

# David Campese

## *Rugby Great, Host & Motivational Speaker*

David Campese is widely regarded as the greatest rugby player of his generation. In an international career spanning 15 years, he played more test matches for Australia and scored more tries than any other player in a test match (64).

Renowned for at times being controversial and straight-talking, David is one of the most sought after speakers on the international rugby speaking Circuit. He travels the world to share his life story, provide insights into his success and in doing so, inspire others to achieve their potential just as he has done.

David is also regularly booked as a host for VIP rugby and corporate events and engaged as a brand ambassador. He has been a brand ambassador for international companies that include BMW, Mars, Beats by Dr.Dre; Adidas, Coke, Speedo and Ladbrokes. David is also available for TV, print and social media advertising and has appeared in advertising campaigns for Air New Zealand; Beats By Dre and Ladbrokes.

## ***More about David Campese:***

David Campese first capped for Australia against New Zealand in 1982 and has now collected 101 caps, both as a wing-three quarter and at fullback, placing him third in the list of the world's most capped players. He also holds the world record of 63 international tries.

David scored the first of his international tries on his debut against the All Blacks. In his fourth international outing during the first official test match against the USA in 1983, he scored four tries to match the Australian international record.

David was on the Australian Grand Slam side which toured Britain in 1984 and produced the try of the tour against Scotland. Since then he has played in three World Cup tournaments and was on Australia's winning side in 1991 when he was named player of the tournament.

In 1996 David became the first Australian rugby player to play 100 tests. The same year he finished his test career in a game against Wales. A crowd of 70,000 farewelled him with a standing ovation.

Having retired from the field, David has had a celebrated international career. For some time, he lived in Durban, South Africa where he was involved in rugby commentary with Supersport SA and



provided specialist skills coaching for The Murray Mexted Investec Academy as well as private coaching and junior rugby clinics.

In 2011 David launched the David Campese Academy in Hong Kong, which focuses on developing fundamental skills with attention on technique, understanding and practice that enable players and teams to play with skill, speed and imagination. Now, in partnership with Rugby Australia, via the Australian Rugby Foundation and the classic Wallabies, he has established the Academy in Australia.

A talented journalist, David contributes three rugby columns for the Daily Telegraph in Sydney; an online South African website called Rugby Zone and The Roar - an online sports portal.

Orthodox or unorthodox, David Campese has always been memorable entertainment. Fast and elusive, and with his unique "goose-step", he has over the years, provided his fans with his own brand of magic on the field.

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