

## **2006 NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITIES RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM**

Josh L. Allen (Canterbury University); Height: 1.98m; Weight: 107kg

A third year Finance and Economic student, the Christchurch Boys High School educated Allen only began playing rugby league for the first time after having played rugby and Aussie Rules previously as his major winter sports. The tallest member of the 2006 NZU side, Allen's sizzling pace is bound to be utilized to good effect. Allen plays for the Papanui Tigers in Christchurch.

J. Lale Ausage (Victoria University); Height: 1.82m; Weight: 116kg

Known by his nickname of 'Sunshine', this 19 year-old law major had an outstanding university games tournament as a powerful running second-row and can also fill in at prop. Ausage was educated at St Bernard's College in Lower Hutt and has represented Wellington at age-grade level along with the Wellington Samoan side for the past two years. Ausage plays for the Te Aroha premier side in Wellington and in the pre-season, trained with the Newtown Jets in Sydney.

Simon J. Beale (Waikato University); Height: 1.83m; Weight: 103kg

A Postgraduate Diploma student in Sports Science, the 27 year-old Beale is a product of the Hamilton City Tigers Club, where he plays at second-row as well as for the Waioa Bay Stallions in the Bartercard Cup. This tireless 80-minute footballer was educated at Gisborne High School and represented the New Zealand Maoris this year against a Pacific Island side.

Daniel P. Bell (Auckland University of Technology); Height: 1.83m; Weight: 95kg

One of four survivors of the successful 2005 Student World Cup side and the sole Auckland University of Technology representative where is undertaking a Diploma of Fitness and Training Diploma, Bell is a hard working utility forward. Bell plays for Harbour in the Bartercard Cup and is affiliated to the Ponsonby Club. This former Glenfield College student has also represented both Auckland and Samoan at age-grade level.

Matt J. Deane (Canterbury University); Height: 1.82m; Weight: 88kg

A 24 year-old Teaching and Learning major, Deane began playing league in 2003 as a member of the Hornby premiers. A native North Islander where he attended Hamilton Boys High School, this outside utility back played several games for the Canterbury Bulls this year in the Bartercard Cup along with Canterbury A over the past two seasons. His try in the Canterbury club final this year against the Linwood Keas ensured his side won in the end won by a narrow four-point margin.

Liu M. Faleono (Auckland University); Height: 1.78m; Weight: 85kg

Faleono took up league five years ago and has risen to Bartercard Cup level as a member of the Counties Jets, after being with the Mangere East Club. A third year Bachelor of Education student, the 23 year-old Faleono is a promising centre and was educated at De La Salle College in Auckland.

Anton F. Gall (Otago University); Height: 1.74m; Weight: 80kg

A 21 year-old Physical Education major, Gall attended Waitara High School in Taranaki before coming down to Otago University. Gall is a strong running scrumhalf who played for the Otago University premier side during the club season and followed on to play for Otago in the provincial representative season. Prior to this season, Gall had played rugby for the Alhambra-Union Club in Dunedin.

Anaru T.W. Grant (Waikato University); Height: 1.80m; Weight: 100kg

A product of Western Heights High School in Rotorua prior to taking up a Bachelor of Sport and Leisure major at Waikato University, the 20 year-old Grant is a genuine league allrounder in that he fits in comfortably in both the forwards and backs. A member of the Hamilton City Tigers along with the Waicoa Bay Stallions along side his fellow NZU player, Simon Beale, Grant represented the New Zealand Maoris at league last year. His main sport prior to taking up league was volleyball.

Henry Heke (Victoria University); Height: 1.86m; Weight: 114kg

The veteran of the side and only New Zealand player to have been in both the winning 1999 and 2005 Student World Cup sides, Heke has accomplished much in league both on and off the field. Aside from being a former Hawkes Bay and Wellington representative and Hawkes Bay, Waikato and Wellington Maoris representative, the 34 year-old Heke was instrumental in re-establishing the Victoria University Rugby League Club in 2000 and was still playing an active role in the club this year behind the scenes. He has been awarded a rare Blues double as both a player and administrator from Victoria University and also holds a Level 2 league coaching certificate. A tireless prop, Heke (who is also on the New Zealand Universities Rugby League Council) was educated at De La Salle in New Plymouth and is in the final stages of completing his Post Graduate Diploma in Commerce.

Ben D. Hurrell (Canterbury University); Height: 1.82m; Weight: 90kg

After taking up league three years ago, this double major in Mass Communications and Marketing, has played for the Papanui Tigers premiers along with the Canterbury Bulls and Canterbury A sides. Educated at St Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton, Ben is the younger brother of the 2005-06 New Zealand Universities player, Scott Hurrell.

Scott J. Hurrell (Canterbury University); Height: 1.83m; Weight: 88kg

The only current NZU player to also be chosen in the World XIII at the completion of the 2005 Student World Cup, Scott found a new niche to his league game this year as the main kicker for the Canterbury Bulls Bartercard Cup side this year, where he notched up 142 points, including eleven tries. Scott is also like his brother a member of the Papanui Club when not playing for the Bulls and is doing a double major in both psychology and management. Scott was also educated at St Paul's Collegiate and plays league at either wing or fullback.

Saimon P. Lomaloma (Victoria University); Height: 1.88m; Weight: 94kg

A 19 year-old former St Patricks (Wellington) College student, Lomaloma plays for the Victoria University Hunters premier side as a promising second-row. A double major in law and accounting, Lomaloma represented Wellington in the NJC league competition last year.

Olly C. Needham (Canterbury University); Height: 1.92m; Weight: 96kg

A 26 year-old speech and language therapy major, Needham only began playing league this season after having represented Canterbury as a rugby union open side flanker at age-grade level. A former Burnside High School student, Needham has a high work rate and starred as one of the best Canterbury University players during the University league tournament in Wellington earlier this year.

Mikaere T. October (Canterbury University); Height: 1.70m; Weight: 85kg

An energetic and exciting 19 year-old hooker, October attended Burnside High School and first took up league nine years ago. He has represented Papanui at premier level along with being in the Canterbury Bulls side last year after coming back as a successful New Zealand Universities player of the 2005 Student World Cup. October has also played for Canterbury A along with NZU, he has also represented his country at league in the New Zealand under-16 side. October is a Bachelor of Education student as a Physical Education major.

Hone T. Patrick (Victoria University); Height: 1.75m; Weight: 94kg

The son of former 1969-70 Kiwi and 1969-84 NZU player, Trevor Patrick, Hone has several similarities as his father in that he has played for both Otago and Victoria University at league as a hard working scrumhalf. A 23 year-old Maoris Studies graduate and Commercial Law undergrad, Patrick was educated at Wellington College before moving to Dunedin to take up his university studies. Before taking up league in 2005, he played premier rugby for Kaikorai, and once in the 13 a-side code, he has gained honours by playing for the Wellington 7's side in Sydney this year along with being in the 2006 Wellington premier Grand Final winning side, Petone. Another player that has played in both the forwards and backs, Patrick has also played for the Wellington Orcas in the Bartercard Cup.

Victor J.I. Smith (Auckland University); Height: 1.80m; Weight: 92kg

A 21 year-old finance and economics major, Smith plays for the Mt Albert premier Fox Memorial Trophy side as loose forward. Educated at Bream Bay College in Northland, Smith has played for several age-grade league representative sides for both Northland and Otago. Smith showed tremendous potential during the 2006 University tournament after having narrowly missed selection in the 2005 Student World Cup side.

Ben A.S. Taraeka (Massey-Wellington University); Height: 1.82m; Weight: 85kg

The first ever Massey-Wellington University representative in the 39 year history of NZ University Rugby League, Taraeka, is an accounting and commercial law major. After being educated at Aotea College in Porirua, this dangerous inside half has gone on to play for the North City Vikings premier side along with the Wellington Orcas in the Bartercard Cup. Last week the 19 year-old Taraeka played for the Orcas against the New Zealand Warriors Development side and has also played like Patrick for the Wellington 7's team. He has played league since being in an under-6 grade side.

Berry R. Tuia (Auckland University); Height: 1.85m; Weight: 125kg

The powerful 23 year-old Tuia is a former New Zealand Secondary Schools rugby representative before he switched to league in 2002. Prior to taking up his studies as a Bachelor of Education major, Tuia attended Mt Albert Grammar. He showed future potential in league with good form for the Marist-Richmond side in the 2005 Bartercard Cup competition.

**Officials:**

Russell Jones (Canterbury); Sports Med-Trainer

A former Hornby player, Jones was the Canterbury trainer for three years along with being the Bulls head trainer for two. In 2001 he trained the Junior Kiwis and between 1996 and 2000, he also trained other junior New Zealand age-grade sides. He is one of three in New Zealand to hold a Level 3 league trainer's certificate who by coincidence are all based in the South Island.

Bruce Milne (Canterbury); Manager

The oldest member of the touring party at an unmentionable age, Milne is a former Linwood premier player before turning his attention to firstly coaching, followed by managing teams. He coached the Addington premier side in 1994-95 side and Canterbury under-17 and under-19 sides in 1998-99 while this year was the successful Canterbury University league coach that won the Brian Watson Memorial Shield at the University Sport of New Zealand tournament. Since 2000, Milne has been the manager of the Canterbury Bulls Bartercard Cup side and has also been a manager of the New Zealand under-16 and New Zealand A sides. Last year he was the Business Manager of the 2005 New Zealand Universities side that took out the Student World Cup in Brisbane. He was recognised with his services to Canterbury sport last year by receiving the Volunteer of the Year award.

Trevor McLeod (Auckland); Coach

After having played for Otahuhu and Mangere East at premier level along with representing in Auckland junior grades, McLeod began taking up coaching in 1978 as a way to fill in Saturday mornings before playing in the afternoons. He has achieved many titles under his coaching belt including two Fox Memorials, three Roope Roosters and four Rukutai Shields. McLeod has also acted as a selector with Auckland along side the current Kiwi coach Bluey McClennan and has coached New Zealand under-18 and New Zealand A sides. His greatest legacy however is with student league as the successful coach of the 1999 and 2005 Student World Cup sides that won in Great Britain and Australia respectively.