HSBC Sevens Around the World - Rugby Stars Go Into the Wild in South Africa

Today, Wednesday 7th December 2011, players competing in the third round of the HSBC Sevens World Series visited the Kragga Kamma game park, Port Elizabeth for a tour of the park which is home to white rhino, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, zebra and many more species.

Frankie Horne (RSA), Miles Craigwell (USA), Manuel Montero (ARG) and Andrew Turnbull (SCO), renowned as some of the quickest players on the international circuit, were given a tour of the park, before having a close encounter with Mark and Monty, two of the game parks cheetahs.

Frankie Horne (RSA) said: "It was nice to have a day off from training and come out and do something like this. Being from South Africa myself, I have been to a game park before but it's always so stunning and for these guys as well who are not from here, it is even more impressive for them."

Manuel Montero, who is known by Argentinian fans as 'Black Panther,' commented: "It was really amazing seeing Giraffes, Rhinos and wilder beast out in the open and not in cages here like this. Seeing them all so close was an unforgettable moment. Then coming and stroking the two wild cheetahs as well, was scary but such a good experience."

To view the video of the players with the animals see Links

The third round of the HSBC Sevens World Series kicks off this weekend at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth, South Africa – 9th/10th December 2011.

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