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PROGRAM

5:00 PM
HOUSTON SABERCATS U18
VS AUSTIN OUTLAWS U18

8:00 PM
HOUSTON SABERCATS
VS AUSTIN GILGRONIS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Houston, we have playoffs! And with the recent news from the MLR, we now have a home playoff game!! We will host the first round on Sunday, June 12 at 7:30 PM. Make sure you get your tickets when they go on sale tomorrow morning at 10 AM.

But first we have our last regular season game of the year. We welcome in Austin for the final match of the Lonestar Championship presented by Karbach. The winning team of the season total between the three Texas teams will receive a locker room full of cold Karbach beer.

It's been a great regular season! We've set a franchise record with nine wins, qualified for the postseason for the first time and have played many exciting games both here and on the road. The team has really come together and is a great group. Another great thing about this team is the amount of impactful minutes we've had from Rugby HTX alumni. If you don't know, Rugby HTX is our academy program and has produced players like Alec McDonell, Will Crawford and Jax Hidalgo. They each played a huge role in getting us to where we are today. That's a great sign for us and for the future of American Rugby.

Enjoy the game tonight, and make sure to get those playoff tickets. We need everyone here to support us on our quest for the shield.

Go Cats!

JT Onyett
President



HOUSTON SABERCATS

ROSTER

- 1 Frikkie DeBeer
- 2 Diego Fortuny
- 3 Aaron Mitchell
- 4 Emmanuel Albert
- 5 William Crawford
- 6 Gideon Van Wyk
- 7 Wynand Grassmann
- 8 Willie Britz
- 9 Nicklas Boyer
- 10 Kian Meadon
- 11 Marcos Moroni
- 12 Matai Leuta
- 13 Kisi Unufe
- 14 Gerrie Labuschagne
- 15 Zach Pangelinan



- 16 Axel Zapata
- 17 Alec McDonnell
- 18 Juan Pablo Zeiss
- 19 Maikeli Naromaitoga
- 20 Keni Nasoqeqe
- 21 Zachary Short
- 22 Robert Povey
- 23 Trace Bolstad



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The Houston SaberCats and MLR are coming together to host an Academy Combine that will also be looking at MLR Draft Eligible players. Attendees may be selected to join Rugby HTX, the Houston SaberCats High Performance Academy Team, and/or will be looked at as Draft Eligible players for the SaberCats or other MLR teams.

Full description and registration available at
www.htxrugby.com

SECTION
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AUSTIN GILGRONIS

ROSTER

1 Fakaosifolau Pifeleti
2 Hugh Roach
3 Nomatahi Waa
4 Sebastian DeChaves
5 Cameron Dodson
6 Ronan Murphy
7 Maclean Jones
8 Michael De Waal
9 Ryan Louwrens
10 Mack Mason
11 Robert Elan Puttick
12 Bryce Campbell
13 Marcel Brache
14 Conner Mooneyham
15 Christopher Mattina



16 Mason Koch
17 Jake Turnbull
18 LaRome White
19 Isaac Ross
20 Luke Beauchamp
21 Pelefofoga Cowley
22 William Magie
23 Julian Dominguez



SATURDAY FEB. 05
vs. LOS ANGELES GILTINIS
7:00 PM CT



SATURDAY FEB. 12
vs. RUGBY UNITED NEW YORK
7:00 PM CT



SATURDAY FEB. 19
AT DALLAS JACKALS
7:00 PM CT



SATURDAY FEB. 26
vs. SAN DIEGO LEGION
7:00 PM CT



SATURDAY MAR. 05
AT RUGBY ATL
2:00 PM CT



SATURDAY MAR. 12
vs. SEATTLE SEAWOLVES
7:00 PM CT

BYE



SATURDAY MAR. 26
AT UTAH WARRIORS
7:00 PM CT



SUNDAY APR. 03
AT AUSTIN GILGRONIS
6:00 PM CT



SATURDAY APR. 09
vs. DALLAS JACKALS
7:00 PM CT



SATURDAY APR. 16
AT LOS ANGELES GILTINIS
5:00 PM CT



SATURDAY APR. 23
vs. TORONTO ARROWS
7:00 PM CT

BYE



SUNDAY MAY. 08
AT SAN DIEGO LEGION
4:00 PM CT



SATURDAY MAY. 14
vs. UTAH WARRIORS
7:00 PM CT



SATURDAY MAY. 21
AT OLD GLORY DC
2:00 PM CT



FRIDAY MAY. 27
AT SEATTLE SEAWOLVES
9:30 PM CT



FRIDAY JUN. 03
vs. AUSTIN GILGRONIS
8:00 PM CT

□ HOME GAMES ■ AWAY GAMES



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*ALL DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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FRIKKIE DE BEER



BRITS, SOUTH AFRICA

PROP

AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
30	260	6'3"

PLAYING HISTORY: Chicago Lions, Chicago Illinois, 2015-2022 ; Utah Warriors, Salt Lake City Utah, 2019-2020 ; LA Giltinis, Los Angeles California, 2021

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DIEGO FORTUNY

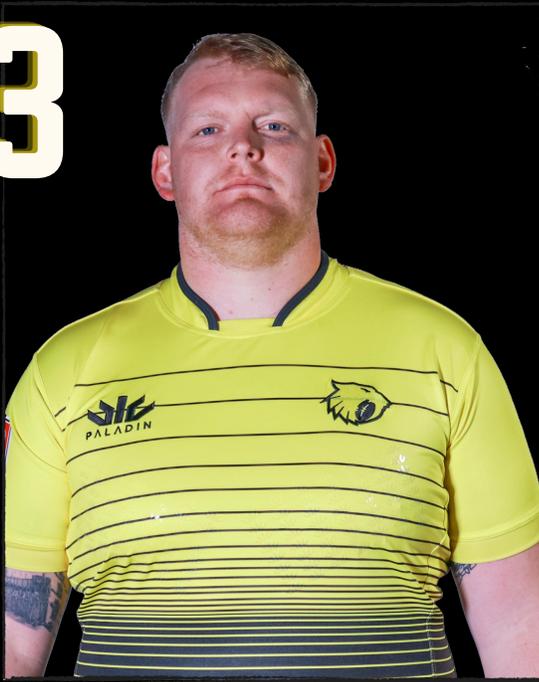
SALTA, ARGENTINA

HOOKER

AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
30	240	5'10"

PLAYING HISTORY: Universitario Rugby Club ; Salta Salta Selections ; Argentina U20 ; Argentina XV ; Sudamerica XV ; Barbarians Argentina ; Jaguares Súper Rugby ; Pumas ; Houston Sabercats

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AARON MITCHELL

OCEANSIDE, CA

TIGHT HEAD PROP



AGE

25

WEIGHT

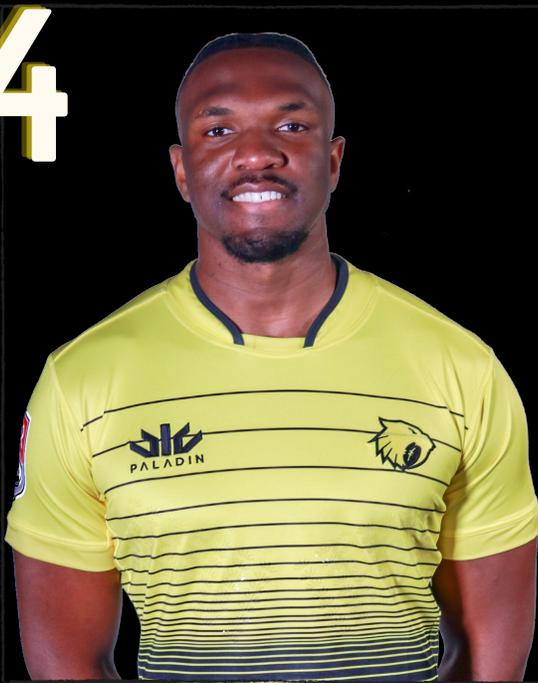
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HEIGHT

6'3"

PLAYING HISTROY: San Diego Legion 2018-2021

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EMMANUEL ALBERT

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

LOCK, BLIND SIDE FLANKER, & 8

AGE

22

WEIGHT

240

HEIGHT

6'4"

PLAYING HISTORY: Eagan High School, Eagan Minnesota 2015-2017 ; Lindenwood University 2017-2021 ; Houston SaberCats Draft Pick 2022



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WILL CRAWFORD

MONROE, LOUISIANA

LOCK



AGE

28

WEIGHT

245

HEIGHT

6'4"

PLAYING HISTORY: Houston SaberCats, Houston, Texas 2021 - 2022 ; Nola Gold, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2018 ; Hutt Old Boys Marist, Wellington, NZ 2015 ; New Orleans RFC 2017-2018 ; Shreveport RFC 2020

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GIDEON VAN WYK

LICHTENBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

BLIND SIDE FLANKER & 8

AGE

20

WEIGHT

233

HEIGHT

6'3"

PLAYING HISTORY: Cheetahs, Bloemfontein 2019-2021



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WYNAND GRASSMANN



DESPATCH, SOUTH AFRICA
LOCK & OPEN SIDE FLANKER

AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
25	247	6'3"

PLAYING HISTORY: Slava RC, Moscow, Russia, 2019-2021 ; SWD Eagles, George, South Africa, 2018-2019 ; EP Kings, Location: Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 2014-2018

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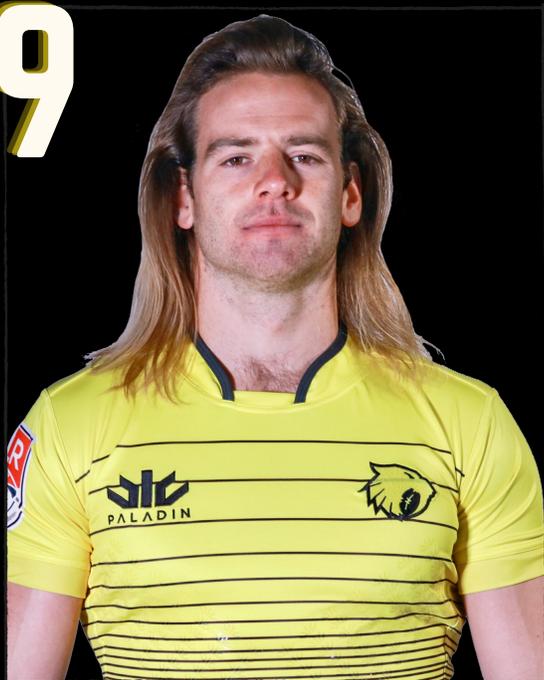
WILLIE BRITZ

VAAL MARINA, SOUTH AFRICA
LOCK, FLANKER & 8

AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
33	250	6'4"

PLAYING HISTORY: Lions in Johannesburg 2012-2014 ; Cheetahs in Bloemfontein 2015-2016 ; Sunwolves Japan 2017-2018 ; Shining Arcs Japan 2016-2021 ; World XV 2017-2018 ; Barbarians 2017

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NICKLAS BOYER

SACRAMENTO, CA

SCRUM HALF



AGE

28

WEIGHT

215

HEIGHT

6'3"

PLAYING HISTORY: Land Park Motley, Jesuit High School, Cal Bears, USA rugby

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KIAN MEADON

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

FLY HALF

AGE

25

WEIGHT

182

HEIGHT

5'11"

PLAYING HISTORY: The Sharks (South Africa, Durban, 2020-2021), Junior Springboks, Paarl Boys' High (South Africa, Paarl, 2017-2019), SA Schools, Midstream College (South Africa, Pretoria, 2007-2016)



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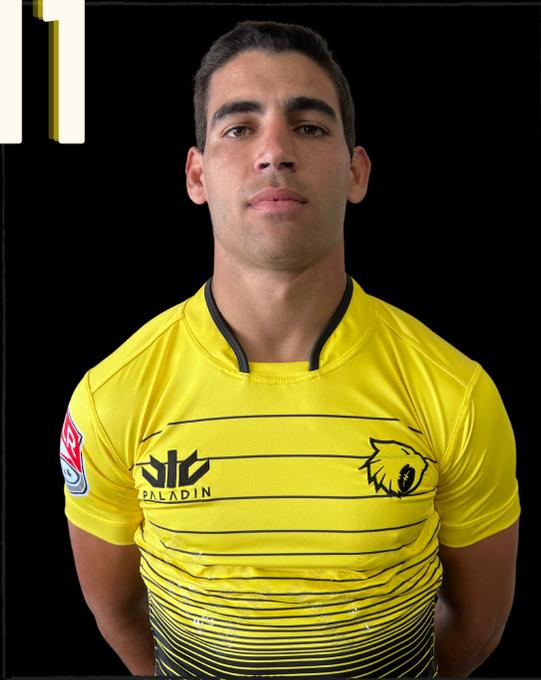
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MARCOS MORONI

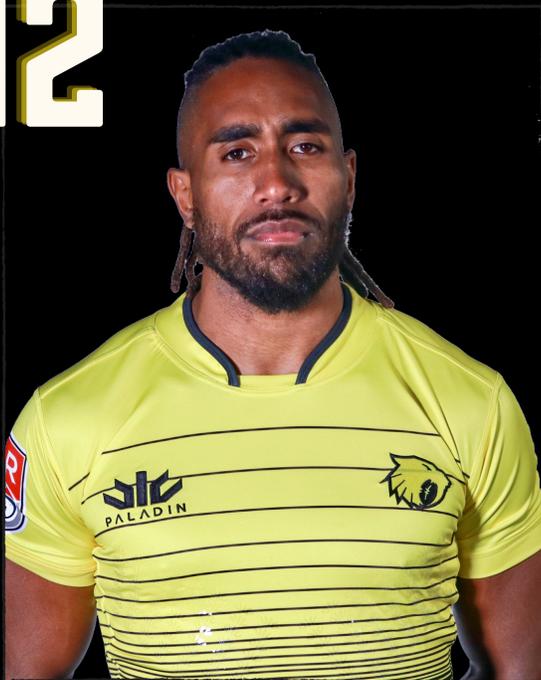
BUENOS AIRES
FULL BACK



AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
26	198	6'2"

PLAYING HISTORY: C.U.B.A (since 15 years old ; Pumas 7 (2017-2021)

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MATAI LEUTA

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA
INSIDE CENTRE & WING

AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
32	235	6'4""

PLAYING HISTORY: Monterey Beachdogs: Monterey 20; USA 7's Eagle



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KISI UNUFE

PROVO, UTAH

WING



AGE

30

WEIGHT

210

HEIGHT

6'2"

PLAYING HISTORY: Provo Steelers Provo, Utah. U19 United Rugby. USA Rugby 7s Chula Vista, CA

14



GERRIE LABUSCHAGNE

SPRINGS, SOUTH AFRICA

WING & FULLBACK

AGE

26

WEIGHT

215

HEIGHT

6'4"

PLAYING HISTORY: Free State XV, Golden Lions XV, Pumas, Yamaha Jubilo, Houston SaberCats

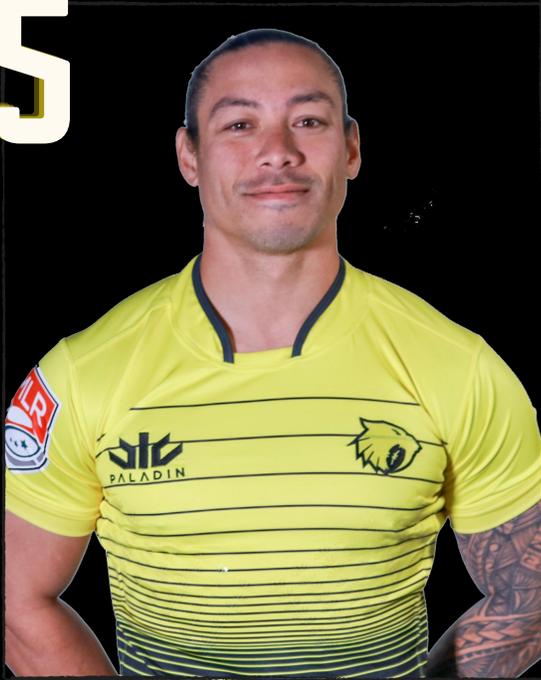
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ZACH PANGELINAN

GUAM/USA

FLY-HALF, WING, INSIDE & OUTSIDE CENTRE, FULL-BACK

AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
33	195	5'9"



PLAYING HISTORY: Old Mission Beach Athletic Club ; San Diego,CA 2008-2017, Randwick Rugby ; Sydney, Australia 2017 ; Houston Sabercats 2017



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AXEL ZAPATA

ARGENTINA

HOOKER & PROP



AGE

29

WEIGHT

270

HEIGHT

6'2"

PLAYING HISTORY: Jaguares since 2016 and played with Argentina XV in the Americas Rugby Championship. Olimpia Lions 2019-2021.

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ALEC MCDONNELL

WELDON SPRING, MO

LOOSE & TIGHT HEAD PROP

AGE

25

WEIGHT

260

HEIGHT

5'10"

PLAYING HISTORY: Francis Howell Force, 2015 ; Lindenwood University, 2015-19 ; Rugby United New York, 2020 ; Rugby HTX, 2020-2021 ; Houston Sabercats, 2021-

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JUAN PABLO ZEISS



ARGENTINA

TIGHT HEAD PROP

AGE

32

WEIGHT

250

HEIGHT

6'2"

PLAYING HISTORY: Pumas, SLAR 2021 Los Jaguares XV ; 2020 Los Ceibos. Super Rugby - Los Jaguares.

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MAIKELI NAROMAITOGA

SUVA, FIJI

LOCK & BACK ROW

AGE

30

WEIGHT

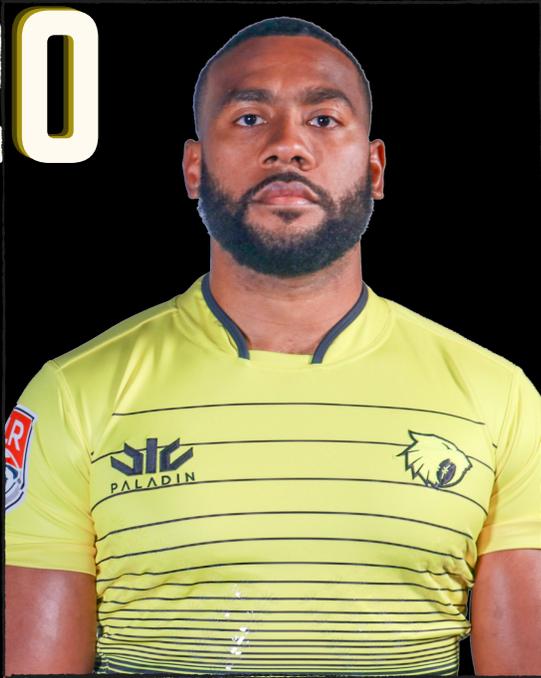
270

HEIGHT

6'5"

PLAYING HISTORY: 2012 Fiji Warriors in the Pacific Rugby Cup, 2013 - 2018 Jacks of Fiji Nadi Rugby Union, 2015 with Mid-Canterbury Rugby in New Zealand. 2019 Utah Warriors, 2020 Austin Gilgronis, 2021 Dallas Reds, 2022 Hartford Harpooners.

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KENI NASOQEQE

LAUTOKA, FIJI

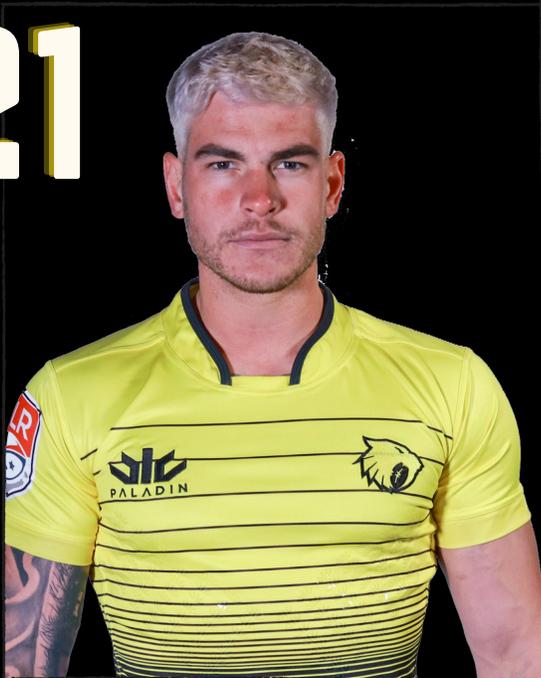
LOCK, BLIND SIDE FLANKER & 8

AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
28	248	6'4"



PLAYING HISTORY: Belmont Shore, Long Beach, California. 2015-2018 San Diego legion, San Diego, California. 2019-2021

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ZACHARY SHORT

TAURANGA, NEW ZEALAND

SCRUM HALF

AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
24	186	5'11"

PLAYING HISTORY: Taurange boys college 2009-2014 ; Greerton Premiers 2014-2021 ; Waikato representative 2019 ; Bay of Plenty development 2020 ; Houston sabercats 2020-2022 (third season)



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ROB POVEY

NORTHAMPTON, ENGLAND

FLY-HALF



AGE

25

WEIGHT

195

HEIGHT

6'

PLAYING HISTORY: Houston Sabercats, Utah Warriors, Coventry

23



TRACE BOLSTAD

HOPKINS, MINNESOTA

FLY-HALF, CENTRE, FULL-BACK

AGE

27

WEIGHT

215

HEIGHT

6'3"

PLAYING HISTORY: Hopkink High School, University of Minnesota
Duluth, Metropolis Rugby, Rugby HTX



RUGBY 101

RUGBY GAME TIME: Two 40 min. halves of continuous play for a total of 80 min.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 15 players for each team, 30 players on the field. Unless someone gets sent to the sin bin.

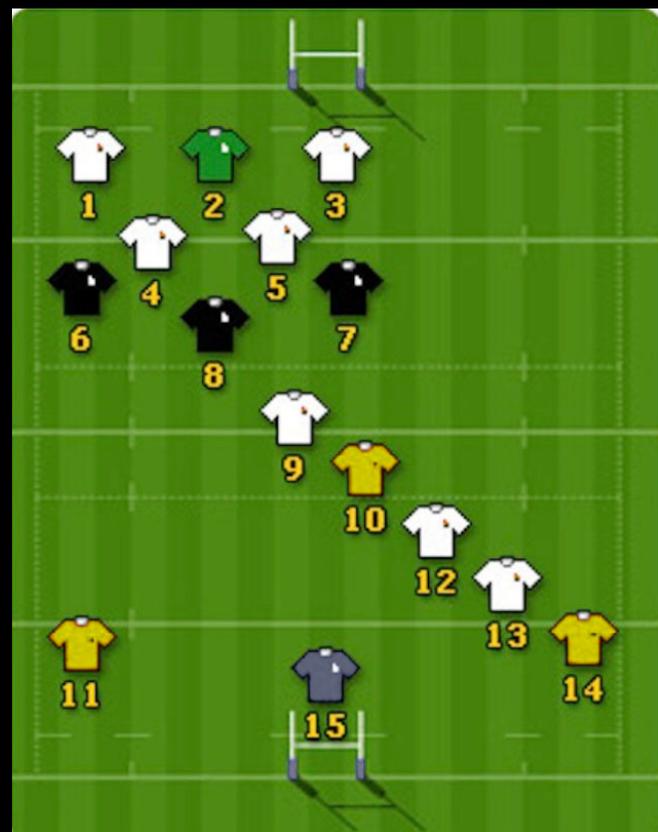
FIELD LENGTH: 100 M (Try Line to Try Line)

FIELD WIDTH: 70 M

*larger than a football field.

POSITIONS

1. LOOSE-HEAD PROP
2. HOOKER
3. TIGHT-HEAD PROP
4. SECOND ROW
5. SECOND ROW
6. BLIND-SIDE FLANKER
7. OPEN-SIDE FLANKER
8. NUMBER 8
9. SCRUM-HALF
10. FLY-HALF
11. LEFT WING
12. INSIDE CENTER
13. OUTSIDE CENTER
14. RIGHT WING
15. FULL-BACK





RUGBY 101

SCORING POINTS

TRY (5 POINTS): A player scores a try by grounding the ball in his opponents' in goal.

CONVERSION KICK (2 POINTS): After scoring a try, the scoring team attempts to kick the ball through the uprights from any point on an imaginary line that runs the length of the field through where the ball was touched down.

PENALTY KICK (3 POINTS): After a penalty, a team may attempt to score by kicking the ball through the goal posts.

DROP GOAL (3 POINTS): A drop goal can be scored at any time during a game by simply kicking the ball through the uprights after it has been drop kicked.

MOVING THE BALL

RUNNING: One way to advance the ball is to run with it. However, the opposing team is free to tackle the player with the ball. If this happens, his team may lose possession. (See "RUCK")

PASSING: A team may pass the ball as many times as they like. However, they may not pass the ball forwards.

KICKING: A team may kick the ball to gain territory or a tactical advantage.



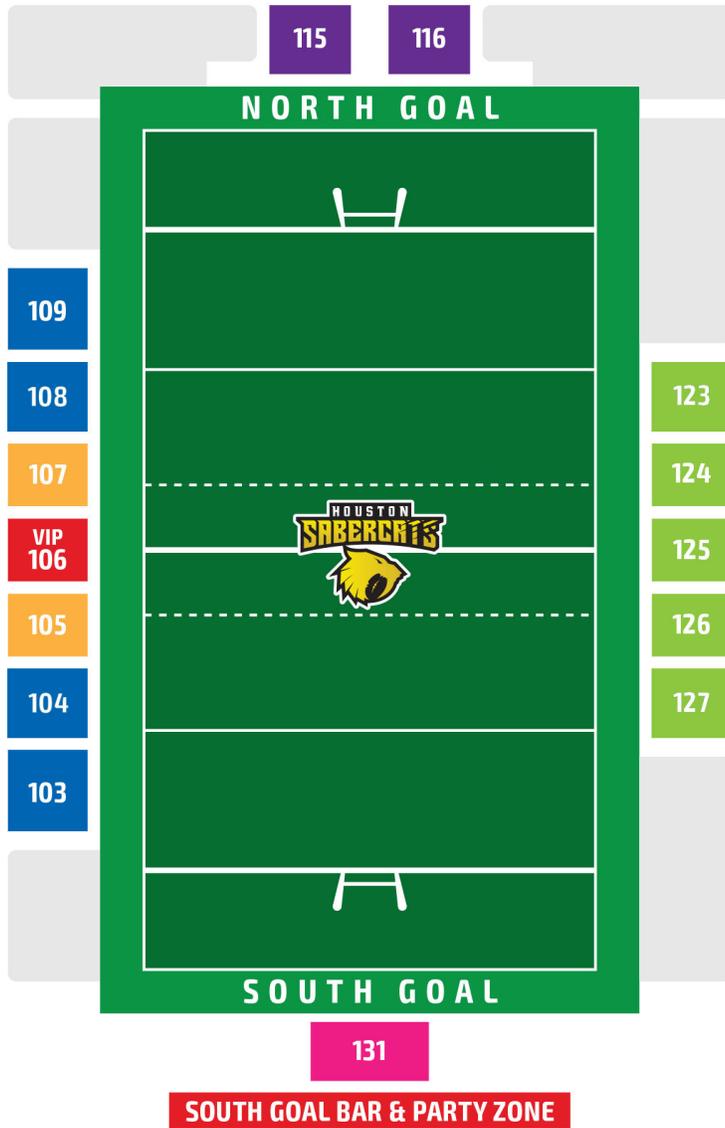
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