

McCarthy Sums Up

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four some of the Springboks asserted that that kick of Don Clarke's was a psychological one so far as they were concerned. As he was placing the ball for his prodigious kick they said to themselves: "Just a country hick showing off to the crowd." But as the Clarke kick soared higher and nearer their eyes nearly shot out of their heads. As the ball passed just outside the posts with plenty of clearance they all gasped in astonishment, and word was quickly passed around to be careful not to infringe anywhere within the region of half-way. With Mooloo bells and forwards and Clarkes the Springboks surely had a fill of Waikato. They were told by well-wishers: "Don't worry. You won't strike forwards like that again in New Zealand." I'm sure they would have liked to have got hold of some of those well-wishers after the game against North Auckland and buried them head down in the Waikato mud. . .

told me, "we played as we played in South Africa. That is how Rugby should be played." It would have been useless to have told them that the Maoris were too poor to be believed. . . I well remember mentioning to some of our pressmen and supporters that night that the Maori match had lost the final Test for South Africa. They were like children in their exuberance. But still more, from their point of view they had gained an exalted opinion of Pee-wee Howe as a fly-half. . . I am sure Dr. Craven was over-ruled in the selection committee. He was too acute not to have seen what was so obvious. However, there was still a match to play before the Test, that against Counties at Rotorua. Many rumours had circulated as to what was going to happen to Kevin Skinner in that match. . . Well, nothing did. . . I am of the opinion that had we not had Skinner to anchor the front row in both the third and fourth Tests we could not have won. . .

DON CLARKE: One kick went a long way towards winning the game at Hamilton



There was one very big thing that came out of the Maori match. The Springboks were tremendously elated over that victory—tremendously. They felt that at last they had struck the form they had been striving to find the whole tour. But they still disregarded the fact that their forwards were not playing as they should. "Today," they

What have we learned from the Springboks of 1956? Early on Dr. Craven told us he intended playing open football. He added a rider to that, though, when questioned as to whether that was to be the policy of the team for the tour. And you will remember that the rider he added was "if it suits us." The Springboks had good forwards, but I feel that they at no stage were

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