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PRESIDENT OF THE CYPRUS RUGBY FEDERATION

It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you all back to Tsirio Stadium for what promises to be a thrilling international fixture between Cyprus and Andorra.

On behalf of the Cyprus Rugby Federation, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all players, supporters and especially to our esteemed guests – representatives from the Cyprus Olympic Committee, the Andorran Rugby Federation, and distinguished dignitaries joining us today. Your presence is deeply appreciated and adds to the importance of this special occasion.

This match holds particular significance as it marks the fourth meeting between our two nations, with the series currently poised 2 - 1 in Andorra's favour. Each previous encounter has showcased the grit, determination and passion both teams bring to the field, and we expect nothing less than a hard-fought, high-quality contest once again today.

We also take a moment to honour a truly dedicated servant of Cypriot rugby – Andrew Binikos – who coaches his final game for the national team today.

Andrew has been a pillar of our team and a role model for many, and we thank him wholeheartedly for his years of commitment, leadership, and passion for the game.

As always, our players take to the field with pride, wearing the Cyprus jersey with the warrior spirit that defines us. In the words of our national motto – “ἡ τὰν ἡ ἐπὶ τᾷς” – they carry the shield of our heritage with courage and honour, ready to give everything for their country.

To all fans, families and friends – welcome back. Your continued support means everything to us, and we are thrilled to see Tsirio Stadium filled with energy and pride once again.

Let's enjoy a great day of rugby, played with heart, integrity and the spirit that unites us all in remembering that rugby is always the winner.

Yours in Rugby,

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CYPRUS SQUAD

Alex **Georgiou**

Alex **Pantechis**

Alex **Thompson**

Andreas **Hadjiloizou**

Angelo **Lianos**

Ben **Yarrow**

Billy **Cosma (C)**

Christian **Georgiou**

Demetrios **Sofocleous**

Dominic **Georgiou (VC)**

Farhad **Fayaz**

George **Cosma**

Hadee **Fayaz**

Joseph **Ridgewell ***

Kai **Phillips**

Marcus **Holden**

Marcus **Kay ***

Michaelis **Christaki**

Mihali **Joannou**

Mitchell **Fielder**

Olly **Yarrow**

Pantelis **Stylianou**

Stylianos **Theoklitou-Panagiotou**

Head Coach

Andrew Binikos

Team Manager

Dave Lee

Physio

Lucy Wood

Match Commissioner

Stéphane Desprez
(Switzerland)

Referee

Dominik Jastrzebski
(Poland)

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* Squad debut



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On Saturday 5 April 2025, as the final whistle blows in our match against Andorra, an era will come to an end. Andrew Binikos, the Head Coach of Cyprus Rugby, will be stepping down, closing a monumental chapter in the history of the federation.

From the very first game in 2007 against Greece, where he proudly wore the jersey as a player, to leading The Mouflons through their record-breaking winning streak, and finally, steering the squad from the sidelines as Head Coach—Andrew has been a cornerstone of Cyprus Rugby. His passion, commitment and leadership have left an undeniable mark on this team and this country.

To many, Andrew has been more than a coach—he has been a teammate, mentor and friend. He has bled for this team, fought for every victory, and inspired countless players to give their all for the badge. Cyprus Rugby is in his heart, and his legacy will forever be woven into the fabric of this sport.

To Andrew Binikos, we say thank you—for everything. Your dedication, sacrifices, and unwavering belief in this team have meant the world to us. You will always be a Mouflon.

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1 November 2014 Cyprus 30 - 10 Andorra

The match on 1 November 2014 extended Cyprus Rugby's **world record** to 24 consecutive international rugby union wins. This record was eventually surpassed by England Women, who achieved 25 consecutive wins on 14 September 2022, though Cyprus still holds the overall men's record. The current world record for a tier 1 nation (men) is 18 consecutive wins, held jointly by New Zealand and England.





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Limassol Crusaders RFC: A Strong Season Across All Teams



The Limassol Crusaders Rugby Football Club (LCRFC) has had a fantastic season so far, with the men's first XV team securing five wins and

only three losses in the ISX Cyprus XV Championship, closing the tournament second from the top. The Club is also competing in the ISX Cyprus 7s Championship 2025, sitting in third place after a solid performance at the first of three events scheduled this season.

The Limassol Sirens, the club's women's team, have dominated the inaugural ISX Financial Cyprus Rugby Championship 2024-25, holding the top spot on the leaderboard. Meanwhile, The Academy continues to grow, reflecting the rising popularity of rugby in Limassol. Lastly the Vets team is gearing up for their next big game on May 10th.

Off the pitch, the club boasts a thriving social calendar, with regular meetups, Six Nations watch parties, Pub Crawls, and the International Women's Day High Tea.

The end of season Dinner Dance in June gives our members, their friends and family, a chance to come together for a night of celebration, great food, lively music and unforgettable memories.

Reflecting on the season's success, club chairman Antonio Fiorillo says, *"It's been an incredible year for the Crusaders, with all our teams showing passion and determination. The club's future looks stronger than ever."*

Training Times:

Men's & Women's Teams: Monday & Thursday, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Academy: Monday, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm & Sunday, 9:30 am - 11:00 am

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Paphos Tigers RFC Season Round-Up



It has been an exciting season for Paphos Tigers RFC, with strong performances across all teams and a growing player base, which bodes well for the future.

The Paphos Wildcats had a superb first season, currently standing 2nd in the league, narrowly behind Limassol Sirens. A major highlight was Milla Giannakopoulos being named the first-ever Player of the Tournament in the inaugural Cyprus Women's Rugby Championship, a fantastic achievement for both her and the team.

The Paphos Tigers continue to build, with training going well. New recruits are joining regularly and developing under the guidance of long-standing Tigers, ensuring a strong foundation. Their hard work paid off with a 2nd place finish in Round 2 of the iSX Cyprus Sevens Championship. They also delivered strong performances in the Mixed Touch Tournament, securing 2nd and 4th place against off-island teams, demonstrating their growing versatility.



The Paphos Colts have impressed with consistent training and competition success. A standout achievement is Pieter Brink's nomination for the Young Athlete of the Year award by the Cyprus Olympic Committee.

The Paphos Cubs are thriving, with great attendance and strong performances in friendly games.

Finally, Thaddeus Thoma has been nominated as Youth Representative, ensuring young players have a voice in shaping the club's future. Paphos Tigers RFC continues to grow from strength to strength!

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