

## Facts & Figures

### Key facts

- Australia have scored 956 points since ROBBIE DEANS became Head Coach and need 44 on Saturday to reach 1,000 points in his 42nd test match with them.
- Italy have lost 20 of their last 22 test matches, having only beaten Samoa and Scotland since June 2008.
- ADAM ASHLEY-COOPER will be making his 50th test appearance for Australia.
- KURTLEY BEALE has scored three tries in the two matches on tour against Wales and England. He has scored seven tries for Australia in 2010 and is just three behind Lote Tuqiri's record of ten tries for the Wallabies in a calendar year (in 2004).

### Team news

- Italy have made six changes in personnel to their starting line up from the team that lost 22-16 to Argentina in Verona last weekend. ANDREA LO CICERO comes into the side at prop, FABIO ONGARO returns at hooker, PAUL DERBYSHIRE is at flanker, EDOARDO GORI makes his test debut at scrum half with LUCIANO ORQUERA as his half back partner and ALBERTO SGARBI plays at inside centre.
- Australia have made five changes to their starting line up from the team that lost 35-18 to England last weekend, with JAMES SLIPPER coming in at prop, ROB SIMMONS at lock forward, LUKE BURGESS at scrum half, BERRICK BARNES at centre and LACHLAN TURNER on the right wing.
- SLIPPER and SIMMONS will both be making their first starting appearances for the Wallabies after 12 and four matches respectively from the replacements bench.

### Coaches corner

- Italy have won four and lost 25 under Head Coach NICK MALLETT since he took over in October 2007. In the 30 matches prior to his appointment Italy won 13, drew one and lost 16, a 43% success rate compared to 14% under Mallett, whose four wins have been against Scotland (twice), Samoa and Argentina.
- Australia have won 14, drawn one and lost four playing against northern hemisphere opposition since Head Coach, ROBBIE DEANS, took over in December 2007. The Wallabies have lost twice to England, once to Scotland and Wales during his tenure and drawn against Ireland.
- Australia have scored at least one try in 39 of the 41 test matches played under DEANS, with New Zealand the only side that has kept them at bay.

### 100% record

- Australia have played Italy in 12 matches recognised as tests by both sides and have won every time. The closest Italy came to beating the Wallabies was in June 1994 in Brisbane when they lost 23-20.
- The last time the two sides met was in November 2008 when Australia won 30-20 in Padova, with tries by LACHLAN TURNER and QUADE COOPER.

### Solitary success

- Italy have played eight matches in 2010 and their only victory was a 16-12 win over Scotland in the Six Nations in February in Rome. They finished bottom of the tournament for the third consecutive season, having only won two matches over that period.

### On this day in history

- Australia beat Scotland 31-17 in Glasgow, with MATT GITEAU scoring 14 points for the Wallabies, including one try.

### The man in the middle

- CHRISTOPHE BERDOS of France will be in charge of this match. The 40 year old has officiated in three test matches involving Italy, most recently in the 2010 Six Nations Championship when they lost 17-12 to England in Rome, with MARTIN CASTROGIOVANNI receiving a yellow card.
- Berdos has only officiated in one Australia test match, which saw them beat Ireland 18-12 in Melbourne in June 2008.

### ITALY FACTS AND FIGURES

#### Struggling Azzurri

- Italy have lost 20 of their last 22 test matches, having only beaten Samoa and Scotland since June 2008.

#### Record needed to reach landmark

- Italy need 23 points to reach 7,000 in test rugby but have never scored more than 21 against Australia.

#### 500 up

- MIRCO BERGAMASCO's conversion against Argentina last weekend was Italy's 500th in test match rugby.

#### Personal milestones

- ANDREA LO CICERO will make his 80th test appearance for Italy, having made his debut in March 2000 against England. He is the only player in the Italian squad to have scored a try against Australia, which came in a 69-21 defeat in Melbourne in June 2005.
- MARTIN CASTROGIOVANNI will play his 70th test match this weekend, having made his debut in June 2002 against New Zealand.
- GONZALO CANALE will be making his 60th test match appearance for Italy, having made his debut against Scotland in August 2003. It will be the fifth time he has played against Australia.

#### Debutant

- Scrum half EDOARDO GORI makes his test match debut for Italy, having captained the Under 20s side earlier this year.
- TOMMASO BENVENUTI is the only other player in the Italian side who has not met Australia in test match rugby.

#### That losing feeling

- SERGIO PARISSÉ, who captains the Italian side for the 23rd time this weekend, will be making his seventh appearance against Australia.
- The Italian side have played Australia in 36 matches between them and have been on the losing side each time.
- PAUL DERBYSHIRE and ALBERTO SGARBI have both played six test matches for Italy and have lost them all.

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### AUSTRALIA FACTS AND FIGURES

#### Electric Beale

- KURTLEY BEALE has scored three tries in the two matches on tour against Wales and England. He has scored seven tries for Australia in 2010 and is just three behind Lote Tuqiri's record of ten tries for the Wallabies in a calendar year, which he achieved in 2004.
- BEALE will be playing his first test match against Italy, along with BEN McCALMAN, JAMES SLIPPER and ROB SIMMONS.

#### 1,000 approaching

- Australia have scored 956 points since ROBBIE DEANS became Head Coach and need 44 on Saturday to reach 1,000 points in his 42nd test match with them.

#### A Matt finish

- If MATT GITEAU comes off the replacements bench and scores a try this weekend he will move up to joint sixth in the all time list for Australia with Matt Burke and Stirling Mortlock on 29. If he scores two tries he will move up to joint third with Lote Tuqiri, Joe Roff and Tim Horan.
- GITEAU has scored two tries in five appearances against Italy and 45 points in total.

#### Fond memories

- QUADE COOPER scored a try on his debut against Italy in November 2008 after coming on as a replacement during their 30-20 win in Padova.

#### Other try scorers

- ADAM ASHLEY-COOPER and LACHLAN TURNER have both scored two tries in three appearances against Italy, whilst MARK CHISHOLM has crossed the line once in the three games he has played.

#### Sharpe features

- NATHAN SHARPE is the most capped second row in Australian test history and will make his 92nd test appearance for Australia this weekend.

#### Top ten target

- DREW MITCHELL, who has scored 23 tries for the Wallabies, would move up to joint 10th in the all time list of Australian try scorers alongside Ben Tune if he scores this weekend.

#### 50 up

- ADAM ASHLEY-COOPER will be making his 50th test appearance for Australia, having made his debut against South Africa in August 2005 as a replacement in a 22-19 defeat.

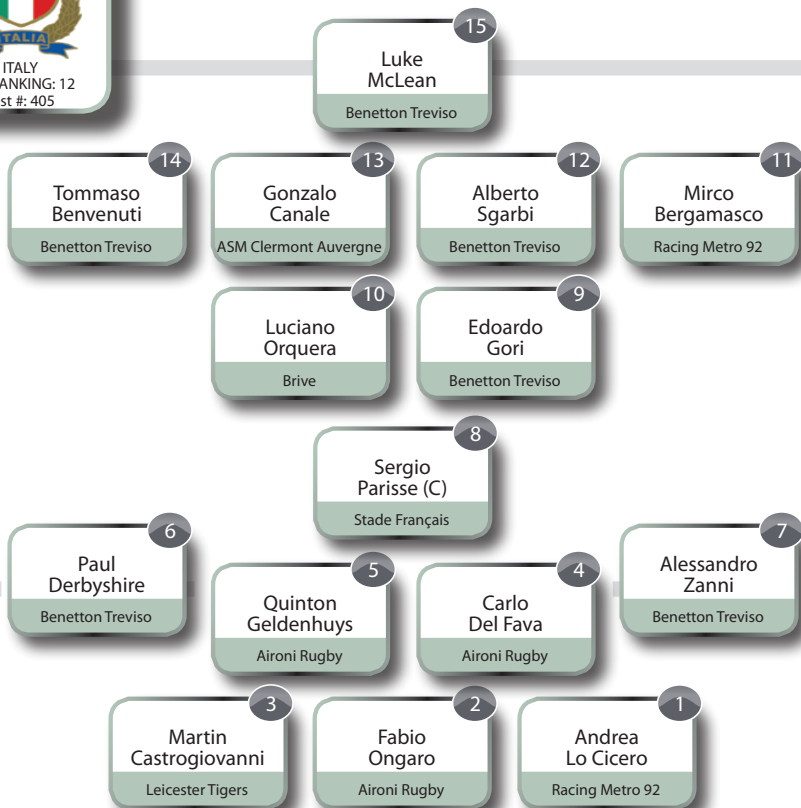
### The case for inclusion

- Australia have won 14 and lost seven (67% success) when BERRICK BARNES has been in their starting line up but have won 12, drawn one and lost 12 (48% success) when he has not been selected to start since making his debut in September 2007.
- BARNES has been selected to play at inside centre and will be making his 30th test appearance this weekend.

### Debutant

- If he comes off the replacements bench on Saturday PAT McCABE will be making his debut for Australia.

Team Sheets



Replacements

- 16 Carlo Festuccia (Racing Metro 92)
- 17 Lorenzo Cittadini (Benetton Treviso)
- 18 Santiago Dellapè (Racing Metro 92)
- 19 Robert Barbieri (Benetton Treviso)
- 20 Pablo Canavosio (Aironi Rugby)
- 21 Riccardo Bocchino (Aironi Rugby)
- 22 Andrea Masi (Racing Metro 92)

Key Stats

# Caps Starting Lineup: 578  
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27  
 Oldest Player: Andrea Lo Cicero (34)  
 Youngest Player: Tommaso Benvenuti (19)  
 Avg Weight Forwards: 110 kg

Officials

Referee:  
 Christophe Berdos (France) - 17 Tests

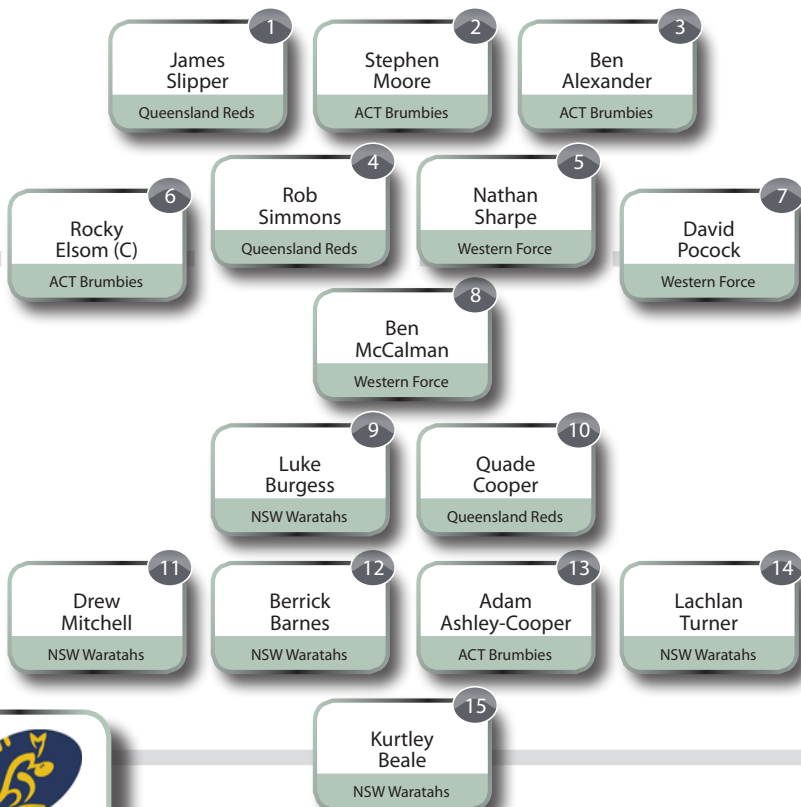
Tests at Venue: 0 Tests  
 Italy: 3 Tests  
 Australia: 1 Tests  
 Test Debut: 24/06/2006 - Junior All Blacks v Japan

Assistant Referee 1:  
 Romain Poite (France)

Assistant Referee 2:  
 Tim Hayes (Wales)

TV Match Official:  
 Geoff Warren (England)

Citing Commissioner:  
 Rob Flockhart (Scotland)



Replacements

- 16 Tafa Tuqalo (NSW Waratahs)
- 17 Benn Robinson (NSW Waratahs)
- 18 Mark Chisholm (ACT Brumbies)
- 19 Matthew Hodgson (Western Force)
- 20 Will Genia (Queensland Reds)
- 21 Matt Giteau (ACT Brumbies)
- 22 Patrick McCabe (ACT Brumbies)

Key Stats

# Caps Starting Lineup: 486  
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 24  
 Oldest Player: Nathan Sharpe (32)  
 Youngest Player: James Slipper (21)  
 Avg Weight Forwards: 111 kg



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
20/06/2009	Australia	34 - 12	Italy	Melbourne
13/06/2009	Australia	31 - 8	Italy	Canberra
08/11/2008	Italy	20 - 30	Australia	Padova
11/11/2006	Italy	18 - 25	Australia	Rome
25/06/2005	Australia	69 - 21	Italy	Melbourne

Summary

Italy		12 Matches (0 Draw)	Australia	
0	Won		12	
158	Points		429	
12	Tries		58	
7	Conversions		42	
27	Penalties		25	
2	Drop Goals		0	

Player Records

For Italy against Australia		For Australia against Italy	
2 Players - 6	Appearances	6 - David Campese	
Ennio Ponzi - 22	Points	46 - Michael Lynagh	
Mauro Bergamasco - 2	Tries	6 - David Campese	
Gert Peens - 3	Conversions	15 - Michael Lynagh	
Ramiro Pez - 7	Penalties	6 - Tim Wallace	
2 Players - 1	Drop Goals	-	

Player Records in a Match

For Italy against Australia		For Australia against Italy	
Ramiro Pez on 11/11/2006 - 18	Points	23 - Michael Lynagh on 03/12/1988	
On 15 Occasions - 1	Tries	4 - Lote Tuqiri on 25/06/2005	
Gert Peens on 25/06/2005 - 3	Conversions	8 - Michael Lynagh on 03/12/1988	
Ramiro Pez on 11/11/2006 - 6	Penalties	5 - On 2 Occasions	
On 2 Occasions - 1	Drop Goals	-	

Team Records in a Match

For Italy against Australia		For Australia against Italy	
On 2 Occasions - 21	Points	69 - On 25/06/2005	
On 25/06/2005 - 3	Tries	11 - On 25/06/2005	
On 25/06/2005 - 3	Conversions	8 - On 03/12/1988	
On 11/11/2006 - 6	Penalties	6 - On 08/11/2008	
On 2 Occasions - 1	Drop Goals	-	



## Head Coach: Nick Mallett

Debut: 02/02/2008 v Ireland (L 11-16)  
 Winning Ratio: 13.79%  
 Average Tries per Match: 0.86

### Italy Record Under Nick Mallett

4 Wins	0 Drawn	25 Lost
362 For	Points	809 Against
25 For	Tries	86 Against
15 For	Conversions	68 Against
64 For	Penalties	79 Against
5 For	Drop Goals	2 Against

## Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
13/11/2010	Argentina	L 16 22	Verona
26/06/2010	South Africa	L 11 55	East London
19/06/2010	South Africa	L 13 29	Witbank
20/03/2010	Wales	L 10 33	Cardiff
14/03/2010	France	L 20 46	St Denis
Points For		70	
Points Ag		185	
Tries For		6	
Tries Ag		21	

## Player Info For Italy

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Andrea Lo Cicero	1	34	18/03/2000	79	16	3	24	1	54	35	7	0	0	0
Fabio Ongaro	2	33	11/11/2000	72	29	2	21	1	50	20	4	0	0	0
Martin Castrogiovanni	3	29	08/06/2002	69	19	3	18	1	50	45	9	0	0	0
Carlo Del Fava	4	29	27/03/2004	46	17	2	11	1	34	5	1	0	0	0
Quinton Geldenhuys	5	29	13/06/2009	14	2	2	2	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Derbyshire	6	24	13/06/2009	6	5	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Alessandro Zanni	7	26	12/11/2005	45	16	4	12	1	32	5	1	0	0	0
Sergio Parisse (C)	8	27	08/06/2002	70	3	6	19	1	50	28	5	0	0	1
Edoardo Gori	9	20		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luciano Orquera	10	29	06/11/2004	15	8	1	3	0	12	34	2	3	6	0
Mirco Bergamasco	11	27	02/02/2002	74	7	4	18	1	55	154	16	7	20	0
Alberto Sgarbi	12	23	10/02/2008	6	2	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Gonzalo Canale	13	28	23/08/2003	59	4	4	18	1	40	30	6	0	0	0
Tommaso Benvenuti	14	19	13/11/2010	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Luke McLean	15	23	21/06/2008	22	2	2	3	0	19	49	2	0	13	0
Total				578	130	36	149	8	421	405	53	10	39	1
Carlo Festuccia	16	30	15/02/2003	47	25	2	15	1	31	10	2	0	0	0
Lorenzo Cittadini	17	27	02/02/2008	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Santiago Dellapè	18	32	02/02/2002	58	8	1	16	1	41	15	3	0	0	0
Robert Barbieri	19	26	11/06/2006	8	2	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Pablo Canavosio	20	28	25/06/2005	31	16	4	8	1	22	30	6	0	0	0
Riccardo Bocchino	21	22	06/02/2010	4	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Andrea Masi	22	29	26/08/1999	53	9	2	15	0	38	55	11	0	0	0

## Records For Italy

### Caps

101 - Alessandro Troncon  
 84 - Mauro Bergamasco  
 84 - Marco Bortolami

### Tries

25 - Marcello Cuttitta  
 22 - Paolo Vaccari  
 21 - Carlo Checchinato

### Points

983 - Diego Dominguez  
 483 - Stefano Bettarello  
 294 - Luigi Troiani

### Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 29 - 3 players  
 Tries: 4 - 2 players  
 Conversions: 12 - Luigi Troiani v Czech Republic on 18/05/1994  
 Penalties: 8 - Diego Dominguez v Romania on 01/10/1994  
 Drop Goals: 3 - 2 players

### Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 104 v Czech Republic on 18/05/1994  
 Tries: 16 v Czech Republic on 18/05/1994  
 Conversions: 12 v Czech Republic on 18/05/1994  
 Penalties: 8 v Romania on 01/10/1994  
 Drop Goals: 3 on 3 Occasions



## Head Coach: Robbie Deans

Debut: 14/06/2008 v Ireland (W 18-12)  
 Winning Ratio: 53.66%  
 Average Tries per Match: 2.49

## Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
13/11/2010	England	L 18 35	London
06/11/2010	Wales	W 25 16	Cardiff
30/10/2010	New Zealand	W 26 24	Hong Kong
11/09/2010	New Zealand	L 22 23	Sydney
04/09/2010	South Africa	W 41 39	Bloemfontein
Points For		132	
Points Ag		137	
Tries For		16	
Tries Ag		11	

### Australia Record Under Robbie Deans

22 Wins	1 Drawn	18 Lost
956 For	Points	853 Against
102 For	Tries	78 Against
76 For	Conversions	56 Against
92 For	Penalties	109 Against
6 For	Drop Goals	8 Against

## Player Info For Australia

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
James Slipper	1	21	12/06/2010	12	12	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Moore	2	27	11/06/2005	53	14	4	29	1	23	15	3	0	0	0
Ben Alexander	3	26	28/06/2008	22	7	3	13	1	8	5	1	0	0	0
Rob Simmons	4	21	24/07/2010	4	4	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nathan Sharpe	5	32	22/06/2002	91	4	3	52	1	38	35	7	0	0	0
Rocky Elsom (C)	6	27	11/06/2005	62	1	2	34	2	26	55	11	0	0	0
David Pocock	7	22	01/11/2008	28	9	3	14	1	13	10	2	0	0	0
Ben McCalman	8	22	24/07/2010	7	2	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Luke Burgess	9	27	14/06/2008	30	9	3	18	0	12	5	1	0	0	0
Quade Cooper	10	22	08/11/2008	22	6	3	14	1	7	41	6	1	3	0
Drew Mitchell	11	26	09/07/2005	53	12	1	26	1	26	115	23	0	0	0
Berrick Barnes	12	24	08/09/2007	29	8	3	19	0	10	37	4	1	0	5
Adam Ashley-Cooper	13	26	20/08/2005	49	6	3	27	1	21	75	15	0	0	0
Lachlan Turner	14	23	05/07/2008	12	0	3	6	0	6	15	3	0	0	0
Kurtley Beale	15	21	28/11/2009	12	4	0	7	0	5	41	7	0	2	0
Total				486	98	31	270	9	207	449	83	2	5	5
Tatafu Polota-Nau	16	25	12/11/2005	23	19	3	13	1	9	10	2	0	0	0
Benn Robinson	17	26	09/09/2006	40	3	1	20	1	19	5	1	0	0	0
Mark Chisholm	18	29	06/11/2004	56	23	3	31	2	23	30	6	0	0	0
Matthew Hodgson	19	29	05/06/2010	3	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Will Genia	20	22	18/07/2009	21	4	0	7	1	13	15	3	0	0	0
Matt Giteau	21	28	16/11/2002	90	12	5	50	2	38	666	28	101	104	4
Patrick McCabe	22	22		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Records For Australia

### Caps

139 - George Gregan
110 - George Smith
102 - Stephen Larkham

### Tries

64 - David Campese
40 - Chris Latham
30 - Lote Tuqiri

### Points

911 - Michael Lynagh
878 - Matt Burke
666 - Matt Giteau

### Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 42 - Mat Rogers v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Tries: 5 - Chris Latham v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Conversions: 16 - Mat Rogers v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Penalties: 8 - Matt Burke v South Africa on 30/10/1999
Drop Goals: 3 - Phillip Hawthorne v England on 07/01/1967

### Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 142 v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Tries: 22 v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Conversions: 16 v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Penalties: 8 v South Africa on 30/10/1999
Drop Goals: 3 on 3 Occasions