

Touchies Voice

The Touch Fraternity's Newsletter

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EDITORIAL



The “Rep” season has started. The NTL has come and gone and congratulations to all the winners. Details can be found on the ATA web site.

With the conclusion of the HTL the National Training Squads have been named and the players will now compete for places in the Trans Tasman testes later this year.

It is becoming increasing difficult to get articles for the Newsletter - whereas we sent them a monthly basis last year, it may become a three monthly basis this year. I ask that you send in any “snippets” on your local competitions.

GREAT MOMENTS IN TOUCH

The year 1988 was a milestone in Touch with the First World Cup being hosted by the ATA at the completion of their National Championships on the Gold Coast of Queensland.

The event was of such a magnitude that the program was a combined one titled “The Foster’s National and World Touch Championships” and Ken Done designed the cover of the program especially for Touch – a souvenir to be valued.

AUSTRALIAN TEST SERIES 1988

Prior to the commencement of the World Cup, Australia, played New Zealand and Canada in test series as a warm up for the main event.

On the 11th November 1988, Canada lined up against Australia hoping to reverse the Test series whitewash they experienced on their home soil thirteen months earlier. The Kanga Cup was hereby born.

Their expectations were high as they would be playing under the World Cup rules which allow for a forward (or Gridiron) pass in any series of six touches). The visitors clearly had an advantage in those departments.

Unfortunately for the visitor the home team won all four divisions. The men won 5-1; the women 9-0; the mixed 6-0 and the masters 7-2.

The following day saw New Zealand lined up against the Australians for a two test series for the Trans Tasman Cup. The opening mens game resulted in 0-0 draw which to the visitor was a morale victory. The New Zealand players were quickly on telephones calling back home with the news.

The Australians won the remaining three divisions with the women’s score being 4-0; the mixed 7-0 and the maters 5-1. The “loss” in the mens game saw coach Graeme “Buck” Rogers give his team a stern talking to and the next day saw a vastly different mens side take the field against New Zealand.

All four divisions on day 2 of the series were won by Australia with men avenging the earlier days draw with a 6-0 victory.

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The women held out their opponents 4-2 in a close tussle, the mixed remained dominant with a 7-1 win.

The masters repeated the score of the previous day winning 5-1. Of the twelve tests played over three days, the host country Australia won eleven of them and drew one.

1988 WORLD CUP

The inaugural World Cup saw the host Nation, Canada, PNG and New Zealand contest the Mens, Women and Mixed divisions, with the USA being an extra team in the Masters division (and by the way – coached by yours truly).

The Mens division was won by Australia defeating New Zealand 6-2 in the finals having scored seven victories and recording no losses for a 79-29 for and against for the tournament. Their biggest win was 23-3 against PNG and Bobby Brindall was named player of the series.

In the Womens event Australia again dominated defeating New Zealand 13-0 in the final and recoding a 96-9 for and against for seven straight wins. Their highest score was 18-1 against PNG and the player of the series was Joanne Urban from Canada.

The mixed division saw Australia dominant again winning their seven games and defeating New Zealand in the finals 12-0. They had a 93-11 for and against records with two of their players winning the players of the series awards; Stacey White and Brett Yates

Hardest fought of all divisions was the Masters. Australia finally defeating New Zealand in the final 6-5. They won all their games with a 58-12 for and against. The USA team won 1, lost 1 and drew 2.

8th NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Nationals preceded the World Cup and competition was not only fierce for the championships itself but players were vying for positions in the Australian teams.

Queensland playing in their home state dominated the championships winning five divisions and being runner up in three.

Wins were recorded in the Mens 3-1; Women 5-1; Mixed Juniors 6-6 (higher on table); Men 30's 2-0 and Men 35's 3-

2. NSW were runner up in all these finals and won the Mixed, Women 25 and Men 40's divisions. ACT came third in the Championships and W.A. fourth.

ALLSTARS OF TOUCH

In a year where National pride spilt over into test series and World Cup victories the All-Stars of 1988 remain well and truly entrenched in Touch folklore.

Queensland, and rightly so, dominated the players named this year. The great Bob Brindell, Kerry Norman and Scott Notley, then Anita Vincent, Brett Yates, Peter Buckland, Gary Wakefield, Sharon Mitchell-Cowan, and Hall of Fame player, Terry Jacks.

Jason Gregory was the only ACT player and NSW were represented by Dean Russell, Meg Salisbury, Judy Malcolm and Stacey Gregory

Des Noble was named All-Star coach, Gwynne Kerr as the manager with Des Charman as Referee and Dr. Paul Webb as Official.

LETTERS

Why do referees penalise two-handed touches in Junior and Youth games, allow aggressive touches in Mens games but blow the pea out of their whistle for the same thing in Womens game?

The easiest way to answer your question is to tell you – to ask the referees where you see this happening. Unfortunately you are correct in so far it is a trend that is being discussed both Nationally and Internationally with leading Referees and their Panels.

We are searching for some consistency as the Rule is simply based around “ANY touch with more than a minimum of force”. Two-handed touches, on many occasions do not meet this criterion but still get penalised. Lest keep discussing this with referees so a common approach to its interpretation is reached.

Why would I be penalised for milking a penalty by backing away and causing a voluntary Rollball when the “Mexican Standoff” has come into play. I don't get penalised for this any other time.

Backing away from a touch to milk a penalty is a strategy of the game and is allowed in general play - although I'd suggest if you did this regularly your

coach would not be too pleased with you.

Once the Mexican Standoff rule comes into effect the defender must move forward in an attempt to effect a touch. By backing away your are not moving forward “in an attempt to effect a touch” and should be penalised.

CURRAN-GUTHRIE WEDDING

Current Australian Mens Open Touch player Matthew Curran and ATA employee Maree Guthrie were married in Canberra on Friday 18 January 2002 with only immediate families attending the ceremony.

The married couple travelled to sunny north Queensland Port Douglas for there honeymoon with activities including snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, white water rafting etc. The happy couple enjoyed the wedding day very much and look forward to a long and happy life together.



Their friends through the ATA and International Touch communities wish them all the very best for the future.

PS: Maree is pregnant and they are expecting the child at the end of September / early October - again congratulations to you both

FAMOUS INTERVIEWS



This issue brings changes to the people who have assisted with the famous interviews. The Former Mixed Opens coach Lee Thompson has conducted the latest Interview with one of his great players – the doyen of Mixed Touch – Darren Shelley

Darren Shelley

DoB: 08-11-67

Married to Melissa (JB), 2 children Casey and Bronte

Nickname: Raz or Daz

Occupation Cordial manufacturer, Berts Soft drinks, with father Dennis

Darren first represented Australia as a 20 year old plucked from the NSW under 20's in 1987. He played in the Mixed division that year and toured Canada and the USA. He played Mixed for his country in Test matches again in 1993, 1997 and 1998 having been promoted to the Mens division for the 1991 Test and World Cup matches.

His World Cup campaign was with the Men in 1991 and the Mixed in 1995 winning both series. All told he achieved 11 Test caps and 19 World Cup caps playing for Australia.

No one will forget his performance in his last Mixed appearance for NSW in 1994. The film of this game is used in the Level 3 Coaching Course as a Video Analysis Study.

He played with the NSW mens team in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1995 and with the Mixed in 1993 & 1994. Darrin's Opens representative career has slowed down to now competing at the NTL for his beloved Rebels in the Mixed in 1997, 1999 and in 2000.

When did you first become involved in touch and why?

When I was about 11 or 12 my Dad (Dennis) played with the Holdsworth family and other friends at Cronulla.

To what do you attribute your longevity at the elite level of the sport?

Having a pretty good level of fitness, doing the extra training, wanting to play with friends and enjoying the social aspects of the sport. Support and encouragement from Melissa was paramount.

What were some of your greatest challenges?

I remember the 1995 Nationals and watching NSW play their first round robin game with Bernie Morrison and Dean Russell and we all commented that Darren would need to score 5 for NSW to win. You only scored 3 and lost the game 5-3. Was the '95 Nationals a challenge?

I remember saying to Stacey (Gregory)...Have we played one year to many? The Queensland side had never won a Mixed Open National title and this year they had picked their best team ever with some very good players including up and comers Natalie Parker and Katie Curtis. We didn't have much success in the round games against Qld so I suppose they were confident going into the final.

In the final, it was drawn at full-time and we went to a drop-off. Qld scored in the first set of six so we went back to halfway for our use of possession. We scored after about the fourth touch so it was 1-1 in the drop-off.

I came back on when it was about 4 on 4 and threw an ordinary pass to Grommet (Jason Hunt) who thankfully hung onto it and scored and unlikely victory.

Another enormous challenge was going to NZ in 1998 after losing the Trans Tasman the year before in Brisbane. In the first test in Auckland on Friday night as you know, we tried some different things and were soundly beaten.



Playing for his beloved Cronulla

As captain I felt pretty bad about the sequence of losses. We regrouped, we changed our line defensive pattern, you yourself made some positional changes

and we won the second test and then the third test.

There were more than a few people on that tour who thought we were gone, hundreds, after the first test but we eventually played to our ability and even kept NZ scoreless in the second half of the third test. It was a very satisfying result.

Who were some of your most difficult opponents, and why?

Peter Walters and Kopae Irihei from NZ had great skills and very deceptive. Michael Bourke, Scott Notley, Bobby Brindell and Craig Pearce from Qld were always tough to play against. Mark Boland, Shane Frederiksen, and Jimmy Marinos I played with a bit, but played against quite a lot too and they were very tough opponents.

Some of your better playing partners?

Stacey Gregory, Steve Sutton, Shane, Frederiksen, Mark Boland, Barry Channel, Mick Christopher and Greg English.

If you had to pick your greatest moment in your career - what would it be?

Being picked as Australian Captain for the Mixed in the 1995 World Cup. A bonus was winning and the whole tour to Hawaii was a lot of fun.

Biggest disappointment?

Not winning a State Cup with Cronulla and losing the Mens Open at the '96 Nationals in a drop off.

Biggest influence on your career?

Early on, dad, then probably Bobby White and then Mark Eagan later on.

Who are the stars of the sport now that you and others have retired?

Craig Madders, Matt Curran, McDonald Bros. Garry Sonda, Gabby Maher, the Judds girls and Kylie Wardrobe.

Can you name some up and coming future champions.

Brad Holden (BJ) from Cronulla, Kurt Nowotny from Wests, Steve Roberts from Canterbury and Chris Farrow from Qld.

If there were a rule to change to better the game - what would it be?

1. In the modern game when a team scores a touchdown they lose their advantage because after the restart on halfway they usually are on line defence after 2-3 touches or scored against in that set of six.

The restart should be like gridiron, somewhere between the halfway and scoreline. The now attacking team really has to work harder to get downfield to their scoreline.

The team that has just scored then has not lost all their field position and advantage.

2. When the game moved to six a side it was no coincidence that players defected in large numbers to Oz Tag. A certain level of skill was also lost. Speed was now paramount for the new game.

Local associations need to address this and run an elite competition (6 a side) and also a 7 a side competition to woo back families and the 'slower' competitor.

3. When the attacking team drops the ball, the defending team should be able to pick it up and continue to play. At present the defending team have to guess which blade of grass the referee will let you Rollball on before play can continue.

To be able to pick it up and continue to play would add momentum to the game.

There have been many 'touch romances/marriages' that are short lived. What is your secret for success?

We communicate pretty well. Melissa has always been supportive and encourages me to play at any level. We sometimes play at tournaments together or she'll travel just to watch and support.

Rule number 1 is 'Tourists tell no tales', however, do you have a tale that's tellable?

The funniest was when we went to Hawaii for the '95 World Cup. On the second day we were there, someone, no I tell a lie, it was you Lee, who said, "let's get mopeds and go to the Aloha Markets at the stadium, I know how to get there."

Anyway we eventually got the mopeds after producing fake ID's for a couple of young players and about 8 of us set off on our adventure.

I was riding in the middle of the pack, you were leading because you knew the way and Bernie (Morrison) was riding shotgun (at the back of the line).



NSW Mens Open 1996

Things were going well, scenery was great, we stopped for petrol, then we all of a sudden we went up a ramp and emerged in the middle lane of a six lane highway (the H1, Honolulu's main highway) three stories up. The minimum speed limit for this highway is 45mph and the top speed for the mopeds was 35mph.

Cars, taxis and limo's zoomed past and the noise of the traffic was very loud as we tried to get these sluggish mopeds over to the very far right lane as close as we could to the concrete guard rails.

A couple of us in the lead bunch made it across alright however I could hear screams coming from the back where Melissa (Galea) and Amanda (Judd) yelled, 'Beernieeee, Beerniee, Heeeelp'.

Traffic slowed, nearly causing a pile up and allowed the rest to traverse across 3 lanes to get to the gutter. We then had a 1-2 mile ride before we reached the first exit.

The Americans were so polite and slowed down to call us idiots and to get on the Nimitz (the road network under the H1). We exited the first off ramp, regrouped, some a little shaken but we all laughed at the near tragedy.

We made it to the markets and home again in much less adventurous way.

Interviewer comment: I did know the way, but had previously been by car unaware of the speed limits.

Another incident happened at the '92 Nationals in Hobart. I happened to be walking by Mark Boland's room and noticed it was devoid of belongings and the bathroom was in such disarray.

A few of my Mens Open team mates and myself then alerted our Captain, Mark, to the fact that it looked like someone, or two, had trashed his room and put everything, I mean everything, into his bathroom.

Bed, mattress, lamp, table, chair, clothes all in such a small confined place. Mark understandably, was not impressed. Some people may have done this as a practical joke but it was not funny as the police were called to assist in trying to find the miscreants..

Cronulla Touch had an awards night recently. Any surprises?

Yes, there was a surprise. It was a great honour to have my number 10 Mens Open shirt, signed and framed and retired from all future teams. It still really hasn't sunk in yet.

If you had a dinner party and could invite any 4 guests who would they be?

Kieran Perkins, Nicole Kidman, Andre Agassi, and Alan Jones the broadcaster.

Any superstitions?

Yes a couple. When I play I always wear the same cossies and when getting ready I always put the left sock and left shoe on first

Your favourite Food: Chicken Schnitzel and chips

Drink: Coke and any Berts softdrinks

TV Show: Law and Order

Movie: The Great Escape or Goodfellows (Ray Liotta)

Actor: Robert de Niro

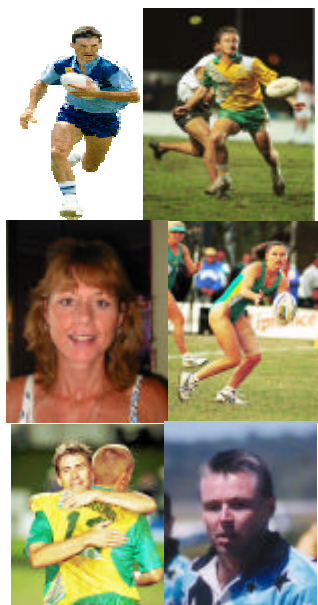
Song: Holy Grail (Hunters & Collectors)

Singer: Bruce Springsteen or John Cougar Melloncamp

Band: Jon Bon Jovi

Darren Shelley, legend of the game, thank you for taking time out and thank you for a lot of great memories.

THE LEGENDS CLUB



Boland, Mark
Brindell, Bobby
Gregory, Stacey
Toohey (nee Maher), Katrina
Notley, Scott
Shelley, Darren

NORTHERN TERRITORY CELEBRATE 21 YEARS 1981 -2002

The Northern Territory Touch Ass., in conjunction with its major sponsors, will be hosting a number of activities throughout the year to celebrate 21 years of touch.

The first of these activities will be a 'BLAST FROM THE PAST' where those truly "GOLDEN OLDIES" will take the field against those truly beautiful 'GOLDEN GODDESSES' who ran onto the paddock in the early 80's. This game will take place on Saturday, 4th May at 6.00p.m. at Fannie Bay Turf Club touch fields.

The weekend of 3rd August will see two activities, which we sincerely hope you can attend. The first is a formal dinner dance to be held on Saturday 3rd August at a venue to be decided.

The second activity on Sunday 4th August is a recovery trip to revisit those fields of glory ie: RAAF, Dinah Beach, Coonawarra and South Block with the odd cool drink along the way.

21 years of history will be on display at the 'BLAST FROM THE PAST' reunion game and also at the dinner dance. Any memorabilia or items which you feel would be appropriate to loan for the display such as playing shirts, photos, touch magazines, medals, trophies, rep side tracksuits please contact Kim Leonard-Bond or Isobel Appo to arrange collection. Please mark items clearly with your name and phone number.

You are cordially invited to attend these activities and to celebrate this 21st Anniversary. Join with us to renew old friendships and create new ones.

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Congratulation NT Touch

ELITE NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD

The Australian Touch Association has announced its Open Mens and Womens National Training Squads in preparation for the 2002 Trans Tasman Test Series at Coffs Harbour in September and the World Cup in Japan in 2003.

A blend of youth and experience has been identified as one of the essential ingredients for success. The ATA Talent Identification process monitors players' progress over 12 months with selection into the NTS after the National Touch League. Players will now vie for selection in the Mens, Womens and mixed teams to represent Australian in September.

A number of familiar faces appear again in the Mens squad, including long time player and captain Neil Ward, Vice Captain Jason Zabelo and play-maker Trent McDonald. The maturity of these individuals will mix well and provide excellent guidance for the less experience players.

Troy Malcolm an outstanding prospect, has also been included in the squad after his performances representing Australia at the Junior level.

In the Womens division Sharyn Williams and Gabby Maher head an impressive list of talented females. Many of the excellent young players from the successful Trans Tasman Test

series in November 2001 have retained their places, together with a number of youngsters.

The Womens squad has a number of 18 years representatives in it, including Kate Adams and Kelly McGennity. Rachel Reid also joins these younger girls in the squad and they should ensure the future of Womens touch at the International level is in good hands.

The Australian teams will be announced following the State of Origin series between NSW and QLD in June and training camps later that month. It will allow coaches time to assess and compare the abilities of the respective players against each other in competition and training.

The State of Origin is one avenue, the training camps allow more specific analysis through assessment of individuals' abilities and their value to the team according to Cathy Gray, ATA Elite Programs Director.

The Trans Tasman Test Series is an important competition for Australian Touch and as the current title holders, we will ensure the best players are available, however our focus is on success at the World Cup next year.

Womens coach Peter Bell and Mens coach Ian Stanley indicated that the pool of available talent was excellent, with a good mix of youth and experience. All this will make the State of Origin 2002 a very interesting series. Combine that with the training camps and the players have plenty in front of them.

Meanwhile, Mixed open coach Tony Trad will wait until the Mens and Womens teams are finalised before announcing the mixed team. The young players progressing through the ranks will also ensure that the mixed team will have an excellent group of players.

After going down by one touchdown in the test series last year many of the players will be looking to even the score line. The coach now believes that we can come out of the next series with a victory.

The Trans Tasman Test Series will be played in Coffs Harbour at the same time as the Australian 18 Years Championships. The ATA has opted to run the events together to show case the international event at the same time as its major youth event.

NTL RESULTS

The NTL was an extremely successful run event in 2002 especially with the introduction of the new Wayville Draw. There were some people who came up and congratulated the NTL Committee for their foresight but sadly a small few, just "knocked". More unfortunately it is the very same people each time around who offer no alternative - just destructive criticisms. All I can say to those folks is - get a life !

Mens Open 2001 semi finalists were; Cobras, Sharks, Mets and Cyclones while the semi finalist this year were; Cobras, Sharks, Mets and Cyclones. And the winner was: Mets 5-4 over Cobras.

Womens Open 2001 semi finalists were; Cobras, Mets, Sharks and Rebels while the semi finalist this year were; Cobras, Mets Hornets and Razorbacks. And the winner was: Cobras 12-1 over Hornets.

In the Mixed division the Scorpions proved too good for the Mets winning the final 7-5. While in the Mens Youth Division the Southern Suns defeated the Gold Coast Sharks 6-2.



The Sharks winning 4-0 over the NQ Tropical Cyclones dominated the Women under 20 division.

The Seniors event proved to be as exciting as the Opens and Youth. The Mens 30 saw the Sharks lose their first game 3-5 to the Scorpions then go through to the final without loss where they defeated the Scorpions 5-4. The Sharks, winning also in 1998, 1999 and 2000 and coming third in 2001, have dominated this division.

In the Womens 30 the Razorbacks did it tough against the committed Sharks just piping them 1-0 in the final.

The over 35 divisions were the private domain of the Scorpions. The Mens 35 reversed the result from last year by crushing the Crusaders 7-3. With the 35 Women being runner up in 2001 for the first time since 1998 they showed no mercy to any team, going through the event undefeated and winning the final against the Suns 3-1

Champions for the past two years the Sydney Mets over 40 were not going to let their crown slip against a determined Brisbane Cobras. The Cobras won the opening game 7-6 against the Mets but in the final a defiant Mets team just defeating the challengers 4-3.

A Trevor McPhillip's led Razorbacks side was unyielding in defending their 2001 crown. Going through to the finals undefeated they met a red hot Suns outfit losing 3-5 to them in the final. A superb game by Mick McCall ensured the Suns would be there next year defending the title.

Only the three Open Divisions had more teams than the Mens 50's. With a compliment of ten teams after only two years in the competition the "oldies" really know how to show the young whippersnappers how to play the game.

After the preliminary rounds the Gold Coast Sharks and the Sydney Mets were equal on competition points; for and against; touchdown differences and averages. A drop-off was needed to determine the second placed team and the sharks won this 1-0.

The Mets were relegated to the quarter finals where they disposed of the Suns 5-1 then ran up against the Sharks again in the semis where they defeated them 5-4. Against the unbackable Rebels in the finals they did the impossible and smacked them 5-2. Club Champions were The Mets on 91 points followed by the Sharks on 90.

GUESSING COMPETITION

Below is a collection of photographs. Try and guess who the famous Touch parents of these children are. First in with the neatest correct entry will have their name published as the winner in the next issue of the Newsletter.



Name the famous Mums and Dads of both these larrikins !



Daniel John ?? born on the 11th April 2002 at 3.32 pm.. Who is his famous Touch Dad ?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2002

26/27 January	Yass Knock Out	Yass	Australia
17/24 February	Australian 18's Development Tour		Cook Islands
17/19 March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
21/23 March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
4th/ 5th May	Queensland State Cup	Bundaberg	Queensland
6th /9th June	Asian Touch Championships		Singapore
8th /9th June	Qld -v- NSW State of Origin	Brisbane	Australia
13th /14th July	European Championships	Cardiff	Wales
18th /21 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
19th /21 September	Trans Tasman	Coffs Harbour	Australia
27th Sept. / 2nd Oct.	Australian All Schools (15's)	Canberra	Australia
31 Oct/2nd Nov.	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

2003

22/27th January	Australian Youth (20's) Tour	South Island	New Zealand
15/17th March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
19/22nd March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
17/20th May	FIT Master World Cup	Kumagaya	Japan
22/25th May	FIT Opens World	Kumagaya	Japan
17/20 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	FIT World Clubs (Opens/Masters)	Various Venues	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
October	FIT World Schools Championships	Cold Coast	Australia
30 Oct/1st Nov.	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

2004

20/26th January	Australian Youth (20's) Tour		Fiji (TBC)
12/14th March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
16/19th March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	Coffs Harbour	Australia
June	Asian Touch Championships		Singapore
June / July	European Championships	TBA	TBA
22/25 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
28/30th October	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

2005

19/23 January	FIT Youth World Cup	TBA	Australia
19/22nd March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	TBA	Australia
24/26th March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	TBA	Australia
June	Asian Touch Championships		Singapore
21/24 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
October	FIT World Schools Championships	Cold Coast	Australia
27/29th October	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia
11/13 November	Trans Tasman Test Series	South Island	New Zealand

2006

18/21st March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	TBA	Australia
23/25th March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	TBA	Australia
June	Asian Touch Championships		Singapore
June / July	European Championships	TBA	TBA
20/23 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
Sept/Oct	FIT World Clubs (Opens/Masters)	Cold Coast	Australia
26/28th October	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

2007

17/20th March	Australian Nationals (Opens/20's)	TBA	Australia
22/24th March	Australian Nationals (Seniors)	TBA	Australia
June / July	FIT Master World Cup	TBA	TBA
June / July	FIT Opens World	TBA	TBA
19/22 September	Australian Youth Championships	Coffs Harbour	Australia
Sept/October	Australian All Schools (15's)	TBA	Australia
1/3 November	Australia Cup	TBA	Australia

If you wish to have any Touch event listed here then please provide details and it will be published in the following issues.

Touch Web Sites

Federation International Touch
www.internationaltouch.com.au

Australia Touch Association
www.austouch.com.au

Chile – Santiago Touch Rugby Club
www.atamericas.com/touch

Richmond Touch Rugby (England)
www.touchrugby.com

Dallas Touch Association
www.dallastouch.com

St. Helens Touch - England
www.st-helens-touch-rugby.co.uk

England
www.touchrugby.com

France
www.multimania.com/touchrugbyfr

Fiji Touch
www.teivovo.com

New Zealand Touch
www.touchnz.co.nz

Canterbury NZ
www.touchcanterbury.co.nz

Japan Touch
www.jp-touch.com

Paradise Touch (USA)
www.macatwork.com/paradisetouch/aboutus.htm

Portugal Beach Touch Rugby
www.bdj3.pt

Rhondda Cynon Taff Touch
www.rcttouch.co.uk

San Diego
www.sandiegotouch.com

Scottish Touch
www.scottishtouch.co.uk

Touch Singapore
www.touchsingapore.org

South Africa
www.touchrugby.co.za

Welsh Touch (see below also)
www.walestouch.org.uk

USA Touch
www.usfit.com

European Championships 2002
<http://euro2002.walestouch.org.uk>

ACT Touch
www.acttouch.com.au

NSW Touch
www.nswtouch.com.au

Queensland touch
www.qldtouch.com.au

Touch SA
www.sharks.asn.au

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