



With Sevens in full swing this edition of the NZRPA Players' Own Magazine has been put together with input from the New Zealand Men's Sevens team.

PLAYERS IN BUSINESS

DALLAS SEYMOUR

Dallas Seymour Biography Dallas Seymour was born in Tokoroa and educated in the now closed, iconic St Stephens School in South Auckland. He played more than 100 Provincial games for Canterbury, Hawke's Bay, Wellington and Bay of Plenty. He also played Super Rugby for the Hurricanes and Crusaders but is best known as the former New Zealand Sevens captain and one of the longest serving sevens player in New Zealand. Dallas is a former All Black, New Zealand Maori player, Sevens 1998 Commonwealth Gold Medallist. He also played in a variety of representative sides including New Zealand Colts, New Zealand Universities, the Divisional XV, North Island XV and New Zealand XV. Dallas attended his first Hong Kong Sevens international tournament in 1998 and was a regular until 2002, playing in 35 international tournaments and two World Cup tournaments. The 48 year-old is married to former Silver Ferns captain Julie Seymour and they have four children.



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DALLAS SEYMOUR IS WORKING IN WHAT HE CALLS HIS DREAM JOB, A ROLE HE HAS BEEN IN FOR JUST OVER A YEAR, WHERE HE IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING A PIPELINE OF IWI TALENT FOR THE COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES OF TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU. THE COMMERCIAL ENTITIES INCLUDE NGĀI TAHU PROPERTY, NGĀI TAHU SEAFOOD, NGĀI TAHU TOURISM, NGĀI TAHU FARMING AND NGĀI TAHU CAPITAL. JUST LIKE A RUGBY TEAM, TE RŪNANGA O

NGĀI TAHU KNOW THE VALUE IN GROWING AND DEVELOPING THEIR OWN TALENT. We ask the former rugby player how did he land his dream job?
"Rugby was amateur when I started and I knew I had to have something to fall back on, so that's why I completed two Bachelor degrees, both from the University of Canterbury, in Science and Forestry.
I worked for four years in the Forestry industry in harvest management before rugby went professional which held me in

good stead.
All the skills you learn in the sporting world are highly transferrable to the working environment. They include goal setting, hard work, mental skills, people management, building relationships and learning how to do business. And while you have a profile it is good to build relationships that can be useful once your playing career is over.
Playing on the field is obviously quite different to sitting in an office. So it is important to prepare for life after rugby. I



NEW ZEALAND MEN'S SEVENS TEAM

retired from rugby at 35 years of age, so there was still plenty of life to live." Off the field Dallas knew the value of a good support network and drew great strength from his whānau, partner and Ngāti Hikairo and Māori culture. He married former Silver Ferns captain Julie Seymour in 1998 after the Kuala Lumpur games with a no 1 haircut, which he has his team mates to thank for.

The Gold Medal winning team of Eric Rush, Jonah Lomu, Joeli Vidiri, Rico Gear, Roger Randle, Christian Cullen, Caleb Ralph, Amasio Valence and Bruce Reihana all agreed, which Seymour says he does not remember, to shave their heads if they won.

"It was Jonah's idea... I had two choices, do it willingly or Jonah was going to hold me down. Julie was not that impressed with my new look, but thankfully it grew back a tiny bit just before the wedding.

Leading into 2002, I felt my career was in its twilight. We had played in the Welsh sevens tournament and my knee was troubling me leading into the final so that was my last time in the Black Jersey. The jersey and the team has always been paramount for me, so I told Josh Blackie he had better start and he backed that decision with a great performance, with a fantastic try saving tackle – just one of his fine efforts that day. Even though Manchester was on the horizon, I was toying with the idea about retiring from the game or to keep going. After missing the cut for the 2002 Games, I spoke to Rushie (Eric Rush) and Titch (Sir Gordan Tietjens) about it being the right time to go. I had done fifteens and sevens

back-to-back since the late 90's, was carrying a couple of injuries and the younger guys coming through were in good form, so I did what was best for the jersey, and my broken body to be fair!

I was keen just to move on quietly then, but Titch suggested we release an official statement just so people didn't get any wrong ideas about whether he and I had fallen out or the like. I knew that the game was in a good space and it was time to let the young guys take it to higher places. I enjoyed the ride but come the end of 2002 I got a role at SPARC, which became Sport NZ, as a Senior Maori Advisor, which was a good transition out of the game.

It took about two years to adjust to working normal hours and I was doing a bit of travel, commuting between Christchurch and Wellington.

It took about two to three years to get over the wanting to play feeling.

I got dragged back to play for my old University club, but I wasn't enjoying the game as much as I used to because I had achieved what I wanted and I didn't really want to take some younger person's position when I wasn't 100% committed. I had over a decade with Sport NZ doing a range of roles including management, policy advice and relationship management, before changing tack.

I got made redundant, which was a bit of a surprise. It was like picking a team - if you get selected, you're playing, but if you are not, you just go into a different process. You just get on and find something new.

My wife passed me the paper the

following week. It was the first time I had looked at a paper for a job in 20 years! But it was also the first time I had got really excited when I saw this role with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu advertised.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is a highly successful organisation who were keen to open up the opportunity for the Ngai Tahu iwi members to develop and prepare for leading the iwi businesses, and that really appealed to me.

My role involves developing programs and opportunities for iwi members to grow and it is about identifying talent and investing in people. Like sports, you cast your net wide, so you give as many people opportunities as you can. In this case it is about commercially, entrepreneurially and as Ngai Tahu iwi members.

I am always talking to my ancestors and they give me strength as I have that sense of identity and purpose. I believe those values and knowledge of your own culture give you strength on how to deal with adversity and business and success. It is taking the approach of commercial and cultural astuteness and combining them to benefit the iwi.

We have just started a new strategy and plan which is building on the great work that has been started by people who were here before me. The foundations have been laid and I am just doing my bit to help Ngāi Tahu thrive into the future. **It is a bit like wearing a jersey – you take it forward and then expect the next person to take it to another level."**

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PICTURES FROM THE PLAYERS



HIGHLANDERS



HIGHLANDERS ASH DIXON WITH PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER PETER SINCLAIR



CRUSADERS ROBBIE FRUEAN GETTING HIS COMBAT ON



CRUSADERS BOYS STRETCHING UP UNDER THE PORT HILLS IN THE HEATHCOTE VALLEY



BLUES PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION



HURRICANES MEMBERS WILL THIS YEAR GET FREE BUS RIDES TO CANES GAMES. THE TEAM CELEBRATED THE NEW OFFER BY PULLING A BUS UP A LYALL BAY ST AS PART OF THEIR PRE-SEASON TRAINING



BLACK FERNS CAPTAIN FIAÓ FAAMAUSILI AND THE BLUES



CHIEFS MICHAEL ALLARDICE AND JOHAN BARDOUL



CHIEFS JAMES TUCKER AND DOMINIC BIRD

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ALL BLACK SEVENS

JOE WEBBERS RAW SNAPPER CEVICHE

Making use of the beautiful fresh seafood that our coastlines has to offer is one thing that is close to many New Zealanders hearts. Joe Webber takes that idea and puts a fresh and crisp spin on a summer seafood dish.

Ingredients

- 4 X fresh fish fillets
- ½ Red Onion
- 10 Cherry tomatoes
- 1 Spring onion
- 2 Lemons
- Coconut Cream
- Salt & Pepper

Time: 4 Hours

Note: If you do not have the time to marinate and chill the dish, then keep your Coconut Cream cold [in the fridge] and then you can eat it straight away.

1. Thinly slice 2 fresh Snapper fillets
2. Soak the fish in a bowl of lemon juice with a pinch of salt for two hours – keep in the fridge during this time.
3. Dice up ½ red onion, 10 Cherry Tomatoes and 1 spring onion.
4. After two hours remove the fish and pour out any remaining lemon juice. The fish should look a pale white colour.
5. Combine all the ingredients in a bowl, adding a generous amount of salt
6. Add 1 tin of 'Fia Fia' Coconut cream to cover the ingredients
7. If the coconut cream is too thick, add water until you get the consistency you like.
8. Put back in fridge for two hours, and then serve.



JOE WEBBER AND HIS DAD CURTIS



SEVENS TRAINING



WHAT WE ARE LISTENING TO...

- Zac Brown Band
- Six60
- Katchafire
- Sons of Zion
- Kora
- Justin Bieber



WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT ON FACEBOOK...

- NFL/NBA Sportscenter
- NZ Sevens
- Kevin Heart
- Joseph Parker
- NZ Hunting and Fishing
- Adidas Originals
- Jockey New Zealand
- Stacked Snapbacks
- The rock
- NZ Olympic team
- NZ_Avocado

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY PLAYERS ASSOCIATION
NZRPA ANNUAL PLAYER AWARDS

2015 NZRPA Player Awards

Players' Player of the Year
Nehe Milner-Skudder

Nominees:
Dan Carter / Sam Whitelock
Richie McCaw / Ben Smith



Nehe Milner-Skudder

2015 NZRPA Player Awards

Players' Sevens Player of the Year
Scott Curry

Nominees:
Sam Dickson / Joe Webber



Scott Curry

2015 NZRPA Player Awards

Womens' Player of the Year
Portia Woodman

Nominees:
Kendra Cocksedge / Sarah Goss



Portia Woodman

2015 NZRPA Player Awards

Players' Young Player of the Year
Akira Ioane

Nominees:
Mitch Karpik / Vaea Fifita
Tevita Li

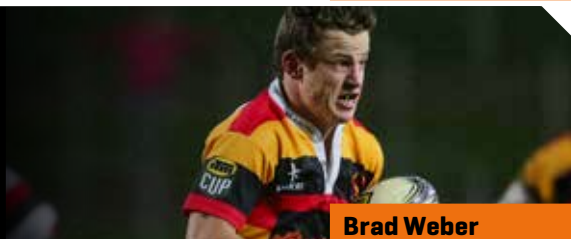


Akira Ioane

2015 NZRPA Player Awards

Players' Provincial Union Player of the Year
Brad Weber

Nominees:
George Moala / Tom Taylor
Luke Whitelock



Brad Weber



PIPA ANNUAL PLAYER AWARDS

Digicel Pacific Island
Players' Player of the Year
Leone Nakarawa (Fiji)

Digicel



Leone Nakarawa

Fijian
Players' Player of the Year
Leone Nakarawa



Leone Nakarawa

Samoan
Players' Player of the Year
Paul Perez



Paul Perez

Tongan
Players' Player of the Year
Telusa Veainu



Telusa Veainu



WHO IS REPRESENTING YOU AT THE NEW ZEALAND RUGBY PLAYERS ASSOCIATION?



YOU MIGHT RECOGNISE THIS HISTORIC PHOTO. DAVID KIRK IS BEST KNOWN FOR HAVING CAPTAINED THE ALL BLACKS TO THE INAUGURAL RUGBY WORLD CUP VICTORY OVER FRANCE IN 1987.

THE NEW ZEALAND RUGBY PLAYERS ASSOCIATION IS GOVERNED BY A BOARD MADE UP BY PAST AND PRESENT PLAYERS, AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER AND A PRESIDENT. HERE WE PROFILE OUR PRESIDENT DAVID KIRK:

You might recognise this historic photo. David Kirk is best known for having captained the All Blacks to the inaugural Rugby World Cup victory over France in 1987. The former All Black has a fascinating curriculum vitae and has been the President of the New Zealand Rugby Players Association since its establishment in 1999. The medical doctor, Rhodes Scholar, and Prime Ministerial advisor was born in Wellington and attended Wanganui Collegiate School. He graduated from Otago University with a medical degree and played rugby for Otago as a half back. He made his All Blacks debut in 1983 and went on to play 17 tests, 11 as captain. David retired from rugby when he took up a Rhodes scholarship at Worcester College in Oxford, England, to study for a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. David was awarded an MBE (Member of the British Empire) for his services to rugby in the 1988 New Year's Honours list.

After completing his studies, he worked for McKinsey & Co in London. He returned to New Zealand in 1992 to work as an advisor to the then Prime Minister, Jim Bolger. He coached the Wellington NPC team in 1993 and 1994.

David then pursued a career in business management. In 2005 he became the Chief Executive Officer of Fairfax Media which he held until the end of 2008. In 2009 he led an arbitration panel appointed by SANZAR to decide where the 15th Super Rugby franchise would be based, with Melbourne securing the bid. David was an ambassador for the 2011 RWC and inducted into the IRB Hall of Fame in 2011.

David is the Co-founder and Managing Partner of Bailador Investment Management and is Chairman of the listed companies, Bailador Technology Investments, Trade Me and Kathmandu Holdings.

He is currently the Chairman of Trustees of Sydney Grammar School and sits on a number of other Boards including Forsyth Barr, investee companies of Bailador and charitable organisations. He now lives in Sydney with his wife and three children.

OUT & ABOUT



At the Federer v Djokovic at O2 Arena in London

George Smith, Jaime Mckeown, Kosei Ono, Rachael Burford, Victor Vito, Damian Hopley, John Jeffrey, Josh Blackie, front is Charlie Hayter who take some time out from the Rugby Athletes Commission in London.



80km Hillary Trail in the Waitakere Ranges, Auckland

Richie McCaw, Rob Nichol [NZRPA], Sanj Silva [NZCPA], Yanek Dudek, Ben Meyer [Auckland Rugby], Roger Mortimer [NZ Athletes Federation], Josh Blackie [IRPA], David Gibson [NZRPA] before setting out on the 80km Hillary Trail.

HUNTING DIARIES

WITH WHOPPA *Luke*



THIS TIME IN WHOPPA'S HUNTING DIARIES AS WHOPPA IS AWAY ON TOUR, WE HAVE A HUNTING YARN BY ALL BLACK

LUKE ROMANO.

The Trophy Pig

I was heading out for a wild pig moonlight hunt. I like to pick a night around the full moon, which is not too cloudy and not too windy. I was hunting on two different properties out the back of home in a small township in Canterbury called Hawarden [population of about 50]. I do a lot of hunting on one of the properties and have had some good success. My mate Justin and I drove round for a while and the dogs hadn't shown much interest, so we went through the next gate to the neighbouring property which was laden with tussocks with big Matagouri plants in all the gullies. We were driving up a hill in my 4WD Hilux. Once we got to the end of the big gully, the track wound up a hill and went through a saddle into the next gully. Just as we got to the saddle, the dogs jumped off the truck and went through a fence on the right and over into the next gully. I got out of the truck and two minutes later my main dog Bruiser gave a bit of a bark and then he opened up into a good steady bail. I waited a bit longer for the other dogs to catch up. Nico and Roger, my other dogs, joined Bruiser. I heard a bit of a scuffle as I made my way round and the dogs tried to hold the pig. There was a bit of yelp and then the dogs started bailing again. I knew it was a reasonable pig as the dogs were struggling to hold it.

I was making my way round the hill and down the gentle gully which had a bit of Matagouri in it to where the dogs were bailing, which was about half way down. As I got to the pig I could see Roger standing to the side sporting a rather large wound but he was so excited he was still bailing. I snuck in a bit closer and I could see from the light of my head-torch that the pig was backed up against the bush. I could see it possessed a rather large set of tusks like a miniature elephant. I waited for the dogs to get clear from around the pig and then I shot him with my Winchester 30-30, my old fashioned cowboy gun. Once I shot him, I quickly got in there and stuck him. When I rolled him over I could see what a good set of tusks he had. They were about 4 inches long. I

thought to myself 'Happy Days'. It is not very often you get a pig with a set of tusks over 4 inches and for a hunter that is like winning back-to-back Rugby World Cups. The pig was only 120lb but the tusks were in good nick. I gutted the pig, dragged it about 100m and then it was an easy walk to the truck. I threw him on the back and off home we headed. I got the pig mounted on the wall and it takes pride of place in my collection. The pig scored 24 3/8's on the Douglas scoring system so I pretty stoked with that.



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CONGRATULATION TO BLUES PLAYER SAM PRATTLEY WHO CAUGHT THESE CRAYS ON DURVILLE ISLAND.



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