

“Rugby and World War One: An Unbreakable Bond”

Academic Conference, 7-8 September 2023



Conference programme

Venue: Université catholique de Lille, building Louise Weiss, 89 boulevard Vauban, 59016
Lille, France

Thursday 7 September

Room: LW 204

Session 1 – Setting the scene: sport and conflict

- 14:00-14:30 Shoulder to shoulder? The relationship between sport and war
 - Michael Holmes (*Université Catholique de Lille, France*)
- 14:30-15:10 South Africa, rugby and wars in the 20th century: exploring linkages and ramifications
 - Albert Grundlingh (*Stellenbosch University, South Africa*) (by Zoom)
- 15:10-15:30 Break

Session 2 – Welcome: Le Tribut de la Nation

- 15:30-16:30 Guillaume Villemot (*Le Tribut de la Nation - Mémoires de Rugby 2023*)

Session 3 – Contexts: France and World War One

- 16:30-17:10 Le sacrifice des rugbymen français au cours de la Première Guerre mondiale
 - Philip Dine (*University of Galway, Ireland*)
- 17:10-17:50 Le ballon ovale de la 1^{ère} guerre mondiale : aux racines d'un nouveau rugby ?
 - Joris Vincent (*Université de Lille, France*)
- 17:50-18:30 Les monuments aux morts français dédiés aux sportifs morts durant la Première Guerre mondiale
 - Philippe Diest (*Université Catholique de Lille, France*)

Friday 8 September

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Session 4 – Commonwealth perspectives

- 09:00-09:40 New Zealand rugby and World War One
 - Greg Ryan (*Lincoln University, New Zealand*) (by Zoom)
- 09:40-10:20 A Pacific theatre: Fiji Rugby and the Great War
 - Robert Dewey (*De Pauw University, United States of America*)
- 10:20-11:00 Playing the game: Australian rugby's response to and participation in the First World War
 - Dale Blair (*Department of Veterans' Affairs, Canberra, Australia*)

- 11:00-11:40 France, the Great War and rugby lessons from the South
 - *Arnaud Waquet (Université de Lille, France)*
- 11:40-11:50 Break

Session 5 – Women and rugby during WW1

- 11:50-12:30 Challenges and opportunities: the impact of the First World War on women's playing participation in rugby
 - *Lydia Furse (De Montfort University & Consult.ltd, United Kingdom)*
- 12:30-13:10 Football codes in the shadow of the Great War: mapping the experiences of female spectators, players and umpires in Australia, 1914-1919
 - *Rob Hess (Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia)*

Session 6 – British and Irish perspectives

- 14:30-15:10 'Throwing aside the jersey for the khaki': recruitment and rugby in Wales
 - *Gethin Matthews (Swansea University, United Kingdom)*
- 15:10-15:50 Barrack 10 Barbarians vs. Barrack 3 Harlequins: the significance of rugby for prisoners of war during World War One
 - *Jake Lawton (Liverpool Hope University, United Kingdom)*
- 15:30-16:10 Irish rugby and World War One
 - *Liam O'Callaghan (Liverpool Hope University, United Kingdom) (by Zoom)*

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