

The Numbers Game

25
million

The RWC record TV audience who watched the Brave Blossoms beat Samoa back in Japan

12

The years that had passed since Uruguay last played on the RWC stage

2,439

Points were scored at RWC 2015, giving an average of 51 per match

97 **271**

Tries scored in the 48 matches

Points scored by the top point scorer at RWC 2015, Argentina fly-half Nicolás Sánchez

17

Number of turnovers made by Wallabies number eight David Pocock in the tournament

2,477,805

Fans attended matches at RWC 2015

1.5
billion

The total social reach of the tournament

34 **2** **15**

Points scored by Japan as they caused the biggest upset of RWC history by beating South Africa

#RWC2015 was used twice a second throughout the tournament

Springbok winger Bryan Habana drew level with Jonah Lomu's record of RWC tries after scoring a hat-trick against USA in Pool B

8,741

Days between Japan's first and second RWC victories



Carter honoured after realising his Rugby World Cup dream



Daniel Carter, World Rugby Player of the Year 2015.

New Zealand fly-half Daniel Carter was named World Rugby Player of the Year in association with MasterCard at a star-studded awards ceremony in London on 1 November, a day after the All Blacks had beaten Australia 34–17 in the Rugby World Cup 2015 final at Twickenham to become the first nation to successfully defend the Webb Ellis Cup.

Carter joined his All Blacks captain and fellow test centurion Richie McCaw in becoming a three-time recipient of the prestigious accolade, having also been named Player of the Year in 2005 and 2012, and is the third New Zealander in a row to win the award after Kieran Read and Brodie Retallick in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

It was a fitting finale to Carter's illustrious career, the 33-year-old having been in inspired form as RWC 2015 progressed, determined to play a full

part in more All Blacks success having missed much of the 2011 tournament on home soil due to injury.

That burning desire was clear for all to see as the fly-half steered the ship through tricky encounters with his trusty boot and vision, providing a calming influence in the final as Australia fought back to 21–17 at one stage to ensure victory in his 112th and final test in the famous jersey.

Carter, who bowed out of international rugby with a world record 1,598 test points to his name and one final man of the match award, beat off stiff competition from a shortlist that featured his All Blacks team-mate and RWC 2015 top try-scorer Julian Savea, Australian flanker Michael Hooper and number eight David Pocock, Wales second-row Alun Wyn Jones and Scotland captain and scrum-half Greig Laidlaw.

"It's a dream come true," Carter admitted. "It's not why you play the game, for personal accolades, but at the same time it's very pleasing and a very proud moment because I've had to work extremely hard, especially these last two to three years with the injuries that I've had and the criticism that I've had from various people questioning if I was up to it or not."

"To come out fighting on the other side and achieve what I've achieved personally but also what the team's achieved, it has been a very special moment of my career. There's been a lot of amazing moments throughout my career, right from my first day as an All Black in 2003, when the dream became a reality, and to finish it on such a high is very special."



Kendra Cocksedge.

On a special evening celebrating a remarkable 2015 at Battersea Evolution, world champions New Zealand were named Team of the Year – for the sixth year in a row – and Michael Cheika the Coach of the Year after turning around Australia's fortunes in his 12 months at the helm of the Wallabies.

Carter and the All Blacks were not the only New Zealand winners on the night, though, with Kendra Cocksedge named World Rugby Women's Player of the Year after playing a leading role in the Black Ferns' success

in the inaugural Women's Rugby Super Series in Canada in July with victories over their hosts, the USA and world champions England.

Portia Woodman's reward for becoming only the fifth player in World Sevens Series history, men's or women's, to score more than 50 tries in a season as New Zealand defended their title and qualified for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio was to be named World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year.



Portia Woodman.



Julian Savea.

Two other winners were All Black wingers Nehe Milner-Skudder and Julian Savea, the latter receiving the IRPA Try of the Year award for his second try against France in the quarter-finals when he charged through three Les Bleus' players at the Millennium Stadium. His try was selected as the winner from a shortlist of six by guests at the World Rugby Awards, who voted for their favourite try during dinner.

A panel including George Gregan and Felipe Contepomi selected Milner-Skudder as the inaugural World Rugby Breakthrough Player of the Year, an award which recognises players who have made an impact in their first year of international rugby. After an impressive debut Super Rugby campaign with the Hurricanes, Milner-Skudder made his All Blacks debut in July and went on to score six tries at RWC 2015, including his side's first in the final at Twickenham.

"I just pinch myself every day to be in this set up and be an All Black and to get recognised like this alongside the other two players (Scotland's Mark Bennett and Georgia's Vasil Lobzhanidze)," admitted the 24-year-old. "Thinking back 12 months from where I am now, I definitely didn't picture myself sitting here with a World Cup medal and having this award here next to me so I'm just really thankful for all the support I've had along the way."

Another new award in 2015 was the Rugby World Cup Best Match Moment, a partnership between World Rugby and Facebook which engaged more than five million people. The clear winner was Japan's victory over South Africa on the opening weekend which sent shockwaves through the world of rugby when Karne Hesketh's try secured a 34–32 victory in Brighton. This moment beat off competition from Jonah Lomu's try-fest against England at RWC 1995, Jonny Wilkinson's drop goal in the RWC 2003 final and France's comeback victory over New Zealand at RWC 1999.

Among the other winners was South Africa's Werner Kok, who was overcome with emotion after being named World Rugby Sevens Player of the Year in association with HSBC. He had been instrumental in the Blitzboks finishing second in the men's series and securing qualification for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

Two former captains in Ireland's Brian O'Driscoll and Nathan Sharpe of Australia received the IRPA Special Merit award. O'Driscoll played 141 tests from 1999–2014, leaving a huge hole in the Ireland midfield when he retired as the most-capped player in test history. Sharpe was a RWC runner-up in 2003, just a year after making his debut and he bowed out a decade later with 116 caps to his name.

One of the biggest cheers of the night, perhaps surprisingly, was reserved for Nigel Owens when he received the World Rugby Referee Award only a

day after taking charge of the RWC 2015 final. The popular Owens is only the seventh to be given the honour of refereeing the game's showpiece match, but admitted his next assignment would be in a completely different environment to Twickenham – a community match back in Wales.

"It's pretty special being awarded the World Cup final and then to be awarded this as well really is special," Owens said. "There are a lot of other referees out there who are just as worthy if not more worthy than me, not only on the international stage but the referees who give up time in the week, Saturdays and Sundays just to referee kids games, who ensure games can go ahead and who probably don't get a thank you for it."

The first two awards of the night were the Vernon Pugh Award for Distinguished Service, presented to former England international turned commentator Nigel Starmer-Smith, and the Award for Character in association with Land Rover, which went to the Pakistan Rugby Union for the way the rugby community came together in a show of solidarity with a match held in Peshawar just two months after terrorist attacks had killed more than 150 people at the Army Public School in the city.

The Société Générale Dream Team, selected by a panel representing the professional and amateur games, was also unveiled on the night by Jonny Wilkinson. The team is: 1. Marcos Ayerza (Argentina) 2. Stephen Moore (Australia) 3. Ramiro Herrera (Argentina) 4. Eben Etzebeth (South Africa) 5. Leone Nakarawa (Fiji) 6. Mamuka Gorgodze (Georgia) 7. Schalk Burger (South Africa) 8. David Pocock (Australia) 9. Greig Laidlaw (Scotland) 10. Daniel Carter (New Zealand) 11. Julian Savea (New Zealand) 12. Matt Giteau (Australia) 13. Conrad Smith (New Zealand) 14. Nehe Milner-Skudder (New Zealand) 15. Ayumu Goromaru (Japan).

During RWC 2015, the World Rugby Hall of Fame also welcomed 26 new inductees, including posthumously Nelson Mandela at St James' Park in Newcastle ahead of the South Africa v Scotland match on 3 October. The former South African president provided one of the most iconic moments in RWC history when, in 1995, he presented the Webb Ellis Cup to the victorious captain Francois Pienaar wearing a Springbok jersey. Two weeks earlier, players from seven different countries and a wide array of backgrounds were inducted at Wembley Stadium ahead of the New Zealand v Argentina encounter, among them 18 captains of their country and RWC winners Tim Horan and Joost van der Westhuizen.

For more information on the World Rugby Awards and the Hall of Fame, visit www.worldrugby.org.



Nehe Milner-Skudder.

Roll of Honour

Rugby World Cup 2015: New Zealand

RBS Six Nations: Ireland

The Rugby Championship: Australia

RBS Women's Six Nations: Ireland

World Rugby Nations Cup: Romania

World Rugby Tbilisi Cup: Emerging Ireland

World Rugby Pacific Nations Cup: Fiji

World Rugby Pacific Challenge: Argentina Pampas XV

World Rugby U20 Championship: New Zealand

World Rugby U20 Trophy: Georgia

HSBC Sevens World Series: Fiji

World Rugby Women's Sevens Series: New Zealand

Aviva Premiership: Saracens

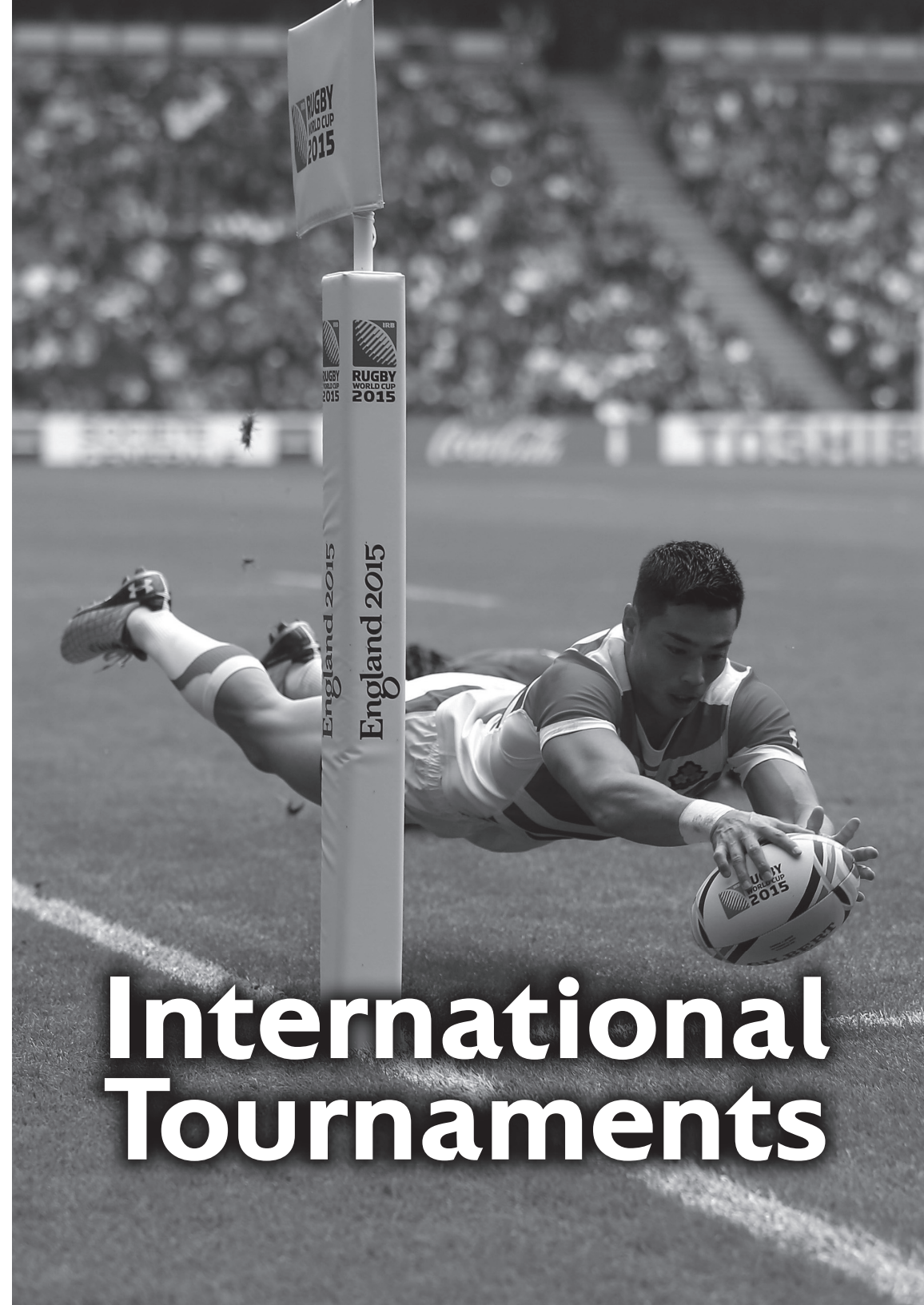
Top 14: Stade Français

Guinness PRO12: Glasgow Warriors

European Rugby Champions Cup: Toulon

European Rugby Challenge Cup: Gloucester

Super Rugby: Highlanders



International Tournaments

MATCH RECORDS

MOST POINTS IN A MATCH

BY A TEAM

145	New Zealand v Japan	1995
142	Australia v Namibia	2003
111	England v Uruguay	2003
108	New Zealand v Portugal	2007
101	New Zealand v Italy	1999
101	England v Tonga	1999

BY A PLAYER

45	SD Culhane	New Zealand v Japan	1995
44	AG Hastings	Scotland v Ivory Coast	1995
42	MS Rogers	Australia v Namibia	2003
36	TE Brown	New Zealand v Italy	1999
36	PJ Grayson	England v Tonga	1999
34	JH de Beer	South Africa v England	1999
33	NJ Evans	New Zealand v Portugal	2007
32	JP Wilkinson	England v Italy	1999

MOST TRIES IN A MATCH

BY A TEAM

22	Australia v Namibia	2003
21	New Zealand v Japan	1995
17	England v Uruguay	2003
16	New Zealand v Portugal	2007
14	New Zealand v Italy	1999

BY A PLAYER

6	MCG Ellis	New Zealand v Japan	1995
5	CE Latham	Australia v Namibia	2003
5	OJ Lewsey	England v Uruguay	2003
4	IC Evans	Wales v Canada	1987
4	CI Green	New Zealand v Fiji	1987
4	JA Gallagher	New Zealand v Fiji	1987
4	BF Robinson	Ireland v Zimbabwe	1991
4	AG Hastings	Scotland v Ivory Coast	1995
4	CM Williams	South Africa v Western Samoa	1995
4	JT Lomu	New Zealand v England	1995
4	KGM Wood	Ireland v United States	1999
4	JM Muliana	New Zealand v Canada	2003
4	BG Habana	South Africa v Samoa	2007
4	V Goneva	Fiji v Namibia	2011
4	ZR Guildford	New Zealand v Canada	2011

MOST CONVERSIONS IN A MATCH

BY A TEAM

20	New Zealand v Japan	1995
16	Australia v Namibia	2003
14	New Zealand v Portugal	2007
13	New Zealand v Tonga	2003
13	England v Uruguay	2003

BY A PLAYER

20	SD Culhane	New Zealand v Japan	1995
16	MS Rogers	Australia v Namibia	2003
14	NJ Evans	New Zealand v Portugal	2007
12	PJ Grayson	England v Tonga	1999
12	LR MacDonald	New Zealand v Tonga	2003

MOST PENALTY GOALS IN A MATCH

BY A TEAM

8	Scotland v Tonga	1995
8	France v Ireland	1995
8	Australia v South Africa	1999
8	Argentina v Samoa	1999

BY A PLAYER

8	AG Hastings	Scotland v Tonga	1995
8	T Lacroix	France v Ireland	1995
8	MC Burke	Australia v South Africa	1999
8	G Quesada	Argentina v Samoa	1999

MOST DROP GOALS IN A MATCH

BY A TEAM

5	South Africa v England	1999
3	Fiji v Romania	1991
3	England v France	2003
3	Argentina v Ireland	2007
3	Namibia v Fiji	2011

BY A PLAYER

5	JH de Beer	South Africa v England	1999
3	JP Wilkinson	England v France	2003
3	JM Hernández	Argentina v Ireland	2007
3	TAW Kotze	Namibia v Fiji	2011

FIRST TOURNAMENT: 1987
IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

POOL 1

Australia	19	England	6
USA	21	Japan	18
England	60	Japan	7
Australia	47	USA	12
England	34	USA	6
Australia	42	Japan	23

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	3	3	0	0	108	41	6
England	3	2	0	1	100	32	4
USA	3	1	0	2	39	99	2
Japan	3	0	0	3	48	123	0

POOL 2

Canada	37	Tonga	4
Wales	13	Ireland	6
Wales	29	Tonga	16
Ireland	46	Canada	19
Wales	40	Canada	9
Ireland	32	Tonga	9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	3	3	0	0	82	31	6
Ireland	3	2	0	1	84	41	4
Canada	3	1	0	2	65	90	2
Tonga	3	0	0	3	29	98	0

QUARTER-FINALS

New Zealand	30	Scotland	3
France	31	Fiji	16
Australia	33	Ireland	15
Wales	16	England	3

POOL 3

New Zealand	70	Italy	6
Fiji	28	Argentina	9
New Zealand	74	Fiji	13
Argentina	25	Italy	16
Italy	18	Fiji	15
New Zealand	46	Argentina	15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	3	3	0	0	190	34	6
Fiji	3	1	0	2	56	101	2
Argentina	3	1	0	2	49	90	2
Italy	3	1	0	2	40	110	2

POOL 4

Romania	21	Zimbabwe	20
France	20	Scotland	20
France	55	Romania	12
Scotland	60	Zimbabwe	21
France	70	Zimbabwe	12
Scotland	55	Romania	28

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	2	1	0	145	44	5
Scotland	3	2	1	0	135	69	5
Romania	3	1	0	2	61	130	2
Zimbabwe	3	0	0	3	53	151	0

SEMI-FINALS

France	30	Australia	24
New Zealand	49	Wales	6

THIRD PLACE MATCH

Wales	22	Australia	21
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First Rugby World Cup Final, Eden Park, Auckland, 20 June 1987

NEW ZEALAND 29 (1G 2T 4PG 1DG)

FRANCE 9 (1G 1PG)

NEW ZEALAND: JA Gallagher; JJ Kirwan, JT Stanley, WT Taylor, CI Green; GJ Fox, DE Kirk (*captain*); SC McDowell, SBT Fitzpatrick, JA Drake, MJ Pierce, GW Whetton, AJ Whetton, MN Jones, WT Shelford **SCORERS:** *Tries:* Jones, Kirk, Kirwan *Conversion:* Fox *Penalty Goals:* Fox (4) *Drop Goal:* Fox

FRANCE: S Blanco; D Camberabero, P Sella, D Charvet, P Lagisquet; F Mesnel, P Berbizier; P Ondarts, D Dubroca (*captain*), J-P Garuet, A Lorieux, J Condom, E Champ, D Erbani, L Rodriguez

SCORERS: *Try:* Berbizier *Conversion:* Camberabero *Penalty Goal:* Camberabero

REFEREE: KJV Fitzgerald (Australia)

21 March, Twickenham, London

ENGLAND 55 (7G 2PG) FRANCE 35 (2G 3T 2PG)

ENGLAND: M Brown; A Watson, J Joseph, L Burrell, J Nowell; G Ford, B Youngs; J Marler, D Hartley, D Cole, G Parling, C Lawes, J Haskell, C Robshaw (captain), B Vunipola

SUBSTITUTIONS: T Youngs for Hartley (53 mins); M Vunipola for Marler (63 mins); K Brookes for Cole (63 mins); D Cipriani for Watson (63 mins); N Easter for Parling (68 mins); T Wood for Haskell (68 mins); R Wigglesworth for B Youngs (72 mins); B Twelvetrees for Burrell (72 mins)

SCORERS: *Tries:* Youngs (2), Watson, Ford, Nowell (2), Vunipola *Conversions:* Ford (7) *Penalty Goals:* Ford (2)

YELLOW CARD: Haskell (57 mins)

FRANCE: S Spedding; Y Huget, G Fickou, M Mermoz, N Nakaitaci; J Plisson, S Tillous-Borde; V Debaty, G Guirado, N Mas, A Flanquart, Y Maestri, T Dusautoir (captain), B le Roux, L Goujon

SUBSTITUTIONS: B Kayser for Guirado (48 mins); R Slimani for Mas (48 mins); R Kockott for Tillous-Borde (49 mins); U Atonio for Debaty (61 mins); D Chouly for Goujon (63 mins); R Taofifenua for Maestri (68 mins); R Talès for Plisson (72 mins); M Bastareaud for Mermoz (72 mins); Debaty for Slimani (79 mins)

SCORERS: *Tries:* Tillous-Borde, Nakaitaci, Mermoz, Debaty, Kayser *Conversions:* Plisson (2) *Penalty Goals:* Plisson, Kockott

REFEREE: N Owens (Wales)

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Pure elation for the Italian players as a last-gasp penalty try gives them victory over Scotland at Murrayfield.

**INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
RECORDS 1883–2015****PREVIOUS WINNERS:**

1883 England	1884 England	1885 Not completed
1886 England & Scotland	1887 Scotland	1888 Not completed
1889 Not completed	1890 England & Scotland	1891 Scotland
1892 England	1893 Wales	1894 Ireland
1895 Scotland	1896 Ireland	1897 Not completed
1898 Not completed	1899 Ireland	1900 Wales
1901 Scotland	1902 Wales	1903 Scotland
1904 Scotland	1905 Wales	1906 Ireland & Wales
1907 Scotland	1908 Wales	1909 Wales
1910 England	1911 Wales	1912 England & Ireland
1913 England	1914 England	1920 England & Scotland & Wales
1921 England	1922 Wales	1923 England
1924 England	1925 Scotland	1926 Scotland & Ireland
1927 Scotland & Ireland	1928 England	1929 Scotland
1930 England	1931 Wales	1932 England & Ireland & Wales
1933 Scotland	1934 England	1935 Ireland
1936 Wales	1937 England	1938 Scotland
1939 England & Ireland & Wales	1947 England & Wales	1948 Ireland
1949 Ireland	1950 Wales	1951 Ireland
1952 Wales	1953 England	1954 England & Wales & France
1955 Wales & France	1956 Wales	1957 England
1958 England	1959 France	1960 England & France
1961 France	1962 France	1963 England
1964 Scotland & Wales	1965 Wales	1966 Wales
1967 France	1968 France	1969 Wales
1970 Wales & France	1971 Wales	1972 Not completed
1973 Five Nations tie	1974 Ireland	1975 Wales
1976 Wales	1977 France	1978 Wales
1979 Wales	1980 England	1981 France
1982 Ireland	1983 Ireland & France	1984 Scotland
1985 Ireland	1986 Scotland & France	1987 France
1988 Wales & France	1989 France	1990 Scotland
1991 England	1992 England	1993 France
1994 Wales	1995 England	1996 England
1997 France	1998 France	1999 Scotland
2000 England	2001 England	2002 France
2003 England	2004 France	2005 Wales
2006 France	2007 France	2008 Wales
2009 Ireland	2010 France	2011 England
2012 Wales	2013 Wales	2014 Ireland
2015 Ireland		

England and Wales have both won the title outright 26 times; France 17; Scotland 14; Ireland 13; Italy 0.

TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS:

- England** (24 times) 1883, 1884, 1892, 1913, 1914, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1928, 1934, 1937, 1954, 1957, 1960, 1980, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2014
- Wales** (20 times) 1893, 1900, 1902, 1905, 1908, 1909, 1911, 1950, 1952, 1965, 1969, 1971, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1988, 2005, 2008, 2012
- Scotland** (10 times) 1891, 1895, 1901, 1903, 1907, 1925, 1933, 1938, 1984, 1990
- Ireland** (10 times) 1894, 1899, 1948, 1949, 1982, 1985, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009

GRAND SLAM WINNERS:

- England** (12 times) 1913, 1914, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1928, 1957, 1980, 1991, 1992, 1995, 2003
- Wales** (11 times) 1908, 1909, 1911, 1950, 1952, 1971, 1976, 1978, 2005, 2008, 2012
- France** (Nine times) 1968, 1977, 1981, 1987, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2004, 2010
- Scotland** (Three times) 1925, 1984, 1990
- Ireland** (Twice) 1948, 2009

THE SIX NATIONS
CHAMPIONSHIP 2000–15

COMPOSITE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
England	80	55	1	24	111
Ireland	80	53	2	25	108
France	80	52	2	26	106
Wales	80	44	2	34	90
Scotland	80	19	2	59	40
Italy	80	12	1	67	25

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
RECORDS

RECORD	DETAIL	SET
Most team points in season	229 by England	in five matches 2001
Most team tries in season	29 by England	in five matches 2001
Highest team score	80 by England	80-23 v Italy 2001
Biggest team win	57 by England	80-23 v Italy 2001
Most team tries in match	12 by Scotland	v Wales 1887
Most appearances	65 for Ireland	BG O'Driscoll 2000–2014
Most points in matches	557 for Ireland	RJR O'Gara 2000–2013
Most points in season	89 for England	JP Wilkinson 2001
Most points in match	35 for England	JP Wilkinson v Italy, 2001
Most tries in matches	26 for Ireland	BG O'Driscoll 2000–2014
Most tries in season	8 for England	CN Lowe 1914
	8 for Scotland	IS Smith 1925
Most tries in match	5 for Scotland	GC Lindsay v Wales, 1887
Most cons in matches	89 for England	JP Wilkinson 1998–2011
Most cons in season	24 for England	JP Wilkinson 2001
Most cons in match	9 for England	JP Wilkinson v Italy, 2001
Most pens in matches	109 for Ireland	RJR O'Gara 2000–2013
Most pens in season	19 for Wales	SL Halfpenny 2013
Most pens in match	7 for England	SD Hodgkinson v Wales, 1991
	7 for England	CR Andrew v Scotland, 1995
	7 for England	JP Wilkinson v France, 1999
	7 for Wales	NR Jenkins v Italy, 2000
	7 for France	G Merceron v Italy, 2002
	7 for Scotland	CD Paterson v Wales, 2007
	7 for Wales	SL Halfpenny v Scotland, 2013
Most drops in matches	11 for England	JP Wilkinson 1998–2011
Most drops in season	5 for France	G Camberabero 1967
	5 for Italy	D Dominguez 2000
	5 for Wales	NR Jenkins 2001
	5 for England	JP Wilkinson 2003
	5 for Scotland	DA Parks 2010
Most drops in match	3 for France	P Albaladejo v Ireland, 1960
	3 for France	J-P Lescarboursa v England, 1985
	3 for Italy	D Dominguez v Scotland 2000
	3 for Wales	NR Jenkins v Scotland 2001

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AUSTRALIA ENJOY FIRST TITLE SUCCESS

By Alex Broun

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The Wallabies enjoy their first Rugby Championship title after recording victories over New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina.

The shortened Rugby Championship, the fourth since the expansion of the former Tri-Nations in 2012, was historic for a number of reasons in 2015.

For the first time New Zealand did not claim the title, with Australia remaining undefeated to win their inaugural Championship.

While for Argentina it was a year of great progress: for the first time they did not finish in last place, coming third; they won their second ever Rugby Championship match, following on from the 21-17 win

scoring four second-half tries to beat hosts Hong Kong 24–10 in the final. Japan had scored 228 points and conceded none in reaching the final of the Asian regional qualifier, but they were given a scare when Hong Kong led 10–0 at half-time.

The Asian women's qualifier is a two-legged affair, unlike the men's, and reaches its conclusion in Tokyo on 28–29 November with the winner determined by points accumulated across the two rounds. Japan top the standings after round one but Kazakhstan – the side they beat 22–0 in the Hong Kong final – as well as Hong Kong and China remain in contention.

AFRICA (RUGBY AFRICA)

Johannesburg was the venue for both of Africa's regional qualifiers, albeit nearly two months apart. South Africa's men had qualified through the World Series and their women's team won all six of their matches in the Rugby Africa Sevens in late September, scoring 265 points and conceding just five – in the final against Kenya – to secure the qualification spot.

They were later joined by Kenya's men on 15 November after they edged Zimbabwe 21–17 thanks to a final play try by Dennis Ombachi, who shrugged off several players to run in from deep in his own half at Kempton Park.

EUROPE (RUGBY EUROPE)

It was double delight for France after topping both the men's and women's Rugby Europe Grand Prix Series standings. The men were in imperious form, winning all 18 matches they played across three rounds in Moscow, Lyon and Exeter.

Russia won the first women's round in Kazan, but then lost to France in the semi-finals in Brive and the host nation lifted the title to qualify for Rio 2016. Spain's men and Russia's women booked their places in the global repechage as runners-up. They were later joined by the men's teams of Russia, Germany and Ireland and the women's teams of Spain, Ireland and Portugal who safely negotiated the European repechage event in July.

NORTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (RUGBY AMERICAS NORTH)

A week after the South American qualifier, the USA's men and women booked their places at Rio 2016 in contrasting fashion. The women,

having agonisingly missed out on qualification through the World Series, were a class apart on home soil in Cary, North Carolina, and claimed the title with an emphatic 88–0 victory over Mexico in the final.

Their male counterparts, who had claimed a first World Series Cup title a month before in London, raced into a 21–0 half-time lead against neighbours Canada and held firm, conceding only a try after the break to qualify and avoid the repechage.

OCEANIA (OCEANIA RUGBY)

Australia, who had occupied one of the coveted top four spots for much of the World Series before falling away in the final rounds, dominated the men's qualifier, scoring 297 points and conceding just one try in six matches, against the Cook Islands on day one. Australia beat surprise finalists Tonga 50–0 in the final to confirm their passage to Rio.

The women's event also went according to the form book with Fiji having the pace, physicality and patterns of play that were too sophisticated for their opponents to handle. Fijiana, a core team on the women's series, beat a much-improved Samoa 55–0 in the final in Auckland.

SOUTH AMERICA (SUDAMÉRICA RUGBY)

Fittingly it was South America who provided the first regional qualifiers back in June when Argentina's men and Colombia's women emerged victorious in Santa Fe. It was no surprise that Argentina's men triumphed. Having survived an early scare on day one against Chile – trailing 10–0 at half-time – they scored 308 unanswered points before seeing off Uruguay 45–0 in the final.

Colombia, though, sprung a surprise by beating Argentina 12–7 at the death in what was a de-facto final of the round-robin tournament. It was an intense match and was only settled 10 seconds from time when Guadalupe López scored the try to secure Olympic qualification.

REPECHAGE

The confirmed teams are: Uruguay, Chile, Canada, Mexico, Spain, Russia, Germany, Ireland, Hong Kong, Korea, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Samoa, Zimbabwe, Morocco and Tunisia (men) and Argentina, Venezuela, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Russia, Spain, Ireland, Portugal, Kenya, Tunisia, Zimbabwe, Samoa and the Cook Islands (women). The women's event will be completed by three teams from Asia.

SCOTLAND v SOUTH AFRICA

Played 26 Scotland won 5, South Africa won 21, Drawn 0

Highest scores Scotland 29–46 in 1999, South Africa 68–10 in 1997

Biggest wins Scotland 21–6 in 2002, South Africa 68–10 in 1997

1906	Glasgow Scotland 6–0	2	Johannesburg South Africa 28–19
1912	Inverleith South Africa 16–0		South Africa won series 2–0
1932	Murrayfield South Africa 6–3	2004	Murrayfield South Africa 45–10
1951	Murrayfield South Africa 44–0	2006	1 Durban South Africa 36–16
1960	Port Elizabeth South Africa 18–10		2 Port Elizabeth South Africa 29–15
1961	Murrayfield South Africa 12–5		South Africa won series 2–0
1965	Murrayfield Scotland 8–5	2007	Murrayfield South Africa 27–3
1969	Murrayfield Scotland 6–3	2008	Murrayfield South Africa 14–10
1994	Murrayfield South Africa 34–10	2010	Murrayfield Scotland 21–17
1997	Murrayfield South Africa 68–10	2012	Murrayfield South Africa 21–10
1998	Murrayfield South Africa 35–10	2013	Nelspruit QT South Africa 30–17
1999	Murrayfield WC South Africa 46–29	2013	Murrayfield South Africa 28–0
2002	Murrayfield Scotland 21–6	2014	Port Elizabeth South Africa 55–6
2003	1 Durban South Africa 29–25	2015	Newcastle WC South Africa 34–16

SCOTLAND v NEW ZEALAND

Played 30 Scotland won 0, New Zealand won 28, Drawn 2

Highest scores Scotland 31–62 in 1996, New Zealand 69–20 in 2000

Biggest wins Scotland no win, New Zealand 69–20 in 2000

1905	Inverleith (Edinburgh) New Zealand 12–7	1991	Cardiff WC New Zealand 13–6
1935	Murrayfield New Zealand 18–8	1993	Murrayfield New Zealand 51–15
1954	Murrayfield New Zealand 3–0	1995	Pretoria WC New Zealand 48–30
1964	Murrayfield Drawn 0–0	1996	1 Dunedin New Zealand 62–31
1967	Murrayfield New Zealand 14–3		2 Auckland New Zealand 36–12
1972	Murrayfield New Zealand 14–9		New Zealand won series 2–0
1975	Auckland New Zealand 24–0	1999	Murrayfield WC New Zealand 30–18
1978	Murrayfield New Zealand 18–9	2000	1 Dunedin New Zealand 69–20
1979	Murrayfield New Zealand 20–6		2 Auckland New Zealand 48–14
1981	1 Dunedin New Zealand 11–4		New Zealand won series 2–0
	2 Auckland New Zealand 40–15	2001	Murrayfield New Zealand 37–6
	New Zealand won series 2–0	2005	Murrayfield New Zealand 29–10
1983	Murrayfield Drawn 25–25	2007	Murrayfield WC New Zealand 40–0
1987	Christchurch WC New Zealand 30–3	2008	Murrayfield New Zealand 32–6
1990	1 Dunedin New Zealand 31–16	2010	Murrayfield New Zealand 49–3
	2 Auckland New Zealand 21–18	2012	Murrayfield New Zealand 51–22
	New Zealand won series 2–0	2014	Murrayfield New Zealand 24–16

SCOTLAND v AUSTRALIA

Played 29 Scotland won 9, Australia won 20, Drawn 0

Highest scores Scotland 34–35 in 2015, Australia 45–3 in 1998

Biggest wins Scotland 24–15 in 1981, Australia 45–3 in 1998

1927	Murrayfield Scotland 10–8	1997	Murrayfield Australia 37–8
1947	Murrayfield Australia 16–7	1998	1 Sydney Australia 45–3
1958	Murrayfield Scotland 12–8		2 Brisbane Australia 33–11
1966	Murrayfield Scotland 11–5		Australia won series 2–0
1968	Murrayfield Scotland 9–3	2000	Murrayfield Australia 30–9
1970	Sydney Australia 23–3	2003	Brisbane WC Australia 33–16
1975	Murrayfield Scotland 10–3	2004	1 Melbourne Australia 35–15
1981	Murrayfield Scotland 24–15		2 Sydney Australia 34–13
1982	1 Brisbane Scotland 12–7		Australia won series 2–0
	2 Sydney Australia 33–9	2004	1 Murrayfield Australia 31–14
	Series drawn 1–1		2 Glasgow Australia 31–17
1984	Murrayfield Australia 37–12		Australia won series 2–0
1988	Murrayfield Australia 32–13	2006	Murrayfield Australia 44–15
1992	1 Sydney Australia 27–12	2009	Murrayfield Scotland 9–8
	2 Brisbane Australia 37–13	2012	Newcastle (Aus) Scotland 9–6
	Australia won series 2–0	2013	Murrayfield Australia 21–15
1996	Murrayfield Australia 29–19	2015	Twickenham WC Australia 35–34

SCOTLAND v SRU PRESIDENT'S XV

Played 1 Scotland won 1

Highest scores Scotland 27–16 in 1972, SRU President's XV 16–27 in 1973

Biggest win Scotland 27–16 in 1973, SRU President's XV no win

1973	Murrayfield Scotland 27–16
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SCOTLAND v ROMANIA

Played 13 Scotland won 11 Romania won 2, Drawn 0

Highest scores Scotland 60–19 in 1999, Romania 28–55 in 1987 and 28–22 in 1984

Biggest wins Scotland 48–6 in 2006 and 42–0 in 2007, Romania 28–22 in 1984 and 18–12 in 1991

1981	Murrayfield Scotland 12–6	1999	Glasgow Scotland 60–19
1984	Bucharest Romania 28–22	2002	Murrayfield Scotland 37–10
1986	Bucharest Scotland 33–18	2005	Bucharest Scotland 39–19
1987	Dunedin WC Scotland 55–28	2006	Murrayfield Scotland 48–6
1989	Murrayfield Scotland 32–0	2007	Murrayfield WC Scotland 42–0
1991	Bucharest Romania 18–12	2011	Invercargill WC Scotland 34–24
1995	Murrayfield Scotland 49–16		

CAREER RECORDS OF SCOTLAND INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

UP TO 1 NOVEMBER, 2015

PLAYER	DEBUT	CAPS	T	C	P	D	PTS
BACKS :							
MS Bennett	2014 v Arg	13	6	0	0	0	30
CP Cusiter	2004 v W	70	3	0	0	0	15
AJ Dunbar	2013 v Sm	14	4	0	0	0	20
DJ Fife	2014 v W	6	1	0	0	0	5
SP Hidalgo-Clyne	2015 v F	8	0	0	0	0	0
SW Hogg	2012 v W	38	9	0	2	0	51
P Horne	2013 v Sm	15	2	1	1	0	15
DN Hoyland	2015 v It	1	0	0	0	0	0
RC Hughes	2015 v It	1	0	0	0	0	0
RJH Jackson	2010 v NZ	27	0	4	2	2	20
GD Laidlaw	2010 v NZ	46	4	57	104	0	446
SF Lamont	2004 v Sm	101	14	0	0	0	70
SD Maitland	2013 v E	20	3	0	0	0	15
HB Pyrgos	2012 v NZ	17	4	0	0	0	20
FA Russell	2014 v US	15	2	3	1	0	19
MCM Scott	2012 v I	33	4	0	0	0	20
TSF Seymour	2013 v SA	22	11	0	0	0	55
DM Taylor	2013 v Sm	12	0	0	0	0	0
GA Tonks	2013 v Sm	6	0	0	0	0	0
RJ Vernon	2009 v Fj	24	0	0	0	0	0
TJW Visser	2012 v Fj	23	10	0	0	0	50
D Weir	2012 v F	21	2	6	10	1	55
FORWARDS :							
A Ashe	2014 v SA	6	0	0	0	0	0
JA Barclay	2007 v NZ	45	3	0	0	0	15
JW Beattie	2006 v R	38	3	0	0	0	15
HP Blake	2015 v I	1	0	0	0	0	0
FJM Brown	2013 v It	15	0	0	0	0	0
K Bryce	2014 v C	3	0	0	0	0	0
BA Cowan	2014 v US	15	2	0	0	0	10
GDS Cross	2009 v W	40	2	0	0	0	10
MPT Cusack	2015 v I	2	0	0	0	0	0
DK Denton	2011 v I	32	0	0	0	0	0

AG Dickinson	2007 v NZ	52	2	0	0	0	10
RW Ford	2004 v A	94	2	0	0	0	10
GS Gilchrist	2013 v F	12	1	0	0	0	5
R Grant	2012 v A	25	0	0	0	0	0
JD Gray	2013 v SA	19	1	0	0	0	5
RJ Gray	2010 v F	51	2	0	0	0	10
JL Hamilton	2006 v R	63	1	0	0	0	5
JI Hardie	2015 v It	5	2	0	0	0	10
RJ Harley	2012 v Sm	17	1	0	0	0	5
S Lawson	2005 v R	46	2	0	0	0	10
K Low	2013 v A	5	0	0	0	0	0
S McNally	2015 v It	2	0	0	0	0	0
EA Murray	2005 v R	66	2	0	0	0	10
WP Nel	2015 v It	8	1	0	0	0	5
GJ Reid	2014 v US	15	0	0	0	0	0
JZ Strauss	2015 v J	5	0	0	0	0	0
AK Strokosch	2006 v A	47	2	0	0	0	10
TJM Swinson	2013 v SA	17	0	0	0	0	0
B Toolis	2015 v It	1	0	0	0	0	0
HFV Watson	2015 v It	2	0	0	0	0	0
JS Welsh	2012 v It	11	1	0	0	0	5
R Wilson	2013 v W	15	0	0	0	0	0

SCOTLAND INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS UP TO 1 NOVEMBER, 2015

Note: Years given for International Championship matches are for second half of season; eg 1972 means season 1971–72. Years for all other matches refer to the actual year of the match. Entries in square brackets denote matches played in RWC Finals.

Abercrombie, C H (United Services) 1910 I, E, 1911 F, W, 1913 F, W	Allardice, W D (Aberdeen GSFP) 1947 A, 1948 F, W, I, 1949 F, W, I, E
Abercrombie, J G (Edinburgh U) 1949 F, W, I, 1950 F, W, I, E	Allen, H W (Glasgow Acads) 1873 E
Agnew, W C (Stewart's Coll FP) 1930 W, I	Anderson, A H (Glasgow Acads) 1894 I
Ainslie, R (Edinburgh Inst FP) 1879 I, E, 1880 I, E, 1881 E, 1882 I, E	Anderson, D G (London Scottish) 1889 I, 1890 W, I, E, 1891 W, E, 1892 W, E
Ainslie, T (Edinburgh Inst FP) 1881 E, 1882 I, E, 1883 W, I, E, 1884 W, I, E, 1885 W, I, 2	Anderson, E (Stewart's Coll FP) 1947 I, E
Aitchison, G R (Edinburgh Wands) 1883 I	Anderson, J W (W of Scotland) 1872 E
Aitchison, T G (Gala) 1929 W, I, E	Anderson, T (Merchiston Castle School) 1882 I
Aitken, A I (Edinburgh Inst FP) 1889 I	Angus, A W (Watsonians) 1909 W, 1910 F, W, E, 1911 W, I, 1912 F, W, I, E, SA, 1913 F, W, 1914 E, 1920 F, W, I, E
Aitken, G G (Oxford U) 1924 W, I, E, 1925 F, W, I, E, 1929 F	Ansbro, J A (Northampton, London Irish) 2010 SA, Sm, 2011 F, W, E, It1, I2, [R, E], 2012 A, Sm
Aitken, J (Gala) 1977 E, I, F, 1981 F, W, E, I, NZ 1, 2, R, A, 1982 E, I, F, W, 1983 F, W, E, NZ, 1984 W, E, I, F, R	Anton, P A (St Andrew's U) 1873 E
Aitken, R (London Scottish) 1947 W	Armstrong, G (Jedforest, Newcastle) 1988 A, 1989 W, E, I, F, Fj, R, 1990 I, F, W, E, NZ 1, 2, Arg, 1991 F, W, E, I, R, [J, I, WS, E, NZ], 1993 I, F, W, E, 1994 E, I, 1996 NZ, 1, 2, A, 1997 W, SA (R), 1998 It, I, F, W, E, SA (R), 1999 W, E, I, F, Arg, R, [SA, U, Sm, NZ]
Allan, A G (Glasgow Warriors) 2014 US(R)	Arnell, R J (Edinburgh Acads, Leicester and Northampton) 1968 I, E, A, 1969 F, W, I, E, SA, 1970 F, W, I, E, A, 1971 F, W, I, E [2(1C)], 1972 F, W, E, NZ
Allan, B (Glasgow Acads) 1881 I	Arthur, A (Glasgow Acads) 1875 E, 1876 E
Allan, J (Edinburgh Acads) 1990 NZ 1, 1991, W, I, R, [J, I, WS, E, NZ]	Arthur, J W (Glasgow Acads) 1871 E, 1872 E
Allan, J L (Melrose) 1952 F, W, I, 1953 W	
Allan, J L F (Cambridge U) 1957 I, E	
Allan, J W (Melrose) 1927 F, 1928 I, 1929 F, W, I, E, 1930 F, E, 1931 F, W, I, E, 1932 SA, W, I, 1934 I, E	
Allan, R C (Hutchesons' GSFP) 1969 I	