

## Ben Alexander

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### *A fast rising star of the Wallabies' new generation*

Ben Alexander is amongst a new generation of Australian Wallabies. His meteoric rise started with Australia's Test win over Italy at Padova in November 2008: incredibly that was his first 'starting role' in either Super or Test rugby and less than six months after he had debuted for the Brumbies in Super rugby.

Ben first showed his promise as an Australian age-grade representative. He developed further during stints with the Western Sydney Rams in the Australian Rugby Championships, and with the Bedford Blues in England's National Division One competition.

A highly intelligent, engaging speaker and astonishingly driven young player, Ben Alexander inspires audiences of all ages to focus on success and aim to be the best they can be.

#### ***More about Ben Alexander:***

A surprise selection in 2008 when he was not even a regular for the Brumbies in Super Rugby, Ben Alexander continued his rapid rise, to end 2009 as an established member of the starting side - at tighthead prop. He played loosehead throughout the Super Rugby season, scoring three tries as he featured in every game played by the Canberra-based side. Ben was then a try-scorer in the international season opener against the Barbarians, before going on to specialize as a tighthead prop, taking over on a regular basis from Al Baxter - Australia's most capped front ranker - during the back half of the Tri Nations.

Although still learning his trade as a tighthead, Alexander's greater mobility and ability with ball in hand gave him the edge in securing the position, and he cemented his place by excelling against the European sides on the Spring Tour.

Alexander continued his all-round development during the 2010 season in the Investec Bank Super 14, plying his trade as the Brumbies first choice loose head prop. His mobility around the field and prowess with the ball was highlighted when he scored two tries in the matches against the Sharks and the Cheetahs.



The meteoric nature of the Ben Alexander rise was highlighted when he started in Australia's Test win over Italy at Padova in November 2008: incredibly that was the first 'starting role' in either Super or Test rugby of his fledgling professional career. The Eastwood (Sydney) prop found himself playing Test rugby less than six months after he had debuted for the Brumbies in Super rugby. The Sydney-born front-rower joined the Brumbies Academy in 2008 and was first introduced to Super rugby against the Queensland Reds. He finished his maiden campaign with six caps, and a try to his name. This was followed by Wallaby selection; and two Test appearances off the bench during the two-nil series win over France in June and early July, followed by starts against Italy and France, and an appearance off the bench during the win over the Barbarians, on the Spring Tour.

Ben Alexander continued his development during last year's Investec Super 14. He wound up scoring three tries during a campaign where he was one of only four Brumbies forwards to feature in all 13 matches. He also scored a spectacular try against the Barbarians before featuring as a tighthead prop through all 14 of his Test appearances in 2009.

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