

History of the Webb Ellis Cup

The Rugby World Cup champions will lift the Webb Ellis trophy at the Stade de France on October 28

- 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** and **South Africa** have both hoisted trophy three times, ahead of two-time winners Australia – 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*

