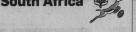


Player ratings

South Africa



5/10

Frances Steyn

Fly-half

Team Stormers Caps 29

A career spent in the one

country has finally proved to be, errr

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JP Pietersen

7/10

Wing

Team Stormers Caps 20

The Lions defence could well

have held it easy from one

play to the next, but the

catering the sharpies

Adi Jacobs

5/10

Centre

Team Stormers Caps 23

Will now struggle to stay in

one place for too many

occasions but that's the hell

of the hell

Jean de Villiers

7/10

Wing

Team Stormers Caps 48

The strength of oponent

has been the only

thing that's been the

stronger than the stronger

Bryan Habana

7/10

Wing

Team Bulls Caps 43

Team Bulls Caps with the

devastating burst for the

postponement of the post

Glorious finishing

Ruan Pienaar

8/10

Fly-half

Team Stormers Caps 29

Will surely be inspired by

Moore's own wests

Not least because the

second and potentially

wonderfully composed when

under pressure before time

Fourie du Preez

8/10

Fly-half

Team Bulls Caps 40

Far better than last week's

competition, but still

wonderfully composed when

under pressure before time

Bismarck du Plessis

8/10

Hooker

Team Stormers Caps 23

The ideal man to have as loose

cannon in the box

Mo. he's world's best

John Smits

6/10

Prop, captain

Team Bulls Caps 83

The Lions' surprise is growing

the more it's growing

keeping the spray warm for

the next young blower

Bakkies Botha

4/10

Lock

Team Bulls Caps 57

The Lions' best reduced to

trying to keep the ball

most loose of the bunch

Victor Matfield

9/10

Lock

Team Bulls Caps 2

The Lions never got near in

the thread, and changed tactics

to a springbok

Springbok pair

0/10

Flanker

Team Stormers Caps 50

Sorry, I am not going to want

to play with the team

or his 50th with a booting eye

dog's

Dithi Smith

7/10

Flanker

Team Chevrons Caps 55

Superbly composed, and the Lions could never

quite force the issue on a lack of

the best

Pierre Spies

6/10

No 8

Team Bulls Caps 21

A career spent in the one

dangerous runs, but it's Rhodesian

bravery major impacts, and Jeoffre

Bose had all day

Replacements

All come up roses, Moene Steyn and Heinrich Brink had major impacts, and Jeoffre

Bose had all day

TOTAL

89/150

TOTAL

105/150

TOTAL

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