



# **MEDIA GUIDE**

U20 France Masculin

**Junior World Cup 2025**

*29/06/2025 to 19/07/2025*



**PLAYERS**



Hooker

# AKRAB Lyam

Nickname : Akrabzerr



06/09/2005

1m79 - 100kg - **Montpellier HR**

Former club : CS Grésivaudan Belledonne

Other sports : Boxe, takwendo, foot

Start in rugby : At 5, thanks to my mum

Hobbies : Having fun with my friends

Your best sport memory : First U18 selection

Studies : Professional baccalaureate in sales

Hooker

# ALGAY Quentin



01/03/2006

1m81 - 100kg - **CA Brive**

Former club : Paris Charenton XIII

Other sports : Football at breaktime

Start in rugby : At age 5

Your best sport memory : French Crabos Championships

Studies : SPORTS SCIENCE



Right prop

# ALIFANETY Lenny

Nickname : Tonton ananas



11/07/2006

1m94 - 130kg - **Union Bordeaux Bègles**

Former club : RC Annemassien

Start in rugby : At 6 years old thanks to my parents

Hobbies : Cars

Your best sport memory : My first rugby matches

Studies : TFP APS



## **Anecdote :**

I'm a very good cook and a very good pastry chef too

Flanker

# BARET Mathis



23/04/2005

1m91 - 100kg - **FC Grenoble Rugby**

Former club : Lyon OU

Start in rugby : I started playing rugby when I was 7 in Lyon

Hobbies : Travel

Studies : Business management training



Flanker centre - winger

# BISSU Bobby

Nickname : Bobz



14/11/2006

1m89 - 110kg - **Union Bordeaux Bègles**

Former club : Balma ORC

Other sports : Judo, rugby XIII, football

Start in rugby : 13 years old

Hobbies : Music, clothes

Your best sport memory : Meeting new people through rugby in Bordeaux

Studies : CAP Clothing tailor



Left prop

# BOYER GALLARDO Lorencio

Nickname : Lolo



23/09/2005

1m83 - 115kg - **USA Perpignan**

**Former club** : Rivesaltes Baixas Espira Agly XV

**Other sports** : swimming/judo

**Start in rugby** : 4 years old, a personal desire !

**Hobbies** : Casino / reading / music

**Your best sport memory** : First Selection with the pros

**Studies** : Training to be an educational support worker



## **Anecdote :**

Trip with friends to London on the barge, we got off at the wrong stop and as it was getting dark we had to walk 15 kilometres back...

Flanker

# BRITZ Baptiste

Nickname : La saucisse



01/05/2005

1m86 - 96kg - **ASM Clermont Auvergne**

Former club : US Tyrosse

Other sports : Basque pelota

Start in rugby : At the age of 6, passed on by my father and my family

Hobbies : Going out for drinks with my friends. Playing padel

Your best sport memory : Not necessarily an exact moment, but my Crabos years in Biarritz with a wonderful group

Studies : Bachelor degree in business school

## **Anecdote :**

Xan Mousques and I have a great-grandfather with the same name who comes from the same village. So we like to make everyone think we're cousins.



Scrum half

# DAROQUE Simon

Nickname : Ximun



08/06/2005

1m75 - 77kg - **Stade Toulousain**

Former club : FC Villefranche de Lauragais

Other sports : Tennis

Start in rugby : At age 5

Hobbies : Playing Coinche with Lucas Vignerès

Your best sport memory : Second-year Crabos champion

Studies : Medical radio imaging manipulator



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# DAUNIVUCU Simeli

Nickname : Simez



12/02/2005

1m80 - 100kg - **Stade Rochelais**

Former club : RAC Angérien

Start in rugby : 4 years old with my father, who was a former professional rugby player

Hobbies : Family, friends, video games

Your best sport memory : My call-up to the EDF last summer

Studies : CQP



## **Anecdote :**

A father who was world rugby 7s champion  
in 2005 with Fiji

Flanker

# DELIANCE Antoine

Nickname : Dedel



29/03/2005

1m92 - 99kg - **Lyon OU**

Former club : Rugby club Viriat

Other sports : Tennis

Start in rugby : I started playing rugby at the age of 10

Hobbies : L'agriculture

Your best sport memory : Promotion to the French Championship last year

Studies : BP Jeps rugby (vocational qualification in youth work, education and sport)



Winger

# DONGUY Nolann

Nickname : Ladong



28/11/2005

1m83 - 85kg - **Racing 92**

Former club : Epône Rugby Club

Other sports : nothing but rugby

Start in rugby : I started because my father used to do it. I started at the age of 4

Hobbies : Playing and sports in general

Your best sport memory : World Cup 2018 and World Cup 2022

Studies : 2nd year Bachelor's degree in sports marketing



## **Anecdote :**

I was supposed to go to Glasgow for the European Cup but i didn't have a passport



# ECHEGARAY Jon

Nickname : Jonny



09/06/2005

1m84 - 90kg - **Union Bordeaux Bègles**

Former club : Bidart Union Club

Other sports : Pelota

Start in rugby : 6 years old

Hobbies : Padel

Your best sport memory : The rise of BO to the top 14 against Bayonne

Studies : Greenbull real estate school



Hooker

# GARAULT Gabin

Nickname : Gabz / Tromblon / Gab



26/06/2006

1m87 - 109kg - **Stade Rochelais**

Former club : Niort RC

Other sports : only rugby

**Start in rugby** : At the age of 3 and a half because my whole family was in the club (brother a player, mother in the club offices, father president of the rugby school and former player, uncle a former player)

**Hobbies** : Listening to music, tech

**Your best sport memory** : victory over South Africa with the u18s after taking 50 pts from England

**Studies** : Business school, Bachelor in Business at Excelia

## **Anecdote :**

My grandfather has an extraordinary story (see his book «Le Funambule» by Georges Aubry)

# GOURGUES Calvin

Nickname : Kal



27/03/2005

1m84 - 97kg - **Stade Toulousain**

Former club : Grenade Sports

Other sports : athletics in the UNSS for 3 years

Start in rugby : At age 5

Hobbies : having fun with friends and family and pokemon cards

Your best sport memory : victory in the U23 France championship two years ago against UBB in the final

Studies : I've finished a BP Jeps rugby XV at AFM management, and I'm starting an interior design course at Ynov in Toulouse

## Anecdote :

I'm a great singer



Flanker

# IBSAIENE Elyjah

Nickname : Ely



02/10/2006

1m88 - 104kg - **Union Bordeaux Bègles**

**Former club** : Rugby Club Libournais

**Other sports** : Football, Judo

**Start in rugby** : I started playing rugby at the age of 10, with my twin brother who was playing rugby

**Hobbies** : Music, video games, comics, days out with friends.

**Your best sport memory** : Final of the French Alamercery championship after winning the match against Stade Toulousain

**Studies** : Noschool Business School

## **Anecdote :**

I can do the wave on the ground (the dance)



Left prop

# JABEA NJOCKE Edouard-Junior

Nickname : Doudou



19/08/2006

1m80 - 117kg - **Racing 92**

**Former club** : Sainte Geneviève Sports Rugby

**Other sports** : Sometimes a bit of football

**Start in rugby** : When I was 7, I tried football, which I didn't really like, and then I tried rugby, which I really enjoyed

**Hobbies** : Time with family or friends, holidays

**Your best sport memory** : My first U18 selection and the 6 Nations tournament

**Studies** : Bachelor degree in sports business at Racing 92

## **Anecdote :**

I'm a very good footballer, I've got Leo Messi in each foot



Left prop

# JEAN-CHRISTOPHE Samuel

Nickname : Sam, Samos



09/03/2006

1m83 - 105kg - **RC Toulon**

Former club : US Robert

Other sports : Athletics, swimming, judo

Start in rugby : 5 years old

Hobbies : Playing and learning

Your best sport memory : Goodluck tournament in Goyave, Guadeloupe in u12 where we won with Goodluck Martinique and I was the best tackler

Studies : I'm doing a TP in technical sales negotiation



## **Anecdote :**

I play with my cousin Owen Sorhaindo at club level and for the national team. I discovered him by chance when I was first selected for the U18s against England

Fly-half

# JURD Diego



21/08/2006

1m84 - 87kg - **Stade Rochelais**

Former club : Stade Rochelais

Other sports : Tennis

Start in rugby : 4 years old

Hobbies : Music sport travel

Your best sport memory : Match against Stade Toulousain this year

Studies : Multi-disciplinary degree for top-level athletes



# KANTE SAMBA Charles

Nickname : Chocho



08/02/2005

1m98 - 105kg - **Stade Rochelais**

**Former club** : Niort RC

**Start in rugby** : I started rugby thanks to an acquaintance of my mother's who played at Niort, I tried it out and haven't stopped since

**Hobbies** : I like golf, padel, mixing, just enjoying myself with my mates...

**Your best sport memory** : Last year was a great season with some great guys, a great season that unfortunately ended in the semi-finals, but it was a great year in terms of the atmosphere and everything

**Studies** : The Stade's private school, Pro qualification (technical sales negotiator)

## **Anecdote :**

My mother played basketball at a high level, so I was destined or even obliged to play basketball, but she left the choice up to us. Just before the Alamercery pre-season with Stade de Rochelais, it was the first time I'd trained with them, and I had the good idea of stepping on a rake and cutting my foot open, so I missed the first few training sessions



Fly-half

# KELETAONA Luka

Nickname : Kele



25/01/2006

1m84 - 82kg - **CA Brive**

Former club : Saint-Céré

Other sports : Karaté

Start in rugby : My parents played rugby, so it was only logical that I should too. 4 years old

Hobbies : Having fun with friends and playing golf

Your best sport memory : French Crabos Championships

Studies : BP JEPS (VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION IN YOUTH WORK, EDUCATION AND SPORT)





# LANEN Rémy

Nickname : Rems



02/03/2006

1m98 - 104kg - **ASM Clermont Auvergne**

Club découvreur : RC Mende Lozere

**Former club :** When I was little I did a lot of sport but I wasn't a member of any other club. I've always played rugby since I was 4 and apart from that I did a lot of mountain biking, swimming, handball and basketball at school. I also did courses every summer in outdoor sports such as canoeing, climbing, via ferrata, caving and canyoning

**Start in rugby :** I started rugby at the age of 4 because my brothers played and my father was a coach at the club and a former player, so it was obvious that I should play rugby

**Hobbies :** Apart from rugby, I spend a lot of time with my family and I love getting out of the house and into nature. I love fishing and hunting. I also love a good walk or mountain bike ride.

**Your best sport memory :** My best sporting memory, I'd say I have several, in rugby as a player but also as a brother. I think my two best memories as a player are the 2 matches I played against England in France with my family nearby. And the other is my two brothers' European Cup match with ASM against Harlequins at Le Michelin. These are unforgettable moments

**Studies :** I'm doing a distance learning BTS in forest management

## Anecdote :

I can be the group hairdresser because I cut the hair of the guys at my club and also sometimes when I'm away on selection

Winger

# LEVÊQUE Tom



16/03/2006

1m84 - 80kg - **Aviron Bayonnais**

Former club : US Mouguerre

Other sports : Padel, foot

Start in rugby : 6 years old

Hobbies : Being with my friends

Your best sport memory : U18 victory over England in France

Studies : Professional baccalaureate, geometry topography - BTS Public Construction Works



Right prop

# MEGHERBI Mohamed

Nickname : Momo



20/03/2005

1m91 - 138kg - **Stade Toulousain**

Former club : Stade Toulousain

Other sports : Boxing, football

Start in rugby : 14 years old

Hobbies : Motorbikes, family

Your best sport memory : Crabos Champions 2022-2023

Studies : BP Jeps rugby (vocational qualification in youth work, education and sport)



**Anecdote :**  
I love to cook



# MÉZOU Corentin

Nickname : Coco



20/04/2005

2m04 - 116kg - **RC Toulon**

**Former club** : Landerneau

**Other sports** : Multisport

**Start in rugby** : I started at the age of 11 with my brother thanks to two friends, Hugo and Nathan, who took us to try rugby at their club

**Hobbies** : Agriculture, going out with friends

**Your best sport memory** : My first match with my brother

**Studies** : Business BTS

## **Anecdote :**

My best friend Robin Taccola and I played together in my last match with Vannes and he broke my nose in a tackle, plus I had concussion !



Fullback / Winger

# MOUSQUES Xan

Nickname : Mouskek



18/11/2005

1m78 - 81kg - **Aviron Bayonnais**

Former club : US nafarroa

Other sports : Basque pelota

Start in rugby : At age 5

Hobbies : Basque pelota, padel, video games

Your best sport memory : first match at Jean Dauger against Toulouse

Studies : school of sports management and marketing

## **Anecdote :**

I'm the French Basque pelota champion.

# SANSON Bartholomé

Nickname : Bartho



02/06/2005

2m02 - 100kg - **Lyon OU**

**Former club** : Rugby cellois chesnaysien

**Other sports** : I started out playing football then turned to rugby, while continuing to swim.

**Start in rugby** : I started at the age of 8 when I came across the local club at the associations centre.

**Hobbies** : I like walking, talking to people and spending time with friends and family. And I'm enjoying reading more and more.

**Your best sport memory** : Last year's championship promotion win. A great souvenir to round off a wonderful season.

**Studies** : I'm at l'Insu Lyon (engineering school)

## **Anecdote :**

I play a little guitar and can clap with my feet  
(relatively rare frequency of this «talent»)



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# TACCOLA Robin

Nickname : Tacco



04/05/2005

1m86 - 92kg - **RC Vannes**

**Former club** : Rueil AC (RAC)

**Other sports** : I did a bit of judo, athletics in school competitions at secondary school and a bit of sailing when I arrived in Vannes.

**Start in rugby** : I started playing rugby when I was 5, a friend of mine suggested I give it a go. I was hooked straight away and haven't stopped since !

**Hobbies** : I love being outdoors and gardening.

**Your best sport memory** : Vannes' rise to the top 14 last year.

**Studies** : I'm doing a BTS in LANDSCAPE PLANNING.

## **Anecdote :**

I broke Corentin Mézou's nose in our last match together at Vannes, before he left for Toulon. It was my way of saying goodbye.



Scrum half

# TILLOLES Baptiste

Nickname : Titi



19/11/2006

1m74 - 75kg - **Aviron Bayonnais**

Former club : Emak hor

Other sports : Athletics

Start in rugby : At age 6

Hobbies : My friends

Your best sport memory : First EDF selection

Studies : School of sports management

## **Anecdote :**

My father played rugby too



Flanker

# TRAVERSIER Noa

Nickname : Nono



10/06/2005

1m93 - 102kg - **Aviron Bayonnais**

Former club : Bidart Union Club

Other sports : Taekwondo, basketball

Start in rugby : 4 years old, thanks to my father

Hobbies : Seeing friends

Your best sport memory : First EDF u18 selection

Studies : School of sports management



**Anecdote :**  
Good dancer

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# VIGNERES Lucas



18/07/2005

1m88 - 96kg - **Stade Toulousain**

**Former club :** Seilh Aussonne fenouillet (SAF XV)

**Other sports :** Judo, tennis

**Start in rugby :** I started playing rugby at the age of 5 thanks to my father, who played at Seilh.

**Hobbies :** Playing Coinche

**Your best sport memory :** French Crabos/Espoir titles

**Studies :** BUT GEA (business and administration management)





**STAFF**



**CEDRIC LABORDE**

Head coach



**REGIS LESPINAS**

Attack and backs coach



**SAMUEL CHEROUK**

Scrum and contact efficiency  
coach



**BERTRAND MATHIEU**

Performance coach



**MARIE-AURELIE CASTEL**

Performance coach



**AXEL DUPONT**

Performance coach



**JULIEN COUREAU**

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Video analyst



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**COMPETITION**

# U20's WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



## TEAMS POOL B

FRANCE - ARGENTINA - WALES - SPAIN

## FIXTURES

**Sunday, June 29th**

 France - Spain at 6:00pm\*  
*Payanini Center, Verona*

**Friday, July 4th**

 France - Wales at 3:30pm\*  
*Stadio Mario Battaglini, Rovigo*

**Wednesday, July 9th**

 France - Argentina at 8:30pm\*  
*Payanini Center, Verona*

## BROADCAST

LA CHAINE L'EQUIPE

*\*French time*



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RUGBY**

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