

Super Rugby Championship 2011

The southern hemisphere's top rugby union club tournament kicks off, with the number of teams increased from 14 to 15

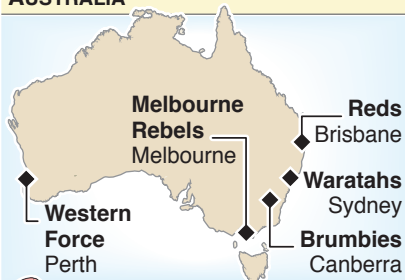
South Africa's high-flying **Bulls** are aiming for a hat-trick of titles, and their fourth Super Rugby victory since 2007



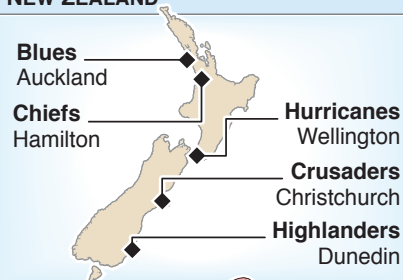
Bulls' captain Victor Matfield, arguably among world's best locks

TEAM CONFERENCES

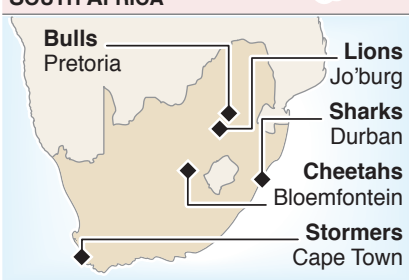
AUSTRALIA



NEW ZEALAND



SOUTH AFRICA



REGULAR SEASON: February 18 – June 18

Each team plays **16** matches – **8** home and away games within domestic conference; and **8** overseas ties, against 4 out of 5 teams in each of other two conferences

FINALS: June 25 – July 9

Two conference winners with highest points total progress to **semi-finals**, while third conference winner and next three highest-placed teams contest **qualifying finals**

QUALIFIER 1

June 25

QUALIFIER 2

June 26

3rd Conference Winner -
Team ranked 6 overall

Team ranked 4 overall -
Team ranked 5 overall

SEMI-FINAL 1

July 1

SEMI-FINAL 2

July 2

1st Conference Winner -
Winner QF2

2nd Conference Winner -
Winner QF1

SUPER RUGBY FINAL

Saturday July 9, 2011