

September 10th 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 Aglhas (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