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Brothers Dylan Dixon and Travis Dixon from the Wee Waa Pony Club have both been selected to represent Australia at the Horseball World Cup.

The Portugal Pair

Dixon brothers to take on the world in August

Wee Waa Pony Club members Travis and Dylan Dixon are off to Portugal in August.

The brothers, sons of Kate and Jason Dixon, will travel to the European country to represent Australia in the third FIHB Horseball World Cup.

The pair were chosen by the Australian Horseball selectors following the National Horseball Championships in Hawkesbury in November 2015.

They will play in two different Australian teams competing at Ponte de Lima, Portugal, in the competition that runs from August 14-20.

Under-16, ladies, and pro elite make up the three categories at the event. Dylan will play in the under-16 team and Travis will be playing in the pro elite.

The pair are two of 288 competitors who will brave the 65 by 25m silica sand and fibre arena.

Each division is made up of 12 teams, and each team is made up of eight players.

Each team is allowed one coach and one team leader.

Junior team manager Richard Riggs from Tamworth and senior team manager Bill Upjohn from Armidale have coordinated the trip and have sourced a team coach for Australia.

Portuguese National Jose Joao Campaao from Mackay has been coaching the teams at Tamworth in preparation for the World Cup.

The teams will travel and stay together while in Ponte de Lima.

Each team pays a fee that covers seven nights at a hotel, breakfast, lunch and dinner during those days, as well as nine boxes per team (eight horses and one tack).

Travis and Dylan both have several years of experience under their belts and should form part of what is set to be a competitive Australian team.

Both said that the French and Portuguese teams would be hard to beat.

The full teams are:

Pro elite-Travis Dixon (Wee

Waa), Tim Upjohn (Arding), Ben Collett (Tamworth), Tyler Simpson (Barraba), Chris Young (Weabonga) and Sam Collett (Tamworth).

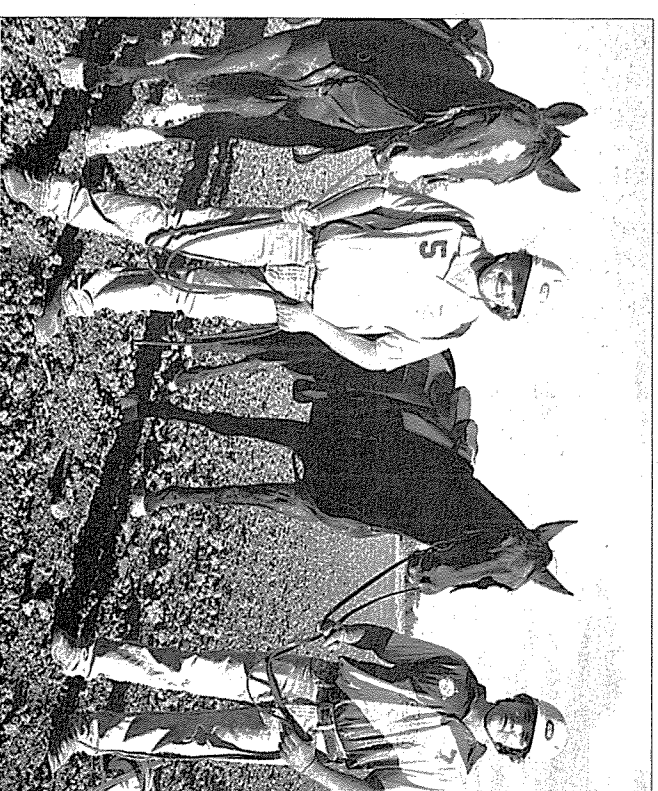
Under-16-Dylan Dixon (Wee Waa), Melanie Young (Weabonga), Jayme-Lee Averillo (Tamworth), Matt Thompson (Barraba), Alina Ditchfield-Goor (Tamworth), and Hannah Morley (Tamworth).

On June 18 a fundraiser will be held for the players at the Wee Waa Pony Club kitchen with a three course meal and auction.

In the next few months the boys will continue to hone their skills.

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Dylan and Travis Dixon are prepared to take on the world.



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