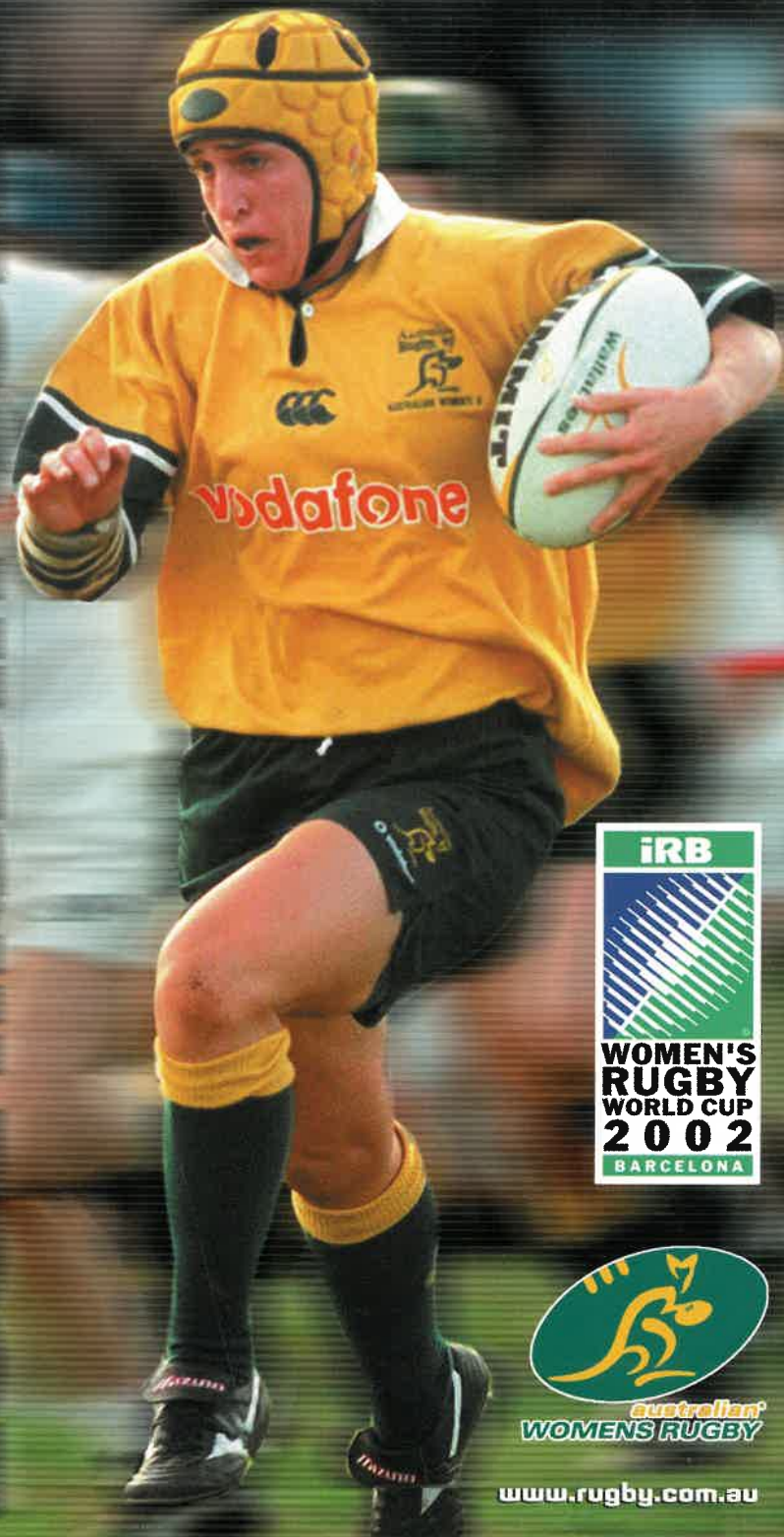


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INFORMATION ON THE HOST NATION

RUGBY IN SPAIN

One of the fastest developing Rugby nations in the World, Spain will consolidate their rugby development by hosting the 2002 Women's World Cup.

The Spanish mens team have enjoyed visits from Wales, Scotland, France, Argentina, Italy and the New Zealand Maori, but perhaps their finest moment was competing against the current World Champions Australia in Madrid last year.

In Australia's 400th Test match and their first against Spain, the Vodafone Wallabies recorded their biggest ever Test victory 92-10 but despite the result, the real winner was the sport of Rugby in Spain.



SPAIN - THE HOST NATION

One of the most geographically diverse countries in the world, Spain (505,000 sq km) is located on the South-East tip of Europe.

Known for having some of the finest art galleries in the World, Spain's main cities are the capital Madrid, Seville, Valencia and the host city of the 2002 Women's Rugby World Cup Barcelona.

BARCELONA - THE HOST CITY

Situated on the picturesque eastern coastline of Spain, Barcelona boasts a population of 1.5 million people, the second most in the country behind Madrid (three million people).

After hosting the 1992 Olympic Games, Barcelona was catapulted into being one the great sporting cities in the World and their football team Barcelona FC is one of the proudest and most successful football clubs in Europe.

While the venue for pool matches is yet to be determined, the final will be held at the Estadi Olimpic, the site of the 1992 Olympic games.

To get to Estadi Olimpic which is located on Montjuic, the hill that overlooks the entire city, either walk or take bus number 61 from Placa d'Espanya which is located near the Espanya Metro train station.

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The Wallaroos celebrate after winning the Plate final to finish fifth at the 1998 Women's Rugby World Cup.



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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR



It is with great pride that we farewell the Vodafone Wallaroos on their journey to the Women's Rugby World Cup in Barcelona, Spain.

The Test Match between the Vodafone Wallabies and Spain in Madrid last year demonstrated that Spain has a growing interest in Rugby and we are certain that the Women's World Cup will be a major success there.

The growth of Women's Rugby in Australia has been tremendous over the past few years with now over 1,800 players currently registered which, represents an increase in participation of over 60% since 1999.

The fantastic achievement of our women's team to finish fifth in their inaugural appearance at the 1998 World Cup in Amsterdam was a truly memorable moment for Australian Rugby.

Hopefully this Wallaroos team can improve on that outstanding result at the previous World Cup.

While the tournament is the toughest in Women's Rugby, I am certain that Wallaroos coach Don Parry has selected a side capable of competing against the world's best.

The squad that has been selected has twelve players returning for their second World Cup taking with them valuable experience, while some uncapped players will add a tremendous mix of youthful enthusiasm to the side.

On behalf of the Australian Rugby Union, I'd like to thank Vodafone for their continued support and also Canterbury for supplying the uniforms for our team.

As the host union of the 2003 Rugby World Cup, it gives the Australian Rugby Union great pleasure to send the Vodafone Wallaroos to Spain and we wish them and the Spanish Rugby Union every success with the tournament.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O'Neill".

John O'Neill
Managing Director & CEO
Australian Rugby Union



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Thu 9 May - 0755 Depart London (BA478)
Thu 9 May - 1100 Arrive Barcelona
Sun 26 May - 1230 Depart Barcelona (BA475)
Sun 26 May - 1345 Arrive London (Heathrow)
Sun 26 May - 2155 Depart London (BA009)
Sun 28 May - 0520 Arrive Sydney

TIME ZONE DIFFERENCES

Barcelona, Spain is eight hours behind Sydney, Australia and two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Sydney (Australia)	Barcelona (Spain)	GMT
12am	4pm	2pm
1am	5pm	3pm
2am	6pm	4pm
3am	7pm	5pm
4am	8pm	6pm
5am	9pm	7pm
6am	10pm	8pm
7am	11pm	9pm
8am	12am	10pm
9am	1am	11pm
10am	2am	12am
11am	3am	1am
12pm	4am	2am
1pm	5am	3am
2pm	6am	4am
3pm	7am	5am
4pm	8am	6am
5pm	9am	7am
6pm	10am	8am
7pm	11am	9am
8pm	12pm	10am
9pm	1pm	11am
10pm	2pm	12pm
11pm	3pm	1pm

WORLD CUP DRAW

The Women's Rugby World Cup takes place from 13–25 May, 2002 in Barcelona, Spain. The 16 teams are divided into four pools of four in accordance with their seeding:

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
1. New Zealand	2. USA	3. England	4. Canada
8. Australia	7. France	6. Spain	5. Scotland
9. Wales	10. Kazakhstan	11. Japan	12. Samoa
16. Germany	15. Netherlands	14. Italy	13. Ireland

The first two rounds of the Tournament will consist of matches between teams in the same pool.

ROUND 1

Monday, 13 May

- 1 – A – New Zealand v Germany
- 2 – A – Australia v Wales
- 3 – B – USA v Netherlands
- 4 – B – France v Kazakhstan
- 5 – C – England v Italy
- 6 – C – Spain v Japan
- 7 – D – Canada v Ireland
- 8 – D – Scotland v Samoa

The winners of round one will then play in Round 2 for first or second place in each pool and the losers will play for third or fourth place in each pool.

ROUND 2

Friday, 17 May

- 9 – A – Winner of Match 1 v Loser of Match 2
- 10 – B – Loser of Match 3 v Loser of Match 4
- 11 – C – Loser of Match 5 v Loser of Match 6
- 12 – D – Loser of Match 7 v Loser of Match 8

Saturday, 18 May

- 13 – A – Winner of Match 1 v Winner of Match 2
- 14 – B – Winner of Match 3 v Winner of Match 4
- 15 – C – Winner of Match 5 v Winner of Match 6
- 16 – D – Winner of Match 7 v Winner of Match 8

After completing Rounds 1 and 2 the teams will play in the Semi Finals of four different competitions each of these including respectively:

- The winners of each pool
– Winners Competition
- The runners up of each pool
– Runners Up Competition
- The third places of each pool
– Third Place Competition
- The fourth places of each pool
– Fourth Place Competition

Within each competition the teams will be ranked 1 to 4 based on their results in the first two rounds.

ROUND 3 - SEMI FINALS

Monday, 20 May

- 17 – Fourth place competition (1 v 4)
- 18 – Fourth place competition (2 v 3)
- 19 – Third place competition (1 v 4)
- 20 – Third place competition (2 v 3)

Tuesday, 21 May

- 21 – Runners-up competition (1 v 4)
- 22 – Runners up competition (2 v 3)
- 23 – Winners competition (1 v 4)
- 24 – Winners competition (2 v 3)

ROUND 4 - FINALS

Friday, 24 May

Fourth Place Competition

- 25 – Loser of match 17 v Loser of Match 18
- 26 – Winner of match 17 v Winner of Match 18

Third place competition

- 27 – Loser of match 19 v Loser of Match 20
- 28 – Winner of match 19 v Winner of Match 20

Saturday, 25 May

Runners up competition

- 29 – Loser of Match 21
v Loser of Match 22
- 30 – Winner of Match 21
v Winner of Match 22

Winners competition

- 31 – Loser of match 23
v Loser of match 24
- 32 – Winner of match 23
v Winner of match 24



Don Parry - Coach

A former Rugby player for the University of Queensland, Don Parry will be leading the Vodafone Wallaroos into the World Cup. Don had a successful Rugby career playing regional representative Rugby for seven years in Queensland.

Ten years ago Don had his first coaching appointment when he was appointed the coach of the Queensland Country under 19s and later the Queensland under 21 development team, winning the all state championship.

In 1995 Don completed his Level 3 in coaching, attaining the highest level possible for Australian coaches.

Don entered the Women's Rugby scene in 1998 when he was appointed to the head coaching position for the Queensland team and had an immediate impact leading the team to the national championship in his first season.

The following year saw the team finish runners up to New South Wales.

In 2001 Bob was given the head coaching position for the Wallaroos and was in charge for the two Test matches against England last year.

Bob Hitchcock - Assistant Coach

A strong first grade playing background from Queensland has led to a tremendous coaching career for Bob Hitchcock.

Awarded with the Order of Australia Medal for his continuing achievements and service to Australian Rugby, Bob is helping the Vodafone Wallaroos in their bid to win the 2002 Women's Rugby World Cup.

Bob has been with the Wallaroos since 1995, initially as head coach, and has helped the team develop into a strong national side.

Currently Bob works with ACT Club Rugby Union in referee development, coaching education and talent recruitment.

Stephen Swan - Manager

Stephen joined the Wallaroos in 2000 after an illustrious playing career. Stephen spent ten years with the Wollongong Vikings before ultimately moving onto to a coaching career.

An accredited coach with the Australian Sports Association, Stephen spent two years (1996-98) with the New South Wales Country U18 team.

After two very successful years with the Country team Stephen moved on to coach the Women's Country side in 1999 before joining the Wallaroos as Team Manager in 2000.



VODAFONE WALLAROOS MANAGEMENT PROFILES



Scott Burn - Doctor

Scott Burn is highly qualified to perform the role of team doctor for the Vodafone Wallaroos after successfully achieving a Masters in Sports Medicine from the University of New South Wales.

In addition to his University qualifications, Scott has also completed the Intensive Sports Physician Program. Employed as a senior medical officer for the Navy base in Sydney, Scott has had numerous roles within Australian Rugby having helped the New South Wales under 19s as well as the School Boys and Sydney grade Colts teams.

Scott will oversee all medical activities for the Wallaroos and supervise team care.



Katie Brown - Physio

One of the newest members of the Vodafone Wallaroos management team is Physiotherapist Katie Brown.

A qualified APA Sports Physiotherapist, Katie will oversee injury assessment and treatment as well as rehabilitation for the Vodafone Wallaroos World Cup team. Katie is highly qualified for the role having completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Physiotherapy from Sydney University.

Along with her work as Physiotherapist at the Gordon Rugby Club, Katie is also working with the New South Wales Rugby Academy. The World Cup will be Katie's first involvement with the Vodafone Wallaroos.



Craig Robberds - Trainer

Craig Robberds has been working as the Strength and Conditioning Coach during the training phase of the 2002 Vodafone Wallaroos World Cup campaign.

During the World Cup, Craig will be in charge of physical rehabilitation and recovery after every match. Craig has an extensive history with high-class Rugby teams including involvement with the 2000 ACT Brumbies who competed in the Vodafone Super 12 final.

In addition to working with the senior Brumbies, Craig also has spent time working with the U19 and U21 sides from the ACT.



Benjamin Whitaker - ARU Representative

Benjamin Whitaker is a key member of the High Performance Unit at the Australian Rugby Union.

Benjamin is one of a group of professional staff assigned to each of the Australian national teams in the capacity of Technical Advisor. Benjamin's role will be to perform team management appraisals for the benefit of both the coaching staff and the Australian Rugby Union.

PLAYER PROFILES



Penny Anderson

Position: Flanker
Club: West Harbour
State: NSW
D.O.B: 14 January 1977
Height: 168 cm
Weight: 72 kg
Honours: ACT (1997-98),
NSW (1999-2000),
AUS (1999-2001)
Tests: 2 - 2001 E1, E2
Test Points: -
Test Debut: 2001 v England
Nickname: Harpo
Occupation: Police Officer



Alyssa Campbell

Position: Centre / Fullback
Club: West Harbour
State: NSW
D.O.B: 29 April 1975
Height: 168 cm
Weight: 59 kg
Honours: NSW (2002)
Tests: -
Test Points: -
Test Debut: -
Nickname: -
Occupation: Police Officer



Elizabeth Andrew

Position: Backrow
Club: South Darwin
State: NT
D.O.B: 2 November 1971
Height: 162 cm
Weight: 70 kg
Honours: ACT (1992-97),
NT (1998,2000),
AUS (1994-2001)
Tests: 7 - 1994 NZ, 1996
NZ, 1998 E, Sp, S,
2001 E1, E2
Test Points: -
Test Debut: 1994 v New Zealand
Nickname: Libby
Occupation: Police Officer



Louise Cooke

Position: Hooker
Club: Royals
State: ACT
D.O.B: 11 March 1978
Height: 164 cm
Weight: 74 kg
Honours: ACT (1995-2000),
AUS (2001)
Tests: 2 - 2001 E1 (rep),
E2 (rep)
Test Points: -
Test Debut: 2001 v England
Nickname: Cookie
Occupation: Strength
& Conditioning Coach



Ianthe Astley-Boden

Position: Backrow
Club: Royals
State: ACT
D.O.B: 20 February 1975
Height: 177 cm
Weight: 77 kg
Honours: ACT (1998-2001)
Tests: -
Test Points: -
Test Debut: -
Nickname: -
Occupation: Physiotherapist /
Personal Trainer



Davina Craft

Position: Hooker
Club: Drummoyne
State: NSW
D.O.B: 2 October 1973
Height: 168 cm
Weight: 83 kg
Honours: -
Tests: -
Test Points: -
Test Debut: -
Nickname: -
Occupation: Sports Development
Officer

PLAYER PROFILES



Genevieve Delves

Position: Fly Half
Club: Warringah
State: NSW
D.O.B: 21 September 1978
Height: 165 cm
Weight: 67 kg
Honours: AUS (1998)
Tests: 1 – 1998 Fr
Test Points:-
Test Debut: 1998 v France
Nickname: -
Occupation: Greenkeeper



Lisa Fiaola

Position: Centre
Club: Warringah
State: NSW
D.O.B: 25 November 1970
Height: 170 cm
Weight: 65 kg
Honours: NSW (2000-2001),
AUS (2001)
Tests: 2 – 2001 E1 [1t], E2
Test Points: 5 – [1 try]
Test Debut: 2001 v England
Nickname: Barb
Occupation: Secretary



Jennifer Egan

Position: Prop
Club: GPS
State: QLD
D.O.B: 7 July 1977
Height: 165 cm
Weight: 82 kg
Honours: QLD (1997-2000)
Tests: 2 – 2001 E1 (rep),
E2 (rep)
Test Points: -
Test Debut: 2001 v England (rep)
Nickname: -
Occupation: Army Officer



Mieke Gladwin

Position: Backrow
Club: Brisbane University
State: QLD
D.O.B: 4 January 1977
Height: 181 cm
Weight: 85 kg
Honours: QLD (1996-2000),
AUS (1996-98, 2001)
Tests: 7 – 1996 NZ, 1998
Ire, Fr, Sp, S, 2001
E1, E2
Test Points: -
Test Debut: 1996 v New Zealand
Nickname: Schmeeks
Occupation: Nursery Woman



Louise Ferris

Position: Scrumhalf
Club: West Harbour
State: NSW
D.O.B: 9 January 1970
Height: 160 cm
Weight: 73 kg
Honours: ACT (1992-99),
NSW (2000-01),
AUS (1994-2001)
Tests: 9 - 1994 NZ, 1997
NZ, 1998 Fr, E, Sp,
S, NZ, 2001 E1, E2
Test Points: -
Test Debut: 1994 v New Zealand
Nickname: Fert
Occupation: Administrator



Alexandra Hargreaves

Position: Centre / Flanker
Club: Sydney University
State: NSW
D.O.B: 13 November 1980
Height: 168 cm
Weight: 72 kg
Honours: -
Tests: -
Test Points: -
Test Debut: -
Nickname: -
Occupation: Student

PLAYER PROFILES



Debby Hodgkinson

Position: Backrow
 Club: West Harbour
 State: NSW
 D.O.B: 22 November 1980
 Height: 178 cm
 Weight: 85 kg
 Honours: -
 Tests: -
 Test Points: -
 Test Debut: -
 Nickname: -
 Occupation: Administrator



Bronwyn Mackintosh

Position: Flanker
 Club: Warringah
 State: NSW
 D.O.B: 24 June 1970
 Height: 173 cm
 Weight: 71 kg
 Honours: AUS (1997-2001)
 Tests: 8 - 1997 USA, NZ,
 1998 Ire, Fr, Sp, S,
 NZ, 2001 E1[1t], E2
 Test Points: 5 - [1 try]
 Test Debut: 1997 v USA
 Nickname: BroniMac
 Occupation: Fire Fighter



Bronwyn Laidlaw

Position: Fullback
 Club: Brisbane University
 State: QLD
 D.O.B: 27 December 1974
 Height: 183 cm
 Weight: 76 kg
 Honours: QLD (1996-2001),
 AUS (1997-2001)
 Tests: 8 - 1997 USA, NZ,
 1998 Ire, Fr, E, NZ,
 2001 E1 [2c], E2
 Test Points: 4 - [2 cons]
 Test Debut: 1997 v USA
 Nickname: Laidis
 Occupation: Agricultural Scientist



Sharon O'Hane

Position: Centre / Wing
 Club: Royals
 State: ACT
 D.O.B: 27 September 1976
 Height: 168 cm
 Weight: 65 kg
 Honours: ACT (1996-2001),
 AUS (1996-2001)
 Tests: 11 - 1996 NZ [1t],
 1997 USA [1t], NZ,
 1998 Ire [1t], Fr, E
 [1t], Sp, S [2t], NZ,
 2001 E1, E2
 Test Points: 30 [6 tries]
 Test Debut: 1996 v New Zealand
 Nickname: Sok, Shaz, Scruffy
 Occupation: Commonwealth
 Officer



Melissa Latu-Lutui

Position: No 8 / Tighthead Prop
 Club: Box Hill
 State: VIC
 D.O.B: 31 July 1973
 Height: 158 cm
 Weight: 87 kg
 Honours: VIC (1996-2001),
 NT (1998),
 AUS (1997-2001)
 Tests: 9 - 1997 USA,
 NZ, 1998 Fr, E
 (rep), Sp, S, NZ,
 2001 E1, E2
 Test Points: -
 Test Debut: 1997 v USA
 Nickname: Latu, Melik
 Occupation: Fitness Centre
 Instructor



Tui Ormsby

Position: Centre / Fly Half
 Club: West Harbour
 State: NSW
 D.O.B: 20 January 1978
 Height: 166 cm
 Weight: 60 kg
 Honours: AUS 1997-1998
 Tests: 7 - 1997 USA,
 1998 Ire, Fr, E,
 Sp, S, NZ
 Test Points: -
 Test Debut: 1997 v USA
 Nickname: -
 Occupation: -

PLAYER PROFILES



Nyree Osieck

Position: Fullback
 Club: West Harbour
 State: NSW
 D.O.B: 30 December 1976
 Height: 170 cm
 Weight: 67 kg
 Honours: ASRU (1997-1999),
 NSW (2000),
 AUS (2001)
 Tests: 2 - 2001 E1 (rep), E2
 Test Points:-
 Test Debut: 2001 v England
 Nickname: -
 Occupation: Naval Officer



Charmain Smith

Position: Wing / Fullback
 Club: West Harbour
 State: NSW
 D.O.B: 17 February 1977
 Height:
 Weight: 64 kg
 Honours: AUS (2001)
 Tests: 1 - 2001 E2 (rep)
 Test Points:-
 Test Debut: 2001 v England
 Nickname: -
 Occupation: National Operating
 Co-Ordinator



Pearl Palsialii

Position: Prop
 Club: West Harbour
 State: NSW
 D.O.B: 7 January 1970
 Height: 180 cm
 Weight: 100 kg
 Honours: QLD (1996-98),
 NSW (1999),
 AUS (1994-2001)
 Tests: 12 - 1994 NZ,
 1995 NZ, 1997
 USA, NZ, 1998 Ire
 [1t], Fr, E, Sp, S,
 NZ, 2001 E1 (rep), E2
 Test Points: 5 [1 try]
 Test Debut: 1994 v New Zealand
 Nickname: -
 Occupation: Detention Supervisor



Cheryl Soon

Position: Scrumhalf
 Club: Warringah
 State: NSW
 D.O.B: 23 September 75
 Height: 156 cm
 Weight: 56 kg
 Honours: WA (1998-2001),
 AUS (2001)
 Tests: 2 - 2001 E1 (rep),
 E2 (rep) [1t]
 Test Points: 5 - [1 try]
 Test Debut: 2001 v England
 Nickname: -
 Occupation: Student



Naomi Roberts

Position: Fullback
 Club: Darwin Dragons
 State: NT
 D.O.B: 20 March 1970
 Height: 167 cm
 Weight: 68 kg
 Honours: NT (1996-2000),
 AUS (1996-2001)
 Tests: 11 - 1996 NZ,
 1997 USA, NZ,
 1998 Ire, Fr, E,
 Sp, S, NZ, 2001 E1, E2
 Test Points:-
 Test Debut: 1996 v New Zealand
 Nickname: -
 Occupation: Accountant



Rebecca Wakim

Position: Tighthead prop
 Club: Sydney University
 State: NSW
 D.O.B: 5 August 1972
 Height: 164 cm
 Weight: 67 kg
 Honours: NSW (1996-2001)
 AUS (1996-2001)
 Tests: 6 - 1996 NZ, 1998
 Ire (rep), Fr (rep), S,
 NZ, 2001 E1, E2 (rep)
 Test Points:-
 Test Debut: 1996 v New Zealand
 Nickname: Bec
 Occupation: Engineer

PLAYER PROFILES



Nicole Wickert

Position: Number 8
Club: Sydney University
State: NSW
D.O.B: 13 September 1968
Height: 180 cm
Weight: 80 kg
Honours: AUS (1994-2000)
Tests: 10 - 1994 NZ,
1995 NZ, 1996
NZ, 1997 USA,
NZ, 1998 Ire, Fr, E, S, NZ

Test Points: -
Test Debut: 1994 v New Zealand
Nickname: -
Occupation: PD/H/PE Teacher



Selena Worsley

Position: Flanker
Club: Eastern Districts
State: QLD
D.O.B: 18 April 1975
Height: 169 cm
Weight: 69 kg
Honours: QLD (1996-2001),
AUS (1994-2001)
Tests: 13 - 1994 NZ,
1995 NZ, 1996
NZ, 1997 USA
[1t], NZ, 1998 Ire
[1t], Fr, E, Sp, S,
NZ, 2001 E1 [1t], E2

Test Points: 15 - [3 tries]
Test Debut: 1994 v New Zealand
Nickname: Sal
Occupation: Student



The Vodafone Wallaroos line up before their Test Match against England in Sydney last year.

WOMEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP HISTORY

The inaugural Women's Rugby World Cup was held in Cardiff, Wales in 1991. The tournament consisted of 12 countries, Wales, USA, England, France, Canada, Sweden, USSR, Japan, Spain, Italy, New Zealand and The Netherlands.

Four pools of three teams were created with the winner of each pool going through to the semi-finals. The USA defeated New Zealand 7-0 in the first semi-final while in the other England defeated France 13-0.

The Final was won 19-6 by USA who have the honour of being the inaugural Rugby Women's World Cup champions.

In 1994 the World Cup was held in Edinburgh, Scotland after originally being scheduled to be played in Amsterdam. Once again 12 countries competed with USA, England, France, Canada, Sweden, Russia, Spain, Wales, Japan, Scotland, Ireland, Kazakhstan and Scottish Students (replacing Spain who withdrew) taking part in the tournament.

After a very lopsided pool round, the semi-finals saw defending champions USA easily account for Wales 56-15 and England defeated France 18-6.

In the final the English gained revenge for their defeat at the previous World Cup by triumphing over USA 38-23 to claim the championship.



Amsterdam, The Netherlands finally hosted the Women's World Cup in 1998 when an extended competition saw 16 teams competing including some for the first time.

Canada, The Netherlands, England, Sweden, USA, Russian Federation, Spain, Wales, France, Kazakhstan, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, Germany, Scotland and Italy all took part.

Once again England made it through to the semi-finals where they came up against a red-hot New Zealand team who defeated the English 44-11. In the other semi-final the USA made it three straight Finals appearances with a 46-6 win over Canada.

In the Final New Zealand stormed away to an early lead and lead 29-0 at half-time. The Kiwis went on with the match in the second half running out convincing 44-12 winners.

WOMEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP SUMMARY

YEAR	HOST	WINNER	RUNNER UP
1991	Cardiff, Wales	USA	England
1995	Edinburgh, Scotland	England	USA
1998	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	New Zealand	USA

VODAFONE WALLAROOS AT THE WORLD CUP

The Wallaroos first completed in the World Cup in 1998 at Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

A squad of 25 travelled to Amsterdam and went into the tournament with a seeding of sixth.

The Wallaroos easily accounted for Ireland in their first pool game 21-0 with Sharon O'Kane, Pearl Palalalii and Selena Worsley all crossing for tries.

Their next encounter saw the Wallaroos up against the formidable French team.

Trailing 10-3 at half time against France the Wallaroos looked out of the running but a second half try from Tanya Osborne gave the Aussies a slim hope of victory. The French held on however and the Wallaroos went down 10-8.

Despite the loss the Wallaroos qualified for the quarter finals where they faced the defending champions England.

The English were too strong for the Wallaroos in the quarter finals defeating them 30-13 and sending Australia into the Plate Finals.

The Plate Semi Final saw the Wallaroos up against Spain who has pushed former World Cup holders United States of America all the way in their quarter final.

In a thrilling contest the Wallaroos held on for a 17-15 victory with Perise Ili proving the difference with four penalty goals.

Their final match of the tournament saw the Wallaroos up against Scotland in the Plate Final with the winner grabbing fifth place for the tournament.

Sharon O'Kane (two tries) and Tanya Osborne (one try) led the Wallaroos to a 25-15 victory continuing their great showing at the tournament.

Fifth place in their first World Cup appearance was a fantastic achievement for the Wallaroos.

1998 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP - WALLAROOS RESULTS

May 2nd First Round

Australia 21 def. Ireland 0

Scorers: Sharon O'Kane, Pearl Palalalii, Selena Worsley tries, Sherilee Moulds 3 cons.

May 5th Cup/Plate

France 10 def. Australia 8

Scorers: Tanya Osborne try, Sherilee Moulds 1 pen.

May 9th Cup/Plate

England 30 def. Australia 13

Scorers: Sharon O'Kane try, Perise Ili 1 con & 1 pen, Sherilee Moulds 1 pen.

May 12th Plate Semi

Australia 17 def. Spain 15

Scorers: Tanya Osborne try, Perise Ili 4 pens.

May 16th Plate Final (5th/6th place)

Australia 25 def. Scotland 15

Scorers: Sharon O'Kane 2, Tanya Osborne tries, Perise Ili 2 cons & 2-pens.

1998 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP - WALLAROOS SQUAD

Elizabeth Andrew	Bronwyn Mackintosh
Holly Birch	Ronnie May
Karen Bucholz	Sherilee Moulds
Bronwyn Calvert	Sharon O'Kane
Genevieve Delves	Tanya Osborne
Lisa-Jane Dwan	Pearl Palalalii
Kerrie Ferris	Naomi Roberts
Mieke Gladwin	Shirley Russell
Browyn Hart	Helen Theunissen
Christine Henson	Rebecca Wakin
Perise Ili	Nicole Wickert
Bronwyn Laidlaw	Selena Worsley
Melissa Latu	

Wallaroos captain Nicole Wickert accepts the trophy after Australia wins the Plate Final in 1998.



HISTORY OF WOMEN'S RUGBY IN AUSTRALIA

Rugby was first played by women in the country towns of Tamworth and Armidale during the late 1930s. However the second world war halted play as women were required to work on the land.

In 1991, then Newcastle Rugby Union Executive Director Wal Fitzgerald revived women's rugby, establishing competitions of seven-a-side and touch. However, the 15-a-side game remained very much on the agenda.

A year later, the Australian Club Championship was staged in Newcastle with five teams. In the two years to follow, fourteen clubs from the Northern Territory, North Queensland, Brisbane and the ACT were to become valuable members of the competition.

This championship has since been succeeded by a state versus state competition, with Queensland proving the dominant force.

The establishment of the Australian Women's Rugby Union in 1993, with Joan Forno as its president, led to the first Test being played by the Wallaroos against the New Zealand national women's team.

The rivalry that now exists between the two is comparable to that of the Wallabies and the All Blacks vying for the coveted Bledisloe Cup. Although the All Black women have held the upper hand in the five encounters to date, the Wallaroos have proved gallant in defeat on every occasion.

In 1997, the Wallaroos also played their first Test against former World Cup victors and 1994 runners-up, the United States. In a match which demonstrated the Wallaroos' potential, the Australians rattled the Americans with four spectacular tries to the visitors' three. Unfortunately, the accuracy of the boot proved the difference and the Wallaroos went down narrowly, 24-28.

In 1998, the Wallaroos travelled to Amsterdam for their first World Cup where they played their first and only match against England, with the experienced English side winning 30-13. The Wallaroos went on to win the Plate Final against Scotland to finish fifth in the tournament.

Today, women's participation across the country has grown to over 1800 and the sport is being played by girls in over 200 schools.

FAST FACTS

- Women's rugby has been played in Australia since the early '90s with player numbers now exceeding 1,800.
- The rules of the game do not differ from men's rugby.
- The third Women's Rugby World Cup was held in Amsterdam in May, 1998. It was Australia's first World Cup. They won the Plate Final to finish 5th overall in the tournament.
- The New Zealand Black Ferns won the World Cup, making them the current world champions. They beat England 44-11 in the final.
- The Wallaroos' last international Test series was against England last year in Sydney and Newcastle. The English were victorious 2-0 in the series winning the two matches 41-19 and 15-5

VODAFONE WALLAROOS TEST STATISTICS

Test Record

Played 13: Won 3, Lost 10. For 140, Against 302

Date	Opposition	Result	Score	Venue
September 28, 1994	New Zealand	L	0-37	Sydney
July 13, 1995	New Zealand	L	0-62	Auckland
August 31, 1996	New Zealand	L	5-28	Sydney
August 2, 1997	United States	L	24-28	Brisbane
August 16, 1997	New Zealand	L	0-44	Dunedin
May 2, 1998	Ireland*	W	21-0	Amsterdam
May 5, 1998	France*	L	8-10	Amsterdam
May 9, 1998	England*	L	13-30	Amsterdam
May 12, 1998	Spain*	W	17-15	Amsterdam
May 16, 1998	Scotland*	W	25-15	Amsterdam
August 29, 1998	New Zealand	L	3-27	Sydney
May 26, 2001	England	L	19-41	Sydney
June 2, 2001	England	L	5-15	Newcastle

* World Cup match

Test Point Scorers

Name	State	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs	Total
Perise Ili	QLD	0	3	7	0	27
Sharon O'Kane	ACT	5	0	0	0	25
Tanya Osborne	QLD	4	0	0	0	20
Sherilee Moulds	NSW	0	5	2	0	16
Selena Worsley	QLD	3	0	0	0	15
Ronnie May	NSW	1	0	0	0	5
Pearl Palaiailii	QLD	1	0	0	0	5
Bronwyn Mackintosh	NSW	1	0	0	0	5
Lisa Fiaola	NSW	1	0	0	0	5
Cheryl Soon	WA	1	0	0	0	5
Helen Taylor	ACT	1	0	0	0	5
Bronwyn Laidlaw	QLD	0	2	0	0	4
Lisa-Jane Dwan	QLD	0	0	1	0	3



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