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## **Annual Doc Moss memorial match – UCT Rugby**

As part of their build up to Varsity Cup 2020, the Ikey Tigers will honour one of their favourite sons, the late Dr Cecil Moss, in their final pre-season game against Durbell on Friday, 24 January.

The blue and white hooped Ikeys begin their Varsity Cup campaign under new head coach Tom Dawson-Squibb away at the University of Johannesburg on Monday, 3 February, and will be hoping to put the finishing touches to their game as they pay tribute to the man known fondly as "Doc Moss".

In honour of Moss, a truly legendary Ikey player, coach and president, the University of Cape Town (UCT) Rugby Club (RFC) will host the second memorial game between the UCT Varsity Cup 1st XV and 2019 Western Province (WP) Super League A (SLA) champions, Durbell Rugby Club, who will also be representing WP in the Gold Cup this year.

And with the Ikey Tigers having burgled a last-minute win against the same opposition in the SLA last year, it should make for compelling viewing.

"The Ikeys and Durbell have a close respectful relationship and there is great camaraderie between the fans of both clubs. Both teams have been hard at it in pre-season and are excited to test their mettle against their friendly rivals," said club director, Johnny Biderman-Pam.

The match will be held on The Green Mile on UCT Upper Campus. The club's junior teams will raise the curtain at 17:00, with the main event kicking off at 18:30.

Entrance is free. Food and drinks will be available from the club pub, fondly known as The Ikey.

*"Doc Moss" was schooled at SACS, and after completing his studies at UCT, went on to become a dedicated and respected anaesthetist who assisted in the first ever heart transplant, and was part of the team that operated on Nelson Mandela during the former president's political imprisonment.*

*Believed by many to be a rugby genius, built South Africa into a rugby powerhouse for many decades. His rugby home was UCT RFC, or "Varsity" as he liked to call it.*

*He was a passionate, astute, committed and much-loved rugby player and coach – for UCT, Western Province (who he later also managed), and the Springboks. Many household rugby heroes of the 60s, 70s and 80s such as HO De Villiers, Ian McCallum, Roy McCallum, Derek Van Der Bergh, Dugald Macdonald, Peter Whipp, Nick Mallett, Chris Pope, Keith Andrews, Divan Serfontein, Naas Botha and Morne Du Plessis were coached by Moss, all happy to swear allegiance to one of UCT's finest.*

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