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Celtic International Rugby Tournament (children) in Lanester, France

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We invite you to the 24th edition of the Tournament of the Thirty.

The Tournoi des Trente, International Celtic Rugby Schools Tournament.

In the year of grace 2026, it will celebrate its 24th edition.

Each year, this noble gathering welcomes nearly 1,300 valiant young players, accompanied by their coaches and companions – generating more than 1,300 overnight stays and the preparation of over 4,000 meals.

Rugby, a sport of brotherhood and bravery, demands of its players selflessness, courage, sacrifice, solidarity, and above all, respect: respect for the opponent, the club, the referee, and the game itself.

And because no tournament is complete without celebration, the “third half” remains a moment of joy and conviviality, where bonds of friendship are forged across nations, sporting traditions, and diverse cultures.

BRITTANY, LAND OF RUGBY

The Celtic land reflects these values of courage, respect, and brotherhood. Through this tournament, we wish to show the world that Brittany is also a land of rugby... or, as the saying goes:

“On the Oval Planet, Brittany is by no means out West!”

The Tournoi des Trente is the union of two quests: rugby and history, sport and culture. Such is the banner “Made in Breizh” that we proudly carry.

Now, let us welcome the Tournoi des Trente 2026: its future knights of the oval ball, and all those who strive to offer our children the noblest gift of sport... making rugby a true celebration!

GRATITUDE AND HONORS

If the Tournoi des Trente exists and endures, it is thanks to the hard work and dedication of the coaches, the parents of the rugby school, the players of all age categories, the volunteers, and the friends of rugby in Lanester and Brittany.

To this are added the determination of our leaders to preserve this great event, the valuable support of the Municipality of Lanester, Lorient Agglomération, the Departmental Council of Morbihan, the Region of Brittany, and of course our loyal partners, whom we thank with profound gratitude.

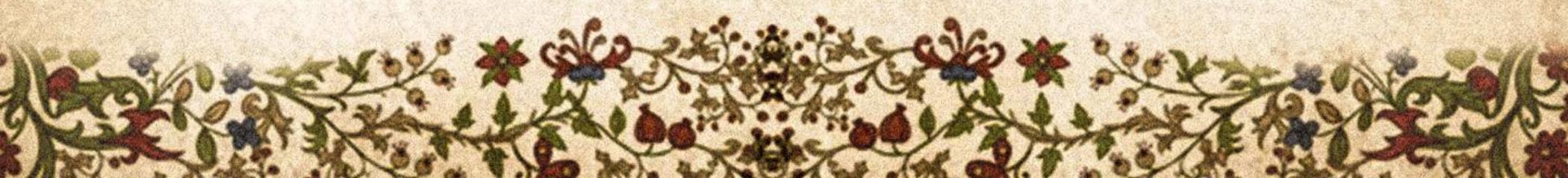
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Rugby Club Lanester Bretagne Sud, we extend our warmest thanks to each and every one of you. May their dedication find its rightful reward in the resounding success of this 24th edition of the Tournoi des Trente.

It only remains to invite you, with eagerness and joy, to the fields of Lanester, so that together, as the ancients once said:

“Make the leather sing!”

Eric Mabre

President du rugby club Lanester bs



History of Combat des Trente



Since the death of Duke Jean III, which occurred ten years earlier (April 30, 1341), Brittany, left without a direct heir, was torn apart by the War of Succession. Two claimants faced each other: on one side, Jean de Montfort, supported by England; on the other, Charles de Blois, who sought to attach Brittany to the Kingdom of France.

The country was thus divided into two camps, and war broke out. Ploërmel rallied to Jean de Montfort, while Josselin remained loyal to Charles de Blois. In 1351, Ploërmel housed a Montfortist garrison commanded by Bembro, captain of the fortress.

At Josselin, Charles de Blois's cause was defended by a garrison led by Jean de Beaumanoir, captain of the city and Marshal of Brittany. Bembro's garrison soon began ravaging and pillaging the countryside around Ploërmel.

Indignant at these atrocities, Jean de Beaumanoir went to confront his adversary and declared:
"We must put an end to these raids! The people suffer from our wars. The peasants sow the wheat that feeds us—let us spare them. May God be our judge! Let us choose thirty or forty champions and settle our quarrel through arms."

Bembro accepted the challenge. Thus, on March 26, 1351, before a vast crowd gathered around the great Mi-Voie oak, the two camps prepared for a confrontation that would remain legendary in Breton memory: one of the highest feats of arms in the region's history.

Jean de Beaumanoir chose thirty valiant Bretons. Bembro, for his part, assembled twenty Englishmen, six Germans, and four Bretons.

The two forces faced each other, sizing each other up, then retreated... before charging headlong. The clash was terrible, and soon the mêlée became chaotic: a fierce struggle in the crush of combat.

Two Bretons fell, and three others were wounded and taken prisoner. The fighting paused briefly to catch their breath, then resumed with renewed ferocity. Bembro was killed; his lieutenant, Crokart, took command. Four of his men perished in turn. The ground ran red with blood.

Beaumanoir, gravely wounded, staggered. Thirst tormented him, and he asked for water. One of his companions then shouted words that would become famous:

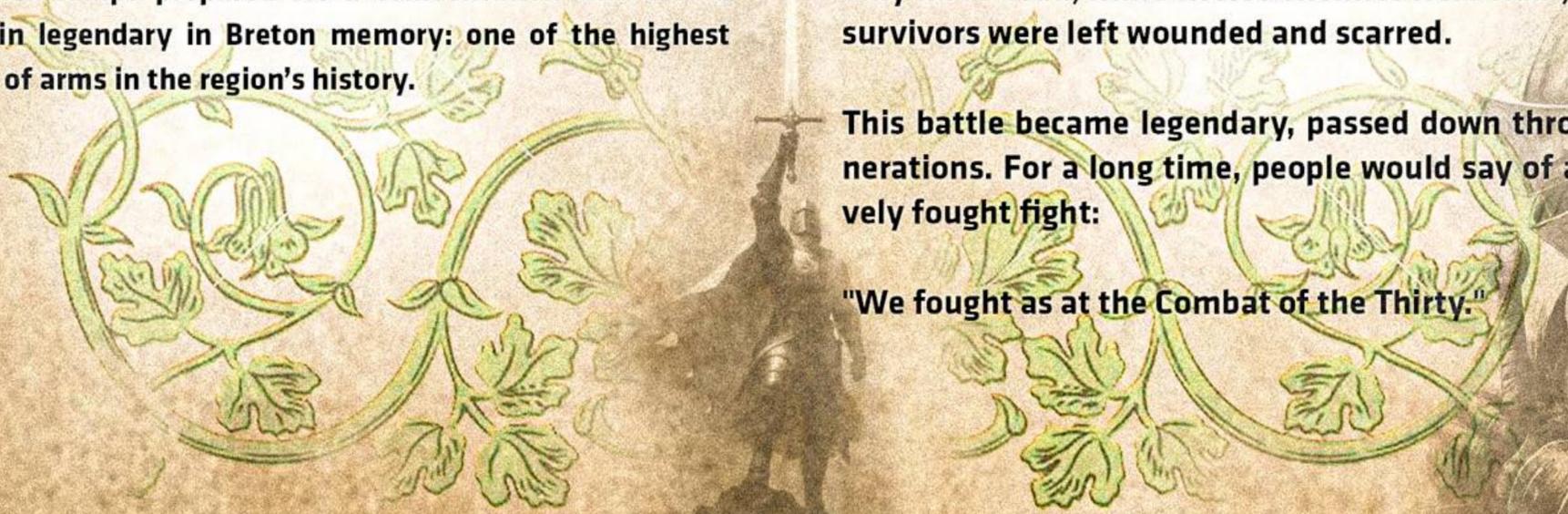
"Drink your blood, Beaumanoir, and your thirst will pass!"

Revived by this exhortation, Beaumanoir threw himself again upon the enemy. Guillaume de Montauban mounted his horse and struck the English with irresistible fury.

In the end, the Bretons claimed victory. They mourned only three dead, while twelve enemies were slain, and the survivors were left wounded and scarred.

This battle became legendary, passed down through generations. For a long time, people would say of any bravely fought fight:

"We fought as at the Combat of the Thirty."



In the year 2026, the Tournoi des Trente celebrates its twenty-fourth edition.

Faithful to its noble ideal, it has pursued the same quest since its very beginnings : to bring together the most valiant rugby schools, from France and the Celtic nations, to rejoice together in Breton and Celtic traditions, and to honor rugby in all its greatness.

In this adventure, the Tournoi des Trente rises as a true stronghold of fraternity, relying on the valor of its servants: volunteer knights, devoted coaches, and gallant rugby players, all united in defending and exalting the spirit of rugby.



Remember: Bravery, Brotherhood, Zeal, and Respect are the cardinal virtues of every knight... and of every rugby player worthy of the name.

During your stay in Breton lands, you will discover a country of many faces and epic landscapes: from the dark Black Mountains to the mysterious Brocéliande forest, from the luminous Gulf of Morbihan to the warrior harbor of Lorient. Here, in the heart of Celtic lands, every stone and every tree carries the memory of legends—now it is your turn to inscribe your own.



Young rugby players, prepare yourselves for this heroic battle!

You will be more than twelve hundred eager to triumph in this memorable contest.

Your epic journey will be long and filled with challenges, but your courage will carry you to eternal glory: that of being crowned with the legendary title of KNIGHT OF THE TOURNOI DES TRENTE.

Manu have tried, few have succeeded.



Game Modes

Challenge de Poulart - Under 8 years old :

Game in the form of "contact rugby 5x5" on a 30m x 20m pitch.
(Teams of 5 players + up to 4 substitutes).

Challenge de la Lande - Under 10 years old :

Game in the form of "contact rugby 5x5" on a 30m x 25m pitch.
(Teams of 5 players + up to 4 substitutes).

Challenge de Serraut - Under 12 years old :

Game in the form of "10-a-side (Rugby à X)" on a 56m x 45m pitch.
(Teams of 10 players + up to 10 substitutes).

Challenge de Rochefort - Under 14 years old :

Game in the form of "contact rugby 7x7" on a 56m x 45m pitch.
(Teams of 7 players + up to 6 substitutes).



They were there during our previous Editions :



And so many others...



Program and Terms

Saturday, May 23, 2026 **(for hosted clubs only)**

Club welcome : 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m

Early afternoon :

Breton cultural activities :
(Grand Celtic Parade or Beach Rugby initiation)

Evening at the «Parc des expositions» :

Reception for the big evening under the theme of
friendliness and exchange.

Team dinner and breton-flavored aperitif for ac-
companying guests (regional specialties).

Evening entertainment with music, bar, and activi-
ties planned for accompanying guests and children.

Then transfer to your accommodations for the night.

*Reception possible as early as Friday, May 22,
2026.

Sunday, May 24, 2026 **(for hosted clubs only)**

Morning :

- 7:00 a.m Breakfast at the «Parc des Expositions».

- 8:30 a.m Meeting point at the Complexe Sportif Albert et
Louis Le Bail (club reception).

- 9:00 a.m Start of the Tournoi des Trente, qualification
matches (3 games for each team).

Afternoon :

- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m Lunch and show (Knight's combat).

- 2:00 p.m start of final rounds and ranking matches (mini-
mum 3 games per team).

- 4:30 p.m The great Celtic parade of the finalists - The
Knighthood Ceremony - The finals

- 5:30 Results announcement, prize-giving, and closing ce-
remony.

Evening :

- 6:30 p.m. Relaxing evening with dinner for the clubs at the
«Parc des expositions» .

(Breton cultural activities).

Monday, May 25, 2026

From 8:00 a.m. Distribution of breakfasts and
snacks.

All day Sightseeing possible for clubs staying on
Monday.

REGISTRATION FEES :

• €35 per registered team will be charged for clubs wit-
hout additional services (accommodation and/or cate-
ring).

ACCOMMODATION :

• Overnight stay + breakfast: **€26**
Accommodation in boarding schools, holiday villages,
hotels, or youth hostels (rooms of 1 to 6 beds).

• Option: Overnight stay + breakfast for bus drivers: **€65**

• Please bring a sleeping bag and pillow (to be confirmed
on the itinerary depending on the accommodation).

CATERING :

• Hot meal : **13 €**

• Cold meal : **9 €**

• Packed meal : **9 €**

• Breakfast (without accommodation) : **5 €**

To participate in the Tournoi des Trente :

As the number of teams is limited, it is essential to
inform us of your intention to participate as soon as pos-
sible, by email or post. Please respect the following
deadlines:

1. As soon as possible, and no later than January 18, 2026 :

- Send us your registration form along with a **€250** secu-
rity deposit check made out to Rugby Club Lanester
(only cashed in the event of damages or other incidents).

Please specify :

- Send us your registration form along with a **€250** secu-
rity deposit check made out to Rugby Club Lanester
(only cashed in the event of damages or other incidents).

- Your date and time of arrival, and date and time of de-
parture.

- The number of meals and overnight stays.

2. As soon as possible, and no later than February 1, 2026 :

- Send a deposit of 30% of the total amount (calculated
by you), by check or bank transfer, made out to Rugby
Club Lanester.

3. By March 15, 2026 at the latest :

- Confirm your participation and final numbers.

- Pay the remaining balance by check made out to Rugby
Club Lanester.

**AFTER APRIL 26, 2026, IT WILL NO LONGER BE
POSSIBLE TO MODIFY PARTICIPANT NUMBERS.**

For more information, please contact :

Rugby Club Lanester

2 Rue de Locunel 56600 Lanester

TÉL: 07.81.62.46.53 ou 02.97.81.20.67

Email: tournoi-des-trente@rugbyclublanester.fr



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SATURDAY 23 AND SUNDAY 24 MAY 2026



File to be returned as soon as possible, registration by order of arrival

<p>The club</p> <p>Name :</p> <p>Adress :</p> <p>Phone : ☎</p> <p>EMAIL : @</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Your club's civil liability insurance :</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>The person in charge (supervisor)</p> <p>Name :</p> <p>Adress :</p> <p>Phone : ☎</p> <p>EMAIL : @</p>
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<p>Arrival date and time</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DD/MM/YY :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H :</p>	<p>Departure date and time</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DD/MM/YY :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H :</p>
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Option on quote	<p>Night + saturday breakfast <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Accommodation booking :

Night + breakfast	SATURDAY 23 MAY (Night + sunday breakfast)	SUNDAY 24 MAY (Night + monday breakfast)
Number of participants <small>(26€)</small>		
Number of bus driver <small>(65€ DRIVER)</small>		

Catering booking :

Total number of meals <small>(players, coaches, bus driver)</small>	SATURDAY 23 MAY		SUNDAY 24 MAY		MONDAY 25 MAY
	Lunch	Dinner	Lunch	Dinner	Lunch
Hot meal 13€					
Cold meal 9€					
Takeaway 9€					

<p>Total amount (to be calculated bu you in €) (Registration fees + accomondation + catering)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">..... €</p>
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Total number of participants in the Tournament of the Thirties (T30) :

Category	Number of teams	Number of players	Number of coaches
U8 -> 5 + 4 max substitutes			
U10 -> 5 + 4 max substitutes			
U12 -> 10+10 max substitutes			
U14 -> 7 + 6 max substitutes <small>F15</small>			
Subtotal			
Total number of participants (players + coaches)			