

GROOT RUGBYGESIN N DIE MATIES



Stellenbosch Rugby Club

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The Stellenbosch Rugby Club was founded in 1868 and the Stellenbosch Rugby Club, from which the Stellenbosch Rugby Club, in 1906, is a direct descendant. In 1868, a local club of rugby was played in Stellenbosch, but this club was replaced in the 17's and Stellenbosch Rugby Club was founded in 1868. The Stellenbosch Rugby Club was the first club to play the game in Stellenbosch. The Stellenbosch Rugby Club was the first club to play the game in Stellenbosch. The Stellenbosch Rugby Club was the first club to play the game in Stellenbosch.



STELLENBOSCH

Stellenbosch is one of the most beautiful towns in the world, a cultural triumph. Two of South Africa's greatest cultural achievements have been Cape Dutch architecture and the Afrikaans language. Both are glorious in Stellenbosch, the second oldest town in South Africa.

The town was founded in 1679 by the good Governor Simon van der Stel and named after him. It was a centre for vine and fruit growing, and the good governor blessed the town by prodding acorns into the soil, and today it is known to many as Eikestad - Acorn City with its shady oaks, set amongst high mountains, swelling hills with vineyards and relaxed old buildings. It is a settled place, and settled into this settled place and mixed up in it is the University of Stellenbosch.

The fires of 1710 and 1803 destroyed many of the gracious, thatched homes but still a lot of old Stellenbosch remains. Drive up Dorp Street and see the many buildings with the National Monument sign. Cape Dutch architecture with its thick white walls and cool black thatch is there in one historical monument after another. And Stellenbosch became a centre of Afrikaner learning and culture.

HOW THE SPRINGBOKS GOT THEIR NAME

While the storm rages in the country as to what to call the national rugby team, we can at least thank Paul Roos for coming up with the name 'Springboks'. Born in Stellenbosch in 1878, Paul Roos captained the first South African team to tour overseas to Britain in 1906. The name Springbok was created in an effort to stop the British press inventing their own nickname for the team. Remember that the tour wasn't too long after the Boer War so British press could've been a bit more malicious in creating a nickname for the visiting team. Paul Roos, the tour manager and official came together and decided to call the team 'De Springbokken'. The Daily Mail printed an article calling the South African team the 'Springboks'. After that, the team wore green blazers with an embroidered Springbok on the left breast pocket.



Craven wants five points for a try



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THE OUTSPAN

I Am Confident That

The Springboks Will Be Fully Extended

"We must not allow ourselves to be lulled into security by our successes in the Antipodes"

By PAUL ROOS
(Captain of the famous 1906 Springbok team.)

HELLO, South Africa! In a few weeks' time we shall have the privilege of welcoming the sixth British rugby team to our beautiful sunny South. And I feel sure I may, on behalf of the whole of South Africa, assure our visitors of a right royal welcome. Shall we not always gratefully receive the memory of their predecessors who taught us the "dear old game," that gave so appealing to our nature that we even elevated to the rank of our "national game"?

But surely, the team itself deserves our warmest welcome, and I wish at this distance to extend my

hard to the "clever" manager, Major "Toke" Hartley, and the "rolling" captain, R. W. S. Walters, wishing them and the members of their team the best of luck in their forthcoming tour.

