

# ALL FOR ONE

THE STORY OF THE BRITISH LIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 1891



## SYNOPSIS

When Bill Maclagan captained the first British touring team out to South Africa in 1891, the public were mesmerised by their handling skills. The bladder, they observed, was shifted from side to side like lightning. It was an exhibition as opposed to a contest, as the British conceded just a single try in 21 games.

But the South Africans would be quick to learn, and very soon it was the tourists who were struggling to win a series in South Africa.

For notwithstanding with warmth and hospitality of the South African people: the dry, hard fields; the physicality of its rugby, and its extreme politics, combined to make South

Africa perhaps the most inhospitable place on earth for a British player to run out onto a rugby field.

Over time, ships would give way to aeroplanes. Letters became telegrams and later emails and tweets. Much has changed between the tour of Maclagan and Wyn Jones. But plenty hasn't.

ALL FOR ONE is a story exploring 130 years of the British and Irish Lions in South Africa: The characters; the contests; the politics; the singing; and the sportsmanship, all of which have been woven into one of the great rivalries in sport.

## DETAILS

LENGTH:	70 MINS
PG:	14
INTERVAL:	NO
IMAGES:	YES
SOUND:	YES
Q&A:	OPTIONAL

## CORE MESSAGE

A story about the arrival and rise of rugby in South Africa, and the impact of politics on their rivalry with the British Lions.

## TESTIMONIALS

ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL – I REALLY, REALLY LOVED THAT. YOU ARE A TREASURE. | BRILLIANTLY ENTERTAINING | I HAVE TEARS IN MY EYES. YOUR ABILITY TO TURN HISTORY INTO A LIVING STORY IS AN ART FORM. THIS LIONS TALK IS PHENOMENAL | MICHAEL, GREAT SHOW. JUST SO GOOD. | INSPIRATIONAL! | A FASCINATING STORY! | POWERFUL AS ALWAYS. | THAT WAS MAGNIFICENT. | EXCELLENT! | THANKS MICHAEL, THAT WAS BRILLIANT! | SOUTH AFRICA NEEDS TO HEAR THIS. | IT WAS BRILLIANT!! | OUTSTANDING - THANK YOU MICHAEL! | AWESOME AS ALWAYS, THANKS MICHAEL | AWESOME! ANOTHER GREAT STORY & EVENT | THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE JOURNEY | WHAT A MARVELLOUS HOUR. | AN AMAZING TALK. | AMAZING STORY, THANKS, MICHAEL | ANOTHER WONDERFULLY ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE TALK. | BRILLIANT TALK. THANK YOU! | FANTASTIC, AND INSPIRATIONAL. | THIS WAS THE BEST INTRODUCTION TO A TEST MATCH I HAVE EVER HAD – AND I HAVE SEEN A LOT. | FASCINATING HISTORY, BRILLIANTLY PRESENTED. | AWESOME. | OUTSTANDING STORY AND JUST ADDS SO MUCH TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVERY LIONS TOUR. VERY SPECIAL. | WHAT AN AMAZING STORY | ANOTHER FANTASTIC PIECE. LOVED IT!! | BRILLIANT! | AN AMAZING HISTORICAL VIEW THANK YOU. | ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING MICHAEL! GONNA ENJOY TODAY'S GAME WITH NEW LENSES! | BEAUTIFUL, ANOTHER GEM! | FANTASTIC, THANKS A LOT! | EVERY TALK IS AMAZING, BUT THIS ONE HAD SO MUCH PACKED INTO IT. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT OR WHERE YOU FIND THESE STORIES, BUT BRINGING THEM TO LIFE IS A TREASURE. REALLY INSPIRING STUFF. | WONDERFUL. THANK YOU MICHAEL. | WATCHING FROM DUBLIN, AND LOVED THAT A LOT. LOVED THE HISTORY OF TOURS I WASN'T AWARE OF. | I AM VERY CHOKED UP. | UNREAL ... BUY A TICKET ... AND FIND A CURE FOR GOOSEBUMPS | JEEPERS THAT WAS AMAZING. LOVED THE REMINDER OF THE OLD SCHOOL VALUE IN THE GAME. | EXCELLENT - A PRIVILEGE TO LISTEN TO A PIECE OF HISTORY TOLD BY A WORLD CLASS STORY TELLER. | AWESOME MICHAEL, REALLY GREAT PERSPECTIVE. | THANK YOU, AWESOME PRESENTATION MICHAEL. | BRILLIANTLY DONE! | AWESOME INSIGHTS. MANY THANKS. | BRILLIANT MICHAEL. | THAT WAS REALLY AMAZING. | ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT. | A FASCINATING STORY. LOVED THE WAY YOU PULLED THE POLITICAL THREAD THROUGH IT TO MAKE IT MORE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL. | MASTERFUL STORY TELLING WITH SO MANY LOVELY ANECDOTES. | ANOTHER EPIC HUMAN STORY, BEAUTIFULLY DELIVERED.