



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Uni Blues too skilful for Uni Reds**

Coffs Harbour's International Stadium hosted the second annual Uni Reds v Uni Blues Rugby Union match on Saturday 8 October with the Uni Blues out scoring their counterparts to take a 25 – 13 victory.

Crossing the line within the first 30 seconds, The Uni Blues stamped their mark on the game looking a class above their opponents.

The Blues led 20-13 at the break after a minor sensation where the referee overruled both touch judges to disallow what looked a clear penalty goal to the Uni Reds.

Ross Hopkins, coach of the Uni Blues was happy with the standard of the match, and the end result.

"Having 22 players from across New South Wales and South Australia in the one team and a limited preparation and have them perform so well as a team is great," Hopkins said.

"Our training on Friday proved valuable, and we just had a dream run on the field with all plays coming off. We did lose concentration a few times and nearly let the Uni Reds back in the game, however Medlock at prop took control and ensured the success of the team," he said.

Medlock (University of Technology, Sydney), had an outstanding performance assisting the Blues to victory and earning himself the Uni Blues Man of the Match. While Uni Reds captain Dane Inman (Southern Cross University), took out Man of the Match for the Uni Reds.

Uni Reds Coach, Robert Nowland was pleased with the efforts of his team and congratulated the Uni Blues on their win.

"The Uni Blues were just too good for us on the day," Nowland said.

"Although we had great movement in the backs, the Uni Blues forwards were just too good for us and we couldn't get the ball out clear for a clear line break," he said.

The match, in its second year, is becoming a highlight for University Sport Rugby Union Players across Australia. Many players were pleased with the level of competition and the experience gained over the weekend.

With the trophy now safely in the hands of the Uni Blues, the 2006 match will be one to watch with Uni Reds players looking for revenge.

Uni Blues 25 (Peter Low, Chris Burnett, Scott Barnes, Michael Nicholson tries; Barnes conversion; Barnes penalty goal) def Uni Reds 13 (Chris Rovira try; Michael Taberer conversion; Taberer 2 penalty goals.)