



twinkle around their muscle-bound equivalents.

### What happened next?

The All Black coach resigned a week later, then New Zealand tilted up and slid quietly under the sea in despair.

### What else?

Some reckon it's the greatest match ever. On the other hand...

## ♥♥ Greatest game ever?

I was there.

### What? Where?

It's what everyone says. Only 109,874 people could actually fit into the Sydney Olympic Stadium on 15 July, 2000 but several million reckon they did.

### What was going on, then?

Only the Wallaby-All Black Bledisloe Cup match described as The Greatest Game Ever. By everyone who was there, obviously.

### Why was it so good?

Ten tries, Lomu at his best, game played at an insane pace, see-sawing scoreline - that sort of thing.

### But who won?

Rugby, mate, Rugby. And the All Blacks, 39-35.

## ♥♥ The '99' call of '74

### What's that, then?

On the 1974 British Lions tour of South Africa, Lions captain Willie John McBride got fed up with Springbok dirty play, and the biased refereeing.

### So what, mate?

He instigated the the notorious "99 call", whereby at the sound of the shout, "99", all 15 Lions would stop what they were doing and belt the nearest

# They said it ...

You don't like to see hookers going down on players like that.

*Murray Mexted*

As Phil de Glanville said, each game is unique, and this one is no different to any other.

*John Sleightholme*

Now he can run - but not if he hasn't got any legs.

*Bill McLaren*

Japan are an emerging team who have never emerged.

*Clem Thomas*

There's nothing that a tight forward likes more than a loosie right up his backside.

*Murray Mexted*

If you didn't know him, you wouldn't know who he was.

*Nigel Starmer-Smith*

Zinzan Brooke is as crafty as a bag of weasels.

*Bill McLaren*

It shows what a hot seat that number nine jersey has been.

*Nigel Starmer-Smith*

I don't want to sit on the fence, but it could go either way.

*Maurice Banford*

That could have made it 10-3 and there's a subtle difference between that and 7-3.

*Bill McLaren*

Remember that Rugby is a team game; all 14 of you make sure you pass the ball to Jonah.

*Fax to the All Blacks before the 1995 World Cup semi-final.*

He's like a needle in a haystack, this man - he's everywhere.

*Ray French*

Everybody knows that I have been pumping Martin Leslie for a couple of seasons now.

*Murray Mexted*

An easy kick for George Fairburn now but, as everybody knows, no kicks are easy.

*David Doyle-Davidson*

He could sniff a scoring chance like a forest animal.

*Bill McLaren*

It was great touring with Queenslanders because it always ensured that there were some terrific banjo players in the team.

*Simon Poidevin*

And there's Kenney, who at times looks almost like his double.

*Nigel Starmer-Smith*

He's looking for some meaningful penetration in the backline.

*Murray Mexted*

Don't ask me about emotions in the Welsh dressing room. I'm someone who cries when he watches Little House on the Prairie.

*Welsh second rower Bob Norster*

Doesn't the crowd just love seeing a big fat guy running on the wing?

*Greg Martin, on Waratahs prop Matt Dunning*

Jonah Lomu went clean through Tony Underwood like an enraged bison.

*Bill McLaren*

A pressure kick for Andrew with Brown breathing down his throat.

*Nigel Starmer-Smith*

Both referees are having bad games. Mr Turner's having a shocker and George Gregan isn't doing much better!

*Darryl Brohman*

The relationship between the Welsh and the English is based on trust and understanding. They don't trust us and we don't understand them.

*Dudley Wood*

[Wendell Sailor] is overpaid and ... can't tackle ...

*David Campese*

How rich is that? This coming from a bloke who could be passed off as a turnstile. The bloke should go live in Holland and make his living as a windmill.

*Sailor replies*

# ... some regretted it!