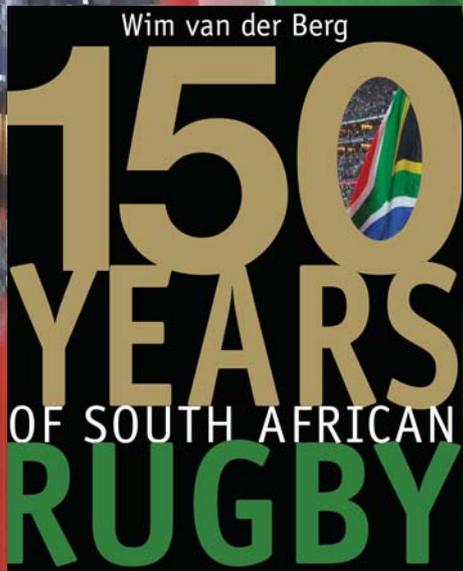




# 150 YEARS OF SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY

by Wim van der Berg



**2011 marks an important milestone in the life of rugby in South Africa** – the first rugby game was played on South African soil in 1861 making this the 150th year of rugby in South Africa.

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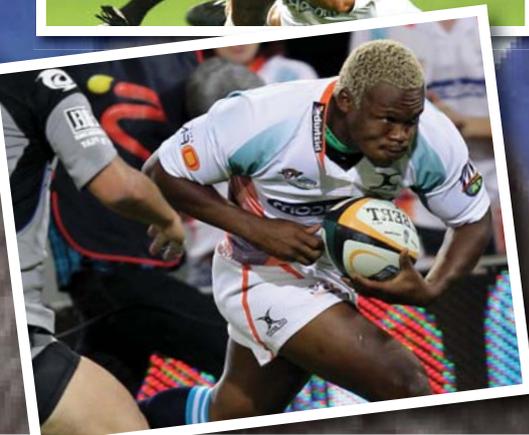
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