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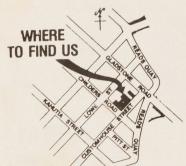
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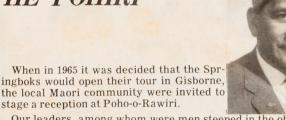


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HE POHIRI



Our leaders, among whom were men steeped in the observance of Maori protocol, readily acceded, emphasising our obligation to extend a 'pohiri' (or welcome) to our 'manuhiri' (or guests).

The late Sir Turi Carroll, then President of the New Zealand Maori Council said it was as footballers and not as exponents of a political doctrine that the Maori people looked forward to the visit of the Springboks, who would be welcomed onto their maraes with traditional hospitality.

Many changes have taken place since 1965 however, and the 1981 scene is one of soul-searching, division and confrontation. Throughout the community there is doubt and tension, shared among both Pakeha and Maori.

Despite this there is a clear consensus that, as in the past, an obligation exists to say to our 'manuhiri':

"Kei te mihi atu ki a koutou, ki te manuhiri tuarangi.

Haere mai ki Turanga, nau mai ki te Tairawhiti, κi runga ki nga papa takaro o Aotearoa me te Waipounamu.''

"We greet you, our distinguished guests, and extend a welcome to you to Turanga (the City of Gisborne), to the Tairawhiti, and to the playing fields of Aotearoa and Waipounamu, the North and South Islands."

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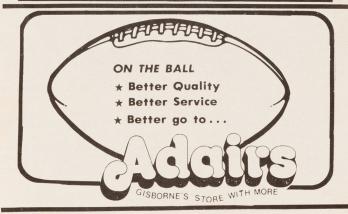
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FROM

PRESIDENT N.Z.R.F.U.

THE New Zealand Rugby Football Union takes pleasure in extending a very warm welcome to members of the South African Rugby Touring Party. Though it is some 16 years since the last Springbok visit to this country, we have followed with interest your various rugby encounters with other nations during that time.



We are mindful of the fact too, that the South African Rugby Union, having accepted the terms of our invitation, arranged for the recent mixed trials from which this 1981 side has been selected. We look forward to continued competition on this basis, which we in this country have come to appreciate and respect in the choice of our New Zealand teams. No doubt you are well aware of the fact that certain opposition to this tour has been raised, but we as an amateur sporting body appointed solely to administer and cultivate the sport of rugby irrespective of race, religion or colour, have done just that and will continue to foster such principles at all times.

Like the 1965 Springboks, you will, I am sure, enjoy your first tour fixture today here at Rugby Park, Gisborne, where the rugby community has always received visiting sides with hospitality and enthusiasm second to none. We are grateful to the Poverty Bay Rugby Union for the excellent arrangements made for today's fixture and for the courtesies shown to our visitors.

To members of both teams participating this afternoon, the New Zealand Rugby Football Union extends best wishes for a most enjoyable and entertaining game.

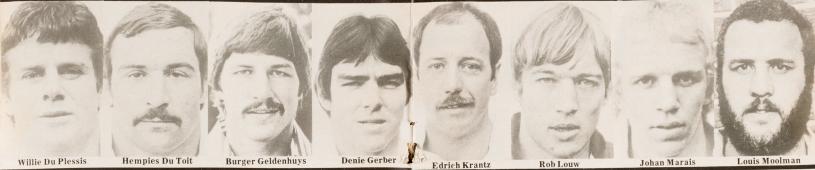
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Northern Universities, S.A. Universities, S.A. Barbarians, Junior Springboks and S.A. Inv. XV. Succeeded Morne du Plessis as Springbok Captain vs Ireland 1981. 2 Caps. Architect. Single.

Cockrell, Robert James (W.P.): Hooker. Born 4/4/50. 1.83 m; 95 kg. Club: Northerns, Cape Town. More than 70 matches for W.P. Younger brother of Springbok hooker, Charlie Cockrell. 9 Caps. Medical Rep. Mar-

Du Plessis, Carel Johan (W.P.): Centre/Wing. Born 24/6/60. 1.84 m; 85 kg. Club: Stellenbosch Univ. Represented W.P. since 1980, S.A. Schools S.A. U20, Gazelles (S.A. U.24). At 21 the youngest member of the team. Younger brother of Centre, Willie du Plessis. Student

Du Plessis, Willem (Willie) (W.P.) Centre Born 4/9/55. 1.83 m; 85 kg. Univ. Stellenbosch. Represented W.P. since 1977. Also S.A. Barbarians. Toured South America with Springbok team in 1980. Presently doing his National Service and club therefore. Defence. 9 Caps. Single.

Du Toit, Pieter Gerhard (Hempies) (W.P.): Prop Forward. Born 23/8/52. 1.85m; 100 kg. University. Stellenbosch. Province in 1979. Represented Southern Universities and Junior Springboks. South America with Springbok team in 1980. 3 Caps. Wine farmer. Married.

Geldenhuys, Schalk Burger (Burger) (N.Tv1): Loose forward. Born 18/5/56. 1.88 m; 93 kg. Club and Univ. Pretoria. Represented N.Tv1. since 1977, S.A. Universities, S.A. Barbarians, Gazelles and Junior Springboks. Student. Single.

Gerber, Penie Mattheus (E.P.): Čentre. Born 14/4/58. 1.85 m; 88 kg. Club: Despatch. S.A. Schools player. Provincial debut 1978 played for Orange Free State and Eastern Province; Junior Springbok 1980. South America with Springbok deam in 1980. 5 Caps. Clerk.

Germishuys, Johannes Servaas (Gerrie) Tv1: Wing. Born 29/10/49. 1.83 m;

91 kg. Ex-University Orange Free State and Club: Goudstad Teachers College. Played for O.F.S. (72 times) 1972/77; Tv1. 1978/81; S.A. Colleges vs Argentine 1971; S.A. Universities; S.A. Inv. XV; Junior Springbok; Quaqga Barbarians. 15 Caps (1974-1981). Lecturer. Married.

Heunis, Johan Wilhelm (Johan) (N.Tv1): Fullback. Born 26/1/58. 1.82 m; 87 kg. Club: Pretoria Defence. Ex Port Elizabeth University. Law student, doing his National Service. Represented E.P. 18 times and N.Tv1. senior team since 1981, S.A. Univ; S.A. Defence, replacement Junior Springbok 1981. Soldier. Single.

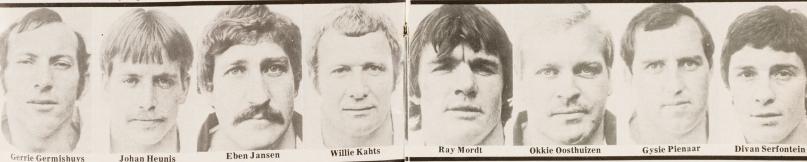
Jansen, Loose forward. Born 5/6/54.
1.90 m; 106 kg. Griquas Schools.
University and Club — Univ. Orange
Free State. Brother Joggie Jansen.
Province 1976; Springbok trialist;
Gazelle captain in 1978; Junior Springbok; S.A. Universities and S.A. Barbarians, South America with Spr

ingboks 1980. P.R.O. for O.F.S. Univ. Single.

Kahts, Wilhelm Julius Heinrich (Willie) (M.Tv1): Hooker. Born 20/2/47. 1.80 m; 94 kg. Teachers' Training College, Pretoria. Club: Oostelikes. Provincial debut 1971; Springbok trialist; S.A. Inv. XV; Reserve hooker vs South America, played 3 tests vs British Lions 1980. Injury kept him out of 4th test. South America with Springboks 1980. 6 Caps. Teacher. Married.

Krantz, Eduard Friedrich Wilhelm (Edrich) (O.F.S.): Wing. Born 10/8/54. 1.83 m; 88 kg. Univ. — Orange Free State. Club: Defence, Bloemfontein. Debut 1975 for O.F.S. until 1979, then N.Tv1, now back in O.F.S. captain of S.A. U/21 South America 1975; Gazelles, Junior Springboks, S.A. University, S.A. Barbarians. 4 Caps. Medical doctor. Married.

Louw, Robert James (Rob) (W.P.): Loose forward. Born 26/3/55. 1.89 m; 91 kg. Ex Stellenbosch University. Club: Defence. Debut 1978. Gazelles vs





Cougars 1978. Gazelles (SA U.24;, S.A. Barbarians, Southern Universities. South America S.A. U/21 (Oribis) 1975. Britain with S.A. Barbarians 1979, South America 1980. Two tests South America in S.A. 1980; four tests British Lions 1980; two tests South America 1980; one test France 1980, President's XV, Cardiff. 11 Caps. Sports Officer S.A. Navy. Married.

Marais, Johannes Hendricus (Johan) (N.Tv1): Loose forward. Born 28/5/59. 1.93 m; 93 kg. Club and University: Pretoria. N. Tv1. U.20 1977-79; N. Tv1. Sen 1980/81. Also Gazelles. S.A. Junior wrestling champion. Student. Single.

Moolman, Louis Christiaan (N.Tv1): Lock. Born 21/1/51. 1.95 m; 111kg. University: Pretoria. Province 1974, Springboks vs World XV 1977; S.A. Barbarians; S.A. Universities) S.A. Combined Services; Junior Springboks; Two tests South America 1980; four tests British Lions 1980; South America 1980 — two tests; one test France 1980. replacement Welsh Centenary President's XV. 10 Caps. Farmer, Married.

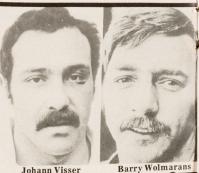
Mordt, Raymond Herman (Ray) (T.v1): Wing. Born 15/2/57, 1.81 m: 89 kg. Formerly played for Zimbabwe but has since moved to R.S.A. Province 1977; S.A. Inv. XV. toured South America with Springboks 1980. 9 Caps. Representative. Single.

Oosthuizen, Ockert Wessel (Okkie) (N.Tv1): Born 1/4/55. 1.88 m; 102 kg. Club; Pretoria Defence; formerly Potchefstroom Univ. Represented W.Tv1. 1976/77 and N.Tv1. since 1980, Northern Univ., S.A. Defence, S.A. Barbarians and Gazelles. 2 Caps. Soldier on National Service, Married.

Pienaar, Zacarias Matheus Johannes (Gysie) (O.F.S.): Fullback. Born

21/12/54. 1.78 m; 80 kg. Club: O.F.S. Univ. Province 1975; S.A. XV 1978. South America U/21 1975; S.A. Combined Services; S.A. Barbarians; Gazelles (S.A.U/24). 2nd test South America 1980, four tests British Lions 1980; South America 1980 — two tests; France 1980, 1 test; President's XV Cardiff 1981 8 Caps. Asst. Sports Organiser, O.F.S. Univ. Married.

Serfontein, David Jacobus (Divan): (W.P.) Scrumhalf. Born 3/8/54. 1.67 m; 70 kg. University - Stellenbosch. Club: Defence. Province 1976, succeeded Morne du Plessis as captain Western Province 1981. Toured South America with U/21 1975; S.A. Gazelles; S.A. Invitation XV; reserve 2 tests South America, played 4 tests British Lions 1980, South America 1980. 7 Caps. Medical Doctor, presently on National Service. Married.



Barry Wolmarans

Stofberg, Marthinus Theunis Stevn (Theuns) (N.Tv1): Vice-Captain: Lock loose forward. Born 6/6/55. 1.96 m; 104 kg. Univ. O.F.S., ex-O.F.S. player. Club: Defence, Pretoria. Gazelles, Oribis, S.A. Barbarians, S.A. Services, Province 1976, Capped 3 times 1976/77 S.A. Uni. 2 tests. America 4 tests British Lions 1980. South America 1980, captained Springboks 1st test in place of injured Morne du Plessis. 12 Caps. Physiotherapist. Married.

Tobias, Errol George (SARFF): Flyhalf, Born 18/4/50, 1.80 m; 82 kg. Club: Suidelikes. S.A. Country Districts in 1977 and 1978. S.A. Proteas. Toured Britain with Barbarians 1979: Junior Springbok. South Africa's first non-White Springbok. Toured South America with Springbok team in 1980. 2 Caps. Builder. Married.

Van Aswegen, Henning Jonathan W.P.: Prop. Born 11/2/55. 1.86 m; 100 kg. Club: Univ. Stellenbosch. Has also represented O.F.S. Univ. and O.F.S. W.P. since 1978, S.A. Univ. U.20 and Gazelles. Marketing Manager. Mar-

Van Der Merwe, Phillip Rudolph (Flippie) (S.W.D.): Prop. Born 8/7/57. 1.96 m; 130 kg. (The heaviest Springbok in history). Club Defence, Oudtshoorn. Played Griqualand West 1974 and 1975, Stellenbosch Univ. W.P. 1977 -1980. Defence, S.W.D. 1981, Gazelles - South America 1980, Inv. XV — British Lions 1980, South America Country team 1981. Teacher, presently doing his National Service, Single.

Visser, Johann De Villiers (W.P.): Lock. Born 26/11/58.1.94m; 110 kg. Club: Defence, Cape Town. S.A. Schools and S.A. U/19, N.Tv1, U/20, Province W.P. 1979: Barbarians Great Britain 1979. S.A. Invitation XV: Gazelles and Junior Springboks 1980, South America 1980. Flight Mechanic, S.A. Air Force. Mar-

Wolmarans, Barend Johannes (Barry) (O.F.S.): Scrumhalf. Born 22/2/53. 1.65 m; 73 kg. Club O.F.S. Univ. Province 1972 for Boland, S.W.D. 1969/70 O.F.S. 1975/1981. Also represented S.A. Defence, S.A. Colleges, S.A. Univ., S.A. Barbarians, Gazelles and Junior Springboks, 1 Cap. Liaison Officer. Mar-

Claassen Johannes Theodorus: Honorary Manager: Born at Prince Albert, Cape on 23/9/1929. 1.90 m; 102 kg. Played 100 for Western Transvaal 1950/1962, 28 internationals 1955/1962.

Captained S.A. 9 tests; Assistant-Manager/Coach in France 1968. Australia 1971: in France 1974: National Selector 1963 and from 1966 until 1976, Chairman 1971 until 1976. Professor in Education University of Potchefstroom, also Director of the Sport Bureau: President Western Transvaal Rugby Union, member S.A. Rugby Board's Executive and Tours Committees married with 4 children (3 daughters, 1 son).

Smith, Cornelius Michael (Nelie): Assistant-Manager: Born 8/5/34. Former provincial player (O.F.S. and Griqualand West). Represented S.A. Universities, S.A. Barbarians, Junior Springboks, 7 tests (4 as captain), 19 matches for Springboks, most at scrumhalf. S.A. selector since 1971. Coached since 1980 in 11 test matches. Has attended and presented coaching courses in various countries, the most recent being in Cardiff in September, 1980. Liaison Officer and former S.A. Rugby Board's Coaching Organiser. Married.

Williams, Abraham (Abe): Assistant-Manager: Born 12/12/40 at Saldanha (West Coast). 20 years teaching experience and has been principal of the Belhar Primary School. Cape Town (1140 scholars) since 1977. Rugby and athletics, for Tigers R.F.C. Saldanha was Secretary and Coach for 13 years. Provincial rugby for Swartland (1963-74) as a wing, flank forward and prop, captain from 1969/1973. Secretary of S.A. Rugby Football Federation since 1972, organising the Federation's rugby weeks since 1974, responsible for junior rugby and national coaching courses. Attended the International Youth Rugby Conference at Rugby School. England 1973. Is Federation's delegate to the S.A. Rugby Board's meetings; Is a member of the W.P. Schools Coaching Committee and the S.A. Rugby Board's Coaching Committee. Holder of the Western Province Merit Coaching Certificate; Chairman of the Swartland Rugby Union; Manager of the S.A. Federation team in the 1980 Craven Week; Coach to the Federation during their tour to Rhodesia 1978 and in 1975 received the State President's Award for coaching. He is married and has a daughter of 9 and a son of 7.

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15 L. HOLMES

11 T. WALTERS

14 G. WAINOHU

13 J. WALTERS

12 L. BARBARA

10 J. WHITTLE

9 P. DUNCAN (Capt)

8 N. FRANKISH

7. S. SPENCE

6 B. HYLAND 5 P. SCAMMELL

4 T. HYLAND or J. KARAKA

1 H. MAXWELL 2 W. WILSHER 3 R. NEWLANDS

RESERVES: BACKS: 16 W. RIKA, 17 H. KOWHAI 18 G. TORRIE

Forwards: 19 K. WOOSTER 20 A. KELLIHER 21 T. HYLAND or

J. KARAKA



Nelie Smith

(Green and Gold)

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HENNIE BEKKER DARIUS BOTHA NAAS BOTHA THYS BURGER WYNAND CLAASSEN ROBERT COCKRELL CAREL DU PLESSIS WILLIE DU PLESSIS HEMPIES DU TOIT BURGER GELDENHUYS DENIE GERBER GERRIE GERMISHUYS JOHAN HEUNIS EBEN JANSEN WILLIE KAHTS EDRICH KRANTZ ROB LOUW JOHAN MARAIS LOUIS MOOLMAN OKKIE OOSTHUIZEN GYSIE PIENAAR DIVAN SERFONTEIN THEUNS STOFBERG ERROL TOBIAS HENNING VAN ASWEGEN

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15 K. GAUKRODGER

14 N. TE AHO

13 T. LANE

11 K. FERRIS

12 J. PENEHA

10 J. GRANT

9 K. BANKS

8 J. GREEN

7 K. KEARNS

5 J. RIA 4 N. BAKER

6 P. KAUA

3 P. MAYNARD

2 W. MACKIE

1T. WAIKARI

RESERVES Backs: M. GIBSON, T. SMITH, R. RUTENE, D. GRACE.

FORWARDS: J. DONNER, B. TIAPA, J TERUPE, M. ROBIN, B. NEPIA

HOROUTA

GOLD

15 E. BLANE

14 D. COLLIER

13 M. PATRICK 11 J. PORTER

12 M. WAITOA

10 F. AKARANGI

9 B. DONALD

8C. FARR

7 C. TAIPA

6 F. NEIGHBOURS

5 M. MAUHENI 4 T. FORRESTER

1. M. WIREPA

2 J. CARLSON

3 B. HOROMIA

RESERVES FORWARDS: A. TAUMEO, J. KAA

BACKS: E. POI

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POVERTY BAY PEN PORTRAITS

Phillip Duncan(Marist): 29, 12st, 5ft 8 in. Halfback and captain. Widely experienced player who first represented Poverty Bay in 1971. Over 100 first class games. Has played for Poverty Bay, Poverty Bay-East Coast, New Zealand Colts, New Zealand Juniors, New Zealand Marist. Has been consistently and inexplicably neglected at national level.

John Whittle (Marist): 25, 11st 10lbs, 5ft 8 in. Fullback. A highscoring fullback who has topped the century in points more than once in a season. Scored all Poverty Bay's points in Ranfurly Shield challenge against Auckland. Good eye for a gap and also plays well at first five-eights.

Jody Walters (Marist): 26, 12st 5lbs, 5ft 10 in. Centre. Had his first game for the Bay at 18 and is presently playing some of the best rugby of his career. Has plenty of speed on attack and uses this well also on defence. A good eye for a gap and an exciting player to watch.

Guy Wainohu (Rangatira): 25, 15st 7lbs, 6ft 2in. Wing. Had an excellent debut for Poverty Bay against East Coast, scoring two tries and playing a leading hand in others. Big, strong runner was the find of the first rep game of the season. Plays centre for his club.

Tim Walters (Marist): 19, 13st 4lbs 6ft. Threequarter. An outstanding secondary school player who has made a great debut in senior ranks. Plays equally well as centre or wing in the highly talented Marist backline and scored two tries in his first game for the senior rep side. A player with a future.

Herbie Kowhai (GMC): 29, 14st, 6ft 1in. Five-eights. Played for Taranaki and New Zealand Maoris before coming to Gisborne. A player who from his experience has developed many skills and who has the ability to really direct backplay. His rugby for his club has been outstanding and he will serve Poverty Bay well. First season in rep

Barry Hyland (Rangatira): 24, 13st 6lbs, 5ft 11in. Flanker. A tearaway flanker who gives his all to every game and plays well above his weight. Covers the field well and shows unusual strength for his size in tight play. He has been one of the top flankers in Poverty Bay rugby for the past three

John Karaka (Horouta): 28, 15st 12lbs, 6ft 3in. Lock. First played for Poverty Bay in 1972, again in 1973, and then had a long layoff for business reasons. Injuries hampered his comeback but he is back in top form and playing good, hard rugby. An extremely powerful player who uses his weight

to advantage.
Andv Kelleher (Ngatapa): 24, 14st 5lbs, 5ft 10in. Powerful nuggety hooker who plays without compromise. Quick striker and grand tackler.

Walter Rika (GMC(: 28, 10st 2lbs, 5ft 4in. Halfback. Played for Bay of Plenty last season before transferring to Gisborne. Regular member of B.O.P. Maoris since 1971. An extremely capable clearer of the ball from all situations, he directs play well for the freerunning GMC backline. Poverty Bay is rich in halfbacks and Rika is right up with the best of them.

Graham Barbara (Old Boys): 27, 13st,5ft 7in. Winger. A hardened cam-

paigner who has served the Bay well since his first game in 1975, the year in which he played three games for the New Zealand Colts. He also played for Poverty Bay-East Coast against the New Zealand Maoris in 1978. Strong running winger who is a hard man to

Laurie! Holmes, 24, 13st 8lbs, 5ft 11in. Utility Back: Another age group player who has made his mark in top level rugby. A player that fits into most positions and a better than average place kicker.

Les Barbara (Old Boys): 25, 13st, 5ft 10in. Centre. A hard-running midfield back who can commit a tackler in each break he makes. Also defends strongly and is in his fifth year in the rep squad, his career beginning in 1977, when he played eight games for the Bay. Has the pace to take a gap in the defence and turn it into profit.

Henry Maxwell (GMC): Prop. Went into senior rugby his first season out of Gisborne Boys High School where like Gary Muir he was an outstanding player and won North Island age-group honours. Now part of the strong Bay front row, he has measured up well and



Tim Walters

Herbie Kowhai

John Karaka

Andy Kelleher



Henry Maxwell



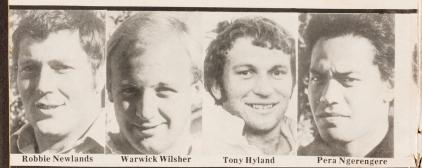
Simon Spence



Nick Frankish



Peter Scammell



is a player who looks to have a fine future in the game. A NZ Colt this season.

Simon Spence (Old Boys): 29, 14st, 6ft. Flanker. A top rated member of the Old Boys senior pack, one of the best fielded in Poverty Bay for many years, Spence is a hard running player who is also a good tackler. His strength has gained him many tries for his club and the Bay. Played for Wairarapa-Bush for three seasons before returning to Gisborne.

Nick Frankish (Ngatapa): 23, 14st 7lbs, 6ft 3in, Number eight, Named one of the five most promising players in New Zealand at the end of last season, Nick Frankish played in Poverty Bay age group teams as a centre, as a fullback and loose forward at Lytton High School, a flank forward in the Canterbury University under 19 side and in Canterbury under 18 and under 19 teams. He played in the pack for Canterbury University and captained Canterbury Colts before returning to Gisborne. His allround skills make him a forward who is clearly marked for better things.



Kevin Wooster Grant Allen

Peter Scammell (Ngatapa): 23, 15st 9lbs, 6ft 3½in. Lock. An interest in rowing, at which level he took part in national trials, and rugby divided Peter Scammell's time a bit but he is now concentrating on rugby with good results. He would rank as probably the best lineout forward in Poverty Bay and plays a lot of well directed, power packed rugby.

Robbie Newlands (Old Boys): 27, 15st 10 lbs, 6ft 1in. Prop. A well established member of the powerful Old Boys and Poverty Bay front rows, Robbie Newlands has passed the century mark in first class games and is a prop held in high regard by members of the "front row club." He has propped against the best of them and has yet to be mastered, played eight games for the Junior All Blacks but has yet to get a national trial, something which many rugby followers feel he has justly earned. Uses his strength well and can win ball near the front of the lineout.

Warwick Wilsher (Old Boys): 24, 14st 9lbs, 5ft 9in. Hooker. A versatile forward who shapes well as a loose forward for his club but whose main role in the rep side is as hooker. Wilsher has a lot of pace which he uses well in the loose on attack and defence.

Tony Hyland (Old Boys): 28, 17st, 6ft 2in. Lock. Another member of the great Old Boys pack which has dominated Gisborne rugby for some time. A particularly strong lock, he is a good grafting forward in tight and loose play and is also a handy man in the lineouts. He played two games for Poverty Bay in 1978 and has been a regular member of the squad since then.

Pera Ngerengere (GMC): 22, 13st 10lbs, 5ft 9in. Flanker. One of the fastest forwards in the squad, Ngerengere is

very quick to the loose ball in broken play and he uses this speed well in keeping the pressure on opposing inside backs. His club play has been impressive as it creates the opportunities on which the lively GMC side thrives.

Kevin Wooster (Old Boys): 22, 14st 4lbs, 6ft 3in. No. 8. The son of a former Old Boys and Poverty Bay stalwart, Wooster is a newcomer to senior representative rugby in Gisborne. He has impressed as a highly promising number eight, fast on attack and doing the covering work that is that hallmark of a player in this position.

Team manager Grant Allen had a long and distinguished career as a hooker for Poverty Bay, playing well over 100 games for his union. He had a 12-year career in first class rugby, ending in 1979, and he is now a member of the management committee of the Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union. During his playing career he captained Poverty Bay, deputising for and later taking the place of Ian Kirkpatrick.

Dick Glover (Selector-coach) was a highly successful coach at Gisborne Boys High School and coached Old Boys seniors before being appointed selector-coach of the Poverty Bay senior repside. He is now in the second half of his second two-year term and his team is producing good rugby. Dick Glover is an advocate of the running game and this rubs off on his team. He is also regional director of coaching and his work in this respect covers a wide field.



In 1937, the South Africans met Poverty Bay, East Coast, and Bay of Plenty combined. This game was at the Oval and Poverty Bay plavers were A. McAneney, Eric Grant, A. Read, D. Swinburne, F.C. McAneney, Ray Rogers, W. Matheson, and G. Phillips. The magnificent 1937 Springbok side disposed of the combined side by 33 points to 3.



Forgive me for feeling more excited about this game than is usual, but for those who have non statistical minds, it's my 16th birthday. I was born in time for the opening match of the 1965 Springbok tour and made my first public appearance at Rugby Park for that game.

What a day — I was nervous at first but soon become a favourite with the crowd. It was rather hectic because I led a huge parade through town in the morning and then had to appear at Rugby Park in the afternoon.

What with torrential rain, bands playing and over 17,000 spectators I was a little bewildered at first — however, not half as upset and frightened as some of my smaller kin who were released onto the ground before the kick off. That was a thoughtless act and my family was upset.

I am very lucky though, because since that occassion I have made many appearances at my favourite ground as well as being adopted by the Rugby Supporters Club (Marvellous parents).

My image can now be found on ties, jerseys, badges posters and rosettes. — I've come a long way since that day 16 years ago.

Now, can you understand why today is an extra special celebration for me!

The 1965 game played in daunting conditions was against Poverty Bay East Coast and saw the Springboks win by 32-3.

Incidently, todays tour opener is only the fourth time South Africa have played in Gisborne. Prior to 1937, the 1921 game was against Hawkes Bay-Poverty Bay, at Napier, and won 14-8 by South Africa. Poverty Bay players in that combined side were, Tom Heeney, Ed Torrie, W. Te Whata, Jimmy Mill, Wally Langlands, and Pare Tureia.

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