

Kleinwort Hambros supports Spring Festival of Rugby for third consecutive year

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Following the success of the past three years, Kleinwort Hambros is pleased to continue its support as the main sponsor of the Spring Festival of Rugby. The event will be held at Jersey Rugby Football Club, St Peter on Saturday 30 March, from 10am until 3pm.

The tournament is aiming to host a total of 250 young players aged from seven to 14. Visiting teams will be arriving to the island from Guernsey and France to play against the various age groups from the Jersey Reds – Minis and Juniors.

Former French Rugby Union Player, Thomas Castaignède, will also be in attendance for the fourth year in a row. As an important role model for young players, he will be back to share his knowledge and experience in this sport.

Visiting Teams include; Le Rheu (Rennes), St Malo and Morlaix, Guernsey.

The Jersey Reds Athletic will also be playing on Saturday 30th March against visiting team Richmond Vikings. Kick-off is at 12:00pm and the game is open to the public to attend.

Roger Nightingale, Chairman of Jersey Reds Minis and Junior, said: "The Spring Festival of Rugby is an important date in the calendar for local players and touring teams alike and we are delighted that it has continued to grow, thanks in no small part to the enthusiastic backing of Kleinwort Hambros. The Spring Festival of Rugby is a great spectacle and for those children who may have an interest in rugby and want to find out more about the sport."

"We look forward to a great day's rugby and will be pleased to see Thomas Castaignède back on the touchline. His enjoyment of rugby is infectious and he's a great role-model for young players."

Christophe Huchet, CEO of Kleinwort Hambros for the Channel Islands, commented: "Kleinwort Hambros is very proud to be supporting this event for the third year running. The Jersey Rugby club has been at the heart of our community for generations, with many of our colleagues having grown up with the club, both playing and

volunteering. Rugby is a wonderful opportunity for sharing and inspiring the next generation and teaching them the importance of team spirit.”

In addition to the festival, Kleinwort Hambros will act as main sponsor for the first Community Rugby Coaching Session at Grainville School, St Saviour on Friday 29th March. The coaching session will be undertaken by Thomas Castaignède and Joel Dudley, the new rugby Development Officer for Jersey Reds.

The afternoon will host students from secondary schools from across Jersey, including some year 6 students wishing to learn more about the sport – with a total of 150 students aged from 11 to 18 years. The schools involved include Rouge Boullion, De La Salle Primary, Haute Vallee, Grainville, Le Rocquier, Victoria College and Hautlieu.

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About Thomas Castaignède

Thomas Castaignède – Former French Rugby Union Player with 54 caps, Castaignède played as a junior for Stade Montois, before joining Toulouse where he helped them win four successive French titles and the inaugural European Cup. He then moved across the channel and joined Saracens until his retirement from rugby in 2007. Since retirement Castaignède has pursued a career in financial services, having previously worked with Societe Generale, whilst still being involved in rugby as a TV commentator.