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Michael Alaalatoa
Wyatt Crockett
Oliver Jager
Joe Moody
Tim Perry
Owen Franks

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Ben Funnell
Andrew Makalio
Codie Taylor

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Scott Barrett
Luke Romano
Quinten Strange
Sam Whitelock

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Jed Brown
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Kieran Read
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Leon Fukofuka
Bryn Hall

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Marty McKenzie
Richie Mo’unga

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Jack Goodhue
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Seta Tamanivalu
Sean Wainui

OUTSIDE BACKS
George Bridge
Israel Dagg
Sione Fifita
Mitchell Hunt
Digby Ioane
Jone Macilai
Manasa Mataele

COACHES & MANAGEMENT

HEAD COACH
Scott Robertson

ASSISTANT COACHES
Brad Mooar
Leon MacDonald
Jason Ryan

TEAM MANAGER
Shane Fletcher

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
Simon Thomas

TEAM DOCTOR
Dr Martin Swan

PHYSIOTHERAPIST
John Roche

SPORTS DIETICIAN
Johnny Rea

KIT MANAGER
John Miles

ANALYST
Jon Gardner

MEDIA MANAGER
Juliet Calder
SCOTT ROBERTSON  
POSITION: Head Coach  
Former Crusaders, Canterbury and All Blacks loose forward Scott Robertson will lead the BNZ Crusaders for the first time in 2017. Robertson has been the Head Coach of the Canterbury national provincial team since 2013, guiding the team to three Premiership titles in that role. He also assisted the team to five successive titles between 2008 and 2012, first as the Assistant Forwards Coach for four years and then as the Assistant Coach in 2012. He has also enjoyed success as Head Coach of the New Zealand Under 20 team, claiming victory at the 2015 Under 20 World Championship. Prior to that he was the forwards coach in 2014. Robertson is highly regarded as a great communicator and strategist who helps players to thrive under his leadership.

BRAD MOOAR  
POSITION: Assistant Coach  
Brad Mooar returns for his second year with the BNZ Crusaders in 2017, filling the Assistant Coach role. Prior to the Crusaders, Mooar was Head Coach and Director of Rugby at Rugby Southland. His coaching career began with the Christchurch Rugby Club Colts team in 2007, and he progressed onto the Club’s premier team before becoming the Assistant Coach of the Canterbury Colts in 2011. In 2012 he moved to South Africa to coach the Eastern Province Kings to a Currie Cup Division 1 title, then become Assistant Coach of the Southern Kings Super Rugby side under Matt Sexton’s leadership. He returned to New Zealand at the end of that season to take the Southland role. Mooar also brings valuable off-field experience as a former solicitor to the role, and provides inspirational leadership and excellent management skills.

LEON MACDONALD  
POSITION: Assistant Backs Coach  
Leon MacDonald has a long history with the Crusaders, as a former player and then through his involvement in the Tasman Rugby Union. He comes on board as the Assistant Backs Coach for the BNZ Crusaders for the first time in 2017. MacDonald represented the Crusaders as a player for eleven years between 1997 and 2008 (with one year playing for the Chiefs in 1998). He made his All Blacks debut in 2000, playing a total of 56 Tests and scoring 141 Test points. He began his coaching career in 2010 as Assistant Coach for the Tasman Makos provincial team, and became their Head Coach in 2016, leading them to the Premiership Final against Canterbury. MacDonald has worked with Scott Robertson in an Assistant Coach role previously, with the NZ Under 20 team in 2014 and 2015. He is a highly regarded coach who brings excellent technical skills and innovative, strategic thinking to the group.

JASON RYAN  
POSITION: Assistant Forwards Coach  
Jason Ryan steps up to Super Rugby for the first time in 2017 as Assistant Forwards Coach for the BNZ Crusaders. He brings a great skill set to the team particularly with his experience as a scrum coach. Ryan has been working with the forwards in the Canterbury provincial team for the last five years, initially as a Scrum Coach and then as an Assistant Coach in 2015 and 2016. He also has national experience as the Scrum Coach for the Black Ferns in 2014, and New Zealand Under 20 team for the last three seasons. Ryan is known in New Zealand rugby circles as an expert on scrums, and set up the Front Row Club in 2013, a coaching programme focused on safe development of props and hookers.
MICHAEL ALAALATOA

POSITION: Prop
PHYSICAL: 1.89m, 135kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 28.8.91

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 16
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 0
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2014 v Reds (Waratahs) in Brisbane

PROVINCE: Manawatu
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 19
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 5 (1t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2015 v Counties Manukau in Pukekohe

TEST CAPS: 0
TEST POINTS: N/A
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY
Alaalatoa had a big season in 2016, so we are excited about what he can do in 2017 off the back of two provincial seasons in New Zealand and a Super Rugby season now under his belt. He does everything we ask of him and works incredibly hard.

Owen Franks

POSITION: Prop
PHYSICAL: 1.85m, 118kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 23.12.87 in Motueka

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 123
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 10 (2t)
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2009 v Force in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Canterbury
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 18
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 5 (1t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2007 v North Harbour in Christchurch

TEST CAPS: 87
TEST POINTS: 0
TEST DEBUT: 2009 v Italy in Christchurch

THE CRUSADERS SAY
The ultimate professional. He has a singleminded approach to preparing his mind and body - he knows exactly what he needs to do to be ready to perform at the highest level and never fails to do it. One of the best scrummagers in the world.

Wyatt Crockett

POSITION: Prop
PHYSICAL: 1.93m 116 kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 24.1.83 in Christchurch

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 170
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 50 (10t)
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2006 v Highlanders in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Canterbury
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 73
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 30 (6t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2005 v Marlborough in Christchurch

TEST CAPS: 55
TEST POINTS: 5 (1t)
TEST DEBUT: 2009 v Italy in Christchurch

THE CRUSADERS SAY
Our most capped Crusader, and holds the record of the most Super Rugby games for one team. Crockett is an outstanding man who epitomises the team first ethos and is always looking for ways he can help others. He is a great scrummager and has a handy skill set around the park.

Oliver Jager

POSITION: Prop
PHYSICAL: 1.92m, 117kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 5.7.95

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 0
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: N/A
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: N/A

PROVINCE: Canterbury
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 7
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 0
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2016 v Auckland in Christchurch

TEST CAPS: 0
TEST POINTS: N/A
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY
Jager is a great story, having earned his spot by putting himself in the right place and then putting in the hard graft. It is awesome to see what he has done in a year with hard work, and we can’t wait to continue developing him within this environment.
### Joe Moody

**Position:** Prop  
**Physical:** 1.88m, 112kg  
**Date of Birth:** 18.9.88 in Christchurch

**Super Rugby Games:** 46  
**Super Rugby Points:** 0  
**Super Rugby Debut:** 2013 v Blues in Auckland

**Province:** Canterbury  
**Provincial Caps:** 26  
**Provincial Points:** 15 (3t)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2011 v North Otago in Christchurch

**Test Caps:** 20  
**Test Points:** 5 (1t)  
**Test Debut:** 2014 v Australia in Sydney

**The Crusaders Say:**  
Moody had another great year in 2016 and is really cementing himself as a go-to man for the Crusaders and All Blacks. Strong as an ox at set piece and really growing his abilities in open play.

### Tim Perry

**Position:** Prop  
**Physical:** 1.88m, 116kg  
**Date of Birth:** 1.8.88 in Ashburton

**Super Rugby Games:** 17  
**Super Rugby Points:** 5 (1t)  
**Super Rugby Debut:** 2013 v Bulls in Auckland

**Province:** Tasman  
**Provincial Caps:** 61  
**Provincial Points:** 30 (6t)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2010 v South Canterbury (Mid Canterbury) in Ashburton

**Test Caps:** 0  
**Test Points:** N/A  
**Test Debut:** N/A

**The Crusaders Say:**  
It has been awesome to see Perry stringing games together for Tasman after suffering two long-term injuries in a row. We are excited about what that means for us in 2017 and look forward to helping him unlock his potential.

### Ben Funnell

**Position:** Hooker  
**Physical:** 1.80m, 105kg  
**Date of Birth:** 6.6.90 in Palmerston North

**Super Rugby Games:** 58  
**Super Rugby Points:** 10 (2t)  
**Super Rugby Debut:** 2012 v Waratahs in Sydney

**Province:** Canterbury  
**Provincial Caps:** 68  
**Provincial Points:** 60 (12t)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2011 v North Otago in Christchurch

**Test Caps:** 0  
**Test Points:** N/A  
**Test Debut:** N/A

**The Crusaders Say:**  
Funnell is a brutal player who loves the battle and the physicality. He does his core jobs really well, and he is also developing a really good tactical understanding of the game.

### Andrew Makalio

**Position:** Hooker  
**Physical:** 1.82m, 111kg  
**Date of Birth:** 22.1.92

**Super Rugby Games:** 0  
**Super Rugby Points:** N/A  
**Super Rugby Debut:** N/A

**Province:** Tasman  
**Provincial Caps:** 12  
**Provincial Points:** 10 (2t)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2016 v Waikato at Blenheim

**Test Caps:** 0  
**Test Points:** N/A  
**Test Debut:** N/A

**The Crusaders Say:**  
Makalio has the potential to be one of Super Rugby’s future stars. He is athletically unbelievable and brimming with power and pace. He moved to Tasman to play club rugby and quickly got noticed by Tasman selectors. His goal has been to play for the Crusaders, and we are thrilled to give him that chance.
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<td><strong>CODIE TAYLOR</strong></td>
<td>Hooker</td>
<td>1.83m, 106kg</td>
<td>31.3.91 in Levin</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>30 (6t)</td>
<td>2013 v Kings in Christchurch</td>
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<td>15 (3t)</td>
<td>2015 v Argentina in Christchurch</td>
<td>Taylor is an impressive player whose athleticism and skill set would serve him well anywhere on the field. Does his core roles exceptionally well and is developing into the complete package.</td>
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<td><strong>SCOTT BARRETT</strong></td>
<td>Lock</td>
<td>1.97m, 112kg</td>
<td>20.1.93 in New Plymouth</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>15 (3t)</td>
<td>2015 v Rebels in Christchurch</td>
<td>Canterbury</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>5 (1t)</td>
<td>2014 v Auckland in Christchurch</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>One of the standout new players of 2016, which has been capped off with selection in the All Blacks end of year tour. He is a fantastic athlete and we expect a big season from him in 2017.</td>
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<td><strong>LUKE ROMANO</strong></td>
<td>Lock</td>
<td>1.99m, 115kg</td>
<td>16.2.86 in Christchurch</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>30 (6t)</td>
<td>2011 v Bulls in Timaru</td>
<td>Canterbury</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>20 (4t)</td>
<td>2009v Tasman in Christchurch</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>10 (2t)</td>
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<td>Romano is an athletic lock with some great skills. He is an aggressive and imposing ball carrier. A pro at the lineouts and provides real leadership in this area.</td>
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<td><strong>QUENTIN STRANGE</strong></td>
<td>Lock</td>
<td>1.99m, 112kg</td>
<td>21.8.96</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Strange is a former Nelson College 1st XV captain who debuted for Tasman this year off the back of some impressive individual performances with the New Zealand Under 20 team. He is an exciting prospect for the future.</td>
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## Samuel Whitelock
**Position:** Lock  
**Physical:** 2.02m, 116kg  
**Date of birth:** 12.10.88 in Palmerston North

**Super rugby games:** 101  
**Super rugby points:** 25 (5t)  
**Super rugby debut:** 2010 v Highlanders in Christchurch

**Province:** Canterbury  
**Provincial caps:** 19  
**Provincial points:** 15 (3t)  
**Provincial debut:** 2008 v Wellington in Christchurch

**Test caps:** 82  
**Test points:** 25 (5t)  
**Test debut:** 2010 v Ireland in New Plymouth

### The Crusaders Say
Whitelock has developed into a really good leader, having stepped up as captain when Read was unavailable 2016. His athletic ability and skill set are incredible. He is comfortable in the tight stuff and also in the open.

## Heiden Bedwell-Curtis
**Position:** Loose forward  
**Physical:** 1.88m, 104kg  
**Date of birth:** 25.6.91

**Super rugby games:** 0  
**Super rugby points:** N/A  
**Super rugby debut:** N/A

**Province:** Manawatu  
**Provincial caps:** 42  
**Provincial points:** 40 (8t)  
**Provincial debut:** 2012 v King Country (Taranaki) in Inglewood

**Test caps:** 0  
**Test points:** N/A  
**Test debut:** N/A

### The Crusaders Say
A stalwart of Turbos rugby, Bedwell-Curtis brings his excellent carrying and lineout ability to the group in 2017. He has outstanding work ethic and we know he will fit in well with this team.

## Jed Brown
**Position:** Loose forward  
**Physical:** 1.86m, 102kg  
**Date of birth:** 12.3.91

**Super rugby games:** 0  
**Super rugby points:** N/A  
**Super rugby debut:** N/A

**Province:** Canterbury  
**Provincial caps:** 27  
**Provincial points:** 0  
**Provincial debut:** 2012 v Auckland in Christchurch

**Test caps:** 0  
**Test points:** N/A  
**Test debut:** N/A

### The Crusaders Say
Brown is a superb player who has been frustratingly dogged by injuries. We believe that with an injury-free season he could really stamp his mark at this level and show that he is the great player we know he is.

## Mitchell Dunshea
**Position:** Lock/Loose forward  
**Physical:** 1.96m, 107kg  
**Date of birth:** 18.11.95

**Super rugby games:** 0  
**Super rugby points:** N/A  
**Super rugby debut:** N/A

**Province:** Canterbury  
**Provincial caps:** 11  
**Provincial points:** 0  
**Provincial debut:** 2015 v Otago in Dunedin

**Test caps:** 0  
**Test points:** N/A  
**Test debut:** N/A

### The Crusaders Say
Dunshea has had an unfortunate season of injury, but has used that time effectively to build his engine. We know he has a lot to offer so cannot wait to see him injury free and playing.
**Kieran Read**

POSITION: Number 8  
PHYSICAL: 1.93m, 109kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 26.10.85 in Papakura

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 133  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 110 (22t)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2007 v Blues in Auckland

PROVINCE: Canterbury  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 37  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 50 (10t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2006 v Wairarapa Bush in Christchurch

TEST CAPS: 94  
TEST POINTS: 105 (21t)  
TEST DEBUT: 2008 v Scotland in Edinburgh

**THE CRUSADERS SAY**

Read is one of the world’s best rugby players. You could play him in nearly any position and he would excel. His vision and skill execution are second to none. Just an outstanding athlete and leader.

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**Pete Samu**

POSITION: Loose forward  
PHYSICAL: 1.85m, 101kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 17.12.92

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 4  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 10 (2t)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2016 v Blues in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Tasman  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 29  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 60 (12t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2014 v Auckland in Auckland

TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

**THE CRUSADERS SAY**

Samu is all power and pop. He is a dynamic player with incredible speed and power. Has been restricted by injuries so far, but we are really excited about the opportunities that an injury-free season could present for him.

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**Jordan Taufua**

POSITION: Loose forward  
PHYSICAL: 1.85m, 100kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 29.1.92 in Auckland

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 50  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 45 (9t)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2013 v Stormers in Cape Town

PROVINCE: Counties Manukau  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 54  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 75 (15t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2012 v Canterbury in Nelson

TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

**THE CRUSADERS SAY**

Taufua has developed into an iconic rugby player. He is a brutal ball carrier with superb footwork and pace, making him a real attacking threat. He is a bundle of raw energy and power.

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**Matt Todd**

POSITION: Loose forward  
PHYSICAL: 1.85m, 103kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 24.3.88 in Christchurch

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 94  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 95 (19t)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2011 v Blues in Auckland

PROVINCE: Canterbury  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 60  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 60 (12t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2009 v Waikato in Christchurch

TEST CAPS: 6  
TEST POINTS: 0  
TEST DEBUT: 2013 v France in New Plymouth

**THE CRUSADERS SAY**

Todd is Mr Consistency. He is a spiritual leader of the group who commands respect and holds people to account in the nicest way. His abilities in the breakdown are superb. He is still evolving and continually seeking to improve his game.
MITCHELL DRUMMOND

POSITION: Halfback  
PHYSICAL: 1.80m, 84kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 15.2.94

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 29  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 30 (6t)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2014 v Rebels in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Canterbury  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 27  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 12 (2t, 1c)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2013 v Manawatu in Christchurch

TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY  
Drummond is one of the best passers of the ball in New Zealand. With a couple of years now under his belt, we expect him to come into his own this season. He is developing into a real strategic leader in this group. May miss the early part of the season with injury, but will have plenty to contribute once he is fit.

LEON FUKOFUKA

POSITION: Halfback  
PHYSICAL: 1.90m, 91kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 8.5.94

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 4  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 0  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2016 v Chiefs in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Auckland  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 18  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 0  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2014 v Tasman in Auckland

TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY  
Fukofuka provides a different skillset to our other halfbacks. He is a naturally talented athlete who is developing his game and could be on the brink of a breakthrough year.

BRYN HALL

POSITION: Halfback  
PHYSICAL: 1.83m, 94kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 3.2.92 in Auckland

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 32  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 20 (4t)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2013 v Crusaders (Blues) in Auckland

PROVINCE: North Harbour  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 49  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 57 (6t, 6c, 5p)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2012 v Waikato in Albany

TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY  
Hall is an exciting player to watch. He commentates the game really well on the paddock and reads what his team needs from himself and others. He brings great experience to this group.

TIM BATEMAN

POSITION: Midfield back  
PHYSICAL: 1.82m, 91kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 3.6.87 in Greymouth

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 72  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 30 (6t)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2013 v Crusaders (Blues) in Auckland

PROVINCE: Canterbury  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 58  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 95 (19t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2006 v South Canterbury

TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY  
It is awesome to have Bateman back in our group. He has so much experience but is still only in his 20s and we know that there is plenty of upside to him yet. Plays multiple positions and brings great leadership.
MARTY MCKENZIE

POSITION: Fullback / First five-eighth  
PHYSICAL: 1.83m, 85kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 14.8.92

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 14  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 32 (1t, 6c, 5p)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2013 v Bulls (Blues) in Auckland

PROVINCE: Taranaki  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 52  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 369 (12t, 66c, 56p, 3d)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2011 v North Harbour (Southland) in Invercargill

TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY  
McKenzie has a wonderful natural flair and impressive pace. He joined the Crusaders last year while rehabbing from an injury, so it will be great to see him start the season fit and take the opportunity to really stamp his mark in 2017.

RICHIE MO’UNGA

POSITION: First five-eighth  
PHYSICAL: 1.76m, 83kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 25.5.94 in Christchurch

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 16  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 179 (5t, 41c, 24p)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2016 v Chiefs in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Canterbury  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 39  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 176 (7t, 42c, 19p)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2013 v Manawatu in Christchurch

TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY  
After serving a really good apprenticeship, Mo’unga had a breakthrough year in 2016. He played every game and got better and better as the season went on. He is calm under pressure and was goal kicking at 80 percent. He has the potential to be a real future star for the Crusaders and NZ Rugby.

RYAN CROTTY

POSITION: Midfield back  
PHYSICAL: 1.81m, 96kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 23.9.88 in Nelson

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 107  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 100 (20t)  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2009 v Hurricanes in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Canterbury  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 67  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 75 (15t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2008 v Otago in Dunedin

TEST CAPS: 24  
TEST POINTS: 25 (5t)  
TEST DEBUT: 2013 v Australia in Sydney

THE CRUSADERS SAY  
Crotty is a professional in the way he prepares to perform. Another one who has played more than 100 games for this team, but is coming into his prime right now. He has a fantastic game understanding and is a genuine leader in the backs.

JACK GOODHUE

POSITION: Centre  
PHYSICAL: 1.87m, 98kg  
DATE OF BIRTH: 13.6.95

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 0  
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: N/A  
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: N/A

PROVINCE: Canterbury  
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 18  
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 25 (5t)  
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2014 v Waikato in Hamilton

TEST CAPS: 0  
TEST POINTS: N/A  
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY  
The world is Goodhue’s oyster; he has so much to offer this team and we know he is going to be an incredible player. He is a physical brute with intelligence and real character.
DAVID HAVILI
POSITION: Second five-eighth
PHYSICAL: 1.84m, 88kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 23.12.94

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 18:
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 20 (4t)
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2015 v Lions in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Tasman
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 31
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 70 (8t, 3c, 8p)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2014 v Hawke’s Bay in Blenheim

THE CRUSADERS SAY
Havili is another player who promises to be one of our future stars. He has the versatility to play multiple positions, is tough, fast and can goal kick from 60 metres.

SEAN WAINUI
POSITION: Midfield back
PHYSICAL: 1.91m, 102kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 23.0.95

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 7
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 0
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2016 v Chiefs in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Taranaki
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 21
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 25 (5t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2014 v Waikato in Hamilton

THE CRUSADERS SAY
Wainui had a good year with the Crusaders in 2016 and took his opportunities. His game is maturing and we know he’ll show us even more of what we know he is capable of in 2017. He is a superb team man with genuine mana, and we love what he has added to the Crusaders culture.

SETA TAMANIVALU
POSITION: Centre
PHYSICAL: 1.89m, 104kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 23.6.92

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 22:
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 45 (9t)
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2015 v Brumbies in New Plymouth

PROVINCE: Taranaki
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 40
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 90 (18t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2012 v Hawke’s Bay in New Plymouth

TEST CAPS: 3
TEST POINTS: 0
TEST DEBUT: 2016 v Wales in Auckland

THE CRUSADERS SAY
Tamanivalu is a hugely exciting addition to the Crusaders in 2017. He brings real power and fear-factor to the backline. We think there is the opportunity for him to grow in this environment too and take his game to another level. Having the ability to play centre or wing is a useful advantage.

GEORGE BRIDGE
POSITION: Outside back
PHYSICAL: 1.85m, 93kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 1.4.95

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 0
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: N/A
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: N/A

PROVINCE: Canterbury
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 8
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 25 (5t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2016 v Northland in Whangarei

TEST CAPS: 0
TEST POINTS: N/A
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY
Bridge is only 21 and shows signs of being a future star. He has blistering pace and a big left foot kick. He is the sort of player that makes coaches excited about what they do, because the potential that is waiting to be unlocked is huge.
ISRAEL DAGG
POSITION: Outside
PHYSICAL: 1.86m, 96kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 6.6.88 in Marton

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 99
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 258 (32t, 19c, 20p)
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2009 v Brumbies (Highlanders) in Dunedin

PROVINCE: Hawke’s Bay
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 50
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 86 (15t, 34c, 1p)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2006 v Counties Manukau in Napier

TEST CAPS: 58
TEST POINTS: 118 (22t, 1c, 2p)
TEST DEBUT: 2010 v Ireland in New Plymouth

THE CRUSADERS SAY
A superb, natural athlete. Great running game and a massive kicking game. He plays with flair and is always exciting to watch.

SIONE FIFITA
POSITION: Wing
PHYSICAL: 1.89m, 105kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 17.4.90

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 0
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: N/A
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: N/A

PROVINCE: Counties Manukau
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 17
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 25 (5t)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2015 v Manawatu in Pukekohe

TEST CAPS: 0
TEST POINTS: N/A
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY
The joker in the pack, Fifita brings great character to the team. He had a disrupted season in 2016 so we are really looking forward to seeing him injury free and forcing his way into selection contention. A natural athlete with a good kicking game.

MITCHELL HUNT
POSITION: First five-eighth / Fullback
PHYSICAL: 1.74m, 80kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 19.1.95

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 2
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 0
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2016 v Rebels in Christchurch

PROVINCE: Tasman
PROVINCIAL CAPS: 20
PROVINCIAL POINTS: 39 (2t, 7c, 5p)
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: 2015 v Southland (Auckland) in Invercargill

TEST CAPS: 0
TEST POINTS: N/A
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY
We loved having Hunt join the group in 2016 and look forward to working with him again this season. He is the consummate gentleman and professional in terms of the way he conducts himself and works with others. Has had a strong season with Tasman and will no doubt be pushing himself into selection discussions in 2017.

DIGBY IOANE
POSITION: Wing
PHYSICAL: 1.79m, 94kg
DATE OF BIRTH: 14.7.85

SUPER RUGBY GAMES: 86
SUPER RUGBY POINTS: 110 (22t)
SUPER RUGBY DEBUT: 2006 v Brumbies (Force) in Perth

OVERSEAS PLAYER
PROVINCIAL CAPS: N/A
PROVINCIAL POINTS: N/A
PROVINCIAL DEBUT: N/A

TEST CAPS: 0
TEST POINTS: N/A
TEST DEBUT: N/A

THE CRUSADERS SAY
Ioane is an exciting prospect for us in 2017. He brings great experience as well as some real pop and enthusiasm. He has been an amazing international winger and we look forward to seeing him unleash his pace and power for the Crusaders this season.
### Jone Macilai

**Position:** Wing  
**Physical:** 1.77m, 87kg  
**Date of Birth:** 27.8.90

**Super Rugby Games:** 10  
**Super Rugby Points:** 35 (7t)  
**Super Rugby Debut:** 2015 v Reds in Christchurch

**Province:** Northland  
**Provincial Caps:** 27  
**Provincial Points:** 35 (7t)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2013 v Southland in Whangarei

**Test Caps:** 0  
**Test Points:** N/A  
**Test Debut:** N/A

**The Crusaders Say**

Frustratingly for Macilai, he will be rehabbing for much of this season. It is disappointing that we will miss out on his pace and power on the field, but there is still so much that he can add to the group from off the field with his fantastic personality. Looking forward to seeing him back in the game as soon as possible.

### Manasa Mataele

**Position:** Wing  
**Physical:** 1.85m, 100kg  
**Date of Birth:** 27.11.96

**Super Rugby Games:** 0  
**Super Rugby Points:** N/A  
**Super Rugby Debut:** N/A

**Province:** Taranaki  
**Provincial Caps:** 6  
**Provincial Points:** 5 (1t)  
**Provincial Debut:** 2016 v Bay of Plenty at Tauranga

**Test Caps:** 0  
**Test Points:** N/A  
**Test Debut:** N/A

**The Crusaders Say**

Manasa is an explosive, exciting young winger who has the ability to create opportunities from nothing. There will be a development focus on him this year to bring out the best in his natural abilities, and we cannot wait to see him grow into a potential Super Rugby star.
CRUSADERS IN 2016

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