

### The Finals ~ By Thomas Winstanley

The clock was ticking as England were down by two it was looking like their finals were all over as New Zealand were leading 18-16 but there was still hope, hope that England could win the rugby world cup. Half time was approaching and New Zealand were looking undefeatable as they hadn't lost a match throughout this jaw dropping tournament. Everyone in the crowd was stood tall chanting as they watch the most intense game of the century. Hearts beating, people shouting and crowds roaring as the New Zealand captain upgrades the already close match to 22-16. All the pressure turns towards the New Zealand Full back as he needs to convert the score to 24-16. With the New Zealand fans screaming their hearts out and the English fans complaining the Full back steps back from the ball ready to attempt to convert the rugby world cup finals ball through the posts. He leans back swings his long sturdy legs and creates contact with the ball. Whilst the outstanding object is floating in mid-air time seemed to stop as if he makes it this could secure the world cup trophy. Every one's hearts are thumping as the ball passes straight through the posts and The New Zealand's end of supporters erupt into celebration. Minutes later out of the blue, the half time hooter whistled for the last time this year and all the players are applauded off. In the intense England locker room, the England coach sets into a mode of rage as he is truly disappointed with his side as they are not playing as practiced in the training drills. On the other side the New Zealand's coach is extremely proud of his as they are playing exceptional. The buzzer goes and notifies that it is the last half of the rugby world and that England are truly going to have to perform to take home the sacred trophy. England receive the ball at the start of this half and immediately get into action. Straight off the bat England fans erupt as they make the score 24-20. The England full back steps up as all English fans are up on their feet cheering the three lions on. Suddenly the ball is through the posts making it 24-22 with New Zealand kicking the ball to England. There is only twenty minutes left and New Zealand are playing nothing like they had been in the firsts half so England are capitalizing on their mistake and playing phenomenal. Out of nowhere the number 6 for the New Zealand side is sent off for a really bad tackle and England have the chance to score for the win with their penalty. In return to this penalty England reply with a try! The new score is 26-24 England! After a nervous few minute of arguing the referee lets them take the conversion and England Create the score 28-24. After this the hooter goes and England are crowned world champions!

