



Honoring Australian Indigenous Rugby Heroes

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Do you know any of these Indigenous Rugby greats?

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INDIGENOUS ACHIEVEMENTS IN RUGBY

WALLABIES	AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SEVENS
Lloyd McDermott	Andrew Walker
Mark Ella	Brendan Williams
Glen Ella	Shannon Walker
Gary Ella	Jim Williams
Lloyd Walker	Tim Cornforth
Andrew Walker	Arthur Little
Jim Williams	Willie Gordon
Timana Tahu	Matt Hodgson
Wendell Sailor	Glen Ella
Matt Hodgson	Mark Ella
Kurtley Beale	Barry Lea
Sala Falngaa	Corey Brown
Anthony Falngaa	Casey Mitchel
	Clinton Sills

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Rugby Hero Collector Cards

Learn more about our Australian Indigenous Rugby players. Think about their qualities and behaviours on and off the field. Could they be one of the heroes/heroines in your Rugby Collector Card pack?

Name:
Rugby career highlights:

Heroic actions:

Values demonstrated:

Rugby Hero / Heroine in action



The Ella Brothers – Rugby heroes?

The three Ella brothers – twins Mark and Glen and younger brother Gary – are remarkable Rugby players for many reasons. They are remarkable for their Rugby skills; remarkable for the fact that three brothers represented Australia in Rugby Union at the same time; remarkable that one of them captained Australia. They also happen to be three Aboriginal brothers.

Mark, Glen and Gary come from a large and closely knit family of twelve children who grew up in the Aboriginal community at La Perouse in Sydney. Their parents May and Gordon encouraged all their children to do better at school and sport, teaching them that 'coming second was never good enough if they had the ability to come first'.

They also had the support and encouragement of their athletic siblings and an extended family which could boast of many top athletes, including their cousin Steve Ella, a Rugby League International and their uncle Bruce Stewart who played First grade Rugby League for Eastern Suburbs.

- [Ella Brothers Monument](#)
- [Mark Ella profile](#)
- [Mark Ella 1984 Grand Slam \(2:34\)](#)
- [Wallaby Hall of Fame](#)

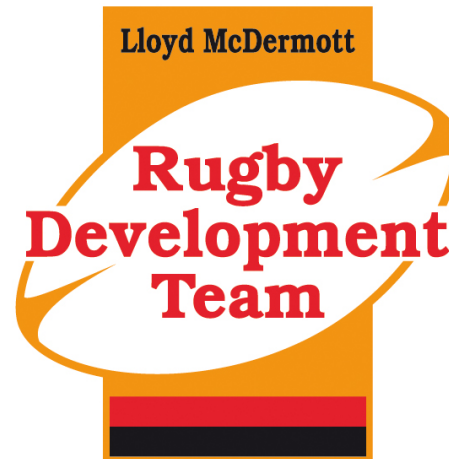


Lloyd McDermott – Rugby hero?

Lloyd McDermott

- Former Wallaby player and first Indigenous player for the Wallabies
- First Aboriginal Barrister
- Founder of the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team with the goal of introducing Rugby to young indigenous men and women across Australia.

[Read more about Lloyd McDermott](#)



Indigenous Rugby programs

Australian Rugby supports [initiatives](#) to increase the exposure of Rugby to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders including:

Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team Inc.

Indigenous Rugby Programs

National U18 Indigenous Program

National U16 Indigenous Championship

National Indigenous Schoolboys Teams

National Indigenous Schoolgirls Team

