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ANDREW DOUGLAS

HEAD OF TECHNICAL RUGBY AND
ELITE COACH DEVELOPMENT

New Zealander Andrew Douglas boasts a rich 30-year career in teaching and sports, developing his coaching skills with New Zealand Schools and the Waikato Rugby Union. His career has then taken him around the world, including coaching in Italy, Japan and the United States, where he coached Major League Rugby side Old Glory DC - giving him a wide-ranging perspective on best practice in top-level rugby.

In August 2023, Andrew joined Hong Kong China Rugby in a dual role that also saw him serve as the Men's XV's Head Coach for the successful 2024 and 2025 Asia Rugby Championship campaigns. After leading the team to World Cup qualification in July 2025, Douglas moved to an expanded role overseeing the new full-time men's programme.



LOGAN ASPLIN

HONG KONG CHINA MEN'S XV'S
HEAD COACH

Logan Asplin, also from New Zealand, was promoted to the role of Head Coach for the Hong Kong China Men's XV's in August 2025. He had been involved in the team's coaching setup since 2022, alongside his role as Club Coaching Officer for Hong Kong Football Club - where he achieved phenomenal success securing three Premiership League wins and two Premiership Grand Championship titles in his three seasons.

Logan boasts an impressive track record of producing winning teams, having come to Hong Kong after leading the prestigious Hamilton Boys High to five regional titles. He also has a strong background in developing pathway talent, coaching both the New Zealand U18 Sevens and the Waikato Chiefs U18s, as well as Hong Kong China at the World Rugby U20s Trophy in 2023.

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RORY CINNAMOND

(HKU SANDY BAY)



19 Jul 1999

10 CAPS

Rory is the younger brother of Zac Cinnamond. The family moved from Hong Kong back to the UK when Rory was eight years old, but he returned in 2019 after studying at the Arts University in Plymouth. He initially played for USRC Tigers RFC, but then linked up with Zac at HKU Sandy Bay RFC. He made his Hong Kong China debut in 2023, where he also took to the field alongside his brother. Outside of rugby, Rory is a passionate coach, not only in rugby but also in football, basketball and crossfit, which he worked in before joining the full-time programme.

ZAC CINNAMOND

(HKU SANDY BAY)



25 Aug 1994

18 CAPS

Zac was born in England but spent his childhood in Hong Kong. He played for Sandy Bay minis and youth and was involved in the Hong Kong China Age-Grade system including appearing at the Junior World Trophy. He spent his university years in the UK, studying at Swansea University and representing England Counties U20s. After graduating, he returned to Hong Kong and linked back up with HKU Sandy Bay, where he now plays alongside his younger brother Rory. Off the pitch, before joining the full-time programme, Zac worked in the recruitment industry focusing on the sustainability markets across Asia.

SUNIA FAMEITAU

(HKU SANDY BAY)



14 Jun 1995

6 CAPS

Originally from Tonga, Sunia qualified for Hong Kong China after five years of residency. Before moving to Hong Kong, Sunia spent time in New Zealand, Australia and Bahrain, juggling his rugby commitments with teaching roles. A powerful prop, he is one of the leaders in the HKU Sandy Bay team, and before joining the full-time programme dedicated much of his time to coaching the club's mini and youth teams.

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JAMES HOLMES

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



James is recognised as a modern-day prop renowned for his diligent work ethic on the field and formidable scrummaging skills. He grew up in the UK, going to school in Portsmouth and studying International Business Management at Cardiff University. As part of his Degree, James spent a year on exchange at City University Hong Kong and knew that he wanted to return to the city as soon as he graduated. James moved to Hong Kong in 2018, signing for Kowloon Rugby Club, and supporting his rugby with work in financial services. He made his debut for Hong Kong China against Paraguay in 2024 and joined the full-time programme in late 2025.

CALLUM McFEAT SMITH

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



Callum is of Scottish-Filipino descent. He grew up in Hong Kong and graduated from Hong Kong Baptist University in 2018. He spent some time in Scotland in recent years, training with Glasgow Warriors and playing for the semi-professional Boroughmuir Bears in the Super6. Callum returned to Hong Kong in 2025 to join the full-time programme and as he did re-signed for his old team Hong Kong Football Club - where he has now made over 100 Premiership appearances.

KEELAN CHAPMAN

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



Raised across Hong Kong, Bordeaux, and Beijing, Keelan has a Canadian father and a French mother, which has helped him to become fluent in three languages. He made his debut for Hong Kong China against Malaysia in 2018 and proudly boasts over 100 caps representing Hong Kong Football Club. He is also connected to the sports community through his wife, Helene Bilbeau, who has represented Hong Kong China in netball.

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HARRY BARON

(HONG KONG SCOTTISH)



3 Jul 1996

1 CAP

Born in Enfield and raised around St. Albans, Harry has had a diverse rugby career, playing for clubs including Saracens, Middlesex, London Wasps, Guernsey, and Hong Kong Scottish. A dedicated nature enthusiast, Harry's passion for the outdoors inspired him to study conservation and ecology, and before joining the full-time programme he worked as a sustainability consultant, striving to make a positive impact on the environment. Harry made his full Test debut against Portugal in November 2025.

HARRISON KING

(HONG KONG SCOTTISH)



1 Nov 1997

0 CAPS

Harrison grew up in Essex, UK, playing youth rugby for Westcliff RFC. He studied Sport Science at Loughborough College before doing a Master's Degree in Sports Therapy at London Metropolitan University. He moved to Hong Kong in 2022, joining Hong Kong Scottish alongside his work as a personal trainer and developing a sports nutrition brand. Harrison joined the full-time programme in late in 2025.

JUDE HARDING

(HKU SANDY BAY)



23 May 1993

3 CAPS

Born in Sydney, Australia, and moving to Hong Kong aged eight, Jude began his rugby journey at three with the Coogee Seahorses. His early passion for the sport has taken him to play in Hong Kong, Brisbane, and Sydney. In November 2023, he proudly earned his first cap for Hong Kong China against Germany. Jude draws inspiration from his grandfather, Edward Heinrich, a Wallaby who earned 10 Test Caps, who encouraged him to pursue his rugby.

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ALEXANDER POST

(RICHMOND - BASED OVERSEAS)



10 Oct 1995

23 CAPS

Born in Hong Kong, hooker Alexander Post developed his skills through the National Age-Grade Programme before earning his first senior cap in 2016 against Kenya. Currently playing for Richmond in the RFU Championship, Alexander plays a key role in the Hong Kong China leadership team when he returns for campaigns through the season. A devoted Leeds United fan, he became a father in April 2025.

CALUM SCOTT

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



28 Feb 2003

9 CAPS

Calum is from England and made his breakthrough for Premiership side London Irish in 2022, which led to him being given the chance to represent England U20s. From here he went on to play for London Scottish in the Championship and Rams in National League One, leading to a call-up by Hong Kong China ahead of the Asia Rugby Championships in 2024. In 2025, after being a part of the successful 2025 Asia Rugby Championship campaign, he moved to Hong Kong and committed to the full-time programme.

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LACHLAN DOHENY

(KOWLOON RUGBY CLUB)



3 Aug 2005

0 CAPS

Lachlan is Chinese-Australian. He grew up in Sydney with an impressive youth rugby resume, including playing at Eastwood Rugby Club Colts, Oakhill College, the Australian Schools & U18s and the NSW Waratahs U18s. In 2025 he moved to Hong Kong, initially staying with his grandmother, and joined the full-time programme while committing to Kowloon Rugby Club as his Premiership side.

MAX MURPHY

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



8 Jan 2000

1 CAP

Max majored in Global Studies at the University of California, Berkeley and graduated in 2022. The commanding 6-foot-8 second row then moved to the UK to play for Clifton Rugby Club for a year, before signing for Championship side Richmond in 2023 (in a squad that included his international teammate Alexander Post). Max kept close ties to Hong Kong throughout his time studying and playing overseas, including featuring in the 2018 New Year's Day tournament as part of the U18s overseas team. In 2025 he moved to Hong Kong to join the full-time programme and made his full Test debut against Portugal in November 2025.

JAMES RIVERS

(HONG KONG SCOTTISH)



19 Jul 2000

0 CAPS

Brother of Hong Kong China Women's 7s stars Gabriella and Georgia Rivers, James grew up in Hong Kong and featured in the Hong Kong China side that played in the Junior World Trophy in Brazil in 2018. James studied a Degree in Economics at the University of Arizona graduating in 2023, after which he signed for the San Diego Legion following a successful college draft - going on to make his MLR debut in the 2025 season. He returned to Hong Kong to join the full-time programme in late 2025.

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KYLE SULLIVAN

(USRC TIGERS)



Kyle, a commanding figure in the second row, has been an integral part of the men's XV's programme for over a decade. He was born and raised in Hong Kong to a British father and a Chinese mother, and away from rugby is an avid bird watcher. Kyle started his club career for Hong Kong Scottish, before moving to USRC Tigers ahead of the 2022/23 season. He made his debut for Hong Kong China in 2017 against Japan and has been a member of the squad that has achieved six consecutive Asia Rugby Championships – leading to him joining the full-time programme in late 2025.

PATRICK JENKINSON

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



Amazingly for a lock, Patrick was selected for Great Britain Students 7s while studying at the University of Bath, which explains his silky handling skills. When not playing for Hong Kong Football Club or the representative team, Patrick also juggles a successful career in Finance. He currently works as a Director at BNP Paribas in Hong Kong, and before moving to Hong Kong's based in Abu Dhabi at the National Bank. Patrick's Graduate and Masters Degrees at Bath were both in Mathematics, earning him the nickname 'The Human Calculator'.

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JACK BARTLETT

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



23 Jan 2000

1 CAP

Born in Portsmouth while his father served in the Navy, Jack later moved to Gloucestershire where his family is now based. At the age of 17, he signed a contract with Gloucester Rugby, becoming a full-time player there for five years. After a year as a professional with Coventry, Jack moved to Cambridge, where he played part-time while working on a construction site. Jack represented England at both U18 and U20 levels, before taking the bold decision to relocate to Hong Kong, where he qualifies through ancestry, to join the full-time programme and making his full Test debut against Portugal in November 2025.

DANA FOURIE

(HKU SANDY BAY)



11 Mar 1997

0 CAPS

Dana was born in South Africa, studying a Degree in Sport Science at Stellenbosch University before doing his PGCE to qualify as a PE Teacher. He moved to Hong Kong in 2020, joining HKU Sandy Bay RFC and pursuing his career in education, including working at Kingston International School. He joined the full-time programme in late 2025, as well as being named captain of HKU Sandy Bay for the 2024-25 season.

JOSHUA HRSTICH ©

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



15 Nov 1990

20 CAPS

Josh was born in Lower Hutt in New Zealand, where he played for the historic Petone Rugby Club. Before moving to Hong Kong in 2016, he spent two years in Ireland playing for Garryowen Rugby Club. In Hong Kong, he initially joined the USRC Tigers before moving to Hong Kong Football Club while also representing the South China Tigers. Josh was named captain of the representative team in 2022 on his debut, leading the team for the Asia Rugby Championship win against Korea that took them to the 2023 Rugby World Cup repechage. Josh previously juggled his rugby commitments with work as a marine electrical technician before joining the full-time rugby programme in early 2025.

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**PIERCE
MACKINLAY-WEST**
(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



7 Dec 1996
15 CAPS

Born in Dublin to Kiwi parents, Pierce honed his rugby skills at Blackrock College in Dublin before moving to Hong Kong at the age of 15. Making his debut for Hong Kong China in 2017 against Kenya, Pierce juggled his rugby commitments with academic excellence, earning a Degree in Economics and Finance as well as a Master's Degree in Law. He joined the full-time programme in 2025 after a stint with the Hong Kong China 7s programme.

TYLER McNUTT
(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



30 Apr 2003
11 CAPS

Tyler was born in Hong Kong but grew up in a small beach town in Taranaki, New Zealand, and attended the rugby-renowned Hamilton Boys High School. His connection with Logan Asplin, the current Head Coach of Hong Kong China Men's XV's, led Tyler to embark on his rugby journey at Hong Kong Football Club in an early career that also saw him captain the Hong Kong China Men's U20 team at the World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2023. Before joining the full-time programme in Hong Kong, he completed his Degree in Psychology at the University of Waikato.

JAMES SAWYER
(VALLEY RFC)



23 May 1993
16 CAPS

James previously played for Bedwas Rugby Club in the Welsh Premiership, while studying his Degree in History and Graduate Diploma in Law from Cardiff University. Before moving to Hong Kong, James played at Cardiff University with fellow Hong Kong China representatives Bryn Phillips, Max Woodward and Jack Neville. James moved to Hong Kong in 2016 and joined Kowloon Rugby Club, going on to join the previous representative full-time programme and making his debut for Hong Kong China in 2019 against Belgium. He has also been involved with the Hong Kong China 7s programme, winning three tournament caps. In 2025 he pledged his future to 15s rugby and joined the full-time programme and moved from Kowloon to Valley RFC.

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CALLUM McCULLOUGH

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



1 Dec 1993

17 CAPS

Born in Hong Kong but raised in Singapore from the age of 3 until 18, Callum hails from a big rugby family, with his father Stephen representing Hong Kong and his cousin Matt playing for Ulster and Ireland. In addition to this success in the 15s team, Callum has featured regularly for the Hong Kong China 7s, making his debut in 2021 and helping the team secure the Gold Medal at the 15th National Games of the People's Republic of China in November 2025.

JOSEPH KNIGHT

(USRC TIGERS)



10 Apr 2001

0 CAPS

Joe was born and raised in Chichester, England, where he began his rugby playing journey for Chichester RFC before moving to London Irish Academy. He further honed his skills with Ayrshire Bulls and Worthing Raiders before making the decision to relocate to Hong Kong in August 2024, where he now plays for USRC Tigers RFC. Joe qualifies for Hong Kong China Rugby through his father, who was born in Hong Kong while his grandfather was stationed there in the Navy.

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CHUI WAI LAP ERIC (KOWLOON RUGBY CLUB)



Agile scrum-half Eric plays his club rugby for Kowloon. He represented Hong Kong China in the 2023 U19 Asia Rugby Championship, before going on to captain the Hong Kong China Dragons development team in the May 2025 tour to Singapore. That tour officially relaunched the popular initiative to nurture local rugby talent in Hong Kong. Before joining the full-time programme in late 2025, Eric spent some time in the Hong Kong China 7s development squad at the Hong Kong Sports Institute. Eric made his full Test debut against Portugal in November 2025.

BRENDON NELL (HKU SANDY BAY)



South African-born Brendon studied at Stellenbosch University between 2015-2020, graduating with a Degree and a Master's Degree in Finance. While there he played for the university's prestigious Maties Rugby Club. Brendon moved to Hong Kong in 2020 and has played for HKU Sandy Bay since. He also supported the club with junior coaching in this time, alongside his career work in weather risk intelligence. Brendon joined the full-time programme in late 2025 and made his full Test debut against Portugal in November 2025.

JACK COMBES (USRC TIGERS)



Jack was born in Hong Kong, and moved to the UK to study at Hartpury College, before going on to study a Degree in Sport Science and a Masters in Sports Coaching at Hartpury University. In this time he also played for Birmingham Moseley Rugby Club. Jack has represented Hong Kong China at every National Age Grade from U14s through to seniors, and returned to Hong Kong full time in 2022 to sign for USRC Tigers and join the 7s programme. Jack is also an accomplished football player, having gone through the HKFA system playing for Kitchee. He claims to be able to do over 2000 'keepy-uppies'!

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JOSEPH BARKER

(KOWLOON RUGBY CLUB)



Joseph, also known as Joe, is a recent addition to the Hong Kong China squad. Born in Wakefield in the North of England, he began his rugby career playing in the back row before transitioning to fly half and centre at the age of 19. Joe has played for Leeds Carnegie and Rotherham Titans, and currently Kowloon Rugby Club, where he recently reached the milestone of 50 Hong Kong Premiership appearances. Prior to joining the full-time programme, Joe worked as a pathways coach for Hong Kong China Rugby and served as Head Coach for the World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2024.

NATHAN DE THIERRY

(HUNTER WILDFIRES - BASED OVERSEAS)



A multi-talented utility back, Nathan, also known as Nate, has played in the Shute Shield, in Spain, in the NPC and with the South China Tigers in Global Rapid Rugby. He came to Hong Kong while in the Chiefs Academy and made his mark with Hong Kong Football Club. He is currently playing with Hunter Wildfires Rugby Club and returns to the Hong Kong China setup for key campaigns through the season.

MATTEO AVITABILE

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



Matteo is a versatile back, and seen as an emerging talent across both the Hong Kong China 7s and 15s representative squads. He started his rugby career with Hong Kong Football Club, where he was coached by now teammate Ben Axten-Burrett during his U18 playing days. He moved to the Netherlands in 2020 to study a Degree in International Business at the Rotterdam School of Management at Erasmus University before moving back to Hong Kong in 2023 to pursue rugby full time. Matteo also enhanced his playing experience spending six months at Rugby Colorno in Italy in 2025.

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JACK ABBOTT

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



10 Jan 2000

2 CAPS

With a unique heritage blending Scottish and Filipino roots, Jack was born in Hong Kong and is a well-known figure in the rugby community. Having progressed through Hong Kong's National Age-Grade system, Jack continues to excel at Hong Kong Football Club, a club he has been dedicated to since the age of 6. Jack made his debut for Hong Kong China against Germany in the November International Window in 2023, and joined the full-time programme 2025.

BEN AXTEN-BURRETT

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



1 Oct 1992

23 CAPS

A robust and impactful center, Ben previously played for the South China Tigers in the Global Rapid Rugby competition. Despite facing a nasty knee injury during the 2022/23 season, Ben has made a strong comeback and now serves as a key player for both Hong Kong Football Club and Hong Kong China. He moved to Hong Kong nearly a decade ago shortly after graduating from the University of Wales, intending to stay for just one year. However, he fell in love with the city and now proudly considers it his second home.

ISAAC CAMPBELL-WU

(VALLEY RFC)



30 Nov 2004

0 CAPS

Isaac grew up in the UK, studying and playing rugby at the prestigious Clifton College. He was part of the Bristol Bears Academy, making a senior appearance in the 2023/24 Premiership Rugby Cup. At representative Age-Grade level he played for England U19s before being offered the chance to represent Hong Kong China in the 2024 World Rugby U20 Trophy in Scotland. In 2024 he began his studies at the University of Exeter, putting them on hold after his first year to move to Hong Kong and join the full-time programme with Valley RFC as his Premiership Club.

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THOMAS HILL

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



12 Oct 1989

17 CAPS

Australia-born Thomas, also known as Tommy, started his rugby journey as a member of the Rugby Australia Academy. He played club rugby for Eastwood Rugby Club where he made 100 appearances from 2012 to 2016, before moving to the NSW Country Eagles to spend two seasons in the National Rugby Championship. He also spent the 2015/16 season with the Piacenza Lyons in the Italian Super 12. Tommy moved to Hong Kong in 2018, signing for Hong Kong Football Club, playing for the South China Tigers, and making his representative debut in 2022. He joined the full-time programme in early 2025 in preparation for the Asia Rugby Championship campaign.

ELLIOTT QUINTON

(KOWLOON RUGBY CLUB)



6 Jul 1999

0 CAPS

Elliott grew up in the UK and moved to Hong Kong in 2022, signing for Kowloon Rugby Club. He transferred from the back row to centre during his first season in Hong Kong, which is now his preferred position. One of Kowloon's previous partners is DAC Management LLC, who donate to rugby programmes in Laos, and this link gave Elliott the opportunity to take a team management role with the Laos Men's and Women's 7s teams at South East Asian Series competitions. Elliott joined the full-time programme late in 2025.

MARCUS RAMAGE

(HONG KONG SCOTTISH)



27 May 1998

6 CAPS

Marcus made his debut for Hong Kong China against Zimbabwe in the Cup of Nations in 2016, earning five caps up to 2019 when he moved to the UK to study. He studied at Cardiff University between 2018 and 2022, graduating with a Degree and Master's Degree in Finance. After finishing his studies, Marcus signed for Championship side Nottingham Rugby, where he spent three seasons before returning to Hong Kong to join the full-time programme - signing for HK Scottish as his Premiership Club. Marcus' brother Gregor, who he played with at Cardiff University, is also capped for Hong Kong China after appearing in three international matches in 2022.

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GUY SPANTON

(HKU SANDY BAY)



28 Nov 1997

8 CAPS

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Guy then spent his school and university years in Sydney, developing a deep appreciation for both cities. He was at the Shore Boarding School, renowned for sport, and then the University of Technology where he studied Sport and Exercise Science. He has spent his club career with just two clubs - HKU Sandy Bay in Hong Kong and Northern Suburbs in Sydney. Guy relocated to Hong Kong in 2019 to focus on his rugby, and was on the Hong Kong China Rugby full-time programme prior to the Covid pandemic. Before joining the current full-time programme in late 2025, Guy worked in business development roles in two media agencies.

MAXWELL THRELKELD

(UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
BERKELEY- BASED OVERSEAS)



25 Jan 2005

2 CAPS

Maxwell is a young and promising centre currently playing rugby at the University of California, Berkeley, where he contributed to the team's triumph in the College Rugby National Championship this season. He made his debut for Hong Kong China against Brazil during the 2024 November Test Series. Growing up, Maxwell played rugby, basketball, golf, and American football, ultimately deciding to focus on rugby during his time at a boarding school in Australia. As his studies in the US continue, he returns to the squad for key campaigns through the season.

OLIVER PYLE

(HONG KONG SCOTTISH)



27 Jan 2003

0 CAPS

Oliver began his rugby journey with Sai Kung Stingrays before moving to famous rugby school, Sedbergh, in the UK. He kept close ties to Hong Kong through his school years, and in 2023 he was called up to the Hong Kong China U20s squad for the World Rugby U20 Trophy in Kenya. Oliver went on to study for his Degree in the UK at Loughborough University, where he also played three seasons in the BUCS League and National 2. He returned to Hong Kong after graduating and joined Hong Kong Scottish for the 2024/25 season.

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PAUL ALTIER

(RICHMOND - BASED OVERSEAS)

19 May 1999

17 CAPS



Born in Bangkok, Paul relocated to Hong Kong, where he spent his teenage years progressing through the National Age-Grade system. He later moved to Bath University where he studied a Degree in Sports Performance. Paul played his rugby for Stade Olympique Chambérien in the 3rd tier of the French league system until 202, when he moved to Richmond in the UK. He returns to the squad for key campaigns throughout the season.

MURRAY BRECHIN

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)

4 Oct 1997

4 CAPS



Born and raised in Hong Kong, Murray plays his club rugby at Hong Kong Football Club. He marked his debut for Hong Kong China against Germany in November 2023. Before joining the full-time programme in 2025, Murray worked as a commercial real estate broker and recently completed a part-time Master's Degree in Real Estate at the University of Manchester.

CHARLES HIGSON-SMITH

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)

3 Aug 1991

17 CAPS



Charles was born in Hong Kong, but went to Wellington College and the University of Exeter in the UK, where he studied History and Politics. He returned to Hong Kong in 2013 signing for Hong Kong Football Club, where he also coached the club's youth programme. He made his Hong Kong debut in the 2015 Asia Rugby Championship, and has also been capped for the representative 7s team in 2017. Before joining the full-time programme in 2025, Charles juggled his rugby commitments with a career in talent acquisition and executive recruitment.

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DYLAN McCANN

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



2 Jun 2003

1 CAP

Dylan went to school in the Sydney suburbs, before studying at the University of Sydney Business School between 2022 and 2024. During his time down under, he stayed connected to Hong Kong China Rugby, playing in overseas teams at New Year's Day Tournaments. He also travelled to Kenya with the Hong Kong China team for the 2023 World Rugby U20 Trophy, alongside his current representative teammate Tyler McNutt. Dylan returned to Hong Kong in 2024, initially joining the Hong Kong China 7s programme, before moving to the men's 15s full-time programme in late 2025. He made his full Test debut against Portugal in November 2025.

PENETANA CARTER SMITH

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



29 Aug 1994

0 CAPS

Penetana, also known as Pene, grew up in New Zealand, playing youth rugby for Northcote Rugby Club, where he appeared in 15s and 7s rugby. He also represented New Zealand Select Boys in their win at the prestigious Howard Hinton Sevens in France in 2018. He left New Zealand in 2020 and spent a year in Portugal playing for Clube De Rugby do Tecnico, before moving to Hong Kong and signing for Hong Kong Football Club. Before joining the full-time programme in late 2025, Pene worked as a personal trainer and coach.

HARRY SAYERS

(VALLEY RFC)



29 Aug 1994

17 CAPS

Renowned for his athleticism and speed, Harry Sayers represented England Counties before transitioning to Hong Kong. Harry's eligibility for Hong Kong China stems from his mother's Hong Kong birthplace, as his grandfather served with the British Military in Hong Kong in the 1960s. Like teammate Callum McCullough, Harry has featured regularly for the Hong Kong China 7s. He made his 7s debut in 2019 and was also part of the team that secured the Gold Medal at the 15th National Games of the People's Republic of China in November 2025.

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MATT WORLEY

(HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB)



Matt grew up in Hong Kong and played throughout the National Age-Grade system, also excelling at Touch Rugby. He has played for Racing 92, Northampton Saints and Bedford Blues in the RFU Championship where he amassed 117 caps in his six years at the club - before moving back to Hong Kong to join the full-time programme in late 2025. Matt is known to be a clinical finisher and generally tracks at around a try per match for the representative team.

SEBASTIAN BRIEN

(HKU SANDY BAY)



Seb grew up in Hong Kong, where he was coached by his father at Sandy Bay, before moving to the UK for schooling. He later returned to represent the U20 programme and secured a 7s contract, earning his first 7s cap at the Asian Sevens Series in 2017 and going on to co-captain the Men's 7s team. Seb's first XV's cap was earned against Malaysia in June 2019. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, and during a layoff for an ACL injury in 2024 he founded golf clothing and apparel company Bamboo Birdies with his sister Lettie.

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FULL INTERNATIONAL CAPS - FORWARDS

POSITION	NAME	NUMBER OF CAPS
FRONT ROW (PROPS)	Rory CINNAMOND	10
	Zac CINNAMOND	18
	Sunia FAMEITAU	6
	James HOLMES	3
	Callum McFEAT SMITH	6
	Keelan CHAPMAN	9

FRONT ROW (HOOKERS)	Harry BARON	1
	Harrison KING	0
	Jude HARDING	3
	Alexander POST	23
	Calum SCOTT	9

SECOND ROW	Lachlan DOHENY	0
	Max MURPHY	1
	James RIVERS	0
	Kyle SULLIVAN	28
	Patrick JENKINSON	13

POSITION	NAME	NUMBER OF CAPS
BACK ROW	Jack BARTLETT	1
	Dana FOURIE	0
	Joshua HRSTICH	20
	Pierce MACKINLAY-WEST	15
	Tyler McNUTT	11
	James SAWYER	16
	Callum McCullough	17
	Joseph KNIGHT	0

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FULL INTERNATIONAL CAPS - BACKS

POSITION	NAME	NUMBER OF CAPS
SCRUM-HALVES	CHUI Wai Lap Eric	1
	Brendon NELL	1
	Jack COMBES	13

FLY-HALVES	Joseph BARKER	4
	Nathan DE THIERRY	19
	Matteo AVITABILE	7

CENTRES	Jack ABBOTT	2
	Ben AXTEN-BURRETT	23
	Isaac CAMPBELL-WU	0
	Thomas HILL	17
	Elliott QUINTON	0
	Marcus RAMAGE	6
	Guy SPANTON	8
	Maxwell THRELKELD	2
	Oliver PYLE	0

POSITION	NAME	NUMBER OF CAPS
OUTSIDE BACKS	Paul ALTIER	17
	Murray BRECHIN	4
	Charles HIGSON-SMITH	17
	Dylan McCANN	1
	Penetana CARTER SMITH	0
	Harry SAYERS	17
	Matt WORLEY	15
Sebastian BRIEN	12	

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