby player to stay down for long and big things could be expected from the prop in the new season.

**GRANT HATTINGH – LOCK**

Physical: 2.01m, 107kg
Born: 03.10.90, Johannesburg
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 8
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Griquas
Super Rugby Caps: 9
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 (Lions v Brumbies)

The former MTN Lions player will be looking for his first full season of Super Rugby and to establish himself in the Bulls pack. Drafted in by the Lions halfway through last year's competition, Hattingh quickly caught the eye with his good line-out work, read of the game and quick acceleration. A high work rate will also benefit his new side for which he played some matches in last year's Currie Cup competition.

**FRANCOIS HOUGAARD – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1,80m, 91kg
Born: 06.04.88, Paarl
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 39
Provincial/State Points: 55 (11t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v The Sharks (Western Province)
Super Rugby Caps: 45
Super Rugby Points: 85
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Highlanders
Test Caps: 27
Test Points: 20 (4t)
Test Debut: 2009 v Italy

Hougaard established himself as first choice scrumhalf at Super Rugby level, only to lose his Springboks no 9 jersey and moved to the wing again, where he played for the Vodacom Bulls in 2011. Incredibly talented and athletic, Hougaard will again contribute immensely to the Pretoria side's effort, whether on the wing or at scrumhalf.

**ZANE KIRCHNER – FULLBACK**


Physical: 1.85m, 96kg

Born: 16.06.84, George

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 101 (58 Griquas, 43 Blue Bulls)

Provincial/State Points: 209 (175 (35t) Griquas, 34 Blue Bulls (6t, 2c).

Provincial/State Debut: 2003 Griquas

Super Rugby Caps: 71

Super Rugby Points: 100 (20t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Stormers

Test Caps: 24

Test Points: 15 (3t)

Test Debut: 2009 v British and Irish Lions

Now firmly established as the first choice fullback in the country, Kirchner would like to add more weapons to an already impressive arsenal of fullback play. Tactically sound, safe under the high ball and the ability to kick the ball miles, the stalwart will be conscious of calls to up his attacking game.

**FRIK KIRSTEN – PROP**


Physical: 1.92m, 120kg

Born: 18.09.88, Johannesburg

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 25

Provincial/State Points: 10

Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v WP

Super Rugby Caps: 15

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Blues

Kirsten came of age in 2012 and played in all but four matches for the Vodacom Bulls and Vodacom Blue Bulls, with only a broken hand keeping him out of action for a month. Already a very solid and reliable scrummer, the athletic player also adds mobility and good defense to his effort. His rotation with Werner Kruger at tighthead could hold the key to the Bulls' success.

**JUANDRÈ KRUGER – LOCK**

Physical: 1.98m, 110kg
Born: 06.09.85, Cape Town
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 40 (6 WP, 34 Blue Bulls)
Provincial/State Points: 40 (2 t WP, 6 t Blue Bulls)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 (Western Province)
Super Rugby Caps: 17
Super Rugby Points: 5
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Sharks
Test Caps: 8
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2012 v England

There should be very little reason why the rangy and mobile Kruger could not finish the season as the country's premier number five lock. A season of test rugby, where he earned eight caps, will certainly add to his experience of calling line-outs, getting mauls going and delivering an all-round game. Expect him to take on a leadership role in the team as well.

**WERNER KRUGER – PROP**

Physical: 1.90m, 117kg
Born: 23.01.85, Kempton Park
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 79
Provincial/State Points: 30
Provincial/State Debut: 2007
Super Rugby Caps: 75
Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Stormers
Test Caps: 4
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2011 v Australia

Call him Mister Reliable as Kruger will again deliver week after week. Few props can top his ruck cleaning stats or tackles made and with his scrumming ability improving every year, the tighthead will again be one of the real stalwarts of the team. Expected to rotate with Frik Kirsten and that could keep this humble prop very fit and focussed.

**LIONEL MAPOE – CENTRE/WING**


Physical: 1.82m, 87kg
Born: 13.07.88, Port Elizabeth
Province/Club: MTN Golden Lions
Provincial/State Caps: 29 (17 Golden Lions, 12 Free State Cheetahs)
Provincial/State Points: 55 (25 Golden Lions 5t; 30 Cheetahs 6t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2008 (Cheetahs v Sharks)
Super Rugby Caps: 28 (23 MTN Lions, 5 Toyota Cheetahs)
Super Rugby Points: 15 (19 Lions 2t; 5 Cheetahs 1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Bulls (Toyota Cheetahs)
Test Caps: 0
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: Springbok touring squad, November 2012

Few players love breaking through opponents defensive lines more than Mapoe, on loan from the MTN Lions and whether used as outside centre or wing, expect this hard-running player to be amongst the try-scoring leaders at the end of the competition. A stellar season with the Lions saw him drafted into the Springboks touring squad in November and he will no doubt be a better player for it upon his return to Vodacom Super Rugby. Also a former Springbok Sevens player.

**SAMPIE MASTRIET – WING**


Physical: 1.80m, 87kg
Born: 03.08.90, Mariasdal
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 2
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v The Sharks
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Despite limited opportunities in 2012, Mastriet continued his rich vein of try-scoring form for the men in blue by scoring a try in his Absa Currie Cup debut in 2012. This after scoring 16 tries in 12 matches for the Blue Bulls Under 21 side the year before. A real finisher with great pace, the former SA Sevens and SA Under 20 player will be looking to make 2013 his breakthrough year.

**BONGI MBONAMBI – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.76m, 98kg
Born: 07.01.91, Bethlehem
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 3
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Golden Lions
Super Rugby Caps: 2
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Crusaders

The 21 year old gained valuable experience in 2012, not only getting game time off the bench in two outings, but also learning from senior players in the squad. The former SA Under 20 rep has a proven skill set and a low centre of gravity, which makes him good ball carrier as well as very good fitness levels.

**MORNÈ MELLETT – PROP**

Physical: 1.85m, 115kg
Born: 02.10.89, Boksburg
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 5
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2012
Super Rugby Caps: 0
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: Bulls touring squad 2012

After missing almost half the Super Rugby season due to shoulder surgery, Mellett bounced back strongly in the Absa Currie Cup. He delivered some powerful scrum performances in the competition which resulted in the former SA Under 20 player to cement his place in the starting line-up. Being an unknown to opponents in 2013 could work to his benefit.

**AKONA NDUNGANE – WING**


Physical: 1.82m, 92kg
Born: 20.02.81, Umtata
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 78 (13 EP, 17 Border, 48 Blue Bulls)
Provincial/State Points: 215 (30 EP 6t; 70 Border 14t; 115 Blue Bulls 23t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2003 (EP v SWD)
Super Rugby Caps: 84
Super Rugby Points: 140 (28t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Cats
Test Caps: 11
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2006 v Australia

It will be a decade of first class rugby for Ndungane, but he is ageing like a good red wine. He has not lost his uncanny ability to compete and contest balls in the air or to finish off half breaks. Ndungane's chasing from kick-offs has become legendary and the Vodacom Bulls will again get 100% commitment and ability from this true professional.

**WYNAND OLIVIER – CENTRE**


Physical: 1.86m, 94kg
Born: 11.06.83, Welkom
Province/Club: Ricoh Black Rams, Japan
Provincial/State Caps: 72 (Blue Bulls)
Provincial/State Points: 130 (26t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2003 v Boland
Super Rugby Caps: 103
Super Rugby Points: 145 (29t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Highlanders
Test Caps: 37
Test Points: 5
Test Debut: 2006 v Scotland

Few players come with more credibility into Super Rugby than the Bulls midfield stalwart. He is the most capped South African centre in Super Rugby and with three gold medals, also the most successful. Olivier joins the team from Japan, where he plays with the Ricoh Black Rams and will again be providing leadership and attacking ability to the team. Only one of only two centurions in the side, he will also provide massive experience to the younger generation of midfielders in the squad.

**RUDY PAIGE – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.69m, 77kg

Born: 02.08.89, Riversdal

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 2 (2 Golden Lions, 4 Blue Bulls)

Provincial/State Points: 5 (5 Blue Bulls 1t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2011 (Golden Lions)

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Rudy Paige was a loan player to the Vodacom Blue Bulls in the 2012 Currie Cup team and the former MTN Golden Lions player was quick to grab the opportunity to impress all in Pretoria. The former SA Schools captain provided a great service off the base, impressed with his tactical kicking and solid defense. He will be keen to use whatever opportunities may come his way.

**HANDRÉ POLLARD – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.89m, 96kg

Born: 11.03.94, Somerset West

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Pollard shot to fame in 2012 when he guided the Junior Springboks to victory in the IRB Junior World Championship while still at school. The young pivot showed massive ability, composure and a fantastic all-round game. The 2013 season will pretty much be a learning curve for the new kid on the block.



**DEWALD POTGIETER – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.90m, 102kg
Born: 22.02.87, Port Elizabeth
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 58
Provincial/State Points: 50 (10t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Griffons
Super Rugby Caps: 54
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Stormers
Test Caps: 6
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2009 v Ireland

An array of injuries hampered the former Springbok last season and he only played seven times in 2012, with six of those in the final stretch of Super Rugby. A solid run in Currie Cup, where he captained the Vodacom Blue Bulls, would have done a lot to his confidence and fitness and one can expect Potgieter to be back with a bang this season. His versatility will also help the Bulls to field different loose trios at different times as he can play at six, seven or No.8.

**JACQUES POTGIETER – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.94m, 112kg
Born: 24.04.86, Port Elizabeth
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 28 (20 EP Kings, 8 Blue Bulls)
Provincial/State Points: 45 (35 EP Kings 7t; 10 Blue Bulls 2t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Border
Super Rugby Caps: 13
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Sharks
Test Caps: 3
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2012 v England

The hard-running, hard-tackling Potgieter used his debut Super Rugby season to great effect and played himself into the Springbok squad, earning 3 caps in the process. A groin injury hampered his progress, forcing him into an operation which resulted in him missing the end of year tour. This break could prove very beneficial and the former EP Kings man could again be one of his team's best players.

**CHILIBOY RALEPELLE – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.80m, 106kg

Born: 11.09.86, Tzaneen

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 25

Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v Pumas

Super Rugby Caps: 52

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Cheetahs

Test Caps: 21

Test Points: 5 (1t)

Test Debut: 2006 v New Zealand

To say injuries have impacted on the career of Ralepelle is a total understatement. The strong hooker did start in all 17 Bulls matches of 2012 and was widely acknowledged for having the form of his life, only to be struck down by a knee and shoulder injury once The Rugby Championship started. He remains one of the best in his position in the competition though and should deliver more outstanding performances again in 2013.

**JAN SERFONTEIN – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.87m, 97kg

Born: 15.04.93, Port Elizabeth

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 4

Provincial/State Points: 0

Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Griquas

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Massive expectation comes with Serfontein's elevation into top flight rugby. Named Player of the Tournament at last year's IRB JWC was almost a forgone conclusion following the Junior Springbok's sublime form in the tournament, culminating in a decisive try for his team in the final. Some Currie Cup action for the Vodacom Blue Bulls justified the hype and the young upstart should find the next level with comfortable ease, thanks to his pace, power and time on the ball.

**WILLIAM SMALL-SMITH – CENTRE**


Physical: 1.84m, 92kg

Born: 31.03.92, Johannesburg

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Success follows Small-Smith like a lap dog and the talented midfielder received gold medals with the Springboks Sevens team, the Junior Springboks and the Vodacom Blue Bulls Under 21 team since finishing school only three years ago. Fast and with a great ability to finish, the midfielder's real strength lies in his organisational and leadership abilities on the field. A natural leader of men and an instinctive feel for the game, he will become even more influential in years to come.

**PIERRE SPIES – NO.8**


Physical: 1.94m, 107kg

Born: 08.08.85, Pretoria

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 17

Provincial/State Points: 20 (4t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2005 v Griquas

Super Rugby Caps: 89

Super Rugby Points: 120 (25t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Highlanders

Test Caps: 50

Test Points: 35 (7t)

Test Debut: 2006 v Australia

Spies took a lot of firsts in his stride in 2012 – Bulls captaincy, fatherhood, new business ventures, but also a season-ending finger injury. Expect the leader of the pack to come back stronger, faster and more focussed than ever after missing the last five months of the season following a finger operation. A career mission – 100 games for the Bulls – is another box to be ticked for this very influential player.

**WILHELM STEENKAMP – LOCK**

Physical: 2.00m, 109kg

Born: 07.02.85, Calvinia

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 85 (9 Free State Cheetahs, 76 Blue Bulls)

Provincial/State Points: 30 (5 Cheetahs 1t; 25 Blue Bulls 5t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2006 (v Cheetahs)

Super Rugby Caps: 52 (13 Cheetahs, 5 Sharks, 34 Bulls)

Super Rugby Points: 5 (5 Cheetahs 1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Stormers

Now firmly established as one of the most reliable and durable locks in the country and having played for three franchises in the competition, Steenkamp will certainly be very keen to push for national honours. Already an Emerging Bok, the hard-working player is close to the final chapter of a complete career and will see the 2013 season as very important to confirm his credentials as a premier player against the best in the business.

**DEON STEGMANN – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.81m, 101kg

Born: 22.03.86, Cradock

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 53

Provincial/State Points: 40 (8t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Griffons

Super Rugby Caps: 60

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Stormers

Test Caps: 6

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2010 v Ireland

An institution as the openside in the Bulls pack since his debut in 2008, Stegmann found last season a very frustrating one. He broke his arm twice and suffered numerous muscle tears, resulting in only three starts in 2012. Expect of the Karoo born player to use 2013 as a spectacular comeback year, not only to the Bulls side, but also to the national team.

**MORNÈ STEYN – FLYHALF**


Physical: 1.82m, 91kg

Born: 11.07.84, Bellville

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 95

Provincial/State Points: 826 (25t, 171c, 103p, 10dg)

Provincial/State Debut: 2003 v Boland

Super Rugby Caps: 106

Super Rugby Points: 1201 (11t, 210c, 218p, 24dg)

Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Waratahs

Test Caps: 42

Test Points: 486 (7t, 59c, 103p, 8dg)

Test Debut: 2009 v British and Irish Lions

Super Rugby offered Steyn some delightful highs in 2012 (like becoming a centurion and extending his numerous scoring records), but unfortunately the same could not be said of his fortunes at test match level. The prolific kicker lost his radar, confidence and starting spot with the Springboks and he will be very keen to remind everyone why he should still be rated as the best pivot in the country.

**FLIP VAN DER MERWE – LOCK**


Physical: 1.98m, 117kg

Born: 16.06.85, Potchefstroom

Province/Club: Blue Bulls

Provincial/State Caps: 73 (37 Free State, 1 Griffons, 35 Blue Bulls)

Provincial/State Points: 35 (10 Cheetahs 2t; 25 Bulls 5t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v WP (Free State Cheetahs)

Super Rugby Caps: 48 (6 Cheetahs, 42 Bulls)

Super Rugby Points: 15 (5 Cheetahs 1t; 10 Bulls 2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Chiefs

Test Caps: 23

Test Points: 5 (1t)

Test Debut: 2010 v France

Financial graduate and advisor off the field, enforcer and hard man on it, Van der Merwe has now stepped out of all the shadows of previous greats in the Bulls number four jersey. He will be very aware of the expectations of him delivering week after week. Abrasive, physical and a keen component in their driving mauls will again see the lock be an integral part of the Bulls power play in their forward pack.



## FRANCOIS VENTER – CENTRE



Physical: 1.85m, 93kg
Born: 19.04.91, Bloemfontein
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 21
Provincial/State Points: 25 (5t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 (The Sharks)
Super Rugby Caps: 8
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v The Sharks

Original expectations justified, this hard-running inside centre should progress into a regular starter spot and senior player in 2013. Compact in execution, with a very low error rate and an uncanny ability to take the right option, Venter's speed of the mark, running angles and uncompromising defence will make him one of the toughest opponents in the competition.

## JANO VERMAAK – SCRUMHALF



Physical: 1.72m, 83kg
Born: 01.01.85, Graaff-Reinet
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 89 (74 Golden Lions, 15 Blue Bulls)
Provincial/State Points: 142 (118 Lions 20t, 4p, 3c; 25 Blue Bulls 5t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2005 (Lions v SWD)
Super Rugby Caps: 88
Super Rugby Points: 73 (68 Lions/Cats 10t, 2p, 6c; 5 Bulls 1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 (v Stormers)
Test Caps: 0
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: Springbok Touring Squad Rugby Championship 2012

A dream came true for Vermaak in 2012 when he was drafted into the Springbok squad and although he did not earn a cap, the experience and wisdom picked up at the highest level improved his play. The best example of this was during Currie Cup when the versatile scrumhalf delivered one man of the match performance after the other. Expect 2013 to be another excellent one for the livewire, who will be very keen to establish himself as the starting halfback.

**CALLIE VISAGIE – HOOKER**


Physical: 1.88m, 108kg
Born: 09.08.88, Paarl
Province/Club: MTN Golden Lions
Provincial/State Caps: 10
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2011
Super Rugby Caps: 16
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Toyota Cheetahs

Visagie was one of the first players to be approached by the Vodacom Bulls when the MTN Lions lost their Super status, a testament to his abilities in a position where depth is no problem. An intelligent player with strong first phase play and great with ball in hand, Visagie will push the incumbents all the way. A mature and dedicated player, Visagie is an ideal squad member.

**JÜRGEN VISSER – FULLBACK**


Physical: 1.91m, 92kg
Born: 13.09.89, Paarl
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 23 (1 Western Province, 22 Blue Bulls)
Provincial/State Points: 22 (22 WP 8c, 2p)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Mighty Elephants
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

A second solid season of Currie Cup rugby not only matured the brave Visser as a player, but again confirmed his credentials as a serious contender for a starting position in Super Rugby. As a former flyhalf, Visser has the kicking game needed to play at this level, but it is his ability to exploit space from the back that impressed those in the know.

**WILLIE WEPENER – HOOKER**

Physical: 1,79m, 108kg
Born: 02.04.81, Newcastle
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 84 (11 Leopards, 22 Griquas, 30 Golden Lions, 21 Blue Bulls)
Provincial/State Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2002 v Eastern Province
Super Rugby Caps: 53 (40 Golden Lions, 13 Bulls)
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Blues

After a decade in the top flight, there will be no surprises about Wepener's contribution to the Bulls' effort this season. Experienced, skilful, hard-nosed and with impeccable basics, the hooker will again deliver week-in and week-out. The hooking berth will be a hotly contested one in 2013 and Wepener will provide most of the heat, whether it is to the other players in that position or the opponents.

**PAUL WILLEMSE – LOCK**

Physical: 2.00m, 127kg
Born: 13.11.92, Pretoria
Province/Club: Blue Bulls
Provincial/State Caps: 1 (MTN Golden Lions)
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Blue Bulls
Super Rugby Caps: 1
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Toyota Cheetahs (MTN Lions)

Locks are revered in Pretoria and even the senior ones nodded approvingly when news broke that Willemse would join the Bulls for their 2013 campaign. Instrumental in the Junior Springboks winning the IRB Junior World Championship last season, the young giant will bring grunt, gruesome defense and bulk to the pack. This could be a big year for the Namibian, who gained valuable Super Rugby experience with the MTN Lions last year.





NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Lourens Adriaanse	Prop	1.81m	115kg	05.02.88
Ryno Benjamin	Wing	1.89m	94kg	03.08.83
Francois Brummer	Flyhalf	1.83m	92kg	17.05.89
Heinrich Brüßow	Flank	1.81m	102kg	21.07.86
Hennie Daniller	Fullback	1.94m	101kg	05.04.84
Tewis De Bruyn	Scrumhalf	1.74m	86kg	05.08.82
Lodewyk De Jager	Lock	2.04m	125kg	17.12.92
Rossouw De Klerk	Prop	1.86m	118kg	21.08.89
Robert Ebersohn	Centre	1.80m	87kg	23.02.89
Andries Ferreira	Lock/Flank	1.97m	120kg	29.03.90
Barry Geel	Centre	1.84m	91kg	30.04.82
Johan Goosen	Flyhalf	1.85m	89kg	27.07.92
Hansie Graaff	Flyhalf	1.91m	96kg	10.09.89
Pieter Labuschagne	Flank	1.89m	105kg	11.01.89
Willie Le Roux	Flyhalf	1.86m	90kg	18.08.89
Hercú Liebenberg	Hooker	1.78m	110kg	16.05.86
Martin Muller	Lock	1.98m	110kg	23.03.88
JP Nel	Centre	1.84m	95kg	09.01.81
Dusty Noble	Wing	1.81m	95kg	30.04.84
Trevor Nyakane	Prop	1.78m	118kg	04.05.89
Caylib Oosthuizen	Prop	1.86m	116kg	01.09.89
Coenie Oosthuizen	Prop	1.87m	127kg	22.03.89
Sarel Pretorius	Scrumhalf	1.74m	84kg	18.04.84
Boom Prinsloo	Flank	1.84m	104kg	12.03.89
Davon Raubenheimer	Flank	1.95m	100kg	16.07.84
Raymond Rhule	Wing	1.80m	85kg	06.11.92
Johann Sadie	Centre	1.88m	94kg	23.01.89
Marnus Schoeman	Flank	1.80m	100kg	09.02.89
Riaan Smit	Utility Back	1.78m	85kg	28.04.84
Adriaan Strauss	Hooker	1.84m	110kg	18.11.85
Francois Uys	Flank	1.94m	112kg	12.03.86
Philip Van der Walt	Flank	1.94m	110kg	14.07.89
Torsten Van Jaarsveld	Hooker	1.76m	100kg	30.06.87
Piet Van Zyl	Scrumhalf	1.74m	84kg	14.09.89
Waltie Vermeulen	Lock	1.98m	106kg	11.11.88



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## HOMEGROUND

Free State Stadium

Att Horak Avenue

Bloemfontein

Capacity: 46,000

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** White jersey with wavy stripe Biscay bay and russet orange contrast inserted panels on higher chest, sides, under the sleeves and higher back with an orange collar. White shorts with Biscay bay insert panels. Russet orange socks with Biscay bay contrast.

**AWAY STRIP:** Russet Orange jersey with wavy stripe Biscay bay and white contrast inserted panels on higher chest, sides, under the sleeves, and higher back with Biscay bay collar. Shorts: White shorts with Biscay bay insert panels. Russet orange socks with Biscay bay contrast.

## FIXTURES

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	Saturday 23 February	Sharks	Free State Stadium	17:05
3	Saturday 2 March	Chiefs	Waikato Stadium	19:35
4	Saturday 9 March	Highlanders	Rugby Park	19:35
5	Friday 15 March	Waratahs	Allianz Stadium	19:40
6	Saturday 23 March	Force	nib Stadium	18:40
7	Saturday 30 March	Rebels	Free State Stadium	17:05
8	Saturday 6 April	Stormers	Free State Stadium	17:05
9	Saturday 13 April	Bulls	Loftus Versfeld	19:10
10	Saturday 20 April	Sharks	Mr Price King's Park	17:05
11	Saturday 27 April	Kings	Free State Stadium	19:10
12	BYE			
13	Friday 10 May	Hurricanes	Free State Stadium	19:10
14	Saturday 18 May	Reds	Free State Stadium	19:10
15	Saturday 25 May	Kings	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	15:00
16	Saturday 1 June	Bulls	Free State Stadium	19:10
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Saturday 29 June	Stormers	DHL Newlands	19:10
19	Saturday 6 July	Blues	Free State Stadium	15:00
20	BYE			

## MILESTONES

- Adriaan Strauss (64 – 27 as captain), Hennie Daniller (60), Tewis de Bruyn (56) and Heinrich Brüssow (55) all have more than 50 matches for the Toyota Cheetahs.
- Johan Goosen has scored 145 Super Rugby points in 9 matches during the 2012 season before he got injured.
- Six of the players are Springboks – Heinrich Brüssow, Adriaan Strauss, Coenie Oosthuizen, Davon Raubenheimer, Johan Goosen and Raymond Rhule.
- The Toyota Cheetahs recorded their first victory in New Zealand in 2012 beating the Hurricanes 47-38 in Wellington. They also had victories over two times runner up Waratahs (35-34). They have also recorded victories over overseas' opponents after also beating the Rebels (33-26) and Western Force (17-13), and narrowly losing to seven times champions Crusaders (21-28 – in Christchurch), two time winners Brumbies (23-24 – in Canberra), and the Lions (25-27), the 2012 champions, Chiefs (33-39) and Stormers (14-16 and 6-13).

**NAKA DROTSKÉ – HEAD COACH**

Born: 15.03.71, Senekal, Free State

Cheetahs Coaching Debut: 2006 (71 matches)

Other Coaching Roles: Cheetahs forwards coach (2006-2007), Toyota Cheetahs Head Coach (2008-2012 – 71 matches) FS Cheetahs forwards coach (2006), Toyota FS Cheetahs Head Coach (2007-2012 – 80 matches).  
2007 Absa Currie Cup winners

Naka is the first South African Rugby personality to win the Absa Currie Cup as a captain (2005), manager (2006) and coach (2007). Highly respected by the players, Naka has a way of bringing forward a player's natural ability. His experience, both as player (26 tests for SA – including two World Cups, 128 matches for FS Cheetahs) and coach will be vital in bringing the best out of the squad. Drotské coached the Toyota Free State Cheetahs in two Currie Cup finals (2007 & 2009) and five Currie Cup semi-finals (2007-2011).

**HAWIES FOURIE – ASSISTANT COACH**

Born: 05.08.68, Belfast, Mpumalanga

Cheetahs Coaching Debut: 2007

Other Coaching Roles: Ceres Rugby Club head coach (2001-2002), Boland Cavaliers head coach (2003-2007), Stormers assistant coach (2006), Toyota FS Cheetahs Assistant Coach (2007-2011) (2007 Absa Currie Cup winners)

Hawies joined the Free State Cheetahs in June 2007 from Boland as assistant coach. He filled the specialist backline coaching role and made a huge contribution to the team's Absa Currie Cup victory at the end of 2007. As head coach of Boland (2003-2007), Hawies guided the team in winning the Absa Currie Cup First Division final in 2006 and the Vodacom Shield in 2004.

**OS DU RANDT – SCRUM/ASSISTANT FORWARDS COACH**


Born: 08.09.72, Elliot

Cheetahs Coaching Debut: 2009

Other Coaching Roles: Free State Cheetahs Assistant Forwards Coach (2009 – Absa Currie Cup finalist);

Cheetahs Assistant Forwards Coach (2009-2010) Super 14;

Forwards Coach to the Springboks (2010).

He was rated as one of the best loose head props in the world and is one of only four Rugby Players ever to have won two World Cups (1995 and 2007). He's also one of a very few Rugby Players to win the World Cup (1995, 2007), Tri-nations (2004) and the Absa Currie Cup (2005). SA Rugby Player of the Year (1997). Os will be remembered for his bone crunching tackles, but he should also be remembered as one of the men that helped restore the Boks to their rightful place in the echelons of world rugby – a fitting tribute to one of the greatest Springboks of all time. He has 80 tests for South Africa and 105 matches for the Free State Cheetahs to his credit.

**LOURENS ADRIAANSE – PROP**


Physical: 1.81m, 115kg

Born: 05.02.88, Cape Town

Province: GWK Griquas

Provincial Caps: 32

Provincial Points: 15 (3t)

Provincial Debut: 2011 v Cavaliers

Super Rugby Caps: 13

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Reds

This young forward got his first chance in Super Rugby as a replacement prop in 2011 on tour Down Under in a match against the Reds in Brisbane as an understudy to WP Nel. He played in 10 matches as a more than able replacement. Lourens then later established himself as the regular tight head prop in the Griquas side in the Absa Currie Cup competition.

**FRANCOIS BRUMMER – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.83m, 92kg

Born: 17.05.89, Pretoria

Province: GWK Griquas

Provincial Caps: 66 (Blue Bulls-49;  
Griquas-17)Provincial Points: 598 (Blue Bulls-480;  
Griquas-118)

Provincial Debut: 2008 v Eagles (Blue Bulls)

Super Rugby Caps: 1 (Bulls-1)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Stormers (Bulls)

Bulls recruit, Francois Brummer, came to Kimberley in 2012 and played a major role in Griquas success in the Absa Currie Cup tournament. He was the leading points scorer for the Griquas. The innovative flyhalf scored 118 points in his debut year in the Absa Currie Cup competition. He has earned a reputation as one of South Africa's most accurate goal kickers. Brummer has an impressive work ethic, and trains very hard. He is quick, kicks well and as he matures, is becoming better at dominating games.

**RYNO BENJAMIN – WING**

Physical: 1.89m, 94kg

Born: 03.08.83, St. Helena Bay

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 74 (FS Cheetahs-8,  
Boland-42, Lions-23, Lions XV-1)Provincial Points: 250 (50 t: FS Cheetahs-1,  
Boland-35, Lions-13, Lions XV-1)

Provincial Debut: 2004 v Griffons (Boland)

Super Rugby Caps: 36 (Cheetahs-13,  
Stormers-11, Lions-12)Super Rugby Points: 45 (9 t: Cheetahs-5t,  
Stormers-2t, Lions-2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Cats (Stormers)

This lanky and speedy wing played Super Rugby for the Stormers and the Lions before he moved to the Toyota Free State Cheetahs in 2011. He's a Springbok Sevens player, and is a big asset to the Toyota Cheetah Super Rugby franchise and back line play.

## HEINRICH BRÜSSOW – FLANK



Physical: 1.81m, 102kg

Born: 21.07.86, Bloemfontein

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 59

Provincial Points: 125 (25t)

Provincial Debut: 2006 v Valke

Super Rugby Caps: 55

Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Blues

Test Caps: 20

Test Points: 5 (1t)

Test Debut: 2008 v England

After being side-lined due to injuries for a great deal of 2010 and 2011 Heinrich returned to the Toyota Free State team in August 2011, against Western Province and after only 25 minutes as a replacement he was called up for national duty. He was one of the Springboks' stars at 2011 World Cup in New Zealand. Brüssow is strong on the ground, blessed with a good pair of hands and a fair turn of speed. He does not stand back defensively and is strong in the tackle. He was again side-lined due to injury for most of the 2012 Absa Currie Cup tournament.

## HENNIE DANILLER – FULLBACK



Physical: 1.94m, 101kg

Born: 05.04.84, Cape Town

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 98 (Blue Bulls-19, Boland-19, FS Cheetahs-60)

Provincial Points: 55 (11t)

Provincial Debut: 2003 v Cuyo, Argentina (Blue Bulls)

Super Rugby Caps: 67 (Bulls-7, Cheetahs-60)

Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Sharks (Bulls)

Hennie Daniller is a big and strong fullback who can be really dangerous and effective when he is on form and made a big impact in the Toyota Free State Cheetah team during the Absa Currie Cup 2011 campaign. His size allows him to compete effectively in the air when he is confronted by high kicks. He is also a good punter of the ball. Daniller, a former SA U21, SA U19 and SA Schools player, made his Vodacom Super rugby debut way back in 2004, as a 19 year old player at the Bulls.

**TEWIS DE BRUYN – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.74m, 86kg

Born: 05.08.82, Hoopstad

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 162 (Leopards-23; Eagles-51; Boland-14, FS Cheetahs-74)

Provincial Points: 314/21t (Leopards-54/2t; Eagles-74/6t; Boland-36/0t; FS Cheetahs-150/13t)

Provincial Debut: 2002 v EP Elephants

Super Rugby Caps: 56

Super Rugby Points: 25 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Blues

Tewis de Bruyn started his Super Rugby career in 2008, but really showed what he was made of during the 2009 Vodacom Super 14 series. He had excellent 2010 and 2011 seasons for the Cheetahs in the Super Rugby competition as well as for the Free State Cheetahs in the Absa Currie Cup campaign. In 2012 he played second fiddle to Piet van Zyl (Super Rugby) and Sarel Pretorius (Absa Currie Cup). He can also play flyhalf and his sound kicking game, goal kicking and solid defence adds to his versatility.

**LODEWYK DE JAGER – LOCK**

Physical: 2.05m, 125kg

Born: 17.12.92, Alberton

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

He played for the NWU Puk Young Guns in the Varsity Cup competition in 2012. This big forward is a newcomer to senior first class rugby and a prospect for the future.



## ROSSOUW DE KLERK – PROP



Physical: 1.86m, 118kg
Born: 21.08.89, Vredenburg
Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs
Provincial Caps: 33 (Blue Bulls-33)
Provincial Points: 0
Provincial Debut: 2009 v Griquas (Blue Bulls)
Super Rugby Caps: 14 (Bulls)
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Highlanders (Bulls)

Rossouw de Klerk is a 23-year old strong, mobile prop forward. He will certainly be pushing for more starts in 2013 and add to his Super Rugby tally. Rossouw began his rugby education at Paarl Gym and he played provincial U13, U16 and U18 for Western Province, before moving to Pretoria where he played U21, Vodacom and Absa Currie Cup rugby for the Blue Bulls and in 14 Super matches for the Bulls in 2010 and 2011.

## ROBERT EBERSOHN – CENTRE



Physical: 1.80m, 87kg
Born: 23.02.89, Bloemfontein
Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs
Provincial Caps: 61
Provincial Points: 45 (9t)
Provincial Debut: 2008 v WP
Super Rugby Caps: 42
Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Hurricanes

Robert Ebersohn is the twin brother of Sias – who is playing his Super Rugby in 2013 for the Western Force. Robert is one of the brightest rugby talents in South Africa. Ebersohn chose to focus on international Sevens during 2009, rather than competing at Super 14 level and captained the SA Under 20 side during 2009. A mercurial player who shows maturity far beyond his age. He returned to the 15-man form of rugby during 2010 and played 10 matches for the Cheetahs and in all of the 15 Absa Currie Cup games for the Free State Cheetahs. He had a very good 2011 Absa Currie Cup campaign. In the absence of Adriaan Strauss Robert captained the Toyota Free State Cheetahs in 10 Absa Currie Cup matches during the 2012 season.

**ANDRIES FERREIRA – LOCK**

Physical: 1.97m, 120kg

Born: 29.03.90, Despatch

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 3

Provincial Points: 5 (1t)

Provincial Debut: 2012 v Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: 14

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Lions

A knee injury side lined him after only three Absa Currie Cup matches for the Toyota Free State Cheetahs in the 2012 season. Andries Ferreira may only be in his second full year of senior rugby, but his strong set piece skills and outstanding athletic potential are key strengths which the Toyota Cheetahs will utilise in 2013. He has played Vodacom Cup, U21 and U19 for the Blue Bulls, and represented SA Schools in 2008.

**BARRY GEEL – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.84m, 91kg

Born: 30.04.82, Springs

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 182 (Leopards-91, Griquas-81, Cheetahs XV-1, Toyota FS XV-5, Toyota FS Cheetahs-4)

Provincial Points: 250 (50 t)

Provincial Debut: 2002 v Bulldogs (Leopards)

Super Rugby Caps: 7

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Crusaders

Barry Geel is a strong runner with the ball and only made his big Super Rugby debut in 2011 against the Crusaders. After 81 games for Griquas he moved to Toyota Free State at the end of the 2011 season. Geel is a confident ball player and punishing defender.

**HANSIE GRAAFF – FLYHALF**


Physical: 1.91m, 96kg

Born: 10.09.89, Pretoria

Province: Griffons

Provincial Caps: 18

Provincial Points: 147

Provincial Debut: 2012 v Leopards

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

This strongly built back played in 18 matches for the Griffons in 2012 – three of them as a replacement flyhalf in the Vodacom Cup competition, then two as fullback and six on the right wing in the Absa First Division series before he got his first shot as starting flyhalf against the Leopards. He was the first choice flyhalf for the Griffons for the remainder of the 2012 season. He was voted Absa First Division Player of the Year in 2012. He is a newcomer to the Toyota Cheetahs' squad and is a big asset to the franchise.

**JOHAN GOOSEN – FLYHALF**


Physical: 1.85m, 89kg

Born: 27.07.92, Burgersdorp

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 15

Provincial Points: 138 (2 t)

Provincial Debut: 2011 v Pumas

Super Rugby Caps: 9

Super Rugby Points: 145 (3t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Lions

Test Caps: 4

Test Points: 8

Test Debut: 2012 v Australia

Johan Goosen is one of most promising young rugby players and flyhalves in South Africa. He is a strong runner with the ball in hand, his defence is solid and tactical kicks are very good. He represented South Africa at schools level, Under 18 and Under 20 level. He's a goal kicker par excellence and he many a time succeed with placekicks beyond 60 meters. After being side lined for nearly four months because of an shoulder injury he played for 50 minutes in his only Absa Currie Cup match and was called up for national service. He made his debut as a flyhalf replacement for Morné Steyn against Australia in Perth. He played in the number 10 jersey against Australia in Pretoria and was again side lined via a knee injury in the next test against the All Blacks.

**PIETER LABUSCHAGNE – FLANK**

Physical: 1.89m, 105kg

Born: 11.01.89, Pretoria

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 30 (Toyota FS XV-2; Toyota FS Cheetahs-28)

Provincial Points: 40 (8 t)

Provincial Debut: 2011 v Griffons

Super Rugby Caps: 2

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Bulls

Pieter Labuschagne was one of the finds of the 2011 season and was rewarded with a call-up to the Toyota Cheetahs' team for the 2012 season. He excelled in Currie Cup 2011 playing in all of the 15 games in the competition, scoring 6 tries. His high scoring try tally is testament to his strike power as a ball carrier, while he also adds value as a line-out option for his team. He played in 10 of the 12 Absa Currie Cup matches during 2012.

**WILLIE LE ROUX – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.86m, 90kg

Born: 18.08.89, Cape Town

Province: GWK Griquas

Provincial Caps: 48 (Cavaliers-39; Griquas-9)

Provincial Points: 226 (Cavaliers-221/27 t; Griquas-5/1t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v Western Province (Cavaliers)

Super Rugby Caps: 16

Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Lions

Willie le Roux hails from the Boland Cavaliers and moved to Kimberley at the end of the 2011 season. He is a strong runner with ball in hand and a prolific try-scorer, scoring 16 tries for the Cavaliers in 2011. He is also an excellent goal kicker. He scored 7 tries in 16 Super Rugby matches during 2012.

**HERCÚ LIEBENBERG – HOOKER**


Physical: 1.78m, 110kg

Born: 16.05.86, Postmasburg

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 61 (Toyota FS Cheetahs-48; EP Elephants-11; Griffons-2; Emerging Cheetahs-1)

Provincial Points: 5 (1t)

Provincial Debut: 2006 v KZN Wildebeest

Super Rugby Caps: 6

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Crusaders

Hercú Liebenberg is the younger brother of Springbok Tiaan Liebenberg (WP/Stormers hooker). As understudy to Springbok hooker Adriaan Strauss Hercú excelled for the Toyota Free State Cheetahs in Strauss' absence away on national duty. He is a strong scrummer.

**MARTIN MULLER – LOCK**


Physical: 1.98m, 110kg

Born: 23.03.88, Cape Town

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 45 (Western Province-22, Griquas-23)

Provincial Points: 10 (WP-1t; Griquas-1t)

Provincial Debut: 2009 v Griquas (Western Province)

Super Rugby Caps: 14 (Stormers-3; Cheetahs-11)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Chiefs (Stormers)

The lanky Martin Muller made his Super Rugby debut in 2009 for the Stormers, but got his first real big chance in 2011 for the Toyota Cheetahs as no. 5 lock in teams' last three matches of the season. He will be a strong contender for the one lock position in the Toyota Cheetahs team.

**JP NEL – CENTRE**


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Physical: 1.84m, 95kg

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Born: 09.01.81, Worcester

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Province: GWK Griquas

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Provincial Caps: 82 (Western Province-1;  
Blue Bulls-78; Griquas-3)

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Provincial Points: 197 (Blue Bulls-39t)

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Provincial Debut: 2000 v Border Bulldogs

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Super Rugby Caps: 78 (Bulls)

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Super Rugby Points: 75 (Bulls-15t)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2001 v Reds (Bulls)

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He played Super Rugby for the Bulls between 2001 and 2009. Defensively he is one of the best centres in South Africa. Nel is one of the most experienced Super Rugby players in South Africa and is of immense value to the Toyota Cheetahs.

**DUSTY NOBLE – WING**


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Physical: 1.81m, 95kg

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Born: 30.04.84, Stellenbosch

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Province: GWK Griquas

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Provincial Caps: 68 (KZN-21; Lions-35;  
Griquas-12)

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Provincial Points: 115 (23 tries)

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Provincial Debut: 2005 v SWD Eagles (KZN)

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Super Rugby Caps: 20 (Sharks-3; Lions-16;  
Toyota Cheetahs-1)

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Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

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Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Chiefs (Sharks)

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Springbok Sevens player Dusty Noble is a member of the famous Noble rugby family. He is the son of former WP League utility back Aubrey Noble: his uncle Christie helped Natal to their first-ever Currie Cup title in 1990. Dusty's uncompromising attitude, allied to his great finishing, should ensure that he finds himself in the starting line-up before too long.

**TREVOR NYAKANE – PROP**


Physical: 1.78m, 118kg

Born: 04.05.89, Bushbuck Ridge

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 28

Provincial Points: 10 (2 t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v SWD Eagles

Super Rugby Caps: 11

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Lions

Trevor got his big chance in 2011 Absa Currie Cup competition as an impact player and he impressed with his ball skills and his powerful scrumming. After playing 11 Super Rugby matches for the Toyota Cheetahs during 2012 and three Absa Currie Cup matches for the Toyota Free State he was side lined for the remaining of the 2012 season because of a broken thumb.

**CAYLIB OOSTHUIZEN – PROP**


Physical: 1.86m, 116kg

Born: 01.09.89, Cape Town

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

 Provincial Caps: 4 (Young Lions-2;  
Golden Lions-2)

Provincial Points: 0

Senior Debut: 2011 v Border Bulldogs

Super Rugby Caps: 6 (Lions)

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Sharks

Caylib Oosthuizen is a very promising young prop forward but with a few Springboks and other top class props in the Lions' camp he had little game time in the past two seasons. With Os du Randt as the Toyota Cheetahs' forward and prop coach he could further his career.

**COENIE OOSTHUIZEN – PROP**

Physical: 1.87m, 127kg

Born: 22.03.89, Potchefstroom

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 50

Provincial Points: 55 (11 t)

Provincial Debut: 2008 v Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: 40

Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Bulls

Test Caps: 2

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2012 v England

A big and strong young prop who is an efficient ball carrier, this former junior star struggled with injury during 2009 as well as towards the end of the 2011 season. He made his Super Rugby debut in the Cheetahs' first match of the 2010 campaign against the Bulls. He scored a hat trick of tries in a 2010 Absa Currie Cup match against the Griquas. He was selected for the 2010 end-of-the-year Springbok tour to Britain & Ireland. He moved with great success to the tight head side of the front row, played in his debut test against England before a serious neck injury side lined him in the 2012 season.

**SAREL PRETORIUS – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.74m, 84kg

Born: 18.04.84, Bloemfontein

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 107 (Valke-37; Griquas-57; Cheetahs XV-1; Toyota FS Cheetahs-12)

Provincial Points: 225 (Valke-16t; Griquas-25t; Toyota FS Cheetahs-4t)

Provincial Debut: 2006 v Griffons (Valke)

Super Rugby Caps: 52 (Toyota Cheetahs-38; Waratahs-14)

Super Rugby Points: 85 (Toyota Cheetahs-15t; Waratahs-2)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Western Force (Toyota Cheetahs)

Sarel Pretorius was inspirational and was at the heart of all the Cheetahs' best moments in 2011. His natural attacking instincts were superb and he was the fulcrum around which they operated. Pretorius scored a franchise record nine tries in 2011, was the joint leading try scorer in the tournament and earned selection in the Springboks 50-man pre-World Cup squad. His try scoring ability has not been confined to Super Rugby with Pretorius scoring 45 tries 107 provincial matches. Pretorius has represented Emerging Springboks and is also a former member of the SA Sevens squad. He played 14 matches for the Waratahs during the 2012 season and returned to the Free State for the 2012 Absa Currie Cup series and was one of the stars in the squad. Sarel Pretorius was South Africa's Super Rugby Player of the 2011 season.



**BOOM PRINSLOO – FLANK**


Physical: 1.84m, 104kg

Born: 12.03.89, Bloemfontein

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 21 (Toyota FS Cheetahs-20; Emerging Cheetahs-1)

Provincial Points: 30 (6t)

Senior Debut: 2010 v Boland Cavaliers

Super Rugby Caps: 1

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Sharks

Springbok sevens 2010-2011

He only played in two matches in the 2012 season for the Toyota Cheetahs – the last Vodacom Super Rugby game against the Sharks and, the first in the Absa Currie Cup game against the Lions, before he was side lined for the remainder of 2012 because of a shoulder injury. This lively loose forward is an asset to any team with his natural skills.

**DAVON RAUBENHEIMER – FLANK**


Physical: 1.95m, 100kg

Born: 16.07.84, Knysna

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 129 (Eagles-60; Griquas-56; Toyota Free State XV-3; Toyota FS Cheetahs-10)

Provincial Points: 45 (9t)

Provincial Debut: 2005 v Bulldogs (Eagles)

Super Rugby Caps: 20

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Waratahs

Springbok Tour: 2009 – No Tests

After touring with the 2008 Emerging Springbok team in Europe Davon Raubenheimer, also a former SA U21 player was included the 2009 Springbok touring side for their end of the year trip to the Northern Hemisphere. Raubenheimer is an extra option at the back of the lineout, and also a more than able carrier of the ball. He moved from Griquas to the Free State for the 2012 season.

**RAYMOND RHULE – WING/CENTRE**

Physical: 1.80m, 85kg

Born: 06.11.92, Accra, Ghana

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 13 (Toyota FS XV-1; Toyota FS Cheetahs-12)

Provincial Points: 40 (8t)

Senior Debut: 2012 v Western Province

Super Rugby Caps: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2013

Springbok Tour: 2012

He got his first chance in big rugby when he was selected for the semi-final of the under 20 World Cup tournament against Argentina where he scored two brilliant tries. He made his first class debut at 19 years 173 days in a Vodacom Cup match for the Toyota Free State XV against Western Province. In his debut Absa Currie Cup match, against the Lions, he scored a brace of tries and ended at being the leading try scorer in the tournament. Within 237 days since making his debut as a 19-year old club player for the Shimlas of the University of the Free State in the Varsity Cup series he was selected by Springbok coach for the 2012 Springbok touring side for the end of the year trip to the Northern Hemisphere. He is an explosive winger and the youngest member of the squad.

**JOHANN SADIE – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.88m, 94kg

Born: 23.01.89, Malmesbury

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 27 (Western Province-24; Blue Bulls-3)

Provincial Points: 60 (Western Province-12t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v Border (Western Province)

Super Rugby Caps: 17 (Stormers-7; Bulls-10)

Super Rugby Points: 10 (Stormers-2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Reds (Stormers)

The exciting midfielder comes to the Toyota Cheetahs amid huge expectation. Regarded as one of the brightest stars in backline play in South Africa. A massive attacking force and great distributor, Sadie could unlock the potential of the Toyota Cheetahs backline big time.

**MARNUS SCHOEMAN – FLANK**


Physical: 1.80m, 100kg
Born: 09.02.89, Edenvale
Province: GWK Griquas
Provincial Caps: 36 (Blue Bulls-12; Griquas-24)
Provincial Points: 80 (Blue Bulls-3t; Griquas-13t)
Senior Debut: 2009 v Valke (Blue Bulls)
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

This former SA Schools' player made a huge impact in the Vodacom Cup and Absa Currie Cup competitions scoring 9 tries for the Griquas side during the 2012 season. Schoeman is an exceptionally fit flanker with a high work rate and an excellent ability to read the play. He has risen to each challenge presented to him. He is a new face in the squad.

**RIAAN SMIT – UTILITY BACK**


Physical: 1.78m, 85kg
Born: 28.04.84, Springs
Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs
Provincial Caps: 45 (Leopards-7; Pumas-15; Valke-11; Griffons-2; Toyota FS XV-5; Toyota FS Cheetahs-26)
Provincial Points: 287/19t (Leopards-42/2t; Pumas-89/5t; Valke-42/3t; Griffons-14/0t; Toyota FS XV-29/1t; Toyota FS Cheetahs-71/8t)
Provincial Debut: 2006 v Griffons (Leopards)
Super Rugby Caps: 16
Super Rugby Points: 52 (2t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Highlanders

He can play with great ease in any position in the backline, except for scrumhalf. He is a speedy utility back, strong runner with the ball, a gifted kicking footballer and his defence is solid. The Toyota Free State Cheetahs is this experienced players' fifth province.

**ADRIAAN STRAUSS – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.84m, 110kg

Born: 18.11.85, Bloemfontein

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 76 (Blue Bulls-22; Toyota FS Cheetahs-54/33c)

Provincial Points: 55 (Blue Bulls-3t; Toyota FS Cheetahs-8t)

Provincial Debut: 2005 v Leopards (Blue Bulls)

Super Rugby Caps: 72 (Bulls-8; Cheetahs-64/27c)

Super Rugby Points: 40 (Bulls-0t; Cheetahs-8t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Hurricanes (Bulls)

Test Caps: 21

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2008 v Australia

As captain Adriaan Strauss led the Toyota FS Cheetahs to many victories in 2009 (final), 2010 (semi-final) and 2011 (semi-final) in the Absa Currie Cup competition. Strauss is a strong scrummager and is one of the Cheetahs' best ball carriers who boast both power and pace. His excellent performance during 2009 gained him a spot in the Springbok squad touring Europe. He is one of premier hookers in the country. After a great Currie Cup campaign he was again selected in 2010 to tour Britain & Ireland. He was very unlucky to miss out on 2011 World Cup in New Zealand. He was Springboks vice-captain in 2012.

**FRANCOIS UYS – FLANK**

Physical: 1.94m, 112kg

Born: 12.03.86, Springs

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 95 (Lions-24, Lions XV-1, Griffons 10, Emerging Cheetahs-1; Toyota FS XV-5; Toyota FS Cheetahs-54)

Provincial Points: 65 (Lions-5t; Toyota FS XV-1t; Toyota FS Cheetahs-7t)

Provincial Debut: 2006 v Valke (Lions)

Super Rugby Caps: 19

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Blues

Although his usual position is on the flank, he was required to play at no 4 lock in the absence of the injured teammate. Since then Francois excelled as lock with his fiery play. Uys got a bit of international rugby after playing for the FS Cheetahs against the British & Irish Lions and representing the SA U19 team in 2005.

## PHILIP VAN DER WALT – FLANK



Physical: 1.94m, 110kg

Born: 14.07.89, Adelaide

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 23

Provincial Points: 20 (4t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v Sharks XV

Super Rugby Caps: 24

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Crusaders

This red headed flanker is relatively new to the senior ranks and will be looking to get more game time this year after making his Super Rugby debut against the Crusaders in 2010. Due to injury he only played in a total of 12 matches during 2011 but as in 2010 Philip excelled with his fiery play. He is a Springbok sevens player.

## TORSTEN VAN JAARSVELD – HOOKER



Physical: 1.76m, 100kg

Born: 30.06.87, Windhoek

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 70 (Pumas).

Provincial Points: 55 (11t)

Senior Debut: 2008 v EP Elephants

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Torsten van Jaarsveld is one of three hookers in the squad. He played 70 matches for the Pumas before coming to Bloemfontein for the 2013 season. He will be making his Super Rugby debut in 2013. He played for the Northern Barbarians against the touring English team in 2012. He made his first class for the Pumas in 2008.

**PIET VAN ZYL – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.74m, 84kg

Born: 14.09.89, Johannesburg

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 24

Provincial Points: 25 (5t)

Provincial Debut: 2010 v SWD Eagles

Super Rugby Caps: 15

Super Rugby Points: 0 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Bulls

He took advantage of his chances as an impact player for Tewis de Bruyn and after some brilliant performances this little livewire, stocky scrumhalf earned his place in the Toyota Free States' starting 15 for the last 10 games in the 2011 Absa Currie Cup competition. After a very successful Super Rugby stint a shoulder injury cut his Absa Currie Cup 2012 season short.

**WALTIE VERMEULEN – LOCK**

Physical: 1.98m, 106kg

Born: 11.11.88, Bloemfontein

Province: Toyota FS Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 34

Provincial Points: 0

Provincial Debut: 2008 v Leopards

Super Rugby Caps: 16

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Bulls

After playing for the SA Students in 2008 he made his Free State Cheetahs' provincial debut in that same year. An excellent athlete with size, speed and ball skills. For such a huge, imposing forward, his real attribute lies in his mobility around the field, as he will be pushing for a permanent place in the starting line-up.



NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Daniel Adongo	Lock	1.98m	113kg	12.10.89
Rynier Bernardo	Lock	1.99m	113kg	27.08.91
David Bulbring	Lock	1.99m	113kg	12.09.89
Kevin Buys	Prop	1.91m	120kg	26.04.86
Demetri Catrakilis	Flyhalf	1.79m	86kg	06.07.89
Ronnie Cooke	Centre	1.83m	90kg	05.04.84
Cornell du Preez	Loose Forward	1.90m	107kg	23.03.91
Wesley Dunlop	Flyhalf	1.84m	90kg	12.05.87
Jacques Engelbrecht	Loose Forward	1.94m	112kg	10.06.85
Jaco Engels	Prop	1.85m	125kg	17.12.80
Schalk Ferreira	Prop	1.88m	115kg	09.02.84
Johannes Franklin	Hooker	1.81m	110kg	06.10.81
Ross Geldenhuys	Prop	1.89m	120kg	19.04.83
Lizo Gqoboka	Prop	1.83m	117kg	24.03.90
Siyanda Grey	Centre	1.76m	91kg	16.08.89
Johan Herbst	Scrumhalf	1.77m	90kg	18.05.87
Michael Killian	Wing	1.81m	92kg	22.11.83
Virgile Lacombe	Hooker	1.81m	103kg	07.07.84
Tomás Leonardi	Loose Forward	1.95m	106kg	07.01.87
Bandise Maku	Hooker	1.86m	106kg	24.07.86
SP Marais	Fullback	1.85m	90kg	16.03.89
Edgar Marutlulle	Hooker	1.74m	93kg	20.12.87
Mpho Mbiyozo	Loose Forward	1.83m	101kg	07.02.83
Waylon Murray	Centre	1.90m	105kg	27.04.86
Darron Nell	Lock	1.94m	110kg	03.08.80
Devin Oosthuizen	Loose Forward	1.93m	108kg	28.05.88
Hadleigh Parkes	Centre	1.87m	101kg	05.10.87
Sergeal Petersen	Wing	1.72m	80kg	01.08.94
Marcello Sampson	Wing	1.83m	85kg	27.03.87
Siviwe Soyizwapi	Fullback	1.74m	83kg	07.12.92
Wayne Stevens	Centre	1.85m	90kg	17.05.88
Andries Strauss	Centre	1.86m	94kg	05.03.84
Steven Sykes	Lock	1.98m	116kg	05.08.84
Wimpie van der Walt	Loose Forward	1.88m	107kg	06.01.89
Elric van Vuuren	Fullback	1.81m	93kg	08.04.85
Shaun Venter	Scrumhalf	1.85m	88kg	16.03.87
Nicolás Vergallo	Scrumhalf	1.69m	77kg	20.04.83
Luke Watson	Loose Forward	1.83m	100kg	26.10.83
George Whitehead	Flyhalf	1.84m	86kg	17.03.89



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Backs and Attack Coach: Bradley Mooar

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Logistics manager: Sydney Goba

Performance Analyst: Southy Steenkamp

Strength & Conditioning: Johan Pretorius

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## HOMEGROUND

Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium

Address as above

Capacity: 46 000

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Black jersey, with Team Charcoal/Ebony inserts and white piping. Black shorts.

**AWAY STRIP:** White jersey with black inserts. Black shorts with white inserts on back.



**FIXTURES**

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	Saturday 23 February	Force	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	19:10
3	BYE			
4	Saturday 9 March	Sharks	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	19:10
5	Friday 15 March	Chiefs	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	19:10
6	Saturday 23 March	Crusaders	AMI Stadium	19:35
7	Saturday 30 March	Hurricanes	Westpac Stadium	05:35
8	Friday 5 April	Brumbies	Canberra Stadium	19:35
9	Saturday 13 April	Rebels	AAMI Stadium	19:40
10	Saturday 20 April	Bulls	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	19:10
11	Saturday 27 April	Cheetahs	Free State Stadium	19:10
12	Saturday 4 May	Waratahs	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	17:05
13	Saturday 11 May	Highlanders	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	17:05
14	BYE			
15	Saturday 25 May	Cheetahs	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	15:00
16	Saturday 1 June	Stormers	DHL Newlands Stadium	17:05
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Saturday 29 June	Bulls	Loftus Versfeld	17:05
19	Saturday 6 July	Stormers	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	17:05
20	Saturday 13 July	Sharks	Mr Price Kings Park	17:05

**MILESTONES**

- This is the Southern Kings Debut Super Rugby season
- Luke Watson has the highest number of Super Rugby caps (82) for the squad, followed by Steven Sykes (69), Waylon Murray (55) and Michael Killian (42).
- Watson is also the most capped Springbok in the side, with 10 test matches under the belt. Other Springboks include Waylon Murray (3), Bandise Maku (1) and Steven Sykes (1).
- Jaco Engels is the most capped player in the team, with 202 professional games under the belt.
- Despite not having played Super Rugby before, Demetri Catrakilis has the highest overall point score in the team to date, with 425 points in just 34 provincial appearances.
- Catrakilis also currently hold the record for highest point scorer in the history of the Varsity Cup, having scored 136 points for the Ikey Tigers.
- Mpho Mbiyozo made history during the 2009 British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa, when he became the first player to score a try for the newly-created Southern Kings rugby franchise.
- Sergeal Peterson is the youngest member of the squad, at 18, joining the ranks from the Kings Academy, and will be making his professional debut this year.

**ALAN SOLOMONS – DIRECTOR OF RUGBY**

Born: 31.07.50, Port Elizabeth

(WP/Stormers) Coaching Debut: 1997-2001, (Assistant Coach WP-1997), (Head Coach WP-1998-1999), (Assistant Coach Western Stormers 1998), (Head Coach Stormers 1999-2001), (EP/Southern Kings Debut 2009)

Other Coaching Roles: Assistant Coach Springboks 1997-2000, Director of Coaching Ulster 2001-2004, Head Coach Barbarians 2003, Assistant Coach Barbarians 2010-2011, Head Coach Southern Kings 2009 (British Lions Match), Head Coach EP Kings and Southern Kings 2010-2012, Director of Rugby EP and Southern Kings 2013.

**MATT SEXTON – HEAD COACH**

Born: 21.04.70, Christchurch NZ

Southern Kings Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: Head Coach Crusader Knights 2009 – 2012, NZ Rugby Resource Coach 2004 – 2012, Head Coach EP Kings Currie Cup 2012, Assistant Coach CRFU Development 2005 – 2011

**BRADLEY MOOAR – BACKS & ATTACK COACH**

Born: 28.08.74

Southern Kings Coaching Debut: 2013

Other Coaching Roles: Opposition Analyst for Canterbury for ITM Cup 2010; Canterbury Colts Assistant Coach 2011; Eastern Province Kings (Skills Coach, Kicking Coach, Assistant Attack Coach); Canterbury Colts Head Coach (until accepting position with EP Kings and Southern Kings) Crusaders Development (Knights) Resource Coach 2012

**OMAR MOUNEIMNE – DEFENSE & BREAKDOWN COACH**

Born: 22.01.75, Johannesburg

(WP/Stormers) Coaching Debut: 2008-2010 Collision and Breakdown Coach (EP Debut 2012)

Other Coaching Roles: Springbok 7's Defence Coach 2006-2008, Italian Defence Coach 2010-2012, EP Kings and Southern Kings Defence Coach 2012-2013

**DANIEL ADONGO – LOCK**


Physical: 1.98m, 115kg

Born: 12.10.89, Nairobi, Kenya

Provincial Debut: 2012 Counties Manakau

Provincial Caps: 13

Provincial Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

In Kenya, Daniel Adongo played for Strathmore School and Kenya Harlequins junior team, before going on to play for Kenya's Under 18 and Under 19 national teams. He was spotted by South African scouts at the 2006 Safari Sevens tournament, playing in the schools category. The next year he moved to the Natal Sharks academy, making his senior debut in the 2010 Vodacom Cup. At the end of 2011, he was signed by the Blue Bulls, but was released from his contract after 6 months to join New Zealand ITM Cup team Counties Manukau. He also played for Tuks in the 2012 Varsity Cup. Adongo joins the Southern Kings for the 2013 Super Rugby season.

**RYNIER BERNARDO – LOCK**


Physical: 1.99m, 113kg

Born: 27.08.91, Pretoria

Provincial Debut: 2012 Eastern Province Kings

Provincial Caps: 13

Provincial Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Rynier Bernardo joins the Southern Kings after coming through the youth level ranks at the Eastern Province Kings, representing them in several youth sides including the Under 16 Grant Khomo Week, Under 18 Academy week, Under 18 Craven Week, ABSA Under 19 and ABSA Under 21 competitions. He was selected to play for the senior squad in the 2012 Vodacom Cup competition and was called up to play in the Currie Cup First Division promotion/relegation matches.

**DAVID BULBRING – LOCK**

Physical: 1.99m, 113kg

Born: 12.09.89, Port Elizabeth

Provincial Debut: 2010 Golden Lions

Provincial Caps: 52

Provincial Points: 25

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 Lions

Super Rugby Caps: 3

Super Rugby Points: 0

David Bullbring was born in Port Elizabeth and represented Eastern Province at the 2007 Under 18 Craven Week. He then joined the Golden Lions, making his debut for the team in the 2009 Vodacom Cup, which resulted in him being called up to the South Africa national U-20 rugby union team for the 2009 IRB Junior World Championship. In 2010, he represented both UJ in the Varsity Cup and Golden Lions in the 2010 Vodacom Cup, culminating in a call-up to the Lions Super Rugby team, representing them in their final Super Rugby game of the season. He then played for the Golden Lions in the 2010 Currie Cup Premier Division. Bullbring was Golden Lions captain for the 2011 Vodacom Cup competition and made two further Super Rugby appearances. He was then part of the squad that won the 2011 Currie Cup Premier Division. He moved to the Eastern Province Kings in 2012.

**KEVIN BUYS – PROP**

Physical: 1.91m, 120kg

Born: 26.04.86, Benoni

Provincial Debut: 2007: Blue Bulls

Provincial Caps: 33

Provincial Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 Lions

Super Rugby Caps: 15

Super Rugby Points: 0

Kevin Buys started his playing career at the Blue Bulls as a youth player. In 2007, he made his debut in the Vodacom Cup competition. He then moved to French club CA Brive in November 2007. He played in the Espoirs (their reserve team), but graduated to the first team. He made 16 appearances for the team in the 2007 – 2008 Top 14 season. He also played three games for them in the 2007/08 European Challenge Cup. He made a further five appearances for the team the following season, three of those in the 2008-09 European Challenge Cup.

Buys then returned to South Africa and joined the Golden Lions team in 2009. He played for them in the domestic Currie Cup and Vodacom Cup competitions, as well as for the Lions in the Super Rugby competition. At the start of 2012, he linked up with the Eastern Province Kings.

**DEMETRI CATRAKILIS – FLYHALF**


Physical: 1.79m, 86kg

Born: 06.07.89, Johannesburg

Provincial Debut: 2011 Western Province

Provincial Caps: 34

Provincial Points: 425

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Demetri Catrakilis attended St John's College in Johannesburg, playing first team rugby for them from the age of 15. He went on to captain the first team in his final school year, and finished as the school's all-time highest point scorer. He went on to represent the Golden Lions Under 18 team at Academy week and Under 19 team for the Currie Cup season, where he ended as the union's top point scorer. Catrakilis was spotted by French Top 14 team, Racing Metro, where he enjoyed a brief stint with the U23 squad before returning back home to South Africa. In 2011 he played for the Ikey Tigers during the Varsity Cup, and was the highest point scorer of the tournament with 136 points – the highest in the history of the Varsity Cup. He then went on to play for Western Province in the Vodacom Cup and Currie Cup Premier Division, where he was soon recognised as their no. 1 flyhalf. Catrakilis continued his Vodacom Cup career at Western Province in 2012, where he finished second on the top-point scorer's list with 127 points for the 2012 season with a conversion rate of 91%, and was awarded with the Vodacom Cup player of the year award.

In August 2012, it was announced that he would join the Eastern Province Kings at the end of the season on a two-year contract.

**RONNIE COOKE – CENTRE**


Physical: 1.83m, 90kg

Born: 05.01.84, Pretoria

Provincial Debut: 2004 Leopards

Provincial Caps: 40 Plus 121 for Brive and 6 for Grenoble

Provincial Points: 85

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 Cheetahs

Super Rugby Caps: 24

Super Rugby Points: 25

Ronnie Cooke started his career at the Leopards, making his professional debut in 2004. Cooke was a member of the SA Under 21 team that won the 2005 Under 21 Rugby World Championship. He played for the Leopards until the end of 2005. He then joined the Cheetahs Super Rugby team, making several appearances in the 2006 and 2007 seasons, while also playing for Griquas in the Currie Cup. In October 2007, Cooke joined French Top 14 team, Brive, where he became a regular, making 121 appearances for them between 2007 and 2012 in the Top 14, Heineken Cup and Challenge Cup competitions. He was also named their player of the year in 2008/09. After his contract with Brive expired, he joined fellow Top 14 team Grenoble at the start of the 2012–13 Top 14 season, replacing the injured Aaron Bancroft, before signing with the Southern Kings.

**CORNELL DU PREEZ – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.90m, 107kg

Born: 23.03.91, Port Elizabeth

Provincial Debut: 2012 Eastern Province Kings

Provincial Caps: 19

Provincial Points: 45

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Cornell du Preez was born in Port Elizabeth, but went to North West University in Potchefstroom, where he played in the Varsity Cup for NWU-Pukke. He represented the Leopards in the Under 19 and Under-21 Currie Cup competitions and was named in the Leopards squad for 2011, without making an appearance. He was also part of the South Africa Under 20s team that played at the 2011 IRB Junior World Championship. He joined the Eastern Province Kings on 1 November 2011.

**WESLEY DUNLOP – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.84m, 90kg

Born: 12.05.87, Durban

Provincial Debut: 2009 EP Kings  
(Mighty Elephants)

Provincial Caps: 45

Provincial Points: 285

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Wesley Dunlop went to Grey High School in Port Elizabeth and played for the Eastern Province Under 19 team, as well as NMMU in club rugby. In 2007, he moved to Durban, where he joined the Sharks academy. He played for the Sharks XV at Under 21 level and was included in their Vodacom Cup squads in 2009 and 2010. During the 2009 Currie Cup First Division, he made 7 appearances for the Mighty Elephants (now the Eastern Province Kings). In 2010, he was a member of the College Rovers club that won the National Club Championships. In 2011, Dunlop then moved to the Blue Bulls. He made several appearances for their Vodacom Cup team in 2011 and 2012. During the same period, he also played for the Varsity Cup side Tuks. He had a fantastic season in 2012, finishing as top scorer and also being voted the Player That Rocks.

In 2012, Dunlop then moved back to Port Elizabeth for his second spell with the Eastern Province Kings. He made his debut on 30 July 2012 in the opening game of the 2012 Currie Cup First Division season against Boland Cavaliers, scoring five points in a 25-20 victory.

## JACQUES ENGELBRECHT – LOOSE FORWARD



Physical: 1.94m, 112kg

Born: 10.06.85, Bellville

Provincial Debut: 2007 Western Province

Provincial Caps: 74

Provincial Points: 40

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Jacques (Vleis) Engelbrecht started playing for Boland in the ABSA Under 21 Competition in 2005. He then went to Western Province where he played in the ABSA Currie Cup for them in 2007. In 2008 he played Vodacom Cup for Western Province and moved to play Currie Cup for SWD Eagles. In 2009, still at SWD Eagles, he played in the Vodacom Cup and the Currie Cup as well as in the Promotion/Relegation games for the ABSA Currie Cup Premier Division. In 2010, he played Vodacom Cup and ABSA Currie Cup 1st Division. He also represented South Africa in the HSBC Sevens World Series in George. In 2011, having moved to the Eastern Province Kings, he played Vodacom Cup rugby and in the Currie Cup 1st Division. He also played for the Southern Kings in the IRB Nations Cup. Last year he again represented EP Kings in the Vodacom Cup and Currie Cup 1st Division as well as playing for the SA Barbarians South during the Castle Incoming Tours.

## JACO ENGELS – PROP



Physical: 1.85m, 125kg

Born: 17.12.80, Oranjemund, Namibia

Provincial Debut: 2003 Leopards

Provincial Caps: 162

Provincial Points: 105

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: 40

Super Rugby Points: 20

Jaco Engels, who hails from Oranjemund in Namibia, celebrated his 200th cap last year and is one of the Southern Kings most experienced players. Engels started his career playing for the Leopards in their Under 19 and Under 21 senior tour before representing them in the Vodacom and Currie Cup competitions in 2003. He has also played for Boland Cavaliers and Blue Bulls in South Africa's Currie Cup competitions before making his debut in Super Rugby for the Bulls in 2006. In his career, Engels has been part of teams that have won three Super Rugby titles, two Currie Cup titles and one Vodacom Cup title. Engels joined the Eastern Province Kings in 2011. He is also eligible to play for Namibia, but did not play in the 2011 Rugby World Cup.

**SCHALK FERREIRA – PROP**

Physical: 1.88m, 115kg

Born: 09.02.84, Pretoria

Provincial Debut: 2005 Western Province

Provincial Caps: 71

Provincial Points: 15

Super Rugby Debut: 2007: Stormers

Super Rugby Caps: 16

Super Rugby Points: 0

A product of the Paul Roos Gymnasium, Schalk Ferreira represented South Africa both at Under 19 and Under 21 level in 2003 and 2004 respectively, moving through the ranks of the Western Province youth sides between 1999 and 2005. He played for Western Province from 2005 to 2009, had a brief cameo for Boland in 2009 and made a short comeback for Western Province in 2012 after coming back from a serious neck injury in 2009. Ferreira's Super Rugby debut was for the Stormers in 2007, where he remained until 2009, earning 16 caps in total. He joined the Eastern Province Kings on a two-month trial last year, playing Currie Cup First Division and has remained on for the Super Rugby season.

**HANNES FRANKLIN – HOOKER**NO PHOTO  
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Physical: 1.81m, 110kg

Born: 06.10.81, Randfontein

Provincial Debut: 2003 Falcons

Provincial Caps: 181

Provincial Points: 165

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 Lions

Super Rugby Caps: 12

Super Rugby Points: 10

Hannes Franklin made his professional debut for the Falcons in 2003, then spent one season at the Pumas and three seasons at SWD Eagles before returning to the Pumas in 2009. During his second spell at the Pumas, he also represented the Royal XV in a game during the 2009 British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa. Franklin was also included in the Lions Super Rugby squad in 2010. He captained the Pumas side that beat the Eastern Province Kings in the 2010 Currie Cup Promotion/Relegation games, which kept the Pumas in the 2011 Currie Cup Premier Division, but he joined Eastern Province Kings for the 2011 Currie Cup First Division season and represented the Southern Kings in three games during the IRB Nations Cup. Franklin suffered a knee injury pre season, tearing his medial collateral ligament, but it is hoped that he will be fit for the latter half of the season.



## ROSS GELDENHUYS – PROP



Physical: 1.89m, 120kg

Born: 19.04.83, Cape Town

Provincial Debut: 2005 Border Bulldogs

Provincial Caps: 68

Provincial Points: 25

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 Lions

Super Rugby Caps: 19

Super Rugby Points: 0

A tighthead prop and a product of St Andrews College, Ross Geldenhuys played for the Mighty Elephants Under 19 and Under 21 in 2002, for Western Province U20 in 2003 and made his professional debut for Border Bulldogs in 2005. In 2006 he returned to Western Province, where he played ABSA Currie Cup Premier Division rugby. In 2007 Geldenhuys went to the Pumas and in 2008 he started playing Super Rugby for the Lions. He also played briefly for the Blue Bulls in 2009, before returning to the Lions for 2010 and 2011. In 2012 Geldenhuys started playing for Boland Kavaliers, then the Griffons and ended up playing ABSA Currie Cup Rugby for the Toyota Free State Cheetahs in 2012. Geldenhuys brings a wealth of experience to the Eastern Province Kings for the 2013 season.

## LIZO GQOBOKA – PROP



Physical: 1.83m, 117kg

Born: 24.03.90, Tabankulu

Provincial Debut: 2012 Eastern Province Kings

Provincial Caps: 9

Provincial Points: 5

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Lizo Gqoboka's high school in Tabankulu did not play rugby and he only started playing the sport at the age of 19, when he joined Queensburgh Club in 2009. It was not long before his raw talent was noticed though, and he moved across to the Durban Collegians Sports Club. He started off playing as a No 8, but eventually moved to prop. Gqoboka played for the Eastern Province Kings in the 2011 Under-21 Currie Cup and earned a call-up to their 2012 Vodacom Cup squad. Gqoboka made his first team debut against Border Bulldogs on 16 March 2012, coming on as a late substitute. He earned his first start against Free State Cheetahs a fortnight later.

**SIYANDA GREY – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.76m, 91kg

Born: 16.08.89, Komga

Provincial Debut: 2010 EP Kings

Provincial Caps: 24

Provincial Points: 80

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Siyanda Grey hails from Hlumani High School and was included in the Eastern Province Kings squad for the 2010 Vodacom Cup and has represented the team in the Under 21 Currie Cup competition. Grey has also represented an Emerging Boks sevens team in the Safaricom Sevens tournament in Kenya.

After scoring five tries in eight appearances in the 2011 Vodacom Cup, Grey was included in the Southern Kings team that played in the 2011 IRB Nations Cup. He was the leading try-scorer in the tournament, scoring six tries in three appearances, including a hat-trick against Georgia.

He scored a further two tries in three games in the 2011 Currie Cup First Division, before missing the remainder of the 2011 and the majority of the 2012 season through injury.

**JOHAN HERBST – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.77m, 90kg

Born: 18.05.87, Paarl

Provincial Debut: 2011 Griquas

Provincial Caps: 24

Provincial Points: 60

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Johan Herbst is a product of Boland Landbou, where he played Under 18 1st team rugby before moving on to study at Stellenbosch. He made his professional debut for Griquas during their Vodacom Cup in 2011. The following year he moved to South Western Districts, where he played both Vodacom Cup and Currie Cup 1st Division. Herbst plays scrumhalf but can also cover wing. He played for Maties in the 2009, 2010 and 2011 Varsity Cup competitions as well as in the Club Champs for 2010 and 2011. Herbst has a strong on field presence and is good at technically assessing the game.

**MICHAEL KILLIAN – WING**


Physical: 1.81m, 92kg

Born: 22.11.83, Uitenhage

Provincial Debut: 2004 Mighty Elephants

Provincial Caps: 131

Provincial Points: 243

Super Rugby Debut: 2008: Lions

Super Rugby Caps: 42

Super Rugby Points: 50

Michael Killian was born in Uitenhage and attended Muir College, where he played in the Under 19 and U20 competitions for Eastern Province. He started his professional career at Eastern Province in 2004, representing the Mighty Elephants in the Vodacom Shield and ABSA Currie Cup First Division. In 2008, he moved to the Golden Lions, where he also became a regular for the Lions Super Rugby franchise. On 5 June 2012, he announced that he would rejoin the Eastern Province Kings.

Killian also played SA Students from 2005 – 2007, African Leopards (2005) 2006 Students Sevens World Cup and also played against Namibia for their World Cup warm up.

**VIRGILE LACOMBE – HOOKER**


Physical: 1.81m, 103kg

Born: 07.07.84, Brou-sur-Chantereine, France

Provincial Debut: 2004 Stade Toulouse

Provincial Caps: 151

Provincial Points: 60

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

In 2000, Virgil Lacombe arrived at Stade Toulouse from Nîmes. That same year he played for the French Cadettes.

He made his first team debut on 19 November 2004, facing Castres Olympic as a replacement player and earned his first start on 10 May 2005 against SU Agen. He played 3 games in Top 16 and Heineken Cup during the 2004 – 2005 season, then 8 games in the Top 14 (including two starts) and two Heineken Cup games the following year. As from the 2006-2007 season and in his first professional contract year, his playing time became more regular and substantial. His first start in the Heineken Cup was on 29 October 2006 in a game against London Irish.

In 2011, Lacombe joined Brive, but was released from his contract at Brive, following their demotion and re-joined Stade Toulouse. He joins the Southern Kings for their debut Super Rugby season.

**TOMÁS LEONARDI – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.95m, 106kg

Born: 07.01.87, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Provincial Debut: 2009 for S.I.C.

Provincial Caps: 49

Provincial Points: 35

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Test Debut: 2008 Argentina

Test Caps: 15

Test Points: 10

Tomás Leonardi is a player for S.I.C. in Argentina, who was also included in the Argentinian high performance squad, the Pampas XV, to play in the South African Vodacom Cup competitions in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Leonardi made his debut for Argentina in November 2008 against Chile. In May 2010, he was selected in a squad of over 40 players to represent Argentina in the two-test Summer tour of Europe. He has been a regular international for Argentina ever since.

**BANDISE MAKU – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.86m, 106kg

Born: 24.07.86, King William's Town

Provincial Debut: 2006 Blue Bulls

Provincial Caps: 84

Provincial Points: 20

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 (The Bulls)

Super Rugby Caps: 33

Super Rugby Points: 0

Test Debut: 2010 vs Italy

Test Caps: 1

Test Points: 0

Bandise Maku returns to his roots by signing for the Southern Kings after starting his rugby career playing for Dale College and representing Border in the Under 18 Craven Week in 2004. Maku is a specialist Hooker. He made his professional debut for the Bulls, playing Under 19, Under 21, Currie Cup, Vodacom Cup and Super Rugby for them between 2005 and 2010, before moving across to the Lions in 2011. He has also played for the Emerging Boks in 2007 and 2009, before debuting for the Springboks playing against Italy in 2010. His strengths are good set piece and high work rate.

**SP MARAIS – FULLBACK**


Physical: 1.85m, 92kg

Born: 16.03.89, Cape Town

Provincial Debut: 2010 Leopards

Provincial Caps: 38

Provincial Points: 115

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

SP Marais attended Paarl Boys High School and played for Boland Cavaliers in various youth competitions before being called up to represent them in their 2009 Vodacom Cup squad. Marais moved to the Platinum Leopards the following year, where he scored three tries in the two relegation play-off games against the SWD, to keep the Leopards in the 2011 Currie Cup Premier Division. Marais, however, left the Leopards and joined the Eastern Province Kings, playing for them in the 2011 and 2012 Currie Cup First Division seasons. In 2011 SP was the top try scorer for the Kings, adding 50 points on the board.

**EDGAR MARUTLULLE – HOOKER**


Physical: 1.74m, 100kg

Born: 20.12.87, Boksburg

Provincial Debut: 2010 Golden Lions vs Western Province

Provincial Caps: 37

Provincial Points: 40

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 MTN Lions vs Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: 8

Super Rugby Points: 0

Edgar Marutlulle is a product of Potchefstroom High School and represented SA Schools in 2005, SA Under 19 in 2006 and SA Students in 2007, 2008 and 2009 while attending North-West University. He represented the Leopards at several youth levels before moving to the Golden Lions, where he made his first team debut against Western Province in the 2010 Currie Cup Premier Division. Marutlulle was included in the 2011 Lions Super Rugby squad, where he made his debut against the Bulls. He rejoined the Leopards for the 2012 Currie Cup First Division season before moving across to the Southern Kings on loan for the 2013 Super Rugby season.

**MPHO MBIYOZO – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.83m, 101kg

Born: 07.02.83, Lusikisiki

Provincial Debut: 2005 Western Province

Provincial Caps: 59

Provincial Points: 20

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Mpho Mbiyozo was born in Lusikisiki and went to school at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth before moving across to represent Western Province in various youth competitions. His talent was soon recognised and in 2005 he was selected to represent Western Province in their Vodacom Cup squad. In 2006, he was called up for the South African Sevens rugby team, as well as making some domestic appearances for Western Province and the Boland Cavaliers. He represented the national sevens team until 2010 when he announced he wanted to return to the fifteen-a-side game. Mbiyozo then joined the Eastern Province Kings in 2010. He also made history during the 2009 British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa, when he became the first player to score a try for the newly-created Southern Kings rugby franchise.

**WAYLON MURRAY – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.90m, 105kg

Born: 27.04.86, Durban

Provincial Debut: 2006 Sharks

Provincial Caps: 79

Provincial Points: 115

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 Sharks

Super Rugby Caps: 55

Super Rugby Points: 40

Test Debut: 2007 vs Samoa

Test Caps: 3

Test Points: 0

A product of Westville Boys High School and the University of Natal, Waylon Murray made his professional rugby debut in the 2006 Currie Cup and Super 14 season for the Natal Sharks and Sharks respectively. Murray showed great promise as a quality centre and slowly rose to prominence as one of South Africa's leading centres, owing in no small part to his tenacity on defence and astute ball distribution skills. Murray's stunning form saw him being selected for the Springboks away leg of the 2007 Tri-Nations. Murray, who battled with injuries during 2009, returned to the game during the Currie Cup, after a seven month absence. In June 2010, he was released from his contract with the Sharks to play for the Lions before moving across to the Eastern Province Kings at the end of last year.

## DARRON NELL – LOCK



Physical: 1.94m, 110kg

Born: 03.08.80, Uitenhage

Provincial Debut: 2002 Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 111

Provincial Points: 95

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 Cheetahs

Super Rugby Caps: 10

Super Rugby Points: 10

Darron Nell hails from Uitenhage, attended Muir College and PE Technikon and captained the Eastern Province Under 21 squad in 2001, before heading to the Free State Cheetahs to start his professional rugby career playing for them in the Vodacom Cup in 2003. He also played Super Rugby for them in 2007 and 2008, before he left to join the French Top 14 team, Castres, for two seasons. He returned to South Africa to represent the Southern Kings squad in the British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa in 2009, and has been playing for the EP Kings in the Currie Cup first division since 2010. He also played two games in 2011 for the Southern Kings in the IRB Nations Cup.

## DEVIN OOSTHUIZEN – LOOSE FORWARD



Physical: 1.93m, 108kg

Born: 28.05.88, Pretoria

Provincial Debut: 2010 Blue Bulls

Provincial Caps: 51

Provincial Points: 40

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Devin Oosthuizen represented the Blue Bulls at various underage levels including the Under 18 Coca-Cola Craven Week and also played for Tuks in the FNB Varsity Cup. He made his professional debut for the Blue Bulls in the 2010 Vodacom Cup season, featuring in every game including the final which they ultimately won. On the back of his performances, he was signed by the Eastern Province Kings for the 2010 Currie Cup First Division season. In 2011 Oosthuizen played for the Eastern Province Kings in the Vodacom Cup and in the Currie Cup 1st Division and also for the Southern Kings in the IRB Nations Cup. In 2012 Oosthuizen played in the Vodacom Cup as well as in the Currie Cup 1st Division and also took part in the Promotion/Relegation game against the Toyota Free State Cheetahs for the Eastern Province Kings.

**HADLEIGH PARKES – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.87m, 101kg

Born: 05.10.87, Hunterville

Provincial Debut: 2010 Manawatu

Provincial Caps: 35

Provincial Points: 45

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 Blues

Super Rugby Caps: 13

Super Rugby Points: 10

Hadleigh Parkes grew up on a farm in Rangatikei, an hour's drive from Manawatu, New Zealand. Parkes boarded at Palmerston North Boys' High School before heading to University in Christchurch. The strong running midfield back represented New Zealand in the Secondary Schools team in 2005 and was named the Turbo's most promising back in his first season with Manawatu. He transferred to Auckland, where he was a member of the 2011 national championship winning Sevens team and representing them in the ITM Cup. After being picked for the 2012 Blues Wider Training Group, Parkes was fast-tracked into the starting team. Parkes left the Blues at the end of the season, signing with the Southern Kings, where he has continued to impress with his incredible work rate and sheer determination to succeed.

**SERGEAL PETERSEN – WING**

Physical: 1.72m, 80kg

Born: 01.08.94, Humansdorp

Provincial Debut: Uncapped

Provincial Caps: 0

Provincial Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Sergeal Peterson played for the Eastern Province Kings at all youth levels, representing them at the 2007 Under 13 Craven Week, the 2010 Under 16 Grant Khomo Week (scoring three tries in three games) and in the 2012 Under 18 Craven Week (scoring four tries in three games). The latter performance earned him inclusion in the SA Schools team that played against France, Wales and England in August 2012. Despite interest from several other teams, he signed a contract with the Kings starting from 2013.

Peterson also excelled in athletics, representing South Africa at the 2011 World Youth Championships in Athletics in the 100m and long jump events.



**MARCELLO SAMPSON – WING**


Physical: 1.83m, 85kg
Born: 27.03.87, Cape Town
Provincial Debut: 2011 Eastern Province Kings
Provincial Caps: 33
Provincial Points: 95
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Marcello Sampson, a product of Wynburg High School and the University of the Western Cape, started his career with Western Province in underage competitions, including the ABSA Under 19 competition in 2006 and ABSA Under 21 in 2007. Sampson also represented Ikey Tigers in the Varsity Cup between 2008 and 2010. In 2009, he made the squad for Western Province, but did not make the field. In 2011, he joined the Eastern Province Kings, making his professional debut in the Vodacom Cup and ABSA Currie Cup First Division. He also played for the Southern Kings in the IRB Nations Cup.

**SIVIWE SOYIZWAPI – FULLBACK**


Physical: 1.74m, 83kg
Born: 07.12.92, Mthatha
Provincial Debut: 2012 EP Kings
Provincial Caps: 1
Provincial Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Siviwe “Shakes” Soyizwapi played for the Border Bulldogs at the Under 18 Academy Week in 2010, earning a call-up to the South African Under 18 High Performance team, before joining the Eastern Province Kings Academy. Soyizwapi played for them at Under 21 Currie Cup level in 2012 before making his debut in the 2012 Currie Cup Promotion/Relegation series against the Free State Cheetahs.

**WAYNE STEVENS – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.85m, 90kg

Born: 17.05.88, Bloemfontein

Provincial Debut: 2009 Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 48

Provincial Points: 80

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Wayne Stevens started his career playing for the Free State Cheetahs in various youth competitions, such as the Under 16 Grant Khomo Week and Under 18 Craven Week as well as the ABSA Under 19 and Under 21 competitions. He made his provincial debut for the team in the 2009 Vodacom Cup and also represented the Shimlas in the Varsity Cup competition. In 2010, he joined the Eastern Province Kings in time for the 2010 Currie Cup First Division season. Stevens was part of the Southern Kings team that took part in the IRB Nations Cup in 2011, and was also named captain of the South African Barbarians (South) team to face England during the 2012 mid-year rugby test series.

**ANDRIES STRAUSS – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.86m, 94kg

Born: 05.03.84, Pretoria

Provincial Debut: 2004 Free State Cheetahs

Provincial Caps: 106

Provincial Points: 110

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 Sharks

Super Rugby Caps: 40

Super Rugby Points: 20

Test Debut: Toured with Springboks in 2010

Test Caps: 0

Test Points: 0

Andries Strauss joins the Southern Kings for their debut super rugby season, bringing depth to the Kings midfield. A former SA Schools, Under 19 and Under 21 player, Strauss has also spent time as a Sevens Springbok, which shows in his superb defensive and distribution skills. A technically astute player, Strauss started his Super Rugby career with the Sharks in 2006. He moved back to the Cheetahs, where he had played at Currie Cup level between 2004 and 2005. At the end of 2010, he also received a late call-up to the Springbok touring squad to face a star studded Barbarians side at Twickenham.

**STEVEN SYKES – LOCK**


Physical: 1.98m, 116kg

Born: 05.08.84, Middleburg, Eastern Cape

Provincial Debut: 2005 Sharks

Provincial Caps: 109

Provincial Points: 25

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 Sharks

Super Rugby Caps: 69

Super Rugby Points: 45

Test Debut: 2009 vs British and Irish Lions

Test Caps: 1

Test Points: 0

After leaving Marlow High School in 2002, Steven Sykes played for the SA Under 19 side, which won the World Championship in Paris. He signed with the Sharks academy, beginning his professional career with the Natal Sharks in 2005. Two years later he made his Super Rugby debut, running on for the Sharks in 2007. Sykes developed his game over the following two years, earning himself a call up to the Springbok team to play against the British and Irish Lions in 2009. In 2010 Sykes continued to prove his worth to the Sharks, playing a key role in the Currie Cup campaign. In 2011 Sykes briefly joined Heineken Cup Champions and Pro 12 League winners, Leinster, but decided to return to the Sharks. At the end of last year he signed with the Eastern Province Kings for two years.

**WIMPIE VAN DER WALT – LOOSE FORWARD**


Physical: 1.88m, 107kg

Born: 06.01.89, Britz

Provincial Debut: 2010 Western Province

Provincial Caps: 34

Provincial Points: 40

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Wimpie van der Walt represented the Pumas at the 2006 and 2007 Craven Week tournaments. He then joined Western Province and represented them at Under 19 and Under 21 levels between 2008 and 2010, as well as representing Maties in the 2010 Varsity Cup. He made his first provincial debut in a Vodacom Cup match on 27 February 2010 against Boland Cavaliers. He made his Currie Cup debut the following year against Griquas. In total, he made 15 Vodacom Cup and 2 Currie Cup appearances for Western Province. In October 2011, he joined Italian National Championship of Excellence team San Gregorio.

Van der Walt returned to South Africa a few months later and joined Eastern Province Kings for the 2012 Currie Cup First Division season. He made his debut on 30 July 2012 in the opening game of the season against Boland Cavaliers.

**ELRIC VAN VUUREN – FULLBACK**

Physical: 1.81m, 93kg

Born: 08.04.85, Port Elizabeth

Provincial Debut: 2006 Mighty Elephants

Provincial Caps: 62

Provincial Points: 358

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Elric van Vuuren started his career playing for Free State in their youth championships, including the ABSA U20 and ABSA Under 21 championships. In 2006 he made his professional debut for Eastern Province, then known as the Mighty Elephants. The following year he moved across to Border, where he represented them in both Vodacom and Currie Cup First Division. After returning to the EP Kings in 2009, Van Vuuren moved to SWD in 2011, where he has remained, representing them in both the Vodacom Cup and Currie Cup First division games.

**SHAUN VENTER – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.85m, 88kg

Born: 16.03.87, Witbank

Provincial Debut: 2007 Pumas

Provincial Caps: 102

Provincial Points: 140

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Shaun Venter is currently on a 1-year loan deal from the Pumas to the Southern Kings for Super Rugby. He has come through the ranks at the Pumas, representing them in the ABSA Under 19 and Under 21 Competitions, both in 2006. Between 2007 and 2009 he played for the Pumas in the Vodacom Cup and ABSA Currie Cup First Division, and in 2010 and 2011 for the same team in the Currie Cup Premier Division. In 2009 Venter also represented South Africa at the IRB Sevens Series in George and in 2012 he represented the SA Barbarians North during England's tour to South Africa.

**NICOLÁS VERGALLO – SCRUMHALF**


Physical: 1.69m, 77kg
Born: 20.04.83, Rosario, Argentina
Provincial Debut: 2004 Jockey Club de Rosario
Provincial Caps: 71 (Dax & Toulouse)
Provincial Points: 18
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Test Debut: 2005 for Argentina vs Samoa
Test Caps: 31
Test Points: 0

Nicolás Vergallo played for Jockey Club de Rosario in Argentina between 2004 and 2008. He then moved to France, where he played for Dax, making 47 appearances.

After playing for Dax, Vergallo signed for Top 14 team Toulouse, who won the 2010/11 and 2011/12 Top 14 seasons. In October 2012, Toulouse announced that it had released Vergallo from his contract, which was supposed to end in 2014. This freed him up to sign with the Port Elizabeth-based Super Rugby franchise, the Southern Kings.

Vergallo made his Test debut for Argentina on 3 Dec 2005 against Samoa. He also played in the 2011 Rugby World Cup. In 2012 Vergallo was part of the Pumas team that played in the inaugural Rugby Championship.

**LUKE WATSON – LOOSE FORWARD**

Physical: 1.83m, 103kg
Born: 26.10.83, Port Elizabeth
Provincial Debut: 2002 Eastern Province Kings
Provincial Caps: 95
Provincial Points: 255
Super Rugby Debut: 2003 Sharks
Super Rugby Caps: 82
Super Rugby Points: 55
Test Debut: 2007 vs Samoa
Test Caps: 10
Test Points: 0

Luke Watson attended Grey High School in Port Elizabeth and represented the Eastern Province XV at the 2000 Craven Week, aged 16, then again in 2001. Watson was selected for the SA Academy squad in 2000. In 2001 he was chosen as captain of the SA Schools team which played the French Under 18 side. In 2002 Watson was chosen to captain the SA Under 19 team at the IRB Junior World Championship in Italy and was selected to play for the SA Sevens team that played at the Commonwealth Games. In 2004 Watson captained the South African Under 21 team at the IRB Under 21 Rugby World Championship.

Watson made his Provincial debut for Eastern Province against the Pumas on 20 July 2002. He then relocated to Durban in 2003 where he represented the Sharks in the Currie Cup and the Coastal Sharks in the Super 12. In 2005 he moved to Cape Town where he played for both Western Province and the Stormers until 2007, where he captained the side. In 2007 he was named Super Rugby player of the year.

**GEORGE WHITEHEAD – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.84m, 86kg
Born: 17.03.89, Bloemfontein
Provincial Debut: 2009 Cheetahs
Provincial Caps: 39
Provincial Points: 237
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Born in Bloemfontein, George Whitehead started playing for the Free State Cheetahs in youth competitions, representing them in Under 16 Grant Khomo week, Under 18 Craven Week and both the ABSA Under 19 and Under 21 competitions. Whitehead made his professional debut for the Cheetahs in the 2009 Vodacom Cup and Currie Cup Premier Division competitions. He also represented the University of Free State in the Varsity Cup in 2010 and 2011. He joined the Eastern Province Kings in 2011.



NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Willem Alberts	Flank	1.92m	120kg	11.05.84
Meyer Bosman	Centre	1.92m	100kg	19.04.85
Jacques Botes	Flank	1.82m	97kg	28.11.80
Anton Bresler	Lock	1.98m	112kg	16.02.88
Craig Burden	Hooker	1.84m	105kg	13.05.85
Dale Chadwick	Prop	1.83m	113kg	20.06.89
Marcell Coetzee	Flank	1.91m	106kg	08.05.91
Keegan Daniel	No.8	1.88m	97kg	05.03.85
Jean Deysel	Flank	1.91m	112kg	05.03.85
Bismarck du Plessis	Hooker	1.89m	112kg	22.05.84
Jannie du Plessis	Prop	1.88m	120kg	16.11.82
Pieter-Steph du Toit	Lock	2.00m	116kg	20.08.92
Monde Hadebe	Hooker	1.77m	102kg	09.12.90
Wiehahn Herbst	Prop	1.80m	113kg	05.07.88
Butch James	Flyhalf	1.84m	98kg	08.01.79
Paul Jordaan	Centre	1.80m	91kg	04.01.92
Ryan Kankowski	No.8	1.93m	109kg	14.10.85
Patrick Lambie	Flyhalf	1.77m	86kg	17.10.90
Louis Ludik	Fullback	1.83m	92kg	08.10.86
Charl McLeod	Scrumhalf	1.80m	88kg	05.08.83
Beast Mtawarira	Prop	1.88m	120kg	01.08.85
Lubabalo Mtembu	No.8	1.87m	103kg	09.12.90
Lwazi Mvovo	Wing	1.85m	94kg	03.06.86
Odwa Ndungane	Wing	1.84m	93kg	20.02.81
JP Pietersen	Wing	1.90m	106kg	12.07.86
Cobus Reinach	Scrumhalf	1.75m	84kg	07.02.90
Sibusiso Sithole	Wing	1.82m	93kg	14.06.90
Francois Steyn	Centre	1.91m	110kg	14.05.87
Riaan Viljoen	Fullback	1.84m	97kg	01.04.83
Franco van der Merwe	Lock	1.98m	116kg	15.03.83
Tim Whitehead	Centre	1.88m	90kg	30.05.88



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## HOMEGROUND

Mr Price King's Park  
 Isaiah Ntshangase Road (formerly Walter Gilbert Road)  
 Durban  
 Capacity: 52,000

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Black jersey and collar with white ribbing on the front.  
 Black shorts and black socks with white trim.

**AWAY STRIP:** White jersey and collar with black ribbing on the front.  
 Black shorts and black socks with white trim.



**FIXTURES**

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	Saturday 23 February	Cheetahs	Free State Stadium	17:05
3	Saturday 2 March	Stormers	Mr Price King's Park	19:10
4	Saturday 9 March	Kings	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	19:10
5	Saturday 16 March	Brumbies	Mr Price King's Park	17:05
6	Saturday 23 March	Rebels	Mr Price King's Park	17:05
7	BYE			
8	Friday 5 April	Crusaders	Mr Price King's Park	19:10
9	Saturday 13 April	Stormers	DHL Newlands	17:05
10	Saturday 20 April	Cheetahs	Mr Price King's Park	17:05
11	Saturday 27 April	Chiefs	Waikato Stadium	19:35
12	Saturday 4 May	Highlanders	Forsyth Barr Stadium	19:35
13	Friday 10 May	Reds	Suncorp Stadium	19:40
14	Friday 17 May	Force	Nib Stadium	19:40
15	Saturday 25 May	Bulls	Mr Price King's Park	19:10
16	BYE			
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Saturday 29 June	Blues	Mr Price King's Park	15:00
19	Saturday 6 July	Bulls	Loftus Versfeld	19:10
20	Saturday 13 July	Kings	Mr Price King's Park	17:05

**MILESTONES**

- 6 Sharks Players played in all 19 games during the 2012 season. Keegan Daniel, Jannie du Plessis, Charl McLeod, Lwazi Mvovo, Anton Bresler and Marcell Coetzee.
- The Sharks used 33 players during the 2012 season.
- Lwazi Mvovo with eight tries was the leading try scorer in 2012.
- No fewer than 6 Sharks Players can reach the half century during the 2013 season. Jean Deyzel (43), Charl McLeod (42), Willem Alberts (42) Francois Steyn (40), Lwazi Mvovo (40) and Craig Burden (38).
- Patrick Lambie is the leading points-scorer for The Sharks in Super Rugby – 352.
- Jacques Botes (105) and Bismarck du Plessis (100) are both centurions.
- JP Pietersen (33) is the leading try-scorer and he can also reach the magical 100 during the 2013 season as he has played in 87 games thus far.
- The Sharks will have 16 Springboks in their squad.
- Franco van der Merwe together with Monde Hadebe and Sibusiso Sithole will make his debut for The Sharks in 2013.
- The Sharks have now scored 613 tries in Super Rugby.
- The Sharks have played 220 Super Rugby games winning 111, losing 102, and drawing 7.
- Of all the SA franchises The Sharks have the best winning percentage (50.45%).
- John Plumtree will coach The Sharks for the fifth consecutive Super Rugby season.
- The Sharks claimed the ABSA Team of the Year award for 2012.



## JOHN PLUMTREE – HEAD COACH



Born: 16.07.65, Hawera Taranaki NZ

### Coaching Career:

1997-2001: Swansea (Wales); 2001-2002: Video Analyst (All Blacks); 2002-2006: Wellington Lions (NZ); 2006-current: The Sharks

John Plumtree has been successful with The Sharks both as a player and coach, winning Currie Cup medals for the team in both roles. After retiring from playing, he spent five years coaching Swansea in Wales, achieving considerable success early on.

He returned to the country of his birth to take on the role of All Black video analyst under then-coach John Mitchell before spending the following five years as Wellington Lions coach in the NPC from 2002-06.

He returned to Durban to take on the Super 14 assistant coaching role under Dick Muir the following year before taking over as head coach of the Currie Cup team. The same scenario played out in 2008 when he was named full-time head coach in the second half of the season where he tasted success with The Sharks when they won their first Currie Cup title in 12 years.

He followed that up with a second title in three years, winning South Africa's premier domestic tournament in 2010 before taking The Sharks to the knock-out rounds of the 2011 Super Rugby tournament and the final of the Currie Cup where they were beaten by the Lions.

In 2012, he took The Sharks to consecutive finals – against the odds featuring in all three knock-out matches of the Finals Series where they eventually lost to the Chiefs in Hamilton, and finishing top of the Currie Cup log to host the final, losing to Western Province in Durban.

John's accomplishments were recognised when he won ABSA Coach of the Year.

A technically astute coach who enjoys a strong relationship with his players, he will look to kick on to greater things in the 2013 campaign.

## HUGH REECE-EDWARDS – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 05.01.61, Johannesburg

Coaching Career: 1996-1999: Sharks Assistant Coach; 1996 – Springbok Assistant Coach; 2000 – The Sharks Coach; 2001-2003: Wildebeest and Club Coach; 2005-2009: WBHS Coach; 2010 – current: Assistant Coach – The Sharks

Hugh Reece-Edwards was the first major long-term Sharks player, representing the province at fullback in 159 games from 1982 to 1995. He also played in three Tests for the Springboks and a total of 12 games for South Africa.

After his retirement from a 14 year playing career, his coaching career started in 1996, under then coach Ian McIntosh whom he followed as Springbok Assistant Coach before taking over as Head Coach of The Sharks in 2000. Between 2001 and 2009 he coached at school and Wildebeest level before returning as assistant coach in 2010, enjoying success in his first year back when The Sharks won the Currie Cup.

## GRANT BASHFORD – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 20.10.67, Durban

Playing Career: 1990-1993 – Natal XV & Natal

Coaching Career: 1986-2000: Coaching at school level; 1997-2000: Crusaders (club level); 2000-2006: KZN U19, U21, President XV & Wildebeest; 2006 – current: Assistant Coach – The Sharks

Assistant coach Grant Bashford is a rare provincial dual sportsman, having represented the province at rugby (scrumhalf) and cricket (batsmen/wicket keeper) before embarking on a coaching career at schoolboy level in the mid-1980s. He has progressed to club and provincial level, through the ranks of age group rugby (KZN U19, U21) and President's XV and the Wildebeest.

From there, he progressed to the senior coaching ranks in 2006 and in 2008 attended a High Performance Coaches Course at IRANZ, and was part of the successful set-up that steered The Sharks to winning the 2008 and 2010 Currie Cup campaigns.

**WILLEM ALBERTS – FLANK**

Physical: 1.92m, 120kg
Born: 11.05.84, Pretoria
Province: The Sharks
Province Caps: 53 (Lions 35, Sharks 18)
Province Points: 55 (11t) (Lions 7t, Sharks 4t)
Province Debut: 2005 v WP (Lions)
Super Rugby Caps: 79 (Lions 37, Sharks 42)
Super Rugby Points: 45 (9t) (Lions 4t, Sharks 5t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Waratahs (Lions)
Test Caps: 20
Test Points: 25 (5t)
Test Debut: 2010 v Wales

Willem is one of the more physical intimidating opponents in the tournament who relishes his role as a big ball-carrier, breaking through opposition tackles, as well as big defensive hits on his opposition. Having come to The Sharks from the Lions, he realised a bigger dream of playing for the Springboks when he was selected to represent his country in 2010, gaining his 20th cap in the Springbok end of year tour in 2012.

**MEYER BOSMAN – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.92m, 100kg
Born: 19.04.85, Bethlehem
Province: The Sharks
Province Caps: 82 (Cheetahs 59, Sharks 23)
Province Points: 251 (12t, 37p, 40c) (Cheetahs 119 points, Sharks 132 points)
Province Debut: 2005 v Griffons (Cheetahs)
Super Rugby Caps: 95 (Cheetahs 61, Sharks 34)
Super Rugby Points: 212 (8t, 38p, 29c) (Cheetahs 188 points, Sharks 24 points)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Bulls (Cheetahs)
Test Caps: 3
Test Points: 7 (1p, 2c)
Test Debut: 2005 v Wales

Meyer has proved to be a valuable member of The Sharks squad since joining the franchise for the 2011 season.

His versatility has served the team well and he has performed with distinction in his preferred position at centre as well as at flyhalf.

His outstanding kicking adds to his arsenal of skills while his distribution game is highly-regarded.

A big ball-carrying player, he adds greatly to The Sharks team.

## JACQUES BOTES – FLANK



Physical: 1.82m, 97kg
Born: 28.11.80, Nelspruit
Province: The Sharks
Province Caps: 136 (Pumas 27, Sharks 109)
Province Points: 215 (43t) (Pumas 5t, Sharks 38t)
Province Debut: 2002 v Eagles (Pumas)
Super Rugby Caps: 105
Super Rugby Points: 130 (26t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Stormers

One of the most highly-respected players, both as a Shark and as an opponent. A highly-professional individual who has always delivered consistently on the field and adds great value as a try-scorer, with 64 tries in his long career with The Sharks.

With 214 senior appearances in the Black and White jersey, he is the most capped player in the current squad.

## ANTON BRESLER – LOCK



Physical: 1.98m, 112kg
Born: 16.02.88, Windhoek Namibia
Province: The Sharks
Province Caps: 28
Province Points: 5 (1t)
Province Debut: 2010 v Griquas
Super Rugby Caps: 24
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Cheetahs

Anton has risen through the ranks at The Sharks and has matured in a brief space of time into a very competitive second-rower. He combines all the roles required of a lock with a fiery presence in open play. He enjoys the contact side of the game and is regularly amongst the top tacklers in his team. His development into a world class player will continue this season.

**CRAIG BURDEN – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.84m, 105kg

Born: 13.05.85, Durban

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 65

Province Points: 115 (23t)

Province Debut: 2006 v Pumas

Super Rugby Caps: 38

Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Cheetahs

A committed, locally-schooled Shark who has played all his rugby for the union, Craig is a livewire terrier of a hooker who revels in the open play, thanks to his former playing position of centre-cum-wing. He has now firmly established himself as a hooker in his newfound role and as a result of some outstanding performances, was called up into the Springbok squad for the 2012 Rugby Championship.

**DALE CHADWICK – PROP**

Physical: 1.83m, 113kg

Born: 20.06.89, Durban

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 25

Province Points: 10 (2t)

Province Debut: 2009 v Leopards

Super Rugby Caps: 10

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Bulls

In the absence of Springbok Tendai Mtawarira to injury and Springbok commitments respectively, this locally-schooled loosehead prop carried a heavy workload in 2012 and performed admirably, collecting 10 Super Rugby starts in his debut season at this level.

He will once again relish any opportunities for game time in this early stage of his career as he builds his repertoire of skills.

## MARCELL COETZEE – FLANK



Physical: 1.91m, 106kg

Born: 08.05.91, Potchefstroom

Province Caps: 19

Province Points: 5 (1t)

Province Debut: 2011 v Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: 23

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Brumbies

Test Caps: 12

Test Points: 5 (1t)

Test Debut: 2012 v England

If a star has shone in a short space of time, then it is Marcell's. He is a hugely physical player with a massive work ethic and a tackle count that regularly tops the team's statistics.

Still young, he has become an important player not only for The Sharks but also the Springboks, having made his debut at Test level at just 21 years of age last year in only his second year of senior rugby.

## KEEGAN DANIEL – NO.8



Physical: 1.88m, 97kg

Born: 05.03.85, Humansdorp

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 93

Province Points: 155 (31t)

Province Debut: 2006 v Pumas

Super Rugby Caps: 83

Super Rugby Points: 55 (11t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Reds

Test Caps: 5

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2010 v Ireland

Keegan has led The Sharks in their last three campaigns as captain when they competed in successive finals of all three competitions. A player highly rated and respected by his peers as a player who consistently delivers outstanding performances and leads by example, he was rewarded with Super Rugby Player of the Year by the South African coaches at the end of the 2012 season's SA Rugby Awards.

**JEAN DEYSEL – FLANK**

Physical: 1.91m, 112kg

Born: 05.03.85, Virginia (Free State)

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 72 (Lions 21, Sharks 51)

Province Points: 35 (7t) (Lions 1t, Sharks 6t)

Province Debut: 2005 v Griffons  
(Vodacom Cup – Lions)

Super Rugby Caps: 43

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Western Force

Test Caps: 4

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2009 v Italy

Having found himself unable to command a regular position at the Lions, he came to Durban and has established himself as a regular in the team. He is a strong-running loose-forward who relishes his role as big ball-carrier thanks to the physicality he brings to the game. He has had a difficult few years but an injury-free Currie Cup in 2012 should provide the impetus for a strong run in 2013.

**BISMARCK DU PLESSIS – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.89m, 112kg

Born: 22.05.84, Bethlehem

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 36

Province Points: 50 (10t)

Province Debut: 2005 v Leopards

Super Rugby Caps: 100

Super Rugby Points: 65 (13t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Waratahs

Test Caps: 46

Test Points: 30 (6t)

Test Debut: 2007 v Australia

The combative Springbok hooker won't start the Super Rugby campaign after sustaining a long term injury playing international rugby for South Africa in 2012, but once he arrives on the field, he will be just as competitive as opposition players and fans have become accustomed. A physically intimidating player, he is rated as world class by his opponents and team-mates.



**JANNIE DU PLESSIS – PROP**


Physical: 1.88m; 120kg
Born: 16.11.82, Bethlehem
Province: The Sharks
Province Caps: 101 (Cheetahs 69, Sharks 32)
Province Points: 30 (6t) (Cheetahs 3t, Sharks 3t)
Province Debut: 2003 v Lions (Cheetahs)
Super Rugby Caps: 98 (Cheetahs 26, Sharks 72)
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Bulls (Cheetahs)
Test Caps: 42
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2007 v Australia

Springbok and Sharks tighthead prop, and brother of fellow Bok Bismarck, Jannie du Plessis shares his responsibilities as a qualified medical doctor with his rugby duties.

He prides himself on his scrumming prowess and getting stuck in during the tight phases. Like his brother, a fearsome competitor who has played at all levels of the game.

**PIETER-STEPH DU TOIT – LOCK**


Physical: 2.00m, 116kg
Born: 20.08.92, Cape Town
Province: The Sharks
Super Rugby Caps: 6
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Chiefs

A young player with a bright future, he was pulled into the senior Sharks side last year despite still playing age group rugby.

He suffered a season-ending injury midway through the year to curtail his development, but not before he played a critical role in the “Baby Boks” winning the IRB Junior World Championship.

His versatility is underlined by the fact that he has played representative rugby both at lock and flank.

**MONDE HADEBE – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.77m, 102kg

Born: 09.12.90, Durban

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 9

Province Points: 0

Province Debut: 2011 v Griquas

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Having come through the age-group ranks and having captained at all levels, his progression into The Sharks senior side has been no accident.

A strong scrummager with a high skill set, make him a valuable addition to the team.

He will look to build on his development as he follows in the footsteps of some of the country's greatest hookers at The Sharks.

**WIEHAHN HERBST – PROP**

Physical: 1.80m, 113kg

Born: 05.07.88, Klerksdorp

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 40

Province Points: 0

Province Debut: 2009 v Boland

Super Rugby Caps: 23

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Bulls

A hardy, tough and nugget front row forward, he has stepped in admirably over the last couple of seasons to deliver strong scrummaging performances for The Sharks.

A handy player in open play, his defence is superb and he provides all the roles required of a tighthead prop.

**BUTCH JAMES – FLYHALF**


Physical: 1.84m; 98kg

Born: 08.01.79, Johannesburg

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 59 (Sharks 45, Lions 14)

 Province Points: 444 (7t, 77p, 86c, 2dg)  
(Sharks 373 points, Lions 71 points)

Province Debut: 1999 v Falcons (Sharks)

Super Rugby Caps: 73 (Sharks 57, Lions 16)

 Super Rugby Points: 441 (7t, 84p, 71c, 4dg)  
(Sharks 390 points, Lions 51 points)

Super Rugby Debut: 2001 v Bulls (Sharks)

Test Caps: 42

Test Points: 159 (3t, 29p, 27c, 1dg)

Test Debut: 2001 v France

Butch returns to the province where his rugby career all started. After helping the Springboks to Rugby World Cup glory in 2007, he spent a number of years with Bath Rugby in the UK before returning to South Africa where he represented the Lions. 2013 is a year in which he will add great experience to The Sharks backline as well as providing a mentoring role to the young flyhalves in the system.

**PAUL JORDAAN – CENTRE**


Physical: 1.80m, 91kg

Born: 04.01.92, Somerset-East

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 11

Province Points: 15 (3t)

Province Debut: 2012 v WP

Super Rugby Caps: 10

Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Bulls

An immensely talented young player who will only get better and better, he was a member of the South African squad that won the Junior World Champs in South Africa last year.

Blessed with lightning-fast pace and an ability to turn on the spot, reminiscent of Christian Cullen, he presents a dangerous attacking option for the coaching staff and a deadly finisher to add to his abilities.

**RYAN KANKOWSKI – NO.8**

Physical: 1.93m, 109kg
Born: 14.10.85, Port Elizabeth
Province: The Sharks
Province Caps: 59
Province Points: 80 (16t)
Province Debut: 2006 v Lions
Super Rugby Caps: 75
Super Rugby Points: 80 (16t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Bulls
Test Caps: 20
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2007 v Wales

Having enjoyed a six month stint playing club rugby in Japan, this season he will look to continue the form he showed when he left The Sharks on loan at the conclusion of last year's Super Rugby tournament. An exceptionally gifted natural athlete, his speed around the park is matched with a physical presence that has seen him develop into the consummate all-round No.8.

**PATRICK LAMBIE – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.77m; 86kg
Born: 17.10.90, Durban
Province: The Sharks
Province Caps: 25
Province Points: 271 (5t, 54p, 42c)
Province Debut: 2009 v Griquas
Super Rugby Caps: 35
Super Rugby Points: 344 (7t, 71p, 48c)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Highlanders
Test Caps: 20
Test Points: 39 (9p, 6c)
Test Debut: 2010 v Ireland

Another phenomenally talented young player whose abilities were recognised early, he played Under 21 rugby for The Sharks while still eligible for Under 19s, and made his Springbok debut in 2010 at just 20 years of age. Already approaching 20 Tests for his country, he was an SA Rugby Player of the Year Nominee in 2011, a year in which he also represented the Boks at the Rugby World Cup.

## LOUIS LUDIK – FULLBACK



Physical: 1.83m, 92kg
Born: 08.10.86, Kempton Park
Province: The Sharks
Province Caps: 80 (Lions 45, Sharks 35)
Province Points: 90 (18t) (Lions 12t, Sharks 6t)
Province Debut: 2006 v Sharks (Lions)
Super Rugby Caps: 68 (Lions 36, Sharks 32)
Super Rugby Points: 40 (8t) (Lions 4t, Sharks 4t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Waratahs (Lions)

He joined The Sharks from the Lions at a time when he had suffered a horrific injury which took a long time to heal, but his performances in 2012, especially in the latter stages of the domestic season, showed him to be in the form of his life and why he was recruited to The Sharks.

A very strong runner and defensive player who relishes the contact, and as the last line of defence, he is also one of the safest players under the high ball.

## CHARL MCLEOD – SCRUMHALF



Physical: 1.80m; 88kg
Born: 05.08.83, Johannesburg
Province: The Sharks
Province Caps: 57 (Valke 11, Sharks 46)
Province Points: 55 (11t) (Valke 2t, Sharks 9t)
Province Debut: 2007 v WP (Valke)
Super Rugby Caps: 42
Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Brumbies
Test Caps: 1
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2011 v New Zealand

Now in his sixth season with The Sharks, Charl is a lively scrumhalf whose ability was recognised in 2010 when he played one tour match for the Springboks on their end of year tour, as well as a Tri- Nations appearance against New Zealand the following year. Offering crisp service, an educated boot and an eye for the gap, he is the all-round scrumhalf.

**BEAST MTAWARIRA – PROP**

Physical: 1.88m; 120kg

Born: 01.08.85, Harare Zimbabwe

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 35

Province Points: 15 (3t)

Province Debut: 2007 v Lions

Super Rugby Caps: 76

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Waratahs

Test Caps: 41

Test Points: 10 (2t)

Test Debut: 2008 v Wales

Sadly had to leave the Springbok end of year tour for a minor medical procedure which fortunately will not impact on his efforts during the Super Rugby season in 2013.

A crowd favourite, his ball-carrying exploits are generally met with a roar of “Beeeeest” from the crowds in stadia around the world.

**LUBABALO MTEMBU – NO.8**

Physical: 1.87m, 103kg

Born: 09.12.90, King Williams Town

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 6

Province Points: 5 (1t)

Province Debut: 2012 v WP

Super Rugby Caps: 1

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Stormers

An exciting young loose-forward talent who represented his country in 2010 at the IRB Junior World Championships as well as on the International Sevens circuit for the Springbok Sevens team before looking to entrench himself at The Sharks in the 15 man code.

A player blessed with exceptional speed and skill who combines attack with outstanding defence.

**LWAZI MVOVO – WING**


Physical: 1.85m; 94kg

Born: 03.06.86, Umtata

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 44

Province Points: 105 (21t)

Province Debut: 2008 v Boland

Super Rugby Caps: 40

Super Rugby Points: 75 (15t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions

Test Caps: 7

Test Points: 5 (1t)

Test Debut: 2010 v Scotland

Lwazi joined The Sharks Academy and was quickly drafted into The Sharks senior team, thanks to his ability to close out just about any opportunity. He is quick and immensely strong with a nose for the tryline. He toured with the Springboks at the end of 2012, having made his debut for South Africa in 2010. He is now into his sixth year with The Sharks and a valuable member of the squad.

**ODWA NDUNGANE – WING**


Physical: 1.84m; 93kg

Born: 20.02.81, Umtata

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 120 (Border 49, Blue Bulls 2, Sharks 69)

Province Points: 272 (54t, 1c) (Border 25t, Sharks 147 points = 29t, 1c)

Province Debut: 2000 v Eagles (Border)

Super Rugby Caps: 92 (Bulls 10, Sharks 82)

Super Rugby Points: 125 (25t) (Bulls 3t, Sharks 22t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Sharks (Bulls)

Test Caps: 9

Test Points: 10 (2t)

Test Debut: 2008 v Italy

A player hugely-respected amongst his team-mates for his exceptional work ethic and professionalism, he has accumulated 150 caps for The Sharks in all competitions since joining the union.

Instantly-recognisable with his flowing dreadlocks, he adds great amounts of experience to the backline and his composure on attack, defence and under the high ball is invaluable.

**JP PIETERSEN – WING**

Physical: 1.90m; 106kg

Born: 12.07.86, Cape Town

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 42

Province Points: 85 (17t)

Province Debut: 2005 v Boland

Super Rugby Caps: 87

Super Rugby Points: 165 (33t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Chiefs

Test Caps: 48

Test Points: 70 (14t)

Test Debut: 2006 v Australia

Now a senior member of The Sharks and Springbok squads with 48 Springbok matches and nearly 130 for The Sharks, JP is a hugely talented player who brings an element of physicality rarely seen in his position on the wing.

With his loping style of running, he frequently catches the opposition out with his speed, while his high work rate means he turns up all over the field in both attacking and defensive roles.

JP won the SARPA Player's Player of the Year in 2012.

**COBUS REINACH – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.75m, 84kg

Born: 07.02.90, Bloemfontein

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 14

Province Points: 10 (2t)

Province Debut: 2011 v Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: 1

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Bulls

Boasting an exceptional turn of speed and lightening quick service, his efforts for The Sharks in his debut Currie Cup season last year saw him earning a Player of the Month award. He is the son of a former Springbok wing and record-holding sprinting athlete and has received the right genes from father Jaco. In a short space of time has installed himself as a young player to keep an eye on for the future.



## SIBUSISO SITHOLE – WING



Physical: 1.82m, 93kg

Born: 14.06.90, Johannesburg

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 19

Province Points: 20 (4t)

Province Debut: 2011 v Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped

Super Rugby Points: Uncapped

Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

S'burga as he is known to his team-mates, scored arguably the try of the season for the Springbok Sevens in 2010, settled into The Sharks to develop his rise into the senior squad, playing for The Sharks in the Currie Cup in 2010 and 2011. He is also a South African representative at the IRB Junior World Championships in 2010 and brings incredible pace, acceleration and power to the wing where he will look to develop his career further.

## FRANCOIS STEYN – CENTRE



Physical: 1.91m; 110kg

Born: 14.05.87, Aliwal North

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 18

Province Points: 65 (4t, 6p, 12c, 1dg)

Province Debut: 2006 v Cheetahs

Super Rugby Caps: 40

Super Rugby Points: 85 (4t, 10p, 7c, 7dg)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Bulls

Test Caps: 53

Test Points: 132 (10t, 21p, 5c, 3dg)

Test Debut: 2006 v Ireland

Having played his early rugby with The Sharks before heading to play in France, he returned to The Sharks midway through last year before injury limited his participation both for the Springboks in the Rugby Championship and The Sharks in the Currie Cup.

A big, strong centre with a massive boot, capable of converting from the halfway line and further, he is an outstanding talent who, at only 25, has played over 50 times for his country, including the successful 2007 Rugby World Cup.

**RIAAN VILJOEN – FULLBACK**

Physical: 1.84m, 97kg

Born: 01.04.83, Carletonville

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 102 (Valke 93, Sharks 9)

Province Points: 226 (23t, 16p, 18c, 9dg)  
(Valke 207 points, Sharks 19 points)

Province Debut: 2005 v Blue Bulls (Valke)

Super Rugby Caps: 38 (Cheetahs 26, Sharks 12)

Super Rugby Points: 65 (9t, 4p, 1c, 2dg)  
(Cheetahs 45 points, Sharks 20 points)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Bulls (Cheetahs)

Having shown his ability for the Cheetahs, he was recruited to The Sharks for the 2012 season and will look to grow into his role further in 2013.

Possessing an absolutely massive boot, he provides his coaches with the kicking option, both out of hand and place-kicking from afar.

In 2012, he was pressed into service at flyhalf, away from his customary fullback position, delivering excellent performances in that role.

**FRANCO VAN DER MERWE – LOCK**

Physical: 1.98m, 116kg

Born: 15.03.83, Paarl

Province: Lions

Province Caps: 115 (Leopards 25,  
Golden Lions 90)

Province Points: 35 (7t) (Golden Lions)

Province Debut: 2004 v Boland (Leopards)

Super Rugby Caps: 75

Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Waratahs (Lions)

Franco joins The Sharks on loan from the Lions who won't be competing in the tournament this year. Having captained the Lions before, he brings maturity and experience into the second row and with that experience, comes an ability to run the lineouts and provide mentoring to the other young locks in the system.

**TIM WHITEHEAD – CENTRE**


Physical: 1.88m, 90kg

Born: 30.05.88, Port Elizabeth

Province: The Sharks

Province Caps: 20 (WP 13, Sharks 7)

Province Points: 0

Province Debut: 2010 v Free State Cheetahs (WP)

Super Rugby Caps: 25 (Stormers 10, Sharks 15)

Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t) (Sharks)

Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Cheetahs (Stormers)

Tim came to The Sharks from the Stormers at the end of 2011 and enjoyed a good first year in Durban, the low being a broken hand sustained before the Super Rugby Final.

He played a responsible, mature role in a young backline proving exceptional on defence and exciting on attack where he varied his play well.





NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB
Gio Aplon	Wing	1.75m	80kg	06.10.82
Donovan Armand	Flank	1.91m	110kg	23.09.88
Andries Bekker	Lock	2.08m	120kg	05.11.83
Ruan Botha	Lock	2.03m	113kg	10.01.92
Schalk Burger	Flank	1.93m	114kg	13.04.83
Nizaam Carr	No.8	1.84m	102kg	04.04.91
Deon Carstens	Prop	1.83m	116kg	03.06.79
Pat Cilliers	Prop	1.85m	110kg	03.03.87
Kurt Coleman	Flyhalf	1.77m	84kg	29.01.90
Damian de Allende	Centre	1.89m	100kg	25.11.91
Juan de Jongh	Centre	1.77m	88kg	15.04.88
Jean de Villiers	Centre	1.91m	100kg	24.02.81
JP du Plessis	Centre	1.85m	92kg	29.04.91
Dewaldt Duvenage	Scrumhalf	1.73m	82kg	22.05.88
Rynhardt Elstadt	Flank	1.93m	114kg	20.12.89
Eben Etzebeth	Lock	2.04m	118kg	29.10.91
Deon Fourie	Hooker	1.78m	100kg	25.09.86
Peter Grant	Flyhalf	1.86m	93kg	15.08.84
Nic Groom	Scrumhalf	1.73m	84kg	21.02.90
Bryan Habana	Wing	1.79m	94kg	12.06.83
Brok Harris	Prop	1.84m	117kg	22.02.85
Pat Howard	Centre	1.87m	100kg	27.03.92
Elton Jantjies	Flyhalf	1.76m	88kg	01.08.90
Steven Kitshoff	Loosehead Prop	1.84m	117kg	10.02.92
Siya Kolisi	Flank	1.87m	102kg	16.06.91
Tiaan Liebenberg	Hooker	1.82m	110kg	18.12.81
Frans Malherbe	Tighthead Prop	1.90m	122kg	14.03.91
Scarra Ntubeni	Hooker	1.74m	100kg	18.02.91
Joe Pietersen	Fullback	1.77m	83kg	18.05.84
Michael Rhodes	Flank	1.97m	110kg	19.12.87
Louis Schreuder	Scrumhalf	1.85m	83kg	25.04.90
De Kock Steenkamp	Lock	1.97m	112kg	16.02.87
Tim Swiel	Flyhalf	1.80m	80kg	04.06.93
Jaco Taute	Fullback	1.87m	95kg	21.03.91
Gary van Aswegen	Flyhalf	1.78m	87kg	18.02.90
Gerhard van den Heever	Wing	1.90m	98kg	13.04.89
Duane Vermeulen	No.8	1.93m	116kg	03.07.86



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## HOMEGROUND

DHL Newlands Rugby Stadium  
 Boundary Round, Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa  
 Ground capacity: 48,000

## TEAM COLOURS

**HOME STRIP:** Royal Blue Jersey (royal blue and white stripes on front), royal blue shorts and royal blue socks.

**AWAY STRIP:** White Jersey (royal blue and white stripes on front), white shorts and white socks.

**FIXTURES**

Round	Date	Opponent	Venue	Kick-off (Local)
1	Australian Franchises only			
2	Friday 22 February	Bulls	Loftus Versfeld	19:10
3	Saturday 2 March	Sharks	Mr Price King's Park	19:10
4	Saturday 9 March	Chiefs	DHL Newlands	17:05
5	BYE			
6	Saturday 23 March	Brumbies	DHL Newlands	19:10
7	Saturday 30 March	Crusaders	DHL Newlands	19:10
8	Saturday 6 April	Cheetahs	Free State Stadium	17:05
9	Saturday 13 April	Sharks	DHL Newlands	17:05
10	BYE			
11	Friday 26 April	Hurricanes	FMG Stadium	19:35
12	Friday 3 May	Blues	North Harbour Stadium	19:35
13	Saturday 11 May	Waratahs	Allianz Stadium	19:40
14	Friday 17 May	Rebels	AAMI Park	19:40
15	Saturday 25 May	Reds	DHL Newlands	17:05
16	Saturday 1 June	Kings	DHL Newlands	17:05
17	Australian Franchises only			
18	Saturday 29 June	Cheetahs	DHL Newlands	19:10
19	Saturday 6 July	Kings	Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium	17:05
20	Saturday 13 July	Bulls	DHL Newlands	19:10

**MILESTONES**

- The Stormers have won the SA Conference trophy twice in succession – making them the only South African team to have held the SA Conference since the change to Super 15 in 2011.
- Experienced wing Bryan Habana won the 2012 South African Rugby Player of the Year Award, whilst young lock Eben Etzebeth – after his debut Super Rugby season in 2012 – won the Young Player of the Year Award. Etzebeth, in turn, won Forward of the Year at the DHL WP Awards and also the coveted Players' Player Award, with Habana winning the Back of the Year Award. Hooker Scarra Ntubeni was voted the most promising player and fellow forward Deon Fourie won the all-new adidas MVP Award.
- Lock Andries Bekker (94), flanker Schalk Burger (88), flyhalf Peter Grant (88) and centre Jean de Villiers (82) are all approaching the 100-game mark for the Stormers. Prop Deon Carstens (88) is nearing the 100-game mark at Super Rugby level, with a large majority of his matches having been for the Sharks.
- Ten Stormers players featured in the Springbok squad in 2012, with eight of them playing at least one Test. Three of those Stormers Springbok squad members were still eligible for the Western Province Under 21 team in 2012. In all, seven members of the 2012 Stormers squad were still U21 players.
- Twenty-eight members of the 2012 Stormers squad featured, at some point, for the 2012 Currie Cup-winning DHL Western Province squad.



## ALLISTER COETZEE – HEAD COACH



Born: 23.05.65, Grahamstown

Stormers Coaching Debut: 2008

Other Coaching Roles: WP head coach (2008-), Stormers assistant coach (2008-2009), Cats assistant coach (2006), Springbok backline coach (2004-2007), EP Currie Cup head coach (2001-2003), Springbok midweek team head coach (2001-2002), SA U23 head coach (2000-2002)

The Absa Currie Cup-winning DHL Western Province coach will be looking to transfer DHL WP's Currie Cup and the Stormers' Vodacom Super Rugby Conference form into the big prize in 2013. The 2010 Coach of the Year was nominated for the same award in 2012, as well as being nominated as Coach of the Year at the star-studded SA Sports Awards. This is his fourth year in charge of the Stormers.

## ROBBIE FLECK – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 17.07.75, Cape Town

Stormers Coaching Debut: 2010

Other Coaching Roles: WP backline coach (2009-), UCT backline coach (2008-2009), SA Under 20 backline coach (2008), SA Universities backline coach (2008)

The former Springbok vice-captain has slotted in seamlessly since joining the DHL WP and Stormers set-ups in 2009 and 2010, respectively. A deep thinker of the game, he played 31 Tests for the Springboks at centre and began his foray into coaching during a playing stint at Bath in England which, unfortunately, was cut short because of injury.



## MATTHEW PROUDFOOT – ASSISTANT COACH



Born: 30.01.72, Klerksdorp

Stormers Coaching Debut: 2010

Other Coaching Roles: WP forwards coach (2009-), SA Universities head coach (2008), NWU-Pukke head coach (2005-2008)

The ex-Blue Bulls and Leopards prop played two Tests for Scotland before injury intervened and he then turned his attention to coaching. He had a successful stint as NWU-Pukke head coach before being lured to the Cape, where he has helped develop the DHL WP and Stormers set-pieces into feared units.

## GIO APLON – WING



Physical: 1.75m, 80kg

Born: 06.10.82, Hawston

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 83

Provincial/State Points: 144

Provincial/State Debut: 2005 v The Sharks

Super Rugby Caps: 60

Super Rugby Points: 181 (35t, 3c)

Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Cheetahs

Test Caps: 17

Test Points: 25 (5t)

Test Debut: 2010 v Wales

His bravery knows no limits and his consistency in form and appearances are also a massive part of his game. Capable playing anywhere in the back three, Aplon's ability to break open a game makes him a crowd favourite at DHL Newlands, whilst his accurate and booming left boot adds to his arsenal.

**DONOVAN ARMAND – FLANK**

Physical: 1.91m, 110kg
Born: 23.09.88, Harare
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 18
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Boland
Super Rugby Caps: 6
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Force

The hard-working forward made his Super Rugby debut as an injury replacement in 2012 and has not looked back since. He was part of the squad that won the SA Conference, having earlier in the year tasted success with the DHL WP Vodacom Cup team and, later in 2012, helping WP to the Absa Currie Cup title.

**ANDRIES BEKKER – LOCK**

Physical: 2.08m, 120kg
Born: 05.12.83, Goodwood
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 38
Provincial/State Points: 60 (12t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2004 v Boland
Super Rugby Caps: 94
Super Rugby Points: 55 (11t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v Highlanders
Test Caps: 29
Test Points: 5 (1t)
Test Debut: 2008 v Wales

The son of former Springbok and WP star, Hennie, Andries played in 15 of the Stormers' 17 matches in 2012. He will again be a key man in 2013, given his mobility and legendary line-out prowess which saw him win back his Springbok place in 2012, before a freak toe injury intervened.

**RUAN BOTHA – LOCK**


Physical: 2.03m, 113kg

Born: 10.01.92, Brakpan

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 1 (Golden Lions)

Provincial/State Points: 0

Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Griffons

Super Rugby Caps: 5 (Lions)

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Chiefs

The highly-rated SA Under 20 lock has made a full-time move to Cape Town as he sets about building his senior career at the Stormers and DHL WP – despite still being eligible for Under 21 rugby in 2013.

**SCHALK BURGER – FLANK**


Physical: 1.93m, 114kg

Born: 13.04.83, Port Elizabeth

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 32

Provincial/State Points: 35 (7t)

 Provincial/State Debut: 2003 v  
Mighty Elephants

Super Rugby Caps: 88

Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Waratahs

Test Caps: 68

Test Points: 65 (13t)

Test Debut: 2003 v Georgia

One of the most decorated players in the history of South African rugby, the 2007 World Cup winner played just 30 minutes in the 2012 Vodacom Super Rugby tournament after picking up a knee injury. Winning a senior trophy at DHL Newlands, and winning back his Springbok place, remain key ambitions for the 2011 SA Rugby Player of the Year.

**NIZAAM CARR – NO.8**

Physical: 1.84m, 102kg
Born: 04.04.91, Cape Town
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 7
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Golden Lions
Super Rugby Caps: 7
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Blues

The 2012 season looked to be the breakthrough one for this young loose forward talent, only for a serious knee injury to curtail what had been a promising start to his Super Rugby career. His pace, skill and back row versatility mark him as a dangerman and he is definitely also one to watch for the future when it comes to international honours.

**DEON CARSTENS – PROP**

Physical: 1.83m, 116kg
Born: 03.06.79, Franschoek
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 98 (Sharks & WP)
Provincial/State Points: 45 (9t) (Sharks)
Provincial/State Debut: 2001 v Golden Lions (Sharks)
Super Rugby Caps: 88 (Sharks & Stormers)
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t) (Sharks)
Super Rugby Debut: 2001 v Highlanders (Sharks)
Test Caps: 9
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2002 v Scotland

After playing his Under 21 and schools rugby for Western Province, Deon Carstens finally returned home in 2012 and, for his efforts, picked up two trophies in the colours of DHL WP. His experience will, again, be invaluable to those around him – especially his younger front row colleagues, all of whom played in the Absa Currie Cup-winning WP side.

**PATRIC CILLIERS – PROP**


Physical: 1.86m, 113kg
Born: 03.03.87, Pietermaritzburg
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 69 (Sharks & Golden Lions)
Provincial/State Points: 60 (12t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2007 v Western Province
Super Rugby Caps: 31 (The Sharks & Lions)
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Lions
Test Caps: 6
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2012 v Argentina

Cilliers offers great versatility and power to the Stormers front row, having signed a deal with Western Province which has seen him relocate permanently to the Cape from the Lions. A member of the 2011 Absa Currie Cup-winning Lions team, his signing is a huge coup for the Stormers after his impressive debut season for the Springboks in 2012.

**KURT COLEMAN – FLYHALF**


Physical: 1.77m, 84kg
Born: 29.01.90, Stellenbosch
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 22
Provincial/State Points: 65 (6t, 5p, 10c)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Golden Lions
Super Rugby Caps: 5
Super Rugby Points: 31 (1t, 6p, 4c)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v The Sharks

After making his Vodacom Super Rugby debut at the age of 21, injuries held Kurt back in 2012 but he still played a big role in DHL WP's Vodacom Cup win before injury again had its say during the Absa Currie Cup season. An attacking flyhalf by nature, he has a more than handy kicking game to back it up too.

**DAMIAN DE ALLENDE – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.89m, 100kg
Born: 25.11.91
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 12
Provincial/State Points: 10 (2t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Pampas XV
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

He started playing rugby at the age of 14 only, but in the space of seven years has progressed swiftly through the ranks at DHL WP to end 2012 as an Absa Currie Cup winner. A powerful runner, with a strong distribution game, he can play either 12, or 13 and made his Absa Currie Cup debut on the wing.

**JUAN DE JONGH – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.77m, 88kg
Born: 15.04.88, Paarl
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 32
Provincial/State Points: 60 (12t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v The Sharks
Super Rugby Caps: 46
Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions
Test Caps: 14
Test Points: 20 (4t)
Test Debut: 2010 v Wales

The committed centre has always been a favourite at DHL Newlands but he wrote himself into Province folklore with his stunning individual try in the 2012 Absa Currie Cup Final, as he helped his side to a stunning triumph in Durban over the Sharks. He has also shown himself to be something of a dancer, with his try-scoring celebrations earning him more headlines, but he has certainly backed that up with his fearless style of play.

**JEAN DE VILLIERS – CENTRE**


Physical: 1.91m, 100kg

Born: 24.02.81, Paarl

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 47

Provincial/State Points: 150 (30t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2001 v North West

Super Rugby Caps: 82

Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v The Sharks

Test Caps: 84

Test Points: 100 (20t)

Test Debut: 2002 v France

Probably the most selfless rugby player in South Africa, the skillful Paarl-born player missed just two Super Rugby matches in 2012 and captained his country in every Test they played under new coach Heyneke Meyer. Injury saw him miss the 2012 Absa Currie Cup Final, but his influence behind the scenes was plain to see.

**JP DU PLESSIS – CENTRE**


Physical: 1.85m, 92kg

Born: 29.04.91, Kroonstad

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 16

Provincial/State Points: 15 (3t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Boland

Super Rugby Caps: 2

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Reds

The hot-stepping centre will never forget 2012, as he made his Super Rugby and provincial debuts for the Stormers and DHL WP. Whilst his Super Rugby chances were minimal, he impressed during the Absa Currie Cup with his willingness to attack, and will be wiser for his experiences last year.

**DEWALDT DUVENAGE – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.73m, 82kg

Born: 22.05.88, Bellville

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 51

Provincial/State Points: 32 (5t, 1p, 2c)

Provincial/State Debut: 2008 v Valke

Super Rugby Caps: 56

Super Rugby Points: 30 (2t, 4p, 4c)

Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Bulls

A broken leg ended his 2012 Absa Currie Cup campaign, which allowed youngsters Nic Groom and Louis Schreuder a bite at the scrumhalf cherry. Dewaldt, however, will be determined to win back the No.9 jersey, which has always been highlighted by his speedy service and accurate kicking game.

**RYNHARDT ELSTADT – FLANK**

Physical: 1.93m, 114kg

Born: 20.12.89, Johannesburg

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 17

Provincial/State Points: 0

Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Boland

Super Rugby Caps: 28

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Lions

The powerful Montagu High School scholar adds brute strength and versatility to the Stormers pack. He played at lock in 2011 and on the flank in 2012, his no-nonsense approach with ball in hand and on defence making him central to the Stormers' forward pack.



**EBEN ETZEBETH – LOCK**


Physical: 2.04m, 118kg
Born: 29.10.91, Cape Town
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 2
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Cheetahs
Super Rugby Caps: 13
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Hurricanes
Test Caps: 11
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2012 v England

In 2011 Etzebeth helped UCT to the Varsity Cup title. Less than a year later he made his Super Rugby debut and he played his first Test before even playing in the Absa Currie Cup. Back-to-back Man of the Match Awards signalled his entry to Currie Cup rugby and he ended 2012 with 11 Test caps and the title as arguably the best young rugby player on the planet.

**DEON FOURIE – HOOKER**


Physical: 1.78m, 100kg
Born: 25.09.86, Pretoria
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 80
Provincial/State Points: 90 (18t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v Boland
Super Rugby Caps: 55
Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Crusaders

The Absa Currie Cup-winning captain played out of position for most of 2012, as well as playing through the pain-barrier, demonstrating great leadership skills and shining as a loose forward – despite hooker being his favoured position. The ultimate team man was awarded the adidas MVP Award at WP, and walked off with the Absa Currie Cup Player of the Season gong at the annual SA Rugby Awards night.

**PETER GRANT – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.86m, 93kg
Born: 15.08.84, Durban
Province/Club: Kobe Steelers
Provincial/State Caps: 55
Provincial/State Points: 281
Provincial/State Debut: 2004 v Golden Lions
Super Rugby Caps: 88
Super Rugby Points: 819
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Lions
Test Caps: 5
Test Points: –
Test Debut: 2007 v Australia

Back from Japan after his third stint with the Kobe Steelers, Mr Reliable notched up 144 points in 2012 as he pushed himself closer to the magical 1,000-point mark in Vodacom Super Rugby. A deadly defender, his goalkicking was a crucial part of his – and the Stormers' – arsenal in 2012 and he will be looking to make his 100th appearance for the Stormers in 2013.

**NIC GROOM – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.73m, 84kg
Born: 21.02.90, King Williams Town
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 37
Provincial/State Points: 30 (6t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Golden Lions
Super Rugby Caps: 2
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Cheetahs

A born winner, Groom was instrumental in the Vodacom Cup and Absa Currie Cup-winning DHL WP sides in 2012. A smart player, with a quicksilver pass and dangerous sniping game, he will be looking to become a Super Rugby regular after playing two matches in 2011. Nic, who is fluent in Xhosa, is still a student at UCT – balancing his rugby and studies.

## BRYAN HABANA – WING



Physical: 1.79m, 94kg
Born: 12.06.83, Johannesburg
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 43 (35 Lions & Bulls, 8 WP)
Provincial/State Points: 140 (26t Lions & Bulls, 2t WP)
Provincial/State Debut: 2003 (Lions)
Super Rugby Caps: 106 (61 Bulls, 45 Stormers)
Super Rugby Points: 265 (48t Bulls, 16t Stormers)
Super Rugby Debut: 2005 (Bulls)
Test Caps: 83
Test Points: 235 (47t)
Test Debut: 2004 v England

What more can one say about the leading try-scorer in Springbok rugby history and a three-times winner of the SA Rugby Player of the Year Award? The top try-scorer in the inaugural Rugby Championship in 2012 – including a stunning hat-trick against the Wallabies in Pretoria – he would love dearly love to add a Super Rugby victory with the Stormers to his already jam-packed mantelpiece.

## BROK HARRIS – PROP



Physical: 1.84m 117kg
Born: 22.02.85, Roodepoort
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 95
Provincial/State Points: 70 (14t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2006 v Sharks
Super Rugby Caps: 77
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2 t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Cheetahs

A mainstay in the Stormers pack since his Vodacom Super Rugby debut in 2007, Harris missed just one match in 2012. His experience, despite turning 28 years old in February 2013, and consistency have aided the emergence of young front row talent in the Cape and remains a central figure as the Stormers look to go one better in 2013.

**PATRICK HOWARD – CENTRE**

Physical: 1.87m, 100kg
Born: 27.03.92, Pietermaritzburg
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 3
Provincial/State Points: 0
Provincial/State Debut: 2012 v Cheetahs
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

The powerfully-built former Michaelhouse scholar made his Absa Currie Cup debut in 2012, after playing a big role for the victorious SA Under 20 side a few months earlier. He will relish the opportunity to train alongside De Villiers, De Jongh and Habana as he looks to establish himself in the senior ranks.

**ELTON JANTJIES – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.76m, 88kg
Born: 01.08.90, Graaff Reniet
Province/Club: Golden Lions
Provincial/State Caps: 33 (Lions)
Provincial/State Points: 414
Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Leopards
Super Rugby Caps: 27
Super Rugby Points: 228
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Bulls
Test Caps: 3
Test Points: 6 (2p)
Test Debut: 2012 v Australia

The Springbok playmaker will ply his skills at Vodacom Super Rugby level for the Stormers for the first time this season as a loan player from the Lions. A deadly goalkicker with nearly 1,000 first-class points to his credit before his 23 birthday, a strong showing in Cape Town could see him stake a claim for a permanent place in Green & Gold in 2013.

**STEVEN KITSHOFF – LOOSEHEAD PROP**


Physical: 1.83m, 120kg
Born: 10.02.92, Paarl
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 20
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Griffons
Super Rugby Caps: 20
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Chiefs

The softly-spoken front-row giant had played almost 50 first-class matches well before his 21st birthday – a staggering achievement at any level for a young front rower. He started the 2012 Absa Currie Cup Final, adding a second winners' medal of the year after playing a key role for the SA Under 20 side in the IRB Junior World Championships.

**SIYA KOLISI – FLANK**


Physical: 1.87m, 102kg
Born: 16.06.91, Eastern Cape
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 20
Provincial/State Points: 25 (5t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Golden Lions
Super Rugby Caps: 16
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2012 v Hurricanes

At the start of 2012 not many people would have known who Siya Kolisi was. Fifty minutes into the 2012 Vodacom Super Rugby season, as a replacement for his captain Schalk Burger, the rugby world sat up and took notice. Quickly! His performances for the DHL Stormers saw him train with the Springboks before a broken thumb sustained in the Absa Currie Cup cut his season short. That first Test cap cannot, however, be too far away for this industrious loose forward.

**TIAAN LIEBENBERG – HOOKER**

Physical: 1.82m, 110kg

Born: 18.12.81, Kimberley

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 144 (22 KZN, 64 Griquas, 58 WP)

Provincial/State Points: 42

Provincial/State Debut: 2002

Super Rugby Caps: 76 (13 Cheetahs, 63 Stormers)

Super Rugby Points: 30 (1t Cheetahs, 4t Stormers)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006

Test Caps: 5

Test Points: 0

Test Debut: 2012 v Argentina

After making his Springbok debut against the Barbarians in 2007, Tiaan finally won his first Test cap five years later when he came off the bench in the all-new Rugby Championship. A powerful runner and strong scrummager, he missed the end of the Absa Currie Cup season with a neck injury, but his enthusiasm will see him hit the ground running in 2013.

**FRANS MALHERBE – TIGHTHEAD PROP**

Physical: 1.90m, 122kg

Born: 14.03.91, Paarl

Province/Club:

Provincial/State Caps: 29

Provincial/State Points: 0

Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: 21

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Lions

Another member of the tight five young brigade, this youngster's Rugby CV already speaks for itself. He looks a better player every time he takes to the field and he was recognised at national level too – twice being called up to the Springbok Test squad as injury cover. One of just three players to feature in every single Stormers match in 2012, he missed just one Absa Currie Cup match for DHL WP in 2012, when he was part of the Bok squad in Australasia.

## SCARRA NTUBENI – HOOKER



Physical: 1.74m, 100kg

Born: 18.02.91, East London

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 20

Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)

Provincial/State Debut: 2011 v Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: 5

Super Rugby Points: 0

Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Lions

The East London-born hooker made his provincial and Vodacom Super Rugby debuts in 2011, but 2012 will always be remembered as his breakthrough season. He played a bit-part role in the Stormers' 2012 campaign before featuring in all 12 Absa Currie Cup matches – including the final which he started. Scarra walked off with the DHL WP Most Promising Senior Player Award at the annual DHL WP Awards night.

## JOE PIETERSEN – FULLBACK



Physical: 1.77m, 83kg

Born: 18.05.84, Vryheid

Province/Club: Western Province

Provincial/State Caps: 65

Provincial/State Points: 397

Provincial/State Debut: 2004 v Blue Bulls

Super Rugby Caps: 35

Super Rugby Points: 204 (9t)

Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Cheetahs

His match-saving tackle in the 2012 Absa Currie Cup Final will go down in the annals of Western Province history as probably the most crucial – and clever – bit of defending in the union's history. A dangerous runner, Joe's try against the Highlanders in 2012 will also be remembered fondly.

**MICHAEL RHODES – FLANK**

Physical: 1.97m, 110kg
Born: 19.12.87, Durban
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 58 (37 Sharks, 21 Golden Lions)
Provincial/State Points: 55 (11t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Golden Lions (Sharks)
Super Rugby Caps: 11 (Lions)
Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t, Lions)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011

Another new face in the Stormers squad, the strapping Durban-born forward will add even more depth to the pack – either at lock, or on the side of the scrum. He made his Vodacom Super Rugby debut for the Lions, after playing Absa Currie Cup for the Sharks, and he was a try-scorer against his new side in their dramatic Currie Cup semifinal in October 2012.

**LOUIS SCHREUDER – SCRUMHALF**

Physical: 1.85m, 83kg
Born: 25.04.90, Paarl
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 32
Provincial/State Points: 15 (3t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Border
Super Rugby Caps: 17
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Cheetahs

A talented ball-player, with the rugby pedigree to back it up, Louis was part of the Absa Currie Cup-winning DHL WP side in 2012, his second-half cameo in the semifinal – at flyhalf – showing just how much BMT he has. Along with Duvénage and Groom, the Stormers are certainly very well covered in the No.9 position.



## DE KOCK STEENKAMP – LOCK



Physical: 1.97m, 112kg
Born: 16.02.87, Williston
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 50
Provincial/State Points: 5 (1t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v The Sharks
Super Rugby Caps: 34
Super Rugby Points: 0
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions

Despite battling with a few niggles during the latter stages of the 2012 Absa Currie Cup season, De Kock still featured in every match for DHL WP as they claimed a first title since 2001. An ever-present member of the matchday squad for the Stormers in 2011 and 2012 – as he edges closer to that magical 50-cap mark – he often gets overlooked for the headlines despite his consistency in the second row.

## TIM SWIEL – FLYHALF



Physical: 1.80m, 80kg
Born: 04.06.93, Taunton
Province/Club: Western Province
Super Rugby Caps: Uncapped
Super Rugby Points: Uncapped
Super Rugby Debut: Uncapped

Tim represented SA Schools in 2011 and later that year, just after finishing his schooling, he trained with the Stormers' extended squad. This year he is again forming part of their pre-season preparations after a strong season for the WP Under 21 side, despite still being eligible for the U19s and being named in Dawie Theron's SA Under 20 training squad for 2013.

**JACO TAUTE – FULLBACK**

Physical: 1.87m, 98kg
Born: 21.02.91, Springs
Province/Club: Golden Lions
Provincial/State Caps: 31 (Lions)
Provincial/State Points: 68 (13t)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Boland
Super Rugby Caps: 31 (Lions)
Super Rugby Points: 51 (8t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Western Force
Test Caps: 3
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2012 v Australia

After making his senior provincial debut as an 18-year-old, it was always a matter of 'when', not 'if', Jaco Taute would become a Springbok. He made his Test debut in the No.13 jersey, against the Wallabies, but he has played most of his rugby in the No.15 shirt for the Lions. A powerful, yet balanced runner, he also has a powerful boot. He could become a real asset for the Stormers, having joined the franchise on loan from the Lions.

**GARY VAN ASWEGEN – FLYHALF**

Physical: 1.78m, 87kg
Born: 18.02.90, Pretoria
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 6
Provincial/State Points: 37 (7p, 4c)
Provincial/State Debut: 2010 v Pumas
Super Rugby Caps: 6
Super Rugby Points: 12 (4p)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Lions

Gary has been very unlucky with injuries, suffering two serious ankle injuries in 2012 – during the Vodacom Super Rugby season and DHL WP's successful Absa Currie Cup campaign. He remains a talented player, however, with a brilliant pass and the ability to play flat on the gainline. He will be determined to prove his worth in 2013.

**GERHARD VAN DEN HEEVER – WING**


Physical: 1.90m, 98kg
Born: 13.04.89, Bloemfontein
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 53 (41 for Blue Bulls, 12 for WP)
Provincial/State Points: 95 (17t for Bulls, 2t for WP)
Provincial/State Debut: 2009 v Griffons (for Bulls)
Super Rugby Caps: 46 (31 for Bulls, 15 for Stormers)
Super Rugby Points: 65 (12t for Bulls, 1t for Stormers)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Stormers (Bulls)

A Vodacom Super Rugby player before his 21st birthday, Gerhard had already tasted Super Rugby and Absa Currie Cup success before joining the Stormers in 2012 – ending his first year in the Cape as a Currie Cup winner (again) with DHL WP. He played all but two of the Stormers' Super Rugby games in his debut season and all of their Currie Cup games later in the year. Powerful and quick – almost tipping the scales at 100 kilograms – this young man still has plenty to offer.

**DUANE VERMEULEN – NO.8**


Physical: 1.93m, 116kg
Born: 03.07.86, Nelspruit
Province/Club: Western Province
Provincial/State Caps: 89 (26 Pumas, 28 Cheetahs, 35 WP)
Provincial/State Points: 75 (8t Pumas & Cheetahs, 31 WP)
Provincial/State Debut: 2005
Super Rugby Caps: 72 (20 Cheetahs, 52 Stormers)
Super Rugby Points: 20 (2t Cheetahs, 2t Stormers)
Super Rugby Debut: 2007
Test Caps: 7
Test Points: 0
Test Debut: 2012 v Australia

After two years of untimely injuries, the powerful and influential Stormers No.8 finally pulled a Green & Gold jersey over his broad shoulders. He started six Tests in a row in 2012, ending the year as the Bok No.8 and that can only mean more trouble for his opponents – having terrorised opponents now for five years at Vodacom Super Rugby level. He was sorely missed in the business-end of the 2012 tournament and his fitness will be crucial for his side in 2013.

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## SUPER RUGBY FINAL RESULTS 1996-2012

2012	Chiefs	37	Sharks	6
2011	Reds	18	Crusaders	13
2010	Bulls	24	Stormers	17
2009	Bulls	61	Chiefs	17
2008	Crusaders	20	Waratahs	12
2007	Bulls	20	Sharks	19
2006	Crusaders	19	Hurricanes	12
2005	Crusaders	35	Waratahs	25
2004	Brumbies	47	Crusaders	38
2003	Blues	21	Crusaders	17
2002	Crusaders	31	Brumbies	13
2001	Brumbies	36	Sharks	6
2000	Brumbies	19	Crusaders	20
1999	Highlanders	19	Crusaders	24
1998	Blues	13	Crusaders	20
1997	Blues	23	Brumbies	7
1996	Blues	45	Natal	21

*Note: Home teams listed first*

## WINNERS BY TEAM

	Team	Wins	Runners-up
	Crusaders	7	3
	Blues	3	1
	Bulls	3	0
	Brumbies	2	3
	Chiefs	1	1
	Reds	1	0
	Sharks	0	4
	Waratahs	0	2
	Highlanders	0	1
	Hurricanes	0	1
	Stormers	0	1

## WINNERS BY COUNTRY

Country	Wins	Runners-up
New Zealand	11	7
South Africa	3	5
Australia	3	5

1996 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
1 Mar	NSW Waratahs	32	Transvaal	11
1 Mar	Hurricanes	28	Blues	36
2 Mar	Natal	28	Western Province	22
3 Mar	Chiefs	27	Crusaders	26
3 Mar	Highlanders	57	Queensland Reds	17
5 Mar	ACT Brumbies	13	Transvaal	9
9 Mar	Highlanders	29	Transvaal	15
9 Mar	ACT Brumbies	35	Hurricanes	28
9 Mar	Western Province	22	NSW Waratahs	30
9 Mar	Northern Transvaal	30	Natal	8
10 Mar	Crusaders	18	Blues	49
10 Mar	Queensland Reds	26	Chiefs	22
15 Mar	ACT Brumbies	40	Blues	34
16 Mar	Western Province	25	Highlanders	52
16 Mar	Northern Transvaal	32	NSW Waratahs	29
17 Mar	Queensland Reds	52	Crusaders	16
17 Mar	Natal	63	Chiefs	25
20 Mar	Northern Transvaal	59	Highlanders	29
22 Mar	Crusaders	16	Western Province	16
23 Mar	Transvaal	26	Chiefs	23
24 Mar	Hurricanes	25	Queensland Reds	32
24 Mar	NSW Waratahs	44	ACT Brumbies	10
27 Mar	Blues	48	Western Province	30
29 Mar	ACT Brumbies	44	Natal	31
29 Mar	Crusaders	21	NSW Waratahs	16
29 Mar	Queensland Reds	25	Northern Transvaal	18
30 Mar	Highlanders	15	Hurricanes	44
30 Mar	Chiefs	44	Western Province	17
2 Apr	Blues	51	Highlanders	29
2 Apr	NSW Waratahs	6	Natal	34
3 Apr	Chiefs	26	ACT Brumbies	18
3 Apr	Crusaders	18	Northern Transvaal	34
3 Apr	Queensland Reds	36	Western Province	26
6 Apr	Hurricanes	27	Natal	43
7 Apr	Blues	30	Northern Transvaal	26
8 Apr	Crusaders	7	ACT Brumbies	29
10 Apr	Highlanders	33	Natal	32
11 Apr	Chiefs	17	Northern Transvaal	9
13 Apr	Transvaal	23	Western Province	26
3 Apr	Queensland Reds	15	NSW Waratahs	13
14 Apr	Hurricanes	13	Crusaders	36
16 Apr	Highlanders	5	Chiefs	22
19 Apr	Northern Transvaal	25	Transvaal	15
20 Apr	Blues	39	Chiefs	31
20 Apr	ACT Brumbies	21	Queensland Reds	20
21 Apr	NSW Waratahs	29	Highlanders	25
23 Apr	Western Province	35	Hurricanes	25
23 Apr	Transvaal	55	Crusaders	23
26 Apr	Queensland Reds	51	Blues	13
27 Apr	Natal	58	Crusaders	26
27 Apr	Northern Transvaal	38	Hurricanes	20
28 Apr	Chiefs	39	NSW Waratahs	17
28 Apr	Western Province	25	ACT Brumbies	16



**1996 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

1 May	Blues	56	NSW Waratahs	44
1 May	Natal	49	Transvaal	34
4 May	Chiefs	15	Hurricanes	23
4 May	Northern Transvaal	23	ACT Brumbies	10
5 May	Crusaders	27	Highlanders	29
5 May	Natal	20	Queensland Reds	21
7 May	Transvaal	34	Blues	22
10 May	NSW Waratahs	52	Hurricanes	25
10 May	Western Province	7	Northern Transvaal	35
11 May	Transvaal	16	Queensland Reds	25
11 May	Natal	23	Blues	30
12 May	ACT Brumbies	70	Highlanders	26

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Queensland Reds	9	0	2	320	247	5	41
Blues	8	0	3	412	354	9	41
Northern Transvaal	8	0	3	329	208	6	38
Natal	6	0	5	389	277	9	33
ACT Brumbies	7	0	4	306	273	4	32
Chiefs	6	0	5	291	269	4	28
NSW Waratahs	5	0	6	312	290	8	28
Highlanders	5	0	6	329	395	6	26
Hurricanes	3	0	8	290	353	5	17
Transvaal	3	0	8	233	299	4	16
Western Province	3	1	7	251	353	1	15
Crusaders	2	1	8	234	378	2	12

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

8 May	Queensland Reds	25	Natal	43
9 May	Blues	48	Northern Transvaal	11

**FINAL**

25 May	Blues	45	Natal	21
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1997 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
28 Feb	Hurricanes	18	Chiefs	23
1 Mar	Queensland Reds	19	ACT Brumbies	24
1 Mar	Northern Transvaal	40	Blues	40
2 Mar	Free State	20	Gauteng Lions	24
7 Mar	Free State	5	Blues	24
7 Mar	Crusaders	9	Hurricanes	7
8 Mar	NSW Waratahs	26	Chiefs	33
8 Mar	Natal	75	Highlanders	43
8 Mar	Northern Transvaal	14	Queensland Reds	3
9 Mar	Gauteng Lions	44	ACT Brumbies	36
4 Mar	NSW Waratahs	25	Crusaders	8
14 Mar	Gauteng Lions	47	Highlanders	29
15 Mar	Chiefs	16	Blues	26
15 Mar	Free State	35	Queensland Reds	24
16 Mar	Natal	35	ACT Brumbies	26
16 Mar	Hurricanes	64	Northern Transvaal	32
22 Mar	ACT Brumbies	49	Crusaders	29
22 Mar	Free State	45	Natal	40
22 Mar	Gauteng Lions	36	NSW Waratahs	27
22 Mar	Highlanders	27	Northern Transvaal	7
22 Mar	Chiefs	31	Queensland Reds	16
28 Mar	ACT Brumbies	38	Northern Transvaal	19
29 Mar	Gauteng Lions	35	Hurricanes	37
29 Mar	Natal	28	NSW Waratahs	23
29 Mar	Crusaders	24	Chiefs	15
30 Mar	Highlanders	18	Free State	49
31 Mar	Blues	49	Queensland Reds	26
4 Apr	ACT Brumbies	50	Free State	23
4 Apr	Natal	29	Hurricanes	24
4 Apr	Blues	29	Crusaders	28
5 Apr	Queensland Reds	37	Highlanders	24
6 Apr	NSW Waratahs	43	Northern Transvaal	29
11 Apr	Chiefs	15	Natal	33
12 Apr	Blues	41	ACT Brumbies	29
12 Apr	NSW Waratahs	36	Free State	11
12 Apr	Queensland Reds	29	Hurricanes	47
12 Apr	Gauteng Lions	16	Northern Transvaal	16
12 Apr	Highlanders	37	Crusaders	29
18 Apr	Highlanders	9	ACT Brumbies	5
19 Apr	NSW Waratahs	16	Queensland Reds	26
19 Apr	Northern Transvaal	34	Chiefs	27
19 Apr	Crusaders	26	Natal	26
19 Apr	Hurricanes	59	Free State	30
19 Apr	Blues	63	Gauteng Lions	23
25 Apr	Crusaders	23	Gauteng Lions	0
26 Apr	ACT Brumbies	56	NSW Waratahs	9
26 Apr	Hurricanes	60	Highlanders	34
26 Apr	Free State	27	Chiefs	13
27 Apr	Blues	39	Natal	17
2 May	Hurricanes	19	NSW Waratahs	3
3 May	Queensland Reds	40	Natal	3
3 May	Northern Transvaal	23	Crusaders	22
3 May	Chiefs	47	Gauteng Lions	9

**1997 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

3 May	Highlanders	28	Blues	45
9 May	ACT Brumbies	48	Chiefs	34
9 May	Highlanders	16	NSW Waratahs	27
10 May	Queensland Reds	40	Gauteng Lions	27
10 May	Free State	11	Crusaders	16
10 May	Blues	45	Hurricanes	42
11 May	Natal	27	Northern Transvaal	27
16 May	Northern Transvaal	23	Free State	35
16 May	Chiefs	18	Highlanders	34
17 May	NSW Waratahs	20	Blues	34
17 May	Gauteng Lions	42	Natal	8
17 May	Crusaders	48	Queensland Reds	3
18 May	Hurricanes	29	ACT Brumbies	35

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Blues	10	1	0	435	283	8	50
ACT Brumbies	8	0	3	406	291	9	41
Hurricanes	6	0	5	416	314	10	34
Natal	5	2	4	321	350	6	30
Gauteng Lions	5	1	5	302	346	6	28
Crusaders	5	1	5	272	235	4	26
Free State	5	0	6	301	327	5	25
Northern Transvaal	3	3	5	264	342	4	22
NSW Waratahs	4	0	7	255	296	4	20
Queensland Reds	4	0	7	263	318	4	20
Chiefs	4	0	7	272	295	3	19
Highlanders	3	0	8	299	409	5	17

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

24 May	Blues	55	Natal	36
24 May	ACT Brumbies	33	Hurricanes	20

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31 May	Blues	23	ACT Brumbies	7
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1998 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
27 Feb	Highlanders	26	Queensland Reds	19
27 Feb	Stormers	31	Hurricanes	45
28 Feb	Chiefs	25	Crusaders	23
28 Feb	Bulls	32	Cats	39
28 Feb	Sharks	24	Blues	8
1 Mar	NSW Waratahs	32	ACT Brumbies	7
6 Mar	Crusaders	33	NSW Waratahs	12
6 Mar	ACT Brumbies	34	Highlanders	26
6 Mar	Bulls	19	Hurricanes	37
7 Mar	Queensland Reds	25	Chiefs	28
7 Mar	Cats	37	Blues	38
7 Mar	Sharks	32	Stormers	17
13 Mar	Chiefs	19	Hurricanes	22
13 Mar	NSW Waratahs	25	Cats	10
14 Mar	Blues	41	Highlanders	22
14 Mar	ACT Brumbies	23	Sharks	41
14 Mar	Queensland Reds	35	Crusaders	9
14 Mar	Stormers	35	Bulls	18
20 Mar	Highlanders	41	Sharks	35
21 Mar	Blues	25	Chiefs	23
21 Mar	ACT Brumbies	37	Cats	3
21 Mar	Bulls	34	NSW Waratahs	19
22 Mar	Hurricanes	33	Queensland Reds	41
27 Mar	Crusaders	4	Blues	31
28 Mar	Stormers	35	NSW Waratahs	33
28 Mar	Bulls	24	ACT Brumbies	7
28 Mar	Highlanders	57	Cats	27
28 Mar	Hurricanes	23	Sharks	39
3 Apr	Stormers	34	ACT Brumbies	3
3 Apr	Hurricanes	30	Cats	15
4 Apr	Queensland Reds	33	Blues	18
4 Apr	Highlanders	29	Chiefs	11
5 Apr	NSW Waratahs	51	Sharks	18
5 Apr	Crusaders	31	Bulls	20
11 Apr	Queensland Reds	19	Stormers	14
11 Apr	Crusaders	38	ACT Brumbies	26
11 Apr	Chiefs	37	Bulls	25
11 Apr	Sharks	30	Cats	18
13 Apr	Blues	47	NSW Waratahs	25
17 Apr	Blues	34	Bulls	24
18 Apr	Queensland Reds	17	NSW Waratahs	17
18 Apr	Crusaders	37	Stormers	25
18 Apr	Cats	35	Chiefs	36
19 Apr	Highlanders	29	Hurricanes	8
24 Apr	Crusaders	40	Highlanders	24
24 Apr	ACT Brumbies	29	Hurricanes	32
25 Apr	Queensland Reds	28	Bulls	15
25 Apr	Sharks	52	Chiefs	18
26 Apr	Blues	74	Stormers	28
1 May	NSW Waratahs	23	Highlanders	22
1 May	Hurricanes	17	Crusaders	39
2 May	Chiefs	26	Stormers	7
2 May	ACT Brumbies	24	Blues	27

**1998 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

2 May	Bulls	12	Sharks	8
3 May	Cats	16	Queensland Reds	20
8 May	Chiefs	35	ACT Brumbies	15
9 May	NSW Waratahs	36	Hurricanes	2
9 May	Cats	25	Crusaders	34
9 May	Stormers	15	Highlanders	36
10 May	Sharks	30	Queensland Reds	20
15 May	Chiefs	21	NSW Waratahs	33
15 May	Bulls	26	Highlanders	31
16 May	Hurricanes	34	Blues	45
16 May	ACT Brumbies	23	Queensland Reds	16
16 May	Sharks	20	Crusaders	32
16 May	Cats	41	Stormers	7

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Blues	9	0	2	388	298	7	43
Crusaders	8	0	3	340	260	9	41
Sharks	7	0	4	329	263	8	36
Highlanders	7	0	4	343	279	6	34
Queensland Reds	6	1	4	273	229	5	31
NSW Waratahs	6	1	4	306	276	4	30
Chiefs	6	0	5	279	291	5	29
Hurricanes	5	0	6	313	342	6	26
Stormers	3	0	8	248	364	6	18
ACT Brumbies	3	0	8	228	308	5	17
Bulls	3	0	8	249	306	4	16
Cats	2	0	9	266	346	7	15

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

23 May	Blues	37	Highlanders	31
24 May	Crusaders	36	Sharks	32

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30 May	Blues	13	Crusaders	20
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1999 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
26 Feb	Crusaders	48	Chiefs	3
26 Feb	Cats	33	ACT Brumbies	22
27 Feb	Highlanders	19	Blues	13
27 Feb	Queensland Reds	11	Hurricanes	0
27 Feb	Bulls	19	Stormers	42
27 Feb	Sharks	13	NSW Waratahs	13
5 Mar	Blues	16	Crusaders	22
5 Mar	Sharks	21	ACT Brumbies	16
6 Mar	Highlanders	65	Bulls	23
6 Mar	Chiefs	17	Queensland Reds	19
6 Mar	Cats	10	NSW Waratahs	39
7 Mar	Hurricanes	22	Stormers	24
12 Mar	Highlanders	46	Stormers	14
12 Mar	Queensland Reds	19	ACT Brumbies	18
13 Mar	Hurricanes	37	Bulls	18
13 Mar	NSW Waratahs	36	Chiefs	30
13 Mar	Cats	20	Sharks	36
19 Mar	Crusaders	18	Hurricanes	18
19 Mar	ACT Brumbies	37	Stormers	15
20 Mar	Blues	12	Queensland Reds	12
20 Mar	NSW Waratahs	39	Bulls	23
20 Mar	Cats	28	Highlanders	29
26 Mar	Chiefs	18	Blues	29
26 Mar	NSW Waratahs	18	Stormers	28
26 Mar	Sharks	32	Highlanders	8
27 Mar	Crusaders	23	Queensland Reds	36
27 Mar	ACT Brumbies	73	Bulls	9
27 Mar	Cats	43	Hurricanes	27
2 Apr	ACT Brumbies	21	Crusaders	28
3 Apr	Chiefs	16	Highlanders	27
3 Apr	NSW Waratahs	20	Blues	21
3 Apr	Sharks	18	Hurricanes	34
3 Apr	Stormers	35	Queensland Reds	14
3 Apr	Cats	57	Bulls	24
9 Apr	Highlanders	23	Crusaders	6
9 Apr	Bulls	7	Queensland Reds	17
10 Apr	Blues	23	Hurricanes	7
10 Apr	ACT Brumbies	13	Chiefs	16
10 Apr	Stormers	35	Sharks	19
16 Apr	Hurricanes	21	Chiefs	24
17 Apr	Blues	24	Cats	11
17 Apr	ACT Brumbies	27	NSW Waratahs	16
17 Apr	Queensland Reds	19	Highlanders	20
17 Apr	Sharks	29	Bulls	0
18 Apr	Stormers	28	Crusaders	19
23 Apr	Highlanders	15	NSW Waratahs	23
24 Apr	Chiefs	44	Cats	42
24 Apr	Blues	6	Sharks	12
24 Apr	Bulls	28	Crusaders	30
25 Apr	Hurricanes	13	ACT Brumbies	21
30 Apr	Chiefs	32	Sharks	19
1 May	Highlanders	9	ACT Brumbies	8
1 May	NSW Waratahs	13	Queensland Reds	30

**1999 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

1 May	Stormers	37	Blues	23
2 May	Crusaders	58	Cats	38
7 May	Hurricanes	13	NSW Waratahs	7
8 May	Crusaders	34	Sharks	29
8 May	Queensland Reds	22	Cats	12
8 May	Bulls	21	Blues	19
8 May	Stormers	16	Chiefs	9
14 May	Blues	16	ACT Brumbies	22
14 May	Queensland Reds	34	Sharks	13
14 May	Bulls	31	Chiefs	39
15 May	Hurricanes	21	Highlanders	19
15 May	NSW Waratahs	22	Crusaders	38
15 May	Stormers	16	Cats	18

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Queensland Reds	8	1	2	233	170	2	36
Stormers	8	0	3	290	244	4	36
Highlanders	8	0	3	280	203	3	35
Crusaders	7	1	3	324	262	3	33
ACT Brumbies	5	0	6	278	195	8	28
Chiefs	5	0	6	248	301	6	26
Sharks	5	1	5	241	232	3	25
NSW Waratahs	4	1	6	246	248	6	24
Blues	4	1	6	202	201	5	23
Hurricanes	4	1	6	213	226	4	22
Cats	4	0	7	312	341	6	22
Bulls	1	0	10	203	447	3	7

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

22 May	Queensland Reds	22	Crusaders	28
22 May	Stormers	18	Highlanders	33

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29 May	Highlanders	19	Crusaders	24
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2000 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
25 Feb	Hurricanes	40	Sharks	23
25 Feb	ACT Brumbies	15	Blues	18
26 Feb	Highlanders	50	Queensland Reds	13
26 Feb	Bulls	19	Cats	23
26 Feb	Stormers	22	NSW Waratahs	15
27 Feb	Chiefs	24	Crusaders	27
3 Mar	Highlanders	27	Sharks	20
4 Mar	Hurricanes	43	Queensland Reds	25
4 Mar	Cats	22	Stormers	18
4 Mar	Bulls	13	NSW Waratahs	33
5 Mar	Blues	25	Chiefs	32
10 Mar	Crusaders	32	Blues	20
10 Mar	ACT Brumbies	51	Sharks	10
11 Mar	Highlanders	35	Hurricanes	19
11 Mar	NSW Waratahs	51	Cats	16
11 Mar	Stormers	19	Bulls	19
17 Mar	Highlanders	33	Cats	31
18 Mar	Chiefs	19	Hurricanes	24
18 Mar	NSW Waratahs	19	Sharks	26
18 Mar	Queensland Reds	19	Crusaders	27
18 Mar	Stormers	15	ACT Brumbies	29
24 Mar	Blues	31	NSW Waratahs	17
25 Mar	Hurricanes	29	Cats	23
25 Mar	Queensland Reds	37	Chiefs	17
25 Mar	Bulls	19	ACT Brumbies	28
26 Mar	Crusaders	47	Stormers	31
31 Mar	Hurricanes	14	Blues	25
1 Apr	Crusaders	42	Highlanders	36
1 Apr	ACT Brumbies	64	Cats	0
1 Apr	Queensland Reds	31	NSW Waratahs	16
1 Apr	Bulls	14	Sharks	14
2 Apr	Chiefs	25	Stormers	28
7 Apr	Hurricanes	28	Crusaders	22
7 Apr	ACT Brumbies	34	Highlanders	15
8 Apr	Blues	18	Stormers	39
8 Apr	Queensland Reds	34	Bulls	15
8 Apr	Sharks	27	Cats	28
9 Apr	Chiefs	30	NSW Waratahs	37
14 Apr	Blues	26	Highlanders	16
14 Apr	Queensland Reds	37	Stormers	24
15 Apr	Chiefs	40	Bulls	7
15 Apr	NSW Waratahs	30	ACT Brumbies	25
15 Apr	Sharks	24	Crusaders	32
20 Apr	Highlanders	38	Chiefs	6
21 Apr	ACT Brumbies	47	Hurricanes	28
22 Apr	Blues	54	Bulls	11
22 Apr	Cats	54	Crusaders	31
22 Apr	Sharks	13	Queensland Reds	24
28 Apr	Crusaders	75	Bulls	27
29 Apr	Chiefs	17	ACT Brumbies	45
29 Apr	NSW Waratahs	20	Hurricanes	27
29 Apr	Cats	36	Queensland Reds	32
29 Apr	Stormers	27	Highlanders	13



**2000 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

30 Apr	Sharks	19	Blues	30
5 May	Crusaders	22	NSW Waratahs	13
5 May	Cats	34	Blues	27
6 May	ACT Brumbies	38	Queensland Reds	32
6 May	Bulls	40	Highlanders	42
6 May	Sharks	31	Chiefs	44
7 May	Stormers	43	Hurricanes	23
12 May	Crusaders	12	ACT Brumbies	17
12 May	NSW Waratahs	22	Highlanders	15
12 May	Bulls	47	Hurricanes	33
13 May	Queensland Reds	33	Blues	26
13 May	Sharks	28	Stormers	32
13 May	Cats	53	Chiefs	3

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
ACT Brumbies	9	0	2	393	196	9	45
Crusaders	8	0	3	369	293	7	39
Highlanders	6	0	5	320	280	8	32
Cats	7	0	4	320	334	4	32
Stormers	6	1	4	298	276	5	31
Blues	6	0	5	300	262	6	30
Queensland Reds	6	0	5	317	305	6	30
Hurricanes	6	0	5	308	329	5	29
NSW Waratahs	5	0	6	273	258	5	25
Chiefs	3	0	8	257	352	8	20
Bulls	1	2	8	231	395	3	11
Sharks	1	1	9	235	341	3	9

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

20 May	Crusaders	37	Highlanders	15
20 May	ACT Brumbies	28	Cats	5

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27 May	ACT Brumbies	19	Crusaders	20
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2001 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
23 Feb	Highlanders	23	Blues	8
23 Feb	ACT Brumbies	51	Crusaders	16
23 Feb	Sharks	30	Bulls	17
24 Feb	NSW Waratahs	42	Chiefs	23
24 Feb	Queensland Reds	27	Hurricanes	18
24 Feb	Stormers	24	Cats	29
2 Mar	Blues	17	Crusaders	12
3 Mar	Hurricanes	26	Bulls	20
3 Mar	Chiefs	32	Queensland Reds	29
3 Mar	Sharks	17	ACT Brumbies	16
3 Mar	Cats	56	Highlanders	21
4 Mar	NSW Waratahs	35	Stormers	7
9 Mar	Hurricanes	15	Stormers	27
10 Mar	Crusaders	40	Chiefs	11
10 Mar	NSW Waratahs	53	Bulls	7
10 Mar	Cats	17	ACT Brumbies	19
10 Mar	Sharks	30	Highlanders	29
11 Mar	Blues	39	Queensland Reds	35
16 Mar	Chiefs	34	Blues	16
17 Mar	ACT Brumbies	39	Bulls	30
17 Mar	Cats	28	NSW Waratahs	21
17 Mar	Sharks	39	Hurricanes	21
18 Mar	Highlanders	24	Stormers	23
23 Mar	Crusaders	32	Queensland Reds	26
23 Mar	Cats	18	Hurricanes	15
24 Mar	Highlanders	32	Bulls	10
24 Mar	ACT Brumbies	40	Stormers	25
24 Mar	Sharks	42	NSW Waratahs	17
30 Mar	Chiefs	50	Highlanders	19
30 Mar	Queensland Reds	15	ACT Brumbies	23
31 Mar	Crusaders	29	Hurricanes	41
31 Mar	NSW Waratahs	35	Blues	19
31 Mar	Cats	26	Sharks	25
6 Apr	Hurricanes	34	ACT Brumbies	19
7 Apr	Blues	27	Sharks	41
7 Apr	Highlanders	39	NSW Waratahs	20
7 Apr	Stormers	29	Queensland Reds	27
8 Apr	Chiefs	22	Cats	18
8 Apr	Bulls	29	Crusaders	42
13 Apr	ACT Brumbies	48	NSW Waratahs	21
13 Apr	Blues	23	Cats	26
14 Apr	Hurricanes	35	Highlanders	33
14 Apr	Chiefs	8	Sharks	24
14 Apr	Bulls	19	Queensland Reds	29
14 Apr	Stormers	49	Crusaders	28
20 Apr	Highlanders	16	ACT Brumbies	9
21 Apr	Bulls	37	Chiefs	49
21 Apr	Stormers	12	Blues	26
22 Apr	Queensland Reds	32	Sharks	27
22 Apr	Crusaders	31	Cats	32
27 Apr	Hurricanes	42	NSW Waratahs	17
27 Apr	Stormers	29	Chiefs	15
28 Apr	Crusaders	34	Sharks	24

**2001 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

28 Apr	Queensland Reds	22	Cats	16
28 Apr	Bulls	28	Blues	25
4 May	Hurricanes	27	Chiefs	51
5 May	Blues	7	ACT Brumbies	35
5 May	NSW Waratahs	25	Crusaders	22
5 May	Bulls	23	Stormers	34
6 May	Queensland Reds	33	Highlanders	22
11 May	Blues	36	Hurricanes	17
11 May	ACT Brumbies	49	Chiefs	6
11 May	Cats	19	Bulls	21
12 May	Highlanders	26	Crusaders	21
12 May	NSW Waratahs	20	Queensland Reds	25
12 May	Stormers	19	Sharks	23

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
ACT Brumbies	8	0	3	348	204	8	40
Sharks	8	0	3	322	246	6	38
Cats	7	0	4	285	244	6	34
Queensland Reds	6	0	5	300	277	8	32
Highlanders	6	0	5	284	295	5	29
Chiefs	6	0	5	301	330	4	28
Stormers	5	0	6	278	285	6	26
NSW Waratahs	5	0	6	306	302	5	25
Hurricanes	5	0	6	291	316	5	25
Crusaders	4	0	7	307	331	7	23
Blues	4	0	7	243	298	5	21
Bulls	2	0	9	241	378	3	11

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

19 May	ACT Brumbies	30	Queensland Reds 6	15
19 May	Sharks	30	Cats	12

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26 May	ACT Brumbies	36	Sharks	6
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2002 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
22 Feb	Hurricanes	7	Blues	60
22 Feb	Sharks	18	Stormers	25
23 Feb	Chiefs	25	NSW Waratahs	42
23 Feb	Crusaders	30	Highlanders	28
23 Feb	ACT Brumbies	29	Queensland Reds	19
23 Feb	Bulls	31	Cats	44
1 Mar	Chiefs	27	Crusaders	34
2 Mar	Highlanders	45	Sharks	5
2 Mar	ACT Brumbies	64	Cats	16
2 Mar	Queensland Reds	34	Blues	23
2 Mar	Stormers	25	NSW Waratahs	26
2 Mar	Bulls	18	Hurricanes	37
8 Mar	Highlanders	40	Cats	8
8 Mar	ACT Brumbies	38	Sharks	8
8 Mar	Stormers	40	Hurricanes	13
9 Mar	Crusaders	30	Blues	11
9 Mar	Queensland Reds	27	Chiefs	13
9 Mar	Bulls	19	NSW Waratahs	51
15 Mar	Hurricanes	40	Sharks	17
16 Mar	NSW Waratahs	44	Cats	21
16 Mar	Bulls	35	ACT Brumbies	45
16 Mar	Stormers	20	Highlanders	21
17 Mar	Queensland Reds	27	Crusaders	34
22 Mar	Hurricanes	30	Cats	21
22 Mar	Bulls	17	Highlanders	54
23 Mar	Blues	37	Chiefs	30
23 Mar	NSW Waratahs	42	Sharks	8
23 Mar	Stormers	15	ACT Brumbies	36
28 Mar	Blues	22	NSW Waratahs	20
29 Mar	Hurricanes	22	Queensland Reds	18
29 Mar	Highlanders	24	Chiefs	29
30 Mar	Crusaders	33	ACT Brumbies	32
5 Apr	Highlanders	19	Hurricanes	10
6 Apr	Crusaders	49	Bulls	15
6 Apr	Queensland Reds	49	Stormers	46
6 Apr	Sharks	20	Blues	13
6 Apr	Cats	25	Chiefs	36
12 Apr	Crusaders	41	Stormers	21
12 Apr	Queensland Reds	48	Bulls	12
12 Apr	Cats	12	Blues	24
13 Apr	NSW Waratahs	31	Highlanders	13
13 Apr	Sharks	21	Chiefs	18
14 Apr	ACT Brumbies	13	Hurricanes	20
19 Apr	Blues	65	Bulls	24
20 Apr	Chiefs	33	Stormers	45
20 Apr	NSW Waratahs	19	ACT Brumbies	11
20 Apr	Cats	15	Queensland Reds	27

**2002 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

20 Apr	Sharks	34	Crusaders	37
26 Apr	Blues	25	Stormers	6
26 Apr	ACT Brumbies	18	Highlanders	25
26 Apr	Cats	30	Crusaders	37
27 Apr	Chiefs	53	Bulls	24
27 Apr	NSW Waratahs	19	Hurricanes	13
27 Apr	Sharks	29	Queensland Reds	30
3 May	Blues	13	Highlanders	20
4 May	Hurricanes	20	Crusaders	48
4 May	Chiefs	15	ACT Brumbies	42
4 May	Cats	25	Stormers	36
4 May	Bulls	10	Sharks	23
5 May	Queensland Reds	31	NSW Waratahs	24
10 May	Chiefs	44	Hurricanes	20
10 May	ACT Brumbies	46	Blues	25
11 May	Highlanders	40	Queensland Reds	26
11 May	Crusaders	96	NSW Waratahs	19
11 May	Stormers	31	Blues	27
11 May	Sharks	38	Cats	11

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Crusaders	11	0	0	469	264	7	51
NSW Waratahs	8	0	3	337	284	7	39
ACT Brumbies	7	0	4	374	230	10	38
Highlanders	8	0	3	329	207	6	38
Queensland Reds	7	0	4	336	287	6	34
Blues	6	0	5	318	249	5	29
Stormers	5	0	6	310	314	7	27
Chiefs	4	0	7	323	341	8	24
Hurricanes	5	0	6	232	317	3	23
Sharks	4	0	7	221	309	4	20
Cats	1	0	10	228	407	2	6
Bulls	0	0	11	232	500	4	4

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

18 May	Crusaders	34	Highlanders	23
18 May	NSW Waratahs	10	ACT Brumbies	51

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25 May	Crusaders	31	ACT Brumbies	13
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2003 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
21 Feb	Stormers	40	Sharks	18
21 Feb	Cats	26	Bulls	34
21 Feb	NSW Waratahs	18	Blues	31
21 Feb	Chiefs	16	Highlanders	29
22 Feb	Queensland Reds	19	ACT Brumbies	22
22 Feb	Crusaders	37	Hurricanes	21
28 Feb	Chiefs	27	Blues	30
1 Mar	Cats	36	NSW Waratahs	48
1 Mar	Sharks	25	ACT Brumbies	17
1 Mar	Hurricanes	36	Bulls	46
1 Mar	Highlanders	41	Stormers	17
1 Mar	Crusaders	34	Queensland Reds	6
7 Mar	Cats	34	ACT Brumbies	32
7 Mar	Hurricanes	33	Stormers	18
7 Mar	Highlanders	29	Bulls	22
8 Mar	Sharks	36	NSW Waratahs	49
8 Mar	Blues	39	Crusaders	5
8 Mar	Chiefs	43	Queensland Reds	27
14 Mar	Sharks	20	Hurricanes	35
14 Mar	ACT Brumbies	37	Stormers	22
14 Mar	Crusaders	36	Chiefs	29
15 Mar	Cats	33	Highlanders	21
15 Mar	NSW Waratahs	26	Bulls	16
21 Mar	Sharks	19	Highlanders	23
21 Mar	NSW Waratahs	29	Stormers	39
21 Mar	Blues	62	Queensland Reds	20
22 Mar	Cats	21	Hurricanes	28
22 Mar	ACT Brumbies	64	Bulls	26
28 Mar	Blues	41	ACT Brumbies	15
28 Mar	Highlanders	16	Crusaders	17
29 Mar	Cats	23	Sharks	29
29 Mar	NSW Waratahs	23	Queensland Reds	35
29 Mar	Hurricanes	24	Chiefs	14
4 Apr	Queensland Reds	23	Hurricanes	26
4 Apr	Highlanders	22	Blues	11
5 Apr	Bulls	24	Stormers	27
5 Apr	NSW Waratahs	34	Crusaders	31
6 Apr	ACT Brumbies	55	Chiefs	31
11 Apr	Hurricanes	42	NSW Waratahs	26
12 Apr	Stormers	20	Queensland Reds	41
12 Apr	Bulls	28	Blues	56
12 Apr	Crusaders	65	Cats	34
12 Apr	Chiefs	25	Sharks	31
18 Apr	ACT Brumbies	41	NSW Waratahs	15
18 Apr	Crusaders	23	Sharks	18
19 Apr	Bulls	39	Queensland Reds	19
19 Apr	Stormers	8	Blues	36
19 Apr	Hurricanes	37	Highlanders	15
19 Apr	Chiefs	40	Cats	9
25 Apr	Highlanders	45	ACT Brumbies	19
26 Apr	Stormers	24	Chiefs	23
26 Apr	Bulls	32	Crusaders	31
26 Apr	Queensland Reds	41	Cats	13

**2003 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

26 Apr	Blues	25	Sharks	16
2 May	Stormers	13	Crusaders	51
2 May	Blues	33	Crusaders	9
3 May	Queensland Reds	22	Sharks	13
3 May	Hurricanes	27	ACT Brumbies	35
3 May	Highlanders	23	NSW Waratahs	27
3 May	Bulls	29	Chiefs	26
9 May	ACT Brumbies	21	Crusaders	28
9 May	Blues	29	Hurricanes	17
10 May	Stormers	27	Cats	21
10 May	Sharks	16	Bulls	24
10 May	NSW Waratahs	25	Chiefs	14
10 May	Queensland Reds	28	Highlanders	23

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Blues	10	0	1	393	185	9	49
Crusaders	8	0	3	358	263	8	40
Hurricanes	7	0	4	324	284	7	35
ACT Brumbies	6	0	5	358	314	8	31
NSW Waratahs	6	0	5	320	344	7	31
Bulls	6	0	5	320	354	6	30
Highlanders	6	0	5	287	246	5	29
Queensland Reds	5	0	6	281	318	6	26
Stormers	5	0	6	255	353	3	23
Chiefs	3	0	8	288	306	10	18
Sharks	3	0	8	241	306	5	17
Cats	2	0	9	259	398	5	13

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

16 May	Crusaders	39	Hurricanes	16
17 May	Blues	42	Brumbies	21

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24 May	Blues	21	Crusaders	17
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2004 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
20 Feb	Highlanders	39	Queensland Reds	8
20 Feb	Cats	23	Stormers	28
21 Feb	Chiefs	19	Hurricanes	7
21 Feb	Crusaders	19	NSW Waratahs	43
21 Feb	ACT Brumbies	44	Blues	27
21 Feb	Bulls	18	Sharks	23
27 Feb	Crusaders	29	Blues	38
27 Feb	ACT Brumbies	68	Cats	28
28 Feb	NSW Waratahs	48	Sharks	14
28 Feb	Queensland Reds	39	Chiefs	25
28 Feb	Stormers	46	Highlanders	25
28 Feb	Bulls	40	Hurricanes	19
5 Mar	Blues	20	Chiefs	27
5 Mar	NSW Waratahs	46	Cats	10
5 Mar	Bulls	16	Highlanders	16
6 Mar	ACT Brumbies	23	Sharks	20
6 Mar	Queensland Reds	17	Crusaders	20
6 Mar	Stormers	19	Hurricanes	25
12 Mar	Highlanders	35	Sharks	36
13 Mar	Hurricanes	42	Cats	25
13 Mar	Queensland Reds	20	Blues	3
13 Mar	Bulls	32	ACT Brumbies	21
13 Mar	Stormers	27	NSW Waratahs	23
19 Mar	Hurricanes	20	Sharks	21
19 Mar	Bulls	38	NSW Waratahs	27
19 Mar	Highlanders	29	Cats	17
20 Mar	Chiefs	15	Crusaders	36
20 Mar	Stormers	15	ACT Brumbies	33
26 Mar	Hurricanes	26	Blues	26
27 Mar	Chiefs	32	NSW Waratahs	17
27 Mar	Crusaders	46	Highlanders	29
27 Mar	Stormers	25	Bulls	11
28 Mar	ACT Brumbies	51	Queensland Reds	8
2 Apr	Highlanders	31	Chiefs	36
3 Apr	Crusaders	47	ACT Brumbies	28
3 Apr	Hurricanes	29	Queensland Reds	12
3 Apr	Sharks	42	Cats	28
4 Apr	Blues	22	NSW Waratahs	17
9 Apr	Blues	56	Bulls	19
9 Apr	ACT Brumbies	50	Highlanders	18
10 Apr	Queensland Reds	20	Stormers	21
10 Apr	Sharks	29	Crusaders	25
10 Apr	Cats	23	Chiefs	21
16 Apr	Blues	23	Stormers	51
16 Apr	Queensland Reds	17	Bulls	23
16 Apr	Sharks	27	Chiefs	34
17 Apr	NSW Waratahs	49	Hurricanes	31
17 Apr	Cats	37	Crusaders	39
23 Apr	Chiefs	29	Stormers	14
24 Apr	Crusaders	40	Bulls	21
24 Apr	Highlanders	26	Hurricanes	14
24 Apr	NSW Waratahs	37	ACT Brumbies	29
24 Apr	Sharks	5	Queensland Reds	6



**2004 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

24 Apr	Cats	28	Blues	35
30 Apr	Chiefs	24	Bulls	22
30 Apr	Sharks	26	Blues	37
1 May	Crusaders	24	Stormers	9
1 May	NSW Waratahs	28	Highlanders	29
1 May	ACT Brumbies	46	Hurricanes	25
1 May	Cats	23	Queensland Reds	47
7 May	Hurricanes	37	Crusaders	15
8 May	Chiefs	12	ACT Brumbies	15
8 May	Blues	50	Highlanders	22
8 May	Queensland Reds	23	NSW Waratahs	7
8 May	Bulls	62	Cats	52
8 May	Sharks	24	Stormers	31

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
ACT Brumbies	8	0	3	408	269	8	40
Crusaders	7	0	4	345	303	6	34
Stormers	7	0	4	286	260	5	33
Chiefs	7	0	4	274	251	5	33
Blues	6	1	4	337	309	6	32
Bulls	5	1	5	302	320	6	28
NSW Waratahs	5	0	6	342	274	7	27
Sharks	5	0	6	267	305	7	27
Highlanders	4	1	6	299	347	8	26
Queensland Reds	5	0	6	217	246	5	25
Hurricanes	4	1	6	275	303	5	23
Cats	1	0	10	294	459	7	11

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

15 May	Crusaders	27	Stormers	16
15 May	Brumbies	32	Chiefs	17

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22 May	Brumbies	47	Crusaders	38
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2005 SUPER 12 RESULTS				
25 Feb	Highlanders	14	Blues	30
25 Feb	NSW Waratahs	25	Chiefs	7
25 Feb	Stormers	26	Sharks	12
26 Feb	ACT Brumbies	32	Crusaders	21
26 Feb	Queensland Reds	10	Hurricanes	24
26 Feb	Cats	23	Bulls	17
4 Mar	Blues	18	Queensland Reds	15
4 Mar	ACT Brumbies	21	Bulls	19
5 Mar	Highlanders	16	Stormers	16
5 Mar	Crusaders	50	Chiefs	18
5 Mar	Sharks	13	NSW Waratahs	36
5 Mar	Cats	32	Hurricanes	45
11 Mar	Highlanders	23	Bulls	0
11 Mar	ACT Brumbies	22	Stormers	19
11 Mar	Sharks	23	Hurricanes	29
12 Mar	Crusaders	59	Queensland Reds	24
12 Mar	Chiefs	18	Blues	9
12 Mar	Cats	19	NSW Waratahs	40
18 Mar	Chiefs	6	Queensland Reds	20
19 Mar	Hurricanes	12	Bulls	21
19 Mar	Blues	19	Crusaders	41
19 Mar	NSW Waratahs	25	Stormers	10
19 Mar	Cats	29	ACT Brumbies	34
19 Mar	Sharks	7	Highlanders	43
25 Mar	Hurricanes	16	Stormers	12
25 Mar	Cats	12	Highlanders	16
26 Mar	NSW Waratahs	42	Bulls	12
26 Mar	Sharks	36	ACT Brumbies	24
1 Apr	Hurricanes	28	Chiefs	16
1 Apr	Queensland Reds	16	Highlanders	23
2 Apr	Blues	17	ACT Brumbies	0
2 Apr	NSW Waratahs	27	Crusaders	33
8 Apr	Highlanders	19	ACT Brumbies	18
9 Apr	Chiefs	40	Sharks	5
9 Apr	Blues	23	Cats	6
9 Apr	Stormers	15	Queensland Reds	13
9 Apr	Bulls	35	Crusaders	20
10 Apr	Hurricanes	26	NSW Waratahs	24
15 Apr	Chiefs	45	Cats	14
15 Apr	Bulls	32	Queensland Reds	7
16 Apr	Blues	36	Sharks	13
16 Apr	ACT Brumbies	6	NSW Waratahs	10
16 Apr	Stormers	23	Crusaders	51
22 Apr	Hurricanes	16	Highlanders	26
23 Apr	Crusaders	40	Cats	36
23 Apr	Queensland Reds	30	Sharks	25
23 Apr	Bulls	29	Chiefs	26
23 Apr	Stormers	24	Blues	37
29 Apr	Crusaders	77	Sharks	34
29 Apr	Queensland Reds	21	Cats	15
29 Apr	Bulls	38	Blues	24
30 Apr	Highlanders	20	NSW Waratahs	41
30 Apr	Hurricanes	49	Brumbies	37

**2005 SUPER 12 RESULTS**

30 Apr	Stormers	34	Chiefs	37
6 May	Blues	10	Hurricanes	22
6 May	NSW Waratahs	27	Queensland Reds	8
7 May	Highlanders	13	Crusaders	27
7 May	ACT Brumbies	28	Chiefs	28
7 May	Sharks	17	Bulls	23
7 May	Stormers	25	Cats	20
13 May	Crusaders	40	Hurricanes	20
13 May	NSW Waratahs	25	Blues	20
14 May	Chiefs	31	Highlanders	8
14 May	Queensland Reds	21	ACT Brumbies	38
14 May	Bulls	75	Stormers	14
14 May	Cats	20	Sharks	20

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Crusaders	9	0	2	459	281	8	44
NSW Waratahs	9	0	2	322	174	8	44
Bulls	7	0	4	301	229	6	34
Hurricanes	8	0	3	283	248	2	34
Brumbies	5	1	5	260	268	7	29
Chiefs	5	1	5	272	250	6	28
Blues	6	0	5	243	216	3	27
Highlanders	6	1	4	221	214	1	27
Stormers	3	1	7	215	320	4	18
QLD Reds	3	0	8	185	282	5	17
Cats	1	1	9	226	326	7	13
Sharks	1	1	9	205	384	5	11

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

20 May	Crusaders	47	Hurricanes	7
21 May	NSW Waratahs	23	Bulls	13

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28 May	Crusaders	35	NSW Waratahs	25
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2006 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS				
10 Feb	Blues	19	Hurricanes	37
10 Feb	Western Force	10	Brumbies	25
10 Feb	Cheetahs	18	Bulls	30
11 Feb	Crusaders	38	Highlanders	15
11 Feb	Reds	12	Waratahs	16
11 Feb	Cats	12	Stormers	23
11 Feb	Sharks	30	Chiefs	21
17 Feb	Highlanders	25	Blues	13
17 Feb	Cats	21	Chiefs	16
17 Feb	Bulls	21	Brumbies	27
18 Feb	Hurricanes	29	Western Force	5
18 Feb	Reds	21	Crusaders	47
18 Feb	Sharks	26	Cheetahs	27
18 Feb	Stormers	26	Waratahs	32
24 Feb	Hurricanes	29	Cats	16
24 Feb	Western Force	9	Chiefs	26
24 Feb	Stormers	15	Brumbies	15
25 Feb	Crusaders	22	Sharks	20
25 Feb	Reds	20	Blues	21
25 Feb	Bulls	26	Waratahs	17
25 Feb	Cheetahs	12	Highlanders	17
3 Mar	Chiefs	35	Reds	17
3 Mar	Brumbies	28	Cats	7
4 Mar	Waratahs	31	Sharks	16
4 Mar	Crusaders	39	Blues	10
4 Mar	Stormers	15	Highlanders	30
4 Mar	Cheetahs	27	Hurricanes	25
10 Mar	Chiefs	19	Crusaders	25
10 Mar	Waratahs	50	Cats	3
11 Mar	Brumbies	35	Sharks	30
11 Mar	Reds	29	Western Force	18
11 Mar	Bulls	23	Highlanders	16
11 Mar	Stormers	19	Hurricanes	23
17 Mar	Crusaders	43	Cats	15
17 Mar	Western Force	7	Waratahs	32
17 Mar	Bulls	23	Hurricanes	26
18 Mar	Blues	26	Brumbies	15
18 Mar	Highlanders	11	Sharks	26
18 Mar	Stormers	25	Cheetahs	31
24 Mar	Hurricanes	23	Sharks	17
24 Mar	Waratahs	43	Blues	9
24 Mar	Cheetahs	10	Reds	6
25 Mar	Brumbies	28	Chiefs	26
25 Mar	Highlanders	16	Cats	14
25 Mar	Western Force	21	Bulls	30
31 Mar	Blues	30	Bulls	17
31 Mar	Waratahs	26	Cheetahs	3
31 Mar	Western Force	25	Stormers	26
1 Apr	Hurricanes	11	Crusaders	20
1 Apr	Chiefs	16	Highlanders	13
1 Apr	Sharks	36	Reds	28
7 Apr	Crusaders	17	Waratahs	11
8 Apr	Highlanders	25	Western Force	22
8 Apr	Chiefs	26	Bulls	26
8 Apr	Blues	32	Stormers	15
8 Apr	Brumbies	53	Cheetahs	20
8 Apr	Cats	16	Reds	23
14 Apr	Blues	39	Western Force	8
15 Apr	Crusaders	53	Cheetahs	17
15 Apr	Chiefs	30	Stormers	20
15 Apr	Reds	20	Bulls	19
15 Apr	Cats	8	Sharks	36

**2006 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS**

16 Apr	Highlanders	13	Hurricanes	29
16 Apr	Waratahs	37	Brumbies	14
21 Apr	Chiefs	33	Cheetahs	32
21 Apr	Reds	20	Stormers	24
21 Apr	Western Force	23	Crusaders	23
22 Apr	Brumbies	21	Hurricanes	16
22 Apr	Sharks	32	Blues	15
22 Apr	Bulls	46	Cats	17
28 Apr	Highlanders	3	Waratahs	20
28 Apr	Cats	34	Western Force	34
29 Apr	Hurricanes	35	Chiefs	10
29 Apr	Brumbies	36	Reds	0
29 Apr	Cheetahs	33	Blues	33
29 Apr	Bulls	34	Sharks	27
29 Apr	Stormers	28	Crusaders	17
5 May	Hurricanes	26	Reds	22
5 May	Bulls	17	Crusaders	35
6 May	Chiefs	37	Waratahs	33
6 May	Brumbies	26	Highlanders	28
6 May	Cheetahs	14	Western Force	16
6 May	Sharks	24	Stormers	17
6 May	Cats	32	Blues	33
12 May	Crusaders	33	Brumbies	3
12 May	Reds	22	Highlanders	16
12 May	Sharks	41	Western Force	25
13 May	Blues	9	Chiefs	30
13 May	Waratahs	14	Hurricanes	19
13 May	Cheetahs	28	Cats	23
13 May	Stormers	10	Bulls	43

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Crusaders	11	1	1	412	210	5	51
Hurricanes	10	0	3	327	226	7	47
Waratahs	9	0	4	362	192	9	45
Bulls	7	1	5	355	290	8	38
Sharks	7	0	6	361	297	10	38
Brumbies	8	1	4	326	269	4	38
Chiefs	7	1	5	325	298	6	36
Blues	6	0	7	290	348	5	29
Highlanders	6	0	7	228	276	3	27
Cheetahs	5	0	8	272	367	7	27
Stormers	4	1	8	263	334	5	23
Reds	4	0	9	240	320	6	22
Cats	2	1	10	220	405	5	15
Force	1	2	10	223	373	4	12

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

19 May	Hurricanes	16	Waratahs	14
20 May	Crusaders	35	Bulls	15

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27 May	Crusaders	19	Hurricanes	12
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2007 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS				
2 Feb	Blues	34	Crusaders	25
2 Feb	Western Force	7	Highlanders	8
3 Feb	Lions	16	Waratahs	25
3 Feb	Chiefs	15	Brumbies	21
3 Feb	Reds	25	Hurricanes	16
4 Feb	Sharks	17	Bulls	3
4 Feb	Cheetahs	27	Stormers	9
9 Feb	Chiefs	32	Hurricanes	39
10 Feb	Stormers	3	Western Force 22	16
10 Feb	Sharks	22	Waratahs	9
10 Feb	Crusaders	33	Reds	22
10 Feb	Brumbies	15	Blues	17
10 Feb	Bulls	24	Cheetahs	20
10 Feb	Lions	11	Highlanders	6
16 Feb	Stormers	21	Chiefs	16
16 Feb	Bulls	27	Western Force 30	26
17 Feb	Reds	3	Brumbies	6
17 Feb	Hurricanes	23	Blues	22
17 Feb	Cheetahs	30	Waratahs	26
17 Feb	Lions	9	Crusaders	3
17 Feb	Sharks	23	Highlanders	16
23 Feb	Hurricanes	11	Brumbies	10
24 Feb	Highlanders	35	Stormers	24
24 Feb	Blues	38	Reds	13
24 Feb	Western Force	24	Lions	25
24 Feb	Bulls	30	Chiefs	27
24 Feb	Cheetahs	28	Crusaders	49
2 Mar	Blues	28	Highlanders	9
2 Mar	Waratahs	16	Western Force 16	3
2 Mar	Cheetahs	22	Chiefs	22
3 Mar	Hurricanes	17	Stormers	30
3 Mar	Brumbies	7	Bulls	19
3 Mar	Reds	20	Lions	26
3 Mar	Sharks	27	Crusaders	26
9 Mar	Highlanders	33	Reds	17
9 Mar	Brumbies	26	Stormers	13
9 Mar	Western Force	18	Hurricanes	17
10 Mar	Blues	41	Lions	14
10 Mar	Waratahs	19	Bulls	23
10 Mar	Cheetahs	14	Sharks	30
16 Mar	Chiefs	34	Lions	7
16 Mar	Western Force	38	Reds	3
17 Mar	Crusaders	32	Bulls	10
17 Mar	Waratahs	10	Stormers	16
17 Mar	Cheetahs	38	Brumbies	20
17 Mar	Sharks	27	Hurricanes	14
23 Mar	Blues	34	Waratahs	6
24 Mar	Highlanders	13	Bulls	22
24 Mar	Crusaders	36	Stormers	11
24 Mar	Reds	19	Chiefs	21
24 Mar	Sharks	10	Brumbies	21
24 Mar	Lions	30	Hurricanes	7
30 Mar	Highlanders	21	Cheetahs	17
30 Mar	Western Force	22	Sharks	12
31 Mar	Hurricanes	17	Bulls	9
31 Mar	Chiefs	11	Blues	18
31 Mar	Waratahs	33	Crusaders	34
31 Mar	Lions	9	Brumbies	14
6 Apr	Blues	26	Cheetahs	8
7 Apr	Highlanders	34	Chiefs	38
7 Apr	Crusaders	53	Western Force 0	19
7 Apr	Reds	16	Sharks	59

**2007 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS**

7 Apr	Stormers	30	Lions	8
8 Apr	Brumbies	36	Waratahs	10
13 Apr	Hurricanes	37	Cheetahs	15
14 Apr	Chiefs	64	Western Force 36	24
14 Apr	Highlanders	3	Crusaders	38
14 Apr	Blues	25	Sharks	32
14 Apr	Waratahs	26	Reds	13
14 Apr	Bulls	49	Stormers	12
20 Apr	Crusaders	23	Hurricanes	13
20 Apr	Brumbies	14	Western Force 12	34
21 Apr	Reds	23	Cheetahs	13
21 Apr	Chiefs	35	Sharks	27
21 Apr	Waratahs	25	Highlanders	26
21 Apr	Stormers	33	Blues	20
27 Apr	Hurricanes	22	Highlanders	21
27 Apr	Waratahs	23	Chiefs	28
27 Apr	Western Force	45	Cheetahs	17
27 Apr	Bulls	40	Blues	19
28 Apr	Brumbies	15	Crusaders	6
28 Apr	Sharks	33	Lions	3
28 Apr	Stormers	37	Reds	24
4 May	Western Force	6	Blues	33
4 May	Crusaders	24	Chiefs	30
5 May	Highlanders	20	Brumbies	29
5 May	Hurricanes	14	Waratahs	38
5 May	Lions	10	Cheetahs	16
5 May	Stormers	10	Sharks	36
5 May	Bulls	92	Reds	3

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Sharks	10	0	3	355	214	5	45
Bulls	9	0	4	388	223	6	42
Crusaders	8	0	5	382	235	10	42
Blues	9	0	4	355	235	6	42
Brumbies	9	0	4	234	173	4	40
Chiefs	7	1	5	373	321	10	40
Western Force	6	1	6	276	292	6	32
Hurricanes	6	0	7	247	300	3	27
Highlanders	5	0	8	235	301	7	27
Stormers	6	0	7	249	326	3	27
Cheetahs	4	1	8	265	342	4	22
Lions	5	0	8	175	284	2	22
Waratahs	3	1	9	266	317	7	21
Reds	2	0	11	201	438	3	11

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

12 May	Sharks	34	Blues	18
13 May	Bulls	27	Crusaders	12

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19 May	Sharks	19	Bulls	20
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2008 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS				
15 Feb	Sharks	17	Western Force	10
15 Feb	Reds	22	Highlanders	16
15 Feb	Crusaders	34	Brumbies	3
16 Feb	Cheetahs	22	Lions	23
16 Feb	Stormers	9	Bulls	16
16 Feb	Waratahs	20	Hurricanes	3
16 Feb	Blues	32	Chiefs	14
22 Feb	Bulls	19	Crusaders	54
22 Feb	Cheetahs	15	Western Force	16
22 Feb	Hurricanes	23	Reds	18
23 Feb	Lions	10	Blues	55
23 Feb	Sharks	12	Stormers	10
23 Feb	Brumbies	22	Highlanders	20
23 Feb	Chiefs	20	Waratahs	17
29 Feb	Stormers	0	Crusaders	22
29 Feb	Lions	16	Western Force	18
29 Feb	Hurricanes	39	Chiefs	19
1 Mar	Bulls	15	Sharks	29
1 Mar	Cheetahs	26	Blues	50
1 Mar	Brumbies	43	Reds	11
1 Mar	Highlanders	12	Waratahs	15
7 Mar	Bulls	31	Lions	17
7 Mar	Waratahs	24	Brumbies	17
7 Mar	Highlanders	6	Hurricanes	10
8 Mar	Sharks	22	Blues	17
8 Mar	Reds	16	Stormers	34
8 Mar	Chiefs	22	Cheetahs	20
9 Mar	Western Force	24	Crusaders	29
14 Mar	Brumbies	15	Hurricanes	33
14 Mar	Chiefs	26	Stormers	35
15 Mar	Lions	8	Sharks	16
15 Mar	Reds	40	Bulls	8
15 Mar	Crusaders	55	Cheetahs	7
15 Mar	Blues	17	Western Force	27
21 Mar	Brumbies	29	Cheetahs	23
21 Mar	Crusaders	34	Waratahs	7
22 Mar	Lions	24	Reds	24
22 Mar	Chiefs	43	Bulls	27
22 Mar	Blues	17	Stormers	14
22 Mar	Highlanders	28	Western Force	36
28 Mar	Western Force	16	Stormers	32
28 Mar	Waratahs	23	Cheetahs	19
28 Mar	Hurricanes	13	Crusaders	20
29 Mar	Sharks	22	Reds	10
29 Mar	Blues	23	Bulls	21
29 Mar	Chiefs	39	Highlanders	24
4 Apr	Force	15	Bulls	14
4 Apr	Brumbies	28	Chiefs	42
4 Apr	Highlanders	29	Lions	20
5 Apr	Cheetahs	29	Reds	14
5 Apr	Waratahs	37	Blues	16
5 Apr	Hurricanes	13	Sharks	13
11 Apr	Highlanders	17	Sharks	19
12 Apr	Bulls	22	Hurricanes	50
12 Apr	Stormers	34	Cheetahs	22
12 Apr	Western Force	12	Waratahs	17
12 Apr	Blues	11	Brumbies	16
12 Apr	Crusaders	31	Lions	6
18 Apr	Reds	29	Western Force	12
18 Apr	Chiefs	18	Crusaders	5
19 Apr	Stormers	20	Hurricanes	12
19 Apr	Bulls	47	Highlanders	17



**2008 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS**

19 Apr	Brumbies	27	Sharks	21
19 Apr	Waratahs	26	Lions	3
25 Apr	Brumbies	28	Lions	21
25 Apr	Crusaders	26	Blues	22
26 Apr	Stormers	26	Highlanders	16
26 Apr	Cheetahs	10	Hurricanes	38
26 Apr	Waratahs	25	Sharks	10
26 Apr	Chiefs	32	Reds	20
2 May	Cheetahs	28	Highlanders	31
2 May	Reds	22	Blues	35
2 May	Crusaders	18	Sharks	10
3 May	Stormers	20	Brumbies	10
3 May	Bulls	16	Waratahs	13
3 May	Western Force	22	Chiefs	21
3 May	Hurricanes	38	Lions	12
9 May	Bulls	28	Brumbies	17
9 May	Hurricanes	21	Western Force	10
10 May	Stormers	13	Waratahs	13
10 May	Lions	33	Chiefs	27
10 May	Sharks	33	Cheetahs	14
10 May	Reds	21	Crusaders	27
10 May	Highlanders	15	Blues	40
16 May	Western Force	29	Brumbies	22
16 May	Blues	19	Hurricanes	17
17 May	Sharks	47	Chiefs	25
17 May	Cheetahs	20	Bulls	60
17 May	Lions	13	Stormers	22
17 May	Reds	11	Waratahs	18
17 May	Crusaders	14	Highlanders	26

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Crusaders	11	0	2	369	176	8	52
Waratahs	9	1	3	255	186	5	43
Sharks	9	1	3	271	209	4	42
Hurricanes	8	1	4	310	204	7	41
Stormers	8	1	4	269	211	7	41
Blues	8	0	5	354	267	8	40
Chiefs	7	0	6	348	349	6	34
Western Force	7	0	6	247	278	5	33
Brumbies	6	0	7	277	317	6	30
Bulls	6	0	7	324	347	4	28
Highlanders	3	0	10	257	338	7	19
Reds	3	1	9	258	323	4	18
Cheetahs	1	0	12	255	428	9	13
Lions	2	1	10	206	367	2	12

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

24 May	Waratahs	28	Sharks	13
24 May	Crusaders	33	Hurricanes	2

**FINAL**

31 May	Crusaders	20	Waratahs	12
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2009 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS				
13 Feb	Highlanders	31	Brumbies	33
13 Feb	Western Force	19	Blues	25
13 Feb	Lions	34	Cheetahs	28
14 Feb	Crusaders	19	Chiefs	13
14 Feb	Hurricanes	22	Waratahs	26
14 Feb	Stormers	15	Sharks	20
14 Feb	Bulls	33	Reds	20
20 Feb	Hurricanes	22	Highlanders	17
20 Feb	Waratahs	11	Chiefs	7
20 Feb	Western Force	16	Cheetahs	10
20 Feb	Stormers	27	Reds	24
21 Feb	Brumbies	18	Crusaders	16
21 Feb	Bulls	59	Blues	26
21 Feb	Sharks	25	Lions	10
27 Feb	Crusaders	24	Hurricanes	30
27 Feb	Waratahs	34	Highlanders	16
28 Feb	Chiefs	15	Sharks	22
28 Feb	Brumbies	16	Western Force	25
28 Feb	Lions	9	Bulls	16
28 Feb	Stormers	8	Blues	14
1 Mar	Reds	22	Cheetahs	3
6 Mar	Chiefs	31	Western Force	13
6 Mar	Waratahs	15	Reds	11
7 Mar	Hurricanes	29	Cheetahs	12
7 Mar	Blues	31	Sharks	35
7 Mar	Highlanders	6	Crusaders	0
7 Mar	Bulls	14	Stormers	10
13 Mar	Blues	46	Cheetahs	12
13 Mar	Brumbies	21	Waratahs	11
14 Mar	Crusaders	23	Western Force	23
14 Mar	Highlanders	10	Chiefs	14
14 Mar	Reds	25	Sharks	13
14 Mar	Stormers	56	Lions	18
20 Mar	Hurricanes	14	Bulls	19
21 Mar	Highlanders	32	Cheetahs	8
21 Mar	Chiefs	63	Blues	34
21 Mar	Waratahs	13	Crusaders	17
21 Mar	Western Force	10	Sharks	22
21 Mar	Lions	25	Brumbies	17
27 Mar	Blues	22	Waratahs	27
28 Mar	Highlanders	36	Bulls	12
28 Mar	Crusaders	11	Stormers	7
28 Mar	Reds	26	Chiefs	50
28 Mar	Sharks	35	Brumbies	14
28 Mar	Lions	32	Hurricanes	38
3 Apr	Crusaders	16	Bulls	13
3 Apr	Western Force	39	Reds	7
4 Apr	Chiefs	36	Lions	29
4 Apr	Waratahs	12	Stormers	6
4 Apr	Cheetahs	27	Brumbies	40
4 Apr	Sharks	33	Hurricanes	17
10 Apr	Blues	36	Lions	12
10 Apr	Western Force	27	Hurricanes	28
11 Apr	Highlanders	24	Reds	19
11 Apr	Brumbies	17	Stormers	10
11 Apr	Waratahs	6	Bulls	20
11 Apr	Cheetahs	31	Sharks	6
17 Apr	Blues	26	Highlanders	6
17 Apr	Brumbies	32	Bulls	31
18 Apr	Hurricanes	34	Stormers	11
18 Apr	Reds	20	Lions	31
18 Apr	Waratahs	14	Western Force	15

**2009 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS**

18 Apr	Cheetahs	10	Chiefs	28
18 Apr	Sharks	10	Crusaders	13
24 Apr	Highlanders	11	Stormers	18
24 Apr	Western Force	55	Lions	14
25 Apr	Blues	24	Reds	31
25 Apr	Hurricanes	56	Brumbies	7
25 Apr	Cheetahs	20	Crusaders	13
25 Apr	Bulls	33	Chiefs	27
1 May	Hurricanes	45	Blues	27
1 May	Lions	20	Crusaders	32
1 May	Cheetahs	10	Waratahs	18
2 May	Reds	13	Brumbies	52
2 May	Sharks	23	Highlanders	15
2 May	Bulls	32	Western Force	29
2 May	Stormers	14	Chiefs	28
8 May	Crusaders	32	Reds	12
8 May	Lions	27	Highlanders	22
9 May	Chiefs	16	Hurricanes	8
9 May	Brumbies	37	Blues	15
9 May	Sharks	12	Waratahs	16
9 May	Bulls	29	Cheetahs	20
9 May	Stormers	25	Western Force	24
15 May	Chiefs	10	Brumbies	7
15 May	Lions	33	Waratahs	38
16 May	Blues	13	Crusaders	15
16 May	Reds	28	Hurricanes	37
16 May	Western Force	33	Highlanders	28
16 May	Cheetahs	22	Stormers	28
17 May	Crusaders	14	Highlanders	26

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Bulls	10	3	0	338	271	6	46
Chiefs	9	4	0	338	236	9	45
Hurricanes	9	4	0	380	279	8	44
Crusaders	8	4	1	231	198	7	41
Waratahs	9	4	0	241	212	5	41
Sharks	8	5	0	282	239	6	38
Brumbies	8	5	0	311	305	6	38
Western Force	6	6	1	328	275	10	36
Blues	5	8	0	339	369	12	32
Stormers	5	8	0	235	249	7	27
Highlanders	4	9	0	254	269	10	26
Lions	4	9	0	294	419	9	25
Reds	3	10	0	258	380	7	19
Cheetahs	2	11	0	213	341	4	12

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

**SEMI-FINALS**

22 May	Chiefs	14	Hurricanes	10
23 May	Bulls	36	Crusaders	23

**FINAL**

30 May	Bulls	61	Chiefs	17
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2010 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS				
12 Feb	Blues	20	Hurricanes	34
13 Feb	Western Force	15	Brumbies	24
13 Feb	Cheetahs	34	Bulls	51
13 Feb	Crusaders	32	Highlanders	17
13 Feb	Reds	28	Waratahs	30
14 Feb	Lions	13	Stormers	26
14 Feb	Sharks	18	Chiefs	19
19 Feb	Highlanders	15	Blues	19
19 Feb	Reds	41	Crusaders	20
20 Feb	Sharks	20	Cheetahs	25
20 Feb	Lions	65	Chiefs	72
20 Feb	Hurricanes	47	Western Force	22
21 Feb	Bulls	50	Brumbies	32
21 Feb	Stormers	27	Waratahs	5
26 Feb	Crusaders	35	Sharks	6
27 Feb	Stormers	17	Brumbies	19
27 Feb	Hurricanes	33	Lions	18
27 Feb	Reds	18	Blues	27
28 Feb	Western Force	19	Chiefs	37
28 Feb	Cheetahs	24	Highlanders	31
28 Feb	Bulls	48	Waratahs	38
5 Mar	Chiefs	18	Reds	23
5 Mar	Brumbies	24	Lions	13
6 Mar	Crusaders	33	Blues	20
6 Mar	Waratahs	25	Sharks	21
7 Mar	Stormers	33	Highlanders	0
7 Mar	Cheetahs	28	Hurricanes	12
12 Mar	Chiefs	19	Crusaders	26
12 Mar	Waratahs	73	Lions	12
13 Mar	Brumbies	24	Sharks	22
14 Mar	Bulls	50	Highlanders	35
14 Mar	Stormers	37	Hurricanes	13
14 Mar	Reds	50	Western Force	10
19 Mar	Blues	39	Brumbies	34
20 Mar	Bulls	19	Hurricanes	18
20 Mar	Crusaders	46	Lions	19
20 Mar	Highlanders	16	Sharks	30
21 Mar	Western Force	10	Waratahs	14
21 Mar	Stormers	21	Cheetahs	8
26 Mar	Highlanders	39	Lions	29
26 Mar	Brumbies	30	Chiefs	23
27 Mar	Cheetahs	10	Reds	31
27 Mar	Hurricanes	26	Sharks	29
27 Mar	Waratahs	39	Blues	32
28 Mar	Western Force	15	Bulls	28
2 Apr	Hurricanes	26	Crusaders	26
2 Apr	Western Force	16	Stormers	15
3 Apr	Blues	32	Bulls	17
3 Apr	Cheetahs	27	Highlanders	21
3 Apr	Waratahs	40	Cheetahs	17
4 Apr	Sharks	30	Reds	28
9 Apr	Chiefs	19	Bulls	33
10 Apr	Highlanders	27	Western Force	41
10 Apr	Blues	21	Stormers	33
10 Apr	Crusaders	20	Waratahs	13
10 Apr	Brumbies	61	Cheetahs	15
11 Apr	Lions	26	Reds	41
16 Apr	Chiefs	15	Stormers	49
16 Apr	Brumbies	13	Hurricanes	23
17 Apr	Blues	38	Western Force	17
17 Apr	Crusaders	45	Cheetahs	6
17 Apr	Reds	19	Bulls	12

## 2010 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS

18 Apr	Lions	28	Sharks	32
23 Apr	Chiefs	25	Cheetahs	25
23 Apr	Reds	16	Stormers	13
23 Apr	Western Force	24	Crusaders	16
24 Apr	Highlanders	31	Hurricanes	33
24 Apr	Waratahs	19	Brumbies	12
25 Apr	Bulls	51	Lions	11
25 Apr	Sharks	23	Blues	10
30 Apr	Highlanders	26	Waratahs	10
1 May	Stormers	42	Crusaders	14
1 May	Hurricanes	33	Chiefs	27
1 May	Brumbies	32	Reds	12
2 May	Cheetahs	36	Blues	32
2 May	Lions	12	Western Force	33
2 May	Bulls	27	Sharks	19
7 May	Hurricanes	44	Reds	21
8 May	Bulls	40	Crusaders	35
8 May	Chiefs	19	Waratahs	46
8 May	Brumbies	31	Highlanders	3
9 May	Lions	14	Blues	56
9 May	Cheetahs	29	Western Force	14
9 May	Sharks	20	Stormers	14
14 May	Crusaders	40	Brumbies	22
14 May	Waratahs	32	Hurricanes	16
15 May	Sharks	27	Western Force	22
15 May	Blues	30	Chiefs	20
15 May	Reds	38	Highlanders	36
16 May	Cheetahs	59	Lions	10
16 May	Stormers	38	Bulls	10

## FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Bulls	10	0	3	436	345	7	47
Stormers	9	0	4	365	171	8	44
Waratahs	9	0	4	385	288	7	43
Crusaders	8	1	4	388	295	7	41
Reds	8	0	5	366	308	7	39
Brumbies	8	0	5	358	291	5	37
Blues	7	0	6	376	333	9	37
Hurricanes	7	1	5	358	323	7	37
Sharks	7	0	6	297	299	5	33
Cheetahs	4	1	7	316	393	4	26
Chiefs	3	1	8	340	418	8	26
Highlanders	4	0	10	297	397	7	19
Force	4	0	9	258	364	3	19
Lions	0	0	13	270	585	5	5

(Note: 4 points for a win; 2 points for a draw; 1 point for losing by 7 points or less; 1 point for scoring 4 or more tries)

## SEMI-FINALS

22 May	Bulls	39	Crusaders	24
22 May	Stormers	25	Waratahs	6

## FINAL

29 May	Bulls	25	Stormers	17
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2011 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS				
18 Feb	Hurricanes	9	Highlanders	14
18 Feb	Rebels	0	Waratahs	43
19 Feb	Blues	24	Crusaders	22
19 Feb	Brumbies	28	Chiefs	20
19 Feb	Sharks	24	Cheetahs	9
19 Feb	Lions	20	Bulls	24
20 Feb	Reds	21	Western Force	20
25 Feb	Highlanders	23	Chiefs	13
25 Feb	Rebels	25	Brumbies	24
25 Feb	Cheetahs	23	Bulls	25
26 Feb	Hurricanes	Cancelled	Crusaders	Cancelled*
26 Feb	Waratahs	30	Reds	6
26 Feb	Sharks	26	Blues	12
26 Feb	Stormers	19	Lions	16
4 Mar	Crusaders	33	Waratahs	18
4 Mar	Lions	32	Blues	41
5 Mar	Chiefs	38	Rebels	10
5 Mar	Brumbies	25	Reds	31
5 Mar	Western Force	12	Sharks	39
5 Mar	Stormers	21	Cheetahs	15
5 Mar	Bulls	28	Highlanders	35
11 Mar	Crusaders	52	Brumbies	10
11 Mar	Rebels	32	Sharks	34
11 Mar	Stormers	18	Highlanders	6
12 Mar	Hurricanes	29	Chiefs	26
12 Mar	Western Force	32	Blues	32
12 Mar	Cheetahs	20	Lions	25
18 Mar	Chiefs	15	Sharks	9
18 Mar	Reds	53	Rebels	3
19 Mar	Highlanders	13	Crusaders	44
19 Mar	Blues	41	Hurricanes	17
19 Mar	Waratahs	3	Cheetahs	23
19 Mar	Lions	15	Western Force	27
19 Mar	Bulls	13	Stormers	23
27 Mar	Crusaders	44	Sharks	28
25 Mar	Rebels	42	Hurricanes	25
26 Mar	Reds	41	Cheetahs	8
25 Mar	Chiefs	13	Blues	16
26 Mar	Brumbies	22	Waratahs	29
25 Mar	Stormers	51	Western Force	16
26 Mar	Bulls	30	Lions	23

## 2011 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS

1 Apr	Highlanders	28	Brumbies	20
1 Apr	Waratahs	23	Chiefs	16
2 Apr	Blues	29	Cheetahs	22
2 Apr	Hurricanes	14	Bulls	26
2 Apr	Western Force	25	Rebels	26
2 Apr	Lions	25	Reds	30
2 Apr	Sharks	6	Stormers	16
8 Apr	Highlanders	24	Cheetahs	21
9 Apr	Crusaders	27	Bulls	0
9 Apr	Brumbies	17	Hurricanes	16
9 Apr	Western Force	3	Waratahs	31
9 Apr	Stormers	6	Reds	19
9 Apr	Sharks	27	Lions	3
15 Apr	Chiefs	16	Crusaders	34
15 Apr	Rebels	18	Highlanders	40
16 Apr	Blues	31	Waratahs	17
16 Apr	Reds	39	Bulls	30
16 Apr	Lions	19	Stormers	33
16 Apr	Cheetahs	47	Hurricanes	50
17 Apr	Brumbies	19	Western Force	27
22 Apr	Blues	40	Rebels	23
23 Apr	Crusaders	18	Highlanders	26
23 Apr	Reds	19	Waratahs	15
23 Apr	Western Force	26	Bulls	21
23 Apr	Sharks	40	Hurricanes	24
23 Apr	Lions	30	Chiefs	34
29 Apr	Highlanders	10	Blues	15
29 Apr	Cheetahs	47	Brumbies	36
30 Apr	Hurricanes	28	Reds	26
30 Apr	Waratahs	28	Rebels	9
30 Apr	Western Force	30	Crusaders	42
30 Apr	Bulls	43	Chiefs	27
30 Apr	Stormers	32	Sharks	12
6 May	Hurricanes	11	Blues	17
6 May	Rebels	18	Reds	33
6 May	Lions	19	Cheetahs	53
7 May	Chiefs	20	Highlanders	7
7 May	Waratahs	20	Western Force	15
7 May	Stormers	14	Crusaders	20
7 May	Sharks	34	Brumbies	16
13 May	Highlanders	13	Hurricanes	6

2011 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS				
13 May	Reds	37	Blues	31
14 May	Chiefs	30	Stormers	23
14 May	Brumbies	20	Lions	29
14 May	Bulls	47	Rebels	10
14 May	Cheetahs	33	Crusaders	20
20 May	Blues	26	Stormers	28
21 May	Crusaders	25	Chiefs	19
21 May	Waratahs	29	Lions	12
21 May	Western Force	13	Brumbies	13
21 May	Cheetahs	41	Rebels	21
21 May	Sharks	23	Bulls	32
27 May	Hurricanes	34	Western Force	28
28 May	Highlanders	22	Lions	26
28 May	Brumbies	3	Stormers	16
28 May	Sharks	26	Waratahs	21
28 May	Bulls	32	Cheetahs	21
29 May	Reds	17	Crusaders	16
3 Jun	Highlanders	14	Western Force	21
3 Jun	Rebels	3	Stormers	40
3 Jun	Bulls	23	Waratahs	17
4 Jun	Hurricanes	38	Lions	27
4 Jun	Blues	11	Chiefs	16
4 Jun	Reds	14	Brumbies	22
4 Jun	Cheetahs	18	Sharks	23
10 Jun	Chiefs	18	Hurricanes	18
10 Jun	Brumbies	32	Rebels	17
11 Jun	Crusaders	23	Blues	16
11 Jun	Waratahs	33	Highlanders	7
11 Jun	Western Force	21	Reds	24
11 Jun	Lions	30	Sharks	30
11 Jun	Stormers	16	Bulls	19
17 Jun	Blues	33	Highlanders	16
17 Jun	Rebels	24	Western Force	27
18 Jun	Chiefs	11	Reds	19
18 Jun	Crusaders	16	Hurricanes	9
18 Jun	Waratahs	41	Brumbies	7
18 Jun	Bulls	23	Sharks	26
18 Jun	Cheetahs	34	Stormers	44

\* Note: Match cancelled due to Christchurch earthquake



**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Reds (AC winner)	13	0	3	429	309	6	66
Stormers (SAC winner)	12	0	4	400	257	7	63
Crusaders (NZC winner)	11	1	4	436	273	7	61
Blues (Wildcard)	10	1	5	405	335	10	60
Waratahs (Wildcard)	10	0	6	398	252	9	57
Sharks (Wildcard)	10	1	5	407	339	7	57
Bulls	10	0	6	416	370	6	54
Highlanders	8	0	8	296	343	5	45
Hurricanes	5	2	9	328	398	10	42
Chiefs	6	1	9	332	348	6	40
Cheetahs	5	0	11	435	437	12	40
Force	5	2	9	333	416	5	37
Brumbies	4	1	11	314	437	7	17
Lions	2	1	12	351	477	7	29
Rebels	3	0	13	281	570	4	24

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24 Jun	Blues	26	Waratahs	13
25 Jun	Crusaders	36	Sharks	8

**SEMI-FINALS**

2 Jul	Reds	30	Blues	13
2 Jul	Stormers	10	Crusaders	29

**FINAL**

9 Jul	Reds	18	Crusaders	13
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2012 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS				
24 Feb	Blues	18	Crusaders	19
24 Feb	Brumbies	19	Force	17
24 Feb	Bulls	18	Sharks	13
25 Feb	Chiefs	19	Highlanders	23
25 Feb	Waratahs	21	Reds	25
25 Feb	Stormers	39	Hurricanes	26
25 Feb	Lions	27	Cheetahs	25
2 Mar	Chiefs	29	Blues	14
2 Mar	Rebels	19	Waratahs	35
2 Mar	Lions	28	Hurricanes	30
3 Mar	Highlanders	27	Crusaders	24
3 Mar	Reds	35	Force	20
3 Mar	Cheetahs	19	Bulls	51
3 Mar	Stormers	32	Sharks	20
9 Mar	Crusaders	19	Chiefs	24
9 Mar	Force	19	Hurricanes	46
10 Mar	Brumbies	24	Cheetahs	23
10 Mar	Highlanders	18	Waratahs	17
10 Mar	Reds	11	Rebels	6
10 Mar	Sharks	32	Lions	20
10 Mar	Bulls	23	Blues	29
16 Mar	Chiefs	29	Brumbies	22
16 Mar	Stormers	27	Blues	17
17 Mar	Hurricanes	17	Highlanders	19
17 Mar	Waratahs	20	Force	21
17 Mar	Sharks	27	Reds	22
18 Mar	Rebels	26	Cheetahs	33
23 Mar	Blues	25	Hurricanes	26
23 Mar	Rebels	30	Force	29
24 Mar	Waratahs	34	Sharks	30
24 Mar	Crusaders	28	Cheetahs	21
24 Mar	Brumbies	33	Highlanders	26
24 Mar	Bulls	61	Reds	8
24 Mar	Lions	19	Stormers	24
30 Mar	Highlanders	43	Rebels	12
31 Mar	Hurricanes	38	Cheetahs	47
31 Mar	Chiefs	30	Waratahs	13
31 Mar	Brumbies	26	Sharks	29
31 Mar	Force	45	Reds	19
31 Mar	Lions	13	Crusaders	23
31 Mar	Stormers	20	Bulls	17
5 Apr	Rebels	34	Blues	23
6 Apr	Hurricanes	42	Sharks	18
6 Apr	Reds	20	Brumbies	13
6 Apr	Force	12	Chiefs	20
7 Apr	Highlanders	6	Stormers	21
7 Apr	Cheetahs	26	Lions	5
7 Apr	Bulls	32	Crusaders	30
13 Apr	Blues	23	Sharks	29
13 Apr	Force	18	Waratahs	23
14 Apr	Crusaders	31	Stormers	24
14 Apr	Brumbies	37	Rebels	6

2012 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS				
14 Apr	Cheetahs	33	Chiefs	39
14 Apr	Lions	18	Bulls	32
20 Apr	Highlanders	30	Blues	27
20 Apr	Reds	13	Stormers	23
21 Apr	Hurricanes	14	Crusaders	42
21 Apr	Waratahs	30	Rebels	21
21 Apr	Sharks	12	Chiefs	18
21 Apr	Bulls	36	Brumbies	34
27 Apr	Blues	11	Reds	23
27 Apr	Lions	20	Brumbies	34
28 Apr	Chiefs	33	Hurricanes	14
28 Apr	Force	3	Stormers	17
28 Apr	Cheetahs	33	Highlanders	36
29 Apr	Waratahs	33	Crusaders	37
4 May	Hurricanes	35	Blues	19
4 May	Rebels	35	Bulls	41
5 May	Chiefs	34	Lions	21
5 May	Brumbies	23	Waratahs	6
5 May	Sharks	28	Highlanders	16
5 May	Cheetahs	17	Force	13
6 May	Crusaders	15	Reds	11
11 May	Blues	25	Lions	3
11 May	Waratahs	24	Bulls	27
12 May	Highlanders	20	Hurricanes	26
12 May	Rebels	28	Crusaders	19
12 May	Sharks	53	Force	11
12 May	Stormers	16	Cheetahs	14
13 May	Reds	42	Chiefs	27
18 May	Hurricanes	25	Brumbies	37
19 May	Highlanders	16	Bulls	11
19 May	Crusaders	59	Blues	12
19 May	Reds	34	Lions	20
19 May	Cheetahs	20	Sharks	34
19 May	Stormers	19	Waratahs	13
20 May	Force	31	Rebels	32
25 May	Chiefs	28	Bulls	22
26 May	Hurricanes	66	Rebels	24
26 May	Blues	20	Highlanders	27
26 May	Brumbies	12	Reds	13
26 May	Force	17	Lions	11
26 May	Cheetahs	35	Waratahs	34
26 May	Sharks	25	Stormers	20
1 Jun	Crusaders	51	Highlanders	18
1 Jun	Rebels	19	Brumbies	27
2 Jun	Blues	34	Chiefs	41
2 Jun	Waratahs	12	Hurricanes	33
2 Jun	Lions	38	Sharks	28
2 Jun	Bulls	14	Stormers	19
29 Jun	Highlanders	21	Chiefs	27
29 Jun	Rebels	17	Reds	32
30 Jun	Crusaders	22	Hurricanes	23
30 Jun	Force	17	Brumbies	28

**2012 SUPER RUGBY RESULTS**

30 Jun	Stormers	27	Lions	17
30 Jun	Bulls	40	Cheetahs	24
6 Jul	Chiefs	21	Crusaders	28
6 Jul	Reds	19	Highlanders	13
6 Jul	Sharks	32	Bulls	10
7 Jul	Blues	32	Force	9
7 Jul	Waratahs	15	Brumbies	19
7 Jul	Cheetahs	6	Stormers	13
7 Jul	Lions	37	Rebels	32
13 Jul	Hurricanes	28	Chiefs	25
14 Jul	Brumbies	16	Blues	30
14 Jul	Crusaders	38	Force	24
14 Jul	Reds	32	Waratahs	16
14 Jul	Stormers	26	Rebels	21
14 Jul	Sharks	34	Cheetahs	15
14 Jul	Bulls	37	Lions	20

**FINAL ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS**

Team	W	D	L	F	A	BP	PTS
Stormers (SAC winner)	14	0	2	350	254	2	66
Chiefs (NZC winner)	12	0	4	444	358	8	64
Reds (AC winner)	11	0	5	359	347	6	58
Crusaders	11	0	5	485	343	9	61
Bulls	10	0	6	472	369	11	59
Sharks	10	0	6	436	348	11	59
Brumbies	10	0	6	404	331	10	58
Hurricanes	10	0	6	489	429	9	57
Highlanders	9	0	7	359	385	6	50
Cheetahs	5	0	11	391	458	10	38
Waratahs	4	0	12	346	407	11	35
Blues	4	0	12	359	430	8	32
Rebels	4	0	12	362	520	8	32
Force	3	0	13	306	440	7	27
Lions	3	0	13	317	460	5	25

**FINALS SERIES QUALIFIERS**

21 Jul	Crusaders	28	Bulls	13
25 Jun	Reds	17	Sharks	30

**SEMI-FINALS**

27 Jul	Chiefs	20	Crusaders	17
28 Jul	Stormers	19	Sharks	26

**FINAL**

4 Aug	Chiefs	37	Sharks	7
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**RECORDS**



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**SUPER RUGBY RECORDS****MATCH RECORDS – TEAM**

## Most Points

96 Crusaders 96 v Waratahs 19 in Christchurch 2002

## Biggest Winning Margin

89 Bulls 92 v Reds 3 in Pretoria 2007

## Most Tries

14 Crusaders 96 v Waratahs 19 in Christchurch 2002

## Greatest Aggregate Score

137 Chiefs 72 v Lions 65 in Johannesburg 2010

## Most Points Away from home

72 Chiefs 72 v Lions 65 in Johannesburg 2010

**MATCH RECORDS – INDIVIDUAL**

## Most points

50 Gavin Lawless (4t, 9c, 4p) Natal v Highlanders in Durban 1997

## Most Tries

4 Joe Roff, Brumbies (v Natal) in Canberra 1996

4 Gavin Lawless, Natal (v Highlanders) in Durban 1997

4 Stefan Terblanche, Sharks (v Chiefs) in Port Elizabeth 1998

4 Joeli Vidiri, Blues (v Bulls) in Auckland 2000

4 Doug Howlett, Blues (v Hurricanes) in Wellington 2002

4 Malili Muliaina, Blues (v Bulls) in Auckland 2002

4 Caleb Ralph, Crusaders (v Waratahs) in Christchurch 2002

4 Sitiveni Sivivatu, Chiefs (v Blues) in Hamilton 2009

4 Drew Mitchell, Waratahs (v Lions) 2010

4 Sean Maitland, Crusaders (v Brumbies) 2011

4 Asaeli Tikorotuma, Chiefs (v Blues) 2012

## Most Conversions

13 Andrew Mehrtens, Crusaders (v Waratahs) in Christchurch 2002

## Most Penalty Goals

9 Elton Jantjies, Lions (v Cheetahs) in Johannesburg 2012

8 Jannie Kruger, Northern Transvaal (v Highlanders)  
in Pretoria 1996

8 Willie Walker, Highlanders (v Chiefs) in Hamilton 2003

8 Meyer Bosman, Cheetahs (v Stormers) in Cape Town 2006

8 Derick Hougaard, Bulls (v Crusaders) in Pretoria 2007

## Most Dropped Goals

4 Morne Steyn, Bulls (v Crusaders) in Pretoria 2009

**SEASON RECORDS – TEAM**

Most Points

541 Crusaders 2005

Most Points Conceded

585 Lions 2010

Best Points Differential

228 Crusaders 2005

Worst Points Differential

-315 Lions 2010

Most Competition Points

66 Reds 2011

66 Stormers 2012

Fewest Competition Points to make the playoffs

30 Natal 1997

Fewest Competition Points

4 Bulls 2002

Most Wins (including Super Rugby Finals Series)

15 Reds 2011

14 Chiefs 2012

14 Stormers 2012

13 Crusaders 2002

13 Crusaders 2006

13 Crusaders 2008

Least Wins

0 Bulls 2002

0 Lions 2010

**SEASON RECORDS – INDIVIDUAL**

Most Points

263 Morne Steyn, Bulls, 2010

Most Tries

15 Joe Roff, Brumbies 1997

Rico Gear, Crusaders 2005

Most Conversions

51 Stirling Mortlock, Brumbies 2004

Most Penalty Goals

51 Morne Steyn, Bulls, 2010

Most Dropped Goals

11 Morne Steyn, Bulls 2009

**CAREER RECORDS – INDIVIDUAL**

Most Games

157 Nathan Sharpe, Western Force (2006-2012: 87);  
Reds (1998-2005: 70)

141 Keven Mealamu, Blues (2001-2012: 130); Chiefs (2000: 11)

139 Stirling Mortlock, Rebels (2011-2012: 16); Brumbies  
(1998-2010: 123)

136 George Gregan, Brumbies

Most Wins

97 Reuben Thorne, Crusaders (1997-2008)



## TOP TRYSCORERS (1996-2012)

59	Doug Howlett, Blues (55), Hurricanes (1), Highlanders (3); (1997-2007)
58	Caleb Ralph, Crusaders (52), Blues (3), Chiefs (3); (1996-2008)
57	Joe Roff, Brumbies; (1996-2004)
56	Christian Cullen, Hurricanes; (1996-2003)
56	Stirling Mortlock, Brumbies (48), Rebels (8); (1998-2012)
52	Bryan Habana, Bulls (37), Stormers (15); (2005 – present)
48	Tana Umaga, Hurricanes (47), Chiefs (1); (1996-2007, 2011)
43	Ma'a Nonu, Hurricanes (42), Blues (1); (2003-2012)
43	Joeli Vidiri, Blues; (1996-2001)
42	Sitiveni Sivivatu, Chiefs; (2002-2011)
42	Leon MacDonald, Crusaders (42), Chiefs (0); (1997-2008)
41	Chris Latham, Reds; (1997-2008)
41	Scott Staniforth, Waratahs (23), Force (18); (1997-2010)
40	Joe Rokocoko, Blues; (2003-2011)
40	Rico Gear, Crusaders; (1999-2007)
37	Jaque Fourie, Stormers (7), Lions (9), Cats (15); (2003-2011)
36	Cameron Shepherd, Waratahs (6), Western Force (26); (2004-2011)
35	Drew Mitchell, Waratahs (17), Western Force (12), Reds (6); (2006-present)
35	Marika Vunibaka, Crusaders; (2000-2004)
35	Breyton Paulse, Stormers; (1998-2007)
35	Jeff Wilson, Highlanders; (1996-2002)
35	Stefan Terblanche, Sharks; (1998-2011)
33	Matt Giteau Brumbies, Force; (2003-2011)
32	Stephen Larkham, Brumbies; (1996-2007)
32	Roger Randle, Chiefs; (1996-2003)
32	Andrew Walker, Brumbies, Reds; (1999-2003, 2007)
31	Pieter Rossouw, Stormers (30), Western Province (1); (1996-2004)
31	Ben Tune, Reds; (1996-2003, 2005-07)
31	Lelia Masaga Chiefs; (2004 – present)
30	Owen Finegan, Brumbies; (1996-2005)
30	Daniel Carter, Crusaders; (2001-07, 2009 – present)

**TOP POINTS SCORERS (1996-2012)**

1,377	Daniel Carter, Crusaders (2001-2008, 2010 – present)
1,201	Morné Steyn, Bulls (2005 – present)
1,036	Stirling Mortlock, Brumbies (1998-2010), Rebels (2011-2012)
990	Andrew Mehrtens, Crusaders (1996-2005)
959	Matthew Burke, Waratahs (1996-2004)
942	Tony Brown, Highlanders (1996-2004, 2011), Sharks (2006), Stormers (2008)
900	Peter Grant, Stormers (2006 – present)
857	Stephen Donald, Chiefs (2005-2011)
751	Matt Giteau, Brumbies (2001-06, 2010-11), Western Force (2007-09)
700	David Holwell, Hurricanes (1998-2004, 2006), Blues (2007)
661	André Pretorius, Lions (2002-09, 2011), Western Force (2010)
629	Elton Flatley, Reds (1996-2006)
625	Carlos Spencer, Blues (1996-2005), Lions (2010-11)
619	Adrian Cashmore, Blues (1996-97), Chiefs (2004-05)

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## REFEREES



### STUART BERRY

Born: 10.06.82

Union: SARU

First-class Debut: 2008

First-class Matches: 55

Super Rugby Debut: Cheetahs v Force 2012

Super Rugby Matches: 1

Test Debut: N/A

Test Matches: N/A



### NICK BRIANT

Born: 10.06.81

Union: NZRU

First-class Debut: 2009

First-class Matches: 42

Super Rugby Debut: 2013

Super Rugby Matches: 0

Test Debut: N/A

Test Matches: N/A



### MIKE FRASER

Born: 04.11.80

Union: NZRU

First-class Debut: 2007

First-class Matches: 50

Super Rugby Debut: 2012

Super Rugby Matches: 1

Test Debut: N/A

Test Matches: N/A



### ANGUS GARDNER

Born: 24.08.84

Union: ARU

First-class Debut: 2008

First-class Matches: 31

Super Rugby Debut: 2012

Super Rugby Matches: 2

Test Debut: 2011

Test Matches: 2

**ROHAN HOFFMANN**

Born: 14.01.72

Union: ARU

First-class Debut: 2006

First-class Matches: N/A

Super Rugby Debut: 2012

Super Rugby Matches: N/A

Test Debut: N/A

Test Matches: N/A

**GLEN JACKSON**

Born: 23.10.75

Union: NZRU

First-class Debut: 2010

First-class Matches: 41

Super Rugby Debut: 2011

Super Rugby Matches: 9

Test Debut: 2012

Test Matches: 2

**JASON JAFTHA**

Born: 04.05.85

Union: SARU

First-class Debut: 2008

First-class Matches: 34

Super Rugby Debut: N/A

Super Rugby Matches: N/A

Test Debut: 2012 Spain vs Zimbabwe

Test Matches: 2

**CRAIG JOUBERT**

Born: 08.11.77

Union: SARU

First-class Debut: 1999

First-class Matches: 187

Super Rugby Debut: 2005

Super Rugby Matches: 59

Test Debut: 2005

Test Matches: 40

**JONATHAN KAPLAN**

Born: 07.11.66

Union: SARU

First-class Debut: 1993

First-class Matches: 402

Super Rugby Debut: Free state v Lions 1997

Super Rugby Matches: 99

Test Debut: Zimbabwe v Namibia 1996

Test Matches: 68

**JAMES LECKIE**

Born: 27.11.75

Union: ARU

First-class Debut: N/A

First-class Matches: N/A

Super Rugby Debut: 2012

Super Rugby Matches: N/A

Test Debut: 2006

Test Matches: N/A

**ANDREW LEES**

Born: 07.06.79

Union: ARU

First-class Debut: 2007

First-class Matches: 41

Super Rugby Debut: 2012

Super Rugby Matches: 3

Test Debut: 2011

Test Matches: 2

**JACO PEYPER**

Born: 13.05.80

Union: SARU

First-class Debut: 2007

First-class Matches: 100

Super Rugby Debut: 2009

Super Rugby Matches: 21

Test Debut: 2011

Test Matches: 10

**CHRIS POLLOCK**

Born: 09.11.72

Union: NZRU

First-class Debut: 2000

First-class Matches: 146

Super Rugby Debut: 2006

Super Rugby Matches: 45

Test Debut: 2005

Test Matches: 11

**LOURENS VAN DER MERWE**

Born: 03.02.77

Union: SARU

First-class Debut: 2009

First-class Matches: 69

Super Rugby Debut: 2012

Super Rugby Matches: 2

Test Debut: 2012

Test Matches: 3



STEVE WALSH
Born: 28.03.72
Union: ARU
First-class Debut: N/A
First-class Matches: N/A
Super Rugby Debut: 1998
Super Rugby Matches: 13
Test Debut: N/A
Test Matches: N/A



JONATHON WHITE
Born: 19.06.80
Union: NZRU
First-class Debut: 2000
First-class Matches: 100
Super Rugby Debut: 2010
Super Rugby Matches: 13
Test Debut: N/A
Test Matches: N/A



GARRATT WILLIAMSON
Born: 27.04.71
Union: NZRU
First-class Debut: 2003
First-class Matches: 95
Super Rugby Debut: 2009
Super Rugby Matches: 19
Test Debut: 2010
Test Matches: 1



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