



NGANI LAUMAPE

KEY STATS

NATIONALITY: Tongan

VILLAGES: Nukuhetulu, Folaha

DATE OF BIRTH: 22/04/1993

POSITION: Midfield

HEIGHT: 1.77m

WEIGHT: 100kg



BACKGROUND

Nani Laumape was born and raised in Palmerston North.

RUGBY JOURNEY

Laumape spent three years with the Kobelco Kobe Steelers from 2022-2025 in the Japan Rugby League One Competition. He played for the Palmerston North Boys' High School First XV and for the New Zealand Schools alongside Ardie Savea.

Described as a 'wrecking ball', Laumape is known for being a powerful ball carrier and unpredictable on attack, making it difficult for opponents to combat.

In 2013 he made the switch to rugby league, debuting for the New Zealand Warriors who he made 30 appearances for across two seasons, scoring 11 tries.

After the stint in league, Laumape signed with the Hurricanes for the 2016 Super Rugby season and quickly made an impact with his strong carries and explosive running game, going on to win the team's first ever Super Rugby title.

He continued his spectacular form in the 2017 season where he finished as the competition's most prolific try-scorer with 15 to his name. He scored a total of 49 tries across his six seasons in the capital.

Laumape's standout campaign caught the eye of All Blacks selectors, earning him his international debut in the 2017 British and Irish Lions series in New Zealand, stepping in

to start for the suspended Sonny Bill Williams in the series decider. He went on to play 15 Tests and two matches for the All Blacks between 2017-2020, scoring 10 tries.

Laumape signed with Moana Pasifika for the 2026 and 2027 seasons.