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# THE SEASON

## NATIONAL SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

AN ONION TV PRODUCTION - IN ASSOCIATION WITH WORLD RUGBY STUDIOS  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH'S NATIONAL SCHOOLS FESTIVAL  
PRODUCED BY NICK PIPER JEREMY COWLES JIM GOWING





## SYNOPSIS

The National Schools Rugby Festival, established in 1986, has now become one of the most prestigious schoolboy rugby tournaments in the world, an established date on the calendars and fixture lists of some of the UK's top rugby-playing schools. This year, Onion TV - partnering with World Rugby - will bring its globally acclaimed rugby format 'The Season' to St. Joseph's College Ipswich, where it will follow four teams in the lead-up and during the tournament itself, as each school strives for the prestigious National title.





# EXTENDED SYNOPSIS

Under St Joseph’s College Ipswich’s Director of Sport Anthony O’Riordan, the Festival has attracted some of rugby’s biggest schoolboy stars: Chris Robshaw, Mako Vinupola, Jonathan Joseph, Christian Wade, Jamie Roberts, Matt Dawson, Mike Tindall, Andy Goode, James Haskell, Tony Diprose, Lewis Ludlam and Tom Rees are just some of the players who have stamped their mark on the Festival before going on to international fame.

The tournament has grown in stature - possible only by the hard work and tenacity of the host school - and as

the Festival edges nearer, four teams go under ‘The Season’ spotlight as the countdown to immortality begins. School memories will be forged under the fire of competition, but the National Schools Festival cares not for tradition nor reputation. Instead, the prize is awarded for surviving the war of attrition under the most competitive of circumstances.

## This is The Season - National Schools Festival

# THE SEASON LEGACY:

The Season - Series 1 - Nudgee College	Australia
The Season - Series 2 - Westfields Sports High	Australia
The Season - Series 3 - St Patrick’s College	New Zealand
The Season - Series 4 - St Edmund’s College	Australia
The Season - Series 5 - Hamilton Boys High	New Zealand
The Season - Series 6 - Brisbane Boys College	Australia
The Season - Series 7 - Hillcrest Christian College	Australia
The Season - Series 8 - The 100 Year Wait	Australia
The Season - Series 9 - Return To Nudgee	Australia
The Season - Series 10 - Millfield College	United Kingdom
The Season - Series 11 - National Schools Festival	United Kingdom
The Season - Series 12 - Grey College	South Africa





# THE SHOW

'THE SEASON' is an Onion TV concept produced in partnership with some of the world's leading high schools that shines a spotlight on their sports programs and holistic culture through a combination of unique inside access and cinematic storytelling.

Launched in 2016, the series has become one of the most watched and critically acclaimed grassroots sports documentary online and on broadcast television. It has also been nominated for numerous sports media awards including Sportel's Golden Podium, Australia's Sports Media Awards, Astra Awards and ATOM Awards.

'The Season' embeds itself within a high school sports program for the duration of their respective season, in an effort to experience first hand how student-athletes handle the pressures of sport, work and life.

As the cameras roll, the narrative reveals itself as each team navigates the fine line between the perilous pitfalls of defeat and expectation, while weathering the intoxicating heights of victory and success. There is tradition to uphold, a title to be defended, a legacy

of anecdotal tales from former students, all peppered with the knowledge that sport can be a cruel leveler as it pays little reverence to the effort and emotion that each team expends in order to hoist the trophy high in victory.

Teams must dig deeper than ever before to find the resolve, motivation and desire to repeat as champions, avoid relegation or claim a first ever premiership. The key content revolves around the human interest stories - of students looking to juggle academia, faith and culture with the lure of sporting glory and of a school charged with the responsibility of guiding the boys or girls on the path to their future endeavors.

**Welcome to 'The Season'.**





# CREATIVE SIGNATURE

Onion utilises high-end cinematography with use of slow motion coverage married with the imperative ‘inside access’ live mic capture. The audience experience is fully immersive, lending a visual arc to the human interest narrative. Onion TV has a unique production model that adopts a low maintenance presence with experienced operators who practice an invisibility mindset that leads to engaging ‘behind the scenes’ access while being silent witnesses to the action and interaction before them.

# MEET THE TEAM

## ONION TV

### NICK PIPER

Producer / Director

Nick has worked as a producer, editor and presenter on a variety of TV programs, including travel shows, game shows, reality TV and short films. Using his industry experience and self taught skills, Nick branched out on his own in 2010 and formed Onion TV. Onion TV, specialising in high-quality cinematic content for broadcasters, clients & distribution platforms, is regarded as Australia’s leading sports documentary producer with over 23 series of broadcast television content.

### JIM GOWING

Camera / Editor

Jim is a creative, cutting his teeth at film school in 2008 after initially studying and working as an Engineer. He has since worked as a freelance Cinematographer and Producer/Shooter/Editor specialising in broadcast observational documentaries. Jim has worked on over 30 series productions for Onion TV, Seven, Ten, Fox Sports, Eureka and Fremantle Media and others. Additionally, Jim manages his own independent production house with 10 + years of content creation for a portfolio.

### MAGENTA HORNSEY

Production Co-ordinator

Magenta is our Production Co-ordinator and Graphic Designer. Completing her double degree, in Design and Media & Communications, has equipped her with a range of skills for the creative world. In August 2021, Magenta moved from Melbourne to the Gold Coast and began working in the production industry and as a freelance graphic designer.

### JEREMY COWLES

Camera / Editor

Jeremy’s passion for photography and cinematography began after graduating high school when he purchased his first camera. In the years following, Jeremy found his way onto multiple sports documentary productions as a high-speed action cinematographer and editor. In each incarnation his goal is always the same; to capture distinctive and entertaining stories for the viewer.

### TIM GREEN

Producer

Tim Green is a producer, director and camera operator who, for the last decade, has been responsible for award winning and acclaimed television, including directing and shooting the highly acclaimed documentary series War on Waste, Struggle Street, Filthy Rich and Homeless, Who Do You Think You Are? and ABC’s Catalyst series.

Tim has developed and mastered his technical skills as a camera operator and is equally comfortable directing a multi camera shoot as he is being embedded as a sole operator on an intimate documentary. He has a proven track record of exemplary creative and insightful work with a strong focus on powerful stories.



