



Dear parents and players of the Rugby Academy South,

This year the Rugby Academies in the Netherlands exist 10 years. This joyous event is celebrated in the week from 10 to 14 September: DEGIRO Academy Week. As the oldest Rugby Academy in the Netherlands, Rugby Academy ZuidWest organizes a week of training, clinics and games together with Rugby Nederland and the other five Academies.

Colleagues from Northwood College from South Africa with top player Keegan Daniel and colleagues from Sale Sharks from England take part in this week and provide training for youth players and trainers from all over the country.

Because of our long-standing relationship with South African partners, the South African embassy is also closely involved in organizing this week. The program will therefore receive an extra festive touch as part of the 100th birthday of Nelson Mandela ("Madiba").

The program is broadly as follows:

Date	Time	Activity	For
Monday 10 September	8.00 - 10.00	Training	RAZW players
Tuesday 11 September	8.00 - 10.00	Training	RAZW players
Wednesday 12 September	14.00 - 16.30	Training	RAZW players
	17.00 - 19.30	Trainer workshop with demo by NTC players	Trainers District West Trainers all RA's NTC players
	19.30 – 20:30	Joint diner	Trainers District West and all RA's, players NTC
Thursday 13 September	10.30 - 17.30	Training	All RA's players
	At noon	Presentation of Jubilee Magazine to Richard de Mos, alderman Municipality The Hague Presentation DEGIRO hoodies and Jubilee Magazine Première RAZW Promotion movie	All RA's players
	18.00 - 22.00	Presentation Keegan Daniel, Northwood and Sale Sharks Joint diner	All RA's players and staff
	22.00 - 24.00	Film INVICTUS	All RA's players and staff



Date	Time	Activity	For
Friday 14 September	8.30 - 17.30	Training and games	All RA's players
	17.00 - 19.30	Reception together with South-African Embassy	Board of all RA's, Rugby Nederland, parents RAZW, chairmen of board District West clubs, sponsors, invitees South-African Embassy

All activities, including the reception Friday 14 September, will take place at the new training location of the RAZW: Sportpark Laan van Poot, Laan van Poot 355A, The Hague.

I ask your special attention for the following:

- Exemption has been requested for all players on the Segbroek. Players who do not receive an exemption will be informed of this as soon as possible. Players who are not on the Segbroek have to arrange this exemption themselves.
- In connection with the introduction period at school, it is unfortunately not possible that players in the first form participate in all jubilee activities. But, it is the intention that every year an "Academy week" will be organized, so next year, the first graders will be there.

However, they also receive training from the guests on Monday and Tuesday, and they can come and watch outside the school hours on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. They too all receive the Hoodie.

- A Jubilee Magazine will be issued as part of the anniversary. This contains several interviews with Gareth Gilbert, Zeno Kieft and Phil Leck, articles about the physical development of the sport, the cooperation between the Academies and the combination school and top sport, portraits of (old) Academical players, beautiful atmospheric images and facts that give a picture of the past 10 years rugby and the Rugby Academies. A beautiful magazine with a high storage content. Each player (including the first graders) will receive one copy free of charge during DEGIRO Academy Week (they will receive theirs during training). We can imagine that it is nice to also give a copy to grandfathers, grandmothers or other family members. It is possible to buy extra copies for € 5,- / piece. In connection with the limited edition, we recommend that you book in advance. You can do this via the link below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FsvThwuAFmRfIsre2QAS9HyBQw_vV5Z0SpR1d27WBoM/edit?usp=sharing

The magazine can be bought on Thursday and Friday (also during the reception).

With this sale we also cover the costs for the realization of the magazine.

- Parents are cordially invited to the reception that we give Friday 14 September together with the South African embassy. The dress code for this meeting is semi-casual. See also the attached invitation from the South African Embassy. If you are planning to come to the reception, please send a confirmation via the link below:



<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wLN7t25LNJP9WfQiluVq8NriqBxKBj-sjNhzwZsl-Yk/edit?usp=sharing>

- In addition, parents are of course welcome to come to the trainings and competitions on Thursday and Friday.

We hope to welcome as many of you as possible during one (or more!) Of the activities.

On behalf of the board of the Rugby Academy ZuidWest and Rugby Nederland,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Vente". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Marten Vente
Chairman RAZW