



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **RUGBY TEAM ANNOUNCED FOR GREAT BRITAIN TOUR; AUSTRALIA SECURES WINNING START TO WORLD UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Australian University rugby union squad was announced today with 26 rising stars set to shine in the upcoming tour to Great Britain in January 2005.

Securing five positions with Scott Cameron, Jonnie Hoy, Nick Duffy, Nick Haydon and Mitchell Kidd, the University of New South Wales is the most represented university. The University of New England took four positions followed by the University of Sydney and Queensland University of Technology securing three positions each.

Coached by Rod Cutler, the team will travel to Great Britain to play a series of games against the Welsh Universities and English Universities teams, in addition to matches against Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

"The series of games, particularly the matches against the traditional union universities like Oxford and Cambridge, are going to be tough but it is a great opportunity and we are very excited to be able to play them," said Cutler.

"I believe the squad we have selected will be very competitive and we are looking forward to a reciprocal and ongoing relationship with the Great Britain unions," he added.

Selected from the Uni Blues versus Uni Reds match held on October 16, Cutler will be assisted by Murray Archibald and the team managed by Mark Rowe. James Finlayson will be acting as Tour Manager.

In other AUS news, the Australian University softball team has started the inaugural World University Championship on a winning streak winning their first two games.

The Australians have defeated the Netherlands (2-0) and Guatemala (10-0 in five innings) in the tournament hosted in Plant City, Florida (USA). Australia has still to face the USA, Chinese Taipei, China, Canada and Japan over the following three days prior to the finals.

For further information on the World University Softball Championship please log onto [www.internationalsoftball.com](http://www.internationalsoftball.com).

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## 2005 Rugby Union Tour to Great Britain January 2005

Tour Manager: James Finlayson  
 Head Coach: Rod Cutler  
 Asst Coach: Murray Archibald  
 Manager: Mark Rowe

<b>Athlete</b>	<b>University</b>
Scott Cameron	The University of New South Wales
Jonnie Hoy	The University of New South Wales
Nick Duffy	The University of New South Wales
Daniel Guinness	Australian National University
Alex Waite	The University of Sydney
Kris Martinek	Curtin University of Technology
Scott Jones	University of Technology Sydney
Mark Fisher	University of Wollongong
Nick Haydon	The University of New South Wales
Nick Cornish	The University of Queensland
John Jakeman	Australian National University
Joel Johnson	Central Queensland University
Daniel Walters	Macquarie University
Francis Fainifo	The University of New England
Alexei Asvenev	Queensland University of Technology
Paul Keene	Queensland University of Technology
Hugh Palmer	The University of New England
Peter Flynn	The University of New England
Jared Hanna	The University of Queensland
Mitchell Kidd	The University of New South Wales
Chris Delooze	The University of Sydney
Bobbie Cottrell	The University of New England
Mark Gilbride	Queensland University of Technology
Kris Mulheran	University of Southern Queensland
Carl Robertson	The University of New Castle - Central Coast
Luke Van der Rijt	The University of Sydney

<b>Non-Travelling Reserves</b>	
Mark Merchant	Southern Cross University
Lachlan Radnedge	The University of Western Australia
Tim Uzasz	The University of Queensland