

September 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Mark,

**A warrior fights with courage, not with anger. African proverb**

From the four (plus) corners of the greatest continent in the World, AFRICA We wish You, The Springboks well. We stand by You as we love, respect and honour You and with all the collective strengths of our Gods and our Ancestors We pray for You!

You are “Our” World Champions (1995, 2007 and 2019) .... all 1.3 billion of us. You give us hope and send the message that the rainbow stretches from Ras ben Sakka (most northerly point of Africa) to the Cape Agulhas (South Africa) and from Cape Verde Peninsula (most westerly point of Africa) to Xaafuun (Hafun) Point, near Cape Gwardafuy, Somalia (most Easterly point of Africa).

Rugby Africa watched with keen interest as head coach Jacques Nienaber named the South Africa Rugby World Cup squad and we knew that this squad would be ready for the battle. Winners all. What will the opposition squad do with seven mighty forwards on the bench

**FORWARDS.**

**Props.**

VINCENT KOCH  
OX NCHÉ  
FRANS MALHERBE  
TREVOR NYAKANE  
STEVEN KITSHOFF

**Hookers**

BONGI MBONAMBI  
MALCOLM MARX

**Locks**

MARVIN ORIE  
RG SNYMAN  
JEAN KLEYN  
EBEN ETZEBETH

**Back-rows**

MARCO VAN STADEN  
JASPER WIESE  
KWAGGA SMITH  
PIETER-STEPH DU TOIT  
DUANE VERMEULEN  
SIYA KOLISI (CAPTAIN)

**BACKS**

**Scrum-halves**

FAF DE KLERK  
JADEN HENDRIKSE  
GRANT WILLIAMS  
COBUS REINACH

**Fly-halves**

MANIE LIBBOK  
DAMIAN WILLEMSE

**Centres**

ANDRE ESTERHUIZEN  
JESSE KRIEL  
DAMIAN DE ALLENDE

**Back - three**

CANAN MOODIE  
CHESLIN KOLBE  
MAKAZOLE MAPIMPI  
KURT-LEE ARENDSE  
WILLIE LE ROUX

**Utility forwards**

FRANCO MOSTERT

DEON FOURIE

Mark from the tribes of the Zulu, Masaai, Berbers, Fula People, Nubians, Somalis, Oromo People, Shona People, Habesha Peoples and my own Ashanti representing some of the most famous warriors in our history, we are ready to share and carry your pain and propel you to victory.

We are proud of You.



Herbert President

President Africa Rugby