

Invictus Nelson Mandela And The Game That Made A Nation By John Carlin

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would keep the commander of the army, the national commissioner of police, the Reserve Bank governor, and the minister of finance. He then pointed out that, a year after the elections, his government had remained true to its word. As Afrikaners, they had nothing to fear from the ANC. Nor, Mandela added, breaking into a grin, from their opponents the next day. 'You are playing the World Cup champions, Australia. The team who wins this match will go right through to the end,' he predicted, before returning to a solemn tone. 'You now have the opportunity of serving South Africa and uniting our people. From the point of view of merit, you are equal to anything in the world. But we are playing at home and you have got an edge. Just remember, all of us, black and white, are behind you.' The players cheered and applauded, then Mandela took turns to chat with them one by one. 'He asked me why I had dressed so formally to see him,' Du Plessis remembered. 'But what was amazing was the chemistry. The players were drawn to him immediately.' Kobus Wiese admitted, 'I can't remember why we laughed, but I remember we were laughing with Mandela the whole time he was there.' Hennie le Roux, the chunky center three quarter, decided out of the blue to offer Mandela a token of his gratitude for taking the trouble to come and visit them. When the president got to him, he handed him his green Springbok cap and said, 'Please take it, Mr. President, it is for you.' Le Roux paused and added, 'Thanks a lot for being here. It means a lot to the team.' Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon in 'Invictus' Mandela took it, smiled, and said, 'Thank you very much. I shall wear it!' He put the cap on right then and there. Francois Pienaar put the seal on the mountaintop ceremony with a brief message of farewell to Mandela. Referring to the next day's game, he declared, 'There's one guy that now we understand we have to play for, and that's the president.' The Silvermine encounter redefined the Springboks' feelings for their president and their country. Describing the scene as Mandela boarded his helicopter and flew off, Du Plessis was almost lost for words. 'I looked at the players as they looked up at the helicopter and they were like young boys waving, so full of this excitement. These guys had all seen a million helicopters before but Mandela—well, he had won their hearts.' And he did them some good as a rugby team too. Pienaar had been worried about the tension among his teammates on the day before play began. He would usually try to find a way to break it, with a song maybe or a film, but this time Mandela had done his job for him. A year earlier, Mandela had put Pienaar at his

ease in the presidential office. Now he had done the same for the team as a whole. 'He relaxed the guys. His interaction with the team was jovial, always smiling, always cracking little jokes. And he always has time for everyone. He'd stop and chat, and put the players at ease. That was very special before the opening match.' Mandela may have lowered the Springboks' stress, but he couldn't banish it entirely. Few people actually died on a rugby field, but no sport "in terms of pain endured and brutality of collision" was closer to war.

Rugby players took and gave hits as hard as American football players without any helmets, shoulder pads, or other protective gear. And rugby demanded far more stamina than did American football. Each rugby match was played in two forty-minute halves with only a ten-minute break between them and no timeouts except for injury. But physical fear weighed less heavily on the players than the burden of national expectation. In less than twenty-four hours they would face Australia's Wallabies, one of the five teams with a serious chance of winning the World Cup, along with France, England, New Zealand, and South Africa. Mandela might have made them feel special, but what still remained to be seen was whether the Springboks could channel that pressure in their favor during the game itself, or be crushed under its weight. It also remained to be seen how much support black South Africans would really give the Springboks, how effective Mandela had been in his efforts to persuade his people that the old green-and-gold jersey was now theirs too. The Presidential Protection Unit provided as good a barometer of the national mood as any. They were one group of South Africans who went to bed on the night before the game against Australia feeling as tense as the Springboks themselves. But for different reasons. 'For that first game against Australia the security challenge was huge and these security arrangements enormous,' said Linga Moonsamy, the former ANC guerrilla and a member of the PPU since Mandela's inauguration. 'We spent weeks planning for that day.

We went up and down examining every high-rise around the stadium. We placed snipers on rooftops at strategic points, we placed people at the points of weakness inside the stadium.' The PPU was united in its sense of mission but split down the middle between blacks and whites, between former members of Umkhonto we Sizwe, like Moonsamy, and former members of the security police. 'The Umkhonto guys and the police guys: people who'd been each other's mortal enemies, literally "we had wanted to kill each other for

years,' Moonsamy said, 'though they succeeded, it should be said, more than we did.' The split extended to rugby. Being in Mandela's presence day in, day out for a year had smoothed Moonsamy's sharper edges. But he was still some way from actively supporting the Springboks or, for that matter, understanding what the game was about. 'There had been plenty of rumors that the white far right would use the competition to stage a terrorist act against the new democracy, against Mandela himself,' Moonsamy recalled. 'Our white colleagues were as aware of that possibility as us, and they were prepared, like us, but the big difference was that they were, if anything, even more nervous about the outcome of the game...'. playing the enemy nelson mandela and the game that made a. invictus film. john carlin invictus playing the enemy. analysis of invictus nelson mandela and the game that. invictus better on nelson mandela than rugby film the. invictus nelson mandela and the 1995 rugby world cup. man freeman masterfully recites nelson mandela s. nelson mandela the invictus an unconquered soul an. invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a nation. playing the enemy nelson mandela and the game that made a. mandela and the rugby hero who rejected the prejudices of. invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a nation. invictus. invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a nation. nelson mandela dead the true story behind invictus. how nelson mandela used sport to transform south africa s. invictus 2009 scene parisons. invictus 2009 plot summary imdb. invictus nelson mandela and the game that. playing the enemy nelson mandela amp the game that made a. invictus and nelson mandela lesson plan punita rice. invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a nation. invictus 2009 movie. invictus film wikimili the best reader. invictus film tv tropes. mandela s other legacy the real life invictus story. invictus nelson mandela ncert class 10 english notes. invictus audiobook by john carlin audible. invictus movies on google play. 9780143117155 invictus nelson mandela and the game that. review invictus narrows its viewpoint sfgate. invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a nation. invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a nation. buy invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a. invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a nation. invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a nation. invictus summary gradesaver. book review playing the enemy nelson mandela and the. the real story of invictus inside edition. invictus nelson mandela and the game that made a nation. nelson mandela

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