



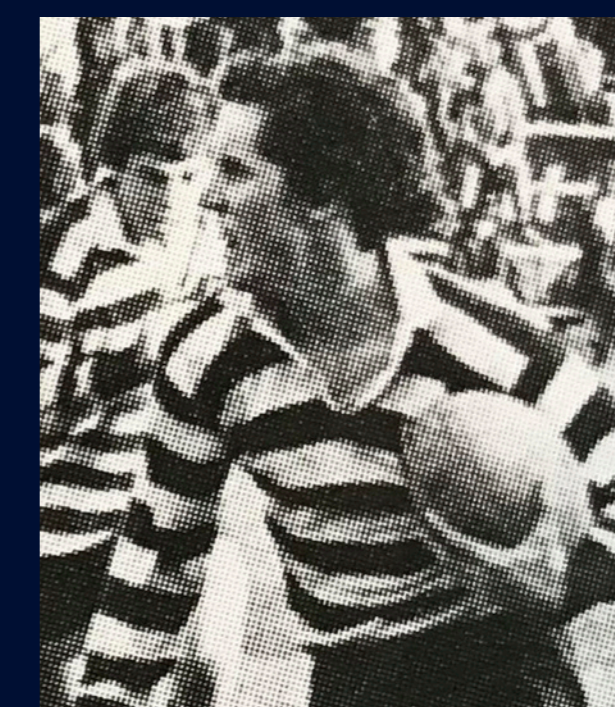
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# Robbie Deans

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## Robert (Robbie) Maxwell Deans

The son, brother and father of Old Boys, Robbie Deans is a New Zealand rugby legend. As a player, manager or coach, his rugby career has taken him all over the world.

The farm boy from North Canterbury boarded in School House, was a prefect, played in the 1st XI from 1975–1977 and in the 1st XV in 1976 and 1977. Keen on economics and mathematics, he qualified from the Christchurch College of Education with a Diploma of Teaching, but never taught – rugby got in the way.

He played for the New Zealand Colts, 146 games for Canterbury, and 19 for the All Blacks. He began coaching rugby professionally in 1997, and with the Crusaders won the Super Rugby Competition five times as coach and twice as manager. He was assistant coach to the All Blacks from 2001–2003.

Robbie coached the Australia national rugby union team from 2008–2013, and the following year took up his current role as coach to the Panasonic Wild Knights in Japan.



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