



MEDIA RELEASE

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Australian Universities Best Rugby Union Players to Dual in Representative Match

Coffs Harbour's International Stadium will be host to the annual Uni Reds v Uni Blues Rugby Union match on Saturday 8 October, with a 3pm kick off.

The Uni Reds and Uni Blues Teams comprise the best University Rugby Union has to offer, with many players using the experience to enhance their rugby careers.

As the last Representative University Sport event for 2005, players are eager to show off their talent, and fight to secure the trophy for their region.

Players will assemble in Coffs Harbour on Thursday for a two day camp, and a tour of 'Camp Wallaby' to inspire the players, before the big game on Saturday.

The University of New England scholarship holder Francis Fainifo will take the field for the Uni Reds Team where his recent form will assist the team to retain the trophy.

Fainifo who has recently been signed to a one year rookie contract with the ACT Brumbies will be a valuable asset to the success of the Uni Reds Team.

Fainifo is pleased that the contract with the Brumbies has not affected his study, and is completing a Bachelor of Commerce.

"Training with the Brumbies commences this week, however they understand that my priority is to finish university,"

"Is it great that I can still go along to university sport events, and enjoy the game, this will be my fourth University Sport event this year, and retaining the trophy with the Uni Reds Team will cap off my year," Fainifo said.

Daniel Tackenberg, AUS Manager North Region is quietly confident that the Uni Reds Team will come home with a victory and keep up the winning streak from 2004.

"Preparations of the Uni Reds Team are going extremely well, results at the recent Australian University Games saw Northern Universities, Queensland University of Technology and The University of New England take gold and silver respectively in the rugby union competition, the Uni Blues are going to have their work cut out for them to try and take the trophy off us this year," Tackenberg said.

The match has the support of the Coffs Harbour City Council, in providing the excellent facility for this representative match, and combined with the Coffs Harbour Rugby Union Football Club in assisting with training equipment and facilities.

Players from Queensland, Northern New South Wales and Western Australia make up the Uni Reds Team, while New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania represent the Uni Blues team.

Match Details:

Venue: Coffs Harbour International Stadium

Time: 3.00pm kick off

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