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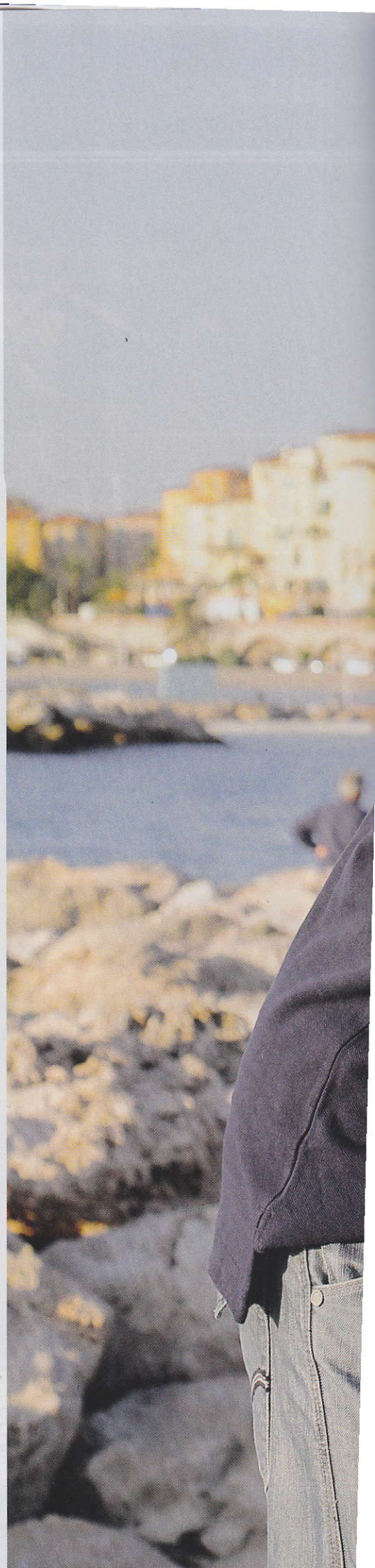
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To mark the start of European qualification for RWC 2015, the Webb Ellis Cup embarked on a road trip across the continent with a few famous faces

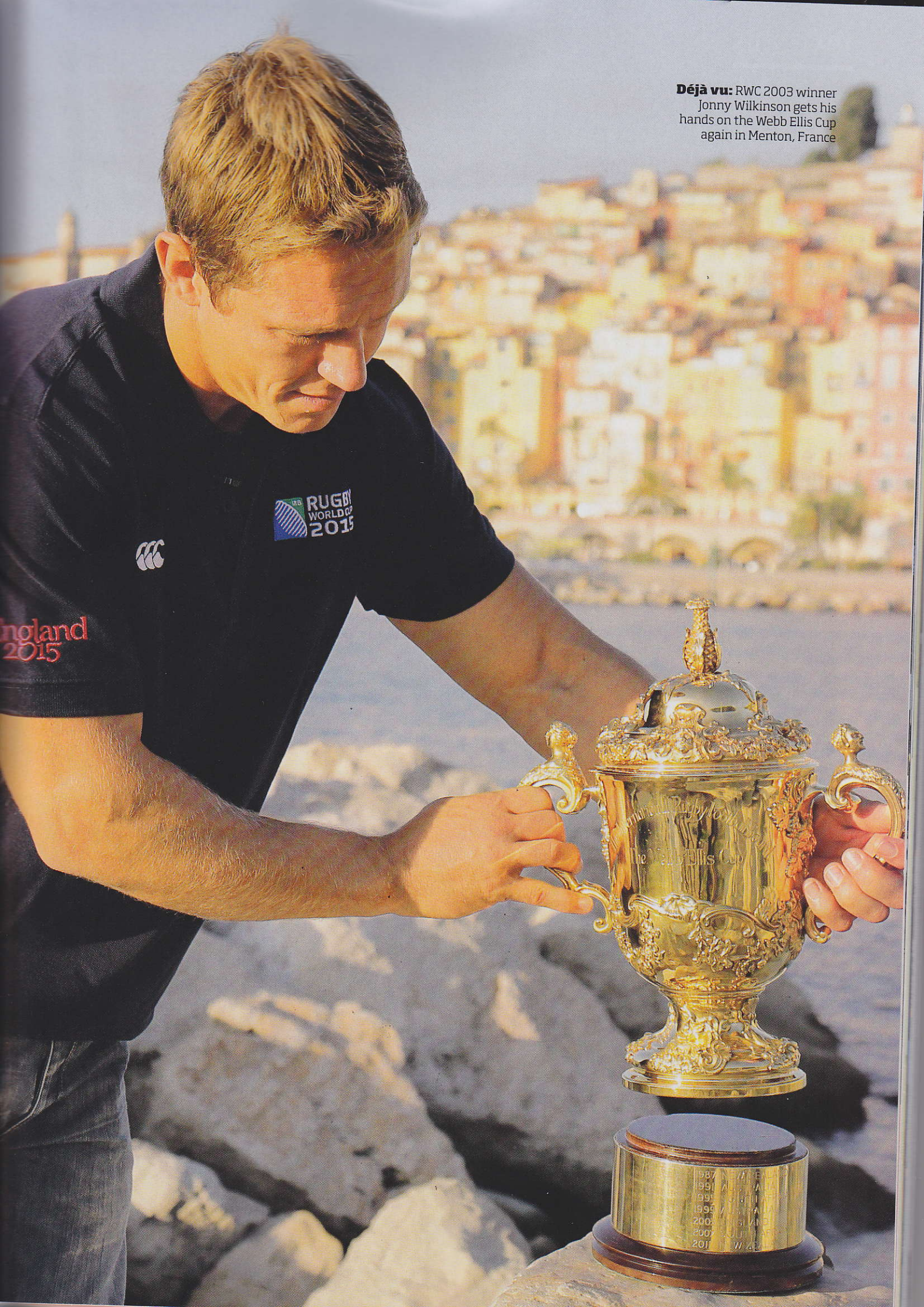
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Starting grid: the road trip begins at England Rugby 2015 HQ in Twickenham



Déjà vu: RWC 2003 winner Jonny Wilkinson gets his hands on the Webb Ellis Cup again in Menton, France



Sunset in Paris:
the Eiffel Tower provides
a majestic backdrop to
the Webb Ellis Cup



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"They were this big!" Perhaps Will Greenwood is recalling the 2011 dwarf furore as he jokes with ex-France flanker Olivier Magne



• The knives are out: Greenwood gears up to face the French media at The Frog & Rosbif pub – or is he just shocked at having to set the table?!



Founding father: Wilkinson takes the trophy to the Menton grave of William Webb Ellis, who is said to have invented the game of rugby in 1823





Reflected glory: ÁVF Vak Mókusok (The Blind Squirrels) players get up close to the cup

◻ **Opening act:** Hungary and Bulgaria lock horns in Kecskemét, near Budapest – the first European qualifier for RWC 2015. Hungary won 28-23



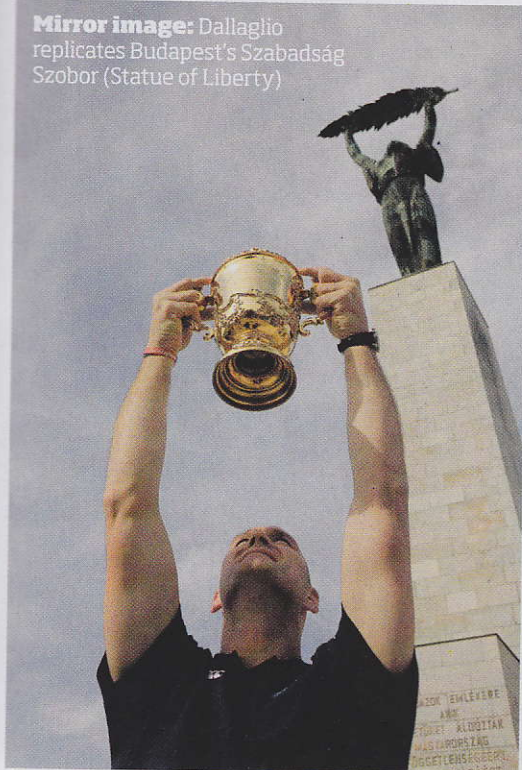
◻ **Team social:** British journalists chew the fat over fine wine and good food after travelling to Menton to talk to Wilkinson about RWC 2015



◻ **Middle man:** Lawrence Dallaglio, an ER 2015 ambassador along with Wilkinson and Greenwood, meets the Budapest Ladies Exiles team

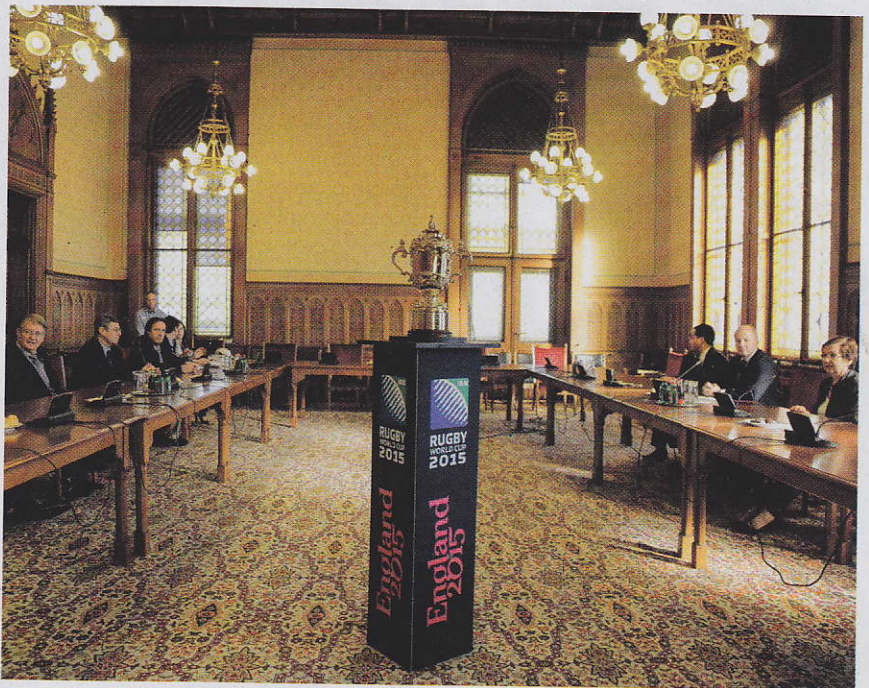


Paying their respects: the trophy is put on display ahead of Hungary v Bulgaria - one of 184 RWC 2015 qualifiers worldwide



Mirror image: Dallaglio replicates Budapest's Szabadság Szobor (Statue of Liberty)

Cabinet meeting: the Webb Ellis Cup takes pride of place in the Hungarian Parliament as IRB chairman Bernard Lapasset meets the Secretary of State for Sport, István Simicskó



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