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**Denver Bulldogs Saddle Up for the United States Australian Football League**

Denver, Colorado—The Denver Bulldogs, an Australian Rules Football Club will be traveling this week to Austin, Texas to play in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual United States Australian Rules Football League National Tournament (USAFL). The Men's Division I team is looking to bring home their 8<sup>th</sup> National Title; always won with the support of their Division IV team, who practice, play scrimmages, and travel to other regular season tournaments as a full time, while the Women's team is hoping to go back-to-back after winning their first title last year.

The Men's team is made up of a variety of Australian and American athletes. From original club legend brothers Charlie and Tom Ellis to players from a variety of other American sporting backgrounds, the team practices with the determination and passion needed to bring Denver another title. Aussie coach and player Tim Wilson-Humphries started playing as a child, growing up in Melbourne. He along with scholarship players Brad Van Ooi and Xavier Shiels came to Denver for the mountains but were happy to find a likeminded club of individuals who were interested in sport, friendship, and competition. They and other Aussies have been instrumental in helping new American players understand and appreciate the game.

This appreciation led to the development of a co-ed league, which bore the first Denver women's team a few years ago. The women's team quickly blossomed and is now led by nine players who competed on the U.S. National Freedom team. The National team recently traveled to Sydney and Melbourne for the International Cup where they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world. The Men contributed three Denver players to the Men's US National Revolution team, placing 4<sup>th</sup>. There are many return players from the Women's 2010 National champion team, but the women added new players and have significantly improved their skills with the help of Coach Bruce Durrell, originally from Melbourne, Australia, and unofficial assistant coach, Bobby Beckman. All players have the determination in the hope of returning to the finals and bringing home another USAFL Cup this year.

The anticipation is palpable as all three teams make their final preparations before facing teams from around the country and Canada this weekend in Austin. For more information on the USAFL and the Denver Bulldogs please visit: [www.usafl.com](http://www.usafl.com) and [www.denverbulldogs.com](http://www.denverbulldogs.com).

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*The Denver Bulldogs are an Australian Rules Football Club located in Denver, Colorado and dedicated to promoting the international sport of "Aussie Rules Football" here in the U.S. and abroad at all levels of competition. They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and member of the United States Australian Football League (USAFL).*

*For more information about the Denver Bulldogs Australian Rules Football Club, call 303-736-9629, or visit [www.denverbulldogs.com](http://www.denverbulldogs.com). For more information about the USAFL please visit: <http://www.usafl.com>.*

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