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The tournament is being hosted by the Welsh Rugby Union with the assistance of the other four nations who comprise the traditional Five Nations group - France, Ireland, England and Scotland. Rugby is now one of the most popular and widely played games throughout the world. Its continued expansion is parallel to, and underpinned by, the Rugby World Cup tournament.

Cymru '99 will be the greatest rugby event ever held and takes its place as one of the major sporting events of the world. Since the first tournament in New Zealand and Australia in 1987 it has grown on every front in terms of teams competing, spectators, global audience and commercial interest.

At the end of the day the primary objective of Rugby World Cup is to bring to the nations of the world, professional and amateur, large and small, the chance to compete each against the other on playing fields extending from the Millennium Stadium in Wales to the most remote ground in South Africa, South America or Asia.

Since the last tournament four years ago 69 Unions have competed in 133 matches to allow the final 20 to come to this tournament in search of the William Webb Ellis Trophy on 6 November. I join with all rugby followers throughout the world to wish each and every team and each and every player all the very



Leo Williams

best for a successful and enjoyable competition.

Much work has gone into the organisation of this event. The efforts of our Directors, of the International Rugby Board, of our consultants, of our many paid and unpaid administrators, of our sponsors and suppliers have all contributed and deserve much credit.

I thank them all and in particular thank the Welsh Rugby Union, the Welsh Development Authority, the Welsh Tourist Board and the Cardiff City Council for their support of, and participation, in this event. There will be the odd minor setback in the organisational process but be assured the organisers have done their absolute best to produce the tournament so that people from all over the world, whether at the tournament itself or in their home cities or towns, may truly enjoy great games and a great contest.

My thanks to all who have contributed and my best wishes to all the players and officials.

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Rugby World Cup – The Premier Competition

By Vernon Pugh QC

First it was years, followed by months, weeks and days; and then quite quickly hours, minutes and seconds to the countdown to Rugby World Cup 1999. Now all is in place to present what will surely be the most spectacular achievement in the history of the game.

Rugby World Cup stands apart from all other rugby competitions. Once every four years the game's leading teams meet to determine the best of the best – New Zealand in 1987, Australia in 1991 and South Africa in 1995. In 1999 rugby offers an even greater spectacle as a game that has entered a new and open era, one in which playing standards are higher than ever as professional disciplines and attitudes leave their mark.

For the first time 20 teams will contest the finals, a 25% increase over the three previous finals in New Zealand and Australia (1987), England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and France (1991) and South Africa (1995). On this occasion Wales have the honour to host the tournament, to face Argentina in the opening match, at Cardiff's spectacular Millennium Stadium, on October 1, and to stage the Final at the same location on November 6.

Before then we can savour the prospects of 41 matches over five weeks in five countries. Some will obviously be more closely contested than others. There is the concern as to whether the participation of 20 teams may result in a wider gulf than in previous tournaments. However, every team is represented by its best 30 players and none steps forward with anything other than the bravest of hearts, the most resolute of intentions, and with national and personal pride as the spur.

The IRB sees Rugby World Cup, together with the Sevens RWC and the Women's RWC, each with their own four-year cycles, as the key that opens the way to the continuing development of rugby as a game with a world-wide presence and viability. The revenues generated by Rugby World Cup 1999 will provide a return in excess, hopefully, of £40 million for the global benefit of



the game over the next four years.

Without Rugby World Cup none of this would be possible. Even today, there are many of us who marvel at the scope of what has been achieved since the bold, pioneering decision taken in 1985 to launch the inaugural Rugby World Cup in 1987. For this all to the original group of key administrators. They were the pioneers and their vision for a truly global event provides the great spectacle now enjoyed by billions throughout the world.

As for the teams, the players, coaches and all the essential support staff, the referees and the officials, we wish them well in the weeks ahead. A generous thank you to Wales and their partner unions, Scotland, Ireland, England and France, who have worked so hard over the last three or four years. Further thanks also to RWC Chairman Leo Williams and the other RWC Directors, to Keith Rowlands and his tournament office staff at RSL and to the staff at the IRB's Dublin office.

Rugby World Cup 1999 – your time has come. Let play commence and let it bring pleasure, enjoyment, thrills and excitement in abundance.

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RWC '99: The Qualifiers

By Brendan Gallagher (Daily Telegraph)

I wonder what Guntars Skukaуска is doing these days? Guntars, then a promising biathlete destined for Latvia's Winter Olympics team, kicked the 1999 World Cup off in September 1996 by blazing up the left wing to score the tournament's opening try against Norway at Riga. Winter was just around the corner and the small crowd thankfully headed for the snug bar at the pleasant University clubhouse after Latvia's 44-6 victory. Guntars, then 17 and working as a groundsman at the University sports grounds, expressed his surprise and interest that players in England were now

As he downed a shot of Latvia's world famous vodka you could see his brain ticking over and wondering if professional rugby was for him.

earning good money by playing rugby. As he downed a shot of Latvia's world famous vodka you could see his brain ticking over and wondering if professional rugby was for him. Then he smiled hugely and laughed out loud. The thought was ridiculous. He'd stick to shooting and skiing. For him the World Cup was pure fun. Now, where's that bottle of vodka?



Jonny Kolo'i

By the time flanker Jonny Kolo'i sprinted 50 yards to complete his hat-trick and Tonga had crushed South Korea 82-15 in the final repêchage game this May the qualifying process had become much more serious. The future of Tongan rugby literally depended on qualifying for the World Cup. David Waterston, a key analyst in South Africa's 1995 World Cup winning squad, and Gauteng Lions coach Phil Pretorius had been engaged to get them in shape. The King had sent personal messages to all the team wishing

them well. There could be no slip up.

Between Riga and Seoul - your correspondent was lucky enough to report on both matches - a host of smaller but enthusiastic rugby nations contested their "World Cup Final" during 135 full-blooded internationals. The venue list certainly makes your mouth water and gives credence to the idea that rugby is becoming a worldwide game. Among the exotic locations were Kiev, Vienna, Odessa, Oslo, Chisinau, Budapest, Makarska, Prague, Andorra la Vella, Lisbon, Madrid, Singapore, Bangkok, Nairobi, Casablanca, Port of Spain, Nassau, Bridgetown, Santiago, Rarotonga and Port Moresby.

All those participating relished the competitive experience and enjoyed the increased exposure the tournament gave them. Unlikely sponsors emerged to offer support, local TV stations began to take the sport seriously. There were many success stories. In South America Chile mounted a genuine challenge to Uruguay in an attempt to claim the fourth spot at the Qualifying tournament in Buenos Aires. With their U19 sides performing well at their own World Cup, Chile are a side to watch carefully in the future. They further underlined this by defeating World Cup finalists Spain in a friendly in July this year. Uruguay themselves are also improving steadily, adding to the strength in depth on the South American continent, and Trinidad & Tobago continued to show signs of progress in

the Caribbean.

In Europe Croatia, bolstered by a number of ex-patriat New Zealanders such as Frano Botica and Pau flanker Scott Keith - there is a large contingent of Croatian fishermen in Auckland - made great strides and offered serious opposition to Italy in their half of the draw. There was also a welcome resurgence by the former Soviet States, notably the Ukraine and Georgia. The latter, who can boast one of the biggest packs in international rugby, learned a host of useful lessons against Romania and Ireland during the Qualifying tournament in Dublin and acquitted themselves well in their repêchage games against Tonga, winning their home tie in Tbilisi.

Frano Botica



In Africa the major disappointment was the failure of the Ivory Coast to develop from 1995. Indeed, the standard at the African qualifying tournament at Casablanca was generally poor with only Morocco showing real signs of making progress although Namibia made the best of their slender playing resources to qualify. Nobody in Asia is yet able to match South Korea and Japan especially as the latter are now able to call on their New Zealand contingent but look out for the appearance of China next time around.

The Pacific was predictably dominated by Australia and the big Pacific islands - Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa - but the Cook Islands made a useful debut and could capitalise on their many New Zealand based players next time. Tahiti



also made their tournament debut while Papua New Guinea continue to produce a number of outstanding individual players. The world of rugby is evolving and the big challenge facing the IRB and RWC as we enter the new Millennium is to ensure that none of the merging nations are overlooked.



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Pool Matches

- (1) All Pool Matches carry three match points for a win, two for a draw, and one for a loss. If a Team has been expelled from the Tournament or willfully refuses to play, or willfully abandons a match in progress, that Team shall be awarded no match points and the other Team involved shall be awarded three match points. At completion of the Pool Matches the Teams are ranked 1 to 4, Winner, Runner-Up, Third and Fourth team based on the number of match points.
- (2) If two Teams, at the conclusion of the Pool Stage of the Tournament, are level on match points then the winner shall be:
 - (i) the winner of the Match in which the tied Teams played; but if no winner can yet be declared
 - (ii) the Team which has scored the greater number of points in all its Pool Matches; and if the tie still remains unresolved
 - (iii) the Team which has scored the most tries in that particular Pool Match; and if the tie still remains unresolved
 - (iv) the Team which has scored the most tries in all of its Pool Matches; and in the event of the Teams concerned having scored an equal number of tries
 - (v) the total points scored by each Team in all the Pool Matches if played shall be divided by the total points scored against it by each Team in the foregoing Matches and the team with the higher quotient shall be the winner; and if the tie still remains unresolved
 - (vi) the Team which has had the least number of players ordered from the field throughout the Tournament shall be declared the winner; and if after this exhaustive process no winner emerges
 - (vii) the winner shall be settled by the toss of a coin between the Managers concerned.
- (3) If more than two teams, at the conclusion of the Pool Stage of the Tournament, are level on match points then they should be ranked by consideration of all Pool Matches as follows:
 - (i) the team which has scored the greater number of points in all its Pool Matches; and if the tie still remains unresolved
 - (ii) the team which has scored the most tries in all of its Pool Matches; and in the event of the teams concerned having scored an equal number of tries
 - (iii) the total points scored by each team in all the Pool Matches, if played, shall be divided by the total Points scored against it by each team in the foregoing Matches and the team with the higher quotient shall be the winner; and if the tie still remains unresolved
 - (iv) the team which has had the least number of players ordered from the field throughout the Tournament shall be declared the winner; and, if after this exhaustive process no winner emerges
 - (v) the Winner shall be settled by the toss of a coin between the Managers concerned.

Third Best Overall

Once the third team has been identified in each Pool then the third best overall shall be determined as follows:

- (i) the team with the most number of match points following all its pool matches; if no outright winner has emerged then;
- (ii) the team with the most scored points in all its matches; but if that produces no outright winner then;
- (iii) the team scoring the most tries in all its matches; but if that produces no outright winner then;
- (iv) the team with the best scored points quotient and if that produces no outright winner then;
- (v) the team which has had the least number of players ordered from the field throughout the Tournament shall be declared the winner; and if after this exhaustive process no winner emerges; and
- (vi) the winner shall be settled by the toss of a coin between the Managers concerned.

Knock-Out Matches

For quarter-final play-offs, quarter-finals, semi-finals and the 3rd and 4th play-off Matches if at no-side the Teams have tied, then the winner shall be determined by the following method until a winner is found:

- (i) after an interval of 5 minutes, extra time of 10 minutes each way shall be played; if no winner can be declared then;
- (ii) the winner shall be the Team to score the most tries in that particular Match; and if that shall not produce a result then;
- (iii) the Team which has had the least number of players ordered from the field throughout the Tournament shall be declared the winner; if after this exhaustive process no winner has emerged;
- (iv) the winner shall be settled by a toss of coin between the Managers concerned.

The Final

- (i) In the Final if no winner is determined at no-side, after an interval of 5 minutes, extra time of 10 minutes each way shall be played. If at the end of extra time no winner has emerged then the winner shall be determined by the following method:
- (ii) the winner shall be the Team to score the most tries in that particular Match; and if that shall not produce a result then;
- (iii) the winner shall be the Team which has had the least number of players ordered from the field throughout the Tournament; and if that does not produce a result then;
- (iv) both finalists shall become joint holders of the Webb Ellis Cup.



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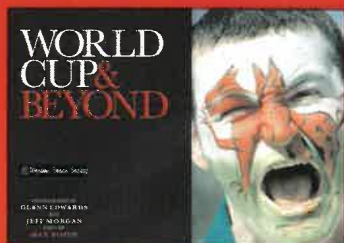
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Professional Rugby... Vernon Pugh speaks

By Paul Ackford (*Sunday Telegraph*)

So how's it been for you? Professionalism, I mean. Have you been thoroughly cheesed off with the whole business, the fact that it happened in the first place, the way it was introduced, the damage it has done to the image of the sport? Do you fear for the future?

Or are you four-square and fearless in the other camp, the group which says it was long overdue, that now that the teething troubles have all been sorted we are seeing the benefits in rising playing standards, in increased commercial clout and, above all, in the sheer watchability of the game.

"There was no alternative. People were being paid on a concealed basis"

Whatever your view, don't go away because we've managed to track down the man who presided over that fateful meeting in Paris in August 1995 when the world of rugby was turned on its head. Cue Vernon Pugh QC, chairman of the International Board, the game's global governing body, and the individual behind the profoundest shift in the sport's history.



Vernon Pugh

Why bin amateurism, Vernon? Why the sudden turnaround?

"There was no alternative. People were being paid on a concealed basis in some countries, or more openly in others. That had to be addressed. The demands on the players were another factor. If we were asking athletes to perform at the intensity and frequency that we were in 1993 and 1994 then it was totally unfair to do so without recompense. You couldn't have the upside of commercial growth, world-wide involvement and expansion everywhere without the necessary corollary of some of the money going to

those that generated most of it.

“We also had to take account of some of the other issues which were causing concern at the time. The southern hemisphere Newscorp deal gave Australia, New Zealand and South Africa the benefit of huge amounts of money, some of which would have been placed in so-called development funds to pay their players. Suddenly half the world would have had a group of very well paid players whereas the other half would not, and that would have led to a split game with the northern hemisphere very vulnerable to attack from entrepreneurs.

Suddenly half the world would have had a group of very well paid players whereas the other half would not.

“As it was, after the 1995 World Cup, I had 60 contracts of Europe’s top players scattered across my living room floor, all of whom had committed to an unauthorised professional rugby circus.”

But what about the carnage that followed, the fights, the bad-mouthing, the bad decisions? Could that have been avoided?

“The sport has been damaged. No doubt about that. Some of the things that have been said and written and done were pretty ferocious. It was all conducted in a language which was foreign to the game. But I don’t think we are holed below the water line.

“We tend to look at the United

Kingdom and sometimes France when this topic is raised and forget that in the rest of the world the game has moved forward at a terrific pace. Over forty countries have come on board in the last decade, for instance, including India and China. Once you begin to take a global view the picture looks completely different.

“What did disappoint and, indeed, surprise me was the lack of acumen on the part of some of the Unions in dealing with professionalism. Some of them pretended it wasn’t happening or chose to postpone addressing it and that opened up a huge lacuna, into which poured individuals without a rugby background and with a false idea of the values of the sport.”

And the benefits of professionalism?

“Plenty. There has been an enormous improvement in the playing standards and the game as a spectator sport has become much more interesting and exciting. The marriage between the contest for possession and continuity is about right and even at the top level rugby is still an activity for all shapes and sizes.

“The infrastructure has also improved noticeably. Rugby has achieved a profile it never had previously. It is now an important part of multi-sport events, featuring in the Commonwealth games and the Asian and African games, where, in the case of the last two, gold medals are on offer to the combatants. There is

enormous potential to develop that further and, of course, with the Rugby World Cup we have one of the great sporting events in the world.

“I also think we are over the worst of the bickering. We need to consolidate over the next five years to allow all our competitions and tournaments to bed down, and we must find an appropriate level of remuneration for the players which will enable the game to live within its means. On a personal level, too, I hope that it will be possible for players to hold down a career and still play rugby at the highest level.

“If there is a continuing risk it may be

to the control of the sport in the sense that it is still a very attractive product to the media giants, but I am optimistic. The financial strength of Rugby World Cup enables the International Board to invest £6-7 million each year in development which will go a long way to safeguarding its future.

“If someone had said in August 1995, on the eve of that momentous decision, that in four years the dust would have settled I would have been very pleased. Other sports have taken generations to sort themselves out and I can honestly say that at the moment we’re in pretty good shape.”



Gavin Hastings – The No 15's

*By Bill Lothian
(Edinburgh Evening News)*

Your specialist subject is full-backs and the World Cup and your time starts now.

Name the only full-back to captain Scotland at Murrayfield in a World Cup tie? Got that? Good.

Now, how about the Glasgow-born full-back who played throughout the 1987 tournament and scored a World Cup try at Twickenham against England four years later?. Right again, eh.

Yes, of course, the answers are, respectively, Peter Dods, that highly respected son of Galashiels brought in to give a lead to his country in a midweek game against Zimbabwe in 1991 and Ray Nelson, a former pupil of the redoubtable Hutchesons Grammar School rugby nursery who made it big with Uncle Sam.

But even those two most capable last lines whose place in the annals of the global game is secure would surely agree that when it comes to making a mark on the World Cup from full-back that is truly indelible one Scot in particular stands head and shoulders above the rest.

Step forward Andrew Gavin Hastings who, in claiming a place among the elite band of players who turned out in the first three tournaments, has gone where



Gavin Hastings

no other has gone before.

A total of 62 points in the first tournament followed by 61 next time round and topped off by a mammoth harvest of 104 as part of his international swansong in 1995 means Hastings rode off into the sunset as the World Cup's leading points scorer with an aggregate of 227.

But, by common consent, there was so much more to Hastings than a facility for clocking up points.

For starters a sizeable chunk of that tally came from tries - nine in total - and what is perhaps most revealing of all

about Hastings is the calibre of player he himself singles out as being worthy of a place in the pantheon of World Cup full-back greats.

It takes one to know one they say...

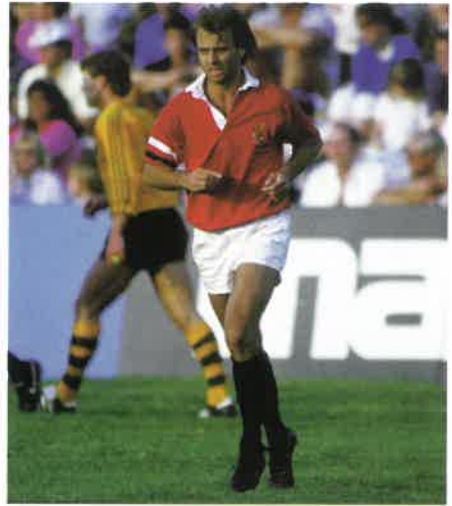
So, put Gavin on the spot and it is a revealing list which comes out.

Serge Blanco (France) André Joubert (South Africa) and Roger Gould (Australia) are the three names which dominate the discussion with particularly honourable mentions for the likes of New Zealand's John Gallagher (timed his runs into the line well) and Wales' Paul Thorburn (very skilful and a good bloke).

Ask Hastings to elaborate on the talents of Blanco though and his eyes light up in appreciation as he remarks:

"When the World Cup arrived I had played two seasons in the Five Nations Championship and I guess Serge Blanco was the best full-back around at the time

Paul Thorburn



Ray Nelson

albeit I thought I had done alright in the first two games I had played against him.

"Blanco was a brilliant rugby player, very talented and could attack from all areas of the field.

"To my mind he was a real modern day full back who was much in the mould of Scotland's own Andy Irvine.

"The full back I used to fear playing

"Blanco was a brilliant rugby player, very talented and could attack from all areas of the field."

against more than anyone was Blanco because of his pace; he was so quick.

"Unless you had him in your sights and you were moving when he had the ball you had no chance of tackling him.

"Against France when there was a scrum in midfield Blanco used to stand to the right and he'd have half the pitch to work on.

"I would be shouting across 'what

about this side?’.

“In those days if French scrum-half Pierre Berbizier threw out a flat pass off from channel one scrummage possession Blanco would take the micky out of the breaking blind-side flanker and you’d never know whether to stay up or lie back because if you were up he would have the capacity to chip over your head and run on for the touchdown.

“Blanco always brought out the best in me when we played against each other because I realised I had to concentrate so much more.”

As for the other leading lights who have worn the No 15 jersey at World Cup level Australia offer most to choose from having gone through the 1987 World Cup with three - Roger Gould, David Campese and Andrew Leeds.

Poor Gould was invalidated out of the action after 78 minutes of the Wallabies’ opening match against England but for Hastings his presence evoked a feeling of *déjà-vu*.

He says: “Roger Gould I remember seeing in the 1984 Wallaby Grand Slam winning team on tour in the British Isles and I thought he was a great player - he was such a big man and the lynchpin of their back division.

“Everything he did he would do it with such confidence.

“It wasn’t so much panache or style it was good, solid reliability. He made the most of his talents. He had a siege gun boot to take a phrase from Bill McLaren.



Roger Gould

He was involved a lot in setting things up in the middle of the back division and I guess I maybe modelled my play as much around him as anybody simply because he was similar in build and never the quickest guy in the world.”

As Hastings points out there are ways to compensate for lack of blistering pace while acknowledging that ability would surely have been stretched by André Joubert whose abilities he sums up, saying:

“I toured with André and he was more of a flair player with all the qualities of a Blanco or an Irvine.

“André was a good kicker as well and having a reliable left foot added an extra dimension because he could ease the pressure on a stand off at scrum-time.”

Others to gain mention in the Hastings hall of full back fame include

Marty Roebuck (Australia), Jean-Luc Sadourny (France) and Jim Staples (Ireland) while he adds “England have produced a succession of reliable types from Marcus Rose through Jon Webb onwards.”

As for his regular understudy Peter Dods, he says: “Peter kept me on my toes and was as important to Scotland as anyone in the past few years because he always did the business.”

Who will do the business from full-back at the 1999 World Cup?

Well what’s certain is that things have a habit of happening to full backs.

Remember how, in 1987, Gavin Hastings briefly set a new individual world scoring record of 27 points for Scotland against Romania only to see the total eclipsed within hours by Didier Camberabero’s 30 point harvest when stepping into Blanco’s berth for a

André Joubert



Kieran Crowley

runaway win against Zimbabwe (who featured tennis professional Andrew Ferreira at No 15).

Perhaps the outstanding full back tale from the World Cup, though, concerned Kieran Crowley, who literally dumped his boots in the bin after failing to make the All Blacks final squad in 1991.

However, injuries to Terry Wright and Shayne Philpott saw Crowley hastily summoned, boots and all, as a replacement to appear in a semi-final against Australia.

Which only goes to prove, you can’t keep a good full back down and when you are mentioned in dispatches along the way by Andrew Gavin Hastings, well, they say there’s no praise like peer praise.

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Spain – Showing their potential

by Frankie Deges

With Argentina and Uruguay, Spain completes the treble of Spanish speaking countries at Rugby World Cup. Both Uruguay and Spain are debutants and will be sharing the same pool.

Their ticket to the World Cup was decided on a one-off game against their closest rivals, Portugal. Their place assured, the team coached by former international Alfonso Feij and captained by livewire captain Alberto Malo has been preparing with a series of tour and matches.

Malo is a fiery backrower who never takes a step back. Leading from the front is demanding, and he expects his side - with a handful of overseas players - to follow.

Spanish chances are very much like Uruguay's. The only game they can target for a win is that against their fellow Spanish speakers. They met a month before the start of the World Cup and the spoils went to the South Americans. Spain was missing their linchpin Andrei Kovalenko, who at number ten is their on-field MD, so neither management is reading too much into this score.

Their solid forward platform will not be a worry to experienced sides such as Scotland and South Africa. But against Uruguay it will be one of the classics of



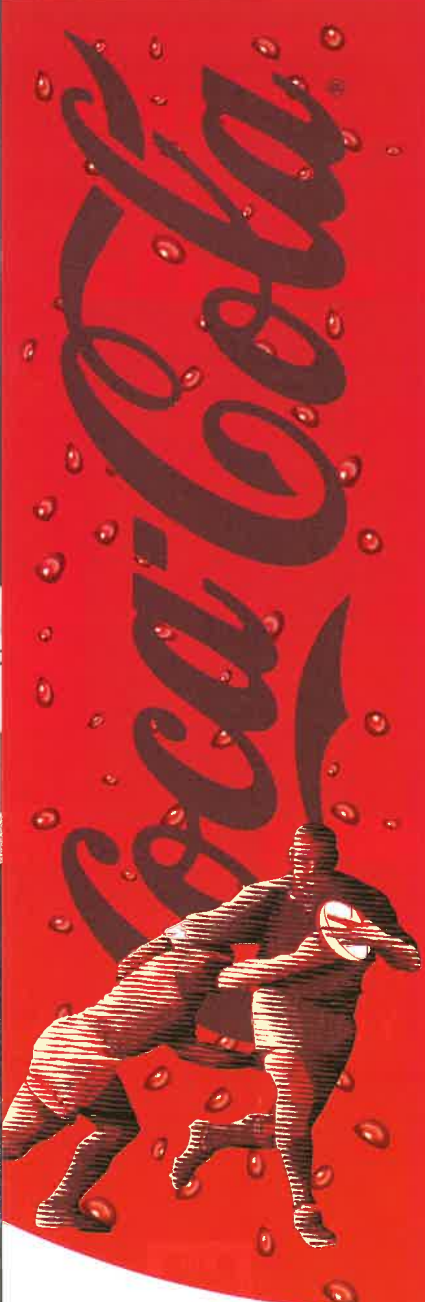
Alberto Malo

the tournament. Two new sides in their quest for a place in the world order.

“It is a privilege to play in the tournament, regardless of how well we perform,” says Malo. He knows that cricket scores are a possibility, so their success will come from “being able to show our different strengths.”

A question mark appears in their defensive pattern.

The game in Spain is in need of a major boost; interest is rising by the minute and a good performance in the tournament is top of the list. This doesn't necessarily mean winning; simply being able to show the world the potential of Spanish rugby.



REFRESHING THE FANS AT THE RUGBY WORLD CUP

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Team Manager	Alfonso Mandado
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Assistant Coach	Tomás Pardo
Doctor	Jesús Olmo
Physiotherapist	Angel de Lanuza
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Spain's last dozen Tests

<i>OPPONENTS</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>VENUE</i>	<i>RESULT</i>
Uruguay	28th August 1999	A	Lost 3-20
Italy	26th August 1999	A	Lost 11-42
Fiji	24th August 1999	A	Lost 20-39
Japan	20th August 1999	A	Lost 7-30
Chile	24th July 1999	A	Lost 18-20
Scotland	5th December 1998	A	Lost 3-85
Portugal	2nd December 1998	A	Won 21-17
Portugal	10th May 1998	H	Won 30-22
Germany	26th April 1998	A	Won 24-9
United States	12th April 1998	H	Lost 3-49
Russia	15th March 1998	H	Lost 31-48
Czech Republic	30th November 1997	H	Won 39-8

Spain's Francisco Puertas, their full-back who plays for St Jean-de-Luz in France, is the most capped player appearing in the Rugby World Cup. He made his international debut against Portugal in 1984 and has 91 caps to his name.

All statistical information is correct as of 31st August 1999



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Jaime Alonso

Club: Dulciora El Salvador
Position: Scrum-half
Date of Birth: 29.04.73
Height: 1.75m
Weight: 75kgs
International appearances: (4 caps)

Jaime Alonso made his debut for Spain at the age of 26 last July in the 20-18 defeat by Chile in a friendly match at Santiago. He has won a place in the Rugby World Cup squad, alongside the more experienced Aratz Gallastegui, with Jorge Torres-Morote, a scrum-half who played in the qualifier against Portugal at Murrayfield last December, not among the party.



Oskar Astarloa

Club: Bayonne, France
Position: Flanker
Date of Birth: 06.09.74
Height: 1.85m
Weight: 95kgs
International appearances: (9 caps)

Oskar Astarloa, a woodcutter by trade, first played for Spain in the 24-9 victory over Germany at Heidelberg in April last year. He has appeared in three Rugby World Cup qualifiers for the 1999 tournament and figured in the entire match against Scotland at Murrayfield last December. Has won other caps against the United States, Portugal and Chile.



Rafael Bastide

Club: Colomiers, France
Position: Full-back/Wing
Date of Birth: 24.11.77
Height: 1.82m
Weight: 88kgs
International appearances: (10 caps, 4T, 20 points)

Rafael Bastide announced his arrival on the international scene with a debut try in a qualifying match for the 1999 Rugby World Cup against Andorra two years ago. Spain won 62-3 at Andorra la Vella and so his dreams of reaching the finals in Scotland moved nearer to reality. Six of his caps have been in qualifiers and he scored a second try against the Czech Republic. Also played in the victorious Colomiers semi-final team against Perpignan in last season's European Cup.



Jordi Camps

Club: UE Santboiana
Position: Prop
Date of Birth: 05.05.73
Height: 1.81m
Weight: 108kgs
International appearances: (25 caps, 3T, 15 points)

Jordi Camps, a student, first played for Spain six years ago when his country beat Tunisia 20-8 in the FIRA Championship. He has since scored international tries against Belgium (1996), Poland (1997) and Chile this year and overall, played in five Rugby World Cup qualifying games, beginning with Switzerland and Belgium in 1993. Appeared against Scotland and Portugal in the Murrayfield qualifiers last season.



Fernando de la Calle

Club: Quesos Entrepinares
Position: Hooker
Date of Birth: 08.06.70
Height: 1.76m
Weight: 95kgs
International appearances: (37 caps, 6T, 30 points)

Fernando de la Calle, a student, celebrated his first appearance in a Spanish jersey with a try during the 43-34 defeat by Argentina in a friendly match at Madrid seven years ago. He won 11 caps the following year and has played twice against Scotland, first in 1995 and then in the 85-3 defeat at Murrayfield last December. Has scored an impressive six tries - especially for a prop - including three overall against the Czech Republic.



José Diaz

Club: Castres, France
Position: Flanker
Date of Birth: 31.03.63
Height: 1.83m
Weight: 95kgs
International appearances: (7 caps, 1T, 5 points)

José Diaz is a relative newcomer to the Spain team, celebrating his debut, at the age of 34, with a try during the 62-3 win over Andorra two years ago in a qualifying match for the 1999 Rugby World Cup. He has since appeared in two qualifiers against Portugal and is another working rugby player. In Spain, the game is on an entirely amateur basis.

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Fernando Diez

Club: Liceo Francés
Position: Centre
Date of Birth: 23.09.74
Height: 1.75m
Weight: 85kgs
International appearances:
(11 caps, 1T, 1DG, 8 points)

Fernando Diez landed a huge dropped goal in the Rugby World Cup qualifier against Portugal at Murrayfield last December and also played in the match against Scotland there. Made his debut in the 47-10 defeat by Uruguay at Montevideo four seasons ago and scored a try in the match against Russia last year. A student, he has won other caps against Uruguay, the Czech Republic, Russia, the United States and Germany.



Alvar Enciso

Club: Dulciora El Salvador
Position: Centre
Date of Birth: 27.02.74
Height: 1.82m
Weight: 82kgs
International appearances:
(31 caps, 4T, 20 points)

Alvar Enciso first trod the international arena when Spain scored 40 points without reply from Switzerland six seasons ago in a qualifying match for the 1995 Rugby World Cup. A student, he played in another four games in his debut year and has added international tries against Portugal, Chile, Morocco and the Czech Republic to his catalogue of success.



Aitor Etxeberria

Club: Oviedo RC
Position: Fly-half
Date of Birth: 21.02.76
Height: 1.89m
Weight: 93kgs
International appearances:
(8 caps, 2T, 9C, 5PG, 43 points)

Aitor Etxeberria, a student, landed four conversions on his debut in the 77-0 win over Belgium in Madrid four seasons ago and his first international tries were both against Germany last year. Has appeared in three Rugby World Cup qualifying matches against Andorra, the Czech Republic and Germany, and this year added to his caps against Chile.



Miguel Frechilla

Club: Quesos Entrepares
Position: Full-back/Wing
Date of Birth: 01.02.74
Height: 1.83m
Weight: 84kgs
International appearances:
(6 caps, 1T, 5 points)

Miguel Frechilla scored his first try for Spain in the match against Chile earlier this year. His debut was in the defeat by Russia in March last year, followed by other appearances against the United States and at Murrayfield, against Portugal and Scotland. He plays for Valladolid, a club based to the north-west of Madrid. He is a versatile player and a student.



Aratz Gallastegui

Club: Getxo Artea
Position: Scrum-half
Date of Birth: 04.09.76
Height: 1.73m
Weight: 71kgs
International appearances:
(12 caps, 2T, 10 points)

Aratz Gallastegui scored a debut try when playing for Spain in the 52-6 win over Russia in the FIRA Championship three years ago. He ran in another against Poland the following year and played in both Rugby World Cup qualifying games at Murrayfield last December. A student, his 'écap' matches include ones against Belgium, Andorra, the Czech Republic, the United States, Germany and Chile.



José Inchausti

Club: Alcobendas RC
Position: Wing
Date of Birth: 01.01.73
Height: 1.82m
Weight: 77kgs
International appearances:
(3 caps)

José Inchausti made a victorious start for Spain when the side beat Portugal 31-20 in Madrid three seasons ago. After a long gap, he won a second cap this year against Chile, so selection for the Rugby World Cup finals offers him a fine opportunity to establish himself. He is among six players in the squad who have the ability to play on the wing, though Rafael Bastide and Miguel Frechilla are also listed jointly as full-backs.

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Andrei Kovalenco

Club: Real Canoe NC
Position: Fly-half
Date of Birth: 12.07.71
Height: 1.80m
Weight: 81kgs
International appearances:
(10 caps, 7C, 24PG, 86 points)

Andrei Kovalenco, Ukrainian-born, was Spain's heaviest scorer in the 1999 Rugby World Cup qualifiers with 44 points in two matches against Portugal and a third against Scotland. Made his debut against Chile in the 28-23 defeat at Santiago in August 1995 and has appeared in other internationals against Russia, the United States and Uruguay. He has shown a growing maturity as a playmaker and has a key role in Spain's ambitions to make an impact in Scotland.



Sebastian Loubens

Club: Bègles Bordeaux, France
Position: Prop
Date of Birth: 15.02.73
Height: 1.79m
Weight: 84kgs
International appearances:
(3 caps)

Sebastian Loubens has a major opportunity in the 1999 Rugby World Cup. Won his first cap before the tournament began. A member of Bègles Bordeaux, he is among the few in the squad who play their rugby outside Spain but he can add a touch of flair so typical of those competing in the hard school of South-West France.



Agustín Malet

Club: Universidad de Sevilla
Position: No.8/Flanker
Date of Birth: 07.07.67
Height: 1.88m
Weight: 102kgs
International appearances:
(5 caps)

Agustín Malet, a student, made his debut for Spain in the 62-3 win over Andorra in November 1997, one of three caps he has won in Rugby World Cup qualifiers. His appearances overall have been against the Czech Republic, Russia, the United States and Germany, as well as Andorra. He is a proud member of a squad representing a Union founded in 1923, comprising 212 clubs and almost 8,000 players.



Alberto Malo (captain)

Club: UE Santboiana
Position: Flanker
Date of Birth: 03.04.64
Height: 1.90m
Weight: 100kgs
International appearances:
(69 caps, 5T, 24 points)

Alberto Malo has played with distinction for Spain since his debut in the 24-3 win over Poland in the FIRA Championship 14 years ago. He has appeared in 13 Rugby World Cup qualifiers, so reaching the finals for the first time has special meaning for this stalwart. Has played against various teams from Group A - Scotland, Scotland A and Uruguay but had yet to appear against South Africa before the tournament began. He works as an administrator.



Luis Martínez

Club: Oviedo RC
Position: Lock/Prop
Date of Birth: 25.02.69
Height: 1.93m
Weight: 115kgs
International appearances:
(6 caps)

Luis Martínez has won four of his international caps in Rugby World Cup qualifiers and played in both games against Portugal and Scotland at Murrayfield last December as his country reached the finals for the first time. Made his debut against Russia in Seville in March last year and has played in other matches against Germany and the United States. He is a student.



Alfonso Mata

Club: Dulciora El Salvador
Position: No.8
Date of Birth: 14.03.73
Height: 1.88m
Weight: 93kgs
International appearances:
(5 caps)

Alfonso Mata is developing a fondness for Scotland - and Murrayfield. He made his debut for Spain there in the Rugby World Cup qualifier against Portugal last December and his side went on to achieve a crucial 21-17 victory to book a return passage this autumn, together with a visit to the Borders to break new ground at Galashiels. His first international appearance this year was against Chile.

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Francisco Puertas

Club: Saint Jean de Luz, France
Position: Full-back
Date of Birth: 18.11.63
Height: 1.86m
Weight: 86kgs
International appearances: (91 caps, 28T, 12C, 21PG, 10G, 220 points)

Francisco Puertas is Spain's most experienced player, having made his debut in the draw with Portugal in Lisbon 15 years ago. He has played in qualifying rounds for two Rugby World Cups and scored six tries in those matches, starting with the Netherlands in 1989. Also dropped a goal in the 1995 qualifier against Portugal. First played against Scotland in 1986, Uruguay the following year but has yet to appear against South Africa, the other Group A team.



Oriol Ripol

Club: UE Santboiana
Position: Wing
Date of Birth: 06.09.75
Height: 1.74m
Weight: 73kgs
International appearances: (8 caps, 3T, 15 points)

Oriol Ripol, a powerful and purposeful runner, first played for Spain in the 31-20 win over Portugal in Madrid three years ago. He scored a try on his debut and another against Belgium in his next match before appearing against Germany and the following year against the United States and Scotland. Also played in the game against Chile this year. He is a student.



Alberto Socias

Club: Valencia RC
Position: Centre
Date of Birth: 16.05.73
Height: 1.87m
Weight: 82kgs
International appearances: (9 caps, 3T, 15 points)

Alberto Socias was a newcomer to the Spain team against Italy at Parma in May 1994. He has since scored tries against Portugal, Belgium and Poland and his appearances include the Rugby World Cup qualifier against Scotland at Murrayfield last year. The Spanish climate encourages running rugby on firm grounds and he relishes those aspects of the game. He works in physical education.



Antonio Socias

Club: Valencia RC
Position: Wing
Date of Birth: 13.10.70
Height: 1.79m
Weight: 82kgs
International appearances: (6 caps, 1T, 5 points)

Antonio Socias, a student, is the elder brother of fellow Rugby World Cup squad member Alberto, adding to Spain's fraternal partnership of the Souto twins, Sergio and Carlos. Antonio's debut was in the 48-31 defeat by Russia at Seville in March last year and he played alongside Alberto for the first time at international level against Scotland at Murrayfield last December. His third cap was in the RWC qualifier against Germany.



Carlos Souto

Club: Oviedo RC
Position: No.8
Date of Birth: 04.11.76
Height: 1.90m
Weight: 112kgs
International appearances: (14 caps, 5T, 25 points)

Carlos Souto has scored two tries against Portugal, together with one in the 52-6 win over Russia when making his debut in Madrid three years ago. His presence in the Rugby World Cup finals partly reflects Spain's policy of selecting only home-produced players, who will take their experience gleaned in Scotland back home to their clubs. Coach Alfonso Feijo believes this will inevitably help the domestic game.



Sergio Souto

Club: Oviedo RC
Position: Lock
Date of Birth: 04.11.76
Height: 1.94m
Weight: 106kgs
International appearances: (3 caps)

Sergio Souto, who plays his club rugby in the north of the country, is the twin brother of Carlos, another Spain squad member. He won his first cap before the Rugby World Cup against Chile in the 20-18 defeat at Santiago last July but has the physical attributes and potential to add to his total. He typifies the strengths of Spanish rugby, which feature bulk in the forwards and is one of many home-grown players in the RWC squad.

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Victor Torres

Club: UE Santboiana
Position: Prop
Date of Birth: 31.01.67
Height: 1.85m
Weight: 110kgs
International appearances:
(11 caps, 1T, 5 points)

Victor Torres, a merchant, played in the Rugby World Cup qualifiers at Murrayfield last season and scored his first international try in a qualifying match against Germany the previous year. His international debut was in the 24-3 victory over Morocco at Casablanca in the FIRA Championship in March 1996. Has also won caps against Portugal, Russia, the United States and Scotland.



Steve Tuineau

Club: UE Santboiana
Position: Lock
Date of Birth: 20.09.69
Height: 1.95m
Weight: 105kgs
International appearances:
(11 caps, 3T, 15 points)

Steve Tuineau scored a maiden try in a qualifying match for the 1999 Rugby World Cup against Andorra two years ago. His first international appearance had been in the 24-3 win over Morocco at Casablanca three seasons ago. He had previously played against such varied opponents as France, the Czech Republic, Portugal, Poland, Russia and last December, Scotland.



Ferrán Velazco

Club: UE Santboiana
Position: Utility Back
Date of Birth: 23.06.76
Height: 1.79m
Weight: 82kgs
International appearances:
(15 caps, 4T, 2C, 24 points)

Ferrán Velazco first played for Spain in the 28-23 defeat by Chile at Santiago in August 1995. His career has incorporated matches against Uruguay, Russia, Germany, Portugal, Poland, Andorra and the Czech Republic and he has also been used as a goalkicker. Has scored tries in qualifiers for the 1999 Rugby World Cup against Andorra, the Czech Republic and Portugal. His versatility makes him a valuable member of the squad.



José Villau

Club: Stade Montois, France
Position: Lock
Date of Birth: 30.10.71
Height: 1.95m
Weight: 100kgs
International appearances:
(31 caps, 1T, 5 points)

José Villau, an agricultural engineer, first played for Spain in the 48-17 win over Morocco in the FIRA Championship match six years ago. He has appeared in five qualifying games for the 1999 Rugby World Cup as Spain, along with Uruguay, become new members of the RWC family. His only international try before this tournament was against Portugal four years ago and his wide experience includes playing against Wales, France and Italy as well as Scotland.



José Ignacio Zapatero

Club: Dulciora El Salvador
Position: Prop
Date of Birth: 25.11.74
Height: 1.82m
Weight: 109kgs
International appearances:
(14 caps)

José Zapatero was a member of the Spain team that beat Portugal 21-17 in the Rugby World Cup qualifier at Murrayfield last December but had made his international debut five seasons earlier in the 38-6 defeat by Italy at Perpignan in the Mediterranean Games. Has played for his country in every subsequent year except 1994 and was a member of the recent team against Chile. He works in industry.



Diego Zarzosa

Club: Dulciora El Salvador
Position: Hooker
Date of Birth: 25.12.75
Height: 1.79m
Weight: 105kgs
International appearances:
(9 caps)

Diego Zarzosa won six of his international caps last year, having made his debut that March in the 48-31 defeat by Russia in a friendly match at Seville. Also played against the United States, Germany, Portugal (twice) and Scotland and this year, appeared in the Chile match. Four of his games have been in Rugby World Cup qualifiers. He is among many students in the Spain squad.



Spain

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 Francisco Puertas
- 17 Aitor Etxeberria
- 18 Aratz Gallastegui
- 19 Alfonso Mata
- 20 Oskar Astarloa
- 21 Victor Torres
- 22 Diego Zarzosa

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- Miguel Angel Frechilla 15
- Oriol Ripol 14
- Alvar Enciso 13
- Sebastian Loubzens 12
- Rafael Bastide 11
- Andrei Kovalenco 10
- Jaime Alonso 9
- (captain) Alberto Malo 8
- Carlos Souto 7
- José Diaz 6
- Sergio Souto 5
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REPLACEMENTS

- 16 Juan Menchaca
- 17 Fernando Sosa Díaz
- 18 Agustín Ponce de León
- 19 Nicolás Grille
- 20 Juan Alzueta
- 21 Guillermo Storace
- 22 Francisco de los Santos

Referee

Chris White (*England*)

Touch Judges

Clayton Thomas (*Wales*)

Didier Méné (*France*)

- 15 Alfonso Cardoso
- 14 Martín Ferrés
- 13 Pedro Vecino
- 12 Martín Mendaro
- 11 Pablo Costáble
- 10 Diego Aguirre
- 9 Federico Sciarra
- 8 Diego Ormaechea (captain)
- 7 Martín Panizza
- 6 Nicolás Brignoni
- 5 Mario Lamé
- 4 Juan Bado
- 3 Pablo Lemoine
- 2 Diego Lamelas
- 1 Rodrigo Sanchez



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Team Manager	Pablo Ferrari
Coach	Daniel Herrera
Assistant Coach	Nicolas Inciarte
Vice President	Jorge Villa
Doctor	Leonardo Sommaruga
Trainer	Washington Amarillo
Physio	Juan Carlos Gonzales
Team Media Liaison Officer	Pablo Lijtenstein

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Libertad o con gloria morir.
Es el voto que el alma pronuncia
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y muriendo también libertad!

Uruguay's last dozen Tests

OPONENTS	DATE	VENUE	RESULT
Spain	28th August 1999	A	Won 20-3
Fiji	26th August 1999	A	Lost 24-39
Italy	22nd August 1999	A	Lost 17-49
Morocco	1st May 1999	A	Lost 18-21
Morocco	18th April 1999	H	Won 18-3
Portugal	3rd April 1999	A	Won 33-24
Portugal	13th March 1999	H	Won 46-9
Argentina	17th October 1998	A	Lost 14-30
Paraguay	10th October 1998	A	Won 93-3
Chile	3rd October 1998	A	Won 20-13
United States	22nd August 1998	A	Lost 16-21
Argentina	18th August 1998	A	Lost 0-55

Uruguay's Diego Ormaechea is at 40 the oldest-ever player to appear in Rugby World Cup final stages. He made his debut for Uruguay in 1979.

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Diego Aguirre

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Fly-half
Date of Birth: 23.09.74
Height: 1.86m
Weight: 95kgs
International appearances: (29 caps)

Diego Aguirre, a university student who attended Lamenais College, has figured in eight Rugby World Cup qualifying matches and plays provincial rugby for Montevideo, his home city. His recent appearances include games against Portugal in Montevideo and Morocco in Casablanca, where even a narrow defeat did not prevent Uruguay from booking their tickets to Scotland.



Sebastián Aguirre

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Fly-half
Date of Birth: 15.07.76
Height: 1.83m
Weight: 90kgs
International appearances: (8 caps)

Sebastián Aguirre, a businessman, first played for Uruguay two years ago and has three Rugby World Cup qualifying games among his international appearances. A product of Lamenais College, he plays for Montevideo as well as Carrasco Polo, the foremost club in Uruguay. Carrasco reached the recent final of the South American Championship Trophy, which the club lost 16-15 to Argentine champions San Cirano.



Juan Alzueta

Club: Trébol Paysandú
Position: Lock
Date of Birth: 09.09.75
Height: 1.88m
Weight: 110kgs
International appearances: (6 caps)

Juan Alzueta is among the few squad members from outside the Carrasco Polo club and plays for Trébol Paysandú, which is among only 12 rugby clubs in Uruguay and situated inland on the border with Argentina. He was born in Dolores, attended Liceo Departamental School and has appeared in one Rugby World Cup qualifying match. He is a student and is single.



Juan Carlos Bado

Club: Old Boys Club
Position: Lock
Date of Birth: 29.12.73
Height: 1.97m
Weight: 106kgs
International appearances: (27 caps)

Juan Bado has played in nine Rugby World Cup qualifying games, having made his international debut three years ago. He studied at the British School, went on to university and was among three Uruguay forwards who scored tries in the qualifying win over Portugal in Lisbon earlier this year and plays at representative level for Montevideo. His pastimes include lower grade rugby coaching and he is single.



Eduardo Berruti

Club: Old Christians
Position: Lock
Date of Birth: 15.03.68
Height: 1.90m
Weight: 115kgs
International appearances: (25 caps)

Eduardo Berruti, a powerful and experienced forward, made his international debut five years ago and a place in the Rugby World Cup finals climaxes his three appearances in qualifying matches. Plays provincial rugby for Montevideo, his home city. He attended Christians Brothers School, works as a businessman, is married with one child and his hobbies include 'disco security'.



Nicolás Brignoni

Club: Montevideo Cricket Club
Position: Flanker
Date of Birth: 03.09.76
Height: 1.94m
Weight: 99kgs
International appearances: (11 caps)

Nicolás Brignoni, a student, is among the elite of the 1000-plus players in Uruguayan club rugby and has appeared in three Rugby World Cup qualifying games. He is a member of a pack with a reputation of being able to look after itself, as befits their traditional rivalry with neighbours Argentina. He is single and his main hobby is surfing the Atlantic rollers.

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Alfonso Cardoso

Club: Old Boys Club
Position: Full-back
Date of Birth: 27.12.71
Height: 1.73m
Weight: 70kgs
International appearances: (21 caps)

Alfonso Cardoso, a businessman with a hobby interest in classic cars, has been a regular member of Uruguay's team in the Rugby World Cup qualifiers and scored a try in the 46-9 win over Portugal last March. An elusive runner, he was educated at the British School, progressed to university and made his international debut two years ago. He plays provincial rugby for Montevideo and is single.



Martín Cerviño

Club: Old Christians
Position: Full-back
Date of Birth: 22.04.79
Height: 1.83m
Weight: 87kgs
International appearances: (3 caps)

Martín Cerviño, the youngest player in Uruguay's Rugby World Cup squad, made his international debut earlier this year but did not appear in any of the qualifying games for this tournament. Highly-regarded by coach Daniel Herrera, he has been given an opportunity to shine in the highest company. Cerviño, who is single, was educated at Stella Maris College and is a student.



Pablo Costáble

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Wing
Date of Birth: 24.04.69
Height: 1.85m
Weight: 90kgs
International appearances: (22 caps)

Pablo Costáble first played for his country five years ago, has appeared in seven Rugby World Cup qualifying matches and knows that this tournament will stimulate interest, securing the future of rugby in Uruguay. He was educated at Santa Rita College and went on to university before working as an administrator. His provincial rugby is for Montevideo and he is married with one child.



Francisco de los Santos

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Hooker
Date of Birth: 07.05.70
Height: 1.78m
Weight: 98kgs
International appearances: (26 caps)

Francisco de los Santos made his debut for Uruguay four years ago and has accumulated caps steadily. They include four in Rugby World Cup qualifying games. Educated at Santa Rita College before going to university, he qualified as an agronomist and is responsible for rural economy in his work. His country pursuits in leisure time include hunting. He is single.



Leonardo de Olivera

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Lock
Date of Birth: 21.11.75
Height: 1.89m
Weight: 115kgs
International appearances: (6 caps)

Leonardo de Olivera plays for Carrasco Polo Club, the national champions, from which almost two thirds of the Uruguay squad for the Rugby World Cup is drawn. He has played in three qualifiers for the tournament that represents his country's first major appearance on the world stage. He attended public school and is married with one child.



Martín Ferrés

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Wing
Date of Birth: 15.01.71
Height: 1.71m
Weight: 82kgs
International appearances: (28 caps)

Martín Ferrés, a doctor, played his first international match for Uruguay three years ago and was a member of the team beaten 21-18 by Morocco in Casablanca last May. That defeat did not prevent buoyant Uruguay, under their youthful coach Daniel Herrera, from reaching the Rugby World Cup finals. Ferrés has appeared in 10 qualifying games and plays at provincial level for Montevideo. He is single.

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Nicolás Grille

Club: Trébol Paysandú
Position: Flanker
Date of Birth: 13.12.74
Height: 1.96m
Weight: 103kgs
International appearances: (15 caps)

Nicolás Grille made his international debut three years ago and has appeared in six Rugby World Cup qualifying matches. Born in Paysandú, he is a strapping back-row forward, a fierce tackler and relished coming to Scotland, a country with similarities to his own - small, friendly and proud of its history. He is married and is a businessman.



Guillermo Laffite

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: No.8
Date of Birth: 19.05.77
Height: 1.80m
Weight: 95kgs
International appearances: (6 caps)

Guillermo Laffite, one of the newer players in his country's Rugby World Cup squad, will appreciate his opportunity to excel in this global tournament. He did not appear in any of the qualifying games but made his international debut two years ago. Was educated at Lycée Française and is now a university student. He is single.



Mario Lamé

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Lock
Date of Birth: 30.01.66
Height: 1.90m
Weight: 111kgs
International appearances: (49 caps)

Mario Lamé, one of Uruguay's most seasoned players, has played in 10 Rugby World Cup qualifying matches since making his debut five years ago. An accountant by profession, he studied at Laménais College and progressed to university. He is married with one child and still finds time for lower grade coaching in his leisure hours.



Diego Lamelas

Club: Champagnat
Position: Hooker
Date of Birth: 14.11.72
Height: 1.68m
Weight: 90kgs
International appearances: (16 caps)

Diego Lamelas was born in Montevideo, plays provincial rugby there and first appeared for Uruguay two years ago. Has figured in seven Rugby World Cup qualifying games. Schooled at Seminario/Elbio Fernandez, he is single and relaxes from his work in the business world and away from the rugby field by singing in a rock band.



Pablo Lemoine

Club: Bristol, England
Position: Prop
Date of Birth: 01.03.75
Height: 1.85m
Weight: 130kgs
International appearances: (19 caps)

Pablo Lemoine is Uruguay's only professional player. He played his first international match three years ago and has already acclimatized to British conditions, having appeared 13 times for Bristol last season and scored three tries. A qualified coach, he has made a strong physical impression on the opposition, being one of the world's few top-class forwards weighing in at more than 20 stones. His previous club was Montevideo CC.



Juan Martin Marqués

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Centre
Date of Birth: 08.06.74
Height: 1.78m
Weight: 86kgs
International appearances: (2 caps)

Juan Martin Marqués is among the new group of players determined to continue raising the profile of the Uruguayan Union, which was founded only in 1951 and draws from an area not as large as the smallest South African province. Schooled at Laménais College, this tournament allows him the most exciting way possible to broaden his rugby horizons. He was born in Montevideo and is a student.

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Juan Menchaca

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Full-back
Date of Birth: 23.07.77
Height: 1.74m
Weight: 78kgs
International appearances: (2 caps)

Juan Menchaca is a talented player, who is not only appearing in this Rugby World Cup but has immense potential, along with squadmates Martin Cervino and Jose Viana, for the next one in 2003. Educated at Lamennis College, he made his international debut two years ago, though did not play in the qualifying matches. He is another of the squad who enjoys surfing.



Martín Mendaro

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Centre
Date of Birth: 01.08.73
Height: 1.73m
Weight: 88kgs
International appearances: (30 caps)

Martín Mendaro has appeared in 11 Rugby World Cup qualifying matches and scored one of Uruguay's seven tries in the 46-9 win over Portugal at Montevideo last March. He was educated at Lamennis College, is a businessman and spends some of his leisure time coaching lower grade rugby. Plays at provincial level for Montevideo, where he was born.



Martín Panizza

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Flanker
Date of Birth: 24.07.70
Height: 1.88m
Weight: 99kgs
International appearances: (42 caps)

Martín Panizza, an agronomist by profession, typifies the Uruguayan forward characteristics of aggressive and decisive defence, even against heavier and sometimes quicker opponents. Made his international debut four years ago and has appeared in 10 Rugby World Cup qualifying games. He was educated at Lamennis College, went to university and is single.



Diego Ormaechea (captain)

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: No.8
Date of Birth: 19.09.59
Height: 1.82m
Weight: 98kgs
International appearances: (61 caps)

Diego Ormaechea, the oldest player in the Rugby World Cup, celebrated his 40th birthday a fortnight before the tournament began. A veterinary surgeon, he first played for Uruguay at the 1979 South American Championships in Chile and now leads his country on its first appearance in the RWC finals. His try against Morocco in the qualifiers helped to achieve this grand design. Rugby runs in the Ormaechea family, his two eldest sons, Nicolás (10) and Agustín (eight) both play for his club in Montevideo.



Fernando Paullier

Club: Old Christians
Position: Centre
Date of Birth: 27.10.67
Height: 1.78m
Weight: 88kgs
International appearances: (11 caps)

Fernando Paullier, a farmer, has played in four Rugby World Cup qualifying matches, notably helping Uruguay to take control of their game against Portugal in Montevideo last March. An athletic runner and staunch tackler, he is among the players that the large contingent of Uruguayan supporters is eager to watch in Scotland. He was educated at Christians Brothers School and is single.



Agustín Ponce de León

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Lock
Date of Birth: 26.08.74
Height: 1.87m
Weight: 105kgs
International appearances: (15 caps)

Agustín Ponce de León was born in Montevideo, the city he represents in provincial rugby. He studied at Lamennis College and has played in five Rugby World Cup qualifying games along the way to the finals in Scotland. His hobbies include jet-skiing on Montevideo's Atlantic coast. He is single and works in commerce.

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Rodrigo Sanchez

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Prop
Date of Birth: 24.10.74
Height: 1.74m
Weight: 96kgs
International appearances: (19 caps)

Rodrigo Sanchez, a try scorer for the Uruguayan Teros during the 33-24 win in the repechage tournament against Portugal in Lisbon, has appeared in seven Rugby World Cup qualifying games. He was educated at Lamenaís College and is now a university student. Made his international debut five years ago, plays at provincial level for Montevideo, his home city, and is single.



Federico Sciarra

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Scrum-half
Date of Birth: 14.02.66
Height: 1.71m
Weight: 80 kg
International appearances: (40 caps)

Federico Sciarra was Uruguay's leading points-scorer in the Rugby World Cup qualifying matches, playing in 10 overall. His reliable placekicking yielded three penalty goals and two conversions in the vital 33-24 win over Portugal in Lisbon and six penalties in the 21-18 defeat by Morocco in Casablanca. Educated at Lamenaís College, he made his international debut 10 years ago, is single and enjoys golf, karting and saunas.



Fernando Sosa Díaz

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Scrum-half
Date of Birth: 12.09.71
Height: 1.68m
Weight: 83kgs
International appearances: (7 caps)

Fernando Sosa Díaz has yet to make an appearance in the Rugby World Cup, not having figured in Uruguay's selection for the qualifying games. He was educated at Lamenaís College and is the international scrum-half understudy to the well-established Federico Sciarra. A married man, he plays for Montevideo, one of the two affiliated provinces to the Uruguayan Rugby Union.



Guillermo Storace

Club: Old Christians
Position: Prop
Date of Birth: 20.03.74
Height: 1.83m
Weight: 115kgs
International appearances: (17 caps)

Guillermo Storace works as a lower grades rugby coach outside his playing hours. He appears in provincial rugby for Montevideo and made his international debut three years ago. Has played in six Rugby World Cup qualifying matches and was educated at Christians Brothers School. He is single and his hobbies include surfing the internet.



José Viana

Club: Old Boys Club
Position: Full-back
Date of Birth: 02.09.77
Height: 1.85m
Weight: 85kgs
International appearances: (5 caps)

José Viana is among the new generation of Uruguayan backs with considerable potential. The Rugby World Cup offers him another learning curve, especially as he did not play in any of the qualifying matches for this tournament. He was educated at the British School, is studying at university and is highly rated by the Uruguayan management team. His interests outside the lecture room and the rugby field include music.



Pedro Vecino

Club: Carrasco Polo
Position: Centre
Date of Birth: 08.03.70
Height: 1.77m
Weight: 85kgs
International appearances: (35 caps)

Pedro Vecino is among Uruguay's senior players, having accumulated caps swiftly during an international career that began only four years ago. Like many of his squadmates, he studied at Lamenaís College, went on to university works as an accountant. His provincial rugby is for Montevideo. He is single.



Uruguay – proving a point

by Frankie Deges

There are a number of interesting aspects of Uruguay's first ever participation in a World Cup final.

- With no more than 1,200 players over the age of 15, they have to be the team with the smallest pool of eligible representatives;
- With nine qualifying matches, they took the longest road to the tournament;
- They are probably the only side to contain a 100% home squad - player and management - with no one born beyond their frontier;
- In Diego Ormaechea, 40, they will have the oldest player to play in a Rugby World Cup final stage;
- A newcomer to the tournament, they will play another debutant, Spain, Five Nations champions, Scotland and defending World Champions, South Africa, definitely not an easy pool;
- Because of its distant location, it is arguably the least known country within the twenty finalists.

The task ahead for Los Teros is not underestimated in the tiny South American nation. Rugby is a small sport in a soccer-mad society. And reaching the World Cup for them means, as aptly put by coach Daniel Herrera, "something



Daniel Herrera

similar to winning the Cup."

Their game plan will be simple. Play their hearts out, avoid humiliation and try to achieve a win against Spain, the only accessible side in their pool. On the technical side, they will have a strong scrum, and be able to win their own lineout ball.

For such a minor team, experience is everything. They will bask at the chance of sharing a field with some of the major names in world rugby. But they also know that if they don't apply themselves, the scorelines might not reflect the gutsy and proud spirit of Los Teros.

They have had few chances to prove themselves in the big time. This will be one and although they know that they will not become instant world beaters, they are willing to prove a point or two.

Today's Referee



CHRIS WHITE (*England*)

Born: 16 July 1963

Occupation: Referee

Played: Centre

Began refereeing: 1990

First International match: Georgia 12

Russia 6, Tbilisi, 20 May 1998

No. of International matches to

August 1999: 7

Milestones: Students World Cup Final 1996,

Ellis Park, South Africa v France; Tetley's

Bitter Cup Final 1998, Twickenham,

Saracens v Wasps

Touch Judges:

Clayton Thomas (*Wales*)

Didier Méné (*France*)



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Stuart Dickinson

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Colin Hawke

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Paddy O'Brien

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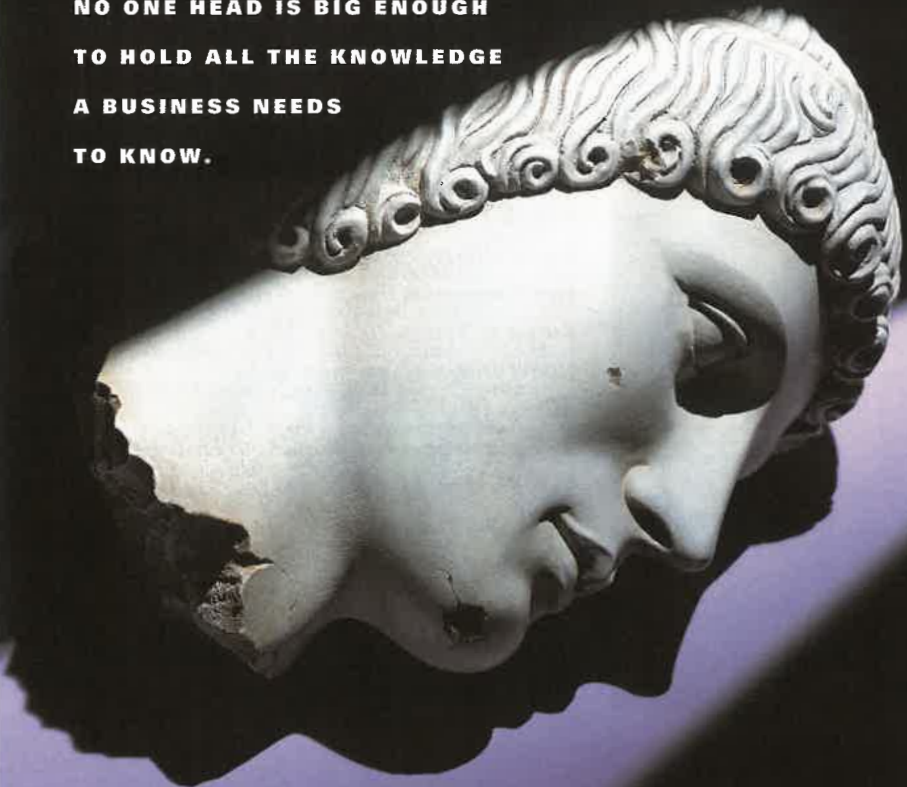
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Uruguay – bringing a global sense to RWC

by Frankie Deges

For ages, Uruguay was fed the leftovers of Argentine rugby in terms of international rugby. They had no regular competition except for the biennial South American Championship that was always won by the Pumas, and seldom did visitors to Argentina cross the river to play in Montevideo.

Rugby World Cup has become a blessing for Uruguay. Surrounded by Brazil (to the north), Argentina (to the west), the River Plate and the Atlantic Ocean, rugby is a small sport in a small and proud nation.

“Uruguay is smaller than the smallest of South African provinces. Both in resources and playing numbers. For us, having qualified for the World Cup is like winning it.”

Daniel Herrera is well aware of this. He says: “Uruguay is smaller than the smallest of South African provinces. Both in resources and playing numbers. For us, having qualified for the World Cup is like winning it.”

Brimming with pride, the Uruguayan national coach knows that the task ahead is huge. Uruguay faces the Five Nations Champions and the World Champions as well as Spain.



Daniel Herrera

“It is very important for Uruguayan sport to have a team playing in a World Cup; soccer failed twice in a row, and other team sports have missed recent World Cups.”

Getting there was hard. Nine games - the most by any team - was the long road they took. “The feeling the day we qualified in Morocco is impossible to describe.”

Uruguay, known as Los Teros, a national bird, will bring a global sense to the tournament. Here is a nation that few know about, competing in one of the top sporting events in the world.

“I can already imagine walking down

the streets in Scotland, seeing my flag hanging and people wanting to know about my country,” says Herrera.

The team will be lead by veteran Diego Ormaechea, who at 40 will be the oldest player ever to play in a World Cup. “I don’t see age as being a factor. I am fit and I would be the first to admit it if I wasn’t playing up to standard. I wasn’t sure whether to play in the World Cup and took it a step at a time. Morocco’s coach, Daniel Dubroca told me that I deserved every accolade and should go and enjoy myself in the World Cup. That, I will do.”

Broad shoulders and twenty seasons of international rugby give the horse veterinarian a chance to retire as he deserves.

“We will not try to kill the ball. I wish that my team is given the chance to compete for periods.”

His side will have the right blend of experience and youth. Ormaechea will be accompanied by Federico Sciarra, at 34, also a veteran of many battles. The scrum-half and goalkicker is “confident that we will be able to represent our nation. We have made sure our preparation is the best ever.”

Uruguayans acknowledge the fact that all they can aim for is a win against Spain and preventing cricket scores against Scotland and South Africa.

“As coach,” says Herrera “I must ask my players to play with their heart and with commitment, which is what they have always done. Yet I know that it will

Federico Sciarra



be impossible against the Boks and Scotland. I sincerely hope that we don't get players injured against them."

Uruguay, in the early stages of the World Cup bid, played negative rugby. They have since opened up and play a more modern game. "We will not try to kill the ball. I wish that my team is given the chance to compete for periods," explains Herrera.

Herrera has selected most of his side from the Carrasco Polo Club. The Carrasco neighbourhood is the residential district of Montevideo. Because rugby in Uruguay is amateur, those who play the game are the middle class; most live in Carrasco.

"It means we are one of the top twenty sides in the world. That, for a country as small as ours, is enough to be proud of."

In spite of the fact that rugby could be portrayed as being the sport of the well off "we have to find a way to support these players," opines *Unión de Rugby de Uruguay* president Andrés Sanguinetti. "The players have jobs or are students and the demand on their time has been enormous in the last year."

Sponsors have been approached and some interesting in-roads have been made, but the amount of money available is not big. Uruguay remains the true amateur side of the tournament. "We will try to give some tour allowances, but might not even get the funding for that," concludes Sanguinetti.



Pablo Lemoine

The only professional player, based in Bristol, is Pablo Lemoine. "I hope that I am a good ambassador for Uruguayan rugby and that this may open doors for other talented players in my country."

He is the first and only rugby pro in a squad and management that will have one particularity: all of them were born and bred in Uruguay and learned their rugby there. Thus, they will be true exponents of Uruguayan rugby.

Lemoine and his team mates have a huge task ahead. The message in Montevideo is very clear: we might not win a game, but being at the World Cup is what this is all about.

"It means we are one of the top twenty sides in the world. That for a country as small as our is enough to be proud of," concludes Herrera.

Uruguayans are a confident lot. They trusted themselves to qualify, and after a

lot of hard work they did so.

At the time of writing they were also confident that either the International Rugby Board or Rugby World Cup would assist them financially.

“We are desperate for a lifeline,” says Sanguinetti, “and we appreciate that both the IRB and RWC fully understand our problems. We were given funds for the America’s Round and thought that if we made it to the tournament, we’d get more. So we spent what we had to prepare the team.” And this for a side that pays no money to the players and will be the only one at the multinational extravaganza that will use no overseas resources.

Sport in Uruguay - population 4.2 million inhabitants - has been hard hit by a recent lack of success, and rugby is, together with indoor soccer, the only sport to have reached a World Cup final. “Sponsors are definitely not coming in droves, although we’ve had some approaches,” explains Sanguinetti. “Unfortunately, not even the Sports Ministry has made contact with us.”

Incidentally, a second cousin of Sanguinetti is the Head of Sports. He smiles, “I’ve told my older brother.” A family feud? Taking into account that Julio María, the older half brother of Andrés is the national president, maybe.

“Julio María has never played the game and his only interest is because of me; in fact he’s never seen the Teros play.” Truth is that the Sanguinetti family

is very strict on lucky omens. With Julio María having missed the early matches, “there was no way I was going to let him come to see the later games.”

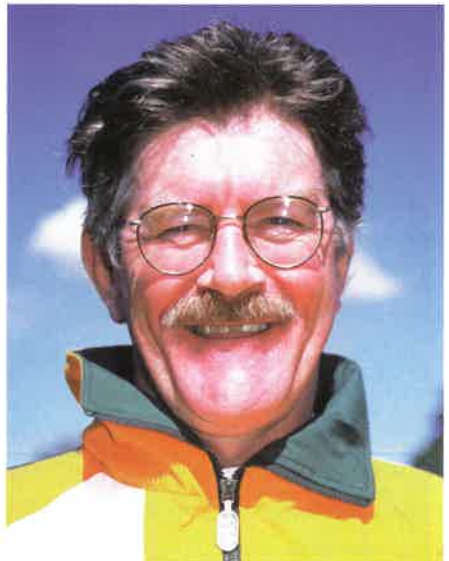
There was, though, an official reception at Government House when the team returned from Morocco, having qualified for the World Cup. And that was about it.

After that it was back to work and to try and steal some precious time from their everyday jobs.

Of Pablo Lemoine, Bob Dwyer, former Wallaby coach and Bristol supremo, says of the 24-year old: “He will become one of the best props in a couple of years.” Rugby World Cup will do wonders for him in terms of experience. He will be a player to watch.”

In Montevideo, everybody accepts that the Rugby World Cup challenge is well

Bob Dwyer



worth the effort they are putting in.

“If I had the chance to choose a pool, I would choose this one. I think Scotland is a very nice place, we will be made welcome and in knowing where we come from, in terms of the experience, is there anything better than playing both the Boks and the Scots?” asks Daniel Herrera.

Uruguay has come a long way. As with almost every other rugby nation, the oval ball was brought to Montevideo by the British expats living in this South American nation. The same people brought soccer and the round version caught on like a bush fire - to the extent that the first-ever Soccer World Cup was played in Montevideo and won by Uruguay.

Although rugby was first played in the late nineteenth hundreds, it was not until 1951 that the Uruguayan Rugby Union was formed.

And the growth has been pretty slow since. There are twelve hundred registered players from under 15's to seniors, divided into eleven teams. “The pool of players from which I can select the team is very small, I'd say no more than one hundred and fifty. With that, we have achieved the chance of sitting at the World Cup table,” adds Herrera.

The Uruguayan XV is second only to Argentina in the region. They haven't lost to Chile, Paraguay or Brazil for a few years. It is getting harder, though, with Chile almost upsetting them in Montevideo last year. It was a combination of guts, heart and aggression that saw them go

through to the next stage.

That was in the past. In the future lies the World Cup.

“We have to beat Spain,” says Diego Ormaechea. The captain is certain that “the team is making a big effort to reach the Cup in our best possible state of fitness. Spain is of our standard and we hope to be able to beat them.”

On the other side of the Atlantic, Spanish coach Alfonso Feijó is realistic about his team's chances. “I think that Uruguay is better than us; they have a better track record. We will have to be on our mettle to beat them.” Ormaechea only says: “It will be hard. Anyone can win it.

“It is an honour to play against South Africa. But we must make sure that we try to play, at least for a short spell, our own game. We know we stand no chance, but have to give it our best shot.

“As for Scotland, playing at Murrayfield, the experience will be unforgettable. We have to make ourselves and Uruguayan rugby proud.”

Ormaechea says his age shouldn't be highlighted. “I am not too worried, why should the rest be? Having said this, I wish I was ten years younger.” A hard as teak number eight, he will lead a side that will put emphasis on set pieces.

In fact, the whole of Uruguayan rugby will benefit from the exercise, regardless of the outcome. For them, a small rugby nation, playing in the World Cup is as good as winning the treasured Webb Ellis Cup.



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The Rugby World Cup Legacy

By David Hands
(The Times)

It all began as the Nick and Dick show. Australia's Nicholas Shehadie (now Sir Nicholas) and New Zealand's Dick Littlejohn were the two men who breathed life into what was known initially as an "international tournament" but which was called by everyone outside the International Rugby Football Board, the World Cup. Shrewd businessmen both – and bathed in rugby's traditions – even then, in 1985, they may have had some idea of the multi-million pound baby to which they were giving birth.

The board, in its annual media release, did not give the infant too much of a fanfare; the approval was announced on page three (after law changes, composition of the board, regulations relating to amateurism and tours) and a committee established to run the new competition. It was, perhaps, an indication that not every member country of the board was filled with enthusiasm for the new project though it had been creeping up on them for most of the decade.

France, who only won full board membership in 1977, had long favoured



John Kendall-Carpenter

the idea; in 1982 a sports marketing company made a presentation in London, proposing a 12 nation tournament in 1985; in 1983 David Lord, an Australian entrepreneur, announced his intention of starting World Championship Rugby with 200 of the world's best players allegedly signed up to the concept. It came to nothing but the idea was not so far-fetched, considering the growing dissatisfaction of the players who were being asked to play more and more rugby by their unions.

The International Board read the tea leaves and bowed to the wind blowing, primarily, from the southern hemisphere;

this was a time, remember, when South Africa were ostracised from international competition and the British and Irish Lions had cut very little ice on their 1983 tour to New Zealand. Australasia needed a fresh outlook and the go-ahead marketing men, particularly in Australia, correctly perceived a world cup as the answer to their prayers.

Thus it was that a committee consisting of John Kendall-Carpenter (England), Keith Rowlands (Wales), Ronnie Dawson (Ireland), Ross Turnbull (Australia) and Russ Thomas (New Zealand) was formed to put flesh on the bones of the “international tournament”. Rowlands, the former Cardiff and Wales lock, remains involved with the 1999 tournament while Turnbull gained a degree of notoriety in 1995 when he was one of the main figures in the projected World Rugby Corporation, which went a

Russ Thomas



Keith Rowlands

long way towards forcing rugby union to become professional.

Kendall-Carpenter, once a distinguished England back-row forward and captain, opened the first World Cup[†] in Auckland on May 22, 1987. It was an invitation tournament for 16 countries, three pools played in New Zealand and the fourth in Australia. The organisation was mainly amateur – that is how rugby had always done it and, remarkably, they carried off a wholly new concept with considerable success. The first World Cup did not make much money but it was probably never going to, being primarily in New Zealand which was not, and is not, the commercial centre of the universe. A military coup threatened the arrival of Fiji; they did show up and did make the quarter-finals but one team dominated the tournament – the All Blacks.

In preparation they were leagues ahead of the rest, even of Australia who had enjoyed phenomenal success between 1984-86 under the coaching of Alan Jones. But the match of the tournament, perhaps the decade, was the semi-final in Sydney between Australia and France, won by the latter 30-24 with a spell-binding try by Serge Blanco five minutes into injury-time. Seven days later David Kirk lifted the Webb Ellis trophy after New Zealand's 29-9 victory over an outclassed French side.

Ever since the southern hemisphere has ruled the roost. England reached the 1991 final at Twickenham, changed the pattern of their play from forward domination to open three-quarter play and lost 12-6 to the Australian side captained by Nick Farr-Jones, kick-started by Michael Lynagh and including the unpredictable genius of David Campese. Few doubted that the correct side had won.

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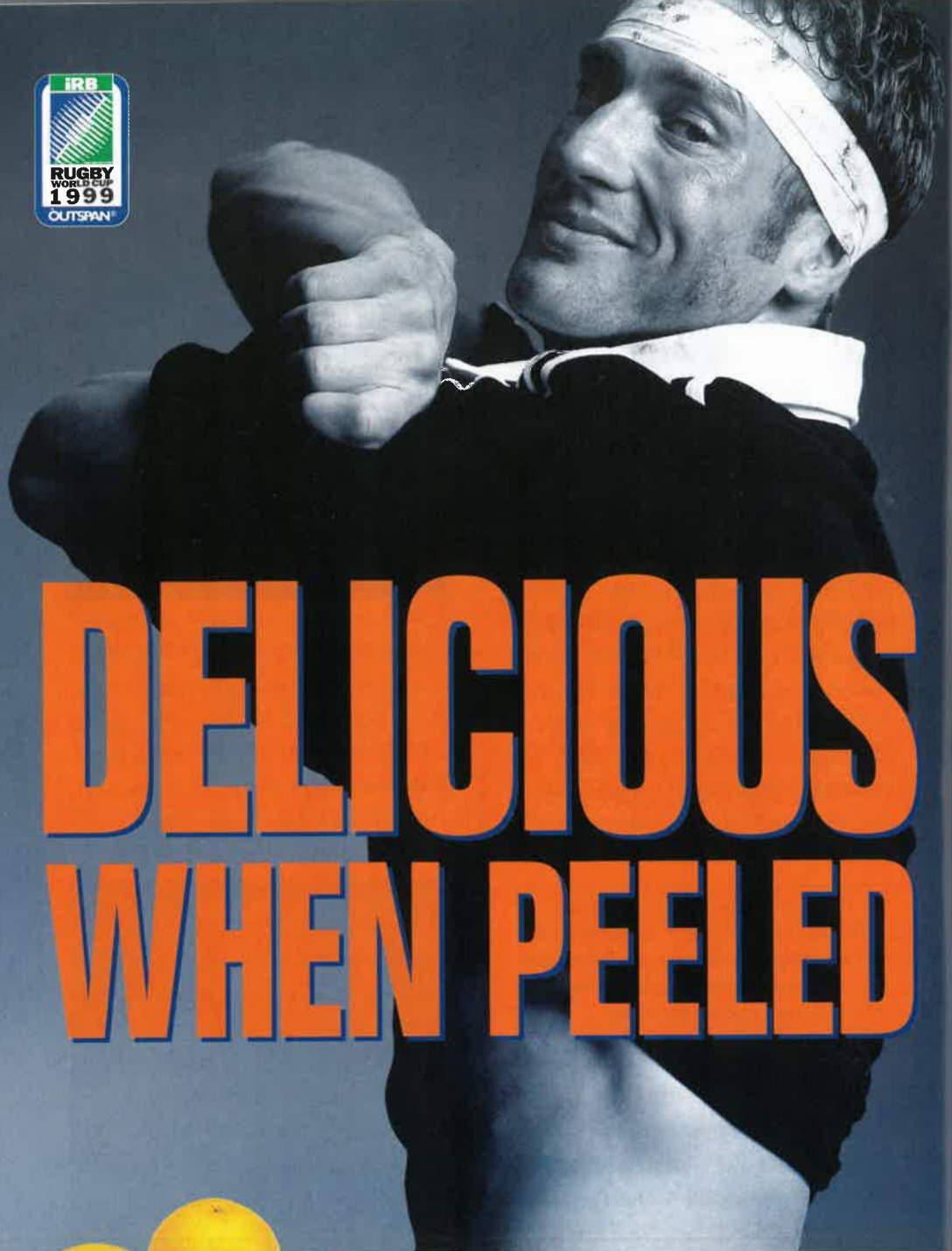
In neither tournament had South Africa played. Not until 1992 did the Springboks return to the sporting fold and there was some trepidation when they were named the host country for the 1995 World Cup. From first to last the tournament, on the playing side at least, was a triumph and South Africa, superbly managed and coached, were



David Kirk

worthy winners by 15-12 in extra time against New Zealand. That the All Blacks had played the best rugby was not in doubt but when they needed to, they could not make it count.

Now we are here for the first professional World Cup, a tournament whose qualifying rounds began in 1996; 69 unions involved in 133 games before the final twenty countries gather in Britain, Ireland and France. From a tournament that made a modest profit of £1.5m in 1987, the game stands on the brink of a projected £50m return, more than twice that of the 1995 tournament. It is the mainspring of the global game, financing so many areas who cannot yet do it for themselves. Its future, for all the political and financial problems which have vexed rugby since it went open, is assured.



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82	M P Lynagh	Australia	1987



Andrew Mehrtens

Most tries in one competition

7	M C G Ellis	New Zealand	1995
7	J T Lomu	New Zealand	1995

Most conversions in one competition

30	G J Fox	New Zealand	1987
20	S D Culhane	New Zealand	1995
20	M P Lynagh	Australia	1987

Most penalty goals in one competition

26	T Lacroix	France	1995
21	G J Fox	New Zealand	1987
20	C R Andrew	England	1995

Most dropped goals in one competition

3	A P Mehrtens	New Zealand	1995
3	J T Stransky	South Africa	1995
3	C R Andrew	England	1995
3	J Davies	Wales	1987

MOST POINTS IN A MATCH

By a team

145	New Zealand v Japan	1995
89	Scotland v Ivory Coast	1995
74	New Zealand v Fiji	1987
70	New Zealand v Italy	1987
70	France v Zimbabwe	1987

By a player

45	S D Culhane	New Zealand v Japan	1995
44	A G Hastings	Scotland v Ivory Coast	1995
31	A G Hastings	Scotland v Tonga	1995
30	M C G Ellis	New Zealand v Japan	1995
30	D Camberabero	France v Zimbabwe	1987

MOST TRIES IN A MATCH

By a team

21	New Zealand v Japan	1995
13	Scotland v Ivory Coast	1995
13	France v Zimbabwe	1987
12	New Zealand v Italy	1987
12	New Zealand v Fiji	1987

By a player

6	M C G Ellis	New Zealand v Japan	1995
4	A G Hastings	Scotland v Ivory Coast	1995
4	C M Williams	South Africa v Western Samoa	1995
4	J T Lomu	New Zealand v England	1995
4	B F Robinson	Ireland v Zimbabwe	1991
4	I C Evans	Wales v Canada	1987
4	C I Green	New Zealand v Fiji	1987
4	J A Gallagher	New Zealand v Fiji	1987

MOST CONVERSIONS IN A MATCH

By a team

20	New Zealand v Japan	1995
10	New Zealand v Fiji	1987
9	Scotland v Ivory Coast	1995
9	France v Zimbabwe	1987

By a player

20	S D Culhane	New Zealand v Japan	1995
10	G J Fox	New Zealand v Fiji	1987
9	A G Hastings	Scotland v Ivory Coast	1995
9	D Camberabero	France v Zimbabwe	1987

MOST PENALTY GOALS IN A MATCH

By a team

8	Scotland v Tonga	1995
8	France v Ireland	1995

By a player

8	A G Hastings	Scotland v Tonga	1995
8	T Lacroix	France v Ireland	1995

MOST DROPPED GOALS IN A MATCH

By a team

3	Fiji v Romania	1991
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By a player

2	J T Stransky	South Africa v New Zealand	1995
2	C R Andrew	England v Argentina	1995
2	T Rabaka	Fiji v Romania	1991
2	L Arbizu	Argentina v Australia	1991
2	J Davies	Wales v Ireland	1981



Spain v Uruguay

Focus... *by John Griffiths*

Ton Up...

This is the 100th match played in Rugby World Cup final stages. There were 32 games in each of the 1987, 1991 and 1995 events and this is the fourth of the 1999 series.

Scene Setter...

Both nations play their first ever match in the Rugby World Cup finals. Spain came through the early rounds to reach the last of the qualifying tournaments, held in Scotland last year. They lost to the Scots but defeated Portugal to earn their place at the Finals. Uruguay had to battle through the repechages, beating Portugal and Morocco to take their place at the Finals. Today's match is the first major international staged at Netherdale.

Against Uruguay...

Spain have played three, won one and lost two against Uruguay:

1987	Montevideo	Spain 16-8
1995	Montevideo	Uruguay 47-10
1999	L'Aquila	Uruguay 20-3

All the scores...

Uruguay have scored 75 points (10 tries of which two were worth four points each and eight worth five, six conversions and five penalty goals) in the three matches. Spain's 29 points have come from three tries (two at four points each and one at five), two conversions and four penalty goals. Every match of the series to date has yielded at least one try.

Spain on tour...

The inaugural Test took place in 1987 when the Spanish side led by Salvador Torres and coached by the former French wing Gérard Murillo visited Uruguay for a short tour prior to facing Argentina. The tourists opened the visit by winning the Test against the Uruguayans and went on to win their remaining three matches against regional XV's: Won 16-8 v Uruguay ; Won 22-16 v San Juan Selection; Won 37-20 v Resistencia Selection; Won 23-10 v Salta Selection. In the last match the Spaniards lost 40-12 to Argentina in a Test.

The veteran captain...

In all three matches of the series Uruguay have been led by Diego Ormaechea their veteran Number Eight who is captain of the Rugby World Cup squad. Spain were captained by Daniel Saenz in 1995 and by another veteran back-rower, Alberto Malo, in the match in Italy in August.

Last match...

Uruguay 20 (T: Lame, Viana C: Sciarra, Aguirre PG: Aguirre 2) Spain 3 (PG: Etxeberria) at L'Aquila, 28th August 1999 in the four-nations Perdonanza tournament.

Head to Head

- Uruguay's 47-10 win in Montevideo in 1995 is the highest score and biggest winning margin of the series. The match also yielded the highest aggregate of points. Spain's best win was 16-8 in Montevideo in 1987 when the nations first met.

- Uruguay scored six tries in the 1995 encounter, the record for any match in the series. The best return for Spain is two tries in Montevideo in 1987.

- The highest individual score in a match is 16 points by Marcelo Nicola for Uruguay in Montevideo in 1995. Luis Nuñez set the corresponding record for Spain scoring eight points in Montevideo in 1987.

- No player to date has scored more than one try in the series. Two of the tries have been scored by full-backs: Francisco Puertas, his country's most capped player, crossed for a try for Spain in 1987 and Marcelo Nicola, who like many modern players was equally at home on the wing, did so in 1995 for Uruguay.

- Uruguay have a reputation for producing durable and mobile front-row players. The only try by a hooker in the series was scored by their #2 Juan Paullier in the 1987 match in Montevideo.

- Marcelo Nicola established the record for most conversions in a match with four for Uruguay in Montevideo in 1995. The corresponding record for Spain was set by Luis Nuñez in Montevideo in the inaugural encounter of the series in 1987. He landed one, a record that was equalled by Ferran Velazco in 1995.

- Luis Nuñez created the record for most penalty goals kicked in a match when he landed two for Spain in 1987. Federico Sciarra, who has been capped as a full-back, wing and scrum-half, and Diego Aguirre matched the record for Uruguay in the 1995 and 1999 matches respectively.

- Neither side has dropped a goal in the series to date.

- Marcelo Nicola heads the list of overall points scorers in the series to date. He collected 16 points comprising a try, four conversions and one penalty goal in his only match for Uruguay against Spain. Diego Aguirre scored 13 points in two matches for Uruguay and Federico Sciarra eight, also in two matches. The leading scorer for Spain is Luis Nuñez with eight points.

- The biggest attendance for a match in the series is 5,000 at the Carrasco Polo Club, Montevideo, in 1987.



Spain v Uruguay Scrapbook

by John Griffiths

RECORD WIN

September 2nd, 1995, Estadio Luis Franzini, Montevideo

URUGUAY 47 SPAIN 10

The Uruguayans were too powerful up front for the Spanish tourists and ran up a 20-0 lead before Andrei Kovalenco pulled three points back for Spain with a penalty goal on the stroke of half-time. The Spaniards did not find the hard, uneven ground to their liking and at the three-quarter mark were well on their way to a hiding, trailing 3-41. They showed considerable character in the last 20 minutes, however, and scored a splendid try through scrum-half Jeronimo Hernandez-Gil converted by Ferran Velazco on the hour. Two late penalties by Federico Sciarra were all that the home side could muster in the final quarter.

URUGUAY: M Nicola; M Ferres, P Vecino, F Paullier, A Cardoso; D Aguirre, M Mendaro; E Berutti, F De los Santos, D Neirac, P Acerenza, M Lame, M Panizza, D Ormaechea (captain), J Kuhfuss
Replacements P Lemoine for Lame; A Dabo for Kuhfuss; J Cat for Aguirre; F Sciarra for Nicola
Scorers Tries: Ormaechea, Vecino, Aguirre, Paullier, Cardoso, Nicola *Conversions:* Nicola (4)
Penalty Goals: Sciarra (2), Nicola

SPAIN: F Velazco; D Saenz (captain), P Calderon, A Enciso, F J Fernandez; A Kovalenco, J Hernandez-Gil; J Camps, S Espina, E C Fernandez, J-M Perez Escobar, D Rubio, P Monzon, A Chamalo, U Manzano

Replacements J-I Martinez-Foronda for Espina; S Solano for Monzon; M Serres for Manzano; F Diez for Kovalenco;

Scorers Try: Hernandez-Gil *Conversion:* Velazco *Penalty Goal:* Kovalenco

Referee: S Borsani (Argentina)

NEUTRAL TERRITORY ENCOUNTER

August 28th, 1999, Stadio Comunale Tommaso Fattori, L'Aquila

SPAIN 3 URUGUAY 20

The sides last met five weeks ago in the four-nation Perdonanza tournament staged in L'Aquila, Italy. Neither side had won a match going into the final rounds of a competition that also featured Italy and Fiji (the winners). Spain scored first when Oviedo fly-half Aitor Etxeberria kicked an 11th-minute penalty goal, but tries by Mario Lame and Jose Viana enabled the Uruguayans to establish a handsome 14-3 lead by half-time. A small crowd numbering in the region of a thousand had little to enthuse over after the break, Diego Aguirre sealing Uruguay's win with two penalty goals.

SPAIN: F Velazco; Antonio Socias, S Loubzens, R Bastide, A Enciso; A Etxeberria, J Torres Morote; V Torres, D Zarzosa, J-I Zapatero, J-M Villau, S Tuineau, A Malo (captain), A Mata, O Astarloa
Replacements J Diaz for Astarloa; F De la Calle for Zarzosa; J Camps for Torres, F Puertas for Etxeberria, F Diez for Socias

Scorer Penalty Goal: Etxeberria

URUGUAY: A Cardoso; J Viana, P Vecino, M Mendaro, P Costabile; D Aguirre, F Sciarra; R Sanchez, D Lamelas, P Lemoine, J Alzueta, M Lame, N Brignoni, D Ormaechea (captain), M Panizza
Replacements C Rodriguez for Viana; B Amarillo for Sciarra; G Laffite for Ormaechea; E Berruti for Lame; A Ponce de Lion for Alzueta; G Storace for Lemoine

Scorers Tries: Lame, Viana *Conversions:* Sciarra, Aguirre *Penalty Goals:* Aguirre (2)

Referee: C Giacomel (Italy)



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Fanatical Fans... the Rough Guide

Rupert Bates (Sunday Telegraph)

Stockbroker John Mitchell's Glasgow Answer machine tells you 'Mitch' does not know where he is at the moment. Back in 1995 on the tour of a lifetime in South Africa the Scottish rugby fanatic knew exactly where he was. Well most of the time anyway.

There are plenty of supporters with fat wallets who can jet around the globe in pursuit of their rugby; stay at the best hotels and peruse new world wine lists oblivious to exchange rates. Fine if you can afford it. No way to tour.

There are plenty of supporters with fat wallets who can jet around the globe in pursuit of their rugby. Fine if you can afford it.

For Scotsman Mitchell and David Tully, old pals from Dundee High School, the only way to follow the 1995 World Cup was armed with kilt, toothbrush and a spare liver in the rucksack. 'Mad Jocks' or 'Sweaties' - racial stereotyping New Labour would condemn, but perfectly acceptable in rugby parlance - are a familiar sight on rugby's highways, byways, bar stools and departure lounges. It can be sub-zero in Cardiff, arctic in Dublin and still



the Scots will sing through the night clad only in kilts and T-shirts while getting, rather confusingly, 'totally trousered.'

It was in May 1993 that Mitchell and Tully, then in their early 20s, decided to save for South Africa. Every month they deposited £20 in an account and two years later, courtesy of a two for one air ticket offer in the Glasgow Herald, the pair were Cape Town bound, via Heathrow, Brussels and Johannesburg.

Incidentally, both these boys could play a bit. Mitchell, a stand-off, was in the Merchiston Castle first fifteen under the captaincy of Scotland forward Peter Walton. Mitchell then went on to play



for Dundee High School FP and Glasgow Accies and also represented North and Midlands U21s. Tully, now an Edinburgh insurance broker, went a wee bit higher, playing on the wing for the North and Midlands senior side and turning out against New Zealand with Eric Rush his opposite number.

Back to the plane. Their tour T-shirts bore the legend ‘ Para Springboked 95 - Mitch and Putts’. Para was a reference to their likely state for the next two and a half weeks and Putts was Tully’s nickname.

They had a few scoops on board, but were refused extra ports after their meal;

Peter Walton



the only lack of hospitality they experienced all trip. “This was my first visit to Africa and I was enchanted by the magic of the place. I will never forget the sunrise over Cape Town,” said Mitchell.

They were to be met in Cape Town by a friend of a friend. “He turned out to be Scottish and a born-again Christian,” said Mitchell, visions of alcoholic oblivion being replaced by religious conversion and total abstinence.

It got worse when their genial host, having tempted them with the offer of golf at the Royal Cape club and free accommodation, asked whether they

Scotland and Wales fans - togetherness



would go to church with him on the night of their arrival.

On the way to church the mini-bus stopped at the Australian team hotel and Mitchell and Tully found themselves gospel singing with John Eales, Willie Ofahengaue and Ilie Tabua.

“Other church-goers thought we were part of the Wallabies team and begged us for autographs.”

The next day it was golf at Royal Cape, bumping into members of the Royal Porthcawl golf club in Wales.

“The Welsh gave us four tickets below face value for the opening match between South Africa and Australia.” The other two tickets were for the Cape Town girls, Robin and Pam, they were staying with. Their African odyssey was off to a huge start.

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“That opening match, and seeing Nelson Mandela in the flesh, was an awesome experience. We had a few beers that night. Actually we had a few beers every night.”

Cape Town also saw a chance meeting in the street with Merchiston Castle alumnus David Arrundale.

“I saw this stunning blonde girl walking towards me and suddenly the guy with her adopted the haka position and shouted ‘John Mitchell.’ I had not seen David for 12 years.”



Willie Ofahengaue

After a week in Cape Town the pair headed to Durban to stay with Mitchell’s aunt.

“I’d never met her, but she turned out to be mad as a brush and crucially a member of Durban Country Club. So it was more golf, pink gins for breakfast and monkeys throwing nuts at our golf balls on the 10th.”

They let down the entire Scottish nation by watching England against Italy in Durban, but hey the tickets were free, courtesy of Auntie Eileen and her contacts at the Country Club. Then it was down to Loftus Versfeld for the crucial group match between Scotland and France.

Over a drink in Glasgow Mitchell had tentatively agreed to meet old pal Ben Walker outside the Holiday Inn in Pretoria at 11am on the day of the game.

“Ben had no money and found it difficult finding his way across Glasgow. But there he was at 10.58. Amazing.”

Tickets for the match came courtesy of Scotland players, Peter Walton and Graham Shiel, teammates and adversaries of old. Incidentally if Walton, Shiel and Doddie Weir found their hotel drinks bills a touch on the high side...

“Well, we had to drown our sorrows after that last minute Emile Ntamack try,” said Mitchell.

A chance encounter with a Rangers football fan secured a lift to Sun City and more free accommodation.

“We bumped into the Ireland squad in Sun City. Denis McBride and Gary Halpin - top men.”

Mitchell and Tully then hired a car “the most expensive thing we did all tour” and drove to Jo’burg for the flight home.

“It was an unforgettable trip,” said Mitchell. In 1987 he was nearly caught smoking at school while watching the World Cup in New Zealand in the early hours and in 1991 “I was behind the posts at Murrayfield when big Gav pushed that semi-final penalty wide against England”.

He will be avidly following Scotland this World Cup and the British Lions tour to Australia is next on the agenda. Checklist: One kilt. One toothbrush. One hell of a good time.





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Rugby World Cup Quiz

(compiled by Huw S. Thomas)



- Name the three Scottish World Cup captains, 1987-1995.
- Which Bristol prop is in the Uruguayan squad?
- How many teams are making their World Cup debuts?
- Who scored the tries in the 1995 World Cup Final between South Africa and New Zealand?
- Which son of a Lions captain played for Scotland in the 1987 World Cup?
- How did Uruguayan wing, Roberto Canessa, make history in 1980?
- How did Spain cause a sensation in the New South Wales International Sevens in 1986?
- Which ex-South African captain scored three tries against Ireland in his test debut for Australia on June 12th 1999?
- Which Scottish player is only in his second World Cup after scoring four tries for his country in the 1987 tournament?
- Which country have Scotland faced in all three previous World Cups?
- How is John and Martin Leslie's father known to rugby followers?
- Which Springbok prop represented Zimbabwe in the 1991 World Cup?
- Who scored four tries for the Springboks in a 1995 World Cup quarter final v Western Samoa?
- Who were Les Éléphants that Scotland played against in the 1995 World Cup?
- Who played five games for Scotland in the 1991 World Cup and later went on to gain thirteen South African caps?
- Who are the Lions captains to have played in the World Cup?
- The green jerseys of which famous old boys club was adopted by the Springboks in 1896?
- Who has captained, and coached, World Cup sides in successive tournaments?
- Which are the three teams to have lost the play offs for third place 1987-1995?
- Who were the pairs of brothers that faced each other in the Scotland v New Zealand World Cup quarter final in 1995?

- New Zealand, whom they have lost to 3-30 (1987), 6-13 (1991) and 30-48 (1995).
- Andy Leslie captained the All Blacks in all of his ten internationals including a 24-0 victory over Scotland in 1975.
- Adrian Garvey.
- Chester Williams.
- The Ivory Coast.
- Hooker, John Allan.
- Finlay Calder, Gavin Hastings and Martin Johnson.
- Diocean College (Bishops).
- Daniel Dubroca captained France in 1987 and coached them in 1991.
- Australia in 1987, Scotland in 1991 and England in 1995.
- Scott and Gavin Hastings against Robm and Zinzan Brooke.

- Colin Deans in 1987, David Sole in 1991 and Gavin Hastings in 1995.
- Pablo Lemoine.
- Three - Spain, Uruguay and Namibia.
- There were none, Joel Stransky kicked South Africa's 15 points and Andrew Mehrtens kicked 12 points for New Zealand.
- Jeremy Campbell-Lamerton (son of Mike Campbell-Lamerton, the 1966 Lions captain) v Romania and Zimbabwe.
- The only Uruguayan to be selected for the South American Jaguars on their tour of South Africa.
- In their first appearance at an international sevens event they beat England 24-6.
- Tian Strans.
- Alan Tait.

Rugby World Cup 1999 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Pool</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>
Fri 1 Oct	1	D	Wales v Argentina	Cardiff	
	2	C	Fiji v Namibia	Béziers	
Sat 2 Oct	3	C	France v Canada	Béziers	
	4	A	Spain v Uruguay	Galashiels	
	5	B	England v Italy	Twickenham	
	6	E	Ireland v USA	Dublin	
Sun 3 Oct	7	D	Samoa v Japan	Wrexham	
	8	B	New Zealand v Tonga	Bristol	
	9	A	Scotland v South Africa	Murrayfield	
	10	E	Australia v Romania	Belfast	
Fri 8 Oct	11	A	Scotland v Uruguay	Murrayfield	
	12	C	France v Namibia	Bordeaux	
Sat 9 Oct	13	C	Fiji v Canada	Bordeaux	
	14	D	Wales v Japan	Cardiff	
	15	B	England v New Zealand	Twickenham	
	16	E	USA v Romania	Dublin	
Sun 10 Oct	17	D	Argentina v Samoa	Llanelli	
	18	E	Ireland v Australia	Dublin	
	19	A	South Africa v Spain	Murrayfield	
	20	B	Italy v Tonga	Leicester	
Thur 14 Oct	21	B	New Zealand v Italy	Huddersfield	
	22	D	Wales v Samoa	Cardiff	
	23	E	Australia v USA	Limerick	
	24	C	Canada v Namibia	Toulouse	
Fri 15 Oct	25	B	England v Tonga	Twickenham	
	26	A	South Africa v Uruguay	Glasgow	
	27	E	Ireland v Romania	Dublin	
Sat 16 Oct	28	C	France v Fiji	Toulouse	
	29	A	Scotland v Spain	Murrayfield	
	30	D	Argentina v Japan	Cardiff	

QUARTER-FINAL PLAY OFFS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>
Wed 20 Oct	31 (H)	Runner up B v Runner up C	Twickenham	
	32 (G)	Runner up A v Runner up D	Murrayfield	
	33 (F)	Runner up E v Third best	Lens	

QUARTER-FINALS

Sat 23 Oct	34 (M)	Winner D v Winner E	Cardiff	
Sun 24 Oct	35 (J)	Winner A v Winner H	Paris	
	36 (L)	Winner C v Winner F	Dublin	
	37 (K)	Winner B v Winner G	Murrayfield	

SEMI-FINALS

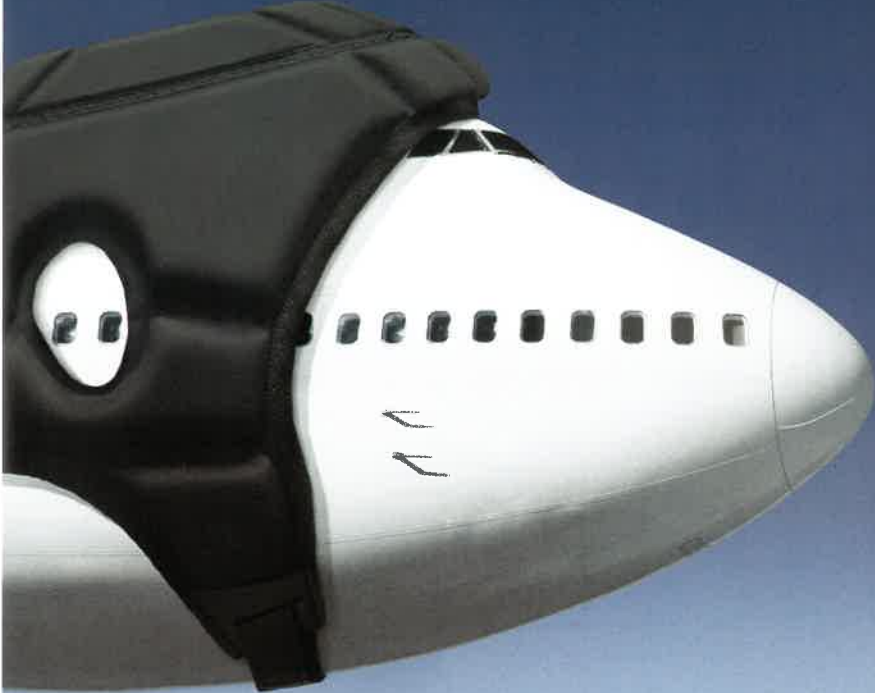
Sat 30 Oct	38	Winner J v Winner M	Twickenham	
Sun 31 Oct	39	Winner K v Winner L	Twickenham	

THIRD AND FOURTH PLACE PLAY OFF

Thur 4 Nov	40	Play off - losing Semi-finalists	Cardiff	
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1999 RUGBY WORLD CUP FINAL

Sat 6 Nov	41	FINAL	Cardiff	
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