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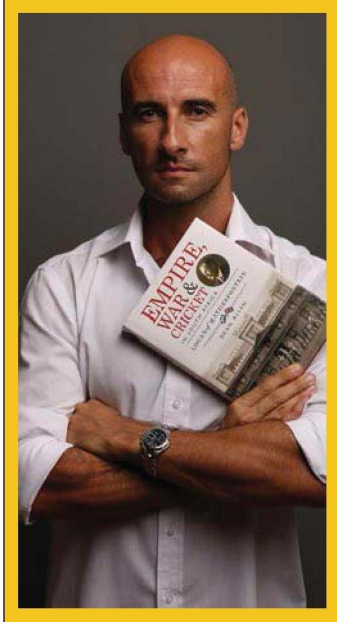

RHODES TO REDEMPTION

We chat to English author and academic Dean Allen about statues, sport and his genre-defying history *Empire, War & Cricket in South Africa* (Zebra Press)

WHAT TYPE OF RESEARCH DID YOU DO WHEN WRITING THE BOOK? The book is the product of 10 years of research that was used to inform my PhD. It took me to London and Australia, but the majority of my research was done in SA, at the Cape and national archives and the Karoo village of Matjiesfontein, where James Logan made his home.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO WRITE ABOUT LOGAN? His tale was historical gold. I discovered that he had been Cecil John Rhodes' confidante and was well known throughout the empire, but nobody had written a definitive history and there were no detailed records because he made his money so quickly.

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THE FURORE OVER THE RHODES STATUE? Statues are a visible reminder of the past. Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu once asked: "What is the good of history if you don't learn from it?" I don't glorify colonialism in the book and question the motives of people like Rhodes and Logan, but they also created a legacy that still stands today. The dialogue is healthy, as long as there is a respect for others' property and history.

HOW VITAL IS SPORT TO A HEALTHY SOCIETY? Sport is one of the most important things in society – they mirror each other in many ways. Under the surface, it is a money-making exercise, but even the British imperialists knew the power of sport in binding the empire together and uniting people. Of course, South Africans understand this better than most, having been witness to the 1995 Rugby and 2010 Fifa World Cups.

HAS SPORT ALWAYS BEEN SWAYED BY CLASS AND RACE? Very much so. Cricket represents a certain social strata. In 1894, Logan withdrew his support of the SA cricket team to tour England because Rhodes had refused to allow the selection of the best fast bowler in the country, Armien "Krom" Hendricks. As a coloured man, he was only allowed to bowl to the English in the practice nets. Rhodes said he feared the hosts would have him throwing boomerangs during the lunch interval, as an Aboriginal team had done several years earlier.

HOW ON EARTH DID A SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM TOUR ENGLAND DURING THE ANGLO-BOER WAR? The key is that it was a first-class tour with Logan as the private benefactor. He saw the opportunity to give his activities some publicity and ended up becoming the darling of the British press. The South Africans, with a predominantly Cape colonial team, won the majority of their games. Logan was touted as the "ideal colonialist" and was invited to King Edward II's coronation.

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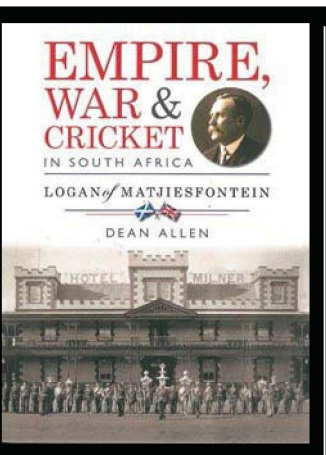

EMPIRE, WAR & CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA
By Dean Allen (Zebra Press, R220)

Allen's intimate portrait of Scottish colonialist, railwayman and cricket-lover James Logan manages to span academia, historical non-fiction, socio-political treatise and sporting tome, while remaining a gripping yarn. At a time when the remnants of the British Empire are on virtually every South African's lips, books like these offer a key to understanding our past and an insight into the future, both on and off the pitch. – EM

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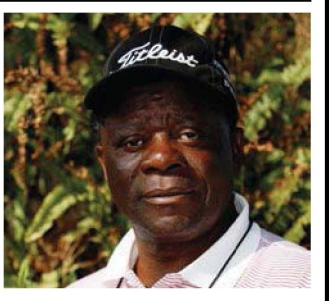
GOLF WRITTEN BY MICHAEL VLISMAS

THEO MANYAMA RULES!

SA golf will have its latest "Grand Slam champion" when veteran rules official Theo Manyama attends the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin, USA, this month



The 72-year-old Manyama has risen from the streets of Soweto to become one of world golf's most respected rules officials and a man known by the world's leading professional golfers, from Tiger Woods to Ernie Els and Miguel Ángel Jiménez.

His record at the Majors puts him in an elite club that has seen him officiate at 16 Masters, nine US Opens and 19 Open Championships. All of these have been consecutive appearances.

Despite several invites to officiate at golf's fourth Major, the PGA Championship, Manyama has been unable to attend due to a lack of financial support. However, this year, he will have his airfare paid for by the PGA of SA.

"I'm so grateful because I have some wonderful memories of the Majors," he says. "When Ernie Els won the 2012 Open at Royal Lytham & St Annes, I was with him on the 18th green. People watching on TV said the commentators were saying: 'That man next to Ernie is Theo Manyama, one of the best rules officials in golf.' It made me proud to add to the glory of our country at that moment," says Manyama.

> *"It's wonderful to be respected for your hard work."*

"I remember going up to Phil Mickelson once to give him a ruling and some of my friends watching on TV told me the commentators said: 'Oh, it's Theo Manyama. Phil is in good hands here.' It's wonderful to be respected for your hard work."