

## When football and rugby collide

Looking to challenge the globally acclaimed coach, Adidas paired Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp with an entirely different trial - South African national rugby captain, Siya Kolisi.



Image supplied: Jürgen Klopp and Siya Kolisi

The collaboration saw Kolisi exchanging his hands for his feet as he received pointers from Klopp on how to bend it like a pro footballer.

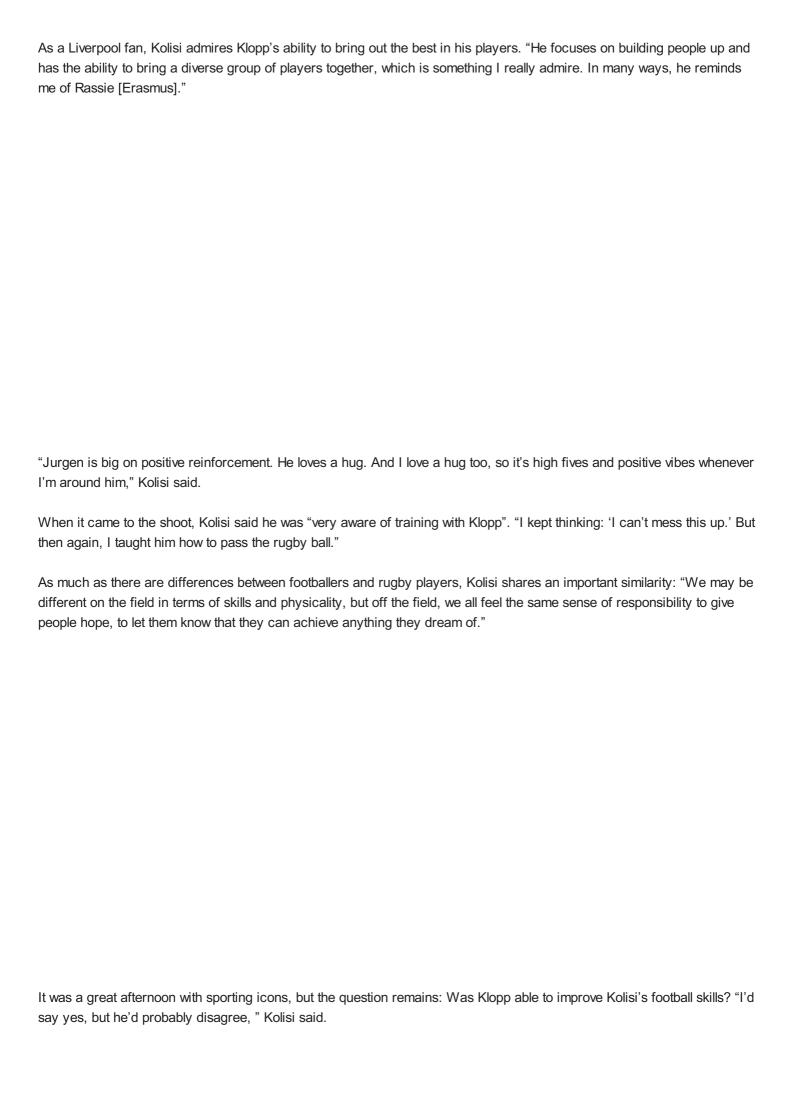
The meet-up took place in Liverpool in September, and the excitement for those involved was palpable.

All were curious to see what would happen when the skill and finesse of football met with the strength and power of rugby.

What type of magic would result when German precision was combined with South African flair? Would one of the finest football coaches of all time be able to unlock the South African national rugby captain's football skills? Would Kolisi be able to master a penalty kick, a corner and a free kick? What resulted was powerful sporting entertainment.

## The Klopp x Kolisi friendship

After a chance meeting with Klopp one evening in Cape Town, Kolisi now considers him a close friend, saying, "It's always fun to be in Jurgen's presence. He has a way of making you feel so good about yourself. What people might not know is that he has a great sense of humour and he's very family orientated."



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