

# ***Australian Under 20 2013 Media Guide***



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**UNDER 20 RUGBY**

# Fixtures

## Pool B

5 June, 18:45	Australia v Ireland	Stade de la Rabine, Vannes
9 June, 20:45	Australia v New Zealand	Stade de la Rabine, Vannes
13 June, 20:45	Australia v Fiji	Stade de la Rabine, Vannes

# Past results

## 2008 – Finished fifth

Pool C	Australia 81 – Canada 12
Pool C	Australia 53 – Fiji 17
Pool C	Australia 13 – England 18
Playoff	Australia 32 – Samoa 0
Fifth-place playoff	Australia 42 – France 21

## 2009 – Finished fourth

Pool D	Australia 86 – Canada 0
Pool D	Australia 40 – Tonga 6
Pool D	Australia 38 – Wales 5
Semi-final	Australia 17 – New Zealand 31
Third-place playoff	Australia 5 – South Africa 32

## 2010 – Finished second

Pool C	Australia 58 – Scotland 13
Pool C	Australia 67 – Tonga 5
Pool C	Australia 42 – South Africa 35
Semi-final	Australia 28 – England 16
Final	Australia 17 – New Zealand 62

## 2011 – Finished third

Pool B	Australia 54 – Tonga 7
Pool B	Australia 50 – Fiji 25
Pool B	Australia 25 – France 31
Semi-final	Australia 7 – New Zealand 37
Third-place playoff	Australia 30 – France 17

## 2012 – Finished eighth

Pool C	Australia 67 – Scotland 12
Pool C	Australia 3 – Argentina 15
Pool C	Australia 7 – France 31
Fifth-place semi-final	Australia 17 – France 19
Seventh-place playoff	Australia 13 – England 17

# Allan Alaalatoa

**Position:** Prop  
**Height:** 182cm  
**Weight:** 125kg  
**Born:** 28/01/1994, Sydney, Australia  
**Hometown:** Campsie, NSW  
**Club:** Southern Districts, NSW  
**Representative Honours:** New South Wales Schoolboys, Australian Schoolboys (2011), Australian Under 20s (2012)  
**Under-20 debut:** Scotland, 4 June 2012  
**Under-20 caps:** 4  
**Under-20 points:** None



Australian born with both family and Rugby ties to Samoa, this is Allan Alaalatoa's second year with the Australian Under 20s.

Alaalatoa featured in four of Australia's five games at last year's Junior World Championship in South Africa, making his debut as a reserve prop in his side's 67-12 opening round win over Scotland.

His father, Vili Alaalatoa, was a member of the Samoan 1991 Rugby World Cup side. He also played for Australian Shute Shield sides West Harbour and Manly.

While Alaalatoa considers making the Australian Under-20 side is his greatest achievement to date, he has also represented the Newington College 1st XV, GPS 1st XV, New South Wales Schoolboys and Australian Schoolboys side which defeated New Zealand Schools 26-19 in 2011.

Earlier this year, Alaalatoa was a member of the Australian Rugby Union Sydney-based National Academy side that lost to Samoa A, before defeating Tonga A and Junior Japan in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup. He also notched a try in his side's win over Junior Japan.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and was a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Mark Baldwin

**Position:** Flanker  
**Height:** 178cm  
**Weight:** 98kg  
**Born:** 12/09/1993, Sydney, Australia  
**Hometown:** Menangle, NSW  
**Club:** Randwick, NSW  
**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2011)



A member of the 2011 Australian Schoolboys side that defeated New Zealand Schools, Mark Baldwin made the shift to Shute Shield this year, in only his second year of grade Rugby.

A David Pocock-style flanker, with a strong presence over the ball, Baldwin joined famed Sydney club Randwick as a Colt in 2012 and has this year moved to opens, where he plays breakaway at both the first and second-grade level.

A fifth-generation of his family to attend Sydney's Newington College, Baldwin was named in the school's 150-year dream team earlier this year.

Mark's brother, Scott Baldwin, is the drummer from Australian alternative/blues band The Rubens.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and was a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Curtis Browning - Captain

**Position:** Back row

**Height:** 190cm

**Weight:** 109kg

**Born:** 30/10/1993, Brisbane, Australia

**Hometown:** Brisbane, QLD

**Club:** University of Queensland, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2009-2011), Australian Under 20s (2012), Super Rugby (2013)

**Under-20 debut:** Scotland, 4 June 2012

**Under-20 caps:** 4

**Under-20 points:** 5 (1T)



Named last year's Australian Under-20 Player of the Year at the annual John Eales Medal ceremony, this will be Curtis Browning's second IRB Junior World Championship.

An imposing figure on the field, Browning played in four out of five of Australia's JWC matches last year, mostly at blindside but also as a second rower.

The towering forward continued his development this year, being brought into the Queensland Reds' Super Rugby squad as injury cover for one-time Wallaby Beau Robinson.

He played for the Reds in a trial match against the Waikato Chiefs on the Sunshine Coast before making his Super Rugby debut off the bench against the Bulls of Pretoria in Round 6.

He also captained the Queensland Reds College XV against Tonga A in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup earlier this year.

The third-most capped Australian Schoolboy in history (behind Chris Feauai-Sautia and Hugh Roach), Browning captained the side in 2011 and scored a crucial try to help lead his side to a 26-19 victory over New Zealand Schools.

Browning is the grandson of former Wallaby Dick Marks, who represented Australia 17 times from 1962 to 1967, including five Bledisloe Cup matches.

Browning was a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Luke Burton

**Position:** Flyhalf/Inside Centre

**Height:** 180cm

**Weight:** 90kg

**Born:** 17/02/1994, Perth, Australia

**Hometown:** Perth, WA

**Club:** University of Western Australia, WA

**Representative Honours:** West Australian Schoolboys (2010-2011)



Utility back Luke Burton could have easily been lining up for South Africa's under-20 side, had his family not moved to Australia's West Coast in 1987, before he was born.

Burton has been involved with Rugby WA's development programs for several years, featuring in exhibition matches for and against the Western Force in recent years.

In 2012, although a member of the Western Force development program, he stepped up to play against his home Super Rugby side in an exhibition match between the Force and the South Australian President's XV.

He also featured for the Western Force earlier this year in the side's pre-season match against the Tongan XV.

# Jack Dempsey

**Position:** Backrow

**Height:** 190cm

**Weight:** 97kg

**Born:** 12/04/1994, Sydney, Australia

**Hometown:** Pymble, NSW

**Club:** Gordon, NSW

**Representative Honours:** Australian Schools (2012)



The starting blindside flanker in the Australian Schoolboys side last year which defeated New Zealand Schools 16-14 in Auckland, Jack Dempsey is the nephew of former NSW Waratahs and Wallabies back rower Tony Dempsey.

Dempsey enjoyed a solid tour with the Australian Schoolboys last year, starting in wins over New Zealand, Fiji and Samoan Schools. The win over New Zealand Schools was significant in that it was Australian Schoolboys' second-ever win over their neighbours on New Zealand soil.

As a high school student, Dempsey won a GPS Premiership with St. Ignatius College, Riverview, in 2011.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and played for the Academy's Sydney-based side against Tonga A in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup earlier this year.

He was also a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Lalakai Foketi

**Position:** Centre

**Height:** 186cm

**Weight:** 97kg

**Born:** 22/12/1994, Hamilton, New Zealand

**Hometown:** Manly, NSW

**Club:** Manly, NSW

**Representative Honours:** Australian  
Schoolboys (2012)



One of several members of this year's Australian Under-20 side that enjoyed success last year at the Australian Schoolboys level, enjoying a rare 16-14 victory over New Zealand Schools on their home soil.

He is currently a member of the Australian Rugby Union National Academy.



# Reece Hodge

**Position:** Flyhalf

**Height:** 190cm

**Weight:** 89kg

**Born:** 26/08/1994, Sydney, Australia

**Hometown:** Allambie Heights, NSW

**Club:** Manly, NSW

**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2012)



Reece Hodge was a member of the 2012 Australian Schoolboys side which claimed an historic 16-14 victory over New Zealand Schools in Auckland, only the second-ever win for Australian Schools over their neighbours in New Zealand.

He is currently a member of the Australian Rugby Union National Academy.

# Oliver Hoskins

**Position:** Prop  
**Height:** 190cm  
**Weight:** 126kg  
**Born:** 06/03/1993, Perth, Australia  
**Hometown:** Perth, WA  
**Club:** Cottesloe, WA  
**Representative Honours:** Australia A Schoolboys, Western Force A, Australia Under 20s (2012)  
**Under-20 debut:** Argentina, 8 June, 2012  
**Under-20 caps:** 3



A product of Rugby WA development programs, Oliver Hoskins is a fierce prop with a bright future.

Having already represented his home state at numerous development levels, Hoskins made a significant step up in 2012, being named to the Australian Under 20s to tour South Africa.

Prior to that, Hoskins had represented Western Australia at the Under-14 and Under-16 levels, the Western Australia Schoolboys and Australia A Schoolboys.

He was a member of the Western Force training squad for the entire 2012 pre-season and was brought into the fold again in 2013, taking the field for the Force in a Super Rugby pre-season fixture against a Tongan XV outfit earlier this year.

He also featured for the Force development side against Samoa A in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup.

He was also a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Phillip Kite

**Position:** Prop

**Height:** 186cm

**Weight:** 128kg

**Born:** 24/04/1993, Auckland, New Zealand

**Hometown:** Brisbane, QLD

**Club:** GPS Old Boys, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2010), Australian Schools President's XV (2010)



Phillip Kite has the honour of being the heaviest man in the Australian Under-20 side and at 128kg, the powerful prop tips the scales at well above the average weight of an Australian Super Rugby front rower.

Kite first represented the green and gold as a member of the Australian Schoolboys 2010 touring side to Samoa and New Zealand, alongside current Australian Under-20s teammates Michael Wells, Curtis Browning and Maile Ngauamo.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and played for the Brisbane-based Academy side against Fiji A and Junior Japan in this year's IRB Pacific Rugby Cup.

He was also a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Bradley Lacey

**Position:** Wing/Fullback

**Height:** 181cm

**Weight:** 91kg

**Born:** 11/04/1994, Durban, South Africa

**Hometown:** Perth, WA

**Club:** Wests Scarborough, WA

**Representative Honours:** Western Force  
A (2013)



Originally from South Africa, Bradley Lacey moved to Australia with his family in 2005.

A member of Perth's Wests Scarborough club, Lacey has impressed onlookers in the Western state with appearances for the Western Force in a Super Rugby trial match against the Tongan XV and for Western Force A against Samoa A in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup.

Lacey has lived in South Africa, Ireland and Australia, but only started playing rugby at the age of 14 after moving to Perth.

# Silatolu Latu

**Position:** Hooker/Prop

**Height:** 178cm

**Weight:** 110kg

**Born:** 23/02/1993, Nuku Alofa, Tonga

**Hometown:** Botany, NSW

**Club:** Sydney University

**Representative Honours:** Australian

Under-20 (2012)

**Under-20 debut:** Scotland, 4 June, 2012

**Under-20 caps:** 4

**Under-20 points:** 5 (1T)



A member of the 2012 Australian Under-20 campaign in South Africa, Silatolu Latu is looking forward to the chance to add to his already four caps for Australia's age-grade program.

Latu made his debut in Australia's convincing 67-12 win over Scotland at last year's IRB Junior World Championship.

He featured twice this year for the NSW Waratahs in pre-season trial matches against the Melbourne Rebels in Hobart and New Zealand side the Blues in Whangarei.

While Tongan by birth, with Tongan parents, Latu hopes his involvement with the Australian Under-20 squad is another step toward his dual goals of a Super Rugby contract and eventually a Wallabies jersey.

Latu has a family Rugby connection, with his cousin Lotu Taukeiaho, a former NSW Waratahs squad member, now playing professionally in the Top 14.

# Ofiu Manukeu- Archibald

**Position:** Lock/Flanker

**Height:** 200cm

**Weight:** 105kg

**Born:** 19/11/1994, Sydney, Australia

**Hometown:** Plumpton, NSW

**Club:** West Harbour, NSW

**Representative Honours:** NSW Schools  
(2012)



Ofiu Manukeu-Archibald was a member of the New South Wales Schools side that ended a lengthy Australian Schools Rugby Championship title drought for his state and brought to a halt Queensland's six-year streak.

The utility forward currently plays colts for West Harbour in Sydney and is a youth leader with his local church.

# Jake McIntyre

**Position:** Flyhalf

**Height:** 177cm

**Weight:** 85kg

**Born:** 28/04/1994, Lismore, Australia

**Hometown:** Alstonville, NSW

**Club:** Sunnybank, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2011-2012)



A recent member of the Australian Schoolboys, Jake McIntyre boasts two wins in two years over Trans-Tasman rivals New Zealand.

McIntyre was the starting flyhalf in last year's historic 16-14 win over New Zealand Schools in Auckland, guiding a cross-field kick to winger Jonah Placid to score the winning try.

The win was the second-ever Australian Schools win over their neighbours on New Zealand soil.

McIntyre featured in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup for the Brisbane-based Australian Rugby Union National Academy side, taking on Fiji A and captaining the side against Junior Japan, scoring a try and kicking four conversions in the 76-26 win.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and was a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Ben Meehan

**Position:** Scrumhalf

**Height:** 178cm

**Weight:** 82kg

**Born:** 21/01/1993, Brisbane, Australia

**Hometown:** Brisbane, QLD

**Club:** Sunnybank, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Queensland Under-18



A former Under-20 player with the National Rugby League's Melbourne Storm, Ben Meehan is now part of the Queensland Reds College.

Meehan has been a member of Queensland Rugby development programs since representing Queensland Schools as a 15-year-old.

More recently, Meehan featured for the Reds College against Junior Japan in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup.



# Maile Ngauamo

**Position:** Hooker

**Height:** 182cm

**Weight:** 103kg

**Born:** 15/08/1993, Brisbane, Australia

**Hometown:** Daisy Hill, QLD

**Club:** Sunnybank, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Queensland Schoolboys, Australian Schoolboys (2010-2011), Australian Under 20s (2012)

**Under-20 Debut:** Scotland, 4 June 2012

**Under-20 caps:** 4

**Under-20 points:** 5 (1T)



Imposing hooker Maile Ngauamo returns for his second year with the Australian Under 20s after playing four of Australia's five matches at last year's IRB Junior World Championship in South Africa.

Ngauamo made his debut from the bench in Australia's 67-12 win over Scotland in Cape Town last year and went on to feature against Argentina, France and England.

The hooker featured for Reds College XV against Tonga A and Junior Japan in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup earlier this year.

He is currently studying a Diploma of Law and Justice, Ngauamo hopes to become a police officer, but only if his hopes of becoming a professional Rugby player don't come to fruition.

An Australian-born son of Tongan parents, Ngauamo is related to National Rugby League player Willie Tonga.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and was a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Alex Northam

**Position:** Utility Back

**Height:** 182cm

**Weight:** 87kg

**Born:** 04/03/1993, Sydney, Australia

**Hometown:** Forestville, NSW

**Club:** Manly, NSW

**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2011), Australian Under-18 Sevens (2011), Australian Under 20s (2012)

**Under-20 debut:** DNP



While a member of the 2012 Australian Under-20 side, Alex Northam was unfortunate not to play, as he was brought in as a late injury replacement and never made the field during the IRB Junior World Championship.

He is comfortable at wing or fullback and has already experienced success as an Australian age-grade player, as a member of the 2011 Australian Schoolboys side that defeated New Zealand Schools 26-19 in Sydney.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and was a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Pettowa Paraka

**Position:** Prop

**Height:** 175cm

**Weight:** 115kg

**Born:** 16/11/1993, Mt. Hagen, Papua New Guinea

**Hometown:** Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

**Club:** Easts, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2011), Australian Under 20s (2012)

**Under-20 debut:** Scotland, 4 June 2012

**Under-20 caps:** 5

**Under-20 points:** None



Pettowa Paraka was one of only seven members of last year's Australian Under-20 squad to feature in all five of the side's 2012 Junior World Championship matches.

Following strong performances in the Queensland Schools competition, Paraka was called into the Australian Schoolboys side which defeated New Zealand in 2011 and continued his development last year with the Under-20 tour to South Africa.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and was a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Harry Parker

**Position:** Wing/Outside Centre

**Height:** 180cm

**Weight:** 85kg

**Born:** 01/07/1993, Brisbane, Australia

**Hometown:** Brisbane, QLD

**Club:** University of Queensland, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Queensland Under 19 (2012), Aussie Thunderbolts Sevens (2012-2013)



Having already represented the Australian Sevens development side, the Aussie Thunderbolts, speedster Harry Parker is well on his way to achieving his goals of representing his country.

The whippy back was a member of the University of Queensland Colts side that won the Brisbane Premier Grade championship in 2012.

Rugby is in the blood, as his father, Tony Parker, played as a scrumhalf for the Queensland Reds and the Wallabies, earning three caps for his country against Argentina (twice) and New Zealand in 1983. Parker's cousin, James Hanson of the Queensland Reds, is a recently Wallaby after making his debut on the 2012 Spring Tour.

Parker is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and featured for the Academy's Brisbane-based side against Junior Japan, scoring three tries in a 76-26 win, in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup.

# Jonah Placid

**Position:** Fullback

**Height:** 178cm

**Weight:** 90kg

**Born:** 14/05/1995, Orange, Australia

**Hometown:** Rockhampton, QLD

**Club:** Easts, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2012)



If his form last season is anything to go by, Jonah Placid will be looking forward to the challenge of the IRB Junior World Championship.

Placid was an integral member of last year's Australian Schoolboys side which toured Fiji and New Zealand, defeating Tongan Schools, Fijian Schools, Samoan Schools and New Zealand Schools along the way.

While not massive in stature, the fullback has the knack of all good fullbacks, to be in the right place at the right time. This was never more evident than in the Australian Schoolboys historic win over New Zealand Schools, only the second ever on New Zealand soil.

Placid played a huge role in the match and was awarded the Bronze Boot award for Australian player of the match. He set up the first try, then later received a cross-field kick from current Australian Under-20 teammate Jake McIntyre late in the game and beat two defenders to secure the 16-14 win. He also scored tries against Fijian Schools and Samoan Schools during the tour.

Placid is the youngest member of the 2013 Australian Under-20 squad and therefore must, as tradition states, carry with him the Australian Rugby mascot 'Wally' at all time while on tour.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and was a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Angus Pulver

**Position:** Scrumhalf

**Height:** 174cm

**Weight:** 74kg

**Born:** 25/11/1994, Sydney, Australia

**Hometown:** Mosman, NSW

**Club:** Sydney University, NSW

**Representative Honours:** Combined States (2012), Australian Schoolboys (2012)



A member of the 2012 Australian Schoolboys touring side, Angus Pulver started in four Tests, against Tongan Schools, Fijian Schools, Samoan Schools and New Zealand Schools.

Having already represented Combined States in the 2012 Australian Schools Rugby Championship, Pulver was named in the Australian Schoolboys, which finished the year with a thrilling 16-14 win over New Zealand Schools in Auckland.

Pulver is currently studying a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Law at Sydney University while also playing with the school's Colts-grade Rugby side.

# Andrew Ready

**Position:** Hooker

**Height:** 180cm

**Weight:** 104kg

**Born:** 11/07/1993, Brisbane, Australia

**Hometown:** Brisbane, QLD

**Club:** Easts, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Australia A Schools (2010), Queensland Schools (2010)



Andrew Ready has already experienced success in the Australian age-grade program, as a member of the Australia A Schools 2010 side.

Ready was a member of the side which defeated Fiji 29-10, in the same year his Queensland Schools side claimed the Australian Schools Rugby Championship title.

Earlier this year he featured for the Queensland Reds College XV against Tonga A in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy.

# Ulupano Seuteni

**Position:** Utility back

**Height:** 187cm

**Weight:** 93kg

**Born:** 09/12/1993, Adelaide, Australia

**Hometown:** Adelaide, SA

**Club:** Easts, QLD

**Representative Honours:** Queensland Reds EPS (2012-2013) Australian Under 20s (2012)

**Under-20 debut:** Scotland, 4 June 2012

**Under-20 caps:** 4

**Under-20 points:** 4 (2C)



A member of the Queensland Reds Extended Player Squad, this is Ulupano Seuteni's second tour with the Australian Under 20s to the IRB Junior World Championship.

The utility back sits comfortably at flyhalf, centre and fullback and is still the youngest member of the Reds EPS despite being in his second year with the squad. Seuteni joined the club as a 17-year-old, while still at school at Gold Coast Rugby nursery The Southport School.

While a natural talent in his schoolboy days, Seuteni's chances were cruelled by injury, when a broken fibula and dislocated ankle meant he missed much of his final year of high school Rugby and the Australian Sevens matches at the Youth Commonwealth Games.

Seuteni also represented his home state of South Australia from an under-12 to under-18 level and he was also part of an Australian Schools Presidents XV team against Samoa.

Earlier this year he turned out for the Reds College XV against Tonga A in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup.

He was also a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.



# Patrick Sio

**Position:** Number 8

**Height:** 188cm

**Weight:** 108kg

**Born:** 04/04/1994, Sydney, Australia

**Hometown:** Sydney, NSW

**Club:** Northern Suburbs, NSW

**Representative Honours:** Shute Shield  
(2013)



At 19 years old, Patrick Sio is following in the footsteps of his Super Rugby-playing older brother, Scott.

Sio is already playing first-grade Shute Shield with Northern Suburbs and now with the call up to the Australian Under 20s, continues his development path.

Brother Scott, who currently plays for Super Rugby side ACT Brumbies, toured with the Australian Under 20s in 2009 and 2010.

Sio is a current member of the Australian Rugby Union National Academy and played for the Sydney-based Academy side against Junior Japan in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup earlier this year.

His father Tavita played international Rugby, representing Samoa in the front row for three years, including the 1991 Rugby World Cup.

# Tom Staniforth

**Position:** Lock  
**Height:** 196cm  
**Weight:** 107kg  
**Born:** 13/08/1994, Canberra, Australia  
**Hometown:** Canberra, ACT  
**Club:** Royals, ACT  
**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2011-2012)



The cousin of former World Cup-winning Wallaby Scott Staniforth, Tom Staniforth is one of several members of the squad to have defeated New Zealand two years in a row as a member of the Australian Schoolboys program.

Staniforth featured heavily in last year's Australian Schoolboys tour, starting against the Fijian President XV, Fijian Schools, Samoan Schools and in the historic 16-14 win over New Zealand Schools.

He is currently a member of Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and was a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Henry Taefu

**Position:** Centre  
**Height:** 185cm  
**Weight:** 100kg  
**Born:** 02/04/1993, Apia, Samoa  
**Hometown:** Brisbane, QLD  
**Club:** Sunnybank, QLD  
**Representative Honours:** Queensland  
Schoolboys



A former Queensland Schoolboys representative with a background in both Rugby and league, Henry Taefu continues his development as a member of the Australian Rugby Union National Academy.

Born in Samoa, Taefu moved to New Zealand with his family in 2002, before they eventually settled in Australia in 2005.

He is the nephew of former New Zealand Sevens representative and 2005 IRB Sevens Player of the Year, Orene Ai'i.

Taefu has already played for the ARU National Academy this year, running on for the Brisbane-based Academy side against Fiji A in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup.

# Senio Toleafoa

**Position:** Lock

**Height:** 197cm

**Weight:** 118kg

**Born:** 26/08/1993, Sydney, Australia

**Hometown:** Mt. Druitt, NSW

**Club:** West Harbour, NSW

**Representative Honours:** Samoan Under 20s (2012)



The 2013 IRB Junior World Championship will be Senio Toleafoa's second foray at the international tournament, but his first with the Australian Under 20s.

Toleafoa was a member of the 2012 Samoan Under-20 team at the IRB Junior World Championship.

While he has already played for another nation at the age-grade level, Toleafoa is still eligible for Australia and will only be captured by Australia or Samoa if he plays for their national men's 15s or Sevens sides.

# Michael Wells

**Position:** Back row

**Height:** 190cm

**Weight:** 100kg

**Born:** 03/05/1993, Sydney, Australia

**Hometown:** Sydney, NSW

**Club:** Northern Suburbs, NSW

**Representative Honours:** Australian Schoolboys (2010-2011)



With his selection in the Australian Under 20s, Michael Wells continues his development pathway from Australian Schoolboys and the Australian Rugby Union National Academy.

The loose forward was a member of the 2010 Australian Schoolboys side that defeated Samoa (twice), Fiji and Tonga, before losing to New Zealand. He was able to improve on that record as a Schoolboy again in 2011, defeating New Zealand 26-19.

The 2011 season was a strong one for Wells, as he also captained the St. Ignatius College, Riverview First XV to a GPS Premiership.

This year he has played as a member of the ARU National Academy's Sydney-based side in IRB Pacific Rugby Cup matches against Samoa A and Junior Japan, as well as taking on the Queensland Reds College XV.

Wells was also a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

# Waldo Wessels

**Position:** Scrumhalf/Flyhalf

**Height:** 174cm

**Weight:** 82kg

**Born:** 29/04/1993, Johannesburg, South Africa

**Hometown:** Gymea, NSW

**Club:** Southern Districts, NSW

**Representative Honours:** Australia A Schools (2010), Australian Schools (2011), Australian Sevens Youth Commonwealth Games (2011)



**B**orn in the South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg, Waldo Wessels moved to Australia with his family in 2001.

A member of the Australian Rugby Union National Academy, Wessels has progressed through the Australian Rugby development pathway, with selections in the Australia A Schoolboys, followed by Australian Schoolboys and Australia's Youth Commonwealth Games Sevens team.

His successes include a win over New Zealand Schools in 2011 and a Bronze medal at the Youth Commonwealth Games.

As a member of the National Academy's Sydney-based side, Wessels played against Samoa A, Tonga A and Junior Japan earlier this year in the IRB Pacific Rugby Cup. He also played in a trial against the Queensland Reds College XV.

Wessels was also a member of the ARU National Gold Squad – a national Rugby development program for high school students.

Head coach

# Adrian Thompson

Adrian Thompson has more than 10 years coaching experience and is currently a coach with the Australian Rugby Union's National Academy.

He led the Brisbane-based National Academy side through the recent IRB Pacific Rugby Cup and was named head coach of the Australian Under 20s shortly after.

His experience includes roles with premier-grade sides Easts and Brothers, as well as with the Queensland Reds and Australia A.



Assistant coach

# Sean Hedger

Sean Hedger is currently a coach with Australian Rugby Union's National Academy and guided the Sydney-based side through the 2013 IRB Pacific Rugby Cup.

Hedger coached professionally in Japan, most recently as head coach of Japanese club Kyuden Voltex in 2011-12.

He has previously worked with both the New South Wales Rugby Union and Queensland Rugby Union development departments.



Assistant coach

# John McKee

**J**ohn McKee works with Australian Rugby Union's National Academy as a forwards coach based in Sydney.

McKee has vast experience, including most recently as a technical advisor for Elite Rugby to the Tongan Rugby Union from 2010 to 2012, including Rugby World Cup 2011. He was also a specialist coach for the Pacific Islanders 2008 European tour and head coach of the Central Coast Rays, winners of the 2007 Australian Rugby Championship.

He previously worked in France at Clermont-Ferrand (ASM) as an assistant forwards coach from 2000 to 2002.

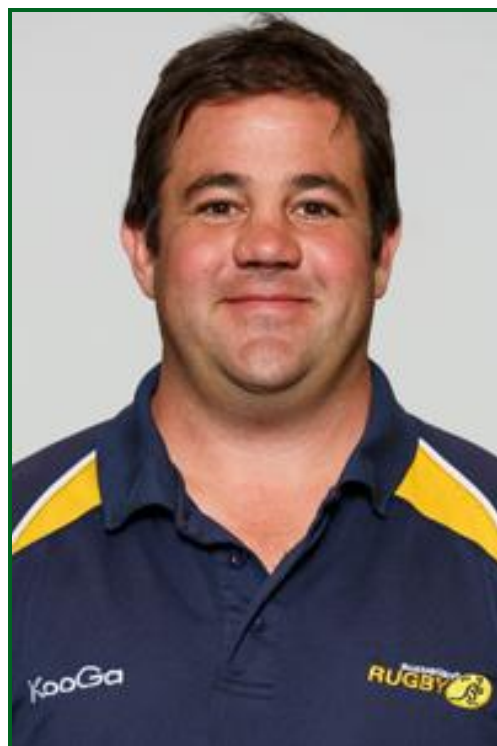


Manager

# Adam Crane

**A**dam Crane has worked for Australian Rugby Union since 2003, most recently as Senior Development Manager in Community Rugby.

He was manager of the National Academy - Sydney squad during the recent IRB Pacific Nations Cup. Crane has been involved with several representative teams in team management, including Eastern Suburbs Rugby Club, Sydney Fleet, Waratah A and Junior Waratah programs, along with the Australian A team in the 2008 Pacific Nations Cup.





Analyst

# Matthew Johnstone

**M**att Johnstone has worked for Australian Rugby Union as the Development Manager – Newcastle and Hunter since 2010.

He has been involved in coaching and analysis at a number of levels of the game, including assisting Qantas Wallabies analyst Andrew Sullivan.

This is Johnstone's first IRB Junior World Championship.



Physiotherapist

# Campbell Hanson

**C**ampbell Hanson has been the Physiotherapist with Australian Rugby Union's Under-20 program for the last three years, attending the IRB Junior World Championship in 2011 (Italy) and 2012 (South Africa).

He is based in Sydney where he works in private practice and has also run the physiotherapy program at Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club since 2009.

Prior to this he was working in Rugby in the United Kingdom.



Strength &  
Conditioning

# Craig Twentyman

Craig Twentyman has worked for Australian Rugby Union in strength and conditioning roles since 2007.

He has worked with the Australian Under-20 program since 2010. He is also involved with the ARU National Academy program.



Doctor

# Steve Freeman

Doctor Steve Freeman has been working with Australian Rugby Union since 2009, but has a lengthy history in the sport.

Although born in Australia, Freeman has been involved in Rugby since his high school days, growing up in South Africa. His time in Africa included working as team doctor for the Botswana national team.

More recently, Freeman has worked as match-day doctor for New South Wales Rugby Union Grade and Colts finals, along with irregular match day doctor roles with the NSW Waratahs.



Translator

# Sarah Rule

Sarah joins the Australian Under 20s following a successful tour to Argentina with the Wallabies and All Blacks for The Rugby Championship in 2012.

Rule has worked on the past three Rugby World Cups, the Six Nations, Four Nations Rugby League, Rugby League World Cup and with a range of high-performance sports teams around the world.

She is from Yorkshire, England, where she manages her own sports events and language services company, Sportrule.

