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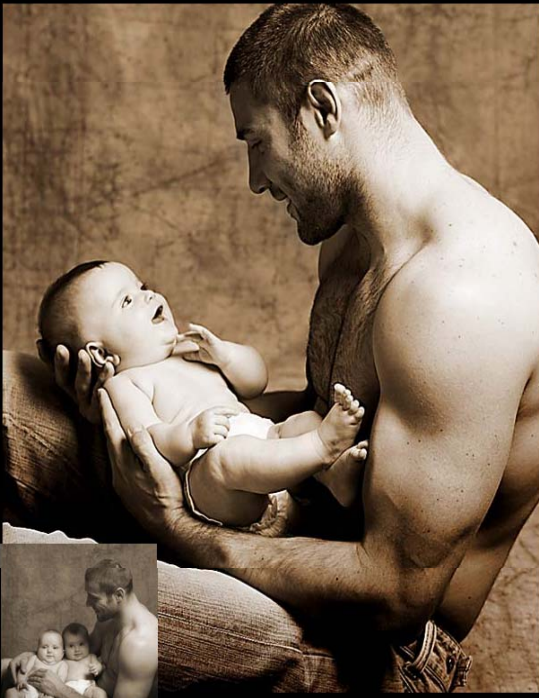
LATEST NEWS

27th February

Ben makes the papers three times in one week! This website was featured in the Sunday Times as one of the top five favourite sporting websites from around the world. Ben himself was featured in the **Times** in an article prior to the France - England match in Paris AND he appears today with baby daughters Isabelle and Harriette in a re-creation of the Spencer Rowell photograph from the 1930s.

Ben is the face of the **Problem Shared** campaign which supports first time fathers. The shoot took place a couple of weeks ago and although the girls were not that impressed, the results, as you can see, are beautiful.

(Problem Sharing is sponsored by Colief Infant Drops. Image: Matt Spour.)



17th February

Brive 9 - Clermont 11. So Close! Brive really should have won but just couldn't quite make it. Ben ran out as his favourite number 11 and was happy with his performance despite the loss. Still, a bonus point is better than nothing. Next week - away at Toulouse!

BENS BLOG

February 2008

I have well and truly settled in at Brive and am really enjoying my rugby. It feels good to be fit again and I am starting to learn the language and get used to the French way of doing things.

We have moved into our new home and the girls are doing fine. Our horse Barney is just up the road at the stables just a minutes drive away and Rolo and the cats seem quite at home.

As a team we have been playing really well but there is much more we need to do to be able to get into the top 5 of the table. Everyone is up for it though so just watch this space. I didn't play this last week against Toulouse as I had a slight injury. Most of the first team players were rested so we were able to watch what was happening in the 6 Nations. It is interesting to watch England play - and frustrating as of course I would love to be out there getting stuck in. For now though I need to make my mark at Brive which is my sole focus so we will see what the future brings.

You may have caught a glimpse of me in the Daily Mail this week. Earlier in the month a photographer (Matt Spour) came down to do a photoshoot for Colief® Infant Drops. They are sponsoring a Campaign called Problem Shared for new parents, which of course we are. They wanted me to pose with my shirt off and one of the girls on my lap just like the Spencer Rowell picture that sold millions in the 80s. The girls were quite good but it is always difficult to photograph one small baby, let alone two! I am really pleased with how the pictures came out and I think they are going to use the one with Isabelle on my knee. She has a really cheeky look on her face.



The tickets are now on sale for BENediction which is a testimonial event being held at the Dorchester in late May. Tickets are already selling well and we haven't really started advertising yet apart from on the site so it bodes well. It is definitely going to be an evening with a difference I can tell you. It will be a challenge for me but also great fun so do buy your tickets as soon as you can as they may sell out soon. It is being held in The Ballroom at the Dorchester which is really posh! I have been there several times before and it has an amazing atmosphere.

There are also 5 other Testimonial Events being organised so keep you eye on the site for details.

Until next time....

Best wishes

Ben