



The Fédération Française de Baseball and Softball and the South Africa Baseball Union sign partnership agreement for 2018-2019.



Didier Seminet (FFBS) and Marc Moreau (SABU) sign the agreement during the WBSC 2017 Congress.

The agreement provides for a series of games during the month of November 2018 in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, South Africa between the national teams of France and South Africa as well as South Africa's participation in the International Baseball Tournament of France – Yoshida Challenge 2019 in France.

South Africa and France played each other for the first time in South Africa in 1993 for the President's Goodwill Cup and then faced each other again in 1994 in Paris for a World Cup qualifier.

They then played each other again during the World Cup in 2001. The last game played between these two teams was in 2012 as a World Baseball Classics qualifier in Florida which South Africa won 5-2 after 2 extra innings and rain delays. The game eventually finished in the early hours of the morning.

Marc Moreau, SA Baseball President : « It is with great pleasure and excitement that we renew this baseball rivalry and relationship between our two countries. South Africa and France have a rich cultural and sporting history and this renewed relationship will assist in exposing and developing the game of baseball in our respective countries.».

Didier Seminet, FFBS President: « We are very happy to renew this partnership with SA Baseball. Our countries share a common history through baseball and our federations have one common ambition and that is to grow it's international exposure and we cannot wait for next year's first encounters. »

South Africa Baseball Union is the national federation responsible for all baseball activities in South Africa. It has approximately 5000 registered baseball players and 108 clubs.

Fédération Française de Baseball et Softball is the responsible organisation for the development and playing of baseball and softball. It has 13200 registered players and 215 clubs. in 2017.

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