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On behalf of New Zealand Rugby, I am pleased to welcome the All Blacks and Wallabies. the match officials and all the rugby supporters to Wellington for today's Bledisloe Cup presented by Steinlager.

It has been a challenging year for New Zealand and Australian Rugby and it is great to see the return to live sport. To be here together today in this stadium to watch the All Blacks play Australia is a special privilege. Both teams have been training very hard and will be eager to win first bragging rights after a long absence from test match ruaby.

A big thank you goes to sponsors and partners of our respective Unions. Your support to rugby through a very tough period, is critical to ensuring these contests survive. Not only are we grateful but we are proud to be associated with you all.

Our thanks go to Wellington Rugby and Sky Stadium for all the hard work that's gone into ensuring this afternoon's match is a great event for fans, partners and teams. We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the many volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this afternoon's match possible. Lastly, I want to thank the team of match officials without whom there would be no contest.

To all rugby supporters, whether you're watching the match at the ground or afar, thank you for getting behind our sport. I hope you all enjoy the rugby.

BILL OSBORNE New Zealand Rugby President

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It is moments like this that makes us appreciate the return of sport. The time away from rugby gives us the chance to reflect on what makes it so special, what we've missed, even down to the smallest detail. Something highlighted in a conversation we had with Sam Cane a few weeks ago: "What surprised me was how many friends, and friendships that you have within your team, and how much you miss the small chats before training when you're all lying around stretching, preparing for training; the chats in between the sets at the gym, and just a lot of the banter that goes with being in a sports team."

This sense of unity is what makes the All Blacks so unique to us watching from the stadium. It is a team that straddles respect for its legacy with ambition for its future. Something Sam Cane in particular has been reflecting on during his time away – "Successful regeneration is obviously not an easy thing to do, and over years, teams change, and often big chunks of the team move on. But that's the challenge of upholding a strong history and record.

"When you put on the All Black jersey, you're playing for something bigger than yourself, bigger than your current team; you're playing for everyone who's gone and played beforehand, and to be honest, it feels like you're playing for the majority of the country too."

But it's a challenge they don't shy away from. And they'll be looking to put on a show for us all. Beauden Barrett, Aaron Smith and Sam Cane and team, will showcase the imagination and passion maintained through the pause in sport, that has enabled the All Blacks stay at the top of the game.

Now they are ready for sport once more, this match perhaps means something to each of us that we haven't had in recent years. That true excitement of when the whistle blows. Of almost seeing it renewed. How it can make us feel. How it can bring people together. Safely of course.

So the All Blacks are ready. And raring to go. And so, are we. We hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the game.

Join us @adidasrugby in showing the team our collective support with the hashtag #ReadyForSport

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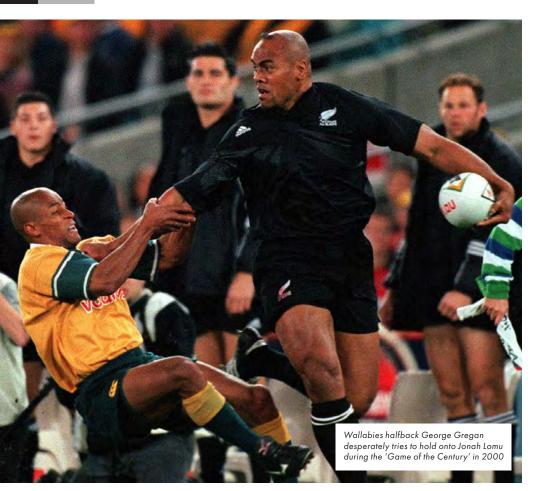
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EDITORIAL: ALL BLACKS v WALLABIES

JIM KAYES

It's the best Bledisloe Cup Test I never got to see.

On another hot Spanish morning in July 1996, crammed into a two person tent with three others, I heard the chant echo around the campground at Pamplona.

"Forty three, six; forty three, six," rang out as the travelling Kiwis, in town for the Running of the Bulls, caught up with the result from Athletic Park.

The All Blacks had thrashed Australia in wet, boggy and cold conditions, playing superb rugby to score six unanswered tries with legends of the game Michael Jones, Jonah Lomu, Christian Cullen, Zinzan Brooke, Justin Marshall and Jeff Wilson on the score sheet.

It was a thumping, a hammering, an absolute thrashing and as the day wore on and the sangria took hold (again) we sang that scoreline again and again.

The All Blacks have beaten Australia 115 times but there were few wins as satisfying as that, especially as it was a decent Wallabies team with the likes of Tim Horan, John Eales, David Campese, Matt Burke, David Wilson, Owen Finegan, Dan Crowley, Ben Tune and Joe Roff in the starting XV.

They followed that win with another good one in Brisbane a few weeks later and, of course, went on to win a series in South Africa for the first time.

They were glorious days when an All Blacks team chock full of some of the game's greats were at their very best and playing superb rugby.

The rivalry has dimmed of late, the heat smothered by the All Blacks dominance. They haven't lost to Australia in New Zealand since 2000 and have held the Bledisloe Cup since 2003.

Mils Muliaina played 100 Tests for the All Blacks and never experienced life without the Bledisloe Cup.

He's not alone. Other great players like Kieran Read, Brad Thorn, Conrad Smith, Tony Woodcock, Julian Savea and Ben Smith came and went without ever watching the Wallabies drink from the cup that is said to hold 33 cans of beer.

When the Wallabies last retained the trophy New Zealand was a team of just under four million, Helen Clark was the PM, Kiwibank was formed and Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and IPhones didn't exist.

In three decades covering the All Blacks there are games that stand out and many more that blur, that fade like Kodak colour into a pale montage of memories.

Even some of the remarkable games, or moments within Tests, can get jumbled.

There was a Richie McCaw try saving corner tackle, in Brisbane I think, as he came off a spell out of the game injured, that was another reminder of his incredible engine and drive.

New Zealander plotting an All Blacks Bledisloe Cup defeat.

And All Blacks fans haven't always been kind to their own with Stephen Donald ridiculed for his performance in the loss to Australia in Hong Kong in 2010. Like Smith, he had the last laugh as he kicked the All Blacks to World Cup glory in the final in 2011.

The All Blacks have played Australia in 45 Bledisloe Cup Tests since lifting it in 2003 and there are some argue that losing it is overdue, that Australia need to win it again to breathe life back into the trans-Tasman tussle.

Some people don't like sporting dominance, winning streaks and great eras. They want the spoils shared around.

They say this as if Australians would feel the same way if the shoe were on the other foot. Hardly.

THEY WERE GLORIOUS DAYS WHEN AN ALL BLACKS TEAM CHOCK FULL OF SOME OF THE GAME'S GREATS WERE AT THEIR VERY BEST AND PLAYING SUPERB RUGBY

Who can forget Jerome Kaino stopping Lote Tuqiri and driving him back, or Quade Cooper's running problems with the All Blacks and Kiwi crowds.

There's the John Eales kick in 2000, the game of the century in Sydney and those last minute losses to the Aussies, one of which saw Wayne Smith sacked as coach (only for him to return a few years later and develop into one of our greatest).

There's been Spygate, sheep let loose in hotels, radio stations broadcasting outside the All Blacks accommodation, and haka controversies with Wallabies coach John Connolly once suggesting it was an incitement to violence and should be banned.

We've had Robbie Deans coaching them - and now have Dave Rennie at the helm, the second This is a new era for trans-Tasman rugby with Rennie not the only new head coach as Ian Foster takes over from Steve Hansen.

And this series comes in an unprecedented year where Covid-19 has wreaked havoc on just about everything, including the sporting calendar.

Sunday's Test will also be played against a backdrop of almost historic unrest off the field with arguments over the shape of Investec Super Rugby, The Rugby Championship, quarantining and getting the All Blacks home for Christmas.

It would be good then to have some normality in our lives.

Test rugby is back and what better way to celebrate that than with a convincing All Blacks win.





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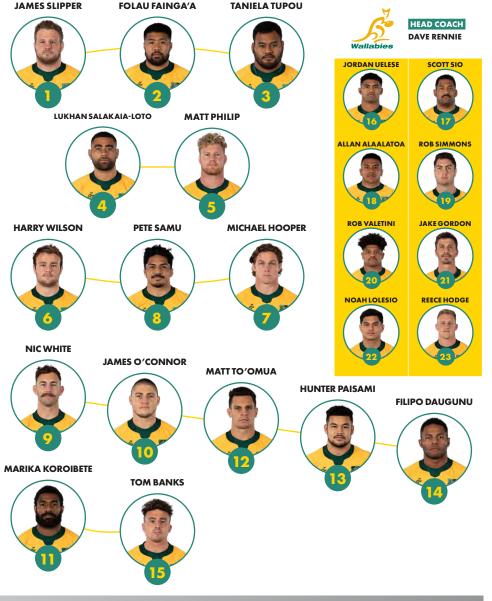
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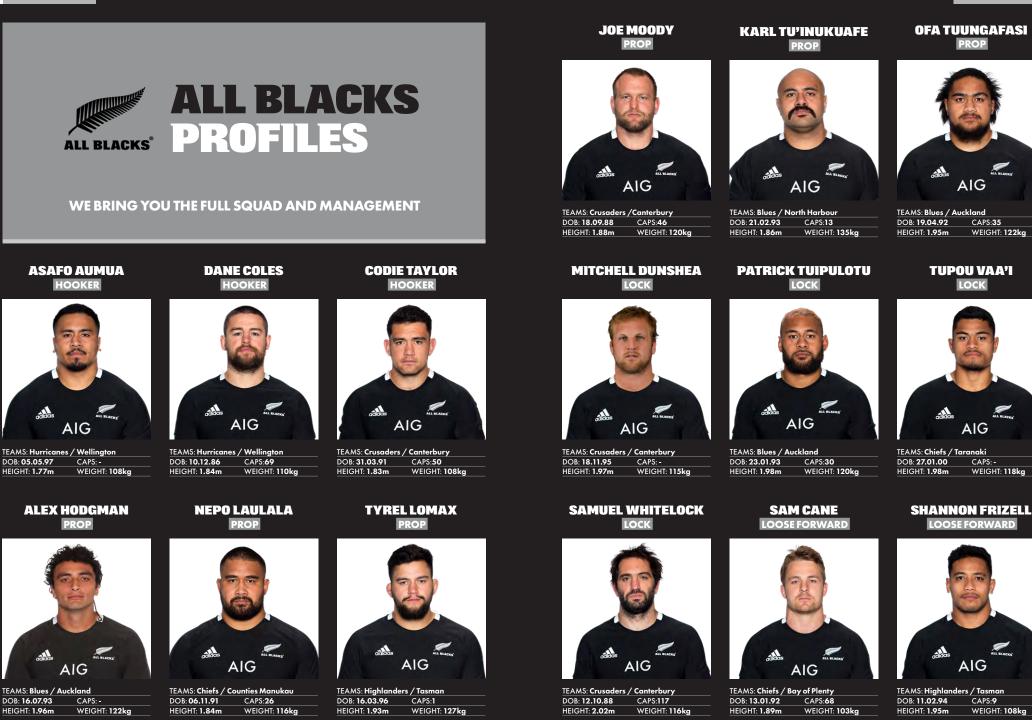
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ARDIE SAVEA LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Hurricanes / Wellington DOB: 14.10.93 CAPS:44 HEIGHT: 1.9m WEIGHT: 99kg





TEAMS: Highlanders / Manawatu DOB: 21.11.88 CAPS:92 WEIGHT: 83kg HEIGHT: 1.71m



LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Chiefs / Hawke's Bay DOB: 17.01.91 CAPS:5 HEIGHT: 1.72m WEIGHT: 75kg

TJ PERENARA HALFBACK



TEAMS: Hurricanes / Wellington DOB: 23.01.92 CAPS:64 HEIGHT: 1.84m WEIGHT: 94kg

BEAUDEN BARRETT

FIRST FIVE-EIGHTHS



TEAMS: Blues / Taranaki DOB: 27.05.91 CAPS:84 HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 91kg

RICHIE MO'UNGA FIRST FIVE-EIGHTHS



DOB: 25.05.94 CAPS:17

HEIGHT: 1.76m WEIGHT: 83kg







JACK GOODHUE

MIDFIELDER



TEAMS: Blues / Auckland DOB: 18.03.97 CAPS:29 HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 100kg HEIGHT: 1.89m WEIGHT: 102kg

RIEKO IOANE

MIDFIELDER

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JORDIE BARRETT

OUTSIDE BACK

TEAMS: Chiefs / Waikato DOB: 15.04.95 CAPS:44 HEIGHT: 1.85m WEIGHT: 96kg

GEORGE BRIDGE

OUTSIDE BACK

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NGANI LAUMAPE PETER UMAGA-JENSEN MIDFIELDER





TEAMS: Hurricanes / Manawatu DOB: 22.04.93 CAPS:13 HEIGHT: 1.71m WEIGHT: 103kg

TEAMS: Hurricanes / Wellington DOB: 31.12.97 CAPS:5 HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 102kg

WILL JORDAN

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MIDFIELDER

TEAMS: Hurricanes / Taranaki DOB: 15.02.97 CAPS:17 HEIGHT: 1.96m WEIGHT: 95kg

DAMIAN MCKENZIE

OUTSIDE BACK

AIG

TEAMS: Crusaders / Canterbury DOB: 01.04.95 CAPS:9 HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 96kg

SEVU REECE

OUTSIDE BACK

AIG

CALEB CLARKE OUTSIDE BACK



TEAMS: Blues / Auckland DOB: 29.03.99 CAPS: -HEIGHT: 1.89m WEIGHT: 107kg



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TEAMS: Crusaders / Tasman

DOB: 24.02.98 CAPS: -







HEIGHT: 1.75m WEIGHT: 81kg

TEAMS: Crusaders / Tasman DOB: 13.02.97 CAPS:7 HEIGHT: 1.79m WEIGHT: 87kg

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FOLAU FAINGA'A

HOOKER





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TEAMS: Brumbies

DOB: 05.05.95

HEIGHT: 1.78m

TEAMS: Reds DOB: 25.12.95 WEIGHT: 117kg HEIGHT: 1.83m





TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 18.04.97 HEIGHT: 1.81m WEIGHT: 87kg

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ALLAN ALAALATOA

WEIGHT: 106kg

TEAMS: Brumbies DOB: 28.01.94 HEIGHT: 1.82m WEIGHT: 120kg



WEIGHT: 122kg

TEAMS: Rebels

DOB: 24.01.97

HEIGHT: 1.89m

JORDAN UELESE

HOOKER

18

TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 04.10.20 HEIGHT: 1.92m WEIGHT: 118kg

HARRY JOHNSON-HOLMES PROP



TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 02.03.97 HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 111kg

TEAMS: Brumbies DOB: 06.06.89 HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 117kg

PONE FA'AMAUSILI



PROP





SCOTT SIO

PROP

JAMES SLIPPER

PROP



TEAMS: Rebels DOB: 26.02.97 WEIGHT: 130kg HEIGHT: 1.96m

TEAMS: Brumbies DOB: 16.10.91 HEIGHT: 1.87m

WEIGHT: 115kg

200

TEAMS: Reds DOB: 10.05.96 HEIGHT: 1.75m WEIGHT: 135kg

LUKHAN SALAKAIA-LOTO LOCK



TEAMS: Reds DOB: 19.09.96 HEIGHT: 1.98m WEIGHT: 121kg





TEAMS: Rebels DOB: 07.03.94 HEIGHT: 1.99m WEIGHT: 115kg





TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 19.04.89 HEIGHT: 2m WEIGHT: 115kg



JERMAINE AINSLEY

TEAMS: Rebels DOB: 08.08.95 HEIGHT: 1.8m WEIGHT: 121kg

TANIELA TUPOU PROP



TREVOR HOSEA LOCK





TEAMS: Reds

DOB: 19.02.99

HEIGHT: 1.84m

FRASER MCREIGHT

TEAMS: Rebels DOB: 24.11.99 WEIGHT: 117kg HEIGHT: 2.04m

LACHIE SWINTON LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 16.01.97 WEIGHT: 108kg HEIGHT: 1.95m

> **NED HANIGAN** LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 11.04.95 HEIGHT: 1.94m WEIGHT: 110kg

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LIAM WRIGHT

LOOSE FORWARD

WEIGHT: 102kg

TEAMS: Reds DOB: 06.11.97 HEIGHT: 1.93m WEIGHT: 97kg

PETER SAMU

LOOSE FORWARD

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WEIGHT: 101kg

HARRY WILSON

LOOSE FORWARD

TEAMS: Reds DOB: 22.11.99 HEIGHT: 1.95m WEIGHT: 108kg

MICHAEL HOOPER LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 29.10.91 HEIGHT: 1.82m WEIGHT: 101kg

ROBERT VALETINI LOOSE FORWARD



TEAMS: Brumbies DOB: 03.09.98 HEIGHT: 1.93m WEIGHT: 113kg **JAKE GORDON** HALFBACK



TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 06.07.93 WEIGHT: 85kg HEIGHT: 1.86m

> TATE MCDERMOTT HALFBACK



IRAE SIMONE

MIDFIELDER

TEAMS: Reds

TEAMS: Brumbies

DOB: 10.07.95

HEIGHT: 1.93m

DOB: 18.09.98 HEIGHT: 1.75m

Allen.

WEIGHT: 105kg

TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 30.07.99

TEAMS: Brumbies

DOB: 01.10.98

HEIGHT: 1.8m

WEIGHT: 83kg

LEN IKITAU

MIDFIELDER

JOE POWELL

HALFBACK

WEIGHT: 83kg

WILL HARRISON

FLY HALF

TEAMS: Brumbies

DOB: 11.04.94

HEIGHT: 1.77m



DOB: 10.04.98

HEIGHT: 1.8m

TEAMS: Rebels DOB: 02.01.90 HEIGHT: 1.82m WEIGHT: 90kg

NIC WHITE HALFBACK



TEAMS: Brumbies DOB: 13.06.90 HEIGHT: 1.73m WEIGHT: 84kg

> HUNTER PAISAMI MIDFIELDER



WEIGHT: 80kg

HEIGHT: 1.78m

WEIGHT: 90kg





TEAMS: Brumbies

DOB: 17.12.91

HEIGHT: 1.85m

NOAH LOLESIO MIDFIELDER





WEIGHT: 100kg

JORDAN PETAIA

OUTSIDE BACK

TEAMS: Rebels

DOB: 18.06.89

DANE HAYLETT-PETTY

TEAMS: Brumbies DOB: 18.12.99 HEIGHT: 1.8m

WEIGHT: 89kg

HEIGHT: 1.9m

JACK MADDOCKS JAMES RAMM **OUTSIDE BACK OUTSIDE BACK**



TEAMS: Waratahs DOB: 05.02.97 HEIGHT: 1.94m WEIGHT: 90kg

JAMES O'CONNOR UTILITY BACK



TEAMS: Reds DOB: 05.07.90 HEIGHT: 1.8m WEIGHT: 97kg



TEAMS: Waratahs

HEIGHT: 1.87m WEIGHT: 90kg

REECE HODGE

UTILITY BACK

DOB: 30.04.98

TEAMS: Rebels DOB: 26.08.94 HEIGHT: 1.91m WEIGHT: 94kg



TEAMS: Reds

DOB: 14.03.00

HEIGHT: 1.9m WEIGHT: 98kg

TOM BANKS

UTILITY BACK

TEAMS: Brumbies DOB: 18.06.94 HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 93kg



FILIPO DAUGUNU

TEAMS: Reds DOB: 04.03.95 HEIGHT: 1.75m WEIGHT: 91kg

> **MARIKA KOROIBETE OUTSIDE BACK**



TEAMS: Rebels DOB: 26.07.92 HEIGHT: 1.8m WEIGHT: 93kg

TOM WRIGHT UTILITY BACK



TEAMS: Brumbies DOB: 21.07.97 HEIGHT: 1.86m WEIGHT: 98kg



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