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Hot Topic

NEW HAKA IS DARKER

The All Blacks performed a new haka in Dunedin, surprising the Springboks and the crowd with one they were heavily involved in creating, Kapa o Pango. Everyone was expecting the traditional Ka Mate, but the All Blacks sank to their knees instead of slapping their thighs, and the crowd began to cheer excitedly as the South Africans' eyes widened. A minute later, as the new routine

finished with a throat-slitting gesture of unmistakeable meaning, the Carisbrook crowd roared its approval. All Black captain Tana Umaga says that the team wanted to make a contribution to the team's multicultural heritage. But he emphasised that Kapa o Pango would only be performed occasionally. "We might mix it up a bit, but Ka Mate is still central to the All Blacks culture," he said.

Kia whaka whenua au i ahau! Hi aue, hi!
Ko Aotearoa e ngunguru nei!
Au au aue ha!
Ko kapa o pango e ngunguru nei!
Au au aue ha!
I ahaha, ka tu te ihihi, ka te tu wanawana!
Ki runga ki te rangi e tu iho nei, tu iho nei, hi!
Ponga ra! Kapa o Pango! Aue hi!
Ponga ra! Kapa o Pango! Aue hi, ha!

Let me become one with the land at this moment.
This, our land that rumbles.
It's my time, my moment.
This rumbling defines us as All Blacks.
It's my time, my moment.
We will triumph because of our greater strength.
To be properly revered, placed on high...
Silver Fern! All Blacks!
Silver Fern! All Blacks!

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ADVANCE AUSTRALIA'S SPARES

The Wallabies have been forced to name a completely rearranged side to face the All Blacks at Eden Park on Saturday night. Their horror run of injuries means they start the final Tri Nations test missing eight of the players who started against South Africa in the first Nelson Mandela Challenge Plate test in July.

The Team is: 15-Drew Mitchell, 14-Mark Gerrard, 13-Clyde Rathbone, 12-Morgan Turinui, 11-Lote Tuqiri, 10-Mat Rogers, 9-George Gregan (c), 8-George Smith, 7-Phil Waugh, 6-Rocky Elsom, 5-Mark Chisholm, 4-Nathan Sharpe, 3-Al Baxter, 2-Brendan Cannon, 1-

Bill Young.

Reserves: 16-Adam Freier, 17-Matt Dunning, 18-Alex Kanaar, 19-John Roe, 20-Chris Whitaker, 21-Lachlan McKay, 22-Lloyd Johansson.

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ALL BLACKS TEAM AGAINST AUSTRALIA

The Team is: 15-Mils Muliaina, 14-Doug Howlett, 13-Tana Umaga (c), 12-Aaron Mauger, 11-Joe Rokocoko, 10-Leon MacDonald, 9-Piri Weepu, 8-Rodney So'oialo, 7-Richie McCaw, 6-Sione Lauaki, 5-Ali Williams, 4-Chris Jack, 3-Carl Hayman, 2-Keven Mealamu, 1-Tony Woodcock.

Reserves: 16-Derren Witcombe, 17-Greg Somerville, 18-James Ryan, 19-Marty Holah, 20-Kevin Senio, 21-Luke McAlister, 22-Conrad Smith.

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GREGAN 'THE GREATEST'

Wallaby skipper George Gregan has received some timely support from an unexpected quarter. "He is probably the greatest Wallaby ever," All Black assistant coach Wayne Smith said yesterday. "He has been involved in some of their greatest test victories. He is a warrior, you never get on top of him. He has got a huge spirit and you can't say much more than that. Form comes and goes, but his soul and depth of spirit have seen him return to the top before. He knows the drums have been beating for him for a decade probably, from time to time. He just keeps fronting. I would say, because of the character of the man, it probably inspires him more than anything."

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SMIT NOT TALKING

Springbok captain is not speaking to the media until an investigation into allegations of racist remarks has been properly investigated. But it seems he will be exonerated anyway. The Samoan bouncer working at Hugo's, the Sydney nightclub in the centre of the storm, has also gone under. Apparently he wants to distance himself from the alleged incident and may even withdraw the complaint against the Bok captain. At least six Springboks accompanying Smit that night have spoken to newspapers rubbishing the claim, and a manager at Hugo's has said that neither Smit nor any other Springbok had been involved in an incident. "Smit and some of his team-mates were here," said Juri Menicca, "but they were not involved in any incidents. As far as we are concerned, nothing happened."

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EXTENDING THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

In August the boards of the Australian and New Zealand Rugby Unions held a joint meeting in Sydney, discussing a range of issues affecting both unions. Most striking was the convivial atmosphere. The mood was set by new ARU Chairman Dilip Kumar, at whose instigation this meeting took place. "After the issues surrounding hosting rights in 2003," Kumar told RugbyEnews, "the relationship had foundered a little and there was still a little unspoken tension. The two unions hadn't even gotten together for their traditional pre-Bledisloe meal. Clearly, that's not the way to go in the professional era." New Zealand showed its 2011 World Cup bid presentation to the Australian board, minus the financial details. "Our board has seen all three presentations now," says Kumar. "We were very, very impressed with New Zealand's. Quite stunning. A stadium of four million people is quite a compelling thought. The

government support for the New Zealand bid is total, there is even a World Cup Minister. Here in Australia, struggling as we do to gain exposure with other sports so high in profile, our rugby community is openly envious. We have so much to learn from New Zealand, and are in fact unashamedly copying them in many regards." Kumar formally acknowledged New Zealand's help historically. "There was a time in the amateur era when Australian rugby was very poor and could not afford to tour. New Zealand came and played in Australia and helped us enormously. I don't believe New Zealand had ever been formally thanked for that, and I made a point of doing so in my speech." Kumar says he hoped the forum would become a regular fixture in the calendars of both unions. NZRU Chairman Jock Hobbs wholeheartedly supported that idea. "More regular meetings would be very helpful," he said. "We're both very aware that we're stronger together than apart." Hobbs likes Kumar's style, and agrees that he has made a difference. "When Dilip formally thanked the New Zealand union, we were all very appreciative of that. It was a charming and very meaningful gesture." He echoed Kumar's statement about the strong relationship. "It's been important not to have a feeling of some hatchet needing to be buried in the air." When told that Kumar had spoken to RugbyEnews about how impressed the Australian board were with the New Zealand bid presentation, Hobbs was openly chuffed. "That's very pleasing to hear. Australia's two votes will be crucial in November."

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OLD RIVALRY IN GOOD HEART

The Springboks return to Currie Cup action over the next few weeks knowing they can compete away from home and have completely regained the respect of the rugby world.

They came agonisingly close to toppling the All Blacks at Carisbrook for the first time in 84 years and seven tests. A win would have marked their first success in New Zealand since 1998. "As a coach, losing is not an option and not something to be proud of, but all credit to the players. Most sides would have got a hiding at 21-10, but this is a special team. You don't go from sixth to second in the world in 18 months otherwise. That's something to be proud of," says coach Jake White, sentiments echoed by the admirable John Smit. White lamented the missed tackles most of all. Graham Henry paid tribute to the Springboks when he felt they weren't being credited enough post-match. "We have to say South Africa are a very good rugby team. The old rivalry is back, it's huge and it's marvellous. They should feel satisfied with what they've tried to do. We feel we were the better side and constructed the tries that won the game," he said. Henry received the traditional congratulatory visit (from the losing coach) by White after the match.

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OLIVER AND KELLEHER STAY PUT

Two vastly experienced players are boosting New Zealand rugby by signing new deals.

The injured Anton Oliver has re-signed with the NZRU until the end of the 2007 World Cup, while Byron Kelleher has renewed his Waikato contract and will stay in Hamilton for at least the next two years. Closing in on his 30th birthday, Oliver has his eye on that World Cup. "I appreciate the faith the selectors have shown in me. The ball is now in my court," says Oliver, who injured his calf in the latter stages of the Super 12 with a resurgent Highlanders.

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ZIMBABWE RECORD TOP NINE WIN

Zimbabwe gained some measure of revenge over Uganda following recent Rugby World Cup qualifier defeat with a 13-5 win over their African neighbours in the CAR Top Nine competition. Their win away against Uganda sees them move up three places to 47th

in the latest rankings. Uganda drop two places to 63rd but have the satisfaction of having progressed to the next round of RWC 2007 qualifying. The other matches in the pool see Zimbabwe take on a South African XV on 17 September and South Africa play Uganda on 1 October. Pool C's matches were staged in April and May 2005, Morocco finishing top ahead of Kenya and Tunisia. Pool B will be contested in September and October by Ivory Coast, Madagascar and Namibia.

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FIJI BANS CAUCAUNIBUCA

The Fiji Rugby Union has given wing Rupeni Caucaunibuca a year-long ban from test rugby, after the star repeatedly failed to join the national team for its matches in June and July. Just prior to Fiji's match against New Zealand Maori in June, Rupeni told Fijian coach Wayne Pivac that he had to return to his village in Bua to fulfil customary duties. He then missed a World Cup qualifier against Samoa, leaving Nadi International Airport ostensibly to attend to his wife's toothache but not leaving before picking up his pay packet. Caucaunibuca will now miss Fiji's tour of Europe and the Pacific Tri Nations championship in 2006, but will be available to play club rugby for Agen.

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NEW ZEALAND EXTEND RANKINGS LEAD

New Zealand have strengthened their grip on first place in the IRB world rankings after their victory over South Africa in the Tri Nations last weekend. The All Blacks, who could have been overtaken by the Springboks had they lost the game in Dunedin, are now 2.96 ratings points ahead of last year's Tri Nations champions. Before the game, South Africa were 1.95 points adrift.

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IRB 2005 AGE GRADE EVENTS DRUG FREE

The IRB Under 19 and Under 21 World Championships for 2005, held in March and June respectively, saw a record number of doping controls conducted, all of which returned negative. The Under 19 tournament involved over 620 players from 24 countries and underwent a total of 205 tests, the largest number ever conducted at this level of the game. Testing was complemented by an extensive education initiative featuring a seminar and anti-doping information desks set up in team hotels. Furthermore, the event also acted as the launching pad for the IRB's "Keep Rugby Clean" campaign, in partnership with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The IRB Under U21 World Championship, which features older players with prior experience of IRB anti-doping procedures, saw 92 tests conducted across the 12 participating unions. The IRB does have a concern with the number of age group players taking nutritional supplements. A brochure developed by WADA is available for download at:

http://www.wada-ama.org/rtecontent/document/ds_engli_sh.pdf

It will help guide athletes in understanding the issues surrounding nutritional supplements.

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RWC 2007 TICKETING STATEMENT

Rugby World Cup Ltd (RWCL) would like to make it clear that tickets for Rugby World Cup 2007 are not yet on sale. The Official Travel Agents and Official Hospitality Sales Agents for Rugby World Cup 2007 are in the process of being appointed. These

appointments will be finalised by the end of 2005. Any organisation selling or purporting to sell tickets in the marketplace is doing so without RWCL authorisation. Such parties do not have tickets for Rugby World Cup 2007. Announcements on ticketing strategy, including ticket sales and Official Travel Agents and Hospitality Sales Agents and all Official distribution networks will be made by RWCL and the Host Union (France) before the end of the year. To avoid disappointment, RWCL recommends that fans, clubs and private corporations should only purchase tickets from the Host Union's Official distribution networks and the official Travel Agents and Hospitality Sales Agents for Rugby World Cup 2007 (who will be announced towards the end of 2005). These are the only parties who will be authorised to sell tickets for the Rugby World Cup 2007. Tickets purchased from other sources may be liable to cancellation and may not, therefore, allow entry to Rugby World Cup 2007 matches.

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This Week

Saturday 3 September 2005

Competition	Home	Away
CAR Top 9	Cote d Ivoire	Namibia
Tri Nations	New Zealand	Australia

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Last Week

Saturday 27 August 2005

Competition				
Tri Nations	New Zealand	31 d	South Africa	27
Tri Nations	Zimbabwe	13 d	Uganda	5

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IRB World Rankings

(as at Monday 29 August 2005)

Rank	Country
1	New Zealand

2	South Africa
3	Australia
4	France
5	Wales
6	England
7	Ireland
8	Argentina
9	Scotland
10	Fiji
11	Italy
12	Samoa
13	Canada
14	USA
15	Uruguay
16	Japan
17	Portugal
18	Romania
19	Georgia
20	Tonga
21	Morocco
22	Korea
23	Namibia
24	Czech Republic
25	Chile

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