

# INVESTEC SUPER RUGBY BLUES 2012 SQUAD



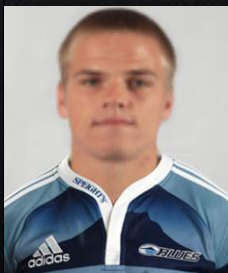
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RUDI WULF



## COACH – PAT LAM

Pat Lam heads into his fourth season at the helm for the Blues. The first coach since Graham Henry to be appointed to the Blues directly from coaching Auckland, he has a total 44 Super Rugby matches under his belt, including a Super Rugby semifinal last season – the first for the Blues since 2007. Lam coached the Auckland provincial side through 60 games between 2004 and 2008, winning the championship twice in 2005 and 2007 including an undefeated season in 2007 to claim both the Ranfurly Shield and Air New Zealand Cup. Lam retired from playing in 2002 after a stellar career which included representing Manu Samoa at three World Cups. In the coaches' box with him in 2012 is Bryce Woodward.

**GARETH ANSCOMBE**

First Five-Eighth  
 1.84m 80kg  
 D.O.B: 10.5.91 in Auckland  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps:-  
 Super Rugby Points: -  
 Super Rugby Debut: -

**JEROME KAINO**

Loose Forward  
 1.96m 110kg  
 D.O.B: 6.4.83 in Tutuila, American Samoa  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps:83  
 Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Reds

**ANTHONY BORIC**

Lock  
 2.00m 110kg  
 D.O.B: 27.12.83 in Auckland  
 Province: North Harbour  
 Super Rugby Caps: 59  
 Super Rugby Points: 15 (3t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Waratahs

**CHRIS LOWREY**

Loose Forward  
 1.94m 110kg  
 D.O.B: 15.8.86  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 25  
 Super Rugby Points: 20(4t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Force

**DANIEL BRAID**

Loose Forward  
 1.82m 102kg  
 D.O.B: 13.2.81 in Tauranga  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps:84  
 Super Rugby Points: 40 (8t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2003 v Waratahs

**TEVITA MAILAU**

Prop  
 1.83m 110kg  
 D.O.B: 25.4.85  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 13  
 Super Rugby Points:5  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Bulls

**LUKE BRAID**

Loose Forward  
 1.85m 101kg  
 D.O.B 10.05.88  
 Province: Bay of Plenty  
 Super Rugby Caps: 27  
 Super Rugby Points: 5(1t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions

**PAULIASI MANU**

Prop  
 1.85m 108kg  
 D.O.B: 23.12.87 in Waitara  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 2  
 Super Rugby Points: -  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Waratahs

**CHARLIE FAUMUINA**

Prop  
 1.85m 125kg  
 D.O.B: 24.12.86 in Auckland  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 30  
 Super Rugby Points: 5  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Sharks

**ALBY MATHEWSON**

Halfback  
 1.73m 89kg  
 D.O.B: 13.12.85 in Hastings  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps:67  
 Super Rugby Points: 80 (16t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Reds

**MICHAEL HOBBS**

First Five-Eighth  
 1.85m 93kg  
 D.O.B: 18.10.87  
 Province: Wellington  
 Super Rugby Caps:17  
 Super Rugby Points: 38 (5t, 5c, 1p)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Bulls

**TOM MCCARTNEY**

Hooker  
 1.85m 107kg  
 D.O.B: 6.9.85 in Palmerston North  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 35  
 Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Chiefs

**KEVEN MEALAMU**

Hooker  
 1.81m 109kg  
 D.O.B: 20.3.79 in Tokoroa  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 135  
 Super Rugby Points: 45 (9t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2000 v Brumbies

**FILO PAULO**

Lock/Loose Forward  
 1.98m 114kg  
 D.O.B: 6.11.87  
 Province: North Harbour  
 Super Rugby Caps: 16  
 Super Rugby Points: -  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Hurricanes

**BRAD MIKA**

Lock  
 1.98m 123kg  
 D.O.B: 2.6.81 in Auckland  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 51  
 Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2002 v Highlanders (Crusaders)

**DAVID RAIKUNA**

Wing  
 1.82m 93kg  
 D.O.B: 18.8.87  
 Province: North Harbour  
 Super Rugby Caps: -  
 Super Rugby Points: -  
 Super Rugby Debut: -

**GEORGE MOALA**

Wing  
 1.88m 104kg  
 D.O.B: 5.11.90  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: -  
 Super Rugby Points: -  
 Super Rugby Debut: -

**RENE RANGER**

Wing/Centre  
 1.83m 100kg  
 D.O.B: 30.9.86  
 Province: Northland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 39  
 Super Rugby Points: 85 (17t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Force

**LIAKI MOLI**

Lock  
 1.94m 114kg  
 D.O.B: 04.01.90  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: -  
 Super Rugby Points: -  
 Super Rugby Debut: -

**PETER SALI**

Number Eight  
 1.92m 114kg  
 D.O.B: 4.1.88  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 35  
 Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Force

**LACHIE MUNRO**

Fullback  
 1.80m 92kg  
 D.O.B: 27.11.86  
 Province: Northland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 17  
 Super Rugby Points: 69(4t 8c 11p)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Sharks

**BENSON STANLEY**

Midfield back  
 1.85m 97kg  
 D.O.B: 11.9.84 in New South Wales  
 Province: Auckland  
 Super Rugby Caps: 41  
 Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Chiefs

**MA'A NONU**

Second five-eighth  
 1.82m 106kg  
 D.O.B: 21.5.82 in Wellington  
 Province: Wellington  
 Super Rugby Caps: 102  
 Super Rugby Points: 215 (43t)  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2003 v Crusaders (Hurricanes)

**SHERWIN STOWERS**

Wing  
 1.76m 92kg  
 D.O.B: 19.5.86  
 Province: Counties Manukau  
 Super Rugby Caps: 11  
 Super Rugby Points: -0  
 Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Crusaders



#### ANGUS TA'AVAO

Prop  
1.94m 124kg  
D.O.B: 22.03.90  
Province: Auckland  
Super Rugby Caps: -  
Super Rugby Points: -  
Super Rugby Debut: -



#### ISAIA TOEAVA

Utility Back  
1.81m 100kg  
D.O.B: 15.1.86 in Moto'otua, Samoa  
Province: Auckland  
Super Rugby Caps: 73  
Super Rugby Points: 111 (21t, 3c)  
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Blues  
(Hurricanes)



#### PIRI WEEPU

Halfback  
1.78m 94kg  
D.O.B: 7.9.83 in Lower Hutt  
Province: Wellington  
Super Rugby Caps: 84  
Super Rugby Points: 250 (4t, 46c,  
46p)  
Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Bulls



#### ALI WILLIAMS

Lock  
2.02m 118kg  
D.O.B: 30.4.81 in Auckland  
Province: Auckland  
Super Rugby Caps: 87  
Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)  
Super Rugby Debut: 2002 v  
Hurricanes



#### TONY WOODCOCK

Prop  
1.84m 118kg  
D.O.B: 27.1.81 in Helensville  
Province: North Harbour  
Super Rugby Caps: 103  
Super Rugby Points: 25 (5t)  
Super Rugby Debut: 2002 v  
Hurricanes



#### RUDI WULF

Wing  
1.82m 99kg  
D.O.B: 2.2.84  
Province: North Harbour  
Super Rugby Caps: 43  
Super Rugby Points: 90 (18t)  
Super Rugby Debut: Waratahs