2014 SQUAD NAMING
The 2014 Squad

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Phil Burleigh
Shane Christie
Liam Coltman
Matias Diaz
Elliot Dixon
Jason Emery
Gareth Evans
Malakai Fekitoa
Ma’afu Fia
Tom Franklin
Kane Hames
John Hardie
Jarrad Hoeata
TJ Ioane
Chris King
Nasi Manu
Brayden Mitchell
Patrick Osborne
Hayden Parker
Buxton Popoalii
Willie Ripia
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Lima Sopoaga
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JAMIE JOSEPH
POSITION Coach
DATE OF BIRTH 22.11.69 in Blenheim
COACHING ROLES Wellington Coach 2007-2010, Maori All Blacks Coach 2010-2012

Jamie joined the Highlanders in 2011 as head coach following coaching success with the Maori All Blacks team and the Wellington Lions. Following a distinguished player career, which included 20 Tests for the All Blacks, Jamie took up an assistant coaching role with the Wellington Lions in 2003. In 2007 Jamie took the reins at Wellington and coached the team to consecutive domestic finals in 2008 and 2009 both against Canterbury. In 2010 Jamie was appointed as Maori All Blacks Coach and guided them to a clean sweep against the NZ Barbarians, Ireland and a famous victory over England.

SCOTT MCLEOD
POSITION Assistant Coach
DATE OF BIRTH 28.02.73 in Brisbane
COACHING ROLES Chiefs and Waikato

Scott joins the Highlanders from Hamilton where he has been the Waikato ITM Cup coach for the past two seasons. Scott has also been involved with the Chiefs since 2009. Scott played 113 first class games, including 10 Test matches for the All Blacks between 1995 and 2001.

JON PRESTON
POSITION Assistant Coach
DATE OF BIRTH 15.11.67 in Dunedin
COACHING ROLES Wellington

Former All Black Jon Preston also joins the Highlanders’ coaching staff this season. Jon played 10 tests for the All Blacks between 1991 and 1997. He has been involved with the Wellington Lions as a specialist skills coach over the past few seasons.

TONY BROWN
POSITION Assistant Coach
DATE OF BIRTH 17.01.75 in Blenheim
COACHING ROLES Otago 2012-13; Sanyo Wild Knights (Japan) 2008-12

Tony joins the Highlanders after two successful seasons as head coach of the Otago ITM Cup team - taking the team to the playoffs in both 2012 and 2013, and also winning the Ranfurly Shield for the first time in 56 years. Tony also coached in the Top League in Japan from 2006 to 2012 following a successful playing career in the land of the rising sun.
**KURT BAKER**

POSITION: Fullback  
PHYSICAL: 1.83m, 94kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 7.10.88  
PROVINCE: Taranaki  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 56  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 105 (21t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2008 v Bay of Plenty (Manawatu)  
SUPER CAPS: 5  
SUPER POINTS: 10 (2t)  
SUPER DEBUT: 2012 v Waratahs  
TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

“An experienced outside back equally at home at either fullback or wing who has good pace and skill out wide”

**JOSH BEKHUIS**

POSITION: Lock  
PHYSICAL: 2.00m 111kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 26.4.86  
PROVINCE: Southland  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 93  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 55 (11t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2006 v North Otago  
SUPER CAPS: 71  
SUPER POINTS: 10 (2t)  
SUPER DEBUT: 2009 v Brumbies  
TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

“Lineout specialist and experienced lock forward, hard grafter and workhorse. A highly valued team member”

**PHIL BURLEIGH**

POSITION: Centre  
PHYSICAL: 1.81m 92kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 22.10.86 at Christchurch  
PROVINCE: Bay of Plenty  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 42  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 67 (11t, 3c, 2p)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2009 v Northland  
SUPER CAPS: 23  
SUPER POINTS: 15 (3t)  
SUPER DEBUT: 2010 v Waratahs (Chiefs)  
TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

“Clever and intelligent player with canny vision, balance and composure in the midfield”

**SHANE CHRISTIE**

POSITION: Loose Forward  
PHYSICAL: 1.84m 107kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 23.9.85 at Palmerston North  
PROVINCE: Tasman  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 42  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 25 (5t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2010 v Wellington  
SUPER CAPS: 1  
SUPER POINTS: 0  
SUPER DEBUT: 2013 v Force (Crusaders)  
TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

“Openside flanker with a high work rate and a devastating tackle. Strong ball carrier and physical presence at the breakdowns.”
LIAM COLTMAN

POSITION Hooker
PHYSICAL 1.85m 109kg
DATE OF BIRTH 25.1.90 at New Plymouth
PROVINCE Otago
PROVINCIAL CAPS 41
PROVINCIAL POINTS 0
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2010 v Counties Manukau
SUPER CAPS 13
SUPER POINTS 0
SUPER DEBUT 2013 v Chiefs
TEST CAPS 0
TEST POINTS N/A
TEST DEBUT N/A

“Powerful and abrasive hooker with great commitment and work ethic. Loves the physical combat up close”

MATIAS DIAZ

POSITION Prop
PHYSICAL 1.85m, 115kg
DATE OF BIRTH 16.3.93
PROVINCE Teque (Argentina)
PROVINCIAL CAPS N/A
PROVINCIAL POINTS N/A
PROVINCIAL DEBUT N/A
SUPER CAPS 0
SUPER POINTS N/A
SUPER DEBUT N/A
TEST CAPS 5 (Argentina)
TEST POINTS 0
TEST DEBUT 2013

“A tighthead prop with a big future having already played Test rugby for Argentina at 20 years old”

ELLiot DIXON

POSITION Number Eight
PHYSICAL 1.93m, 110kg
DATE OF BIRTH 4.9.89 at Christchurch
PROVINCE Southland
PROVINCIAL CAPS 38
PROVINCIAL POINTS 30 (6)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2010 v North Otago
SUPER CAPS 15
SUPER POINTS 10 (2t)
SUPER DEBUT 2012 v Brumbies
TEST CAPS 0
TEST POINTS N/A
TEST DEBUT N/A

“A dynamic and energetic No8 or flanker who provides versatility and is a handy lineout option.”

JASON EMERY

POSITION Centre
PHYSICAL 1.74m 92kg
DATE OF BIRTH 21.9.93 at Tauranga
PROVINCE Manawatu
PROVINCIAL CAPS 17
PROVINCIAL POINTS 17 (3t, 1c)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2012 v Wellington
SUPER CAPS 11
SUPER POINTS 5 (1t)
SUPER DEBUT 2013 v Hurricanes
TEST CAPS 0
TEST POINTS N/A
TEST DEBUT N/A

“A talented young centre who made huge progress last year in his debut Super Rugby season. Eye for a gap and always a threat with the ball”
GARETH EVANS
POSITION  Blindside flanker
PHYSICAL  1.90m 105kg
DATE OF BIRTH  5.8.91 at Hastings
PROVINCE  Otago
PROVINCIAL CAPS  34
PROVINCIAL POINTS 35 (7t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2011 v North Harbour
SUPER CAPS  0
SUPER POINTS  N/A
SUPER DEBUT  N/A
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“Blindside flanker with a huge workrate has forced his way into the squad with consistently strong performances for Otago”

MALAKAI FEKITOA
POSITION  Centre
PHYSICAL  1.87m 99kg
DATE OF BIRTH  10.5.92
PROVINCE  Auckland
PROVINCIAL CAPS  23
PROVINCIAL POINTS 25 (5t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2012 v Hawke’s Bay
SUPER CAPS  0
SUPER POINTS  N/A
SUPER DEBUT  N/A
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“A physical defender and a strong runner with the ability to create space for himself and others”

MA’AFU FIA
POSITION  Tighthead Prop
PHYSICAL  1.80m 114kg
DATE OF BIRTH  22.11.89 at Tonga
PROVINCE  Manawatu
PROVINCIAL CAPS  49
PROVINCIAL POINTS 10 (2t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2008 v Taranaki
SUPER CAPS  24
SUPER POINTS  0
SUPER DEBUT  2012 v Hurricanes
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“Powerful scrummager at tighthead prop carries the ball strongly over the advantage line.”

TOM FRANKLIN
POSITION  Lock
PHYSICAL  1.99m 110kg
DATE OF BIRTH  13.8.90
PROVINCE  Otago
PROVINCIAL CAPS  24
PROVINCIAL POINTS 20 (4t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2011 v Counties Manukau
SUPER CAPS  0
SUPER POINTS  N/A
SUPER DEBUT  N/A
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“Athletic young lock capable of playing at blindside flanker as well. His ITM Cup form for Otago has been rewarded with his first Super Rugby selection”
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“Powerful loosehead prop who loves scrums, physical and confrontational he has been a dominant force in his first ITM Cup this year”

| **POSITION**   | Openside Flanker |                  |                  |
| **PHYSICAL**   | 1.83m 103kg      |                  |                  |
| **DATE OF BIRTH** | 27.7.88 at Lumsden |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCE**   | Southland       |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCIAL CAPS** | 57            |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCIAL POINTS** | 40 (8t)      |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCIAL DEBUT** | 2008 v Manawatu |                  |                  |
| **SUPER CAPS** | 38             |                  |                  |
| **SUPER POINTS** | 5 (1t)        |                  |                  |
| **SUPER DEBUT** | 2010 v Crusaders|                  |                  |
| **TEST CAPS**  | 0              |                  |                  |
| **TEST POINTS** | N/A            |                  |                  |
| **TEST DEBUT** | N/A            |                  |                  |

“An experienced player who commands respect wherever he goes and has proven his quality at Openside flanker against the best in the world”

| **POSITION**   | Lock / Blindside Flanker |                  |                  |
| **PHYSICAL**   | 1.98m, 115kg             |                  |                  |
| **DATE OF BIRTH** | 12.12.82 at Porirua |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCE**   | Taranaki                |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCIAL CAPS** | 66            |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCIAL POINTS** | 20 (4t)     |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCIAL DEBUT** | 2006 v Waikato |                  |                  |
| **SUPER CAPS** | 45             |                  |                  |
| **SUPER POINTS** | 5 (1t)        |                  |                  |
| **SUPER DEBUT** | 2010 v Lions (Chiefs)  |                  |                  |
| **TEST CAPS**  | 3              |                  |                  |
| **TEST POINTS** | 0              |                  |                  |
| **TEST DEBUT** | N/A            |                  |                  |

“Bruising and physical lock or blindside flanker with international experience. Unintimidated by any one or any occasion”

| **POSITION**   | Loose Forward |                  |                  |
| **PHYSICAL**   | 1.82m 104kg   |                  |                  |
| **DATE OF BIRTH** | 9.5.89       |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCE**   | Otago        |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCIAL CAPS** | 34           |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCIAL POINTS** | 45 (9t)    |                  |                  |
| **PROVINCIAL DEBUT** | 2010 v Tasman (Wellington) |                  |                  |
| **SUPER CAPS** | 13             |                  |                  |
| **SUPER POINTS** | 0             |                  |                  |
| **SUPER DEBUT** | 2013 v Hurricanes|                  |                  |
| **TEST CAPS**  | 0              |                  |                  |
| **TEST POINTS** | N/A            |                  |                  |
| **TEST DEBUT** | N/A            |                  |                  |

“A mobile No8 or flanker who is a continual threat with the ball in hand. Capable in all 3 loose forward positions he offers versatility and impact”
CHRIS KING

POSITION
Loosehead Prop

PHYSICAL
1.86m 120kg

DATE OF BIRTH
30.4.81 at Ashburton

PROVINCE
Taranaki

PROVINCIAL CAPS
118

PROVINCIAL POINTS
25 (5t)

PROVINCIAL DEBUT
2002 v Mid Canterbury (Canterbury)

SUPER CAPS
107

SUPER POINTS
35 (7t)

SUPER DEBUT
2003 v Hurricanes (Crusaders)

TEST CAPS
0

TEST POINTS
N/A

TEST DEBUT
N/A

"Durable and experienced prop capable on either side of the scrum. Great team man who delivers a reliable and consistent performance every week"

NASI MANU

POSITION
Number Eight

PHYSICAL
1.90m 112kg

DATE OF BIRTH
15.8.88 at Lincoln

PROVINCE
Canterbury

PROVINCIAL CAPS
63

PROVINCIAL POINTS
50 (10t)

PROVINCIAL DEBUT
2007 v Counties Manukau

SUPER CAPS
49

SUPER POINTS
10 (2t)

SUPER DEBUT
2008 v Bulls (Crusaders)

TEST CAPS
0

TEST POINTS
N/A

TEST DEBUT
N/A

"A punishing No8, very physical in the close quarters play with or without the ball. Leads by example"

BRAYDEN MITCHELL

POSITION
Hooker

PHYSICAL
1.83m 104kg

DATE OF BIRTH
24.1.89 at Gore

PROVINCE
Waikato

PROVINCIAL CAPS
31

PROVINCIAL POINTS
15 (3t)

PROVINCIAL DEBUT
2009 v Wellington (Southland)

SUPER CAPS
8

SUPER POINTS
0

SUPER DEBUT
2011 v Hurricanes

TEST CAPS
0

TEST POINTS
N/A

TEST DEBUT
N/A

"Hard grafting and courageous hooker who throws himself with full commitment into every game."

PATRICK OSBORNE

POSITION
Right Wing

PHYSICAL
1.89m 105kg

DATE OF BIRTH
14.6.87 at Suva

PROVINCE
Canterbury

PROVINCIAL CAPS
29

PROVINCIAL POINTS
50 (10t)

PROVINCIAL DEBUT
2010 v Hawke’s Bay

SUPER CAPS
9

SUPER POINTS
10 (2t)

SUPER DEBUT
2013 v Highlanders (Chiefs)

TEST CAPS
0

TEST POINTS
N/A

TEST DEBUT
N/A

“Big, strong and elusive winger. Breaks tackles and links well with his support players.”
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<td>Hayden Parker</td>
<td>First five-eighth</td>
<td>1.75m 80kg</td>
<td>19.11.90 at Oamaru</td>
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<td>35</td>
<td>330 (2t, 46c, 75p, 1d)</td>
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<td>&quot;Outstanding young first five-eighth who guides the team astutely around the field with his educated boot. Outstanding goal kicker and talented attacker&quot;</td>
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<td>Buxton Poapalii</td>
<td>Wing / Fullback</td>
<td>1.73m 87kg</td>
<td>4.12.89 at Auckland</td>
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<td>&quot;A wing or fullback with energy and enthusiasm. An elusive ball carrier especially from broken play&quot;</td>
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<td>First five-eighth</td>
<td>1.78m 88kg</td>
<td>20.8.85 at Murupara</td>
<td>Bay of Plenty</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>515 (6t, 82c, 106p, 1d)</td>
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<td>&quot;A calm and balanced first five-eighth with a studious boot from the hand or the tee. He reads the game well and makes clear headed decisions&quot;</td>
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<td>Aaron Smith</td>
<td>Halfback</td>
<td>1.71m 83kg</td>
<td>21.11.88 at Palmerston North</td>
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<td>43</td>
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<td>&quot;Crisp passing, lightning quick halfback who consistently makes the right decisions on either attack or defence. Dangerous runner, astute kicker and shrewd tactician&quot;</td>
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### BEN SMITH

**Position:** Wing / Fullback  
**Physical:** 1.86m 93kg  
**Date of Birth:** 1.6.86 at Dunedin  
**Province:** Otago  
**Provincial Caps:** 43  
**Provincial Points:** 55 (11t)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2007 v Wellington  
**Super Caps:** 72  
**Super Points:** 80 (16t)  
**Super Debut:** 2009 v Brumbies  
**Test Caps:** 22  
**Test Points:** 60 (12t)  
**Test Debut:** 2009 v Italy

“Skilful, evasive, instinctive. A world class player with the versatility to play fullback, wing or centre the highest level”

### LIMA SOPOAGA

**Position:** First five-eighth  
**Physical:** 1.75m 91kg  
**Date of Birth:** 3.2.91 at Wellington  
**Province:** Wellington  
**Provincial Caps:** 37  
**Provincial Points:** 370 (4t, 76c, 66p)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2010 v Manawatu  
**Super Caps:** 16  
**Super Points:** 84 (1t, 11c, 19p)  
**Super Debut:** 2011 v Hurricanes  
**Test Caps:** 0  
**Test Points:** N/A  
**Test Debut:** N/A

“A talented and exciting first five-eighth whose appearances for the Highlanders have been limited by injury”

### WINSTON STANLEY

**Position:** Centre  
**Physical:** 1.84m, 95kg  
**Date of Birth:** 11.2.89 at Brisbane  
**Province:**  
**Provincial Caps:** 30  
**Provincial Points:** 25 (5t)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2007 v Wellington (Auckland)  
**Super Caps:** 25  
**Super Points:** 20 (4t)  
**Super Debut:** 2009 v Bulls (Blues)  
**Test Caps:** 0  
**Test Points:** N/A  
**Test Debut:** N/A

“A heavy hitting midfield defender with a physical presence and skilful ball carrier and distributor”

### FUMIAKI TANAKA

**Position:** Halfback  
**Physical:** 1.63m 75kg  
**Date of Birth:** 3.1.85 at Kyoto  
**Province:** Otago  
**Provincial Caps:** 25  
**Provincial Points:** 5 (1t)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2012 v Southland  
**Super Caps:** 14  
**Super Points:** 5 (1t)  
**Super Debut:** 2013 v Chiefs  
**Test Caps:** 31 (Japan)  
**Test Points:** 30 (6t)  
**Test Debut:** 2008 v Arabian Gulf

“At halfback the Japanese international possesses incredible speed of around the field along with a long, accurate pass.”
BRAD THORN

POSITION      Lock
PHYSICAL  1.95m 112kg
DATE OF BIRTH  3.2.75 at Mosgiel
PROVINCE
PROVINCIAL CAPS  31
PROVINCIAL POINTS 20 (4t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2001 v Buller
SUPER CAPS  107
SUPER POINTS  60 (12t)
SUPER DEBUT 2001 v Brumbies
TEST CAPS  59
TEST POINTS  20 (4t)
TEST DEBUT  2003 v Wales

“Big, strong and experienced lock who leads by example with a huge work ethic. He is a great mentor for our younger Highlanders.”

SHAUN TREEBY

POSITION      Midfield back
PHYSICAL  1.75m 85kg
DATE OF BIRTH  26.1.89 at New Plymouth
PROVINCE Wellington
PROVINCIAL CAPS  47
PROVINCIAL POINTS 55 (11t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2009 v Wairarapa Bush
SUPER CAPS  26
SUPER POINTS  25 (5t)
SUPER DEBUT  2011 v Hurricanes
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“Explosive, dynamic, a real hard working second five-eighth who has turned in consistent performances very time he takes the field”

JOE WHEELER

POSITION      Lock
PHYSICAL  2.00m 111kg
DATE OF BIRTH  20.10.87 at Christchurch
PROVINCE Tasman
PROVINCIAL CAPS  58
PROVINCIAL POINTS 25 (5t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2008 v Taranaki
SUPER CAPS  14
SUPER POINTS  0
SUPER DEBUT  2010 v Sharks
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“A rangy and skilful lineout specialist with the ability to play at either lock or blindside flanker”

FRAE WILSON

POSITION      Halfback
PHYSICAL  1.77m 92kg
DATE OF BIRTH  9.2.89
PROVINCE Wellington
PROVINCIAL CAPS  27
PROVINCIAL POINTS 20 (4t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT 2009 v Wanganui
SUPER CAPS  3
SUPER POINTS  0
SUPER DEBUT  2012 v Crusaders (Hurricanes)
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“An abrasive and hardworking halfback. Reliable and dependable player who always delivers a consistent performance”
LEE ALLAN
POSITION  Loose forward
PHYSICAL  1.90m 103kg
DATE OF BIRTH  13.09.91
PROVINCE  Otago
PROVINCIAL CAPS  8
PROVINCIAL POINTS  0
PROVINCIAL DEBUT  2013 v Bay of Plenty
SUPER CAPS  0
SUPER POINTS  N/A
SUPER DEBUT  N/A
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“An athletic Openside flanker with a strong defensive game and good technique around the tackle”

RICHARD BUCKMAN
POSITION  Centre
PHYSICAL  1.84m 98kg
DATE OF BIRTH  27.5.89
PROVINCE  Hawke’s Bay
PROVINCIAL CAPS  46
PROVINCIAL POINTS  86 (8t, 8c, 10p)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT  2008 v Manawatu
SUPER CAPS  3
SUPER POINTS  0
SUPER DEBUT  2011 v Lions (Hurricanes)
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“A deceptive player with the speed and versatility to offer quality options for both wing and centre”

CRAIG MILLAR
POSITION  Loosehead Prop
PHYSICAL  1.85m 110kg
DATE OF BIRTH  29.10.90
PROVINCE  Otago
PROVINCIAL CAPS  12
PROVINCIAL POINTS  5 (1t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT  2013 v Southland
SUPER CAPS  0
SUPER POINTS  N/A
SUPER DEBUT  N/A
TEST CAPS  0
TEST POINTS  N/A
TEST DEBUT  N/A

“A mobile Loosehead prop who has been rewarded for delivering consistently strong performances in his debut ITM Cup season for Otago”
## Trent Renata

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“A classy utility player with first class experience at first five-eighth, fullback and wing makes him a valued squad member.”

## Ged Robinson

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“Experienced hooker with an exceptional tactical grasp of the game. Mobile, aggressive and strong scrummager.”