



RUGBY

... uniting a nation

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The sport that changed my perceptions of my country is rugby, specifically the 1995 Rugby World Cup (RWC) final. I can remember exactly where I was, with whom, the team that I supported (the All Blacks) and where we were watching the game. The Rugby World Cup 1995 was a big affair and the final between New Zealand and South Africa was held in South Africa. Up until the final whistle it was 9-9 between the two teams and I was still supporting New Zealand. When extra time started I noticed that I was starting to shout and cheer for the South African camp. When the spectators started singing *Shosholozza* I started to sing and cheer as well. When South Africa won I carried on like somebody who hadn't bet on New Zealand at all.

The 2011 RWC will be held in New Zealand from 9 September to 23 October. South Africa is one of the teams that qualified for the final by finishing in the top three of their group in the 2007 Rugby World Cup.

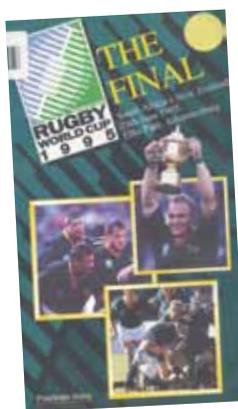
Springbokke, this is just to let you know that 49 million South Africans believe that you can bring the William Webb Ellis Trophy back to South Africa!

This has been a very emotional and inspiring article to write as I was crying, laughing, cheering, yelling and sobbing alone in my office for the Bokke and it made me realise how proud I am to be South African and a Springbok fan.

WE SALUTE YOU, BOKKE!!

Rugby World Cup 1995 - The final / producer, Alastair Waddington.

This is the first of the DVDs that I will be discussing that I watched that took me back sixteen years.



The DVD is two hours, forty one minutes and 51 seconds long and I enjoyed every second of it. I am not a rugby fan but looking back on history gives you another perspective of a game that you watched 'live'. Featured in the film is the opening, the SAA

Boeing flying over the stadium, and PJ Powers and Ladysmith Black Mambazo singing the World Cup Anthem. It also features the Haka, a younger Nelson Mandela wearing a Springbok jersey with captain François Pienaar's number 6 on the back and obviously the 15 men that the whole of South Africa supported. It is a very emotional film to watch. Relive the whole match including the unprecedented 20 minutes extra time. It is an extraordinary experience.

A decade of the Springboks / producer, Richard Gilbert

There are few countries throughout the

world where rugby means as much as it does to the people of South Africa. Their 1995 World Cup triumph offered the whole nation the chance to celebrate together for the first time and it gave the sport the opportunity to grow.

This exciting DVD follows the fortunes of the Springboks over the past ten years, paying particular attention to their involvement in the now world-renowned Tri-Nations Series. The viewer is taken on a roller-coaster ride, reliving all of South Africa's successes and failures, including the Springboks' awe-inspiring series wins in 1998 and 2004. It features the best action from the last decade of South African rugby and includes interviews with Springbok greats such as Gary Teichman, Chester Williams, Jean de Villiers and many, many more. This DVD is a must-have for any Springbok supporter.



Rugby World Cup golden moments / producer, Tom Lewis.

There have been a huge number of memorable moments in the 20-year history of the Rugby World Cup. Think of the last-minute drop-goals to beat Australia by Rob Andrew (in 1995), and Jonny Wilkinson (in 2003). Or maybe the finest rugby match ever played,

the semi between France and the All Blacks at Twickenham in 1999. Perhaps you might consider the moment that President Nelson Mandela walked onto the Ellis Park turf for the 1995 final wearing a Springbok jersey. Through the medium of interviews and action shots, **The Rugby World Cup golden moments** includes all the most memorable action, including the record points tallies, and the breathless finishes. There's a special bonus for all rugby fans with extended highlights of some of the very best matches.

This DVD is a very special accompaniment to the sport's top tournaments. It includes *The 2003 World Cup final; Nelson Mandela visiting the Springboks in 1995; Wales beating Australia in 1987; Ireland playing Australia in 1991; Scotland playing England in the 1991 semi-final; and New Zealand winning the first World Cup.*

History of rugby / producer and director, Stephen Gammond

Rugby has had one of the most romantic births of any sport. Not content with starting life as a full-blown, planned event, it took a young Englishman called William Webb Ellis to decide in 1823 that instead of kicking

the ball he would pick it up and run with it.

From that day at Rugby school, a new sport took its place in our heritage: a sport that would be enjoyed by more than 100 nations across the globe.

Since 1823 Rugby Union has enjoyed

revolution after revolution, from its break from Rugby League in its move to professionalism and the event of the Six Nations Championship.

The game has produced some of sport's most famous English players, from Gareth Edwards and Barry John to Bill Beaumont, Will Carling and the current superstar Jonny Wilkinson. It has also produced two of the most famous international teams, the British and Irish Lions, particularly the teams of 1971 and 1974, and the world-renowned Barbarians who ran from their own try line in 1973 to score the most famous try the game has ever seen.

This DVD takes you through the entire history of rugby from its inception right through to the resurgent England team of the new Millennium who beat Australia, New Zealand All Blacks and South Africa Springboks before winning the 2003

Grand Slam.

Interspersed with interviews with the biggest names in the game and all the best tries, it tells the complete story that is the great game of rugby.

Greatest moments of the Five and Six Nations / producer, Stephen Gammond

The film traces the origins of the Six Nations tournament, from its beginning at the end of the nineteenth century to the present day and is filled with thrilling rugby. The wonderful Welsh of the 70s, the fabulous French of the 80s, and the English of late – it's all there. A great watch for rugby fans the world over and one of the best possible introductions to anyone who is new to the game. This DVD can't be recommended highly enough – a great gift for any sports lover.

Rugby World Cup 1995 – the best tries of the Rugby World Cup 1995 / [producer], Alastair Waddington

This video gives you the chance to decide on the best of the best. There are over 50 to choose from, the best of the running tries

from the backs, the power plays from the forwards, and the outstanding individual moments that made the Rugby World Cup 1995 an event to savour.

Non-stop action, power, fitnesses, speed, grace under pressure – it's all here, set against some musical memories of a magical World Cup.

Rugby World Cup 1995 – the dream team of the Rugby World Cup 1995 / [producer], Alastair Waddington

Imagine the chance to pick the best fifteen players in the world. This video nominates four candidates for each position and a panel of expert analysts (all who covered the Rugby World Cup) makes its final choice.

Everyone has their own view. Here is your chance to argue with the experts.

Rugby World Cup 1995 – one team, one nation / producer, Alastair Waddington

From the moment President Nelson Mandela visited the Springbok camp just before the opening game with Australia, it was clear that the South Africans would have an extra dimension to their World Cup campaign. This is the story of how a rugby team brought a nation together.



Rugby World Cup 1995 – the story of the Rugby World Cup 1995 / producer, Alastair Waddington

From the moment President Nelson Mandela declared the third Rugby World Cup open on 25 May 1995 in Cape Town, the whole of South Africa welcomed the world with open arms. A month later President Mandela could barely disguise his joy as he presented the Webb Ellis Trophy to Francois Pienaar, the captain of the victorious South African team. This video charts the progress of a dramatic month in both the history of rugby and of South Africa.

Springbok greats: the post World War 2 heroes / a Topsport for SABC production

South African rugby has come in from the cold. The All Blacks, the Wallabies and the Lions all want to test their skills against the 'Green and Gold'. **Springbok Greats** brings you face to face with Hansie Brewis, Hennie Muller, Tom van Vollenhoven, Jannie Engelbrecht, Mannetjies Roux, Frik du Preez and HO de Villiers... men who lived to thrill.

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