

The Rugby Set

Rugby is one of South Africa's big three sports, alongside soccer and cricket. For the many South African fans of the game, rugby is a serious matter, a source of bursting pride and joy - or shattering disappointment.

The Springboks, South Africa's national team and current holders of the 2007 World Cup trophy have only participated in 5 of the 7 of the Rugby World Cups ever held. This is due to the countries international isolation brought on by an anti-apartheid sporting boycott which came to an end in 1992.



Sport, like no other South African institution, has shown it has the power to heal old wounds.

When the Springboks won the Rugby World Cup on home turf in 1995, Nelson Mandela donned the No 6 shirt of the team's captain - Francois Pienaar, and the two embraced in a spontaneous gesture of racial reconciliation that melted hearts around the country.

A single moment, and 400 years of colonial strife and bitterness ... suddenly seemed so petty.

The South African Gold Coin Exchange and The Scoin Shops honoured The Boks great achievement of being crowned the world champions *twice* with the launch of the prestigious Mandela Rugby coin set. Consisting of a 1/2 ounce gold and a 1 ounce silver medallion, the set features the world renowned Springbok emblem on the reverse.

As the excitement builds and our boys get ready to cross the globe and make their mark in 2011 Rugby World Cup, we are proud to announce the launch of a 2nd Rugby coin set!

This set contains a 2 ounce gold Mandela Medallion as well as a unique 2 ounce silver Mandela Medallion which is the first of its' kind. Paired with a limited mintage of only 500 units, this set is a must have for any collection!

The support for The Springboks' has grown considerably since they played their first ever match at home in 1891 against the British Isles in Port Elizabeth. Should they win the 2011 Rugby World Cup, they will become the first side to win back-to-back World Cups and register a record-breaking third win in only their fifth appearance at the finals.

A unique set for a unique team with a unique country united behind them.

