

HALL OF FAME

Jaime Mackay

Jaime Mackay was one of Australia's most complete and influential polo players, admired for his natural horsemanship, tactical intelligence, and calm authority on the field. Raised on Cangon Station in Dungog, New South Wales, he came from a long line of horsemen, and that deep family connection to horses shaped both his playing style and his later success as a breeder.

Rising through the ranks in the 1970s and early 1980s, Mackay became a central figure in Australian polo and was appointed captain of the national team in 1986, a role he held for a full decade. Under his leadership, Australia entered one of its strongest modern periods, defeating New Zealand in 1987 and securing a landmark victory over the United Kingdom in 1988. In 1989 he captained a Commonwealth team on a U.S. tour, helping strengthen Australia's international standing and giving younger players exposure to top-level competition.

Mackay was known for his superb positional play at No. 3, his accurate long-range hitting, and his ability to produce fast, balanced ponies that complemented his analytical style. After his playing peak, he continued to shape the sport as a co-coach of Australian Test teams and as a mentor to emerging players. His influence extended beyond polo into thoroughbred breeding, where he and his wife Jennifer produced several notable stakes winners. Mackay's sudden death in 2013 marked the loss of a leader whose legacy continues to shape Australian polo and equestrian culture.

