



## FRANCE

v ITALY

Stade de France

Sunday 9 March 2008

Referee: Alan Lewis (Ireland)

Touch judges: 1 Stuart Dickinson (Australia) 2 Federico Cuesta (Argentina)

TMO: Dave Pearson (England)

### 2008 RBS 6 Nations

03.02.08

v Scotland Murrayfield Won 27-6  
15-Heymans 14-Clerc 13-Marty 12-Traille 11-Malzieu 10-Trinh-Duc 9-Elissalde 8-Vermeulen 7-Ouedraogo 6-Dusautoir 5-Nallet © 4-Jacquet 3-Brugnaut 2-Servat 1-Faure  
Subs used: Szarzewski, Mas, Bonnaire, Skrela, Mela, Parra, Rougerie  
T: Clerc 2, Malzieu C: Elissalde 2, Skrela PG: Traille 2  
RBS Man of Match: Vincent Clerc (France)  
Referee: Alain Rolland (Ireland)

09.02.08

v Ireland Paris Won 26-21  
15-Heymans 14-Rougerie 13-Marty 12-Traille 11-Clerc 10-Skrela 9-Elissalde 8-Bonnaire 7-Ouedraogo 6-Dusautoir 5-Mela 4-Nallet © 3-Mas 2-Szarzewski 1-Faure  
Subs: Jacquet, Servat, Brugnaut, Picamoles, Parra, Trinh-Duc  
Bench: Floch  
T: Clerc 3, Heymans C: Elissalde 3  
RBS Man of the Match: Vincent Clerc (France)  
Referee: Nigel Owens (Wales)

23.02.08

v England Paris Lost 13-24  
15-Heymans 14-Rougerie 13-Marty 12-Traille 11-Clerc 10-Trinh-Duc 9-Parra 8-Picamoles 7-Dusautoir 6-Bonnaire 5-Nallet © 4-Pape 3-Mas 2-Szarzewski 1-Faure  
Subs: Poux, Thion, Servat, Yachvili, Skrela, Floch, Ouedraogo  
T: Nallet C: Traille PG: Parra, Yachvili  
RBS Man of Match: Nick Easter (England)  
Referee: Steve Walsh (NZ)

### TEAM v Italy

All change again for France after the defeat by England with three new caps in the starting line up and two more new players on the bench. With the return of centre Yannick Jauzion, France have called up 38 players for the first four RBS Six Nations tests.

The three new caps in the starting line up are teenage centre Yann David, flanker Ibrahim Diarra and prop Fabien Barcella, whilst Jauzion returns after injury for his first game since the World Cup. Only five players remain from the team that started against England.

Newcomers on the bench are hooker Guilhem Guirado and scrum half Julien Tomas, who were both also part of the World U21 winning team in 2006. But teenager Morgan Parra who impressed against England, returns to the U20 squad. Vincent Clerc, the competition's top scorer, also finds a place on the bench



## 15 Anthony Floch (ASM Clermont Auvergne)

- **12.02.83**                      **1.82m**                      **80kgs**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> cap – no pts**
- **Debut: 2008 v England**
- 1<sup>st</sup> test v Italy (1<sup>st</sup> test start)
- Joined the squad for Ireland 2008 after his club mate Julien Malzieu withdrew with a thigh injury. Retained his place for England after the recalled Clement Poitrenaud broke an ankle on 16.02.08 in a club game for Toulouse v Perpignan and won first cap as sub
- Forms a back-three with Clermont Auvergne team mates Rougerie and Malzieu
- Played for France U21 in 2004, France A from 2006 and was in the 40-man pre-training squad for RWC2007
- Born at Clermont-Ferrand, joined the local club in 2001, and made first XV debut in 2004
- 2007 European Challenge Cup winners medal (v Bath) and 2007 French Championship finalist (drop goal in final). Prefers full back but can cover other backline positions.

## 14 Aurelien Rougerie (ASM Clermont-Auvergne)

- **26.09.80**                      **1.94m**                      **93kgs**
- **55<sup>th</sup> cap - 20T = 100pts**
- **Debut: 2001 v S Africa**
- 4<sup>th</sup> test v Italy – 3T = 15pts (2T in 2003, 1T in 2006)
- Played 5 RWC2007 games, no tries, under Laporte, and has scored only 1T in his last 14 tests before Italy 2008
- Forms a Clermont back-three with Floch and Malzieu
- Clermont captain in losing 2007 French Championship final, scored try in semi to beat favourites Toulouse, and was equal top scorer in the competition with 12T
- Won 2007 European Challenge Cup medal v Bath in final
- Is now 8<sup>th</sup> equal on French try scoring lists with Patrice Lagisquet (20), and 6<sup>th</sup> is Christian Darrouy (23).
- 2002 Grand Slam XV– but missed the 2004 Grand Slam season through injury. Also 2006 Six nations win
- Father Jacques Rougerie played for France as prop/hooker in 1973 - one cap v Japan – and also played for Clermont-Auvergne (formerly Montferrand), though had retired before son was born. Father Jacques was nicknamed 'The Cube' at 5-11 and 16-0.
- Mother was in Clermont-Ferrand team that won French Basketball Premier division, and also played for France.
- From Clermont-Auvergne (Montferrand) club juniors, first played for them in mini rugby aged 6, and in first XV from 1999 aged 19.

## 13 Yannick Jauzion (Stade Toulousain)

- **28.07.78**                      **1.93m**                      **95kgs**
- **51<sup>st</sup> cap - 16T 1DG = 83pts**
- **Debut: 2001 v S Africa**
- 4<sup>th</sup> test v Italy – 2T = 10pts (1T in 2005, 2007)
- First test since winning 50<sup>th</sup> cap in RWC2007 semi v England, has had a hand injury
- 2005 French Player of the Year, has had niggling injury problems since
- RWC2003 – one of the stars of the French side, he played 4 games and scored 3T in the opener v Fiji.
- First Six Nations season was in 2004 Grand Slam XV. Missed 2006 RBS 6 Nations through injury but back in team from summer 2006 and added 2007 RBS 6 Nations medal to the haul.
- Heineken Cup win in 2003 in first season with Toulouse – played originally for Colomiers, who are in the Toulouse suburbs, from 2000-02



## 12 **Yann David (CS Bourgoin-Jallieu)**

- **15.04.88**      **1.83m**      **105kgs**
- **First cap**
- From the national U19 and U20 squad, and the second Bourgoin teenager to win a cap in this competition after Morgan Parra
- Try scorer v Toulouse in 30-23 win in Top 14 game on 01.03.08 against Heymans, Jauzion and Clerc in the backs to cement place
- Father and mother were both French International athletes – father represented France 15 times in major events as a discus thrower, and mother (From Wallis and Futuna) represented France 9 times in major events in the javelin
- Club debut season in 2006-07 with 5 Top 14 games and 2 Heineken Cup games, and has impressed again this season but only played 21 senior club games

## 11 **Julien Malzieu (ASM Clermont Auvergne)**

- **04.05.83**      **1.93m**      **95kgs**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> cap – 1T = 5pts**
- **Debut: 2008 v Scotland**
- 1<sup>st</sup> test v Italy
- Try on test debut v Scotland 2008, but missed Ireland and England matches with torn thigh muscle injury
- Forms a Clermont back-three with Floch and Rougerie
- Played well in the Heineken Cup and in the club team that reached the French Championship final in 2007
- Has always been with Clermont, he played for France at U19 level, and his club won the French youth title
- Is from the French Sevens squad, and shares wing duties at Clermont with Aurelien Rougerie
- Fine game in 2007 European Challenge Cup win v Bath and just passed 50 first team games

## 10 **Francois Trinh-Duc (RC Montpellier-Herault)**

- **11.11.86**      **1.84m**      **85kgs**
- **4<sup>th</sup> cap – no pts**
- **Debut: 2008 v Scotland**
- 1<sup>st</sup> test v Italy
- In fine form in the Top 14 this season and in the recent French U21 side that was coached by Marc Lievrement.
- He has been at Montpellier since mini-rugby days, and broke through at the end of 2006-07 when he helped his club stave off relegation from Top 14.
- Just 19 games in Top 14 but impressing quickly, and was Top 14 Player of Month for November 2007
- Originally a scrum-half, moved to fly-half when he grew in size
- Grandfather from Vietnam (Saigon)
- (Montpellier opened their youth section in 1999, with a specific project for young players, and four of the club team – Trinh-Duc, Piacamoles and Ouedraogo, all born in 1986 and Tomas born in 1985 - are in this squad)

## 9 Dimitri Yachvili (Biarritz Olympique)

- **19.09.80**      **1.83m**      **84kgs**
- **35<sup>th</sup> cap - 2T 34C 51PG 2DG = 237pts**
- **Debut: 2002 v Canada**
- 5<sup>th</sup> test v Italy – 13C 6PG = 44pts
- 1<sup>st</sup> start in 17 tests since England in 2007 RBS 6 Nations, recalled v England 2008 (sub) after 16 tests absence
- Recent scourge of England scoring 19pts in 2004 then 18pts in 2005, and 16pts in 2006 in the 3 French wins
- Is now the top points scorer for France in the Six Nations with 167pts before Italy 2008
- Captain of France on 2005 summer tour in 2<sup>nd</sup> test v SA
- RWC2003 – played twice v USA (1DG) and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place v NZ (1C 1PG 1DG)
- Brother played for Georgia in RWC2003, the Yachvili's were one of four sets of brothers to play for different countries at RWC2003. Father played hooker and flank for France - won 16 caps (from 1968-75) - and played for Tulle and Brive. Rugby family
- 5<sup>th</sup> season back in France and playing for the 2002 and 2005 club champions after his return from Gloucester.
- Originally with PUC (Paris University) and Brive, Dimitri was at Gloucester for one season.

## 8 Louis Picamoles (RC Montpellier-Herault)

- **05.02.86**      **1.92m**      **106kgs**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> cap – no pts**
- **Debut: 2008 v Ireland**
- 1<sup>st</sup> test v Italy
- On as sub v Ireland for first cap to become France's 1,000<sup>th</sup> international player, then started v England 2008
- Called up on his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday to replace Elvis Vermeulen who broke a rib v Scotland 2008 and preferred to Sebastien Chabal, Imanol Harinordoquy etc.
- Is the fourth 21/22 year old from midtable Montpellier in the squad along with Trinh-Duc, Tomas and Ouedraogo and another from the national U21 side
- Scored 2T for France U21 v England U20 at Northampton in March 2007 in a side captained by Ouedraogo
- Also played for France U19 in 2004 and 2005 and Universities in 2006
- Joined Montpellier from Le Chesnay in 1999, and into the Montpellier youth section in 2001. Top 14 debut on 02.10.04 v Auch

## 7 Fulgence Ouedraogo (RC Montpellier-Herault)

- **21.07.86**      **1.90m**      **94kgs**
- **5<sup>th</sup> cap – no pts**
- **Debut: 2007 v NZ**
- 1<sup>st</sup> test v Italy
- Born at Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, and moved to France aged 3 though often returns as family have contacts. Bill McLaren –“they'll be dancing in the streets of Ouadagougou when he scores”....
- Debut on NZ tour in summer 2007 when the top 4 clubs could not send players on tour as they were involved in the Championship semis
- Sub in 2<sup>nd</sup> test v NZ (10-61) for first cap, then started v Scotland in 2008 RBS 6 Nations opener and been in squad through tournament
- Has been at Montpellier through his career from mini rugby – made Top 14 debut aged 19
- Is from the French U21 team that won the World U21 Championship in 2006 under Marc Lievreumont – and was captain of the national U21 side in 2007 (beat England U20 at Northampton in March)
- Just reached 50 first team games for club



## 6 **Ibrahim Diarra (RC Montauban)**

- **25.05.83**      **1.85m**      **98kgs**
- **First cap**
- Born in Paris, joined Viry-Chatillon RC aged 16, and made Montauban first team debut in 2005 when the club were in Pro 2. Viry-Chaillon is a feeder club for Moutauban
- Played 16 Top 14 games in 2006-07 for Montauban, and a further 12 in 2007-08 to date
- Plays in same club team as Scott Murray (Scotland caps record holder)
- Brother plays for Pau and for Senegal national team

## 5 **Jerome Thion (Biarritz Olympique)**

- **02.12.77**      **1.99m**      **117kgs**
- **44<sup>th</sup> cap - 1T = 5pts**
- **Debut: 2003 v Argentina**
- 4<sup>th</sup> test v Italy – no pts
- Recalled to squad for England game 2008
- Started 6 of the 7 RWC2007 matches
- 1st test try in 36<sup>th</sup> international (v Wales on 26.08.07)
- Captain of France for the last 3 autumn tests in 2005 following Pelous citing v Australia. But was injured during the SA game (broken larynx) which resulted in a citing for John Smit, and that ended his captaincy spell for time being.
- Returned to play in all 2006 and 2007 RBS 6 Nations tests
- First capped on summer tour 2003 to Argentina and NZ in place of Olivier Brouzet and kept place for RWC2003
- 5 seasons at Perpignan who reached Heineken Cup final 2003, switched in summer 2003 to Biarritz. Won 2005 and 2006 Championship medals with Biarritz.
- 26 test caps in tandem at lock with Pelous, which is 2<sup>nd</sup> to Brouzet (31) as partner to Pelous.

## 4 **Lionel Nallet (Castres Olympique)(captain)**

- **14.09.76**      **1.96m**      **116kgs**
- **36<sup>th</sup> cap – 6T = 30pts**
- **Debut: 2000 v Romania**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> test v Italy – no pts
- Fourth captaincy of France – after Ibanez and Pelous retired after RWC2007 – and is the 12<sup>th</sup> lock to captain France. Is Lievreumont's first captain
- 4 games at RWC 2007 – 2T v Namibia and 1T Georgia more than doubled his test try tally, but was dropped by Laporte for the semi v England
- Has scored 4T in his last 7 internationals after England 2008
- Recalled for the 2005 autumn tests (played all 4 games) in place of the injured Pascal Pape (back operation) and has since kept ahead of his former club colleague as Pelous retired
- Then played 9 of the 10 tests of 2006 (3 starts) and retained place in 2007, and had a run of 14 consecutive tests until rested for 2007 summer tour to NZ. Picked up RBS 6 Nations winners medals in 2006 and 2007
- His previous caps before 2005 recall had all been in 2000-03 era
- Good solid lock for several seasons in the French championship, he moved from Bourgoin to Castres in 2003.
- Test try on debut v Romania 2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> test try v Wales 2007, before 3 tries at RWC2007



### 3 **Nicolas Mas (USA Perpignan)**

- **23.05.80**      **1.80m**      **110kgs**
- **18<sup>th</sup> cap – no pts**
- **Debut: 2003 v NZ**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> test v Italy – no pts
- Into the RWC2007 squad when Sylvain Marconnet failed to recover from a broken tibia when skiing during a gap in the RBS 6 Nations, and then injured ankle during recovery, Mas had been in the squad as cover and he then replaced J-B Poux who had a quadriceps injury for the start of the 2008 RBS 6 Nations
- First test in summer 2003 v NZ, missed the RWC2003, then recalled to national squad after De Villiers shoulder injury v Scotland in 2005 opener, and played last four Six Nations games in 2005 for his last caps before 2007.
- Played for France at U19, U21, A, and full levels and then onto full honours.
- 8<sup>th</sup> season with Perpignan, alongside Perry Freshwater at prop, joined from local junior club Argeles-sur-Mer, which is the Lievreumont's base.
- Played in 2003 Heineken Cup final.

### 2 **Dimitri Szarzewski (Stade Francais)**

- **26.01.83**      **1.81m**      **102kgs**
- **26<sup>th</sup> cap – 3T = 15pts**
- **Debut: 2004 v Canada**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> test v Italy – no pts
- Played first six games at RWC2007 as back-up to Raphael Ibanez, the captain, and has continued in the squad after Ibanez retirement.
- Has had two serious injuries in 2006 (achilles) and 2007 (shoulder), which has meant long absences, but returned as sub in the 2007 French Championship final win for Stade Francais. And went on to RWC.
- 3 games in 2006 Six Nations win, only the first game (Italy) in 2007 success
- Emerged as first choice in the 2005 autumn tests (v Australia and SA) after moving from Beziers (relegated to D2) to Stade Francais in summer 2005.
- Has put on 10kgs (92 to 102kgs) at Stade.
- Brought up in the Beziers system, where the coach was French scrum half J-B Elissalde's father
- First test try v SA in autumn 2005, then scored tries v Wales and Romania in 2006

### 1 **Fabien Barcella (RC Auch)**

- **27.10.83**      **1.85m**      **113kgs**
- **First cap**
- 10 Top 14 games this season for a team at the bottom of the table, he moves to Biarritz on a 2yr contract in summer 2008 after impressing both Biarritz and Lievreumont in the recent Auch v Biarritz game
- Is from the Gers region, of Italian origin, and born at Agen
- Played for Valence d'Agen and Agen youth teams in 2000-01, then moved to Stade Toulousain from 2001-05 – where he was under French assistant coach Emile Ntamack in the team that won the French Youth Cup in 2002 – and has been at Auch since summer 2005.
- Had fallen down the pecking order at Toulouse after injuries, and moved to Auch, then in Pro2 after completing studies. Pro2 champions in 2007.
- Played for France amateurs v England in 2006



## Substitutes

### 16 **Guilhem Guirado (USA Perpignan)**

- **17.06.86**      **1.83m**      **105kgs**
- **First cap (if he plays)**
- Another new addition to the full national squad from the World U21 Championship winning team in 2006, after previously playing in the national U19 side
- The U21 side beat SA 24-13 in the final under the captaincy of Loic Jacquet, and Ouedraogo, Chouly, and Beauxis have also gained full caps, while Tomas is also in this squad
- Top 14 debut for Perpignan in 2006-07 – played alongside Perry Freshwater and Nicolas Mas – 16 games in 2006-07 and a further 9 games in 2007-08 to date.
- Perpignan is where the Lievreumont brothers come from and played much of their rugby

### 17 **Jean-Baptiste Poux (Stade Toulousain)**

- **26.05.79**      **1.80m**      **105kgs**
- **22<sup>nd</sup> cap (if he plays) - 3T = 15pts**
- **Debut: 2001 v Fiji**
- 1<sup>st</sup> test v Italy
- Returned to squad v England 2008 after his quadriceps injury and then a shoulder injury to Julien Brugnaut (Dax). Had played 6 games at RWC2007 and can play both sides of the scrum
- Was recalled for RWC squad in June 2007, despite his previous cap being in the 2003 RWC third place game v NZ, he played 4 games in the 2003 event
- Born at Beziers, but played for the local rivals Narbonne from 1998 to 2002, and was first capped while at Narbonne, which alerted Toulouse
- Played in 2002 Grand Slam success
- Joined Toulouse in summer 2002, and in his 5<sup>th</sup> season with the club after RWC2007. Heineken Cup winner in 2003 and 2005

### 18 **Arnaud Mela (SC Albi)**

- **19.01.80**      **1.96m**      **116kgs**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> cap (if he plays) – no pts**
- **Debut: 2008 v Scotland**
- 1<sup>st</sup> test v Italy
- Recalled after playing in the first two 2008 RBS 6 nations games but then being overlooked for Thion and Pascal Pape, but Pape has a knee injury, and Mela is recalled
- First from Albi to play for France since Bernard Mommejat – 22 caps from 1958-63
- Played earlier in career for Lannemezan, Pau and Tours, and played for France at schools, youth and U21 levels and now has had 4 fine seasons with Albi.
- Was with Pau until 2001, and Tours from 2001-03
- Has been at Albi since 2003, and was in the team promoted to the Top 14 in 2006



## 19 **Julien Bonnaire (ASM Clermont Auvergne)**

- **20.09.78**      **1.93m**      **100kgs**
- **41<sup>st</sup> cap (if he plays) – 6T = 30pts**
- **Debut: 2004 v Scotland**
- 4<sup>th</sup> test v Italy – no pts
- Has taken a back seat during the Lievreumont rebuilding but has played all 3 RBS 6 Nations games, though only started against Ireland
- Very useful RWC campaign, played 6 of the 7 games, and scored tries v Namibia and Georgia
- Before 2007 summer tour to NZ when rested, he had played in 28 of the previous 30 tests (there was a three game gap between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> caps).
- Debut in 2004 Grand Slam team, added 2006 and 2007 RBS 6 Nations winners medals
- Played in all back row positions in all of the 2005 and 2006 and 2007 calendar years
- Originally gained regular place against the 2004 Grand Slam back row of Betsen, Magne and Harinordoquy.
- Born near Bourgoin-Jallieu, he played for junior side St Savin (10kms north of the town) until joining the Bourgoin club in 1999, on the recommendation of former international Marc Cecillon (now jailed), who also started at St-Savin. First Xv from 2001.
- Moved to Clermont-Auvergne after RWC2007 and a rest.

## 20 **Julien Tomas (RC Montpellier-Herault)**

- **21.04.85**      **1.78m**      **87kgs**
- **First cap (if he plays)**
- Joins 3 other young Montpellier players (Ouedraogo, Trinh-Duc, Picamoles) in the squad, and was club captain against Monaban on 29.02.08. Born in the city and first played for France at U18 level
- From the winning French U21 side who beat SA 24-13 in the 2006 World final under the captaincy of Loic Jacquet, and Ouedraogo, Chouly, and Beauxis have also gained full caps, while Guirado is in this squad
- Top 14 debut in 2005-06 season with 5 games, played 20 games in 2006-07 and 12 games this season in the competition as he improves
- Replaced Morgan Parra, who impressed against England, but is training for the World U20 Championships and plays v Italy on 08.03.08 at U20 level

## 21 **Damien Traille (Biarritz Olympique)**

- **12.06.79**      **1.93m**      **102kgs**
- **62<sup>nd</sup> cap (if he plays) - 12T 8C 12PG 1DG = 115pts**
- **Debut: 2001 v SA**
- 6<sup>th</sup> test v Italy – 3T 1PG = 18pts (1T in 2002, 2T in 2003)
- 5 games at RWC 2007 – first three in centre, then 2 at full back including mishap in semi v England
- Was an injury doubt at the time of the selection of the RWC 30 squad players on 14 June, but can play fly-half, centre and full back
- Returned to squad after injury in January 2007 – his previous 4 tests (summer 2006 v SA, and all 3 autumn series tests (v NZ (2) and Argentina) were at fly-half after injuries (Michalak) and the need to experiment
- 4<sup>th</sup> season at Biarritz, won 2005 and 2006 French Club Championships in first two seasons
- Formerly at Pau, whom he played for from 1997 to 2004 in the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, father Rene played for France A. Won 2000 European Challenge Cup medal
- Integral part of Grand Slam XV's of 2002 and 2004 playing all 10 games, then added 2006 and 2007 RBS 6 Nations medals



## 22 Vincent Clerc (Stade Toulousain)

- **07.05.81**      **1.78m**      **89kgs**
- **32<sup>nd</sup> cap (if he plays) – 20T = 100pts**
- **Debut: 2002 v S Africa**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> test v Italy – no pts
- This season's current leading try scorer in the RBS 6 Nations with 5T – all time record is 8T by Cyril Lowe (England) in 1914 and Ian Smith (Scotland) in 1925. Has already equalled the French record of 5T in a tournament
- 10T in his last 9 internationals
- Only the 5<sup>th</sup> player to score a hat trick in the International Championship in one half of a match (v Ireland 2008) – the last was Ireland's Eugene Davy in 1930 v Scotland (Davy scored 3T in 8 mins!)
- Also current equal top scorer in 2007-08 Top 14 with 7T
- Scourge of Ireland in 2007-08 – winning try in first Croke Park game, then 2T in RWC (25-3) group game, and then 3T in last match
- RWC2007 – played in the last six games and scored 3T v Namibia and 2T v Ireland
- Burst onto the scene in the 2002 autumn tests and played 10 of 11 tests in 2002-03 before being dropped after loss in NZ in summer 2003 and did not make RWC2003 squad.
- Had only played 3 tests in the 2 years of 2005 and 2006 before his 2007 recall – 2 tests in 2005 and then scored 2T v South Africa in lone 2006 test (36-26)
- Formerly with Grenoble, he won 2003 Heineken Cup medal in first season with Toulouse with the club's try in the final v Perpignan.
- Was equal top try scorer in 2002-03 Heineken Cup with 7T, and won second winners medal in 2005.

## COACH

### Marc Lievreumont

- **28.10.68**
- Former international back row - took over from Bernard Laporte after RWC2007
- Coaching career: Biarritz Academy (2003-05), France U21 (2003-05 – world U21 champions in 2006), Dax (2005-07 – promoted to Top 14 in 2007)
- International career ended with his 25<sup>th</sup> cap at the 1999 RWC final when Australia beat France. Scored 5 tries in international career from 1995-99.
- Played for Argeles (1974-88), Perpignan (1988-97), Stade Francais (1997-2000) and Biarritz (2000-2002)
- Born to a military family at Dakar, Senegal, but based at Argeles-sur-Mer, brother Thomas won 37 caps from 1998-2006 and brother Matthieu played for Perpignan and now Dax