

## Today in History

16 September



### 1905 'Originals' kick off All Black tradition

New Zealand's first fully representative rugby team to tour the Northern Hemisphere was known as the 'Originals'. They won 34 of the 35 matches they played, and popularised both the haka and the 'All Black' nickname.

Australian and South African teams had toured Britain with considerable success in the previous few years, but many in the 'Home Countries' still saw themselves as superior players of a sport they had invented. But with their fitness intact after the long voyage from New Zealand, the All Blacks – given the name at this time because of the colour of their uniforms – hit the ground running, scoring an unprecedented 385 points in their first ten games in England. Their opponents had managed one dropped goal and one try between them.

Though scores fell off somewhat as injury, illness and fatigue took their toll, and the All Blacks struck stronger opposition, 31 of the 32 games in the United Kingdom were won. The exception was a 3-0 loss to Wales, in which Bob Deans (great-uncle of the current Wallabies coach) may have been denied a late equalising try by a portly referee unable to keep up with the play. Welsh teams gave the All Blacks their toughest games: the three top clubs were beaten by a combined score of just 20 points to 14.

Image: 1905/06 All Black team (DNZB)

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The Original All Blacks (Wikipedia)    Originals (NZ Rugby Museum)    Dave Gallaher (AllBlacks.com)    A man's country (Te Ara)    All Blacks (1966 encyclopaedia)    Dave Gallaher biography (DNZB)

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4 April 2001  
Silvia Cartwright becomes Governor General



5 April 1932  
Death of Phar Lap



6 April 1864 Pai  
Marire ambush in Taranaki



7 April 1856 First state secondary school opens in Nelson



8 April 1873  
Julius Vogel becomes Premier



9 April 1932  
Unemployed disturbances in Dunedin



10 April 1968  
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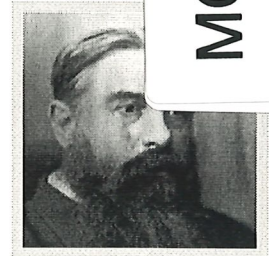
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