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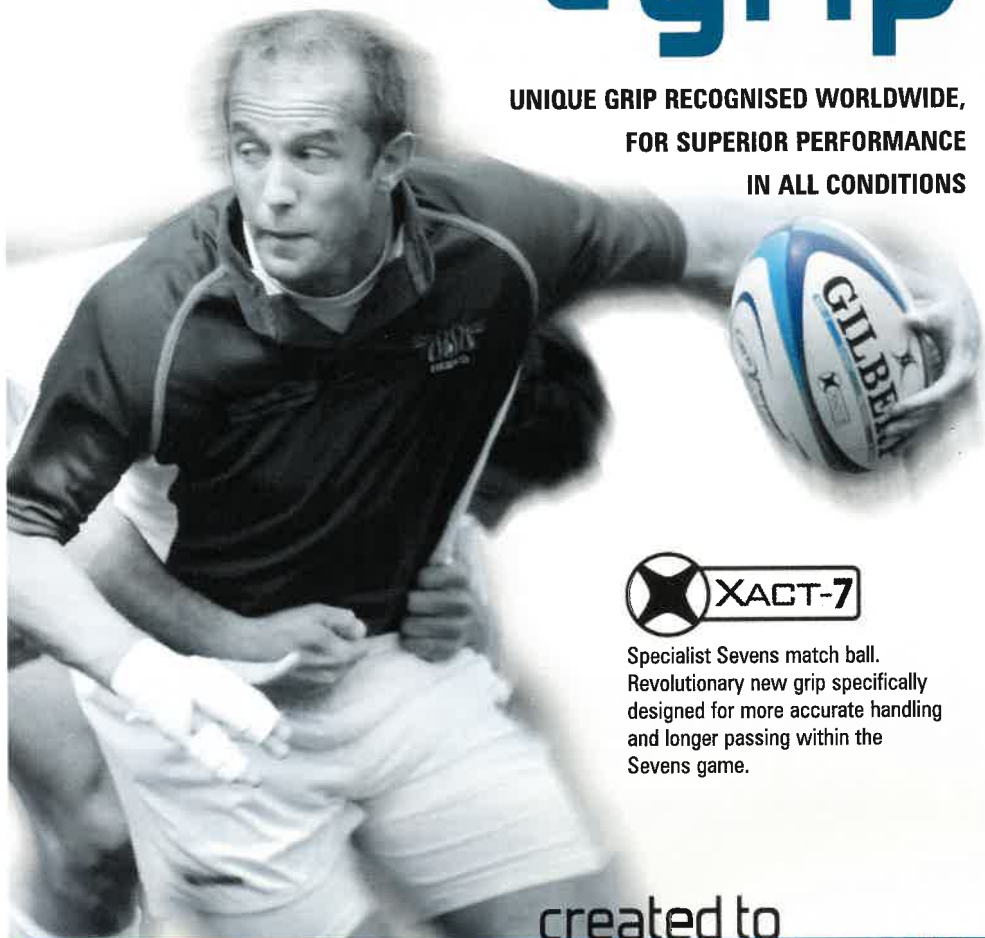
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The annual IRB Under 19 World Championship is an integral part of the rugby calendar and a very important one. It provides a platform for the future stars of world rugby to gain valuable experience of international competition and over the years a host of players have graduated from the tournament to their respective senior national team.

Indeed, the list of those who have gone on to achieve greatness at the highest level is an impressive one. Many more will follow and it is vital for the health of the game that there are structures in place such as this tournament to allow young talent to test their playing skills and mental toughness.

This is especially crucial at a time when interest and participation in rugby is enjoying unprecedented growth.

Over the next two weeks of competition in Durban, those young players fortunate enough to be representing their countries will therefore be embarking on an exhilarating journey.

This year we return to Durban, who were superb hosts of a very competitive tournament last year. New Zealand, with a pack that proved to be all-powerful, beat France in the final to become World Champions. Romania won the Division B title to earn the right to play in the top echelon this year.

The sad and unfortunate death of Irish player John McCall overshadowed the tournament and naturally the Ireland team withdrew from the tournament. Poignantly his tragic death brought the players from all teams even closer together into the tight and loyal rugby fraternity. The IRB is delighted to welcome back Ireland for this year's tournament.

The IRB is certain that the 60-match tournament spread across six venues will be played in the right spirit and that the friendships formed will be as enduring as the memory of having taken part.

On behalf of the IRB I would also like to thank South Africa Rugby who are always generous and welcoming tournament hosts. We await with interest the final at ABSA Stadium in Durban on April 17th

Dr Syd Millar
Chairman, International Rugby Board

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On behalf of the South African Rugby Union it gives me the utmost pleasure to welcome you all to the 2005 IRB Under-19 World Championship in Durban.

The coastal province of KwaZulu-Natal will, for a successive year, play host to this prestigious event. We at SARU are indeed profoundly proud of hosting this Championship. Thank you also to the International Rugby Board for putting its faith in our abilities.

Our gratitude also to KwaZulu-Natal president Oregan Hoskins and his entire team for helping to make this all possible again within the space of twelve months.

A very special, warm and proudly South African welcome to the Chairman the IRB, Dr Syd Millar and his wife Enid. We are proud to extend our hospitality to you and all other guests. Welcome also to senior rugby officials from the participating countries.

Our various and loyal sponsors deserve warm praise, as does the media who will cover this tournament and deliver the action into the living quarters of millions around the world.

Over the next two weeks, this event will serve as a showcase for both the game of rugby and a glimpse of what the future of rugby will offer. The brightest stars of the game have assembled in Durban and rugby enthusiasts can no doubt look forward to a spectacular display of exciting play.

Matches will be played at five venues over the period of the event, including the magnificent ABSA Stadium, which will host the semi-finals and the final. The staging of matches at the KZN University facility, at Glenwood and Durban High Schools as well as at Woodburn Stadium in Pietermaritzburg will ensure that a good portion of the rugby support base in the province is catered for and that a wide audience will get to see our "Junior" Springboks as well as their counterparts from 23 other countries in action.

To the players that have gathered here for this event we wish you well. My this be a happy and lasting experience for all of you, and hopefully the first of many happy visits to our proud rugby shores.

Many people at the IRB, SARU and KwaZulu-Natal spend many hours behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of this Championship. Thanks for all your dedication - it certainly did not pass unnoticed.

Enjoy the rugby and good luck to all the teams!

Brian van Rooyen
President: South African Rugby Union



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MESSAGE FROM THE KZNRU



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It gives me great pleasure in welcoming our visitors from all over the world and South Africa to this the 37th anniversary of the IRB Under 19 World Championship in Durban and Pietermaritzburg the home of the Sharks.

It has been indeed a great honour and privilege for the KZN Rugby Union to be given the opportunity of hosting this prestigious international event for the second year in a row. It can only speak volumes for our dedicated committee who together with Steven Roos, Mervin Green, Jenny Wentzel and a host of other members of SARU who helped in coordinating the 2005 event. On behalf of the KZN Rugby Union we thank you for all your work behind the scenes.

From its humble beginnings way back in 1968 when former French international referee Charles Durand put forward a proposal to hold an experimental Under 19 tournament who would have believed then that this championship would end up as one of the worlds premier age group rugby events. It is truly remarkable that the International Rugby Board has achieved so much, in promoting this wonderful game that we share and enjoy, and we complement and support them on all their endeavours in helping the sport grow.

We hope you all enjoy your stay with us in our beautiful province and get an opportunity to see something of the country while you are here. Enjoy the rugby and give the players all the support they deserve. To all the teams participating and in particular South Africa we wish you all a successful tournament. May the best teams see their way through to the finals and ultimate glory.

To the referees and all the other tournament officials we also wish you well and hope that the event runs smoothly without any trouble. We also thank you for your contribution to the game. To Pippa Rowe and her professional medical team we wish to thank you as well and look forward to hopefully an injury free tournament. Certainly without the input from all these dedicated servants of the game tournaments of this magnitude would simply not happen and we as a union are deeply indebted to them for all their efforts.

Let the games begin.

Oregan Hoskins

President: KwaZulu-Natal Rugby Union

KZNRU PRESIDENT



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PREVIEW



THE 2005 RUGBY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE HOSTED BY SARU FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO YEARS.

WORDS: JOS ROBSON

The fact that the South African Rugby Union has been given the opportunity of hosting the IRB Under 19 Rugby World Championship for the second year in a row in Durban KwaZulu Natal has once again put the country in the spotlight as a prime venue for holding international sporting tournaments of this nature.

Naturally SARU and the KZN Rugby Union are deeply indebted to the IRB for showing confidence and backing South Africa as the preferred venue for this world junior sporting bonanza. It certainly will go a long way in helping this country become a major tourist destination as no doubt it does have that potential and we can all be truly thankful for having been given this honour once again.

Rugby has needless to say, been through major changes since our return to the international arena and there have been a few hiccups and unhappy supporters but with the help of an improved structured transformation programme we can only grow in stature as we learn to embrace each other in the true spirit of the game in the Rainbow Nation. It was after all the late great Springbok coach Kitch Christie who made that most profound statement, "all of us are stronger than one of us."

As the junior world rugby class of 2005 converges on South African soil in the Kingdom of the Zulus the land of a proud warrior nation, it's interesting to note that a number of youngsters will be making their second trip to Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

The Korean team sees the return of prop You Jae Yeo and utility back Won Yong Kim, while Japan will have five of their 2004 side back in action this year. Taro Kenjo, Shota Horie, Naoki Morita, Rikiya Asami and Hiroki Miyamoto will be back to lend some useful experience to an always exciting team to watch perform.

Wales have three of their players from last year returning to do battle in 2005. Prop Nicky Gethin Downs, flank Will Jones and Newport flanker Will Waldron have been chosen to represent their country once again. Namibia also sees the return of three of the class of 2004 in their starting line up. Prop Wicus Blaauw, scrum half Eugene

Jantjies and prop Andre Schlechter will also be back in Durban.

Front row forwards Joseph Brown, Edward Mc Kenna and Gavin Secker return with scrum half and captain Nic Grala for the United States, while for South Africa lock Alistair Hargreaves returns to lead the side and will be joined by three other players from last year the elusive and exciting utility back Jody Rose, Chiliboy Ralapella and Richardt Strauss.

Australia will also be returning with five of their last year's team. Hooker Geoff Abram, fly

half Matthew Brandon, prop Pekahou Cowan, scrum half Dominic Fuller and no 8 Leroy Houston will all be making appearances once again. England will only have one member of their last year's squad back in action and he is front row forward Rob Webber.

The winners of the 2004 championship New Zealand who are the top seeds will arrive with a brand new team but their strength lies in their management structure and their great belief in continuity. They have kept their coaching staff in tact with the likeable Brian 'Aussie' McLean the head coach. Former All Black flank Leicester Rutledge is on board once again as the technical advisor while Greg 'Shippy' Shipton returns as the squad's manager. All Black assistant coach Steve Hansen will also be travelling to South Africa and will undoubtedly add value to the side that should start out as favourites once again.



DIVISION A

POOL A

- [1] New Zealand
- [8] Japan
- [9] Scotland

POOL B

- [2] France
- [7] Ireland
- [10] Argentina

POOL C

- [3] South Africa
- [6] Australia
- [11] Georgia

POOL D

- [4] England
- [5] Wales
- [12] Romania

DIVISION B

POOL A

- [1] Italy
- [8] USA
- [9] Spain

POOL B

- [2] Uruguay
- [7] Samoa
- [10] Korea

POOL C

- [3] Chile
- [6] Russia
- [11] Zimbabwe

POOL D

- [4] Namibia
- [5] Tonga
- [12] Paraguay

Teams in Pool A play teams in Pool D

Teams in Pool B play teams in Pool C

MATCH DAY 1

KICK-OFF	DIVISION	TEAM	vs	TEAM	VENUE
11h00	B	Namibia	vs	Spain	Kings Park
11h15	B	Samoa	vs	Zimbabwe	Kings Park
11h30	B	USA	vs	Paraguay	Kings Park
12h45	B	Italy	vs	Tonga	Kings Park
13h00	B	Uruguay	vs	Russia	Kings Park
13h15	B	Chile	vs	Korea	Kings Park
13h15	A	France	vs	Australia	ABSA Stadium
14h30	A	England	vs	Scotland	Kings Park
14h45	A	Ireland	vs	Georgia	Kings Park
15h00	A	Japan	vs	Romania	Kings Park
15h00	A	New Zealand	vs	Wales	ABSA Stadium
17h00		Opening Ceremony			ABSA Stadium
18h00	A	South Africa	vs	Argentina	ABSA Stadium

MATCH DAY 2

KICK-OFF	DIVISION	TEAM	vs	TEAM	VENUE
12h00	B	Italy	vs	Paraguay	Durban HS
12h00	B	Spain	vs	Tonga	Glenwood HS
12:00	B	Korea	vs	Russia	University
13h30	A	Scotland	vs	Wales	Woodburn
13h45	B	Samoa	vs	Chile	Durban HS
13h45	B	Namibia	vs	USA	Glenwood HS
13h45	B	Zimbabwe	vs	Uruguay	University
15h30	A	South Africa	vs	Ireland	Woodburn
15h30	A	New Zealand	vs	Romania	Durban HS
15h30	A	France	vs	Georgia	Glenwood HS
15h30	A	Japan	vs	England	University
17h15	A	Argentina	vs	Australia	Woodburn

MATCH DAY 3

KICK-OFF DIVISION

12h00	B
12h00	B
12h00	B
13h45	B
13h45	B
13h45	B
14h45	A
15h30	A
15h30	A
15h30	A
16h30	A
17h15	A

SATURDAY, 9 APRIL

TEAM

Uruguay	vs
Korea	vs
USA	vs
Italy	vs
Samoa	vs
Spain	vs
Ireland	vs
Japan	vs
Scotland	vs
Argentina	vs
South Africa	vs
New Zealand	vs

TEAM

Chile
Zimbabwe
Tonga
Namibia
Russia
Paraguay
Australia
Wales
Romania
Georgia
France
England

VENUE

Woodburn
Glenwood HS
Durban HS
Woodburn
Glenwood HS
Durban HS
ABSA Stadium
Woodburn
Glenwood HS
Durban HS
ABSA Stadium
Woodburn

MATCH DAY 4

KICK-OFF DIVISION

12h00	
12h00	
12h00	
13h00	
13h45	
13h45	
13h45	
15h00	
15h30	
15h30	
15h30	
16h45	

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL

TEAM

Match
Match
Match
Match [S/F] A2
Match
Match
Match
Match [S/F] A1
Match
Match
Match
Match

VENUE

Durban HS
Glenwood HS
University
Woodburn
Durban HS
Glenwood HS
University
Woodburn
Durban HS
Glenwood HS
University
Woodburn

MATCH DAY 5

KICK-OFF DIVISION

11h00	
11h15	
11h30	
12h45	
12h45	
13h00	
13h15	
14h30	
14h30	
14h45	
15h00	
16h30	

SUNDAY, 17 APRIL

TEAM

3rd and 4th Play-Off
5th and 6th Play-Off
7th and 8th Play-Off
Final - Division B
11th and 12th Play-Off
9th and 10th Play-Off
11th and 12th Play-Off
3rd and 4th Play-Off
5th and 6th Play-Off
7th and 8th Play-Off
9th and 10th Play-Off
Final A1 - Division A

VENUE

Kings Park
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ABSA Stadium
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ABSA Stadium

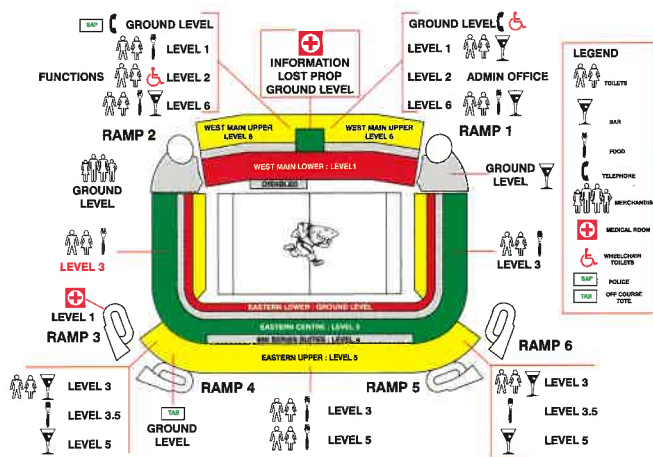
Televised matches in bold

ABSA Stadium & Kings Park

Address: ABSA Stadium
Jacko Jackson Drive
Durban

Contact: **Allen Kruger**
Tel: +27 (0) 31 3088442
Mobile: +27 (0) 829900668

Directions: This complex is the headquarters of the KwaZulu-Natal Rugby Union and has hosted many provincial and international fixtures over the years - including World Cup 1995 matches. The stadium and surrounding fields are located 5 - 10 minutes drive north of the city centre and beachfront hotels.



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Durban

WOODBURN STADIUM

Woodburn Stadium

Address: Corner of Woodhouse & Durban Roads
Pietermaritzburg

Contact: **Fanie Crous**
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Directions: This stadium has a capacity of approximately 10 000 spectators and is located in Pietermaritzburg, which is the capital city of the province of KwaZulu-Natal. It serves as the headquarters for rugby in the Midlands area and is approximately 50 minutes drive from Durban.



DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL



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Durban High School

Address: Essenwood Road
Berea
Durban

Contact: **Arthur Wood**
Tel: +27 (0) 31 2771500
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Directions: One of the city's top rugby playing schools, access to the DHS and main rugby field can be gained from Essenwood or St Thomas Roads which is in the suburbs of Berea. Durban High School is a 10 - 15 minute drive from the city centre and beachfront hotels.

GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Glenwood High School

Address: 1 Nicholson Road
Glenwood
Durban

Contact: **Shaun Erasmus**
Tel: +27 (0) 31 2055241

Directions: One of Durban's two top rugby-playing schools, Glenwood High School is located in the suburb of Glenwood, a 10 -15 minute drive from the city centre and beachfront hotels. The school is on the corner of Nicholson and McDonald Roads.

DURBAN UNIVERSITY

Durban University (University of KZN, Durban Campus)

Address: Manning Road
Glenwood
Durban

Contact: **Poenie Holm**
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Mobile: 27 +(0) 828067206

Directions: The university's main rugby field complex is off Manning Road, which is one of the main roads in the suburb of Glenwood. Coming from the city centre it is only a few minutes further than Glenwood High School.



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WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

REVIEW 2004

Seemingly unending miles of Indian Ocean beaches, a beautiful April climate, and seafood to delight all palates. Sounds like travel brochure talk but in fact it provides three very good reasons for the IRB World Junior Championship returning to Durban in South Africa for a second consecutive year.

These of course are the backdrop facts. The real reasons for the IRB U19 World Championship returning to the Indian Ocean city is that Durban is passionate about rugby, it has facilities that other countries can only dream about, and it knows how to organise a good tournament.

For the northern countries, April in Durban is the perfect antedote to a winter of wet and windy rugby, and a chance to try out skills in warm weather on dry and firm surfaces. Durban is equally attractive to the southern hemisphere sides, more familiar with faster playing conditions and more attuned to playing in warmer weather.

None of the twenty four teams who took part in the 2004 championship will forget the wonderful conditions in which they were able to play their rugby and in which to enjoy the final and third/fourth play-off matches in the magnificent ABSA Stadium at Kings Park, home of the Natal Sharks.

But it was not only the ABSA Stadium that provided glorious playing conditions. The manicured pitches of Glenwood High School, the fast surfaces at Durban High School, the intimate feeling engendered by at Durban University and the contrast of the out-of-town Woodburn Stadium in Pietermaritzburg all added up to an unforgettable experience for the many young rugby players taking part in their first global event.

Of course, what made the championship such a memorable event was the rugby - or rather the quality of the rugby, seemingly reaching higher standards on a year-by-year basis. This was confirmation that young rugby players are now honing their skills at an earlier age and that amongst the top countries, advanced academy systems are producing the predicted result.

Being at the IRB U19 World Championship is a chance to catch a glimpse of the stars of the future before they sign lucrative contracts with Super 12 sides, or the big club sides in France or England. For many players the IRB U19 World Championship is the show ring, where they can impress national selectors and professional talent scouts alike.

Several players, however, were already stars in their own right, and already recognised by their countries, most notably the France outside half Lionel Beauxis, who had represented France A, prior to competing in Durban.

Sadly for France and, indeed for the championship, Beauxis picked up a leg injury midway through the tournament and consequently could not play in the final against New Zealand at the ABSA Stadium. Worse still the reserve France outside half was also injured requiring the tricolors to fly in a replacement.

Whether this affected the ability of the French to resist the irresistible New Zealand side is a debatable point but there was little question that France were a notch below peak condition. However, there was no doubting the worthiness of New Zealand to claim the World Junior crown. This was an exciting young All Blacks side that kept its best to last in a formidable final

performance, to achieve a 34-11 win.

Who will forget the mobility and skills of loosehead prop Jamie MacKintosh, the running of athletic locks Jeremy Thrush and Michael Paterson, the determined tackling of flanker Serge Lilo, and the midfield skills of Seminar Tinera-Manu. Tomorrow's All Blacks today.

Arguably the best of the top four finals was the 3/4 play-off between the hosts South Africa and England. In the event South Africa set the pace to establish a 17-7 advantage but England then scored 24 points without replay to build up a seemingly commanding lead of 31-17.

The drama continued with South Africa staging a comeback, and scoring two converted tries to level the scores at 31-31. Then in a frenetic finish England tried to break the stalemate with a clever grubber kick from outside half Ross Broadfoot, only for South Africa to gain possession and ship the ball to flying winger Marius Delpont, whose try sealed the bronze medal position for the baby Boks.

It was perhaps justice in the end for South Africa, who had been denied a place in the final by a controversial try that left them losers by 23-30 in the all-important semi final at the ABSA Stadium.

England, too, had been edged out of the final after losing 12-18 in their semi final against France. But World Championship rugby is about going the five rounds and no side showed that better than Wales who secured the fifth finishing position with a 14-10 win over Australia on finals day.

A stage down Japan outshone a wilting Scotland side after scoring the bulk of their points in the last quarter, emphasising, perhaps, the need for climatic preparation in this tournament, while Argentina overran a ragged Italian side demoralised after an unnecessarily physical game against Scotland in the pool stages.


Then in the last of the play-offs Tonga grabbed glory with victory over Russia, while in division B it was Romania who triumphed with a win over Uruguay.

Bubbly and exciting though much of the rugby was, the early stages of the tournament were overshadowed by the tragic death of the young Ulsterman, John McCall, who collapsed during his side's first round match against New Zealand and was pronounced dead soon after.

John's untimely death had an arresting effect on the tournament but the organisers decided that the show had to go on. Ireland, however, as a mark of respect for John and in recognition of the effect on his young team mates, took the understandable decision to pull out of the championship.

It was a poignant moment, therefore, when John's mother, who had been flown over from Ireland at the invitation of the International Rugby Board, presented the trophy to the winners, New Zealand. Sadness and elation fused into one and perhaps the everlasting memory of the 2004 championship.

WORDS: ALAN GB LORIMER



PETER ALLAN
Scotland
Born: 19/01/1975
Height: 1.78m
Weight: 95kg




GEORGE CLANCY
Ireland
Born: 12/01/1977
Height: 1.81m
Weight: 77kg




TAIZO HIRABAYSHI
JAPAN
Born: 24/04/1975
Height: 1.70m
Weight: 72kg




DANIEL JABASE
Argentina
Born: 03/07/1970
Height: 1.70m
Weight: 78kg



JAMES LECKIE
Australia
Born: 27/11/1975
Height: 1.82m
Weight: 76kg




LINTON MANUALS
South Africa
Born: 11/06/1967
Height: 1.71m
Weight: 70kg



JAMES JONES
Wales
Born: 17/05/1978
Height: 1.54m
Weight: 76kg




ROMAIN POITE
France
Born: 14/09/1975
Height: 1.81m
Weight: 83kg



CHRIS POLLOCK
New Zealand
Born: 09/11/1971
Height: 1.68m
Weight: 70kg



ANDREW SMALL
England
Born: 09/07/1974
Height: 1.80m
Weight: 80kg



PHILIP SMITH
Canada
Born: 11/03/1979
Height: 1.85m
Weight: 78kg

NO PIC AVAILABLE
PAOLO VENTURA
Italy
Born: 06/10/1970
Height: 1.79m
Weight: 70kg

TOUCH JUDGES

Akim Hadj Bachir	France
Dean Richards	England
Orua Raymond	Kenya
Ojambo Stephen	Uganda

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Tom Aplin	Ireland
Keith Hendricks	South Africa
David Hebert	Wales
Mel Jones	Canada
Frans Muller	South Africa
John Pearson	England
Joel Dume	France
A N Other	South Africa

TOURNAMENT WINNERS 1990 - 2004

TOURNAMENT DATE	VENUE	WINNER
1990	Treviso, Italy	Argentina
1991	Toulouse, France	Argentina
1992	Madrid, Spain	France
1993	Lille, France	Argentina
1994	Lyon, France	South Africa
1995	Bucharest, Romania	Group A: Argentina Group B: Portugal Group C: Croatia
1996	Brescia, Italy	Group A: Argentina Group B: Portugal Group C: Croatia
1997	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Group A: Argentina Group B: Chile Group C: Georgia
1998	Toulouse, France	Group A: Ireland Group B: Georgia Group C: Ukraine Group D: Luxembourg
1999	Wales	Group A: New Zealand Group B: Spain
2000	France	Group A: France Group B: Samoa Group C: Ukraine
2001	Santiago, Chile	Group A: New Zealand Group B: Georgia
2002	Treviso, Italy	Pool A: New Zealand Pool B: Canada
2003	Paris, France	Pool A: South Africa Pool B: Uruguay
2004	Durban, South Africa	Pool A: New Zealand Pool B: Romania



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AGE GROUP RUGBY

To evaluate the importance of age group rugby and the contribution that IRB World Championships are making to the game of rugby, first ask yourself what was the position before these tournaments took front stage.

Schools internationals between England and Wales have been going on since 1904 whilst Australia, South Africa and New Zealand have enjoyed tours and exchanges at U18 and U19 for years. Even in these countries where rugby was long established, the provision for international competition was uncoordinated at best and haphazard at worst. Countries formed their own programmes and a vision for the future without reference to the good of the game as a whole.

But it was the developing countries that suffered the most. How could Argentina and Canada, Romania and Italy, Tunisia and Morocco improve their rugby when contact with the top countries was so infrequent? With difficulty.

To their credit, FIRA had the vision to organise a Championship as long ago as 1969 when they brought to Barcelona eight teams, all from Europe except Morocco. France, Romania, Italy, Spain "A" and "B". Czechoslovakia and Protuga played a sort of European U19 Championship which was won by France, and the FIRA Junior Championships went on to become the forerunner to the IRB U19 World Championships.

Other countries now started to show interest in the competition and Germany, Belgium, Poland, Yugoslavia, Holland, Russia, Tunisia, the Ivory Coast, Switzerland and Sweden had all appeared by 1986.

1987 was an important year with the participation of Argentina who saw the tournament as a vital part of the development for a country so many thousands of miles away from the main rugby playing countries.

Argentina went on to shake up a competition that had been dominated by France, and the Pumas won the competition, now vastly more competitive, in 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1993 as well as being runners up in 1992 and 1995.

The entry of South Africa in 1994 gave the competition a huge shot in the arm a big southern hemisphere country traveling far to participate in a competition that was now starting to have the tag, albeit unofficial, of a World Cup.

The young Springboks won the tournament in their first year and in 1996. By now, both Scotland and Wales realised that here was something big and special and invaluable in testing the worth of their U19 side on a world scale.

Interest now was so great that FIRA had to run a B and C group tournament for the smaller Unions Taiwan, Ukraine, Brasil, Bulgaria and tiny Andorra amongst others.

The appearance of England and New Zealand in 1999, followed a year later by that of Australia which made the Championships a competition for all the world's top teams. It was time for the IRB to use its vast organisation to put the competition on a higher plane. The competition had to get all the rugby playing nations together to strengthen the world game.

Former IRB Chairman, Vernon Pugh spoke passionately of the value of world gathering to give the little country the motivation to improve its standards, to rub shoulder on and off the field with the powerful nations, to talk rugby and learn about the game.

Pugh's remarkable vision underlined the importance of age grade World Champs in future years.

"If the strong want to welcome the weak into the family of rugby, then everyone must be enthusiastic in making the U19 World Championship a truly global event. Yes, we accept that the players from the big rugby playing countries will see the competition as absolutely vital in the development of the stars of the future but on a global scale, the tournaments will become a life line at U19 and eventually U21 for many nations.

We must nurture, foster and support financially those nations that have hitherto been marginalised through financial or geographical restraint in a spirit of happy fellowship and generosity of spirit"

Pugh was one of the leading influences behind the idea of an U21 World Championship which was first played in 2002, taking its impetus from the SANZAR/UAR U21 tournament, but the U19 competition was closer to his heart and he spoke about both the Championships being a proving ground for players, a key part in the global expansion of the game in all its rich diversity.

The IRB took over the full running of the U19 World Championship in 2003 and brought all its expertise to the organisation of the competition.

A player now has two big events in his career before he steps on to the great senior stage and at the U19 and U21 events, he can expect to learn the discipline of international tours. He will come to terms with the demands of all kinds of things from dope testing and group harmony to personal use of time, all to prepare himself for the ultimate test of his temperament and skill.

In 2003 an anti doping seminar was held in Italy prior to the U19 Tournament, to educate players on the procedure of drug testing and the IRB approach to doping.

World record cap holder Philippe Sella was there to talk on players' health and safety and stress his abhorrence of cheating.

"Cheating is not the way to win medals and titles. Hard work, training, skill and a genuine love of the game, these are the ingredients that will make you a successful rugby player." said the great French centre of the nineties.

Ever since then, the IRB has moved to increase the number of out of competition and out of season testings, standardise Anti Doping regulations, make penalties for doping offences equitable in all countries, bring in compulsory testing in all IRB sanctioned competitions and intensify the Anti Doping Educational Programme.

We take great delight in spotting the next generation of leading players. In 1998 in Toulouse we admired a young Irish centre Brian O'Driscoll, in 1999, we raved over a New Zealand flanker Richie McCaw, in 2000 we applauded one of his countrymen Dwayne Peel and in 2001 a French will o the wisp Frederick Michalak caught our eye.

So when you get to Durban, cast your net wide, play the game and spot the players you think will go on to fame. There will be plenty to choose from it will be that kind of tournament.

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Top seeds New Zealand who won the 2004 championship will clearly start as favourites even though they start this year's tournament with a completely new line up. The one thing in their favour is the continuity in their coaching and management staff. They were all part of last years winning formula and nothing much can replace experience.

The presence of All Black assistant coach Steve Hansen will also go a long way in helping motivate the 'Baby' Blacks. The teams head coach 'Aussie' McLean himself an astute scholar of the game also knows the KwaZulu-Natal conditions intimately which in itself is always an added advantage.

Take nothing away from the other two teams in Pool 'A,' Scotland and Japan but in truth it may be difficult to match the skills of the New Zealanders who have become true masters of a game, which has become a big part of their culture. Their driving passion for rugby football will surely see them through comfortably in their pool.

Japan have five of their players back to contest the 2005 championship and they have become one of the most improved rugby nations in the world and one has to give them full value with their entertaining brand of rugby they play. Certainly what they lack in physical presence they sure make up in pace and elusiveness.

Scotland's rugby is facing some hard times. It is said that once they restructure the game in that country their fortunes will change and for myself having been born in Dunfermline I look forward to that day.

The 'Blacks' open their campaign in retaining the title against Wales and that could be a lot tougher than they might perceive. The Welsh Dragon is really firing now that they've just won the Six Nations. When Welsh pride has been restored who knows what will happen and maybe, just maybe that could be the first stumbling block for the 2004 champions.

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PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Isaia Toeava	1st 5/8, 2nd 5/8	179cm	91kg
Faifili Levave	No. 8, Flank	198cm	100kg
George Whitelock	No. 8, Lock	193cm	99kg
Seminar Manu-Tinela	Fly Half, Centre	170cm	80kg
Nicolas Thomson	Wing	180cm	83kg
Vern Kamo	No. 8, Flank	180cm	95kg
Joshua Bekhuis	Lock, Flank	198cm	107kg
Charles O'Connell	No. 8, Lock	195cm	101kg
Robert Flynn	Centre, Wing	180cm	79kg
Sekope Kepu	No. 8, Flank	188cm	117kg
Steve Alfeld	Scrum Half, Fly Half	181cm	89kg
Mason Pomare	Hooker/No 8	184cm	100kg
Nick Crosswell	Lock, Flank	195cm	99kg
Justin Davies	Hooker, Prop	186cm	115kg
Dane Shelford	Scrum Half	171cm	86kg
Baydon Phillips	Scrum Half	179cm	80kg
Tamakaimoana Makamaka	Wing, Full Back	181cm	87kg
Lance MacDonald	Wing, Full Back	175cm	80kg
Daniel Bowden	Wing, Full Back	186cm	85kg
Dean Budd	Lock	194cm	99kg
Dane Coles	Hooker	185cm	96kg
Timothy Bateman	Centre, Full Back	181cm	84kg
Scott Murphy	Prop	186cm	103kg
George Pisi	Full Back, Centre	185cm	83kg
Jonathan Direen	Prop	189cm	110kg
Thomas Gilmour	Flank	179cm	90kg

Coach: Brian McLean

Assistant Coach: Gregory Shipton

Manager: Russell Hilton Jones



PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Takahiro Doi	Prop	180cm	105kg
Shunya Yoshida	Prop	183cm	101kg
Goki Amano	Hooker	173cm	100kg
Hiroataka Hirabara	Hooker	176cm	87kg
Kazuhito Sugiyama	Prop	178cm	105kg
Tatsuki Hashimoto	Prop	178cm	101kg
Shinya Makabe	Lock	192cm	95kg
Koichi Sugimoto	Lock	187cm	100kg
Yu Shimizu	Lock	186cm	90kg
Taro Kenjo	Flank	184cm	90kg
Kazuki Ueda	Flank	167cm	80kg
Yuga Takada	Flank	183cm	90kg
Kento Fukutomi	Flank	180cm	90kg
Shota Horie	No. 8	180cm	95kg
Daisuke Motegi	Scrum Half	172cm	75kg
Ryo Hanasaki	Scrum Half	160cm	54kg
Yuki Kawamoto	Fly Half	178cm	65kg
Daisuke Kijima	Fly Half	174cm	76kg
Shinji Nakazono	Wing	170cm	68kg
Shindo Kamaike	Centre	172cm	74kg
Naoki Morita	Centre	176cm	82kg
Daiji Hachiyaku	Centre	173cm	67kg
Christian Loamanu	Wing	184cm	96kg
Rikiya Asami	Wing	172cm	70kg
Ayumu Goromaru	Full Back	186cm	88kg
Hiroki Miyamoto	Full Back	173cm	72kg

Coach: Takeo Ishizuka

Assistant Coach: Atsushi Komura

Manager: Hiroshi Komiyama



PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Innes Brown	Front Row	175cm	104kg
Sean Crombie	Front Row	177cm	99kg
Alan Dymock	Front Row	178cm	97kg
Donald Malcolm	Front Row	172cm	90kg
Oliver Tatham	Front Row	194cm	105kg
Kyle Traynor	Front Row	185cm	105kg
Jonathan Alston	Wing	182cm	90kg
John Barclay	Flank	194cm	103kg
Torrie Callandar	No. 8, Lock	193cm	98kg
Alex Clarke	Lock	195cm	102kg
Greg Cottrell	Fly Half	170cm	66kg
Christopher Dunlop	Centre	181cm	90kg
Andrew Easson	Centre	184cm	85kg
Calum Forrester	No 8	189cm	102kg
Jamie Hood	Scrum Half	182cm	80kg
Tane Jerievich	Full Back	178cm	75kg
Cameron Johnston	Wing	182cm	83kg
Allan Kelly	Lock	201cm	104kg
Lee Kibble	Wing	180cm	86kg
James King	Fly Half	178cm	85kg
David McCall	Full Back	180cm	80kg
Ali Miller	Scrum Half	170cm	70kg
Ross Rennie	No 8	184cm	100kg
Greig Scott	Lock	193cm	113kg
James Taggart	Flank	180cm	88kg
David Warwick	Centre	188cm	91kg

Coaches:

Peter Wright, Eamon John

Manager: Bruce Hay



It might appear easy enough to predict which team is the favourite to win Pool 'B', but how does one choose a front runner out of a batch of unpredictable and expressive rugby sides.

The French are known for their wonderful running skills and have always somehow produced those gifted footballers that have that uncanny knack of turning games upside down. Whether or not their Under 19 class of 2005 have arrived in South Africa with some of these deadly players is anyone's guess but time will tell.

Argentina the team with that Latin American flair could also spark some interest in this year's tournament but whether they have the temperament to control their fiery exuberance of South American youth is debatable.

There can be no doubt that between the French and Argentine one is always likely to see some truly wonderfully entertaining rugby, which sadly doesn't necessarily win games. Needless to say these two sides can always upset the better and more favoured teams in a competition.

Ireland will want to show their worth and one has to say that certainly at schoolboy level their rugby has come on in leaps and bounds. Having watched many of their visiting touring rugby schools playing out here in recent seasons they have shown us enough to make one realise that Irish rugby is in the very best of hands and looking good.

There's that saying 'always beware of the luck of the Irish.' Perhaps they might need more than luck this time around but one thing is for certain the one thing the Irish are not short of and that is their huge passion for the game.

At the end of the day perhaps the French who are the second seeds are the favourites in Pool 'B.' Argentine play hosts South Africa in their opening game and France are up against Australia who are looking for a huge improvement on their disappointing 2004 result. Ireland face Georgia in their pipe opener and all in all this could be the pool that perhaps springs the surprise package.

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PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Nicolas Barthomeuf	Flank	189cm	94kg
Loic Bernad	Flank	180cm	90kg
Thierry Brana	Centre	176cm	85kg
Adrien Chalmin	2nd Row	200cm	102kg
Alexandre Ducasse	Front Row	182cm	103kg
Thibault Duvallet	Full Back	182cm	85kg
Yann Fior	Wing	192cm	89kg
Florent Fourcade	No. 8	193cm	94kg
Marc Giraud	Flank	197cm	97kg
Romain Edmond Samuel	Wing	180cm	80kg
Guilhem Guirado	Front Row	183cm	103kg
Julien Le Devedec	2nd Row	198cm	108kg
Bogdan Leonte	Flank	189cm	88kg
Albin Louchard	2nd Row	195cm	95kg
Brice Mach	Front Row	178cm	97kg
Maxime Medard	Full Back	182cm	87kg
Maxime Mermoz	Centre	182cm	87kg
Damien Neveu	Scrum Half	173cm	80kg
Grégory Parriel	Front Row	173cm	94kg
Louis Picamoles	No. 8	193cm	106kg
Charles Platek	Wing	180cm	87kg
Arnaud Ramey	Front Row	183cm	105kg
Julien Rey	Centre	185cm	90kg
Julien Sentenac	Scrum Half	165cm	63kg
François Trinh-Duc	Fly Half	182cm	83kg
Damien Weber	Front Row	178cm	104kg
Yan Fior	Wing	192cm	89kg

Coaches:

Didier Retiere, Sebastien Calvet

Manager: Christophe Mombet



IRISH RUGBY
FOOTBALL UNION

PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Dale Black	Wing	186cm	89kg
Callum Black	Prop	156cm	104kg
Robert Boles	Wing	186cm	82kg
Darren Cave	Centre	186cm	89kg
Greg Cooney	Scrum Half	155cm	86kg
Matthew D`Arcy	Scrum Half	180cm	72kg
Frankie Daly	Wing	189cm	99kg
Daniel Dawson	Flank	189cm	89kg
Kevin Griffin	Prop	186cm	108kg
Rob Kearney	Full Back	186cm	96kg
Diarmaid Laffan	Flank	189cm	89kg
Killian Lett	Fly Half	183cm	86kg
Brendan Lynch	Prop	189cm	123kg
Fergus McFadden	Centre	155cm	82kg
David McGowan	Lock	198cm	102kg
Kieran Moloney	Flank	192cm	104kg
Eric Moloney	Wing	156cm	79kg
Conor Muldoon	Prop	186cm	108kg
Barry O'Mahony	Flank	186cm	84kg
Gavin O'Meara	Prop	186cm	102kg
Darren O'Reilly	Flank	195cm	104kg
Evan Ryan	Fly Half	189cm	82kg
Adrian Saunderson	Flank	186cm	82kg
Fergal Walsh	Lock	198cm	92kg
Garry Walsh	Prop	189cm	118kg
Devin Toner	Lock	186cm	113kg

Coaches:

Pat Murray, Bryan Hyland

Manager: Michael Cunningham



PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Federico Sanchez	Prop	180cm	120kg
Nicolás Martínez	Prop	186cm	97kg
Jonatan Schwab	Flank	186cm	94kg
Tomás Carroll	Flank	188cm	92kg
Leandro Perez	Flank, Lock	189cm	94kg
Juan Pablo Miranda	No. 8	186cm	94kg
Tomás Roán	Lock	197cm	98kg
Mateo Lanusse	Lock	197cm	104kg
Joaquín García Terán	Wing	179cm	75kg
Patricio Roán	Scrum Half	170cm	74kg
Benjamín Urdapilleta	Fly Half	176cm	76kg
Gaspar Mac	Wing, Centre	178cm	83kg
Agustín Vago	Centre	185cm	87kg
Joaquín Gorina	Scrum Half	164cm	65kg
Juan Gabriel Mistura	Fly Half	179cm	86kg
Ignacio Jarsún	Flank, No. 8	185cm	100kg
Alfredo Marquardt	Wing, Full Back	186cm	83kg
Benjamín Macome	Flank, No.8	191cm	102kg
Francisco Cuneo	Centre	184cm	82kg
Juan Pablo Ruíz	Lock, Flank	188cm	92kg
Nicolás Piccaluga	Centre	181cm	81kg
Mariano García	Prop, Hooker	178cm	102kg
Douglas Panunzio	Prop	180cm	98kg
Pablo Pipistrelli	Hooker	177cm	101kg
Álvaro Herrera	Full Back	182cm	78kg
Lucas Nardín	Hooker	176cm	93kg
Francisco Chiamarello	Wing	176cm	84kg
Alejandro Martorell	Lock	193cm	100kg

Coaches:

Gonzalo Albarracin, Gustavo Minoldo

Technical Advisor: Daniel Americo

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The hosts South Africa appear to be in the most difficult of all the pools especially with the knowledge that the Australians were not at all happy with their 2004 results. Added to that there were many staunch rugby followers who simply struggled to come to terms with the 'Baby Wallabies' performances on the field of play last year, and by their standards it was unacceptable.

They say a Wallaby can be more aggressive than its bigger brother the Kangaroo and that an angry Wallaby has to be closely observed in the wilds. Whether this is a good omen or not time will tell but the Australians are a proud rugby nation now and will surely want to improve on their showing of last season.

The team returns with five of their players who participated in last year's event and that should be a good enough launching pad for them to get more focused as they prepare to tackle this year's tournament with more confidence.

South Africa are the second seeds and will be captained by lock Alistair Hargreaves of Natal and Durban High School Old Boys. He will be joined by two other local lads College Rovers prop J.C. Strauss the son of former Springbok prop Johan Strauss, and Johan Strydom the Harlequins lock.

The 'Baby' Boks will also be fielding a side with four players who represented the country in 2004 including their skipper Hargreaves. This should stand them in good stead but as the hosts they must have a burning desire to make it all the way through to ultimate glory. There has to be that almost ravenous hunger for total success especially with home advantage.

Georgia is also one of those countries that have improved immeasurably over the years. They have been a revelation and truly deserve their status in Division 'A' of the tournament but might struggle against the big guns. Having said that they must not be taken lightly as none of the sides can be under estimated in an international competition of this nature.

South Africa should be possible favourites in this pool but only marginally so and that is merely because of home ground advantage. In this pool its also safe to say beware of the Aussies.

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PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Andisa Gqobo	Flyhalf, Full Back	177cm	79kg
Hilton Lobberts	Flank	178cm	87kg
Luvuyo Mhlobiso	Wing	180cm	90kg
Chiliboy Ralepelle	Hooker	178cm	95kg
Henjo van Niekerk	Lock	200cm	100kg
Jan Volschenk	Prop	183cm	108kg
Jerome Williams	Wing	178cm	78kg
Marlon Lewis	Scrum Half	176cm	65kg
Zander de Kock	Prop	180cm	106kg
Francois Steyn	Fly Half, Centre	191cm	95kg
Richardt Strauss	Flank	174cm	93kg
Randall April	Wing	179cm	77kg
Yssel Swanepoel	Flank	194cm	99kg
Francois Uys	Flank	178cm	87kg
Petrus Vermeulen	Centre, Wing	180cm	79kg
Alistair Hargreaves	Lock	200cm	96kg
Johan Snyman	Lock	201cm	106kg
JC Strauss	Prop	190cm	105kg
Jakobus Janse van Rensburg	Prop	183cm	102kg
Warren Malgas	Scrum Half	176cm	69kg
Ricardo Croy	Fly Half	174cm	72kg
Deon Fourie	Hooker	176cm	91kg
Shandre Frolick	Full Back	180cm	81kg
Pieter Myburgh	Flank, No. 8	186cm	99kg
Jody Rose	Fly Half	176cm	76kg
Jowayne van Wyk	Centre	175cm	88kg

Coach: Eugene Eloff

Assistant Coach: Anthony Heugh

Manager: Felix Yibe



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UNDER 19 RUGBY

PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Geoff Abram	Hooker	183cm	100kg
Ben Bates	Wing	187cm	94kg
Matthew Bell	Full Back	183cm	92kg
Liam Bibo	Wing	181cm	88kg
Matthew Brandon	Fly Half	175cm	77kg
Will Brock	Flank	184cm	94kg
Pekahou Cowan	Prop	183cm	108kg
Scott Daruda	Fly Half	183cm	95kg
David Dennis	Flank, Lock	191cm	97kg
Saia Faingaa	Hooker	183cm	103kg
Anthony Faingaa	Centre	191cm	90kg
Dominic Fuller	Scrum Half	173cm	71kg
Ed Gower	Lock	194cm	100kg
Steven Hillman	Wing	183cm	81kg
Tom Hockings	Flank	191cm	101kg
Josh Holmes	Scrum Half	185cm	90kg
Leroy Houston	No. 8	189cm	105kg
Jack Kennedy	Prop	183cm	108kg
Tajhon Malaita	Full Back	183cm	94kg
Ryan Newman	Flank	184cm	98kg
Alexander Peden	Centre	179cm	96kg
Richard Stanford	Lock	195cm	103kg
Pauliasi Taumoepeau	No. 8	185cm	106kg
Jeremy Tilse	Prop	194cm	108kg
John Ulugia	Prop	180cm	119kg
Adam Watson	Full Back	191cm	88kg

Coaches:

Scott Wisemantle, Mark Bell

Manager: Rob Abernethy



PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Otar Turashvili	Front Row	183cm	103kg
Anton Peikrishvili	Front Row	183cm	115kg
Giorgi Soselia	Front Row	180cm	115kg
Beka Sheklashvili	Front Row	188cm	120kg
Beka Mekokishvili	Front Row	178cm	108kg
Davit Kubriashvili	Front Row	183cm	117kg
Alexander Maglakelidze	Front Row	181cm	90kg
David Daushvili	Lock	193cm	87kg
Giorgi Sadzaglishvili	Lock	188cm	124kg
Levan Daraselia	Flank	190cm	82kg
Galaktion Gagnidze	No. 8	189cm	105kg
Irakli Daushvili	Flank	195cm	95kg
Lasha Tavartkiladze	Flank	190cm	95kg
Simon Maisuradze (c)	Flank	185cm	97kg
Giorgi Begadze	Scrum Half	178cm	70kg
Luka Kilasonia	Scrum Half	173cm	81kg
Levan Khukhunalshvili	Fly Half	177cm	75kg
Charles-Edouard Yachvili	Fly Half	181cm	78kg
Dimitri Meskhishvili	Wing	189cm	87kg
David Gurgenidze	Wing	188cm	80kg
Viliam Kaifadjan	Centre	184cm	93kg
Giorgi Mchedlishvili	Centre	180cm	100kg
Mamuka Ninidze	Wing	180cm	80kg
Irakli Chkhikvadze	Centre	183cm	98kg
Alexander Todua	Full Back	183cm	79kg
Irakli Gegenava	Wing	179cm	83kg

Coach: Maisashvili Levan

Assistant Coach: Bokhua Badri

Manager: Tapladze Levan

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Fourth seeds England were also possibly disappointed with their 2004 tournament results as they did look very disjointed in a few of their games against so called weaker opposition at last year's championship.

They too will want to improve on their performances of last season. Certainly English rugby will be definitely be looking at the new generation coming through the system as they start their rebuilding process after a depressing Six Nations.

Wales on the other hand are on a high as a rugby playing nation, but whether their juniors can be motivated by their current status as Six Nations champions will only come out when they face the New Zealanders in their opening round match. It will be a tall order, but a roaring Welsh Dragon filled with rugby passion and pride could prove a dangerous foe.

The newly promoted side of Romania will be making their debut in Division 'A' and will only be seeded 12th for the tournament. Whilst they surprised many of sides in Division 'B' last year to be deservedly promoted they shouldn't pose too much of a threat in this their first outing amongst the more recognised rugby playing nations of the world.

Depending on which side has the greater desire to stamp their authority in this pool will finalise the outcome of which country goes though to the semi-finals and beyond but one just gets that sneaky little suspicion that the Welsh are very buoyant at the moment an might just be that much more enthusiastic for ultimate glory.

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PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGH
Anthony Allen	Centre	179cm	90kg
Danny Care	Scrum Half, Fly Half	175cm	74kg
Daniel Cipriani	Fly Half	180cm	84kg
David Doherty	Full Back, Wing	183cm	82kg
Shane Geraghty	Fly Half	180cm	83kg
Ryan Lamb	Fly Half	175cm	80kg
Nick Abendanon	Centre, Wing	178cm	83kg
Adam Powell	Centre, Full Back	180cm	87kg
Dominic Shabbo	Wing, Centre	180cm	80kg
Dominic Waldouck	Centre	181cm	87kg
Alex Wright	Scrum Half	173cm	78kg
Tom Youngs	Centre	167cm	90kg
Donald Barrel	No 8	191cm	100kg
Andrew Boyde	Flank	191cm	102kg
Chris Brooker	Hooker	180cm	109kg
Jordan Crane	No. 8	191cm	103kg
Kevin Davis	Prop	183cm	105kg
Dylan Hartley	Prop	186cm	100kg
Marcc Howgate	Flank	175cm	83kg
James Inglis	Lock	198cm	108kg
Tom Mercey	Prop	180cm	103kg
Mike Myerscough	Lock	196cm	98kg
Alex Rae	Lock	196cm	98kg
Alex Rogers	Prop	191cm	113kg
David Tait	No. 8, Flank	193cm	102kg
Rob Webber	Hooker	182cm	103kg

Coaches:

Tosh Askew, Dorian West

Manager: John Elliot



PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Tom Cheeseman	Centre	184cm	94kg
Nicky Gethin Downs	Prop	188cm	110kg
Darren John Daniel	Wing	180cm	85kg
Bradley Scott Davies	Lock	198cm	108kg
Iorwerth Alan Rhys Gill	Prop	186cm	103kg
Nicholas William Gill	Wing	177cm	90kg
Gregory Owen Evans	Centre	178cm	90kg
Daniel Wyn George	Hooker	184cm	100kg
Aaron Bramwell	Full Back	186cm	80kg
William Rhys Jones	Lock	193cm	105kg
Benjamin Rhys Lewis	Flank	192cm	95kg
Daniel Evan Lloyd-Jones	Lock	194cm	100kg
Craig Mitchell	Prop	184cm	110kg
Kenneth James Owens	Hooker	182cm	107kg
Stuart Johnny Phillips	Flank	188cm	85kg
Adam Stephen Powell	No. 8	193cm	108kg
Lloyd Maldwyn Ryland	Centre	184cm	85kg
Jamie Huw Roberts	Full Back	195cm	94kg
Martin Roberts	Scrum Half	175cm	75kg
Ashley Edward Smith	Centre	198cm	93kg
Jonathan Philip Spratt	Centre	184cm	90kg
Samir Wahdan	Lock	196cm	108kg
William Frederick Waldron	Flank	195cm	103kg
Richard Wilkes	Prop	177cm	114kg
Gareth John Williams-Davies	Fly Half	175cm	80kg
Alex Rhys Walker	Scrum Half	183cm	75kg

Coach: Ian Jones

Assistant Coaches: Gareth Nicholas, Robert Beale

Manager: Cledwyn Edwards



PLAYERS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Marius Badea	Flank	186cm	95kg
Daniel Bejan	Hooker	185cm	93kg
Razvan Bors	Fly Half	178cm	82kg
Valentin Busuioc	Wing	180cm	74kg
Ciprian Caplescu	Scrum Half	170cm	70kg
Stefan Ciuntu	Wing	182cm	85kg
Ovidiu Dumbrava	Wing	182cm	93kg
Claudiu Dumitru	Fly Half	177cm	72kg
Catalin Fercu	Centre	182cm	82kg
Alexandru Grigore	No. 8, Flank	192cm	90kg
Adrian Ion	Flank	186cm	90kg
Mihaita Lazar	Prop	186cm	94kg
Viorel Lucaci	Flank	189cm	79kg
Andrei Lupei	Hooker	177cm	93kg
Mihai Macovei	Lock	195cm	92kg
Dorin Manole	Wing	184cm	80kg
Adrian Matei	Wing	178cm	75kg
Florin Maxim	Hooker	184cm	104kg
Sorin Mihaila	Prop	186cm	98kg
Adrian Pasciuc	Scrum Half	173cm	78kg
Valentin Pasol	Prop	182cm	94kg
Valentin Popirlan	Lock	196cm	100kg
Sergiu Spataru	Centre	183cm	94kg
George Tiu	Prop	181cm	105kg
Gabriel Tomescu	Lock	194cm	106kg
Florian Vlaicu	Full Back	186cm	92kg

Coaches:

Alexandru Achim, Alexandru Marin

Manager: Radu Constantin



Two other African sides will join South Africa in this IRB Under 19 World Championship. Namibia and newcomers Zimbabwe will also be part of a festive 17 days of international youth rugby at its very best one of the biggest youth events in the sporting world today.

Division 'B' mainly embraces the younger rugby playing nations of the world all eagerly wanting to learn and grow in the sport and one day perhaps play the so called more prominent rugby nations. This does not deter from the fact that these countries play an entertaining brand of rugby of the highest quality.

The Italians are the top seeds after being displaced from Division 'A' by Romania last year. They will be wanting to regain Division 'A' status as quickly as possible and will be looking at finding some composure before tackling the programme in their quest for ultimate glory in their division.

The Italians are in Pool 'A' with USA and Spain and might be favourites in the pool. Second seeds Uruguay in Pool 'B' are an improved outfit and look a better bet than the other two sides in their pool who are the Samoa and Korea although the South Sea Islanders have been known to produce some real quality players in the past.

Third seeds Chile head up Pool 'C' with Russia and Zimbabwe. Having recently watched some of the top Zimbabwean schools playing in recent Easter tournaments their rugby doesn't look in such bad shape at junior level under the circumstances. They should hold their own.

The other African side Namibia who are the fourth seeded side in Division 'B' return to contest the championship with three of their players in tact from last year. They should be a far more competitive unit this time around. Tonga and Paraguay complete Pool 'D' with Namibia who could be the dark horses in their division to take top honours.

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PLAYERS	POSITION
Davide Giazzon	Prop
Enrico Ceccato	Fly Half
Alberto De Marchi	Prop
Salvatore Murri	Prop
Raffaele Privetera	Prop
Lorenzo Giovanchelli	Hooker
Mantvydas Tveraga	Lock
Fabio Flammini	Lock
Andrea Sola	Lock
Alberto Saccardo	Lock
Roberto Talotti	Flank
Paul Derbyshire	Flank
Andrea Barbieri	Flank
Pierpaolo Rota	Hooker
Fabio Semenzato	Scrum Half
Enrico Ceccato	Fly Half
Bruno Molaioli	Fly Half
Paolo Buso	Fly Half
Alberto Lucchese	Scrum Half
Marco Ceselin	Centre
Marco Filippucci (c)	Centre
Matteo Paoli	Centre
Riccardo Pavan	Wing
Daniele Giampietri	Wing
Alberto Sgarbi	Wing
Michele Sepe	Full Back

Coaches:

Gianluca Guidi, Mario Pavin

Manager: Giovanni Cipolla



PLAYERS	POSITION
Pierce McPherson	Front Row
Joseph Brown	Front Row
Gavin Secker	Front Row
Robert Caridi	Front Row
Edward McKenna	Front Row
Joshua Williamson	Front Row
Justin Boyd	Wing
Samuel Britton	No. 8
Michael Bunce	Flank
Christopher Curro	Centre
Alexander Dresner	No. 8
Jason Engelbrecht	Flank
Keegan Engelbrecht	Fly Half
Eric Forner	Centre
Aaron Fry	Lock
Eric Fry	Lock
Nic Grala (c)	Scrum Half
Michael Kopra	Full Back
Benny Mateialona	Scrum Half
Sean McNamara	Centre
Logan Collins	NO. 8
Kory Olsen	Lock
James Paterson	Centre
Zachary Reed	Flank
Chrsitopher Sardon	Fly Hhalf
Ryan Taylor	Full Back

Coaches: Salty Thompson,

Sean O'Reilly, Trevor Bracken

Manager: John Banarhall



PLAYERS	POSITION
Marco Pinto	Front Row
Marc Gonzalez (c)	Front Row
Mikel Orbeagozo	Front Row
Omar Miniño	Front Row
Jaime Cornejo	Front Row
Nicolás Alcalde	Front Row
Alex Butaud	Lock
Christian Utiel	Lock
Jesús Recuerda	Lock
Pau Rodriguez	Flank
José Esparza	Flank
Jerónimo Sempere	Flank
Santiago Noriega	Flank
David Pelaz	Flank
Rodrigo Villahoz	Flank
Juan C. Pico	Scrum Half
Diego Echevarria	Scrum Half
Adrián Herrero	Fly Half
Miguel Merino	Fly Half
Pedro Martin	Fly Half
Anthony Berrichon	Centre
Marcos G. Poggil	Centre
Iván Agudo	Centre
Iñaki Arana	Wing
Fernando Dominguez	Wing
Ignacio Gutiérrez	Full Back

Coaches: Javier G. Cancho,
Alberto Bertoni
Manager: Angel Vieira



PLAYERS	POSITION
Arturo Avalo Imbriaco	Front Row
Alejandro Harley Surco	Front Row
Juan Pablo Lenoble Nassar	Front Row
Nicolas Motta Mambretti	Front Row
Santiago Pablo Revilla Fraga	Front Row
Juan Pedro Revilla Fraga	Front Row
Juan Pedro Rombys Aguzzi	Lock
Frederico Aquistapache Peroni	Lock
Juan Pablo Horta Sciarra	Lock
Juan Manuel Sanchez Puupo	Lock
Mateo Tarabal Villa	Flank
Sebastian Cuello Chanez	Flank
Santiago Deicas Cafaro	Flank
Fernando Pache Brussoni	No. 8
Diego Riva-Zucchelli Sueta	Scrum Half
Santiago di Meo	Scrum Half
Alberico Passadore Peñalva	Fly Half
Martin Crosa Gaminara (c)	Fly Half
Andres Lussich Racineiti	Centre
Gonzalo Canessa Saul	Centre
Santiago Core Aenlle	Centre
Alejandro Silveira Algorta	Wing
Martin Fernandez Vallo	Wing
Frederico Sterenstein Springings	Wing
Facundo Inciarte Gonzalez	Full Back
Denis Omar Rey Pecoy	Full Back

Coaches: Cesar Cat,
Guillermo Storacce, Enrique Rodriguez
Manager: Daniel Gonzalez

SAMOA



PLAYERS

Steve Faatau
John Tusiupu
Christian Tupuola
Ferro Faalogo
Albert Tupuola
Atenai Aii
Nathan Fuatai
Sililo Toese
Manaia Salavea
Asotasi Koloni
Timothy Nelson
Siaosi Akerei
Alama Paulo
Luteru Patu
Laasia Paulo
Pita Filipo
Reupena Vaeagi
Salevi Leota
Esera Lavina
Herman Porter
Silaumua Potifele
Morgan Salesa
Timoteo losua
Philemon Prichard
Nillet Tuimalealiifano
Anitelea Tuilagi

POSITION

Front Row
Front Row
Front Row
Front Row
Front Row
Lock
Lock
Lock
Lock
No. 8
Flank
Flank
Flank
Half Back
Half Back
Fly Half
Fly Half
Centre
Centre
Wing
Wing
Wing
Full Back
Wing
Centre

Coch: Lepale Niko Palamo

Assistant Coach: Paepaetele Stan Toomalatai

Manager: Ryan Schuster

KOREA



PLAYERS

Jeong, Gyeong Won
Park, In Kwon
Choi, Woong Keun
Lee, Chang Hun
Kim, Sung Hwan
Yeo, You Jae
Kim, Jung Il
Hwang, Hyun Soo
Lee, Hye Gon
Go, In Suk
O, Seng Joung
Choi, Jin Kyu
Park, Hyo Geun
Han, Kun Kyu
Lee, Ki Don
Kim, Ji Sun
Choi, Si Won
Im, Jae Beom
Kim, Won Yong (c)
Choi, Rak Hoon
Kim, Dae Han
Bea, Chan Hwan
Kim, Yun Sang
Kim, Byung Doo
Lee, Jung Min
Lee, Kwang Soo

POSITION

Prop
Prop
Hooker
Hooker
Prop
Prop
Lock
Lock
Lock
Flank
Flank
Flank
No.8
Scrum Half
Scrum Half
Fly Half
Fly Half
Centre
Centre
Centre
Centre
Wing
Wing
Full Back
Full Back

Coaches: Cho Sung Chul,
Han Young Hoon

Manager: Moon Young Chan



PLAYERS	POSITION
Hernan Amigo	Hooker, Prop
Javier Araya	Flank
Andre Campagnaro	Full Back
Jorge Camponovo	Prop
Alberto Consiglio	Wing
Aldo Cornejo	Wing
Maximiliano Correa	Hooker
Sergio De La Fuente	Prop
Ignacio Deformes	Lock
Mariano Delpech	Lock
Cristobal Garcia De La Huerta	Scrum Half
Juan Pablo Hinrichsen	Flank
Diego Iturriaga	Centre
Pablo Mainguiyague	Wing
Enrique Manguiyague	Fly Half
Aldo Merello	Lock
Benjamin Omegna	Fly Half
Daniel Pacheco	Flank
Juan Pablo Perrota	Scrum Half
Gustavo Podlech	Lock, Flank
Luis Salazar	Lock
Juan Pablo Spoerer	Prop
Rodrigo Tobar	Flank
Javier Valderrama	Full Back
Diego Vega	Centre
Nicolas Venegas	Prop

Coaches:

Dalivor Franulic, Juan I. Fuentes

Manager: Alejandro Alvarez



PLAYERS	POSITION
Artem Avalyan	Scrum Half
Mikhail Babaev	Centre
Andrey Mychlen	Prop
Andrey Troyanov	Flank
Victor Gressev	No. 8
Denis Kravchenko	Fly Half
Dmitry Krotov	Wing
Roman Kulik	Lock
Evgeny Kustov	Scrum Half
Nikita Medkov	Lock
Alexei Moskalev	Fly Half
Maxim Orlov	Centre
Vladimir Ostroushko	Centre
Alexander Otochin	Prop
Sergey Petukhov	Centre
Vladimir Rodichev	Wing
Kirill Frolov	Prop
Alexey Shishov	Flanker
Denis Soldatenko	Flanker
Dmitri Soldatov	Lock
Alexander Mironov	Wing
Alexey Volkov	Hooker
Stanislav Wolossar	Prop
Sergey Yanyushkin	Centre
Alexey Zhikharev	No. 8
Sergey Kasatkin	Centre

Coaches: Igor Mironov,

Valeryan Bagdassarov, Vasily Kazak

Manager: Dmitry Afinogenov



PLAYERS	POSITION
Bongoi Moyo-Muswabu	Front Row
Tinashe Lazarus Moyo	Front Row
George Frederick Heyns	Front Row
Iason Derek Maritz	Front Row
Dumisani Tapson Ncube	Front Row
Xolani Dube	Front Row
Roland Benade	Fly Half
Munyaradzi B. Taruvinga	Scrum Half
Shingai Lionel Mpfu	Flank
Richard Ian Kennaird	Hooker
Nqobile Nobert Mpala	Full Back
Tangai Nemadice	Full Back
Gerald Tichaona Sibanda	Centre
Richard Jumbe	Centre
Brendon Brider	Lock
Alexander Ndangana	Wing
Ebenezzer Simba	TBA
Terence Odendaal	Flank
Michael Passaportis	No. 8
Thomas Milburn	TBA
Richard Wild	Lock
Benjamin Nicholls	Scrum Half
Ayanda Khumalo	Lock
Ricky Ferreira	Full Back
Grant Ziegler	Flank
Andrew Steenkamp	TBA

Coaches:

Reg Querl, Mbanga Will

Manager: Nicholls Alex

PLAYERS	POSITION
Japsie Blaauw	Lock
Wicus Blaauw	Prop
John-Bert Calitz	No. 8
Danie Dames	Fly Half
Hendrik Dames	Wing
Darryl De La Harpe	Centre
Herman De Wet	Fly Half
Stefan Du Rand	Wing
Shaun Esterhuizen	Hooker
Barnett Geldenhuys	Flank
Herman Grobler	Prop
Eugene Jantjies	Full Back
Dawie Koen	Scrum Half
Louis Kotze	Lock
Serge Look	Scrum Half
Ian Nel	Wing
Pieter Nell	Lock
Wimpie Nel	No. 8
Bennie Oosthuizen	Hooker
Vaughan Petersen	Flank
Andre Schlechter	Prop
Quinton Simon	Centre
Gregory Stein	Full Back
Morton Van Kradenburg	Flank
Hauta Vei	Prop
Keeane Wellmann	Scrum Half

Coach: Johan Venter**Assistant Coach:** Riaan Jantjies**Manager:** Gabriel Tjombe

TONGA



PLAYERS	POSITION
Saia Pouono	Front Row
Tevita Halahingano	Front Row
Tipiloma Kivalu	Front Row
Soane P. V. Ledger	Front Row
Dannies Tan Kivalu	Front Row
Tavite F. Mafi	Front Row
Samiu Ika	Lock
Nikolasi Sione O. Kava	Lock
Samisoni F. L. Masima	Lock
Falani Peini Vea	Lock
Siliveinusi M. A. Naulangi	Flank
Ukuma Loto K. S. Ta'ai	Flank
Mana'ia Taotala	Flank
Paula Koinonia Havea	No. 8
Maamaloa Teuaki Kuluka	Scrum Half
Kelepi 'Otuhouma Mafi	Scrum Half
Mataiasi Vave Aholelei	Fly Half
Saia Halatanu Fekitoa	Centre
Poteni Ulakai	Centre
Samisoni T. Pongi	Centre
Siaosi Tufui Folau	Wing
Sione Fa'amao Teaua	Wing
Fine Vea M. H. Lemoto	Wing
Mafile'o Pi'e'i	Full Back
Soane Latu	Lock
Brian Jonathan Sefanaia (c)	Centre

Coach: Tu'ivaita Veleni

Assistant Coach: Fe'ao Vakata

Manager: Mapele Otumuli

PARAGUAY



PLAYERS	POSITION
Jesus Achucarro	Flank
Fernando Alvarenga	Lock
Diego Arambulo	Prop
Juan Ballasch	Lock
Ruben Benitez	Wing
Daniel Bittar	Scrum Half
Guido Bogado	Full Back
Omar Cabrera	Flank
Hugo Chavez	Centre
Joao Da Silva	Hooker
Jorge Escalada	Fly Half
Jorge Franco	Wing
Guillermo Gomez	Prop
Diego Medina	Prop
Sergio Morinigo	Centre
Sebastian Ortiz	Lock
Gustavo Orue	Prop
Marcos Reyes	Full Back
Gonzalo Sanchez	Fly Half
Fernando Santos	Flank
Jose Sarubbi	Prop
Juan Silva	Scrum Half
Diego Sotelo	Centre
Guillermo Viveros	Wing
Juan Benitez	Flank
Christian Melgarejo	Wing

Coaches:

Pedro Mosciaro, Luis Gomper

Manager: Hugo Valdez

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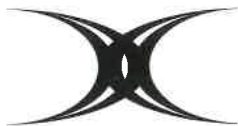
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