

History of the Aussie Touch Footie All Stars Card Series

During the early years of Touch development ATA (now TFA) had a active and professional Technical Panel. Areas that were covered were Coaching, Referring, Selection, Women, Masters, Juniors and Equity. Under the guidance of the Directors of each Arm of the Sport development across Australia began to flourish with increased number participating in the sport.

in December 1990, The Womens Director Glenys Woolcock organised a Womens Development Tour of Tasmania, South Australia, and Victoria. The concept was undertaken to promote Women playing Touch in states outside of NSW and Queensland where participation was strong. In 2000 Keith Harris-Walker, the Masters' Director, organised for Australian Age division teams to participate in the European Championship.

Gradually the ATA Boards reduced many Technical areas and gave some of the roles to paid employees thus diminishing the value of the volunteer. To recognise the players and officials' efforts over the early years of the sport an "Aussie Touch Footie All Stars Card" was born. It was designed along the lines of American Baseball cards and subsequently utilised by the Rugby League organisation in Australia

It was accepted by the ATA that such an idea was a good for the marketing of the sport, but that is where concept stopped. The then General Committee approved a list of the people that should appear on the "Aussie Touch Footie All Stars Card" series. The States were supposed to notify the named persons and provide details of them (pictures, age, a brief history etc).

Only NSW Touch did anything about it but not until 1994 when it employed Tracey Matthew to assemble the data for its contingent of All Stars. Tracey however moved on to other employment shortly after and the project folded.

There were no photos of the All Stars taken as they were announced months after the Nationals, towards the end of the year. The State photos were supposed to be given to each player as they paid for them in the then "cost-sharing" arrangement.

The list of the All Stars series which stopped in 1997. Although the Talent Identification Squads were up and running for several years it was felt by ATA that these elite athletes should be the All Stars. This went against my concept of the series, so it was discontinued....and in the end – no one cared!

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AUSSIE TOUCH FOOTIE ALLSTARS CARD SERIES

PLAYER	1980		1982		1983		1984		1985	
1	Ken Irvine	NSW	Ray Kiley	ACT	Donna Baker	QLD	Paul Barton	NSW	John Christopher	NSW
2	Ray Beatie	NSW	Paul Blacklock	TAS	Kerry Norman	QLD	Warren Speechley	NSW	Mark Hornery	NSW
3	Chris O'Sullivan	ACT	Ron Wall	NSW	Owen Lane	NSW	Owen Lane	NSW	Terry Jacks	QLD
4	Steve Saunders	NSW	Lisa Neal	NSW	Dennis Dwyer	NSW	Terry Jacks	QLD	Karen Smith	NSW
5	Terry Jacks	QLD	Karen Smith	NSW	Graham Oates	NT	Ray Kiley	ACT	Paul Wilson	QLD
6	Owen Lane	NSW	Barry Doyle	QLD	Karen Smith	NSW	Maria Arthur	QLD	Kerry Norman	QLD
7	Cheryl McCormack	NSW	John Newton	NSW	Terry Jacks	QLD	Donna Baker	QLD	Terry Starr	NSW
8	Karen Smith	NSW	Maria Arthur	NSW	Tim O'Brien	NSW	Karen Smith	NSW	Donna Jacks	QLD
9	Bob Brett	QLD	Graham Hill	NSW	Ray Kiley	ACT	Lisa Neal	NSW	Ron Wall	NSW
10	Arthur Tsakissiris	QLD	Mark Carter	NSW	Debbie Ginman	NSW	Simon Annesley	NT	John Bonetti	NSW
11	Gordon Abercrombie	VIC	Sue La Fontaine	ACT	Mick Campbell	QLD	Katrina Maher	NSW	Dennis Dwyer	NSW
12									Geoff Vigors	NSW
13									Steven Stokes	NT
COACH MANAGER REFEREE	Barry Reynolds	NSW	Graham Rogers	ACT	Arthur Brannigan	NSW	Ken Irvine	QLD	Alan Satchell	QLD
	Debbie Dowd	NSW	Cary Thompson	NSW	Gwyn Kerr	QLD	Fred Henderson	WA	Peter McNeven	QLD
	Michael Horne	NSW	Brian Burns	NSW	Barrie Keenahan	NSW	Neville Hockey	NSW	Innes McDougal	ACT
OFFICIAL	Phil Smith (President)	ATA	Ron Carroll (President & Executive Director)	NSW	Peter Rooney (President)	ATA	Ken Wells (President)	ATA	Bobette Wilkinson (Manageress)	VIC
GREAT MOMENTS IN TOUCH	First National C'Ship - Gold Coast; QLD		Second National C'Ship - Canberra; ACT		Third National C'Ship - Hobart; TAS		Fourth Nations C'Ship - Sydney; NSW		Fifth National C'ship - Melbourne; VIC	
	2	Formation of ATA	*		*		*		First International Aust. v New Zealand (Melbourne)	
	3	Opening of Touch House at Kingsgrove (NSW).	*		*		*		Visit by Canadian, New Zealand and Fijian Officials	

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PLAYER	1986		1987		1988		1990		1991	
1	Mark Boland	NSW	Mark Boland	NSW	Anita Vincent	QLD	Scott Notley	QLD	Jamie Black	NSW
2	Garry Lawless	ACT	Andy Yiangou	NSW	Bob Brindell	QLD	Paulette Oldham	QLD	Katrina Maher	NSW
3	Michael Burke	QLD	Steve Vickery	NSW	Brett Yates	QLD	Glen Haslem	NSW	Stacey Gregory	NSW
4	Eddie Basile	NSW	Geoff Wardrobe	NSW	Dean Russell	NSW	Stacey Gregory	NSW	Tony Howard	NSW
5	John Christopher	NSW	Mark Hearndon	NSW	Gary Wakefield	QLD	Kerry Norman	QLD	Garry Lawless	ACT
6	Kendra Hall	ACT	Kerry Norman	QLD	Jason Gregory	ACT	Andy Yiangou	NSW	Mick McCall	NSW
7	Steve Clements	NSW	Karen Smith	NSW	Judy Malcolm	NSW	John Fielding	WA	Donald Smith	QLD
8	Greg Devitt	NSW	Tim McKee	WA	Kerry Norman	QLD	Peter Buckland	QLD	Judy Malcolm	NSW
9	Michael Jonson	NSW	Cathy Pearl	NSW	Meg Salisbury	NSW	Sue Dorrington	NSW	Darryl Fry	QLD
10	Arthur Tsakissiris	QLD	Mark Ostwald	QLD	Peter Buckland	QLD	Eddie Hilaire	NSW	Michelle Clough	NSW
11	Karyn Coombes	QLD	Mick Casey	VIC	Scott Notley	QLD	Joanne Van Der	NSW	Jamie Thomas	NSW
12	Joanne Henwood	NSW	Jacquie Anthony	NSW	Sharon Mitchell-	QLD	Griend		Amanda Baska	QLD
13	Craig Pierce	QLD	Rodney Thorogood	QLD	Cowan		Adrian Lam	QLD	Darren Shelley	NSW
14					Stacey Gregory	NSW	Michelle Clough	NSW	Garry Clarke	NSW
					Terry Jacks	QLD	Jamie Thomas	NSW		
COACH MANAGER REFEREE	Graham Rogers	ACT	Bob White	NSW	Des Noble	SA	Maria Arthur	SA	Peter McNeven	QLD
	Ian Curtis	NSW	Peter McNeven	QLD	Gwynne Kerr	QLD	Narelle Thompson	NSW	Ian Rogers	QLD
	Lance Harrigan	NSW	Mick Cook	NSW	Des Charman	QLD	Tim Freebody	QLD	Greg Summers	QLD
OFFICIAL	Phil Smith (Life Membership)	ATA	Chris Carstens (Administrator of Year)	TAS	Dr Paul Webb (Technical Director)	ATA	Bob Watts (Tour Manager)	ACT	Brian Rooney (Head Coach)	NSW
GREAT MOMENTS IN TOUCH	Sixth National C'Ship - Adelaide; SA		Seventh National C'Ship - Perth; WA		Eighth National C'Ship - Gold Coast; QLD		Ninth National C'Ship - Darwin; NT		Tenth National C'Ship - Canberra ACT	
	2 Formation of Federation of International Touch		Visit by PNG and Canadian Officials		First World Cup Gold Coast - Qld		Re-Locating ATA Office To National Capital - Canberra		Second World Cup Auckland New Zealand	
	3 Tour of New Zealand by Australian Teams		Tour of Canada and USA by Australian Teams		Kanga Cup (Canada) Tasman Cup (NZ)		Opening Of NSW TA Club House at Tempe		Tasman Cup Hamilton (NZ)	

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PLAYER	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
1	Mark Boland NSW	Greg Young QLD	Leesa Johnston QLD	Robert Brindell QLD	Margie Allen QLD
2	Joanne Wong NSW	Andy Yiangou NSW	Steve Hughes ACT	Kevin Feldman QLD	Scott Notley QLD
3	Steve Hancock QLD	Ron Chilby NSW	Ron Chilby NSW	Tony Howard NSW	Judy Malcolm NSW
4	Trevor McPhillips QLD	Teena Jennings ADF	Mark Scott NSW	Leesa Johnston QLD	Gary Simons NSW
5	Peter Buckland QLD	Darren Shelley NSW	Darren Shelley NSW	Katrina Maher NSW	Rob Pratt QLD
6	Kerry Norman QLD	Katrina Maher NSW	Michael McGovern ACT	Marc Scott NSW	Kieran Gavin NSW
7	Debbie Biddolph NSW	Mark Boland NSW	Lynelle Hardy NSW	Stacey White NSW	Maurice Stewart NSW
8	Renee Clark QLD	Sharon Williams QLD	Swain Rovelli QLD	Steve Tomlin TAS	Kerry Norman QLD
9	Alex Illin QLD	Jeff Bartlett NSW	Steve Golding NSW	Scott Lewis NT	Donna O'Connor NSW
10	Michael McGovern ACT	Judy Malcolm NSW	Trevor McPhillips QLD	Louise Mumford WA	Craig Madders QLD
11	Patrick Grehan QLD	Giselle Tirado NSW	Ray Wilson NSW	Tanya Mitchell WA	Giselle Tirado NSW
12	Kobie Jones NSW	Peter Marsh QLD	Wayne Clifford NSW	Kelby Pickering SA	Jody English NSW
13	Jamie Thomas NSW	Angela Daley QLD	Gai Taylor NSW	Trent McDonald QLD	Neil Ward QLD
14	Scott Notley QLD	Stacey White NSW	Donna Hollingsworth NSW	Natalie Wilkinson QLD	Robert Brindell QLD
COACH	Garry Giles NT	Peter Bell QLD	Greg Newman NSW	Keith Harris-Walker WA	Colin Jenkinson QLD
MANAGER	Ralph Powell QLD	Ian Rogers QLD	Kathy O'Brien QLD	Ken Crawford NSW	Karama Dorset WA
REFEREE	Tim Freebody QLD	Rick Borg QLD	Niki Ward QLD	Rick Borg QLD	Gary Mournehis NSW
OFFICIAL	Graeme Murphy ATA (Development office)	Bill Ker QLD (Executive Director)	Dick Fairbairn NSW (Life membership)	Ian Stanley NSW (T.I.P. Director)	Dr. Paul Webb NSW (Life Member)
GREAT MOMENTS IN TOUCH	Eleventh National C'ships - Hobart; Tasmania	Twelfth National C'ships - Sydney NSW	Thirteenth National C'ships - Gold Coast; QLD	Fourteenth Nat. C'ships - Gold Coast; QLD	Fifteen National C'ships Masters Only - Gold Coast; QLD
2	Opening of NSW State Office - Beverly Hills	Opening of ATA Office "Mungga-Iri House"	Under Twenties Boys and Girls first appearance at the Nationals	Third World Cup - Hawaii USA	Lipton Ice \$1m SPonsorship for ATA
3	ATA staff move into new premises in Deakin	Test Losses to NZ in Trans Tasman Cup	Australian Under 21 Regional Championships	Inaugural State of Origin NSW v QLD Port Macquarie	Second State of Origin NSW v QLD Port Macquarie

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PLAYER	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
1 Scott Notley QLD 2 Katrina Maher NSW 3 Daren Shelley NSW 4 Robert Brindell QLD 5 Giselle Tirado NSW 6 Michael McGovern ACT 7 Michael Cheung NSW 8 Andy Yiangiou NSW 9 Don Bartz QLD 10 Wayne Brennan NSW 11 David Cheung NSW 12 Tim Kitchingham NSW 13 Annette Mouncey NSW 14 Heather Desbios QLD					
COACH MANAGER REFEREE OFFICIAL	Peter McNeven QLD Harry Appo NT Parish McMahon NSW Keith Harris-Walker WA				
GREAT MOMENTS IN TOUCH	Inaugural NTL (opens) Masters Nationals Coffs Harbour 2 Trans Tasman Tests Brisbane 3 Fourth World Cup Masters Divs Only Gold Coast				