

Stormers Rugby secures a competitive advantage with **Acronis** Cyber Protect Cloud through Altitude Sync

Cape Town's premier rugby club partnered with cloud aggregator Altitude Sync to transform fragmented IT systems into a unified platform that protects performance-critical data.

Cape Town-based Stormers Rugby, which won the first Vodacom United Rugby Championship title in 2022 and has won South Africa's Carling Currie Cup a record 34 times, needed to modernise their fragmented backup infrastructure and strengthen cybersecurity defences.

THE SOLUTION

Stormers Rugby partnered with Altitude Sync to implement Acronis Cyber Protect Cloud. Altitude Sync delivered centralised, automated protection covering mobile devices, laptops, collaboration platforms and secure databases, as well as ongoing training and threat analysis.

THE IMPACT

- Eliminated manual backup processes, freeing IT resources.
- Achieved faster recovery times.
- Strengthened security posture with real-time monitoring and protection.
- Reduced costs through streamlined cloud infrastructure.
- Protected vital player performance data that directly impacts on-field results.

KEY CHALLENGES:

- Fragmented backup systems with time-consuming manual processes and slow recovery.
- Security gaps that potentially exposed sensitive data.
- Growing threats from phishing and ransomware.
- IT products not managed or optimised.

KEY REQUIREMENTS:

- Centralised control and automated backup processes across the entire IT environment.
- Advanced threat protection against ransomware and phishing attacks.
- Business continuity capabilities with minimal disruption during incidents.
- Proactive monitoring and support to identify threats before they impact operations.

"IT is invisible when it works well, but in high-stakes environments like ours, it's essential. We're grateful for Altitude Sync. They've helped set us apart both as athletes and as an organisation."

– Marchant van der Merwe, Head of IT at Stormers Rugby



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