



LIAM SANTOS

Rugby Union Player | Loose Forward

● ABOUT ME

Versatile rugby union player with dual South African and Portuguese nationality, currently excelling as a loose forward (#6) for the Lions U19 and Wits University First Team. At 1.80 m and 93 kg, I bring a dynamic presence to the field, underpinned by leadership roles, including captaining teams at various levels. Notable achievements include leading the Cheetahs U16 Grand Khomo Week team and contributing to Portugal's victory at the 2025 HSBC Sevens Challenger Series in Cape Town. Balancing athletics with academics, I am pursuing a BA in Business Management at Wits University.

● CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Selected for Portugal Senior Sevens Team – HSBC Sevens Challenger Series Winner, Cape Town 2025

Captain of Wits University Young Guns – Varsity Cup Champions 2025

Member of **Lions Rugby** U19/U21 Squad 2024–2025

● REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS & LEADERSHIP

2019: Limpopo Blue Bulls U13 Craven Week (Captain); Limpopo 7s (Captain)

2020–2021: Grey College U14A & U15A (Captain in 2021); U15 Player of the Year

2022: Grey College U16A (Captain & Player of the Year); Free State Grant Khomo (Captain); Free State U17 IPT 7s; World Schools Tournament (Thailand)

2023: Grey College 2nd & 1st Teams; Free State U17 IPT 7s (Captain); Rhino Week (Captain)

2024: Grey College First Team

2024–2025: Lions Rugby U19/U21 Squad Member

2025: Wits Young Guns – Varsity Cup / Young Guns Cup Winners (Captain); Portugal Senior Sevens – HSBC Sevens Challenger Series Winner

● SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES

Athletic Skills: Tactical awareness, endurance, agility, ball handling, defensive skills

Personal Attributes: Leadership, teamwork, discipline, resilience, strategic thinking

ATHLETIC PROFILE

- **Primary Position:** Loose Forward (#6)
- **Secondary Positions:** Number 8, Inside Centre (12), Wing (14)
- **Height:** 1.80 m
- **Weight:** 93 kg
- **Dominant Hand:** Right
- **Nationality:** South African / Portuguese
- **Languages:** English, Afrikaans



EDUCATION

University of the Witwatersrand (Wits):

BA in Business Management
(2025–Present)

Grey College (Bloemfontein):

Grade 8–12 Subjects: Afrikaans
(Home Language), English (First
Additional), Mathematics, Life
Science, Physical Science, Life
Orientation, EGD



REFERENCES

Coach Mziwakhe Nkosi:

Lions Rugby U21 & Currie Cup Head
Coach

Coach Foxy Ntleki:

Lions U19 Head Coach & Head Coach,
Wits Young Guns

Mr. Jannie Geldenhuys:

Grey College First-Team Coach

Mr. Tiaan Liebenberg:

Former Springbok Player & Current
Cheetahs Forwards Coach



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