

# KINGS of RUGBY

## The 1959 Lions' Tour & Series and the Lives Beyond

LIMITED EDITION BOOK SIGNED BY ALL THE SURVIVING ALL BLACKS & LIONS

### There has NEVER been a book like this

Here some of the legendary players who featured in the 'Battle for the World Crown' ...

Don Clarke, Colin 'Pinetree' Meads, Peter Jones, Kel Tremain, Wilson Whineray, 'Tiny' Hill, Terry Lineen, Ross Brown, Ian Clarke, Ron Hemi for the All Blacks ...

And Tony O'Reilly, Peter Jackson, Ken Scotland, David Hewitt, Bev Risman, Dickie Jeeps, Ronnie Dawson, Hughie McLeod, Noel Murphy, Rhys Williams for the Lions ...

"Never before and never again" is quite a call. But Father Time waits for no man. A few of these Legends have passed on. Forty-three remained alive when this project began. The

survivors are mainly in their 80s. Even the brilliant Lions' centre, David Hewitt – the 'baby' of the series at 19 years of age – is now "an the old-age pensioner," as he told the author, Paul Verdon.

In producing *Kings of Rugby*, a collector's piece of intrinsic and historical value has been created. It's all about quality – and quantity! This is a world first. Never before has such a project been achieved. All the All Blacks and all the Lions participated. One participant has since died, meaning the feat can never be replicated.

Now you're beginning to see the uniqueness of this collection. It's already been called

"a piece of Bradman-esque memorabilia."

Meanwhile, among the many records set by the 1959 Lions, their feat as the highest-scoring international team ever to tour New Zealand, will never be beaten.



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### These Lions still hold many records

The 1959 All Black-Lions' test series was one of the most controversial in history.

The huge crowds – bigger than the record numbers who'd witnessed the Springbok series only three years earlier – were testimony to the way the tourists captured the public's imagination.

Sixty-three thousand spectators – more than will be at the 2011 World Cup final – packed Eden Park for the fourth test, even though the series was by then decided. And people were left wondering: just who really were the Kings of Rugby?

Has rugby ever known, before or since, a team that announced all-round genius as did these Lions? The tourists played scintillating, exhilarating and glorious rugby on the tour. All Black captain Wilson Whineray told the author they were "potentially the finest side I ever played against."

Against this red tide, the All Blacks had among their trump cards, one Don Clarke – the greatest goal-kicker the world has ever known – and a strong desire to hold onto the 'world crown' they'd wrested from the Springboks.

The Lions scored 845 points on their five-month tour – remarkably rivalling the mythical 1905 All Black Originals' 868 points (both teams played 33 matches overall).

The Lions remain the highest-scoring side ever to tour Down Under. Individual records, such as

Tony O'Reilly's 17 tries in New Zealand, and others, are unlikely ever to be broken.

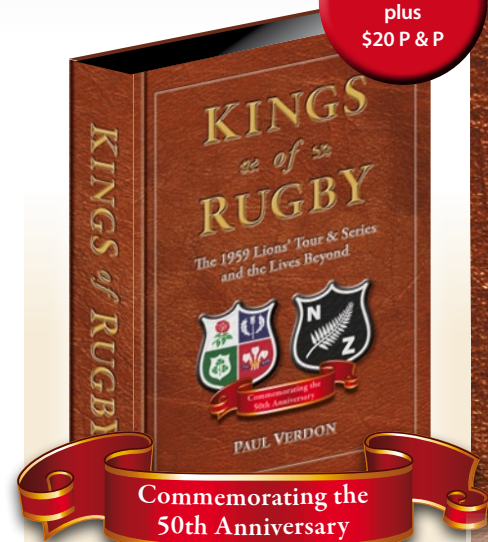
In *Kings of Rugby*, the wonderful story of the Lions' tour and the test series is told through the eyes of the players and the journalists and 'fans' who witnessed the tour – both when the tour took place and looking back a half-century in time. Beautiful, prolific photography sets off this remarkable book.

### It's a beautiful presentation

The presentation of *Kings of Rugby* reaches new standards. YOUR book comes in a handsome presentation – an embossed, laminated edition, with gold foil blocking. It sits snugly contained inside a lined 'cigar box' (lift-up top) outer shellcase.

The covers are padded. Superb gold and bronze leather-look colours are involved (the 'crazed' leather-look is reproduced here on this brochure for YOU to judge).

There is a certificate of authenticity (signed by the author) and a written guarantee that it is restricted to only 490 copies (all the former players received a limited-edition book) worldwide. Each edition is numbered and there is a money-back guarantee.



### ALL PLAYERS SIGNED

ALL the surviving former players signed

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#### THE LIONS

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