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## **TOURNOI DES SIX STATIONS 2017 - The Biggest SNOW RUGBY tournament**

**From February 13 to 19, 2017**

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Six Rugby Team of Seven Players fight each other in a Rugby Snow Tournament , promoting humour, friendship and sharing values. Each team is composed of Five Former International Rugby players and 5 amateur rugbymen, all representing the colours of the 6 participating Ski Resort.

The participating Ski Resorts are : Les Ménuires (Les 3 Vallées, Savoie), Val Thorens (Les 3 Vallées, Savoie), Valmorel (Savoie), Les Contamines-Montjoie (HauteSavoie), La Clusaz (Haute-Savoie) and a 'finale' at The Top of Les Portes du Soleil Ã ChÃctel (Haute-Savoie).

The 'Stars ' of international Rugby give the rythm animating in each Ski Resort, three Tournaments per day and exciting Third Halfs. This year, in the Guest List, we find retired Professionals, unexpected celebrities and also the coming of foreign Professionals : Jérôme Thion, Imanol Harinordoquy, Dimitri Yachvili and the British Mike Tindall...

The 'Tournoi des 6 Stations' (Six Resorts Tournament) is a Rugby 7s tournament played on Snow, organized in the French Alps by Yann DELAIGUE (Former International French Rugby player) from February 13 February19, 2017 for its 5th edition. Former international and non-professional rugby players will participate in the tournament that will take place across six ski resorts of Savoie & Haute Savoie.

Yann DELAIGUE, former international Rugby player (20 caps, 3 French Championships titles, one European Championship title) and already organizer of several Beach Rugby Tournaments, reiterates and creates with his partner, Stéphane ROUAULT, a new form of Rugby, the 'Snow Rugby'.

He had the idea for the 'Tournoi des 6 Stations' during Ski Holidays. Beyond the sport, Yann DELAIGUE realized first and foremost that rugby and mountain shared the same values : solidarity, team spirit, friendliness, respect and sharing. Rather than just a match, he had the idea to organize a proper tournament, inspired by the mythical 6 Nations Tournament, with teams composed of amateurs and former international players.

A Press Conference was given in PARIS at the ORANGINA' Offices, on January 05, 2017 and another one will be given on January 10, 2017 in LONDON.

This year, the tournament will offer wellbeing workshops and warm ups to the audience along with 100% environmentally friendly activities. Some post-match celebrations previously reserved for rugby players will be open to all. More exchanges, themed evening, several activities in the village, everything is planned for the audience to enjoy their time.

For 2017 Edition, the Six prestigious French Ski Resorts welcoming the 'Tournoi des 6 Stations' are :

- \* LES MENUIRES : Monday February 13, 2017
- \* VAL THORENS : Tuesday February 14, 2017
- \* VALMOREL : Wednesday February 15, 2017
- \* LES CONTAMINES : Thursday February 16, 2017
- \* LA CLUSAZ : Friday February 17, 2017
- \* CHATEL, PORTES DU SOLEIL : Sunday February 19, 2017

The Teams are as follow :

- \* CHATEL PORTES DU SOLEIL : Olivier MAGNE, Mike TINDALL, Simon SHAW, Franck COMBA, Laurent LEFLAMAND
- \* LA CLUSAZ : Damien TRAILLE, Jérôme THION, Christophe MONI, Benjamin BOYET, Marc de ROUEMENT
- \* LES CONTAMINES : Dimitri YACHVILLI, Imanol HARINORDOQUY, Brian LIEBENBERG, Thierry DEVERGIE, Patrice TEISSEIRE
- \* LES MENUIRES : Rémy MARTIN, Francis NTAMACK, Cedric DESBROSSE, Yann DELAIGNE, Pierre BONDOURY
- \* VALMOREL : Serge BETSEN, Colin CHARVIS, Jean Christophe REPON, Jacques BOUSSUGE, Lee MEARS
- \* VAL THORENS : Christophe DOMINICI, Lionel FAURE, Oily BERKLEY, Thierry BUVET, Ian BALSHAW

It is also a way to promote rugby differently ... After the Beach Rugby, we face for the 5th Edition... the Snow Rugby ! The tournament that will take place across the Six Ski Resorts of Savoie and Haute Savoie.

As a Reminder, recently retired , foreign and unexpected players will be there. As a preview: Imanol Harinordoquy, Jérôme Thion, Dimitri Yachvili, Simon Shaw, Iain Balshaw, Colin Charvis, Lee Byrne, Byron Kelleher... The 'TOURNOI DES 6 STATIONS' will celebrate its 5th Birthday in 2017.

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