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Rustenburg: Home to several Internationally Acclaimed Sports Personalities

Sunette Viljoen, a physical education teacher of Rustenburg (born 6 October 1983) is a javelin thrower, who has won gold at the Commonwealth Games and African Championships. She also made one Women's Test cricket and 17 Women's One Day International appearances for South Africa between 2000 and 2002. She won gold at the 2009 Summer Universiade in Belgrade, throwing 62.52 metres. At the qualifying round she set a new African record 65.46 metres, eclipsing her compatriot Justine Robbeson's record 63.49m achieved in Potchefstroom in February 2008. Viljoen's throw was over three meters further than her previous PB of 62.24 m achieved also at the February 2008 meeting in Potchefstroom. On June 14, 2010 she broke her own record with 66.38 m at the Josef Odložil Memorial in Prague.

Gerhard Mostert is a professional rugby union player who plays for the Natal Sharks and Natal in the Currie Cup and Super 14[1] He was schooled at High School Rustenburg. Mostert made his provisional debut for the Natal Sharks in 2010, playing against the Chiefs the Super 14 competition. Mostert had previously played for the Gauteng Lions. In October 2010, Gerhard was selected to the Springbok squad of 39 players to prepare for the November tour of Europe. He eventually made his Springbok debut during the 2011 Tri Nations as injury cover for Johan Muller, in a 40-7 loss against the All Blacks in Wellington. Although it was a miserable day for the team, Mostert, impressed Springbok Coach Pieter De Villiers who decided to include Mostert in his 24 man squad for the home tests of the 2011 tri nations. Gerhard Mostert was named on the bench for the third test against the Wallabies in Durban, which made him one of three survivors from the overseas tour. Mostert made his second appearance in the green and gold off the bench for Bakkies Botha.

Frederik Christoffel Hendrik "Frik" du Preez (born 28 November 1935 in Rustenburg, South Africa) is a former South African rugby union player who represented Northern Transvaal and the Springboks. He was born on a farm near Rustenburg and went to school at the Parys High School in Parys (Orange Free State). Du Preez mostly played in the flank or lock positions. Du Preez made his test debut for the Springboks on 7 January 1961 in the flank position against England at Twickenham. He played his last test on 7 August 1971 at the age of 35 as a lock against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Du Preez was an excellent all-round footballer, and like Australian lock John Eales, he was that rare phenomenon: a lock that could kick and even drop kick. Although he was not particularly tall, he was a tower of strength in the line-out. In addition he had a fantastic turn of speed and fine running skills with ball in hand, as he showed in the try he scored against the British Lions in 1968. As expression of the esteem that he is held in by South African rugby fans, Du Preez was

named the country's rugby Player of the 20th Century.

Rustenburg professional, **James Hubert Kingston** (born 30 November 1965) is a professional golfer. Kingston was born in Ottosdal, South Africa. He turned professional in 1988, and is currently a member of the European Tour and the Sunshine Tour. He has also competed on the Asian Tour, where he collected four tournament victories.

In 2007 Kingston finished top of the Order of Merit on the Sunshine Tour, aided by his victory at the European Tour co-sanctioned South African Airways Open. That win was his first on the European Tour, and helped him to his best Order of Merit finish of 17th in 2008. Victory at the Sunshine Tour's Vodacom Championship in February 2008, lifted Kingston into the top 100 of the Official World Golf Rankings for the first time. Kingston secured his first win of 2009 with a playoff triumph against Anders Hansen at the 2009 Mercedes-Benz Championship in Cologne.

John William Smit who spent his early years in Rustenburg and attended Fields Primary School. (born 3 April 1978 in Pietersburg, South Africa) is the 50th and current captain of the Springboks. He has played most of his career as a hooker, but played twice for the Springboks off the bench as a prop prior to the South Africa coaching staff's decision to use him as a tight-head prop for the 2008 end of year Tests. On 22 November 2008, he surpassed prop Os du Randt as the most-capped forward in Springboks history. As of September 2009, Smit is one of South Africa's most successful captains ever, having led the Springboks to victory in 46 of the 64 games that he captained, a win percentage of 72%. He has won more Tests as captain than any other Springbok has played as captain. On 23 August 2010, he played his 100th Test – only the 15th player ever, and second South African to reach that milestone.

Gert Oosthuizen is the Deputy Minister of the Department of Sport and Recreation. He is a Member of the National Parliament. He is also a Member of the Strategy Committee in Parliament for the African National Congress. He is a Political Party Member for the African National Congress. Oosthuizen, who matriculated at Rustenburg High School in 1976, also played in the rugby first team for the school and remains a keen golfer and chess player to this day.

It is claimed that **Louis Fouché** has the biggest boot in the country, with rumours that the former Leopards u.21 player has kicked penalties in excess of 60 metres already. But for the former Rustenburg High School pupil, who just turned 21, life as a professional player at the Vodacom Bulls, is much more than slotting massive penalty kicks.



Gerhard Mostert (up-and-coming Rugby Player: Sharks)



Louis Fouché (21-year-old up-and-coming Rugby Player for the Blue Bulls)



Frik du Preez (Former Springbok and rewarded with Country's Rugby Player of the 20th Century)



Sunette Viljoen (African Record Holder: Javelin Throw)



James Kingston (World renowned golf player)



John Smit (current captain of the Springboks)



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