

CONRAD JANTJES: A MULTI-TALENT SOUTH-AFRICAN SPORTSMAN JOINS LE COQ SPORTIF

Conrad Jantjes (born 24 March 1980 in Boksburg, Gauteng, South Africa) is a South African rugby union footballer who plays primarily as a fullback for the Springboks in international rugby and the Stormers (Cape Town) in Super 14 Rugby.

Jantjes was born in a close-knit family as the only son and youngest of three children. He grew up with **a love for all sports and represented South Africa not only in rugby, but also in both cricket and football at junior level.** He represented his country at both cricket and soccer at junior level and played cricket for Easterns at senior level against the West Indies A team. He played soccer in the Junior African Cup of Nations and once faced an England under-17 side containing Liverpool ace Michael Owen. Trialled with Chelsea Football Club in London in 1995.

After having represented South Africa at all other age groups, Jantjes received the call-up from then coach Harry Viljoen into the senior Springbok team in 2001, making his debut against Italy in Port Elizabeth.

After a great 2008 Super 14 season in which the Stormers finished just short of making the play-offs, Jantjes was picked by new Springbok coach Peter de Villiers as starting fullback for the first test against Wales on June 7. He scored a try in the 43-17 win.

Le Coq Sportif is proud to welcome Conrad Jantjes as its first South-African International Rugby player (18 capes).

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