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2012 TOURNAMENT OF THE 2 HEMISPHERES in its 4th edition

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Presentation

- The tournament of two hemispheres (T2H) is a rugby tournament initiated by the French school Jules Verne of Johannesburg in 2009, in which three South Africa's best under-20 teams test their mettle against three of France's best under-20 teams. After the first two editions in South Africa (Johannesburg, Soweto, Parkhurst and Konka camp), the third edition of this tournament took place in the French region of Languedoc in 2011, getting even more importance in the rugby landscape.
- Over and above very high-level rugby matches, each edition offers new initiatives off the rugby field. Last year in France, the South African teams spent their week between their rugby obligations and forming partnerships with local institutions. These partnerships aim to provide a platform for the development and emergence of new South African talents among players from disadvantaged communities.
- In 2011, the participating South African teams were the Lions from Johannesburg (for their 3rd participation) and the Raiders from Bosmont (2nd participation). The participating French teams were Languedoc, Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur and Rhône-Alpes. For the first time, the tournament welcomed a new country last year: the under 20 national team of Russia. The competition was of very high level. The Lions scored second after Languedoc ! (Raiders 4th position!).
- In 2012, the tournament will again take place in South Africa (Johannesburg and Konka camp). The 3 French committees Languedoc, Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur and Rhône-Alpes will participate again. From South Africa, the Lions and the Raiders have confirmed. We should have the Blue Bulls as well.
- This year, the tournament will also host a **junior section**, with **6 teams from Africa** (Gabon, Morocco, Congo, Kenya, Benin, Guinea Konacry), **the Raiders and the French school** competing (grade 6-7; plus 4-5; plus high school : 10, 11, 12) : **8 teams in total**. The kids will be hosted in families.

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A French School of Distinction

Background

- Founded in 1969, the French School Jules Verne forms part of the international French Schools network administered by the Agency for French Teaching Abroad (AEFE). It receives subsidies from this organisation that is managed under the aegis of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In return, the school is required to thoroughly comply with the instructions of the French National Education Ministry, which involve appointing expatriate or resident teachers of the French national education system, but also locally-recruited staff, the majority of which are French, the school is nevertheless managed privately as the school's management committee oversees its financial management.

An active French School in South Africa

- Close to 800 pupils from 43 different nationalities (45% of our pupils are French) are schooled in Johannesburg and Pretoria. Over and above its mission to be a school that provides a public service, it is also an important vessel to promote the French language and culture in South Africa.
- The French school Jules Verne of Johannesburg has longstanding and significant partnership agreements with South African institutions - The Nelson Mandela's children's Fund, the Thulani and Winnie Ngwekazi Schools in Soweto, as well as with rugby teams. As such, it is a major player in educational cooperation between the two countries and strives to promote the French educational system abroad. The school aims to provide an opportunity for talented young South Africans from disadvantaged backgrounds to rise through sport and educational arenas.
- Beyond partnerships, the school has become an important player in South African society within the educational, social and cultural fields:
 - In June 2007, the School exhibited the Webb Ellis Cup during its Southern African tour;
 - In November 2007, it also welcomed the Springboks, current Rugby World Champions;
 - In July 2008, former President Nelson Mandela celebrate its 20th anniversary
 - In June 2010, the school organised in Johannesburg the international French schools soccer world cup, during the FIFA world cup, welcoming 26 teams of 10 boys and girls aged 11 and 12, from 4 continents (Africa, Americas, Asia and Europe).
 - In 2010, the school obtained the Green Flag, award rewarding its efforts for being a sustainable school, as part of the Eco-schools programme.
 - In 2011, the French school participated in many tournaments with other South African schools.

The AEFE

- The AEFE is a French public institution created in 1990 under the aegis of the French foreign ministry to coordinate and monitor the 243-strong network of French international schools in close to 130 countries throughout the world. It receives a 320 million euro subsidy every year from the foreign ministry. And yet 650 million Euros are used each year to develop this unique network thus enabling it to support large project like the T2H.

A Multi-Faceted Tournament

The first 3 Editions

- The first edition of this tournament was, in 2009, the brainchild of the French School Jules Verne of Johannesburg. This tournament brought together three of the best under-20 South African teams (the Pretoria Blue Bulls, the Brakpan Falcons and the Johannesburg Golden Lions) as well as the Soweto Rugby Club and 4 French under-20 leagues (Auvergne, Côte Basque-Landes, Languedoc, Midi-Pyrénées).
- In 2010, the Blue Bulls, the Lions and the Bosmont Raiders played for South Africa, PACA, Languedoc and Rhône-Alpes played for the French side.
- In 2011, the tournament took place in France for the first time. It gained again credibility and notoriety, with a very high level of competition.

A high-level sporting event

- The tournament of two hemispheres is a high-level sporting event between various teams. In fact, the French teams had selected several international **under-20 players**, some of whom had played in the French Rugby Championship top 14.

A superb opportunity to build bridges outside the sporting arena

- Thanks to the first edition of this tournament in 2009, the **first-ever international rugby match** was **played in Soweto**, a mythical place in modern-day South Africa. Also thanks to this tournament, a historic partnership was entered into between the Comité Languedoc and the Soweto Rugby Club thus enabling the clubs to pool their selection methods and to encourage the emergence of a new generation of talented players benefitting from the know-how of both hemispheres.
- Since 2009, the Languedoc committee established a partnership with the French school partner Winnie Ngwekazi primary school from Pimville (Soweto) and offered books and pedagogical material.
- In 2010, the French delegations visited some historical places in South Africa (Soweto, Apartheid museum), discovered the Pilanesberg park and its wild animals, and met the Winnie Ngwekazi school as well as some representatives from the Nelson Mandela Children Fund.

- French Professor Giordan, who came with the French delegations in 2010, committed itself into helping the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund and contributing to the building of a new children hospital in Soweto.
- In 2011,
 - the Raiders, like the Lions, made the most of their trip to France. They were delighted upon their return. Their presence was valuable and much-appreciated.
 - The Midi Olympique newspaper reported on the T2H as an international event comparable to the U18 European Championships that took place at the same time en Armagnac – Bigorre, France.
 - The two representatives of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, present during the week of the tournament, were delighted with their stay in the Languedoc area and forged some ties with future partners (Municipalities, FFR, Montpellier hospital, who are interested in helping to build a future children's hospital in Johannes-burg).
 - The city of Mende made this tournament its highlight of the sporting season and inaugurated a street called "avenue Nelson Mandela".



Raiders players with Mpaki Pule, representant of the Nelson Mandela Children Fund

- An agreement was entered into between the AEFÉ and the FFR (French Rugby Association). Mr Camou, chairman of the FFR, attended the opening ceremony of the tournament. The AEFÉ supports this type of initiative that contributes to the promotion of French schools abroad.



The Golden Lions in Mende



The Raiders in Mende,
with Mr Bousquet, headmaster
of the French school Jules Verne



The Raiders against Languedoc in Mende

Guy Molveau (treasurer of FFR, Languedoc committee president), Mpaki Pule (NMCF), Pierre Camou (chairman of the FFR), Joe (NMCF), Gérard Leteissier (Languedoc committee, former headmaster of French school Jules Verne), Patrice Bousquet, Headmaster of the French school Jules Verne in Mende



The 2012 Edition – New Ambitions

The 2012 edition of the Tournament of the two Hemispheres has human and sporting objectives:

- Reinforce the **partnership with the Nelson Mandela Children Fund**, enabling its representatives, present during the tournament, to meet potential partners, willing to help them in their projects.
- Continue to **strengthen the ties between the French and South African rugby teams**, by emphasizing the partnerships between the teams, clubs and schools or local teams.
- Reinforce the **links between the Rugby French Federation (FFR) and the AEFÉ (agency for French teaching abroad)**, as part of the agreement signed in April 2011 in France.
- Promote the **development of the South African townships rugby**, in collaboration with the Lions rugby club, with the Raiders team from Bosmont representing it. Help disadvantaged children to get social promotion through sport, with the promotion of new talented players.
- Promote the **values of rugby to unite players** from different cultures and social backgrounds, and use this sport as a platform to introduce educational, teaching, sporting and human initiatives. Young Frenchs will have the chance to discover the South African society and history (visit of the historical places (Apartheid museum...), French school and Sowetan schools, Pilanesberg park...).
- Pursue the dynamic and durable partnerships, with the **tournament being held in South Africa and France alternately**.

The 2012 programme (main events)

Friday April, 6:

- Evening : Official reception at the Lions in Johannesburg with VIP and sponsors

Sunday April, 8: 1st day of tournament at Bill Jardine Stadium – Bosmont (Raiders)

- Match 1 : GOLDEN LIONS / RHONE ALPES
- Match 2 : BLUE BULLS / LANGUEDOC
- Match 3 : RAIDERS / PACA

- After-match ceremony for the six delegations and sponsors

Wednesday April, 11: 2nd day of tournament - Johannesburg athletics stadium or UJ stadium (TBC)

- Match 1 : RAIDERS / LANGUEDOC
- Match 2 : GOLDEN LIONS / PACA
- Match 3 :BLUE BULLS / RHONE ALPES

- After-match ceremony for the six delegations and sponsors

Saturday April, 14: last day of tournament – Konka camp

- Match 1 :BLUE BULLS / PACA
- Match 2 : RAIDERS / RHONE ALPES
- Match 3 : GOLDEN LIONS / LANGUEDOC

- Closing ceremony for the six delegations and sponsors

- Invitation to watch the match Bulls - Lions (Super rugby) at Coca-Cola Park (ex- Ellis Park) – 7 pm

The under-20 teams

The South African teams:

- **The Lions**



The Lions from Johannesburg have been participating since the first edition of this tournament.

The team used this overseas experience to prepare for the U19 Currie-Cup competition, which they won !

- **The Raiders**



- The Raiders team has talented players from the South African townships and prepares the Springboks of tomorrow. That will be a unique opportunity for those kids to take the plane for the first time of their life and go out of South Africa to compete in an international rugby tournament.
- The Raiders Rugby Club was born out of a proud tradition of rugby, with a rich history and origins stretching back over a 100 years. The club's experiences during the first decade of democracy has mirrored that of the country, as it worked very hard to build a culture of excellence and a home for rugby players truly representative of South Africa.

- Today, the TIRFU Raiders Rugby Football Club has a completely non-racial membership of approximately 150 senior players mostly from the surrounding disadvantaged areas such as Riverlea, Westbury, Bosmont, Eldorado Park, Ennerdale, Orange Farm, Soweto, Noordgesig, and Boksburg.
 - Their stadium is the home of 10 high schools and 14 primary schools and our vision is to facilitate and develop rugby in our communities ensuring that all of our youth choose sport and education as alternatives to crime and drugs.
 - TIRFU Raiders also prides itself on the junior programme's which has now been running for several years. This year, we fielded teams in the U'9, 11, 13, 14, 16 & 18 leagues and has successfully fulfilled all our fixtures taking rugby to 200 – 300 juniors and their families.
 - The challenge for TIRFU Raiders however, is to produce first class players from a previously disadvantaged background to fill the ranks of South African Rugby, hence our slogan: TIRFU RAIDERS – Producing the Springboks of Tomorrow
 - The Raiders Rugby Club is one of a handful of real, non-racial premier league clubs in South Africa.
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- **The Blue Bulls**



- For their 3rd participation, the Blue Bulls will be the 3rd South African team.
- Winners of the first 2 editions, they will be ready to compete again.

- **The French teams :**

- The 3 French selections are made of the best under-20 players of Languedoc, Rhône-Alpes and Provence Côte d'Azur. Some of the players will soon play in the Top 14. Some players from last year's tournament played in Top 14 in Montpellier. They are mostly high level players. Some of them have already been selected in the French national team (corresponding to their age category).

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The Blue Bulls

The results of the first 3 editions

Results T2H 2009 (Johannesburg)

1)	Blue Bulls	15 points
2)	Lions	14 points
3)	Côte Basque Landes	10 points
4)	Auvergne	9 points
5 et 6)	Languedoc & Midi Pyrénées	5 points
7)	Falcons	0 point
8)	Soweto	0 point

Results T2H 2010 (Johannesburg)

1)	Blue Bulls	12 points
2 et 3)	PACA & Rhône Alpes	9 points
4 et 5)	Languedoc & Lions	6 points
6)	Raiders	0 points.

Results T2H 2011 (France : Mende, Narbonne, Montpellier, Valence, Toulon)

1)	Languedoc	13 points
2)	Golden Lions	9 points
3 et 4)	Russie & Bosmont Raiders	8 points
5)	Rhône-Alpes	3 points
6)	PACA	1 point