

INVESTEC SUPER RUGBY HIGHLANDERS 2012 SQUAD



KURT BAKER
JOSH BEKHUIS
JIMMY COWAN
NICK CROSSWELL
ELLIOT DIXON
TAMATI ELLISON
MA'AFU FIA
HOSEA GEAR
JOHN HARDIE
JAMES HASKELL
JARRAD HOEATA
ANDREW HORE
CHRIS KING
KENDRICK LYNN
JAMIE MACKINTOSH

NASI MANU
BRONSON MURRAY
CHRIS NOAKES
SIALE PIUTAU
KADE POKI
CULUM RETALLICK
JASON RUTLEDGE
COLIN SLADE
AARON SMITH
BEN SMITH
LIMA SOPOAGA
ADAM THOMSON
DOUG TIETJENS
SHAUN TREEBY
TELUSA VEAINU



COACH – JAMIE JOSEPH

In his first season as Head Coach with the Highlanders in 2011, Joseph reinvigorated the southern men to a middle table finish across the competition and third in the New Zealand conference. Last season was his return to the region where he played 68 matches for Otago between 1989 and 1995. An experienced All Black with 20 Test caps, he also played in Japan before he returned home to take up a role with the Wellington Lions in 2003. In 2007 he took the reins at Wellington, coaching the team to domestic Finals in 2008 and 2009. He also saw the Ranfurly Shield return to Wellington. In 2010 he coached the New Zealand Maori side to a clean sweep against the NZ Barbarians, Ireland and a famous victory over England.

**KURT BAKER**

Fullback
 1.83m, 92kg
 D.O.B: 7.10.88
 Province: Taranaki
 Super Rugby Debut: -
 Super Rugby Caps: -
 Super Rugby Points: -

**MA'AFU FIA**

Prop
 1.8m 126kg
 D.O.B:22.11.89
 Province: Manawatu
 Super Rugby Caps: -
 Super Rugby Points: -
 Super Rugby Debut: -

**JOSH BEKHUIS**

Lock
 2.00m 117kg
 D.O.B: 26.4.86 in
 Province: Southland
 Super Rugby Caps: 42
 Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v
 Brumbies

**HOSEA GEAR**

Wing
 1.88m 102kg
 D.O.B. 16.3.84
 Province: Wellington
 Super Rugby Caps: 69
 Super Rugby Points: 130 (26t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v Chiefs
 (Hurricanes)

**JIMMY COWAN**

Halfback
 1.86m 95kg
 D.O.B: 6.3.82
 Province: Southland
 Super Rugby Caps: 94
 Super Rugby Points: 40 (8t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2003 v Cats

**JOHN HARDIE**

Loose Forward
 1.83m 97kg
 D.O.B: 27.7.88
 Province: Southland
 Super Rugby Caps: 21
 Super Rugby Points: -
 Super Rugby Debut: 2010 V
 Crusaders

**NICK CROSSWELL**

Loose Forward
 1.95m 110kg
 D.O.B: 3.4.86
 Province: Manawatu
 Super Rugby Caps: 21
 Super Rugby Points: -
 Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Blues
 (Hurricanes)

**JAMES HASKELL**

Loose Forward/Number Eight
 1.93m 111kg
 D.O.B: 2.4.85
 Province: Ricoh Black Rams (Japan)
 Super Rugby Caps: -
 Super Rugby Points: -
 Super Rugby Debut: -

**ELLIOT DIXON**

Number Eight
 1.95m 110kg
 D.O.B. 4.09.89
 Province: Southland
 Super Rugby Caps: -
 Super Rugby Points: -
 Super Rugby Debut: -

**JARRAD HOEATA**

Loose Forward
 1.98m, 112kg
 D.O.B: 12.12.83
 Province: Taranaki
 Super Rugby Caps: 21
 Super Rugby Points: -
 Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions
 (Chiefs)

**TAMATI ELLISON**

Midfield Back
 1.85m 96kg
 D.O.B: 1.4.83
 Province: -
 Super Rugby Caps: 54
 Super Rugby Points: 35 (7t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2005 v
 Waratahs (Blues)

**ANDREW HORE**

Hooker
 1.83m 110kg
 D.O.B: 13.9.78
 Province: Taranaki
 Super Rugby Caps: 112
 Super Rugby Points: 95 (19t)
 Super Rugby Debut:2001 v Chiefs
 (Crusaders)

**CHRIS KING**

Prop
 1.86m 118kg
 D.O.B: 30.4.81
 Province: Southland
 Super Rugby Caps: 84
 Super Rugby Points: 30 (6t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2003 v
 Hurricanes (Crusaders)

**SIALE PIUTAU**

Centre
 1.85m 97kg
 D.O.B: 13.10.85
 Province: Counties Manukau
 Super Rugby Caps: 15
 Super Rugby Points: 15(3t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Blues
 (Chiefs)

**KENDRICK LYNN**

Centre
 1.83m 92kg
 D.O.B: 30.11.82
 Province: Southland
 Super Rugby Caps: 34
 Super Rugby Points: 20 (4t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v
 Hurricanes

**KADE POKI**

Wing
 1.76m 85Kg
 D.O.B: 17.1.88
 Province: Southland
 Super Rugby Caps: 15
 Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v
 Brumbies (Crusaders)

**JAMIE MACKINTOSH**

Prop
 1.92m 128kg
 D.O.B: 20.2.85
 Province: Southland
 Super Rugby Caps: 47
 Super Rugby Points: 5(1t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2007 v Force

**CULUM RETALICK**

Lock
 1.98m 135Kg
 D.O.B: 8.5.84
 Province: Bay of Plenty
 Super Rugby Caps: 20
 Super Rugby Points: -
 Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v Lions
 (Chiefs)

**NASI MANU**

Number Eight
 1.9m 112kg
 D.O.B: 15.8.88
 Province: Canterbury
 Super Rugby Caps: 33
 Super Rugby Points: 10 (2t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v Bulls
 (Crusaders)

**JASON RUTLEDGE**

Hooker
 1.75m 100kg
 D.O.B: 15.12.77
 Province: Southland
 Super Rugby Caps: 43
 Super Rugby Points: 40 (8t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2004 v
 Crusaders

**BRONSON MURRAY**

Prop
 1.84m 117kg
 D.O.B: 6.11.82
 Province: Northland
 Super Rugby Caps: 30
 Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2008 v
 Highlanders (Blues)

**COLIN SLADE**

First Five-Eighth
 1.83m 90kg
 D.O.B: 10.10.87
 Province: Canterbury
 Super Rugby Caps: 29
 Super Rugby Points: 64 (1t, 12c, 7p)
 Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v Chiefs
 (Crusaders)



CHRIS NOAKES

First Five-Eighth
1.81m, 85kg
D.O.B: 21.7.85
Province: Bay of Plenty
Super Rugby Caps:-
Super Rugby Points: -
Super Rugby Debut: -



AARON SMITH

Halfback
1.71m, 82kg
D.O.B: 21.11.88
Province: Manawatu
Super Rugby Caps:12
Super Rugby Points: -
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Bulls



BEN SMITH

Wing / Fullback
1.86m 85kg
D.O.B: 1.6.86
Province: Otago
Super Rugby Caps: 42
Super Rugby Points: 52 (10t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2009 v
Brumbies



LIMA SOFOAGA

First Five-Eighth
1.75m 91kg
D.O.B: 3.2.91
Province: Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: 6
Super Rugby Points: 51 (1t, 2c,14p)
Super Rugby Debut: 2010 v
Hurricanes



ADAM THOMSON

Loose Forward
1.96m 112kg
D.O.B: 13.3.82
Province: Otago
Super Rugby Caps: 52
Super Rugby Points: 75 (15t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2006 v Sharks



DOUG TIETJENS

Loose Forward
1.85m 100kg
D.O.B: 7.2.84
Province: Manuwatu
Super Rugby Caps: -
Super Rugby Points: -
Super Rugby Debut: -



SHAUN TREEBY

Second Five Eighth
1.75m 85kg
D.O.B: 26.1.89
Province: Wellington
Super Rugby Caps: 12
Super Rugby Points: 5 (1t)
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v
Hurricanes



TELUSA VEAINU

Wing
1.80m, 85kg
D.O.B: 26.12.90
Province: Canterbury
Super Rugby Caps: 5
Super Rugby Points: -
Super Rugby Debut: 2011 v Bulls