

National and franchise coaches work together for All Blacks success

Administrators and coaches responsible for the fortunes of the Springboks have often looked enviously at what is happening in New Zealand, where the central union has more control over contracting and the management of players than is the case here.

According to *Supersport* website's Gavin Rich, the good relationship that the New Zealand national coach appear to have with the franchise coaches in their country may have played a role in the All Blacks following up their World Cup triumph with Castle Rugby Championship success.

All Black coach Steve Hansen had little hesitation in pointing to the close relationship between NZ national team coaches and the country's franchise coaches as one of the reasons his team has gone relatively untroubled through the international season, *Supersport* website reports. "In a contact sport like rugby there are always going to be injuries and you just have to accept that they are going to happen. They come with territory," Hansen said.

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