

Beachcomber World Club 10s 2018: Vodacom Bulls champions for second year in a row

June 18, 2018, Gros Cailloux. The rugby fans that attended the third edition of Beachcomber World Club 10s in Mauritius this weekend at Gros Cailloux had the chance to witness a pulsating final between the Vodacom Bulls and Newcastle Falcons, with the Bulls securing a 24 - 17 win, and defending the Title they won last year. This makes it their second win out of their two participations in the tournament.

Team Captain Shaun Adendorff was overjoyed after his team's victory *"I'm very happy and proud of my team, especially since it was not an easy tournament. The opponents were tough and very competitive. The 10s tournament is very fast and requires more concentration. We were motivated and wanted to go win this title again this year,"* he says.

Vodacom Bulls is one of the most prestigious teams in South Africa, having won the Super Rugby Championship 3 times, in 2007, 2009 and 2010 respectively.

The organizers of the Beachcomber World Club 10s are satisfied with the new set-up at Gros-Cailloux. *"Thanks to the various partners and our main sponsor Beachcomber, we were able to make this third edition in Mauritius a success. We have made this festival interesting for all public, whether for professional and amateur teams, but also for rugby fans who have come with their families to watch the matches. We were delighted to see so many rugby fans travelling to the Event from as far as UK and Japan,"* says Jon Phelps of Carinat Sports marketing.

Kevin Venkiah, President of the Rugby Union Mauritius (RUM) is also satisfied with the event. *"The Beachcomber World Club 10s tournament is an excellent opportunity to promote rugby to Mauritians. We have seen the emergence of new teams including that of Rodrigues island, which I would like congratulate for their victory. We have some way to go to reach an international level, but we are on the right track. I take this opportunity to thank Carinat Sports Marketing as well as members of the security and press for the tremendous work they have done. "*

The only Mauritian player in the tournament, David Marengo is satisfied with his experience with the Africa Pacific Dragons team. *"I wanted to participate in this tournament since two years now, but I could not make it as I was already playing in France. I am very happy to have been able to participate in this third edition in Mauritius this time. The level of play is interesting because it is faster and that's what I like. I am proud to be the only Mauritian and to have represented my country at the Beachcomber World Club 10s."*

Francois Venin, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer of Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels, explains that *« we are very happy with this 2018 edition, which was very successful. This year's location for the tournament was a great choice as it allowed the public to be closer to the pitch and to the players, creating a friendlier atmosphere. They loved it!*

It is important to push this type of international event, and we believed in this tournament since its first edition. It does take time to establish such an event as an unmissable one on the calendar, but in the end it allows the opportunity to increase visibility for Mauritius in June, a time where tourist arrivals tend to be slower. »

The Results

POOL A

Western Force v Cell C Sharks : 14 - 33
Vodacom Bulls v Africa Pacific Dragons : 26 - 17
Western Force v Vodacom Bulls : 17 - 45
Cell C Sharks v Africa Pacific Dragons : 26 - 17
Western Force v Africa Pacific Dragons : 19 - 15
Cell C Sharks v Vodacom Bulls : 19 - 19

POOL B

French Pyrenees v Newcastle Falcons : 19 - 19
Kobelco Steelers v Montpellier : 10 - 0
French Pyrenees v Kobelco Steelers : 12 - 14
Newcastle Falcons v Montpellier : 12 - 12
French Pyrenees v Montpellier : 17 - 14
Newcastle Falcons v Kobelco Steelers : 24 - 14

Quarter Finals

Vodacom Bulls v Montpellier : 36 - 15
Cell C Sharks v Tsunami Purénées : 14 - 24
Newcastle Falcons v Africa Pacific Dragons : 33 - 12
Kobelco Steelers v Western Force : 24 - 14

Semi finals

Montpellier v Western Force (Shield SF1) : 0 - 20
Cell C Sharks v Africa Pacific Dragons (Shield SF2) : 17 - 19
Vodacom Bulls v Kobelco Steelers (Cup SF1) : 47 - 7
Newcastle Falcons v Tsunami Pyrénées (Cup SF2) : 21 - 12

Final

Montpellier v **Sharks** (Bowl Final - 7th / 8th) : 0 - 34
Western Force v **Africa Pacific Dragons** (Shield Final - 5th / 6th) : 14 - 19
Kobelco Steelers v French Pyrénées (Plate Final - 3rd / 4th) : 33 - 5
Vodacom Bulls v Newcastle Falcons (Cup Final - 1st / 2nd) : 24 - 17

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About Beachcomber

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is the pioneer and leader of the Mauritian tourism industry. Since the creation of Park Hotel in 1952, a collection of 9 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

The Group recently expanded its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 9 resorts affords a choice of accommodation options ranging from rooms and apartments to suites and villas. Each hotel is imbued with a particular history and cachet, embodying an image of discrete luxury.

Social responsibility – Fondation Espoir Développement (FED), by Beachcomber

Set up and financed by Beachcomber since 1999, with the participation of hotels and employees, this foundation takes care of these main projects:

- Projet Employabilité Jeunes (PEJ): professional insertion of school drop-outs through a training programme and industrial attachments.
- Collaboration with NGOs, schools and associations
- Regional projects – youth mentoring: the “Amour et Espoir” NGO; IT initiation; youth monitoring via the “Duke of Edinburgh International Award” programme, participation of regional sports clubs in the organisation of the Beachcomber UTRB Trail 2015

Social responsibility – Local Hands

Programme launched in 2006 to support small local artisans by providing them with training and guidance as they embark upon the process of creation, production, marketing and sales.

Sustainable development – our environmental actions – EarthCheck label

Sustainable development and environmental protection constitute real considerations within the Group, which has set up, amongst other initiatives, practices that ensure energy savings and favour renewable energy sources. These initiatives in favour of sustainable development have been recognised and rewarded, with two of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Silver accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.