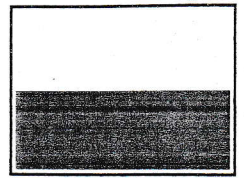


## Who really is Mateusz BARTOSZEK, the Polish giant ?



On Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, we invited Mateusz Bartoszek in our class to ask him questions ( about his life, his career...) and his opinion on the Rugby World Cup.

### The ambiance :

The ambiance was cool and quiet. We were all listening to him. Mateusz answered all the questions politely and respectfully. Moreover, he spoke slowly, so we could understand him.



### Personal life :

Mateusz was born on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in 1990 in Byton, in Poland. He is currently 29 years old. Mateusz is very tall, indeed he's 1 meter and 92 centimeters (6'3"). He speaks three languages : Polish, English and French. Mateusz has practiced rugby since 2003, when he was 13 years old. Before, he wanted to play ice hockey and judo. His father didn't want him to be a professional player, but Mateusz wanted to, and finally he succeeded. His mother has always supported him : when he was 17 years old, she gave him money to pass the drive test, but he used this money to buy tickets and to pass rugby tests. Now Mateusz works in our school as an supervisor :he likes his job !



### Mini dialogue :

PUPILS : What's your position in the team ?

MATEUSZ : I play number 4 or number 5 (second row), or number 6 (blindside flanker). I play in the scrum, so I must be strong and athletic !

P : What is the most serious injury you've had ?

M : I have already broken my nose. Even if I hurt myself several times, this one is the most serious injury.

P : What's your best memory as a rugby player ?

M : My favourite moment was the Scottish final.

P : And finally, do you think South Africa deserved to win the RWC ?

M : Oh yes, they played a very good final, and they were better than the English. I also supported S.A. during this RWC. I have already been there and I love the South Africans, they are so nice !

### My favourite moment :

My favourite moment is the last question, when we asked him what he would like to do after his career. He said he doesn't know but one day, he will grow a family (with children) and he will find another job. He knows that being a rugby player is not a « real job », and he can't live of rugby for the rest of his life. I found his speech very emotional.

I liked this interview very much, Mateusz was very kind and I found his life fascinating !

*Do widzenia !  
(goodbye!)*