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Four Ikey Tigers competing in the Rugby World Cup



Four former Ikey Tigers players are competing in the Rugby World Cup in France, while the current main rugby team is taking part in the World University Rugby Invitational Tournament. Photo: Lerato Maduna

A strong group of former University of Cape Town (UCT) Ikey Tigers players are gracing the Rugby World Cup 2023 currently underway in France.

Four UCT alumni are competing in the Rugby World Cup: Siya Kolisi, Eben Etzebeth and Damian de Allende (for the Springboks), and Huw Jones (for Scotland).

The Springboks, led by Kolisi, will play their third game of the tournament when they tackle Ireland on Saturday, 23 September, in a blockbuster Pool B clash and all three Springbok players will be in action, while Scotland plays Tonga on Sunday, 24 September.

At the same time, UCT's first rugby team are the defending champions at the [World University Rugby Invitational Tournament \(WURIT\)](#) in Bordeaux from 21 to 28 September.

The WURIT competition brings together the leading university rugby teams from across the globe, providing a platform for student athletes to excel, and fostering camaraderie among participants from diverse backgrounds.

With the Springboks' match against Ireland set to take place a few weeks before the inaugural [UCT Day](#) on 6 October, alumni and friends of the institution abroad will host a watch party on Saturday, 23 September at Megan's Kitchen and Bar in New York as part of the pre-activities leading to the day of celebrations on campus.

Attendees can expect a day of big-screen rugby action, connecting with old friends and a festival of games and fun.

[Watch the World University Rugby Tournament.](#)

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