



**Hungary**

**Bulgaria**



# RUGBY

**2015 Rugby World Cup  
Qualifiers for Europe**

**Ceremonial Opener Match  
Saturday 6 October 2012**



# Event schedule

## 2015 Rugby World Cup Qualifiers for Europe Saturday 6 October 2012



The patron of the event:  
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### 9<sup>00</sup>–14<sup>00</sup> Hungarian Women 7's Cup

Venue: Széktói Stadium, Kecskemét

### 10<sup>00</sup>–14<sup>00</sup> Hungarian Youth Competition

Venue: Széktói Stadium, Kecskemét

### 12<sup>30</sup>–13<sup>30</sup> Hungary - Italy Veteran game

Venue: Széktói Stadium, Kecskemét

### 13<sup>20</sup>–13<sup>50</sup> Nursery foot-race

Venue: Széktói Stadium, Kecskemét

### 14<sup>00</sup>–15<sup>30</sup> Hungary - Bulgaria Rugby World Cup Qualifier

Ceremonial kick off:  
UNGVÁRI MIKLÓS Olympic silver medalist,  
3x European Champion  
Venue: Széktói Stadium, Kecskemét

### 15<sup>30</sup>–16<sup>00</sup> Hungarian Youth Competition awards ceremony, raffle draw

Venue: Széktói Stadium, Kecskemét

### 17<sup>00</sup>–18<sup>30</sup> Banquet for the teams and all representatives

Venue: Széktói Stadium, Kecskemét



# Welcome



## Dear Sport Friends!

It is a great honor for the entire Hungarian rugby community that IRB and FIRA-AER have chosen our country to organize the kick off for the 2015 Rugby World Cup Qualifier for Europe. Without exaggeration the Hungary – Bulgaria game on 6th October 2012 will be written on the brightest page of our rugby history and we can say that the world rugby are watching on us at least for a day. It gives me a great pleasure to welcome in our beautiful venue in Kecskemét the representatives of the IRB, FIRA-AER and RWC 2015 as well as our sponsors and all our guests including a really unique one represented by the Webb Ellis Cup itself.

I'm pretty sure that it will be a great sport experience for all the supporters to cheer together for the Hungarian side in the 2015 Rugby World Cup Qualifier against Bulgaria.

Have a great sport event and good entertainment for all.

*Pál Túri*  
Hungarian Rugby Union  
President

## ENC 2C Group Score-card

1.	October 6, 2012		Hungary		Bulgaria
2.	October 20, 2012		Bulgaria		Austria
3.	October 27, 2012		Slovenia		Hungary
4.	November 17, 2012		Austria		Cyprus
5.	December 8, 2012		Cyprus		Slovenia
6.	March 16, 2013		Cyprus		Bulgaria
7.	April 6, 2013		Austria		Hungary
8.	April 6, 2013		Bulgaria		Slovenia
9.	April 20, 2013		Hungary		Cyprus
10.	April 20, 2013		Slovenia		Austria

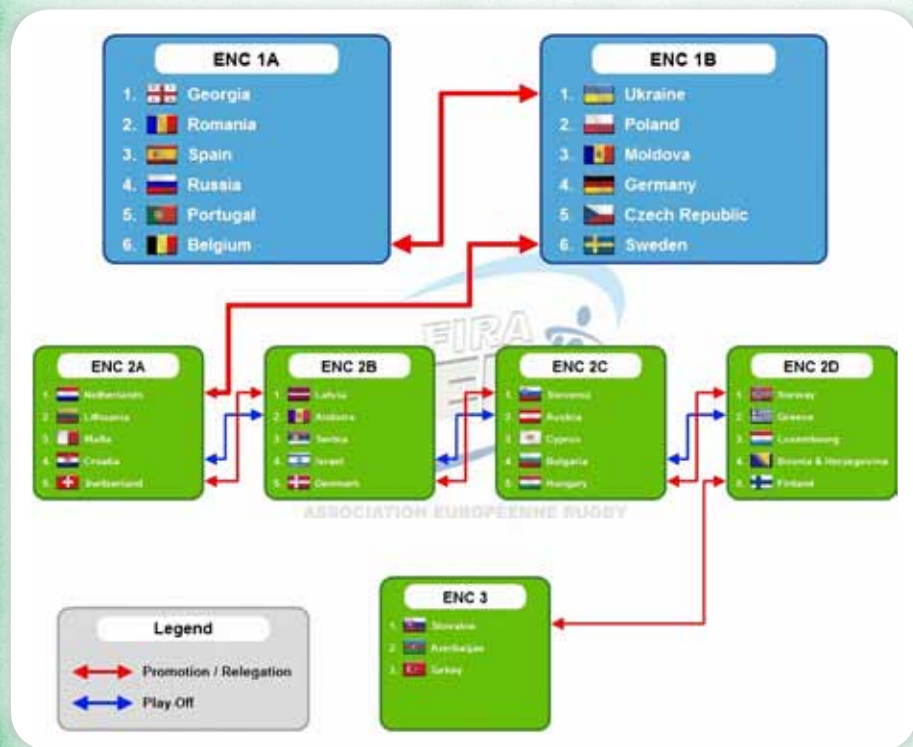


# The Hungarian XV Rugby faces a never ending mission

In rugby the most wished aim is to participate in the World Cup – organized in every 4 years – where only 20 nations can take part from the 96 rugby player countries. There are some nations who can participate in the next World Cup in 2015 basically, according to the IRB World ranking (1-8), taking into consideration the cultural differences, and the national habits.

Those teams, which are winning the qualifications of the continents and who can participate because of play offs can join into the basic teams as well.

Let's see the widest - 35 teams are competing – European qualifier, where the 6 highlighted nations (England, France, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and Italy) are not participating.



According to power ranking team collaborations, there will be 1-2-3 division collaborations, so there will be bigger interest and real competitions. Furthermore the rugby means different status of the players in every nation. In the

teams of the 1st division there are mainly professional players, while in the 2nd and 3rd divisions the players are semi-professional and amateurs, who believes in success. In this level it could even be a success if the team can get



into a higher level during the European National Cup season and have a possibility to compete with different ranked teams in the next season.

Getting into higher level or elimination can occur after a 2 year season, or lineal; the best player gets higher, the worst eliminated, or after play offs; the 2nd player compete upwards, the 4th plays downwards. However in case of World Cup, those teams can participate after a 3 year cycle, which wins or gets to the 2nd place in the ENC 1A group. In the same group the team got to the 3rd place has to play off with a team comes from downwards, even from a very down place:

- 1. WC playoff competition: ENC 3 group winner – ENC 2D group winner
- 2. WC playoff competition: 1. WC play off winner – ENC 2C winner
- 3. WC playoff competition: 2.WC play off winner – ENC 2B winner
- 4. WC playoff competition: 3.WC play off winner – ENC 2A winner
- 5. WC playoff competition: 4.WC play off winner – ENC 1B winner

Getting into the World Cup is not totally sure in these situations, because the 3rd player in ENC 1A and the winner of the 5. WC play off competition has to play vice-versa match, versus to the team coming from the intercontinental group.

Let's analyze the situation of the Hungarian team:

- Plays 4 matches in ENC 2C against Cyprus, Slovenia, Austria, and Bulgaria and finishes as a leader at the end of the season
- Gets on against the winner of ENC 3 – ENC 2D in abroad

- Plays with the winner of ENC 2B, the winner of 2A, the best of 1B, and after knocking out the 3rd team of 1A competing with teams from South-America, Asia, or Africa.

The Hungarian championship and the level of the new generations are higher than our guest's, which is proven by more than one matches, RRC league, U18 WC order, furthermore our U20 generation belongs to the upper level in Europe (in 2010 we got silver medal, in 2012 we were at the 4th place). The Hungarian players are well trained, the teams are strongly organized and our management can ensure the suitable circumstances, so there is no reason not to hope the best!

We wish that 6th October will be such a starting point of the Hungarian rugby, where we can show ourselves to Europe and to Hungary as well.

Admittedly we do not have much chance getting into the WC in this situation, but in order to reach our goal - to get the 1st or 2nd place - it is necessary to win the match versus Bulgaria in Kecskemét on 6th October.

But we have a chance for this, because we are going to play in inland environment, in front of 2-3 thousand fans, and with a well prepared team. Furthermore the statistic is in our side as well: 4 matches – 3 victories, 1 defeat. However the last match was the most painful one, because in Sofia in 23 June 2012 we were defeated 29-26, despite the display showed 19-3 to Hungary until the 50th minute. After some short-cuts we were defeated in a red battle.



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# Statistics

## Bulgaria vs Hungary

Games played:	5	5.56%
Games won by Bulgaria:	1	20.00%
Games lost by Bulgaria:	4	80.00%
Games drawn:	0	0.00%
Largest points for Bulgaria:	29	29 - 26
Largest points against Bulgaria:	46	46 - 7
Largest winning margin for Bulgaria:	3	29 - 26
Largest losing margin for Bulgaria:	39	42 - 3
Total points for Bulgaria:	54	
Total points against Bulgaria:	148	
Average points for Bulgaria per game:	10.80	
Average points against Bulgaria per game:	29.60	
Average points difference per game:	-18.80	

## Hungary vs Austria

Games played:	12	15.79%
Games won by Hungary:	7	58.33%
Games lost by Hungary:	5	41.67%
Games drawn:	0	0.00%
Largest points for Hungary:	48	48 - 18
Largest points against Hungary:	38	38 - 7
Largest winning margin for Hungary:	30	48 - 18
Largest losing margin for Hungary:	31	38 - 7
Total points for Hungary:	220	
Total points against Hungary:	195	
Average points for Hungary per game:	18.33	
Average points against Hungary per game:	16.25	
Average points difference per game:	2.08	

## Hungary vs Slovenia

Games played:	10	13.16%
Games won by Hungary:	4	40.00%
Games lost by Hungary:	6	60.00%
Games drawn:	0	0.00%
Largest points for Hungary:	36	36 - 6
Largest points against Hungary:	41	41 - 0
Largest winning margin for Hungary:	30	36 - 6
Largest losing margin for Hungary:	41	41 - 0
Total points for Hungary:	160	
Total points against Hungary:	222	
Average points for Hungary per game:	16.00	
Average points against Hungary per game:	22.20	
Average points difference per game:	-6.20	



# Fifteen years of Hungarian rugby

In the nineties the Hungarian rugby was ripe enough to represent our country on international tournaments. By then the Hungarian teams that had been formed in the 80's, already competed in two classes of championship with more than 300 players involved so that the national team contained sufficient number of high qualified athletes. Our team met more than once the teams of Austria, Bosnia and Moldova, played with the national teams of Luxemburg and Monaco in the initial season.

Since then Hungarian rugby was in it's infancy at this time, several professionals came from Transylvania, who functioned as coaches. Because there was a great confidence in their knowledge, even the national team was led by them. Meanwhile a number of new teams were ground-

ed, Kecskemét Goats and Batta Bulldogs rose up to the Budapest Elephants, then from the year 1999 began the golden years of the Esztergom Knights, who preserved the Hungarian League cup for 10 years.

The leader of the Esztergom Club is András Neuzer and the player coaches are László Söllösi and Károly Suiogan organized the national team, brought them forward on the IRB ranking list (best place: 58). 2010 we missed a great opportunity in Vienna, when we lost against the



host team (which team supposed to have no chance against us) on 19-17, so that Hungary couldn't be promoted into the group 2B. After that set-back the perspective was changed, Szláva Kozmenko, Georghe Vacaru and Károly Suiogan coaching team worked under the direction of Csaba Mézes, their expectation was that the team should be based on the success building younger generation of U20 so we can make it big. The current team consists of 8-9 key players from the very young generation, beside them we have to



mobilize the experienced and powerful players and find out an effective playing style, to achieve success. The

old-new coach Söllösi knows the field, so if he found the conformity, he could make good results.

In the last six months the board of the Hungarian Rugby Union worked on the request of a French expert for technical advisor, who is accepted by all clubs and is able to take over the process of integration. Besides this person has to get the support of other Hungarian rugby partners, that both professionally and financially could donate this project and association.

Thanks to French relations, Raphael Saint-Andre showed interest to help Hungary, in whose autobiography we can find the highest rugby coaching qualifications and experience at Lyon, professional player experiences in the French and English league of upper class and such social capital, that we can build on it.



# Bulgarian Rugby Union

Rugby Union in Bulgaria is still a minor but growing sport. For the time being, Bulgaria is ranked 79th worldwide by the International Rugby Board.

As early as 1921 the Sofia Sports League had published some basic information about rugby and announced that some games will follow up soon. However it was not until 1955 when Bulgarian audience saw what rugby is all about, when two teams from Romania (i.e. Rapid RC and Gritivsa RC) were invited to play some games in the two largest Bulgaria's cities, e.g. Sofia and Plovdiv.

In mid 60s Bulgarian national XV played its first tests in a friendly tournament featuring Yugoslavian and Romanian national sides.

Later on, in 1969 Bulgarian Rugby Federation became member of the FIRA, and consequently its representative side was included in European pools.

Like many other Eastern European nations, Bulgarian rugby is centered around its capital city, however the most successful rugby clubs and schools are in small towns like Pernik, Berkovitsa and Gabrovo.

In late 80s Bulgarian national side renewed its performances in FIRA pools, reaching as high as Group B in the company of the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. Rugby Union is still an amateur sport in Bulgaria, but players are fitter, faster and more knowledgeable about the game than ever before.



# Woman Rugby

The first seven a side rugby tournament was held in 1883 nearly 130 years ago in Scotland. In this variation of the game seven players of each team are playing for 2x7 minutes on a regular sized rugby pitch. The rugby sevens is a dynamic game therefore it quickly became the symbol of the mutual fun within the rugby community. One of the most important seven a side tournament is the Hong Kong Sevens founded in 1976 which is famous not just because of the high standard of the 22 participating teams but the incredible great atmosphere.

The sevens game became even more valuable after the vote of the National Olympic Committee to participate Rugby 7s in the Olympic Programme from 2016. After this decision all countries expressed high interest for developing 7s rugby. In Hungary the 7s was very popular even before the NOC decision as along together with the university and women championship lot of men sevens were played.

The Birthday of the Hungarian women's 7s rugby is 9 September 2000 when the first women sevens game was played as part of the Budapest 7s GP. Three years later in 1 October 2003 the first women 7s international was played between Hungary and Croatia.

Hungary plays key role in the European women's rugby by organizing European Championships and Emerging Nations Training Camps. In addition the Hungarian Technical Director Ákos Harmath became the elected member of the FIRA-AER Women's Rugby Committee.

Eight teams are participating in the Hungarian women championship: Batta Bulldogs, Fehérvár Boars, Szeged, Blue Angels, Budapest Exiles, Elephants, Esztergom Knights, Gödöllő Devils,

Big efforts have been made in the last couple of years around the women's team which delivered the success in the last year by promoting Hungary in group A in the Women European Championship.



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Üzleteink Kecskeméten: Batthyány utca 28. Petőfi Sándor utca 6. Szabadság tér 3. (Luther-udvar) ; Rózsavölgyi tér 20. (Vacsiköz) ; Március 15. utca 3-5.  
Kiskunfélegyházán a Deák Ferenc utca 2. szám alatt nyílt új üzletünk.  
Rendeljen bizalommal és meglátja, nem fog csalódn!

**Baromfira jó ár!**

# OldBoysRugbyHungary

Hungarian rugby becomes middle-aged. Not only had the history of rugby reached the age of 35-40, but also the players who stated in the 80s.

The active players, who are in the middle of their 40s decided that they make the possibility of „lifelong rugby”, and even if they cannot play with youngsters, they will not give up their favourite activity. All around the world they realized that there are plenty of veteran teams and many veteran matches are hold in many countries in many seasons. The first event was the Old Prague Ham in 2010, where a Hungarian veteran team participated. This was followed by several matches. Having a taste of the national veteran matches we could compete with such teams who are in the front- rank of rugby (France, Italy, Australia). In 2010 the European Veteran Rugby Association was established and Hungary becomes the part of it soon.

The biggest success of the veterans, that the national association EVRA is going to be organise the second European Festival in Esztergom in 2013, with the participation of several well-known national teams.

Today, selected players are playing from the abovementioned teams, which is not a normal selected team, but they had become a team during the years. The opposer EVRA-FVG is a selected team as well, mainly from Italy with some players from Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia.

The rules of the veteran sport are little bit different, than the official XV rugby's. The bustle is always static, there is no pushing, in the throw-in there is no lifting, kicking is only allowed within 22, you have to pass after 20m running and the older players wearing different trousers. The red and yellow trousers mean – Do not touch low! It is your pleasure if you meet a player in purple trousers.



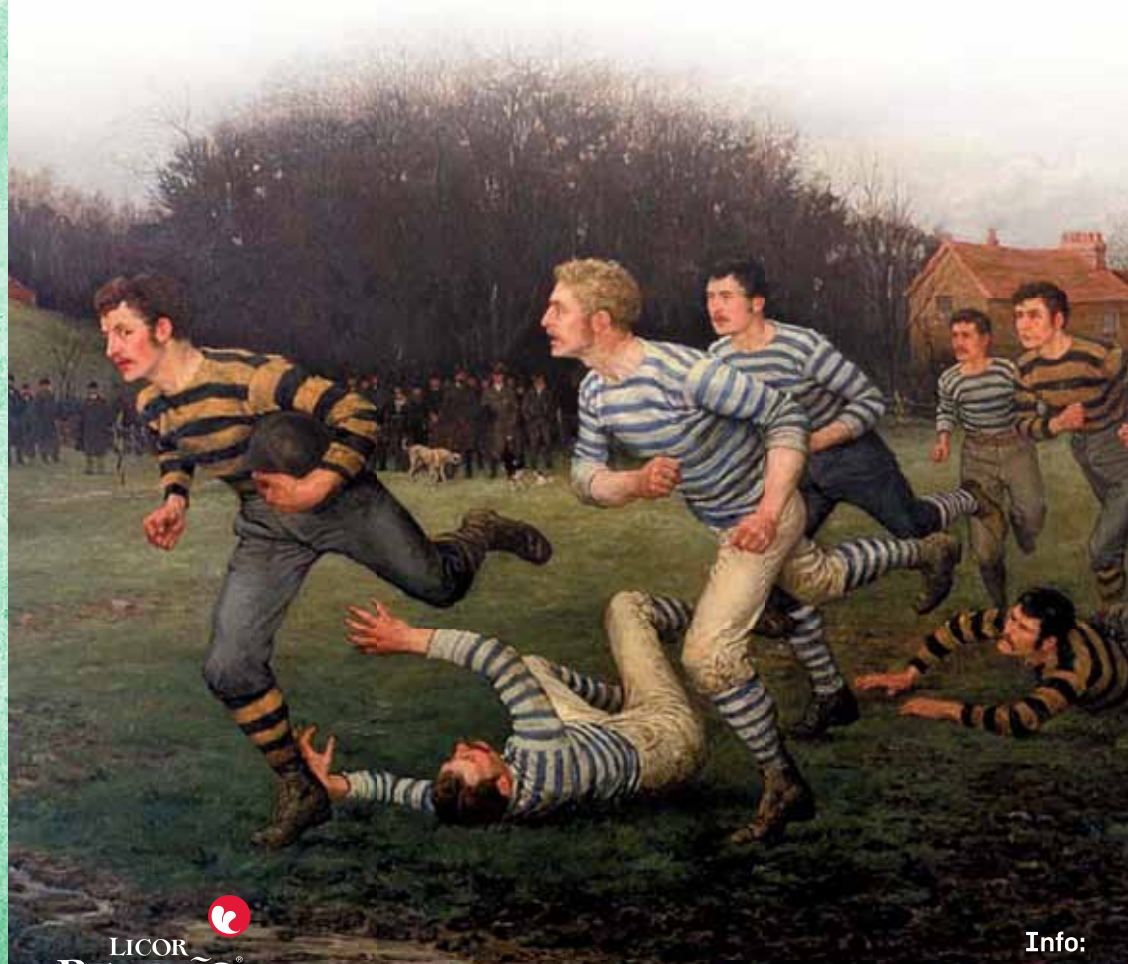
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