



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND MATCH REVIEW

THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

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COMMENTARY

NEW ZEALAND DOMINATION

Since winning Rugby World Cup 2011 and leading up to The Rugby Championship 2013, of 17 matches played, New Zealand had won 15, drawn one and lost one. They continued this success in The Rugby Championship 2013, winning all six matches by margins between 11 and 20 points, while averaging 34 points and four tries per game.

In winning the 2012 Championship, one noticeable, if not unusual, factor was that New Zealand's away performances exceeded their performances at home, an achievement that was repeated in this year's competition and which is shown in the following table.

| NEW ZEALAND | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | HOME MATCHES | | AWAY MATCHES | |
| | 2012 | | 2013 | |
| | | | | |
| POINTS SCORED | 64 | → 113 | 84 | → 118 |
| TRIES SCORED | 5 | → 13 | 9 | → 15 |

The extent of New Zealand's dominance in 2012 and 2013 was reflected in both attack and defence

- they scored more tries than any other team
- they conceded fewer tries than any other team
- they scored more tries than their opponents in all six matches.

There were also other factors which characterised New Zealand's success in 2012 that were replicated in 2013

- New Zealand's forwards made proportionately more passes than any other team's forwards
- A high proportion of tries were scored from within their own half
- Most tries scored were from possession gained in open play – i.e. opponents kicks and turnovers
- More lineouts were contested than any other team and more lineout steals were won.

New Zealand's success also came with less overall possession than their opponents. In the two years of The Rugby Championship, in only one match of the eight played against South Africa and Australia has New Zealand had the most possession.

SCRUM





In May 2013, the International Rugby Board Council announced the implementation of the global trial of the “crouch, bind, set” scrum engagement sequence, an initiative aimed at enhancing player welfare by reducing impact on engagement by 25 per cent. This requires props to bind correctly on the referee’s command and the ball being fed correctly into the scrum when it is stationary.

Previous IRB Game Analysis statistical reports have highlighted ongoing scrum issues. In the 2013 Six Nations, for example, the rate of scrum collapses was the highest recorded with the majority ending in a penalty or free kick. The Rugby Championship had similar scrum issues, albeit to a lesser extent.

The Rugby Championship was the first international competition to implement “crouch, bind, set”. The following tables illustrate and evaluate the effect of the global trial by comparing scrums in The Rugby Championship 2013 with scrums in 2012 edition. It shows that the rate of collapses, resets and penalties/free kicks all increased, albeit marginally in the case of collapses.

| | COLLAPSES PER 100 SCRUMS | RESETS PER 100 SCRUMS | PK/FKS PER 100 SCRUMS | BALL OUT PER 100 SCRUMS |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP 2013 | 58 | 29 | 40 | 60 |
| THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 | 57 | 25 | 31 | 69 |





The following table breaks down the data further, showing the consequences of each team’s scrum put-in. It shows that there were more scrum collapses and penalties/free kicks on New Zealand’s put-in when compared to the other three teams.

| | COLLAPSES PER 100 SCRUMS | RESETS PER 100 SCRUMS | PK/FKS PER 100 SCRUMS | BALL OUT PER 100 SCRUMS |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  NEW ZEALAND | 76 | 37 | 47 | 53 |
|  ARGENTINA | 58 | 32 | 38 | 62 |
|  AUSTRALIA | 50 | 30 | 38 | 62 |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 48 | 18 | 27 | 73 |





The following table breaks down collapses further and shows when the collapses occurred. It shows that the ball was used more from collapsed scrums.

| | COLLAPSE BALL OUT | COLLAPSE RESET | COLLAPSE PK/FK |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP 2013 | 33% | 35% | 32% |
| THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 | 22% | 40% | 38% |

The following table breaks down the data further shows the collapses of each team's scrum put-in. It shows that the majority of collapsed scrums on South Africa's put in were played on.

| | COLLAPSE BALL OUT | COLLAPSE RESET | COLLAPSE PK/FK |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 57% | 29% | 14% |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 31% | 34% | 35% |
|  ARGENTINA | 26% | 40% | 34% |
|  AUSTRALIA | 20% | 40% | 40% |

The distribution of scrum penalties/free kicks also showed a clear difference between the four teams. The following table shows, for example, that South Africa and Argentina were awarded a total of 44 scrum penalties/free kicks while conceding 23. New Zealand and Australia on the other hand were awarded just 20 scrum penalties/free kicks while conceding 41.

| | | OWN SCRUMS | | OPP SCRUMS | | TOTAL SCRUMS | |
|--|--------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | | PEN/FK FOR | PEN/FK AGAINST | PEN/FK FOR | PEN/FK AGAINST | PEN/FK FOR | PEN/FK AGAINST |
|  | SOUTH AFRICA | 12 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 23 | 10 |
|  | ARGENTINA | 13 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 21 | 13 |
|  | NEW ZEALAND | 8 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 17 |
|  | AUSTRALIA | 5 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 9 | 24 |

TMO (TELEVISION MATCH OFFICIAL)

The Rugby Championship was also the first international competition to use the global TMO trial, a trial that extends the jurisdiction of the TMO in two ways:

- At the request of the referee, the TMO can check incidents, such as forward passes and knock ons that may have occurred within the last two phases prior to a try being scored.
- At the request of the referee, possible acts of foul play can be adjudicated upon

Last year, there were eight TMO try referrals, with an average time taken of 73 seconds. This Championship produced 34 referrals. These are detailed in the following table which distinguishes between referrals under the already existing try protocol, referrals under the extended try protocol and referrals under the foul play protocol.

| | TOTAL | | AVERAGE NUMBER PER MATCH | | AVERAGE TIME TAKEN | |
|---------------------|-------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| TRY TMO (EXISTING) | 11 | 8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 82s | 73s |
| TRY TMO (EXTENDED) | 8 | - | 0.7 | - | 100s | - |
| FOUL PLAY TMO | 15 | - | 1.2 | - | 66s | - |
| TOTAL TMO REFERRALS | 34 | 8 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 79s | 73s |

The extended TMO try referrals took around 100 seconds, foul play referrals took 66 seconds, with an overall average of 79 seconds per TMO referral. A consequence of the 26 additional TMO referrals in 2013 was that, on average, match times increased by some two and a half minutes.

The TMO trial protocol allows referees to check general play incidents within the last two phases in the build-up to tries. The following table shows the reasons for the referral to the TMO, with the most common reason being to check for knock ons.

| | TOTAL |
|--------------|-------|
| FORWARD PASS | 2 |
| KNOCK ON | 3 |
| OBSTRUCTION | 1 |
| OFFSIDE | 2 |
| TOTAL | 8 |

The TMO trial protocol also allows referees to check possible acts of foul play. The following table shows the reasons for the referrals with the most common reason being to check charging.

| | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|
| LIFTING TACKLE | 3 |
| CHARGING | 6 |
| PUNCHING | 2 |
| HIGH TACKLE | 1 |
| DELIBERATE KNOCK ON | 1 |
| STAMPING | 1 |
| MISC | 1 |
| TOTAL | 15 |

YELLOW CARDS

One element of the game that increased significantly was the number of yellow cards issued. In The Rugby Championship 2012 there were eight yellow cards but in 2013 there were 19 yellow cards. This could have been a consequence of the extended use of the TMO into the area of foul play. The use of the extended TMO and the stadium screens assisted in identifying eight yellow card incidents.

TRIES

There were 66 tries scored in the 12 matches, producing an average of 5.5 per match. This was twice the number seen in this year's Six Nations and reflected the fact that tries scored in The Rugby Championship and the former Tri Nations consistently exceed the number of tries scored in the Six Nations. This is shown in the following table.

| TRIES – AVERAGE PER MATCH | | |
|---------------------------|------|-------------|
| THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP | | SIX NATIONS |
| 5.5 | 2013 | 2.5 |
| 3.7 | 2012 | 3.1 |
| 4.3 | 2011 | 3.4 |
| 5.8 | 2010 | 3.2 |

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MATCH FACTS

- New Zealand won all six matches, scoring 24 tries – an average of four tries per game. Argentina failed to win a match, scoring a total of seven tries and conceding 25
- No match had fewer than two tries. On three occasions nine tries were scored. A fourth match produced eight tries
- 83% of matches were won by the team scoring the most tries – only one match was won by the team scoring fewer tries
- 66 tries were scored – 66 penalty goals were kicked
- Only two matches had a margin of 10 points or fewer. The highest margin was 60 points (South Africa v Argentina)
- 68% of tries were scored by backs, 30% by forwards and there was one penalty try
- 44% of tries originated from lineout possession - only 8% originated from scrum possession
- 33% of tries started from inside the scoring team's own half
- 73% of tries were preceded by three or fewer phases and 45% of tries by three or fewer passes
- Average ball in play was 31m 46s or 40%
- 39% of penalty/free kicks were at tackle/ruck with 52% in favour of the team in possession
- 25% of penalty kicks/free kicks were at the scrum with 62% of penalty/free kicks in favour of the team in possession

TEAM DATA

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand won all six of their matches with winning margins between 11 and 20 points

- They scored the most tries and conceded the least
- Together with Australia, they had the highest passing rate
- Their forwards were the most likely to pass the ball
- Their forwards scored nine tries compared to Australia's one
- They had the highest kicking rate
- They were the least successful in kicks at goal
- Only New Zealand made no drop goal attempts
- They were most likely to kick contestable 50m restarts
- They were the least likely to tap a penalty or free kick
- They contested more lineouts than any other team and stole the most possession

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa won four of their six matches, losing twice to New Zealand

- They had the highest proportion of possession
- They were the most successful at place kicks
- They were the most successful at winning possession at opponents ruck/mauls
- They were the least likely to kick contestable restarts
- They were the most successful at retaining lineout possession
- They were the most successful at retaining scrum possession, winning all their own put-ins
- They were also the most successful in winning opposition scrum possession
- They were least successful at regaining contestable 50m restarts
- Together with Australia, they were most likely to tap kick penalties and free kicks
- They were awarded the highest proportion of penalty/free kicks



AUSTRALIA

Australia finished in third place, winning two matches – both against Argentina

- Australia scored seven of their 12 tries from inside their own half
- Australia had the highest rucking rate
- Together with New Zealand, Australia had the highest passing rate
- They had the lowest kicking rate
- They were the least likely to retain scrum possession
- With South Africa, they were the most likely to tap kick penalties and free kicks
- They were the most penalised team

ARGENTINA

Argentina lost all six matches

- Argentina did not score a single try from scrum possession
- They had the lowest rucking rate
- They were the least successful at retaining lineout possession
- They contested the least number of lineouts and stole the least
- They were the most successful at regaining contestable 50m restarts

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FINAL STANDINGS & RESULTS

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | PD | BP | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|------|----|-----|
|  NEW ZEALAND | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 115 | +87 | 4 | 28 |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 203 | 117 | +86 | 3 | 19 |
|  AUSTRALIA | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 133 | 170 | -37 | 1 | 9 |
|  ARGENTINA | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 88 | 224 | -136 | 2 | 2 |

P = Played W = Won D = Draw L = Lost F = Points For A = Points Against
 BP = Bonus Points PTS = Points

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|--------------|---|
|  AUSTRALIA | 29 | 47 | NEW ZEALAND |  |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 73 | 13 | ARGENTINA |  |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 27 | 16 | AUSTRALIA |  |
|  ARGENTINA | 17 | 22 | SOUTH AFRICA |  |
|  AUSTRALIA | 12 | 38 | SOUTH AFRICA |  |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 28 | 13 | ARGENTINA |  |
|  AUSTRALIA | 14 | 13 | ARGENTINA |  |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 29 | 15 | SOUTH AFRICA |  |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 28 | 8 | AUSTRALIA |  |
|  ARGENTINA | 15 | 33 | NEW ZEALAND |  |
|  ARGENTINA | 17 | 54 | AUSTRALIA |  |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 27 | 38 | NEW ZEALAND |  |





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OVERALL SUMMARY

| | 2013 THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP | 2012 THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP | 2011 TRI NATIONS | 2010 TRI NATIONS |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| SCORING | | | | |
| AVG. POINTS | 52 | 40 | 40 | 55 |
| AVG. TRIES | 5.5 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 5.8 |
| AVG. PENALTY GOALS | 5.5 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 5.9 |
| CONVERSION SUCCESS % | 74% | 68% | 69% | 71% |
| AVG. DROP GOALS | - | 0.1 | 0.3 | - |
| TOTAL TRY TMO REFERRALS | 18 | 12 | 6 | 9 |
| ACTIVITY | | | | |
| BALL IN PLAY % | 40% | 41% | 45% | 45% |
| AVG. PASSES | 235 | 234 | 292 | 300 |
| AVG. RUCK/MAULS | 146 | 152 | 167 | 186 |
| RUCK/MAUL SUCCESS % | 93% | 93% | 94% | 94% |
| AVG. KICKS | 47 | 49 | 46 | 37 |
| SET PIECE | | | | |
| AVG. LINEOUTS | 28 | 29 | 24 | 22 |
| LINEOUT SUCCESS % | 84% | 87% | 87% | 84% |
| AVG. SCRUMS | 14 | 13 | 16 | 14 |
| SCRUM SUCCESS % | 80% | 90% | 90% | 93% |
| DISCIPLINE | | | | |
| AVG. PENALTIES/ FKS | 22 | 23 | 19 | 20 |
| TOTAL CARDS | 19 YC / 1 RC | 9 YC / 0 RC | 1 YC / 0 RC | 9 YC / 1 RC |
| TOTAL FOUL PLAY TMO REFERRALS | 15 | - | - | - |

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OVERALL SUMMARY PER TEAM

| |  ARG | |  AUS | |  NZL | |  SA | |
|--|--|------------|--|------------|--|------------|---|------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 |
| SCORING | | | | | | | | |
| AVG. POINTS SCORED | 13 | 15 | 17 | 22 | 30 | 34 | 20 | 34 |
| AVG. POINTS CONCEDED | 28 | 37 | 23 | 28 | 11 | 19 | 18 | 20 |
| AVG. TRIES SCORED | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 3.8 |
| AVG. TRIES CONCEDED | 2.7 | 4.2 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| AVG. PENALTY GOALS | 2.1 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| % OF POINTS FROM TRIES | 44% | 40% | 35% | 45% | 51% | 59% | 50% | 57% |
| KICKS AT GOAL SUCCESS % | 53% | 77% | 77% | 77% | 68% | 73% | 51% | 81% |
| DROP GOAL SUCCESS RATE | 0 / 3 | 0/1 | 0 / 0 | 0/1 | 1 / 1 | 0/0 | 0 / 3 | 0/1 |
| GENERAL PLAY | | | | | | | | |
| AVG. POSSESSION | 16m 00s | 14m 45s | 17m 06s | 15m 56s | 15m 53s | 15m 22s | 16m 56s | 17m 31s |
| AVG. PASSES | 93 | 90 | 127 | 133 | 142 | 125 | 105 | 122 |
| AVG. RUCK/MAULS | 62 | 63 | 80 | 78 | 67 | 71 | 75 | 80 |
| RUCK/MAUL RETENTION % | 94% | 92% | 92% | 93% | 95% | 94% | 92% | 94% |
| AVG. KICKS | 24 | 22 | 24 | 21 | 25 | 29 | 26 | 24 |
| SET PIECE | | | | | | | | |
| OWN LINEOUT SUCCESS % | 83% | 77% | 86% | 86% | 89% | 83% | 89% | 89% |
| OWN SCRUM SUCCESS % | 95% | 74% | 88% | 70% | 90% | 74% | 88% | 100% |
| OWN CONTESTABLE 50m RESTART SUCCESS | 4 / 29 | 6 / 15 | 2 / 21 | 5 / 19 | 4 / 17 | 5 / 17 | 0 / 12 | 2 / 8 |
| DISCIPLINE | | | | | | | | |
| % PENALTIES & F/Ks FOR | 50% | 48% | 47% | 47% | 49% | 44% | 54% | 61% |
| % PENALTIES& F/Ks AGAINST | 50% | 52% | 53% | 53% | 51% | 56% | 46% | 39% |
| YELLOW/RED CARDS | 2 / 0 | 4 / 0 | 4 / 0 | 5 / 0 | 1 / 0 | 5 / 0 | 2 / 0 | 5 / 1 |





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1.0 SCORING

There were **626** points scored, giving an average of **52** points per match. The following table shows a breakdown of all points scored.





| | TOTAL | POINTS | % |
|----------------------|-------|--------|-----|
| TRIES | 66 | 330 | 53% |
| CONVERSIONS | 49 | 98 | 16% |
| PENALTY GOALS | 66 | 198 | 31% |
| DROP GOALS | - | - | - |

The following table shows the total and average points per team.

| | POINTS FOR | | POINTS AGAINST | |
|---|------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | TOTAL | AVERAGE | TOTAL | AVERAGE |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 202 | 34 | 115 | 19 |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 203 | 34 | 117 | 20 |
|  AUSTRALIA | 133 | 22 | 170 | 28 |
|  ARGENTINA | 88 | 15 | 224 | 37 |

1.1 TRIES, PENALTY GOALS & DROP GOALS

There was an average of **5.5** tries, **4.1** conversions and **5.5** penalty goals per match. There were no drop goals. The following table shows the breakdown of scoring per team.

| | TRIES SCORED | PENALTY GOALS KICKED | DROP GOALS KICKED | % OF POINTS FROM TRIES | % OF POINTS FROM KICKS | TRIES : PENALTY GOALS |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  NEW ZEALAND | 24 | 16 | - | 59% | 41% | 1 : 0.7 |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 23 | 18 | - | 57% | 43% | 1 : 0.8 |
|  AUSTRALIA | 12 | 19 | - | 45% | 55% | 1 : 1.6 |
|  ARGENTINA | 7 | 13 | - | 40% | 60% | 1 : 1.9 |

1.2 IMPACT OF TRIES & PENALTY GOALS ON MATCH RESULTS

The winning team scored the most tries in **10** or **83%** of matches.





In one match, tries were equal – in one, the winning team scored the fewest number of tries.

1.3 SCORING MARGINS

There were **two** matches with a margin of 10 points or fewer. The following table groups all scoring margins.

| POINTS DIFFERENCE | NO OF MATCHES | CUMULATIVE |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Draw | - | 0 drawn |
| 1 – 5 | 2 | 2 with 5 points or less |
| 6 – 10 | - | 2 with 10 points or less |
| 11 – 20 | 7 | 9 with 20 points or less |
| 21 – 30 | 1 | 10 with 30 points or less |
| 31+ | 2 | |

The following table shows the winning and losing margins for each team:

| | WON BY 1 - 10 | WON BY 11 - 20 | WON BY 21 - 30 | WON BY 31 + | LOST BY 1 - 10 | LOST BY 11 - 20 | LOST BY 21 - 30 | LOST BY 31 + |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|  NEW ZEALAND | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | - | - |
|  AUSTRALIA | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 3 | 1 | - |
|  ARGENTINA | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | 2 |

1.4 TIMING OF SCORES – TRIES & PENALTY GOALS

The following table shows when tries and penalty goals were scored.

| | TOTAL TRIES | TRIES % | TOTAL PENALTY GOALS | PENALTY GOALS % |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------|
| FIRST HALF | 31 | 47% | 44 | 67% |
| SECOND HALF | 35 | 53% | 22 | 33% |

The following table shows the number of tries and penalty goals scored and conceded per half per team.









| | TRIES | | | | | | PENALTY GOALS | | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | FIRST HALF | | SECOND HALF | | TOTAL | | FIRST HALF | | SECOND HALF | | TOTAL | |
| | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN PGs | OPP PGs | OWN PGs | OPP PGs | OWN PGs | OPP PGs |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 13 | 5 | 11 | 5 | 24 | 10 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 16 | 17 |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 9 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 23 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 10 |
|  AUSTRALIA | 5 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 19 | 18 |
|  ARGENTINA | 4 | 10 | 3 | 15 | 7 | 25 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 21 |

2.0 TRY SCORING

There were **66** tries, scored giving a try scoring rate of one try every **six minutes** of play.





2.1 RATE OF TRY SCORING & TRY CONCEDED

The following tables show the rate of try scoring and the rate of try conceding. This is a measure of each team's success in converting possession into tries and their opponent's success in converting possession into tries.

| | | TRY SCORING RATE | | | TRY CONCEDED RATE |
|---|--------------|--------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|
|  | NEW ZEALAND | 1 try every 3m 51s |  | NEW ZEALAND | 1 try every 10m 12s |
|  | SOUTH AFRICA | 4m 34s |  | SOUTH AFRICA | 6m 48s |
|  | AUSTRALIA | 7m 58s |  | AUSTRALIA | 5m 23s |
|  | ARGENTINA | 12m 39s |  | ARGENTINA | 3m 45s |

2.2 PLAYERS & TRIES

Of the **66** tries scored, **45 or 68%** were scored by backs, **20 or 30%** were scored by forwards and there was one penalty try. The following table shows the number of tries scored by backs and forwards per team.





| | | TRIES BY BACKS | TRIES BY FORWARDS | PENALTY TRIES | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-------|
|  | NEW ZEALAND | 15 | 9 | - | 24 |
|  | SOUTH AFRICA | 15 | 7 | 1 | 23 |
|  | AUSTRALIA | 11 | 1 | - | 12 |
|  | ARGENTINA | 4 | 3 | - | 7 |

2.3 SOURCE OF TRIES

The following table shows the possession source of tries.

| | TRY SOURCE |
|-------------------------|------------|
| LINEOUT | 29 or 44% |
| TURNOVER/HANDLING ERROR | 14 or 21% |
| OPPONENTS KICK | 12 or 18% |
| SCRUM | 5 or 8% |
| RESTART | 4 or 6% |
| PENALTY/FREE KICK | 2 or 3% |

The following table shows the source of tries scored and conceded by each team.



| | LINEOUT | | SCRUM | | PEN & FK | | KICK | | TURNOVER | | RESTART | | TOTAL | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES |
|  NZL | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | 24 | 10 |
|  RSA | 12 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 13 |
|  AUS | 5 | 6 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | - | 3 | 12 | 18 |
|  ARG | 3 | 12 | - | 3 | - | - | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1 | - | 7 | 25 |

2.4 ORIGIN OF TRIES

The following table shows the origin of tries.

| | TRY ORIGIN |
|------------------|------------|
| OWN HALF | 22 or 33% |
| HALFWAY TO 10M | 6 or 9% |
| 10M TO 22M | 10 or 15% |
| 22M TO GOAL LINE | 28 or 43% |

The following table shows the origin of tries scored and conceded per team.





| | OWN HALF | | HW – 10m | | 10m – 22m | | 22m - TRY | | TOTAL | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES |
|  NZL | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 24 | 10 |
|  RSA | 5 | 3 | 3 | - | 1 | 4 | 14 | 6 | 23 | 13 |
|  AUS | 7 | 8 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 18 |
|  ARG | 3 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 25 |

2.5 NUMBER OF RUCKS / MAULS IN BUILD UP TO TRIES

The following table show the number of rucks and mauls that preceded each try.

| RUCKS/MAULS | NUMBER | % | CUMULATIVE % |
|-------------|--------|-----|--------------|
| 0 R/Ms | 14 | 21% | 21% |
| 1 R/Ms | 16 | 24% | 45% |
| 2 R/Ms | 9 | 14% | 59% |
| 3 R/Ms | 9 | 14% | 73% |
| 4+ R/Ms | 18 | 27% | 100% |





The following table shows the number of ruck/mauls in the build-up to tries scored and conceded per team.

| | NO R/Ms | | 1 R/Ms | | 2 R/Ms | | 3+ R/Ms | | TOTAL | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES |
|  NZL | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 3 | 24 | 10 |
|  RSA | 5 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 23 | 13 |
|  AUS | 3 | 3 | 4 | - | 1 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 18 |
|  ARG | 2 | 6 | - | 12 | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 25 |

The following table shows the number of passes that preceded each try.

| PASSES | NUMBER | % | CUMULATIVE % |
|--------|--------|-----|--------------|
| 0 | 14 | 21% | 21% |
| 1 - 3 | 16 | 24% | 45% |
| 4 - 6 | 17 | 26% | 71% |
| 7 - 9 | 9 | 14% | 85% |
| 10+ | 10 | 15% | 100% |

The following table shows the number of passes in the build-up to tries scored and conceded per team.





| | NO PASSES | | 1 – 3 PASSES | | 4 – 6 PASSES | | 7 – 9 PASSES | | 10+ PASSES | | TOTAL | |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES | OWN TRIES | OPP TRIES |
|  NZL | 4 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | - | 24 | 10 |
|  RSA | 6 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | 4 | 23 | 13 |
|  AUS | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 18 |
|  ARG | 1 | 7 | - | 5 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 25 |

3.0 KICKS AT GOAL

The following table shows kick success rates.

| | KICKING SUCCESS |
|---------------|-----------------|
| CONVERSIONS | 74% |
| PENALTY GOALS | 80% |
| DROP GOALS | 0/3 |

The following table shows the kicking success for penalty goals, conversions and drop goals per team.

| | PENALTY SUCCESS | CONVERSION SUCCESS | OVERALL SUCCESS % | DROP GOAL SUCCESS |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 90% | 74% | 81% | 0/1 |
|  ARGENTINA | 68% | 100% | 77% | 0/1 |
|  AUSTRALIA | 83% | 67% | 77% | 0/1 |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 76% | 71% | 73% | 0/0 |

4.0 BALL IN PLAY & POSSESSION

The average ball in play time per match was **31m 46s** or **40%**.

The highest ball in play in any match was **37m 33s** or **47%** and the lowest was **28m 41s** or **36%**.

The table below shows the ball in play times and possession times for each match and team. The winning team won with less possession in **eight** matches (highlighted in gold).

| TEAM | POSSESSION TIME | % | TEAM | POSSESSION TIME | % | TOTAL TIME | % BIP |
|--------------|-----------------|-----|--------------|-----------------|-----|------------|-------|
| South Africa | 18m 45s | 63% | Argentina | 10m 53s | 37% | 29m 38s | 37% |
| Australia | 19m 11s | 58% | New Zealand | 14m 01s | 42% | 33m 12s | 42% |
| Argentina | 17m 50s | 58% | South Africa | 12m 55s | 42% | 30m 45s | 38% |
| New Zealand | 15m 11s | 47% | Australia | 17m 25s | 53% | 32m 36s | 41% |
| New Zealand | 16m 08s | 53% | Argentina | 14m 08s | 47% | 30m 16s | 38% |
| Australia | 15m 21s | 54% | South Africa | 13m 20s | 46% | 28m 41s | 36% |
| New Zealand | 14m 43s | 47% | South Africa | 16m 37s | 53% | 31m 20s | 39% |
| Australia | 14m 52s | 47% | Argentina | 17m 00s | 53% | 31m 52s | 40% |
| South Africa | 21m 13s | 60% | Australia | 14m 26s | 40% | 35m 39s | 45% |
| Argentina | 12m 23s | 42% | New Zealand | 16m 53s | 58% | 29m 16s | 37% |
| South Africa | 22m 16s | 59% | New Zealand | 15m 17s | 41% | 37m 33s | 47% |
| Argentina | 16m 17s | 53% | Australia | 14m 18s | 47% | 30m 35s | 38% |

The following table shows the average possession time and the proportion of possession per match obtained by each team and their opponents.



AUSTRALIA
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ARGENTINA
NEW ZEALAND

| OWN POSSESSION AVERAGE | OPP POSSESSION AVERAGE | OWN POSSESSION % | OPP POSSESSION % |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 15m 56s | 16m 10s | 50% | 50% |
| 17m 31s | 14m 45s | 54% | 46% |
| 14m 45s | 15m 38s | 49% | 51% |
| 15m 22s | 17m 00s | 48% | 52% |

5.0 OPEN PLAY

Open play activity includes passes, ruck/mauls and kicks. The following table shows the average number and rate of passes, ruck/mauls and kicks per match.

| | AVERAGE PER MATCH | RATE FREQUENCY OF PASSING |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| PASSES | 235 | 1 every 8 secs |
| RUCKS/MAULS | 146 | 1 every 13 secs |
| KICKS | 47 | 1 every 40 secs |





5.1 PASSING

The average number of passes per match was **235** and the passing rate was **1 every 8 secs** of possession.

The most passes in a match was **300** and the least was **137**.

92% of all passing movements contained three or fewer passes.

The following table shows the average, the most and the least number of passes per match per team and the passing rate per team.

| | AVERAGE PASSES PER MATCH | MOST | LEAST | RATE FREQUENCY OF PASSING |
|--|-----------------------------|------|-------|------------------------------|
|  AUSTRALIA | 133 | 190 | 67 | 1 every 7 secs |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 125 | 173 | 84 | 1 every 7 secs |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 122 | 169 | 76 | 1 every 9 secs |
|  ARGENTINA | 90 | 138 | 53 | 1 every 10 secs |

5.2 PLAYER PASSING

The following table shows the proportion of all passes made by forwards, scrum halves and backs.

| | % |
|----------------------|-----|
| PASSES BY FORWARDS | 18% |
| PASSES BY SCRUM HALF | 47% |
| PASSES BY BACKS | 35% |

The following table shows the number and proportion of passes made by the forwards, the scrum half and backs of each team.

| | | PASSES BY FORWARDS | % | PASSES BY SCRUM HALF | % | PASSES BY BACKS | % |
|--|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | NEW ZEALAND | 158 | 21% | 317 | 42% | 274 | 37% |
| | ARGENTINA | 109 | 20% | 245 | 45% | 185 | 34% |
| | SOUTH AFRICA | 105 | 14% | 381 | 52% | 245 | 34% |
| | AUSTRALIA | 122 | 15% | 384 | 48% | 291 | 37% |

The following tables show how often forwards and backs of each team passed the ball.

| | | FORWARDS PASS : POSSESSION RATIO | | | BACKS PASS : POSSESSION RATIO |
|--|--------------|--|--|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| | NEW ZEALAND | 1 : 2.6 | | AUSTRALIA | 1 : 1.9 |
| | ARGENTINA | 1 : 3.1 | | NEW ZEALAND | 1 : 2.1 |
| | AUSTRALIA | 1 : 3.5 | | ARGENTINA | 1 : 2.3 |
| | SOUTH AFRICA | 1 : 3.8 | | SOUTH AFRICA | 1 : 2.3 |

Overall, forwards passed the ball once in every **3.2** possessions. The following tables show how often front rows, second rows and back rows of each team passed the ball.

| | | FRONT ROW PASS : POSSESSION | | | SECOND ROW PASS : POSSESSION | | | BACK ROW PASS : POSSESSION |
|--|---------|--------------------------------|--|---------|---------------------------------|--|---------|-------------------------------|
| | NZL | 1 : 2.9 | | ARG | 1 : 3.1 | | NZL | 1 : 2.2 |
| | AUS | 1 : 3.7 | | NZL | 1 : 3.6 | | AUS | 1 : 2.8 |
| | ARG | 1 : 3.9 | | AUS | 1 : 4.9 | | RSA | 1 : 3.0 |
| | RSA | 1 : 4.0 | | RSA | 1 : 8.7 | | ARG | 1 : 3.1 |
| | OVERALL | 1 : 3.6 | | OVERALL | 1 : 4.3 | | OVERALL | 1 : 2.7 |

Overall, backs passed the ball every **2.1** possessions. The following tables show how often fly halves, centres and back threes of each team passed the ball.





| | | FLY HALF PASS : POSSESSION | | | CENTRES PASS : POSSESSION | | | BACK THREE PASS : POSSESSION |
|--|---------|-------------------------------|--|---------|------------------------------|--|---------|---------------------------------|
| | AUS | 1 : 1.4 | | ARG | 1 : 2.1 | | AUS | 1 : 2.7 |
| | RSA | 1 : 1.5 | | NZL | 1 : 2.1 | | NZL | 1 : 2.9 |
| | ARG | 1 : 1.6 | | AUS | 1 : 2.3 | | RSA | 1 : 3.4 |
| | NZL | 1 : 1.7 | | RSA | 1 : 2.7 | | ARG | 1 : 4.1 |
| | OVERALL | 1 : 1.5 | | OVERALL | 1 : 2.3 | | OVERALL | 1 : 3.2 |

5.3 RUCKS/MAULS

The average number of ruck/mauls per match was **146** and the ruck/maul rate was **1 every 13 secs** of possession.

The most ruck/mauls in a match was **177** and the least was **124**.





The following table shows the average, the most and the least number of ruck/mauls per match per team and the ruck/maul rate per team.

| | | AVERAGE R/Ms PER MATCH | MOST | LEAST | RATE FREQUENCY OF R/Ms |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|------|-------|---------------------------|
|  | AUSTRALIA | 78 | 108 | 61 | 1 every 12 secs |
|  | NEW ZEALAND | 71 | 91 | 55 | 1 every 13 secs |
|  | SOUTH AFRICA | 80 | 111 | 56 | 1 every 13 secs |
|  | ARGENTINA | 63 | 82 | 36 | 1 every 14 secs |

5.4 RUCK/MAUL RETENTION

The retention rate at ruck/mauls was **93%**.

The following table shows how often each team retained ruck/maul possession and how often each team turned over opposition possession.





| | | SUCCESS IN OWN RUCK/MAULS | SUCCESS IN OPP RUCK/MAULS |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | SOUTH AFRICA | 94% | 9% |
|  | NEW ZEALAND | 94% | 7% |
|  | AUSTRALIA | 93% | 8% |
|  | ARGENTINA | 92% | 4% |

5.5 KICKING

The average number of kicks per match was **47** and the kick rate was **1 every 40 secs** of possession.





The most kicks in a match was **59** and the least was **31**.

The following table shows the average, the most and the least number of kicks per match per team and the kick rate per team.

| | | KICKS average | MOST | LEAST | RATE FREQUENCY OF KICKS |
|---|--------------|------------------|------|-------|----------------------------|
|  | NEW ZEALAND | 29 | 35 | 21 | 1 every 32 secs |
|  | SOUTH AFRICA | 24 | 26 | 19 | 1 every 44 secs |
|  | ARGENTINA | 22 | 27 | 12 | 1 every 41 secs |
|  | AUSTRALIA | 21 | 27 | 16 | 1 every 46 secs |

5.6 PLAYER KICKING

The following tables show how often scrum halves, fly halves, centres and full backs of each team kicked the ball.

| | | SCRUM HALF KICK : POSSESSION RATIO | FLY HALF KICK : POSSESSION RATIO | CENTRES KICK : POSSESSION RATIO | BACK THREE KICK : POSSESSION RATIO |
|---|--------------|---|---|--|---|
|  | NEW ZEALAND | 1 : 8 | 1 : 4 | 1 : 10 | 1 : 5 |
|  | SOUTH AFRICA | 1 : 10 | 1 : 4 | 1 : 28 | 1 : 6 |
|  | ARGENTINA | 1 : 8 | 1 : 5 | 1 : 13 | 1 : 5 |
|  | AUSTRALIA | 1 : 9 | 1 : 7 | 1 : 41 | 1 : 8 |





6.0 SET PIECE

6.1 50m RESTARTS

The following table shows the proportion of 50m restarts that were contestable and the success rates of contestable restarts.

| | RESTARTS |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| CONTESTABLE % | 40% |
| SUCCESS RATE CONTESTABLE RESTART | 1 in 3 |

The following table shows the success per team on own and opposition restarts and the type of restart kicked by each team.









| | | OWN CONTESTABLE 50m RESTARTS | OPP CONTESTABLE 50m RESTARTS | OWN 50m RESTARTS | |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | | SUCCESS | SUCCESS | CONTESTABLE | NOT CONTESTABLE |
|  | ARGENTINA | 1 in 2.5 | 1 in 1.1 | 40% | 60% |
|  | NEW ZEALAND | 1 in 3.4 | 1 in 1.5 | 53% | 47% |
|  | AUSTRALIA | 1 in 3.8 | 1 in 2.2 | 48% | 52% |
|  | SOUTH AFRICA | 1 in 4.0 | 1 in 1.3 | 30% | 70% |

6.2 LINEOUTS

The following table shows the average number of lineouts per match, the most/least number of lineouts in a match, the proportion of lineouts contested and the lineout retention rates.

| | LINEOUTS |
|---------------------|----------|
| AVERAGE PER MATCH | 28 |
| MOST IN A MATCH | 35 |
| LEAST IN A MATCH | 21 |
| % COMPETED | 56% |
| POSSESSION RETAINED | 84% |

The following tables show the success per team on own and opposition lineouts.

| OWN LINEOUTS | | | | OPP LINEOUTS | | | |
|--|---------|-----------|----------------|---|---------|-----------|---------------|
| | SUCCESS | CONTESTED | LOST BY STEALS | | SUCCESS | CONTESTED | WON BY STEALS |
|  RSA | 89% | 61% | 1 in 18 |  NZL | 22% | 66% | 1 in 6 |
|  AUS | 86% | 53% | 1 in 12 |  AUS | 20% | 60% | 1 in 12 |
|  NZL | 83% | 45% | 1 in 8 |  RSA | 12% | 52% | 1 in 13 |
|  ARG | 77% | 63% | 1 in 8 |  ARG | 9% | 42% | 1 in 20 |









6.3 SCRUMS

The following table shows the average number of scrums per match, the most/least number of scrums in a match, the percentage of times the ball came out of the scrum back into play and the scrum retention rate.

| | SCRUMS |
|-----------------------|--------|
| AVERAGE PER MATCH | 14 |
| MOST IN A MATCH | 21 |
| LEAST IN A MATCH | 12 |
| % BALL BACK INTO PLAY | 63% |
| POSSESSION RETAINED | 80% |

In total there were **six** tightheads and **one** through 90 degree turnovers in **172** scrums.





The following tables show the success per team on own and opposition scrums.

| OWN SCRUMS | | | | OPP SCRUMS | |
|--|---------|----------------|--------|--|---------|
| | SUCCESS | BALL INTO PLAY | PEN/FK | | SUCCESS |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 100% | 32 | 12 |  SOUTH AFRICA | 33% |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 74% | 20 | 8 |  ARGENTINA | 19% |
|  ARGENTINA | 74% | 24 | 13 |  NEW ZEALAND | 15% |
|  AUSTRALIA | 70% | 23 | 5 |  AUSTRALIA | 14% |





The following table shows the rate of collapses, resets, penalties/free kicks and ball back into play.

| COLLAPSES PER 100 SCRUMS | RESETS PER 100 SCRUMS | PK/FKS PER 100 SCRUMS | BALL OUT PER 100 SCRUMS |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 58 | 29 | 40 | 60 |

The following table shows the rate of collapses, penalties/free kicks and ball back into play on each team's scrum put-in.

| | COLLAPSES PER 100 SCRUMS | RESETS PER 100 SCRUMS | PK/FKS PER 100 SCRUMS | BALL OUT PER 100 SCRUMS |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|  NEW ZEALAND | 76 | 37 | 47 | 53 |
|  ARGENTINA | 58 | 32 | 38 | 62 |
|  AUSTRALIA | 50 | 30 | 38 | 62 |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 48 | 18 | 27 | 73 |

The following table shows the distribution of penalties/free kicks for each team on own and opposition put-ins.





| | OWN SCRUMS | | OPP SCRUMS | | TOTAL SCRUMS | |
|--|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| | PEN/FK FOR | PEN/FK AGAINST | PEN/FK FOR | PEN/FK AGAINST | PEN/FK FOR | PEN/FK AGAINST |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 12 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 23 | 10 |
|  ARGENTINA | 13 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 21 | 13 |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 8 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 17 |
|  AUSTRALIA | 5 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 9 | 24 |

7.0 PENALTIES & FREE KICKS

The following table shows the overall average number of penalties/free kicks per match.

| | PENALTY/ FREE KICKS |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| AVERAGE PER MATCH | 22 |
| MOST IN A MATCH | 28 |
| LEAST IN A MATCH | 15 |

The following table shows the total penalties for and against and the proportion of penalties for and against for each team.



| | PK/FK FOR | PK/FK AGAINST | % PK/FK FOR | % PK/FK AGAINST |
|--|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 82 | 52 | 61% | 39% |
|  ARGENTINA | 59 | 65 | 48% | 52% |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 55 | 70 | 44% | 56% |
|  AUSTRALIA | 67 | 76 | 47% | 53% |

7.1 OPTIONS TAKEN AT PENALTIES/FREE KICKS

The following table shows the options taken at penalties/free kicks.

| | % |
|---------------|-----|
| KICK TO TOUCH | 53% |
| KICK AT GOAL | 32% |
| TAP KICKS | 12% |
| SCRUM | 53% |
| PENALTY TRIES | - |

The following table shows the options taken at penalties and free kicks per team.





| | KICK TO TOUCH | KICK AT GOAL | TAP KICKS | SCRUM | PENALTY TRIES |
|--|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|------------------|
|  AUSTRALIA | 32 | 12 | 11 | 1 | - |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 48 | 20 | 13 | - | 1 |
|  ARGENTINA | 28 | 19 | 5 | 7 | - |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 30 | 21 | 3 | 1 | - |

7.2 CATEGORIES OF OFFENCES PENALISED

The following table shows proportion of penalties and free kicks awarded in each facet of play.

| | % |
|-------------|-----|
| TACKLE/RUCK | 39% |
| SCRUM | 25% |
| FOUL PLAY | 15% |
| OFFSIDE | 10% |
| MAUL | 4% |
| GENERAL | 4% |
| LINEOUT | 3% |

The following table shows the proportion of penalties and free kicks against each team in each facet of play.

| | TACKLE/ RUCK | SCRUM | LINEOUT | MAUL | GENERAL PLAY | FOUL PLAY | OFFSIDE |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|------|-----------------|--------------|---------|
|  AUSTRALIA | 41% | 31% | - | 1% | 3% | 12% | 12% |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 40% | 27% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 13% | 7% |
|  ARGENTINA | 38% | 21% | 2% | 8% | 6% | 14% | 11% |
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 34% | 17% | 8% | - | 6% | 23% | 12% |

Of penalties awarded at the ruck, **52%** were in favour of the team in possession and **48%** were in favour of the team not in possession. Of penalties/free kicks awarded at the scrum, **62%** were in favour of the team in possession and **38%** were in favour of the team not in possession.

8.0 CARDS

The following table shows the total number of cards.

| | YELLOW CARDS | RED CARDS |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| TOTAL | 19 | 1 |

The most cards in any match was **five** and the least was **none**. There were **eight** matches that contained at least one yellow card with **four** or **33%** of all matches containing none.

The following table shows the reasons for the yellow cards.

| | YELLOW CARDS | RED CARDS |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| DANGEROUS TACKLE/CHARGE | 9 | - |
| DELIBERATE KNOCK ON | 3 | - |
| RUCK | 2 | - |
| FOUL PLAY | 2 | - |
| SCRUM | 1 | - |
| OTHER | 2 | 1 – second offence |

The following table shows the number of cards awarded against each team and the reasons for the cards.

| | YELLOW CARDS | RED CARDS | REASONS |
|---|--------------|-----------|--|
|  SOUTH AFRICA | 5 | 1 | 2 x dangerous tackle/charge, 2 x deliberate knock on, 1 x punching/striking Red Card = 2 yellow cards in a match |
|  AUSTRALIA | 5 | - | 4 x dangerous tackle/charge, 1 x scrum |
|  NEW ZEALAND | 5 | - | 1 x dangerous tackle/charge, 1 x barging, 1 x punching/striking, 1 x ruck, 1 x time wasting |
|  ARGENTINA | 4 | - | 2 x dangerous tackle/charge, 1 x deliberate knock on, 1 x ruck |

9.0 TMO

There were **34** references to the TMO as shown in the table below.

The shortest try referral took **36 seconds** and the longest took **3 minutes 11 seconds**.

| | TOTAL | AVERAGE NUMBER PER MATCH | AVERAGE TIME TAKEN |
|---------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| TRY TMO | 19 | 1.6 | 89secs |
| FOUL PLAY TMO | 15 | 1.2 | 66secs |
| TOTAL TMO REFERRALS | 34 | 2.8 | 79secs |