

## David Campese

## RUGBY

David Ian Campese (b. 21 October 1962, Queanbeyan, New South Wales), also known as Campo, is a former Australian rugby union player. Former Australian rugby coach, Alan Jones, said of Campese, "He's probably done one or two bad things and 15 good things." His propensity to make mistakes often made him the central feature of controversial moments, but his brilliance during some of Australian rugby's most vital moments have often led him to be called Australia's greatest rugby player and one of the greatest rugby wingers in the history of the game. Campese was often forthright and cocky, bragging about being a millionaire years before rugby union went professional. But as Nick Farr-Jones once said, "He was just one of those instinctive players that just have pure genius".

Campese was capped by the Wallabies 101 times, and held the world record for the most tries in test matches (64) until Daisuke Ohata scored his 65th try playing for Japan on 14 May 2006. He was voted player of the tournament at the 1991 Rugby World Cup after scoring nine tries in tests that season and six in the tournament. He is famous for his "goose-step" – a hitch-kick motion which left opponents stumbling to try to tackle him.



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