





Name: Carl Webb
Position: Front Row
The bustling front rower will again be the heart of the Cowboys' front row in 2007.



Name: Tai Williams
Position: Wing
The speedy winger will again serve as one of the Cowboys' major attacking threats. Should be in contention for Origin selection in 2007.

Parramatta Eels



Name: Timana Tahu
Position: Centre
Considered one of the world's best centres, Timana will be crucial to the Eels' chances this year, in what will be his final year in league before he switches to rugby union in 2008.



Name: Daniel Wagon
Position: Back Row
A dependable back rower, with consistency Daniel may become an Eels key player.

Penrith Panthers



Name: Craig Trindall
Position: Half
After making his debut in 2006, Craig looks likely to be used as a back-up half to Craig Gower in '07. A skilful player, if given an opportunity Craig may well establish a more permanent spot in the first grade side.



Name: Rhys Wesser
Position: Fullback
Rhys remains one of the NRL top attacking players and will no doubt be among the Panthers top point scorers this year.

South Sydney Rabbitohs



Name: Beau Champion
Position: Fullback
A Souths junior and talented utility, Beau is capable of playing at fullback, centre or half.



Name: Yileen Gordon
Position: Centre
One of the Rabbitohs' young guns, Yileen has plenty of wraps at the club and will only improve.



Name: Shannon Hegarty
Position: Wing/Centre
While Shannon is yet to recapture his top form of seasons past, with the Rabbitohs' fielding a more talented backline, he'll be aiming to return to rep form.




Name: Nathan Merritt
Position: Wing
The speedy winger has this year set the lofty goal of beating his record-setting try tally of 2006.



Name: Germaine Paulson
Position: Centre
Showed promise at the back end of 2006. Germaine will be aiming to crack a first grade spot this year.



Name: David Peachey
Position: Fullback
The ageless fullback will again serve as an instrumental leader and steadying hand at the back for Souths this year.




Name: Dean Widders
Position: Forward
One of the most respected players in the game, Dean will be fighting for one of the hotly contested starting back row positions in the Rabbitohs pack in 2007.



Name: Joe Williams
Position: Half
With a strong forward pack to work with, 2007 could be a massive year for Joe.

St George Illawarra Dragons



Name: Richard Williams
Position: Half
With Mark Gasnier injured and possibly out for the season, Richard will be given the chance to establish himself as a first grade half in 2007.

Sydney Roosters



Name: Amos Roberts
Position: Wing
A prolific try scorer, Amos will one again serve as the Roosters' most lethal attacking weapon out wide this year.



The 2007 season is about to kick off - we celebrate with our giant lift-out guide to all of this year's Indigenous stars.



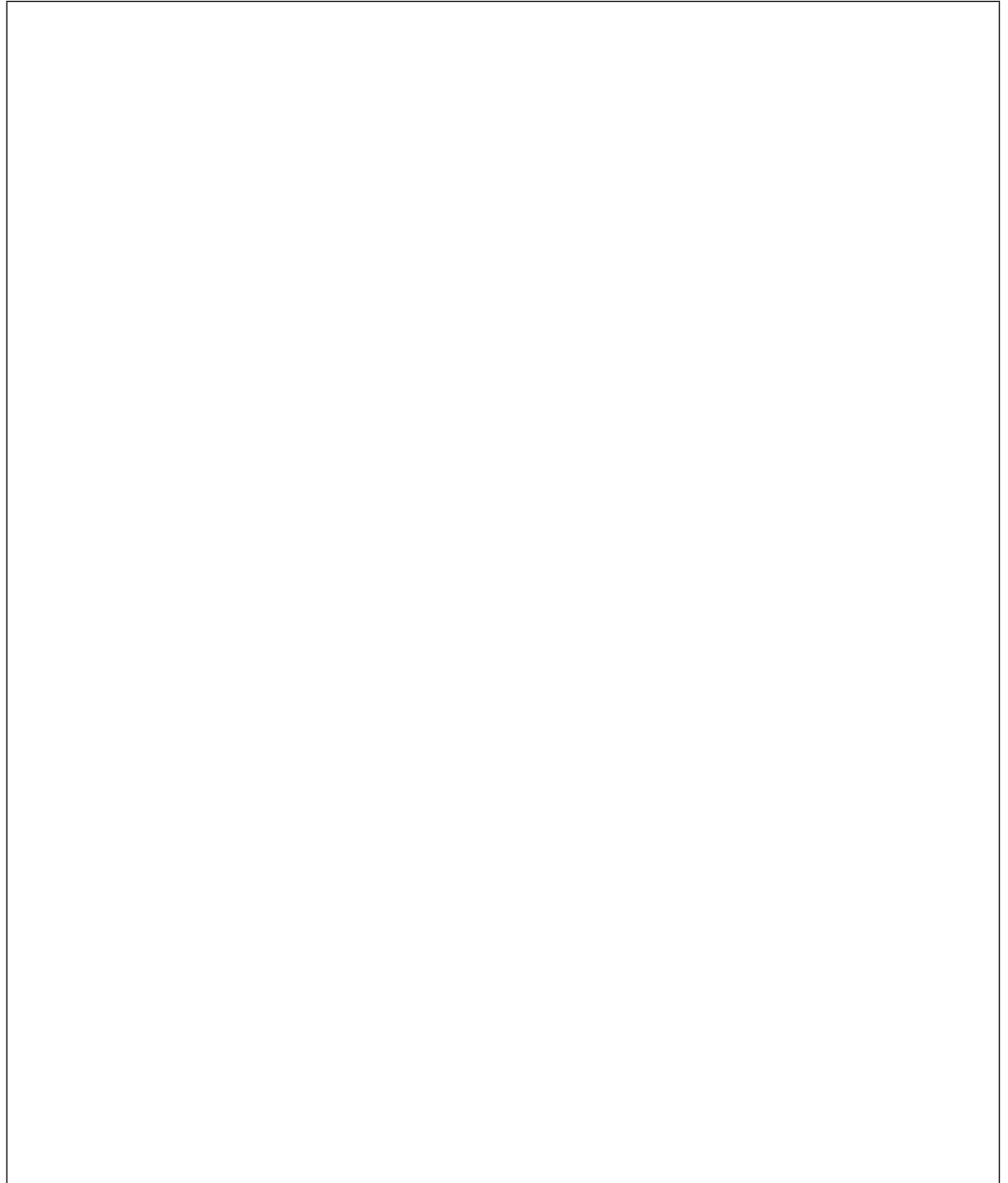
MY NAME IS _____

PREPARATION BEFORE READING:

You can see that there are eight Indigenous players at the South Sydney Rabbitohs rugby league football club for the NRL season in 2007.

ACTIVITY 1: YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER

In the box below, draw a picture of you and your favourite sports player training on the field, at the beach, in the pool or at the gym.



Write at least two sentences to describe what is happening in your picture.



ACTIVITY 2: READING FOR INFORMATION

Read the information about the eight Rabbitohs players and answer the questions below.

1. Which position does David Peachey play in?

2. Find Beau. What is his last name?

3. Which player is wearing a yellow jumper?

4. How many players have the letter S in their name? ____

List the players

ACTIVITY 3: SOUND BLENDS

Read through the player profiles.

1. Make a list of all the words that end with *ing*.

2. Make a list of all the words that have *ea* in them.

3. Make a list of all the words that end with *ack*.





ACTIVITY 4: COMPOUND WORDS

Join the words below to make compound words.

Remember that compound words are two or more words joined together to make a new word, for example: bare + foot = barefoot.

full + back = _____

age + less = _____

back + line = _____

walk + over = _____

in + side = _____