



## Dear brokers,

Unity Insurance introduces a fantasy rugby competition (see below) And it looks like a lot of fun – just the thing to ease the stress. Hollard really made sure their staff knew they were appreciated when they recently won three SAFSIA awards – they inflated nearly 10 000 balloons and flooded their

head office's central atrium with colour. Hollard took Best Personal Line Insurer, Best Corporate Insurer and Best Commercial Insurer at the SAFIA event. And if you thought the .5% raise in our interest rates is painful, spare a thought for our northerly neighbour who this week announced the release of a \$1 million dollar bill. Worth just enough to buy a couple of loaves of bread.

We hope you enjoy the read,

Retha Botha

### ▪ Unity Insurance Super 14 Fantasy League

Are you frustrated by current rugby selector's inability to choose the correct team, based on form? Do you tear your hair out at coaches' lack of visionary to devise an effective game plan? Do you know and love the game we call rugby? Think you can put a team of game breakers together? Want to test this skill against others?



This was the call to Brokers and people who deal with Unity Insurance in February. Over a 100 people responded to the call and registered their team for the Unity League. This series saw 62 Active teams competing in the Unity Fantasy Rugby League. The game is based on the internet and each team manager received \$12,000,000 to buy his or her twelve players from the super 14 teams, to make up their own unique team. Managers earned points based upon their player's performance on the real games as played in the series. Points were allocated for things like tries scored or created, line-outs won, tackles made etc.

For 16 weeks the managers changed the composite of their squads by letting out of form players go for better ones in order to gain maximum points, to earn a top 10 spot for the league. The log was dominated for 12 weeks by two players. However, the last four weeks saw a change of the lead and for the three weeks leading up to the final game on 27 May 2006, the league had another dominant team: Impi's. Ruan Pretorius' Blacksleaves managed to overcome a 50 point deficit to be crowned the Unity League Rugby Guru for the Super 14 series with a winning margin of 70 points!! This is quite a feat if you consider that he started his up march from being 19<sup>th</sup> in the opening rounds.

The prize was an official Springbok shirt and was handed to Ruan on Fri the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Congratulations! I'm sure all the other team managers are looking forward to the Tri-



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## Weekend Sport

### Rugby:

#### Saturday:SS1

09:20 - 11:45Inbound Tour:  
NZ vs Ireland  
2nd Test, LIVE

#### SS1/Mnet

11:45 - 14:00Inbound Tour:  
Australia vs  
England 2nd  
Test, LIVE

#### SS6/CSN

27:45 - 20:00IRB U/21 World  
Championship:  
SA vs France,  
LIVE

#### SS6

20:25 - 22:40Argentina vs  
Wales 2nd Test,  
LIVE

### Cricket:

Nations in July and to see if they can be the next Unity Rugby League Guru!

If you are interested in joining the Unity Fantasy Rugby League, please send an e-mail to [juanh@unity.co.za](mailto:juanh@unity.co.za) in the first week of July.



*Management and Staff from Unity Insurance seen here during an info session held recently at the FSP Solutions head office in Midrand, Gauteng*

- **You Have Got To Be Kidding: A Million \$ Note ... worth just R20?**



Its just not even funny anymore. Certainly not for the poor folk living in Zimbabwe who have to cope with hyperinflation of over 1000%. Zim is the only country in the world that does not use proper currency. (A system of bearer cheques was introduced to keep pace with a massively devaluing currency) and following on the back of a recently released \$100 000 denomination bill is news that a \$ 1 million bill will be in circulation by September. It will be worth a staggering

R20.00. Aaaish!

- **New Insurance Company Opens in SA**

#### Thursday:SS2

20:00 - 23:15England Cricket  
- Twenty20  
International:  
England vs Sri Lanka, LIVE

#### Saturday:SS2

11:30 - 20:00England vs Sri Lanka 1st ODI, LIVE

#### Soccer:

#### Thursday:SS8

14:30 - 15:30Fifa World Cup  
Soccer: Ecuador vs Costa Rica (A), LIVE

#### SS8/SS3

17:30 - 20:30Fifa World Cup  
Soccer: England vs Trinidad And Tobago (B), LIVE

#### SS3/SS8

20:30 - 23:30Fifa World Cup  
Soccer:  
Sweden vs Paraguay (B), LIVE

#### Friday:SS3/SS8/SS7

14:30 - 17:30Fifa World Cup  
Soccer:  
Argentina vs Serbia and Montenegro (C), LIVE

#### SS8

17:30 - 19:45Fifa World Cup  
Soccer:  
Netherlands vs Ivory Coast (C), LIVE

#### SS3/SS8/SS7

17:30 - 20:15Fifa World Cup  
Soccer:  
Netherlands vs Ivory Coast (C), LIVE

#### SS3/SS8/SS7

20:30 - 23:00Fifa World Cup  
Soccer: Mexico vs Angola (D), LIVE

#### Saturday:SS3/SS8

14:30 - 17:15Fifa World Cup  
Soccer:  
Portugal vs Iran



## New Insurer Arrives In SA

Insurance and re-insurance multi-national ACE Insurance feels that the (over-traded?) South African insurance market provides an excellent opportunity for their expansion. The Group – already in more than 50 countries around the globe employs more than 9000 staff. ACE Insurance South Africa, will be headed up by Scott Pickering, who takes office as CEO. Pickering was head of Ace's New Zealand (and some of their South East Asian interests). According to reports, ACE will initially target local corporate business, property and PI cover with primarily a Commercial Lines focus, although reports indicate that the company would look at launching personal lines products with partners like cell phone companies going forward.

### China Chucks Google



In its efforts to restrict public access to information, Beijing has blocked the Google search engine in most parts of China. Reporters without borders are outraged by the movement and have said that "It is deplorable that Chinese Internet users are forced to wage a technological war against censorship in order to access banned content."

The Chinese engine (Goolge.cn) is still functional but Google.com has been widely blocked.

Google was launched in the country under a strict agreement that it would be censored in accordance with the wishes of China's propaganda chiefs.

### Rocking The Economic Boat

(D), LIVE  
**SS3/SS8**

17:30 - 20:15Fifa World Cup  
Soccer: Czech Republic vs Ghana (E), LIVE

**SS3/SS8**

20:30 - 23:00Fifa World Cup  
Soccer: Italy vs USA (E), LIVE

**Sunday:SS3/SS8**

14:30 - 17:15Fifa World Cup  
Soccer: Japan vs Croatia (F), LIVE

**SS3/SS8/SS7**

17:30 - 20:15Fifa World Cup  
Soccer: Brazil vs Australia (F), LIVE

**SS3/SS8/SS7**

20:30 - 23:00Fifa World Cup  
Soccer: France vs Korea Republic (G), LIVE

### Weekend Weather

City	Sat	Sun
BFN	-2-18	-2-19
CTN	05-22	08-24
DBN	08-21	09-22
JHB	-2-20	-2-19
PE	05-21	09-21
PTA	00-22	01-21

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The surprise rate hike last Thursday looks set to cause waves in the South African economy – many believe that it could backfire and as a result increase pressure on the weaker Rand.

Many would hope that the hike was a once off, but it may not be - and some observers feel that it may cause a preemptive spending spree on imported items.

The announcement could be indicative of a problem with our inflation targeting methods where authorities can sustain a strong Rand policy long enough to keep import costs under control (for this in turn to have a positive effect on the inflation target).

While feelings are mixed, the rate hike could very possibly stabilize as well as strengthen the Rand – which would be in opposition with the desired effect of bringing SA's external accounts under control.



*It's Friday*

*Today is the 166th day of the year - 199 days remaining in 2006*

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*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."  
Aristotle*