

# UNSTOPPABLES BIOGRAPHIES

**Abigail Kawonza, Zimbabwe**  
**Age: 42**

**Current main role:** Zimbabwe Rugby Referee President and Board Member, Educator, Citing Commissioner, Referee.

I have always loved rugby and was one of the first women to pass a rugby ball, albeit in the wrong direction. Rugby grew in Zimbabwe at a whirlwind pace and I did not want to get left behind. So, I climbed on, held on tight –captained Zimbabwe in the number 10 jersey. I then picked up the whistle, and 16 years later I am still refereeing. I acquired my level 2, 7s and 15s certificates, became a World Rugby Educator and Citing Commissioner – mentoring the top female referees in Africa. I was appointed first female referee president! Crazy whirlwind – and still going.



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**GIRLS, THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!**

ABIGAIL KAWONZA  
ZIMBABWE



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**WE CAN ALL BE UNSTOPPABLE - WE HAVE IT IN US**

BABALWA LATSHA  
SOUTH AFRICA

**Babalwa Latsha, South Africa**  
**Age: 26**

**Current main role:** Rugby Player and Captain of The Springboks Team

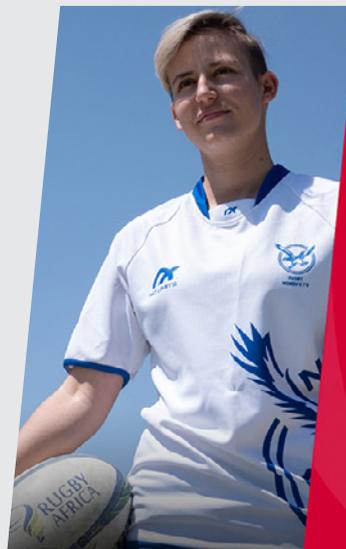
I am a dual international rugby player, who has played for the Springbok Women's 15s in World Cup Qualifiers events as well as for the 7s team in the Sevens World Cup in San Francisco. I am also the first professional women's 15s player in Africa signing a contract with a Spanish club SD Eibar in 2020.

Despite my humble background and growing up in a township in the Western Cape called Khayelitsha, I overcame the odds to become an international rugby player, whilst also completing my degree in Law. Off the field, I am determined to inspire young girls and boys, through life coaching and mentoring.

**Christel Janet (CJ) Kotze, Namibia**  
**Age: 27**

**Current main role:** Coach, Rugby Show Producer

Rugby has always been a part of my life in all forms. In 2014, I was part of the first National Women's Team to represent Namibia in Kenya. In 2015, I became the first woman in Namibian women's rugby history to score points for Namibia. Between 2015 and 2017 I had two knee operations. During that time, I discovered my love for coaching and have since successfully attained my 7s level 2 coaching certificate. I have in the meantime also secured a job at the National Broadcaster (NBC) as a Producer for a local Rugby show called "Absolute Rugby".



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**LET'S TRUST WOMEN!**

CHRISTEL JANET KOTZE  
NAMIBIA

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## Donatienne Rasoampamonjy, Madagascar

Age: 29

**Current main role:** Regional Technical Advisor, Coach Trainer

When I was 17 years, I transitioned from basketball to rugby and got hooked! I decided to get the young people in my village more involved. But for this to happen, I needed to deepen my skills, so I trained to be a coach, strength, and conditioning coach, first aider and a referee. With this knowledge acquired, I returned to my village to create a school and a rugby club. My goals are to develop women's rugby across the country by organizing youth tournaments. Now, I am also a coach trainer, and nothing can stop me.



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**COMMENCE, ET RIEN NE T'ARRETERA**

DONATIENNE RASOAMPAMONJY  
MADAGASCAR



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**YOU CAN BE ANYTHING YOU WANT IN LIFE**

FATMA EL-KINDIY  
BOTSWANA

## Fatma-El-Kindiy, Botswana

Age: 37

**Current main role:** Women's Committee Member – Communications Manager

My motto is "making the possible of the impossible". I got into rugby in 2015, and it was more of a dare to myself. I was very nervous at first, but rugby gave me a voice to become confident and I was able to use it in my daily life. I wanted to impart my skills and knowledge to young girls and open to issues affecting them. I designed an initiative that is called "A try for change", which is a self-development training program targeted at guiding young girls to find their life's purpose and helping them through rugby to take the first steps in their lifelong journey of learning in a chosen field. I would like more girls not to only join rugby, but to be able to express themselves and become future leaders. "Being an unstoppable, means you can be courageous just like me and join the game of rugby. Since being the first unstoppable in Botswana it has given me a pathway to talk to different media platforms and get the word out on rugby and most importantly to encourage women to play rugby. For me I have been getting good reviews and many people are interested in the campaign. I would like to reach out to as many girls who are the younger generation, to get them started early into the game of rugby with the women's committee in the union supporting the initiative, 2021 will be a busy year for us."

## Fatou Camara Sene, Senegal

Age: 42

**Current Main Role:** Communication Manager

Holder of a master's in management of Sports Institutions and Activities, I joined the Senegalese Rugby Federation in 2016 where I discovered the sport in my country.

Being athletic since my childhood, I found myself responsible for communicating about a sport that was unknown to me. But my courage, my perseverance, and my desire to learn, pushed me to achieve my goals which are to succeed in promoting rugby and to establish myself as a woman in this predominantly male environment.

Today I am a certified referee, first aider and match official (and I love it!).

I am an Unstoppable!!!



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**RÉALISEZ VOS RÊVES !!**

FATOU CAMARA SENE  
SENEGAL

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**Ella Paule Guei, Ivory - Coast**  
**Age: 31**

**Current Main Role:** Referee

A former handball player, I was won over by the solidarity and the good atmosphere that reigned in the rugby family. After a few years as a player, I migrated to officiating where I was laughed at and humiliated simply because I was a woman. But one day, after a game, some girls came to congratulate me on my courage and asked me to teach them how to be like me. Today, I am the spearhead of Ivorian rugby refereeing. I am also one of the leaders of the youth commission of the Côte d'Ivoire Rugby Federation. Thanks to rugby, I am respected and very appreciated in my sporting, family, and professional environment.



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**LE RUGBY EST FAIT  
POUR LES FEMMES  
AUSSI**

ELLA PAULE GUEI  
CÔTE D'IVOIRE



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**TRY AND STOP US**

PERIS MUKOKO  
KENYA

**Peris Mukoko, Kenya**  
**Age: 32**

**Current Main Role:** Board Member, Match Official, Educator

I have loved rugby ever since I came across the sport in 2005. I started off as a player and went on to represent my school, club, and country. Due to a limited number of games in a calendar year, I picked up the whistle and doubled up as referee until 2008 when I fully transitioned into officiating. My curiosity did not stop there, I furthered my knowledge of the game became the first female World Rugby accredited educator in Kenya and third in Africa. Recently, I was co-opted to the board of Kenya Rugby Union.

**Rafatu Inusah, Ghana**  
**Age: 31**

**Current Main Role:** Union Board Member, President of Northern Rugby Association, Get into Rugby Manager, Educator

The tenets of Rugby stress leadership: equity, transparency, teamwork and a psyche that says never give up. The development of Rugby in Ghana required women taking ownership which is what I and a few others did. Team ownership, development of a recognised league, funding, training, sponsorship and getting ranked by Rugby Africa is where we have taken Ladies Rugby to in Ghana. In 2019, we won the Challenge Trophy on our first attempt in the Africa 7s tournament and in February 2020 I graduated as the first female rugby educator in Ghana. This has been a tremendous inspiration to Ghanaian Ladies. Yes, we can all do it! "I believe that the positive energy of not giving up, hard work, commitment, and dedication towards one's goals makes one Unstoppable. I am excited that the community and the girls are not surprised to see me as one of the 12 Unstoppables of Rugby Africa, as they know the work, I put in did not start today and this has encouraged parents to let the girls play Rugby. My selection as an "Unstoppable" has inspired a lot of girls to aim higher, not only to play for Ghana but to also work hard towards becoming female coaches and administrators in future. My goal for 2021 and beyond is to see Ghana Rugby Women's Team compete in both 7s and 15s global competitions with local and international media platforms extending publicity." Katie Sadleir, Women's Rugby Manager of World Rugby said "This is such an exciting time for women's rugby as we can see distinctive growth, diversity, and support for women's participation in the sport. The "Unstoppables" have provided us with such a powerful platform to reach all women globally and for participation in the sport to continue to grow."



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**PUT OUT YOUR  
BEST AND RUGBY  
WILL GIVE YOU A  
CHANCE TO EXCEL**

RAFATU INUSAH  
GHANA

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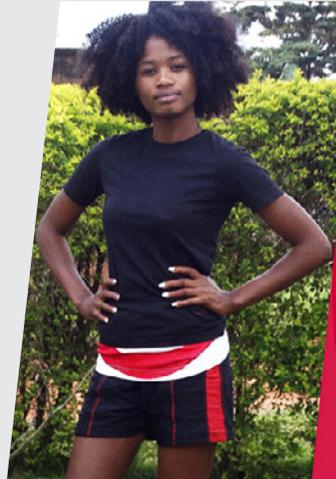
**Samiya Ayikoru, Ugandan**  
**Age: 22**

**Current Main Role:** International Player, Coach

I was raised in Nakawa, an urban slum in Kampala. I started playing rugby at 7 years old, mostly with boys at Kyadondo rugby grounds which provided me with a safe place.

When I turned 16, I represented Uganda with the Lady Cranes 15s and then with Uganda 7s as well. My hard work, commitment, determination, and resilience has paid off over the years as I have been crowned Uganda Sports Press Association Female Rugby Player of the years 2015, 2017 and 2019. I am now a qualified World Rugby coach as well.

I have become more confident and open to take up new opportunities and inspire other young girls to never give up and become unstoppable.



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NEVER GIVE UP,  
BECOME  
UNSTOPPABLE!”

SAMIYA AYIKORU  
UGANDA



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RUGBY WILL PUSH  
YOU BEYOND YOUR  
LIMITS

SANAA BARAKAT  
EGYPT

**Sanaa Barakat, Egypt**  
**Age: 26**

**Current Main Role:** Rugby Player

I joined the game 6 years ago and found my passion ever since. Although playing while having a full-time job is not easy, quitting is out of the question. Rugby has helped me overcome many struggles. Through the game I have gained confidence in myself and discovered new sides to my character. I have helped my team through many rough times. Most recently, stepping in to coaching when our coach pulled out mid-season. I gave rugby more than I thought I could, and in return it gave me a haven.

**Wejdane Limame, Tunisia**  
**Age: 33**

**Current Main Role:** Citing Commissioner

At 15 years old, after my first rugby training session, I fell in love with the sport and since then I have continued my journey as a player and then a coach, president of a women's club and currently citing commissioner.

Every time I complete a goal, I set another higher! It is up to us "AFRICAN WOMEN" to prove to everyone that success does not depend on gender but on our work and self-confidence. Let us work with pride and perseverance, believe in ourselves and we will achieve our goals.



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CROYEZ EN VOUS,  
ENSEMBLE ON  
AVANCE!”

WEJDANE LIMAME  
TUNISIE