

Preliminary Final

Saturday 30th August 2025





Presidents Welcome

On behalf of New England Rugby, we welcome players, supporters, referees and officials to the 2025 Final Series. It is great to see 7 of our 8 Clubs playing to secure a position in Preliminary and Grand Finals.

We particularly welcome Dorrigo Rugby Club in Sunday's Minor Semi Final in 2nd Grade in their first year in New England and Walcha in their 2nd year in the competition, in the 1st and 2nd Grade Major Semi Finals.

The weather has not been kind to us in the past few weeks and this has impacted on some Clubs positions on the ladder, but it is not something we can control. Hopefully we can get through the next couple of weeks with a bit of dry weather.

Enjoy the days and I wish each of the teams playing this weekend the best of luck and enjoy your rugby.

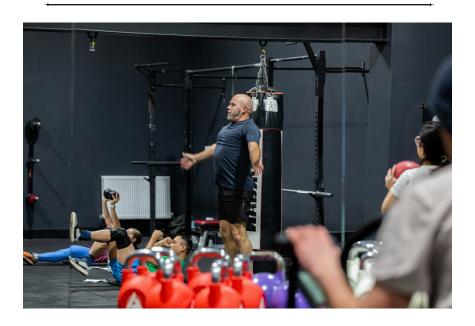
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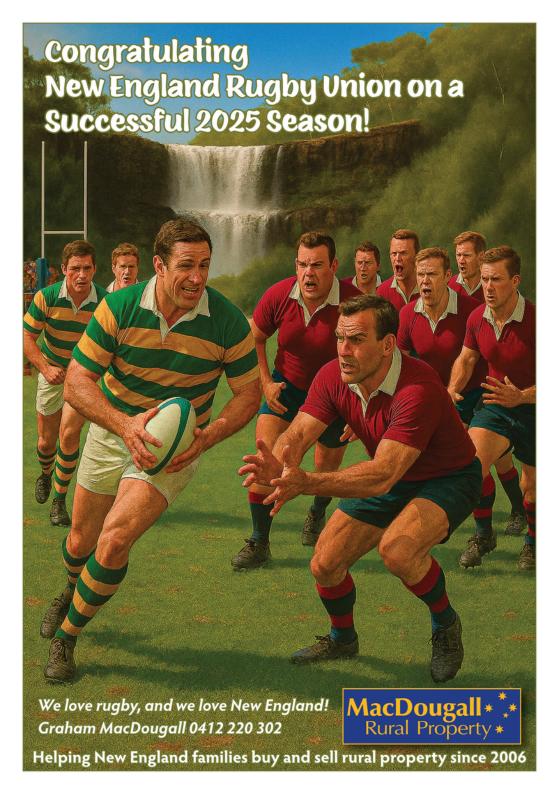
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Photography



Catherine is passionate about showcasing the joy of sport, family, and regional Australian life through her photography. Catherine's photography features throughout this years program and marketing.

Launching in 2021 after
Catherine's hobby grew into a
business through capturing
quality images for local
sporting clubs, her work now
spans rugby, netball,
equestrian, mountain biking,
as well as corporate and family
shoots.



3rd Grade Men - Tamworth Magpies

1 -	Will Fritsch (C)	12 -	Zach Adams
2 -	Manu Vaipua	13 -	Ioelu Misi
3 -	Luke Wallace	14 -	Peter Kelly
4 -	Jimi Taura	15 -	Michael Tuasi
5 -	Vereimi Lavo Vauvau	16 -	Andy Friend
6 -	Liam Christian	17 -	Mason Harrison
7 -	Watson Gebadi	18 -	Jayden Steele
8 -	Rafa Rasaku	19 -	Cameron Dagger
9 -	Rick Lasaitis	20 -	Tusi Misi
10 -	Lachy Jackwitz (VC)	21 -	Alex Fogarty
11 -	Lachy Dewberry		

Coach- Michael Pearce & Jacob Shaw



3rd Grade Men - Tenterfield

1 -	Cooper Hayes	10 -	Jack Giddy
2 -	Patrick Spillane	11-	Charlie Watt
3 -		12 -	Bailey Simpson-reeves
4 -	Jed McCowen	13 -	Bryce Mediero
5 -	Jeremy Phipps (VC)	14 -	
6 -	Thomas Benton	15 -	Jim Brown
7 -	Jonny Little (C)	16 -	Harrison Miller
8 -	Siaosi Taualii	17 -	Xavier Cusack

Coach-Phil Jones

9 - Sam Evans



2nd Grade Men - Dorrigo Rangers

1 -	Brodie Sowter	12 - Cooper Learmouth
2 -	Tyler Follet	13 - Ryan Miller
26 -	-Brett Ramage	14 - Jack Dawson
4 -	Harry Maxwell	15 - Bevan Wood
5 -	Josh Leipins	16 - Trey Stafford
6 -	Angus Waugh	17 - Aron Young
7 -	Fox Darley	18 - Kain Cook
8 -	Simon Beaumont	19 - Dillan Young
9 -	Eucla Veamatahau Davies	20 -Hunter Stafford
10	Josh Miller (C)	21 - Louie Wright
11 -	John Wykes	22 - Hugh Thomas

Coach-Sim Mila



2nd Grade Men - Walcha

1 -	Jack Power	13 - Troy Hawkins
2 -	Ben Fussel	14 - Jim Boyd
3 -	Sam Colwell	15 - Nick Rogers
4 -	Enda Love	16 - Tom Hoy
5 -	Troy Tape	17 - Archi Lawrence
6 -	Harry King	18 - Josh Moloney
7 -	Tom Costello	19 - Josh Gollan
8 -	Connor Rogers	20 - Hunter Oconnel
9 -	Steve Mcanally (C)	21 - Andrew Kelly
10 -	Brent Clarke	22 - Lachie Fletcher
11-	Jim Watson	23 - Will Jameson
12 -	Chaden Hawkins	24 - Jack Nielsen

Coach- Henry King



Referees - Preliminary Finals

3rd Grade

Tenterfield V Tamworth
Referee - Luke Stephen
AR1 - Scott Kermode, AR2 - Angus Roxborough
AR4 - Jim Pennington, AR5 - Albert Model

2nd Grade

Walcha V Dorrigo Referee - Adam Preocanin AR1 - Luke Stephen, AR2 - Albert Model AR4 - Angus Roxborough, AR5 - Phil Cook

Women's 10's

Glen Innes V St Alberts College Referee - Trevor Thatcher AR1 - Scott Kermode, AR2 - Phil Cook AR4 - Ryan Miller

1st Grade

Armidale Blues V Robb College Referee - Hamish Biddle AR1 - Adam Preocanin, AR2 - Luke Stephen AR4 - Trevor Thatcher, AR5 - Albert Model Presidents Lunch



Featuring Special Guest Gary Ella

Saturday 6th September from 12pm - 2pm

Enjoy a 2 course lunch & wine, exclusive meet, greet & talk with Gary Ella & reserved grandstand seating for just

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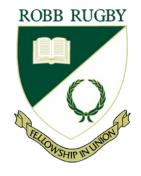
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Our 2025 Clubs





















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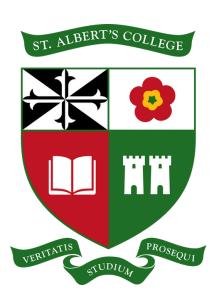
Women's - St Alberts College

Lucy Arnott
 Trixie Ward
 Chloe Fenwicke
 Belle Smith
 Lily Hunter
 Kate Wykes
 Chloe Corderoy
 Sally Nielson (C)
 Kari Donaldson
 Floss Edwards
 Addy Haddrill
 Chloe Fenwicke
 Lily Hunter
 Kari Donaldson
 Alyce Robben

7 - Emma Wilkinson (VC) 15 - Sally Bambling

8 - Ella Kirby

Coach- Bryn Griffiths



Women's - Glen Innes

7 - Ashleigh Richardson 4 - Caitlyn Phillips

14 - Hannah Dunn 13 - Molly Chard

3 - Mayc Giddy 11- Grace Brown

5 - Bell Everson 19 - Ilyssa Newbury

18 - Beth Arandale 16 - Ameliah Levy Blair

9 - Matilda Thompson 15 - Temicka Seagrave

6 - Mia Everson

10 - Ella Vidler (C)

12 - Chloe De Gunst

Coach- Sarah Bryne & Tom Benton

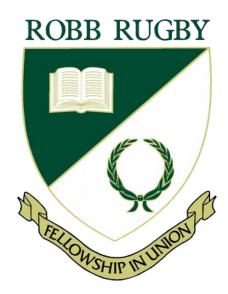


1st Grade Men - Robb College

1 - Royce Hunt	er 13 -	Will Green
2 - Connor Day	, 14 -	Dehan Pretorius
3 - Thabizo Msi	za 15 -	Hamish McPherson
4 - Felix Ashtor	า 16 -	Will Mackie
5 - Sione Kamo	oto 17 -	Reuben Hoare
6 - Patrick Mah	nony 18 -	Felix Weston
7 - Hamish Car	meron 19 -	Jack Tapper
8 - Angus Arch	er (C) 20	- Jack Keogh
9 - Angus Peng	gilly 21 -	Will Neilson
10 - Henry Kable	e 22 -	Charlie Keiller
11 - Archie Cudr	more 23 -	Archie Adams

Coach- Patrick Keen

12 - Patrick Keen



1st Grade Men - Armidale Blues

1 - Luke Burton	12 - Sam Brazier
2 - Angus Smith	13 - Fletcher Strong
3 - Stuart Rabone	14 - Michael Paull

4 - Daniel Goddard 15 - Jayden Smith (VC)

5 - Henry Coldham (C) 16 - Will Whale

6 - Thomas Goddard7 - Conor Marshall7 - Shuaib Rhodes-swain18 - Angus Howell

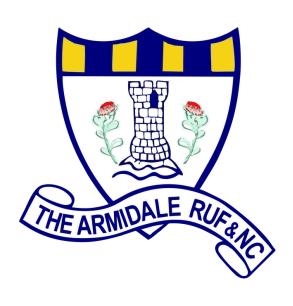
8 - Thomas Morgan 19 - Henry Blackwell

9 - Daniel Rorke 20 - Clancy Mcdermott

10 - John Roberts 21 - Joseph Schmude

11 - Ratu Sailosi Nawerecaga 22 - Matt Barker

Coach- Riley Hopwood & Neil Van Der Linde







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In addition, Referees and Assistant Referees will report incidents of abuse of Referees and Assistant Referees by Club Officials, Coaching Staff or Spectators for action by Security, New England Rugby Union, its Judiciary or its Code of Conduct Committee**

Preliminary Final – Saturday 30th August Bellevue Oval UNE Armidale

10.40am 3rd Grade
Tenterfield V Tamworth
12.10pm 2nd Grade
Walcha V Dorrigo
1.45 pm Women's 10's
Glen Innes V St Alberts College
3pm 1st Grade

Armidale Blues V Robb College

Digital Program Available via OR Code Below:







