

# History of the Webb Ellis Cup

The winners of the Rugby World Cup will proudly lift the Webb Ellis Cup, one of the most iconic trophies in sport, at Twickenham on October 31

■ Made by **Carrington and Co.** of London in 1906 – replica of trophy crafted in 1740 by noted Huguenot silversmith **Paul de Lamerie**

■ Discovered in vault in London jewellers **Garrard's** in 1987 and chosen for use as Rugby World Cup

■ Named after **William Webb Ellis**, credited as creator of rugby football

■ Silver cup, gilded in gold, weighs 4.5kg. Cast scroll handles topped with heads of nymph and satyr



■ New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa have all won trophy twice, and England once

◀ *Statue at Rugby School, Warwickshire, depicts moment pupil William Webb Ellis caught football and ran with it during match in 1823 – incident credited as birth of modern game of rugby*

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