

History of the Webb Ellis Cup

The Rugby World Cup champions will proudly lift the Webb Ellis Cup at the International Stadium in Yokohama on November 2

■ 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** have hoisted trophy three times, ahead of two-time winners Australia and South Africa – England are only northern hemisphere team to claim title

◀ **Statue at Rugby School in England depicts pupil William Webb Ellis catching and running with ball during football match in 1823 – incident credited as birth of modern game of rugby**

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Height: 36cm

