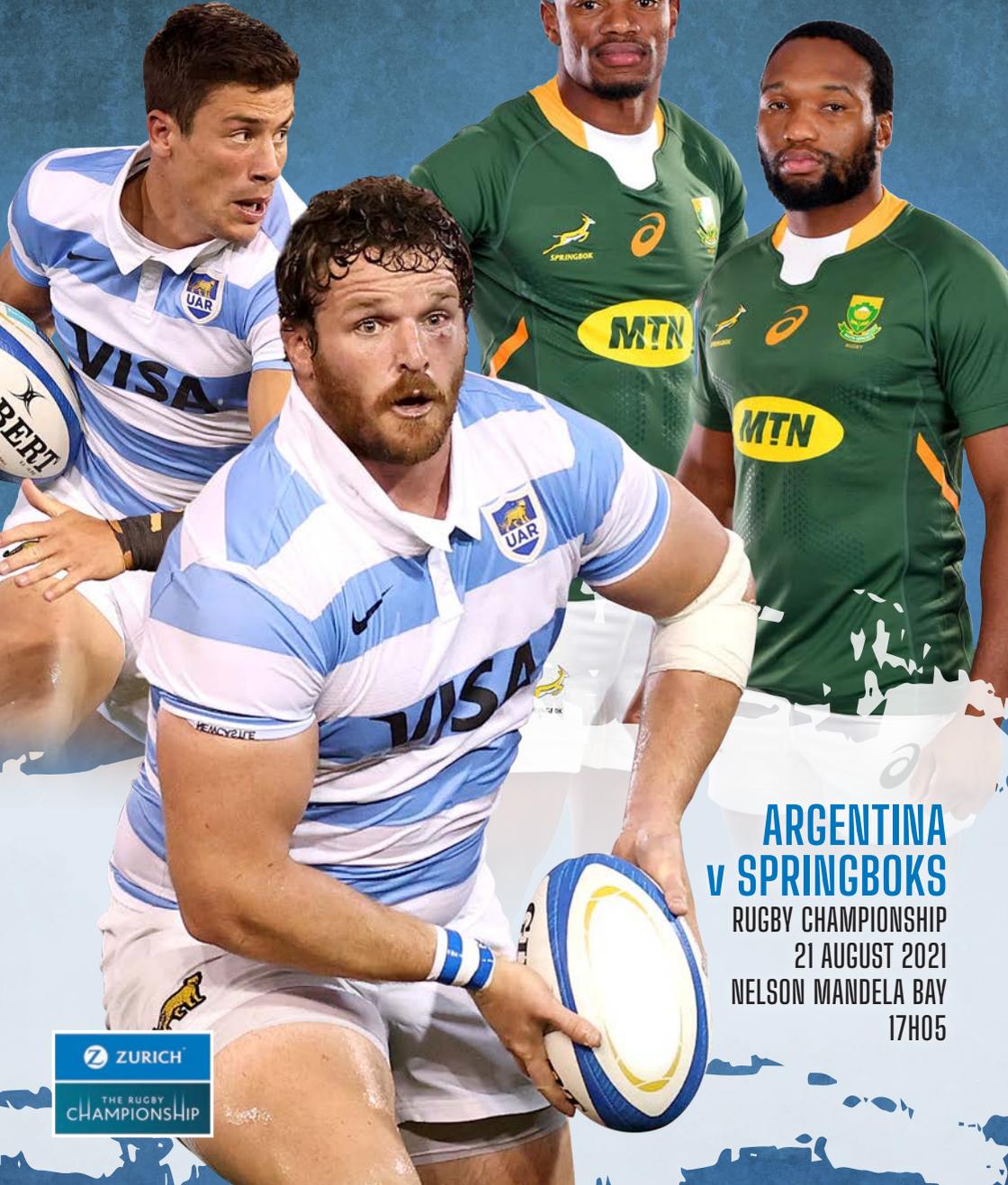


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SANZAAR

I am very happy to welcome you to the Castle Lager Rugby Championship (TRC), one of the best rugby tournaments in the world, and one that has continually prepared our teams to challenge for World Champions status.

These are difficult times but in 2021 SANZAAR will hopefully deliver a full four-team, 12-match TRC – albeit in a modified form in terms of its match schedule locations.

The normal home and away format has been affected by the pandemic but I would like to thank all our member unions for all their hard work in ensuring we can now kick-off the latest edition of TRC.

For this season, we are very happy to welcome the Springboks back. We missed them so much in 2020!



SANZAAR would also like to recognise Los Pumas for playing, for the second consecutive year, all their games away from home: that contribution to the tournament is recognized by all and we are sure that they will represent their country with the passion that characterises them.

We now look forward to the matches in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Welcome to

the best rugby in the world.

Marcelo Rodríguez
Chairman, SANZAAR



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SA RUGBY

It's amazing to think the Castle Lager Lions Series wrapped up just a few days ago, and we're already back in action in the Castle Lager Rugby Championship.



with Argentina goes back many years and it's great that we can get together again and build on it.

**Rassie Erasmus,
Mark Alexander and
Jacques Nienaber.**

I'd like to congratulate the Springboks for winning a very tough series against the British & Irish Lions, but that is in the past now and we're looking forward to rekindling our relationship with our friends from Argentina, Australia and New Zealand.

Last year, we missed out on defending our Castle Lager Rugby Championship crown, but I know Jacques Nienaber, Siya Kolisi and the rest of the players and members of management are ready for a big series against the Pumas, Wallabies and All Blacks.

Good luck for what promises to be a challenging few weeks ahead until the final match against the All Blacks in New Zealand in October.

We kick off with two tough Tests against the Pumas in Nelson Mandela Bay and I would like to wish both teams well for this mini-series. Our relationship

The journey to this point has been a long and complicated one; filled with scenario planning, COVID contingencies and great uncertainty. But it is a tribute to the spirit of rugby that the teams are on the field today – unfortunately without our supporters.

I would like to welcome to our friends from Argentina here in South Africa for the two Tests, and wish them well for the rest of the Castle Lager Rugby Championship. We honour and thank you for your determination to be here today.

I'd also like to thank our sponsors and in particular welcome aboard today Thirsti, Betway, Switch and Hyperice who all joined the family this week.

Thank you also to everyone who has worked hard behind the scenes to make these matches happen, the players and staff and all other important stakeholders.

Mark Alexander
President, SA Rugby

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Y JUAN MARTÍN HERNÁNDEZ.

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BOKS TAKE FIRST TEST

The Springboks scored three tries to nil in their 32-12 win in the opening Test of the 2021 Castle Lager Rugby Championship last weekend at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, with Cobus Reinach, Aphelele Fassi and Jaden Hendrikse crossed the Puma try-line. We look back at the action from last Saturday's typically tough Test.







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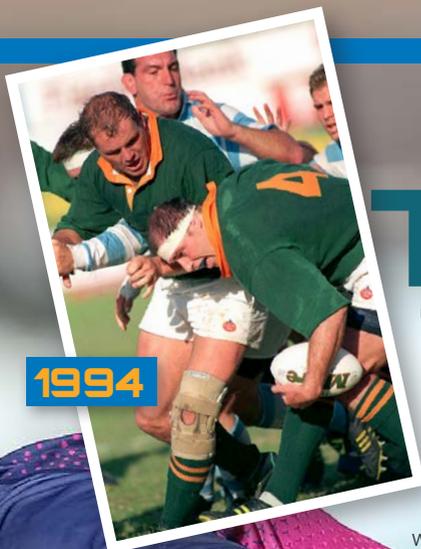
Jaden van der Merwe



BOKS HAPPY TO BE BACK IN NELSON MANDELA BAY

It's been 28 years since South Africa and Argentina played their first Test – in November 1993 in Buenos Aires – but when the Springboks and Los Pumas clash in Nelson Mandela Bay in the opening two rounds of the Castle Lager Rugby Championship, they will be back in the South African city where they first crossed swords on local soil.





1994

THE Pumas' first Test in South Africa was at the erstwhile Boet Erasmus Stadium on 8 October 1994, a Test the Boks won by 42-22 under the captaincy of Francois Pienaar.

They returned to the Friendly City in 2003 when the Boks sneaked home by the tiniest of margins (26-25), courtesy of a late penalty goal by Louis Koen also at Boet Erasmus, and in 2017 the Pumas last played here, their first match at the impressive new Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, where SA won 37-15.





Malcolm Marx, Bongi Mbonambi, Trevor Nyakane, Steven Kitshoff, Eben Etzebeth, Franco Mostert, Siya Kolisi, Elton Jantjies, Jesse Kriel and Damian de Allende all featured on that day, with the Springbok captain scoring one of their four tries in the match.

And although the Boks are unbeaten against the Pumas in Nelson Mandela Bay, they realise that no Test against the Argentineans are ever an easy affair.

Springbok head coach Jacques Nienaber said being physical and accurate in their execution were key factors going into these matches against Los Pumas.

“Argentina are very physical, so we

“Argentina are very physical, so we need to stand up to that challenge in every contest.”

JACQUES NIENABER
SPRINGBOK COACH

need to stand up to that challenge in every contest,” said Nienaber.

“Their forward pack is renowned for making their presence felt, so our set pieces need to be spot-on and it will be important to dominate at the contact points.

“All-in-all we need to deliver an accurate performance all around and it is vital that we capitalise on the opportunities we have to score points.”

Nienaber said the Boks will try and manage the players’ workloads during their time in Nelson Mandela Bay, with seven more Tests scheduled until the end of the season, including four on the road against the Wallabies and All Blacks.

“It is a long season, so it’s important that we manage the players well and rotate our squad to ensure that everyone gets sufficient game time and rest,” said Nienaber.

“We have a talented squad, and we are excited to see some of the players get a chance to show what they

2017



Elton Jantjies and Malcolm Marx in action against Argentina in 2017.

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can do against a tough Argentinean outfit.

“Most of the players in this matchday squad have been with us since our conditioning camp in Bloemfontein in June, and they’ve been working hard at training and deserve this opportunity to take the field.

“This is a big game for us, and we are looking forward to seeing what these player combinations will deliver as we begin our Castle Lager Rugby Championship campaign.”

The Boks have always been very well received in the Eastern Cape and this time is no different. Cllr. Nqaba Bhanga, Executive Mayor, said: “Nelson Mandela Bay is proud to host the Springboks and Argentina for these matches. As a

Metro we are fast becoming known as a sporting destination of choice.

“We have in recent months

hosted many incident free sports fixtures at our world-class Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, and look forward to doing so again. The hosting of these matches is especially bitter-sweet as we mourn the recent loss of EPRU President Andre Rademan, a stalwart of rugby in our Metro and Province.”

The Springboks have a very good record at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, having won six and drawn one from their seven matches at the venue.

The referees for the two Tests against Los Pumas are Andrew Brace from Ireland, and England’s Karl Dickson, while Tom Foley (England) was appointed as the television match official (TMO).



ARGENTINA

Saturday 14 August 2021 / 17h05 / Nelson Mandela Bay



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Ignacio Mendy*	14
Santiago Chocobares	13
Jeronimo de la Fuente	12
Santiago Carreras	11
Domingo Miotti	10
Gonzalo Bertranou	9
Rodrigo Bruni	8
Guido Petti	7
Pablo Matera	6
Tomas Lavanini	5
Matias Alemanno	4
Francisco Gomez Kodela	3
Julian Montoya (c)	2
Nahuel Tetaz Chaparro	1
Facundo Bosch	16
Facundo Gigena	17
Santiago Medrano	18
Marcos Kremer	19
Juan Martin Gonzalez	20
Felipe Ezcurra	21
Nicolas Sanchez	22
Lucio Cinti*	23
On debut today	*

HEAD COACH: Mario Ledesma **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Nicolas Fernandez Miranda, Juan Martin Fernandez Lobbe, Ignacio Fernandez Lobbe, Juan Fernandez Miranda and Jose Pellicena.

SPRINGBOKS



REFEREE: Karl Dickson (England) **ASSISTANT REFEREES:** Marius vd Westhuizen (South Africa) and AJ Jacobs (South Africa) **TMO:** Tom Foley (Wales)

- 15 Willie le Roux
- 14 Cheslin Kolbe
- 13 Lukhanyo Am
- 12 Damian de Allende
- 11 Makazole Mapimpi
- 10 Handre Pollard
- 9 Cobus Reinach
- 8 Jasper Wiese
- 7 Franco Mostert
- 6 Siya Kolisi (c)
- 5 Lood de Jager
- 4 Marvin Orie
- 3 Thomas du Toit
- 2 Malcolm Marx
- 1 Trevor Nyakane

- 16 Bongsi Mbonambi
- 17 Steven Kitshoff
- 18 Frans Malherbe
- 19 Nicolaas Janse van Rensburg*
- 20 Kwagga Smith
- 21 Dan du Preez
- 22 Jaden Hendrikse
- 23 Damian Willemse

* On debut today



DIRECTOR OF RUGBY: Rassie Erasmus **HEAD COACH:** Jacques Nienaber

ASSISTANT COACHES: Mzwandile Stick, Deon Davids, Daan Human and Felix Jones

NELSON MANDELA BAY



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GEEES



The 2010 FIFA World Cup not only gave South Africans the opportunity to experience one of the biggest sporting events in their own country, but also a raft of new stadiums built and others upgraded, and when the Springboks and Argentina clash in the opening rounds of the 2021 Castle Lager Rugby Championship, one such stadium will host all the blood, sweat, tears and drama between two old foes.

THE Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium was purpose-built for the football spectacle 11 years ago, when it hosted seven matches, including the Netherlands' 2-1 victory over Brazil in the quarter-finals, as well as the bronze medal match, where Germany beat Uruguay by 3-2.

A year later, the Springboks made their debut at this 46,000-seat stadium, against the All Blacks, when Morne Steyn kicked five penalty goals and a drop to score all the Boks' points in their 18-5 victory, which set the tone for what was to come.

A 14-14 draw against England followed in 2012, but in four Tests thereafter, the Boks were unstoppable at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium.

In 2014, Handre Pollard made his Test debut at the stadium against Scotland on a day the Boks won by 55-6, their biggest victory at this ground.

Members of the current squad who are still involved with the Boks will also look back on that day with fondness – Lood de Jager scored two and Willie le Roux one try, while Pollard added five conversions and a penalty goal.

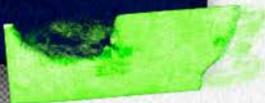
Two years later, in 2016, the Boks returned to the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium for a series decider against Ireland, and Elton Jantjies kicked one conversion and three penalty goals as they beat Ireland by 19-13.

Argentina played their first match at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium the following year, with the Boks recording a 37-15 win in front of a near sell-out crowd, with Siya Kolisi dotting down and Jantjies adding 17 points with the boot through three penalty goals and four conversions.

The last time the Boks played here, was in 2018 against Australia, a match they won by 23-12 with Faf de Klerk scoring a try and Pollard kicking three penalty goals and two conversions.

With an average attendance of 94% of the capacity, the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium is one of the venues where the Boks can always count on great support. In fact, almost 260,000 people have

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Handre Pollard made his Springbok debut against Scotland at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in 2014, and Lood de Jager capped a great performance with two tries for the Boks.

attended the six Tests played here. Unfortunately, the Castle Lager Rugby Championship opener in 2021 will be played in an empty stadium due to the COVID-pandemic, but the Boks will know they will have an army of green behind them.

“We are very grateful to Argentina for having agreed to play their home match against the Boks in the Castle Lager Rugby Championship here in South Africa,” said Jurie Roux, CEO of SA Rugby.

“Unfortunately, there is no prospect that spectators will be allowed to attend matches, but we are pleased to be returning to the Eastern Cape for these important Tests, as they mark our return to the Castle Lager Rugby Championship, and

we’re excited to resume competition with Argentina, Australia and New Zealand after missing out in 2020, when we were due to defend the title.”

“We are very grateful to Argentina for having agreed to play their home match against the Boks in the Castle Lager Rugby Championship here in South Africa.”

JURIE ROUX
CEO SA RUGBY



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THE ARGENTINIANS



Nahuel Tetaz Chaparro 1
PROP

Born: 06/11/1989
Height: 1.86m
Weight: 120kg
Club: Benetton Treviso

66 TEST CAPS



Julian Montoya (c) 2
HOOKER

Born: 29/10/1993
Height: 1.83m
Weight: 113kg
Club: Leicester

67 TEST CAPS



Francisco Gomez Kodela 3
PROP

Born: 07/07/1985
Height: 1.84m
Weight: 119kg
Club: Lyon

17 TEST CAPS



Matias Alemanno 4
LOCK

Born: 17/11/1994
Height: 1.94m
Weight: 111kg
Club: Bordeaux-Begles

58 TEST CAPS



Tomas Lavanini 5
LOCK

Born: 22/01/1993
Height: 2.01m
Weight: 125kg
Club: Clermont

60 TEST CAPS



Pablo Matera 6
FLANKER

Born: 18/07/1993
Height: 1.92m
Weight: 111kg
Club: Libre/Free

73 TEST CAPS



Guido Petti 7
FLANKER

Born: 17/11/1994
Height: 1.94m
Weight: 111kg
Club: Bordeaux-Begles

59 TEST CAPS



Rodrigo Bruni 8
NOB

Born: 03/09/1993
Height: 1.87m
Weight: 111kg
Club: UAR

11 TEST CAPS

THE ARGENTINIANS



Gonzalo Bertranou 9
SCRUMHALF

Born: 31/12/1993
Height: 1.78m
Weight: 82kg
Club: Dragons

30 TEST CAPS



Domingo Miotti 10
FLYHALF

Born: 22/05/1996
Height: 1.88m
Weight: 91kg
Club: Glasgow

5 TEST CAPS



Santiago Carreras 11
WING

Born: 22/08/1989
Height: 1.83m
Weight: 88kg
Club: UAR

12 TEST CAPS



Jeronimo de la Fuente 12
CENTRE

Born: 24/02/1991
Height: 1.84m
Weight: 97kg
Club: Perpignan

60 TEST CAPS



Santiago Chocobares 13
CENTRE

Born: 31/03/1999
Height: 1.88m
Weight: 97kg
Club: Toulouse

6 TEST CAPS



Ignacio Mendy 14
WING

Born: 29/06/2000
Height: 1.80m
Weight: 82kg
Club: UAR

ON DEBUT TODAY



Juan Cruz Mallia 15
FULLBACK

Born: 11/09/1996
Height: 1.82m
Weight: 90kg
Club: Toulouse

8 TEST CAPS



Facundo Bosch 16
HOOKER

Born: 08/08/1991
Height: 1.79m
Weight: 104kg
Club: La Rochelle

8 TEST CAPS

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Mario Ledesma

HEAD COACH



Facundo Gigena 17
PROP

Born: 15/09/1994
Height: 1.83m
Weight: 115kg
Club: London Irish

4 TEST CAPS



Santiago Medrano 18
PROP

Born: 06/03/1996
Height: 1.86m
Weight: 115kg
Club: Force

25 TEST CAPS



Marcos Kremer 19
LOCK

Born: 30/07/1997
Height: 1.95m
Weight: 116kg
Club: Stade Francais

36 TEST CAPS



Juan Martin Gonzalez 20
LOOSE FORWARD

Born: 11/11/2000
Height: 1.92m
Weight: 90kg
Club: Marista

1 TEST CAPS



Felipe Ezcurrea 21
SCRUMHALF

Born: 15/04/1993
Height: 1.79m
Weight: 87kg
Club: UAR

12 TEST CAPS



Nicolas Sanchez 22
FLYHALF

Born: 26/10/1988
Height: 1.76m
Weight: 81kg
Club: Stade Francais

88 TEST CAPS



Lucio Cinti 23
UTILITY BACK

Born: 23/03/2000
Height: 1.90m
Weight: 83kg
Club: La Plata

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THE SPRINGBOKS



Trevor Nyakane

PROP

Born: 04/05/1989
Height: 1.78m
Weight: 121kg
Province/Club:
Vodacom Bulls

47 TEST CAPS > 5 TEST POINTS



Malcolm Marx

HOOKER

Born: 13/07/1994
Height: 1.89m
Weight: 116kg
Province/Club:
Kubota Spears (Japan)

37 TEST CAPS > 30 TEST POINTS



Thomas du Toit

PROP

Born: 05/05/1995
Height: 1.90m
Weight: 130kg
Province/Club:
Cell C Sharks

12 TEST CAPS > - TEST POINTS



Marvin Orie

LOCK

Born: 15/02/1993
Height: 1.98m
Weight: 110kg
Province/Club:
DHL Stormers

5 TEST CAPS > - TEST POINTS



Lood de Jager

LOCK

Born: 17/12/1992
Height: 2.06m
Weight: 122kg
Province/Club:
Sale Sharks (England)

49 TEST CAPS > 25 TEST POINTS



Siya Kolisi (c)

FLANKER

Born: 16/06/1991
Height: 1.88m
Weight: 98kg
Province/Club:
Cell C Sharks

55 TEST CAPS > 30 TEST POINTS



Franco Mostert

FLANKER

Born: 27/11/1990
Height: 2.00m
Weight: 106kg
Province/Club:
Honda Heat (Japan)

43 TEST CAPS > 5 TEST POINTS



Jasper Wiese

NO8

Born: 21/10/1995
Height: 1.90m
Weight: 110kg
Province/Club:
Leicester Tigers (England)

4 TEST CAPS > - TEST POINTS

THE SPRINGBOKS



Cobus Reinach 9

SCRUMHALF

Born: 07/02/1990
Height: 1.75m
Weight: 84kg
Province/Club:
Montpellier (France)

17 TEST CAPS > 40 TEST POINTS



Handre Pollard 10

FLYHALF

Born: 11/03/1994
Height: 1.88m
Weight: 98kg
Province/Club:
Montpellier (France)

52 TEST CAPS > 502 TEST POINTS



Makazole Mapimpi 11

WING

Born: 26/07/1990
Height: 1.84m
Weight: 91kg
Province/Club:
Cell C Sharks

17 TEST CAPS > 75 TEST POINTS



Damian de Allende 12

CENTRE

Born: 25/11/1991
Height: 1.91m
Weight: 105kg
Province/Club:
Munster (Ireland)

50 TEST CAPS > 30 TEST POINTS



Lukhanyo Am 13

CENTRE

Born: 28/11/1993
Height: 1.86m
Weight: 96kg
Province/Club:
Cell C Sharks

18 TEST CAPS > 20 TEST POINTS



Cheslin Kolbe 14

WING

Born: 28/10/1993
Height: 1.71m
Weight: 80kg
Province/Club:
Toulouse (France)

17 TEST CAPS > 45 TEST POINTS



Willie le Roux 15

FULLBACK

Born: 18/08/1989
Height: 1.86m
Weight: 90kg
Province/Club:
Toyota Verblitz (Japan)

65 TEST CAPS > 60 TEST POINTS



Bongsi Mbonambi 16

HOKKER

Born: 07/01/1991
Height: 1.75m
Weight: 103kg
Province/Club:
DHL Stormers

40 TEST CAPS > 40 TEST POINTS

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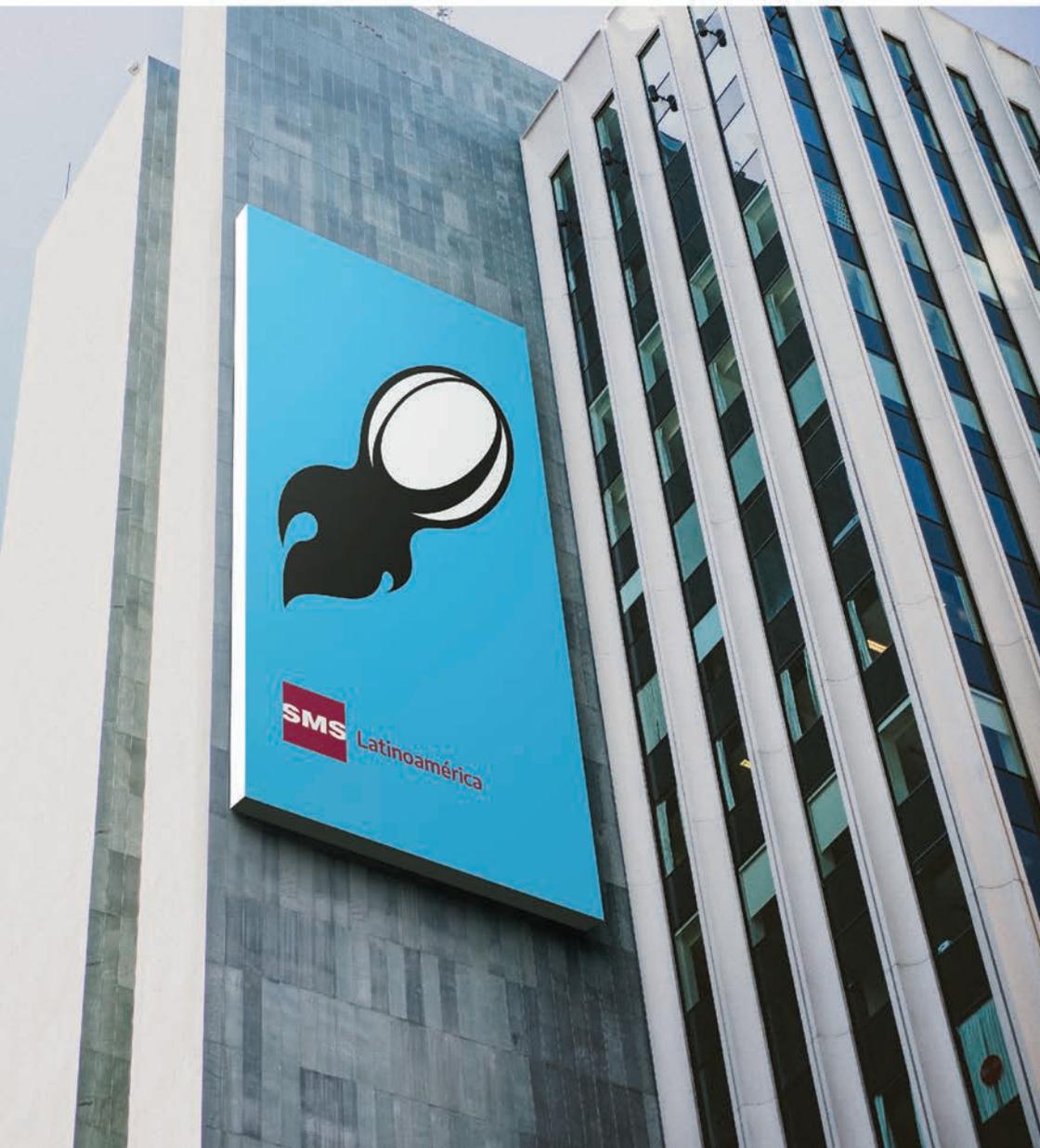
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HEAD COACH



Steven Kitshoff

PROP

Born: 10/02/1992
 Height: 1.83m
 Weight: 118kg
 Province/Club:
 DHL Stormers

51 TEST CAPS > 5 TEST POINTS



Frans Malherbe

PROP

18

Born: 14/03/1991
 Height: 1.90m
 Weight: 138kg
 Province/Club:
 DHL Stormers

42 TEST CAPS > 5 TEST POINTS



Nicolaas Janse van Rensburg

LOCK

Born: 06/05/1994
 Height: 2.00m
 Weight: 115kg
 Province/Club:
 Montpellier (France)

ON DEBUT TODAY



Kwagga Smith

LOOSE FORWARD

20

Born: 11/06/1993
 Height: 1.80m
 Weight: 95kg
 Province/Club:
 Yamaha Jubilo (Japan)

11 TEST CAPS > 5 TEST POINTS



Dan du Preez

LOOSE FORWARD

21

Born: 05/08/1995
 Height: 1.96m
 Weight: 117kg
 Province/Club:
 Sale Sharks (England)

5 TEST CAPS > - TEST POINTS



Jaden Hendrikse

SCRUMHALF

22

Born: 23/03/2000
 Height: 1.84m
 Weight: 86kg
 Province/Club:
 Cell C Sharks

1 TEST CAP > 5 TEST POINTS



Damian Willemse

UTILITY BACK

23

Born: 07/05/1998
 Height: 1.87m
 Weight: 91kg
 Province/Club:
 DHL Stormers

11 TEST CAPS > 5 TEST POINTS



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First time in two years

Before last weekend's match, the Boks last played against Argentina in 2019, winning both Tests in Salta, where they sealed the Castle Lager Rugby Championship title, and Pretoria – we take a look back at some of the action from those two matches.



Handre Pollard scored 31 points, including two tries, against Argentina in Salta in 2019.



Steven Kitshoff, who played off the bench in Salta, looks for support against the Pumas.





Makazole Mapimpi and Cobus Reinach on the attack against Los Pumas in 2019.

Sbu Nkosi with some proper acrobatics for one of his two tries against Argentina at Loftus Verfeld in 2019.



THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS



*Oíd, mortales, el grito sagrado:
"¡Libertad! ¡Libertad! ¡Libertad!"
Oíd el ruido de rotas cadenas
ved en trono a la noble igualdad*

*Ya su trono dignísimo abrieron
las Provincias Unidas del Sud
y los libres del mundo responden:
"¡Al gran pueblo argentino, salud!"
Y los libres del mundo responden:
"¡Al gran pueblo argentino, salud!"*

*Sean eternos los laureles,
que supimos conseguir.
Coronados de gloria vivamos
¡O juremos con gloria morir!
¡O juremos con gloria morir!*



*Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo*

*Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba
sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika -
South Afrika.*

*Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,*

*Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.*

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