

Performance Analysis: Match round 1

TOURNAMENT LEADING							
TEAM				PLAYER			
Average Ruck Speed Ireland 2.17s	Red Zone Efficiency Wales 5.20	Carries Made Fiji 176	Metres Made Ireland 1091	Points Scored George Ford 27	Tries Scored 7 Players 2	Kick Success Tommaso Allan 8/8	Carries Made Viliame Mata 22
Linebreaks Ireland 21	Defenders Beaten Italy 42	Offloads Ireland 23	Attack Width (+2 Passes) Scotland 73%	Metres Made Bundee Aki 240	Linebreaks Bundee Aki 5	Defenders Beaten Mark Telea 11	Offloads 10 Players 3
Gainline Success Ireland 67%	Collision Success Italy 63%	Kicks In Play France 44	Passes Made Ireland 280	Passes Made Damian Stevens 61	Break Passes Bundee Aki 3	Kicks In Play George Ford 19	Kick Metres Carter Gordon 647
Possession Time Fiji 21:34	Territory % Japan 66%	Lineout Success England 100%	Scrum Success 10 Teams 100%	Tackles Made Will Rowlands 27	Tackle Success Michele Lamaro 19/19	Dominant Tackles Elliot Daly 4	Breakdown Steals Will Skelton 3
Tackles Made Wales 252	Tackle Success Italy 92%	Turnovers Won Wales 11	Penalties Conceded France 5	Own Rucks Hit Isoa Nasilasila 39	Opposition Rucks Hit Fraser McReaht 11	Lineout Catches Dino Lamb 10	Lineout Throw % Giacomo Nicotera 13/13

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Argentina

- Made the sixth-most carries of the opening round (115) but the third-fewest metres (308).
- Just 12th for line-breaks with 3, 12th for collision dominance (31%) and only Scotland had a worse gainline success (37%).
- Reached 22 just four times against England, the fewest of any team. Equates to the worst red-zone entry ratio as well - just 9.5% of their possessions.
- Only had 2 scrums, won just 1 with 50% success the worst of the opening round.
- Only Chile lost more lineouts (4) for the third-worst success rate (73%).
- Only Ireland missed fewer tackles (12).
- Won the fewest turnovers with just 1 in total.
- Only Wales conceded more penalties in total (16), no team conceded more in attack (10).

Australia

- Made the third-most carries (142), metres (716) and line-breaks (9); sixth-most offloads with 11.

- Third-most carries over the gainline with 81 in total for 57% success, the fifth best of round 1.
- Had the most possessions overall with 63, completing 73% of them with positive outcomes (fifth overall).
- Fifth-fastest ruck speed with 3.31s on average and 32% less than 2s (eighth).
- Only Ireland had more red-zone entries (16), only Fiji had more possession time in the opposition 22 (6:21) and phases played there (44). Red-zone efficiency of 2 points per entry was eighth best.
- One of 10 teams with a perfect scrum, winning eight.
- Only Italy won more lineouts overall (15) with 83% success rate.
- Kicked the third-most (40).
- Only Japan had more territory in their game (65%).
- Only Fiji had more possession time in their game (18:43).
- Had the third-worst tackle success (76%).
- Only Chile won more turnovers at the breakdown (5).
- Conceded the third-fewest penalties overall (7) and the fewest in defence (3).

Chile

- Had the fifth-most carries (136), line-breaks (7), defenders beaten (27) and offloads (13).
- Ninth for collision dominance (34%) but 14th for gainline success (39%); only Fiji had more carries stopped before the gain line (65 of 136).
- Had the fewest possessions (35) and the worst positive outcomes from them (54%).
- Had the second-most rucks in total (103) and still averaged the third-fastest ruck speed of anyone (3.30s) with 43% under 2s also third-most.
- Made 7 red-zone entries, eight overall and came away with 1.71 points per entry for the 11th-best efficiency.
- One of the 10 teams with a perfect scrum, winning 4.
- Lost the most lineouts with 5, only Ireland had a worse lineout success (71%).
- Had the lowest territory of any team (34%).
- Made the third-most most dominant tackles (13).
- Won the most turnovers at the breakdown of any team (6).
- Had the second-most pick-and-go attacking carries (20%).

England

- Only Romania made fewer carries (73); joint fewest metres made with Scotland (230).
- Fewest linebreaks with just 1.
- Only Romania again made fewer offloads (2 – both from Alex Mitchell).
- Only Georgia had a lower collision dominance in their attacking carries (19%) just 10 of their 52 carries into contact.
- 11th for gainline success (44%).
- Joint-highest positive outcomes from their possessions with Wales (83%), second-fewest turnovers lost (7).
- Third-slowest average ruck speed of any team (4.75s) and the most rucks longer than 5s (33%).
- Scored the joint-most points from outside the 22 (without entering it at all) with France (15); had the fewest phases inside the opposition 22 (6).
- Fifth-best red-zone efficiency with 2.40 points per entry. Won the second-most scrums overall (8) but only Argentina and Scotland with a worse success (80%).

- Won the fewest lineouts overall (7) but only team not to lose a single one (100%).
- Second-most kicks in play, just 1 behind France (43). Highest percent of their possession kicked away though (93%), nearly 20% more than second-most France.
- Had to make the fifth-most tackles but fifth-highest success and fifth-most dominant tackles too.
- Only Romania made fewer passes (78). Fourth-fewest penalties conceded (8).

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- After Tom Curry's red card, England were given just a 25% chance of winning and a score prediction of 16-25 in Argentina's favour/
- Prior to the first George Ford drop goal England were at 36% chance of winning. Less than 10 minutes later - after the third drop goal - they were up to 76%.
- Argentina had an expected points of 10.3 for the 1st half, more than 7 points more than what they actually scored (3).

Fiji

- Made the most carries of the opening round (176). Fourth-most metres (654) and third-most defenders beaten (34).
- Had the most dominant collisions in attack overall (62) for the fifth-best success rate (46%).
- Just 10th for gainline success (51%) but only Ireland made more carries over the gainline (89).
- Only Chile had a lower positive outcome percentage for their possessions (61%).
- Had the most rucks overall (134) but just 11th for average ruck speed (4.26s) and rucks under 2s (27%).
- Fourth-most red-zone entries (12) and spent the most time in the opposition 22, (10:00) nearly four minutes more than anyone else.
- Second-highest entry ratio (27% of their possessions reached the opposition 22). Most phases in there (64) and whilst their red zone efficiency of 2.17 was 6th overall it paled in comparison to Wales's 5.20.
- One of the 10 teams not to lose a scrum, winning 7. Lost just 1 lineout for 92% success rate, fifth best.
- Fewest kicks in play (17) and played with the second-highest territory of any team (65%). Highest possession time (21:34 and 62% of the total).
- Only Ireland had to make fewer tackles (70) but only Namibia had a worse success rate (75%).
- Had the highest percentage of pick and go carries (20%) and carries just one pass out (53%).

France

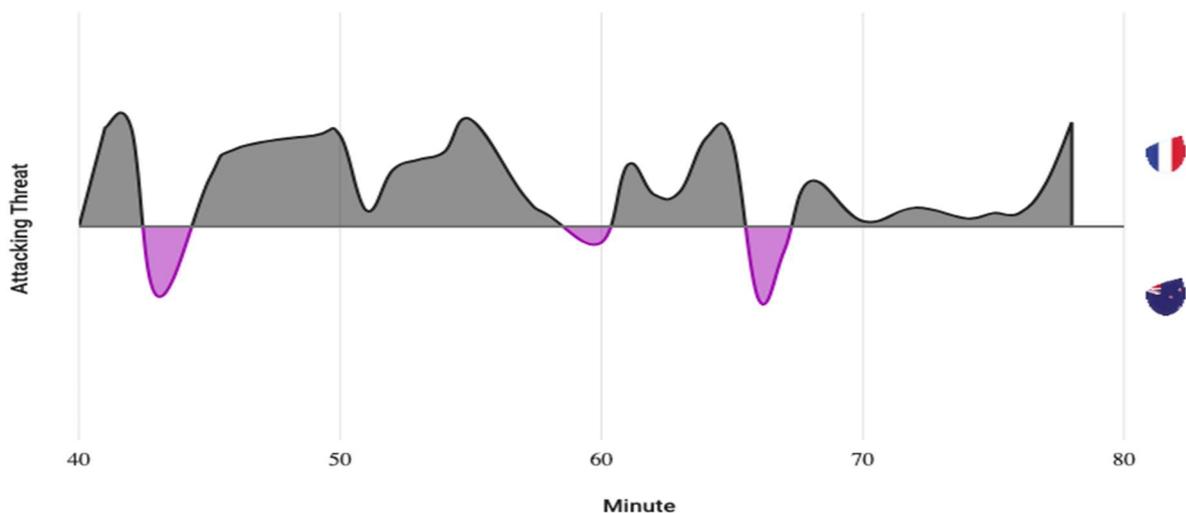
- Fourth-most clean breaks (8), third-most offloads (14) and fifth-fewest turnovers conceded (14).
- Only England and Georgia had a lower collision dominance (25%).
- Only Argentina, Chile and Scotland had a lower gainline success (41%).
- Enjoyed the second-most possessions overall (59) and completed 76% of them (fourth).
- Just 13th for average ruck speed (4.74s) and for rucks under 2s (23%).

- Had 7 entries to the red zone (8th), 02:14 spent in the opposition 22 was just 13th, efficiency of 1.71 points per entry was just 11th but they did score 15 points (joint most with England) from outside the 22.
- 100% scrum success, won 4.
- Lost just 1 lineout for 93% success (third).
- Most kicks in play (44) kicking away the second-most amount of their possession (75%). Played with the fourth-most territory as a result (62%).
- Only three teams missed more tackles (32). Only Georgia had a worse pass success (77%).
- Conceded the fewest penalties overall (5) and the fewest in attack (1).
- Played the fourth-most more than two passes away from the breakdown (62%).

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- After Mark Telea's second try, France had just a 34% chance of winning the game. Damian Penaud's try took France from 36% chance just prior to 56% chance immediately after.
- Both teams scored considerably less than their expected points, France 11 points fewer, New Zealand 17.

France (27) vs New Zealand (13)
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This second-half momentum tracker shows how dominant France became and how little momentum New Zealand were able to generate in the second half.

Georgia

- Made the fewest dominant collisions overall (7) and the lowest collision success rate in attack (16%).
- Averaged the slowest ruck speed (5.63s) and the fewest rucks under 2s (13%), the second-most over 5s (33%).
- Had the sixth-most entries to the red zone (9) but 13th for efficiency (1.67).
- 100% scrum, won 6.
- Lost 3 lineouts but stole 3 as well, the most of any team.



- Had the most kicks from their own 22 (22).
- Played with the joint second-lowest territory (35%). Fourth-lowest possession time (13:54).
- Had to make the third-most tackles (159) and still managed the second-best success (89%).
- Lowest pass accuracy (75%).
- Only Argentina won fewer turnovers (3).
- Only Wales conceded more penalties in defence (11).

Ireland

- Most metres made (1091), clean breaks (21), offloads (23) and gainline success (67%).
- Second-most carries (168), defenders beaten (40) and collision success (59%).
- Fourth-most rucks (93) and the fastest average ruck speed (2.17s); no other team within 1 second average speed of this. Most rucks under 2s (57%).
- Most red-zone entries (22), highest entry ratio (44%), third-most phases (42) and efficiency (3.73) for the most points scored from entries in total (all of their 82).
- 100% scrum, won 8.
- Lost 4 lineouts, only Chile lost more but for the worst success of any team (67%).
- Kicked the lowest percentage of their possession away (38%).
- Had to make the fewest tackles (62) and missed the fewest (11) but for just eighth-best success (85%).
- Most passes made (280), most leading to linebreaks (12) and tries (11).
- Second-most turnovers won at the breakdown (5).
- Second-fewest penalties conceded (6) with the fewest in attack (1)
- Second-most width in their attack, 70% of carries coming after two passes away from the breakdown.

Italy

- Fourth-most carries (138), second-most metres made (736) and clean breaks (12) and offloads (18), the most defenders beaten (42) and the best collision dominance in attack (63%).
- Fourth-fastest ruck speed (3.30s).
- Third-most red-zone entries (15) with second-best entry ratio (27%), fourth-best efficiency (3.47) for second-most points scored from entries (52).
- 100% scrum success, won 6.
- Most lineouts won overall (20) for second-best success rate (95%).
- Second-lowest percentage of possession kicked away (38%).
- Best tackle success (92%).
- Second-most passes made (178) but 102 behind Ireland.
- Second-most break passes (8) and try assist passes (6).

Japan

- Fifth-most linebreaks (7), third-fewest offloads (3), second-best gainline success (62%) only Ireland better.
- Second-fastest ruck speed (3.21s) but more than a second slower than Ireland's average. Second-most rucks under 2s (47%).
- Fifth-most red-zone entries (10), fourth-most time spent there (05:24) and second-best efficiency (4.20).

- Won the most scrums overall (11).
- Won the third-most lineouts overall (13) with the third-best success (93%) and won the joint-most steals (3) with Georgia.
- Played with the highest territory (66%) but the fourth-lowest possession time (45%) – forced Chile to play with the ball within their own half.
- Made the most dominant tackles (19). Won the second-most turnovers (9).

Namibia

- Sixth-most carries (115) and third fewest turnovers conceded (10).
- Fourth-best collision dominance (47%).
- Third-best best positive outcomes of their possession (77%).
- Seventh-fastest average ruck speed (3.47s), second-most rucks between 2-5s (58%).
- Seventh-most red-zone entries (8) but second-worst efficiency (0.63) - only Scotland worse with 0.
- 100% scrum, won 6.
- Lost 3 lineouts, 13th for success (75%).
- Missed the most tackles (42) for the worst tackle success (72%).
- Best pass accuracy (94%) from the sixth-most passes made (141).
- Second-most turnovers won (9).
- Second-most attacking carries 1 pass out (50%).

New Zealand

- Fourth-most defenders beaten (32) and gainline success (61%) their best attacking stats. Fifth for metres made (629), seventh for line-breaks (6), 10th for collision dominance (34%), 12th for offloads (5).
- Eighth for average ruck speed (3.55s) and fifth for rucks under 2s (41%).
- Just 10th for red-zone entries (6), second-lowest entry ratio (10.5%), behind Argentina. Sixth for efficiency (2.17).
- 12th for scrum success (83%), Seventh for lineout success (91%).
- Fourth-most kicks in play (39) and possession kicked (68%). Lowest amount of ball out of play time in their game (01:01:13) for the highest match intensity work-to-rest ratio (0.52).
- 10th for dominant tackles (9).
- 11th for turnovers won in total (5) and at the breakdown (2).
- Fourth-most penalties conceded in attack (13); second lowest ratio of play 2-plus passes away from the breakdown (41%).

Romania

- Made the fewest carries (50), beat the fewest defenders (11) and made the fewest offloads (1), 12th for metres made (315) and linebreaks (3).
- Third-best for collision dominance as a percentage of their total carries (53%) and gainline success (62%).
- Fourth-fewest turnovers lost (12).
- 10th for average ruck speed (3.97s) and sixth for rucks under 2s (36%).
- 12th for red-zone entries (5), second-fewest phases in there (8) and third-worst efficiency (1.00).
- 100% scrum success, won 8.
- Third-most lineout steals with 2.

- Had the lowest possession time as a time (09:16) and percentage of total (33%).
- Had to make the second-most tackles (161) but missed the second most (40) whilst also making the second-most dominant tackles (14).
- Made the fewest passes (48).
- Had the third-highest ratio of their carries being a pick and go (19%).

Scotland

- Fourth-fewest carries (89), joint-fewest metres made with England (230), 12th for linebreaks (3), 13th for collision dominance (27%) and the lowest gainline success of any team (31%) consisting of the fewest carries over the gainline as a total (15).
- Just 12th for average ruck speed (4.60s), 14th for rucks under 2s (22%).
- 12th for red-zone entries (5) but spent the shortest amount of time inside the opposition 22 (01:39) and scored 0 points for 0.00 red-zone efficiency, the lowest of anyone.
- Lost the most scrums (3) with only Argentina having a lower success (70%).
- Lost four lineouts for 76% success (12th).
- 12th for territory (41%) and possession (46%).
- Sixth-best tackle success (86%), fourth-most turnovers won (8).
- Just 5 penalties conceded in defence (third-least).
- The highest percentage of carries 2 or more passes away from the breakdown (73%).

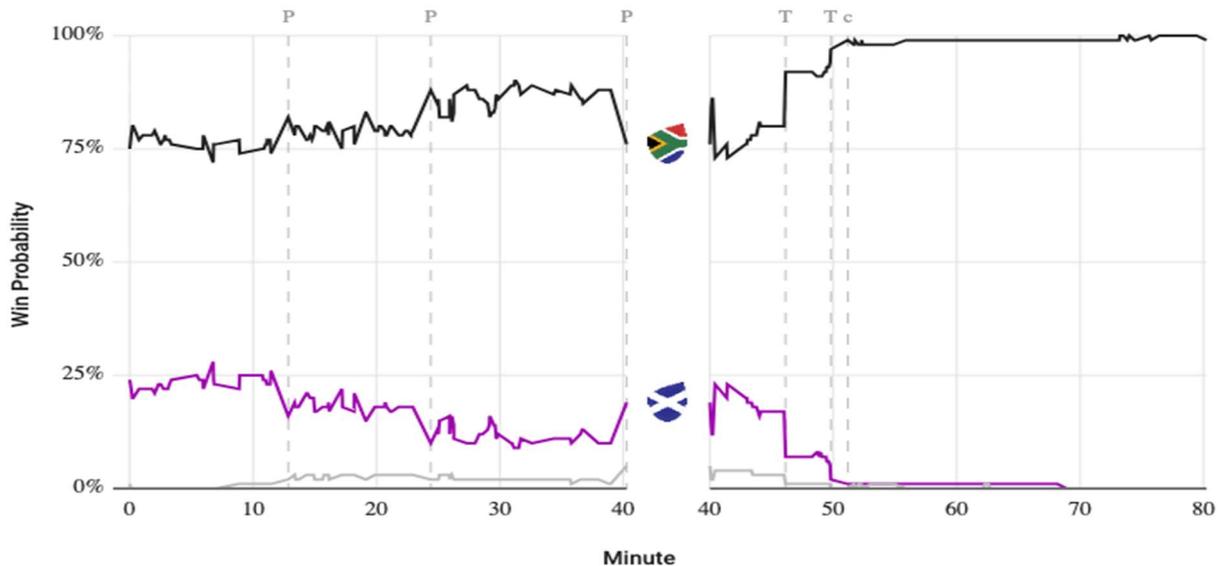
South Africa

- Ninth-most carries (106), sixth-most metres (605) but third-most turnovers conceded (18).
- Sixth for collision dominance in attack (42%) and seventh for gainline success (54%).
- Only Chile and Fiji had a lower positive outcome of their possession (62%).
- Best ruck retention (97%) with the sixth-fastest average ruck speed (3.37).
- The most rucks between 2-5s (61%).
- Just 10th for red-zone entries (6) and eighth for efficiency (2.00).
- Lost 1 of their 6 scrums for just 12th success rate (83%).
- Sixth for lineout success (92%).
- Played with sixth-most territory (59%) and fifth-most possession (54%).
- Just ninth for missed tackles (23), 13th for tackle success (80%) and made the fewest dominant tackles of any team (3). Just 11th for turnovers won (5).
- Conceded the fewest penalties in attack (1) but the 12th most in defence (8).
- Lowest percentage of carries being a pick and go (1%).

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- According to South Africa's win probability they were very comfortable for the whole game, Scotland's highest chance of winning came in the seventh minute at 28%.

South Africa (18) vs Scotland (3)
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Both teams dramatically underperformed for the expected points, South Africa achieved just over half their expected 35 points, Scotland 22 points fewer than their expected 25.

Wales

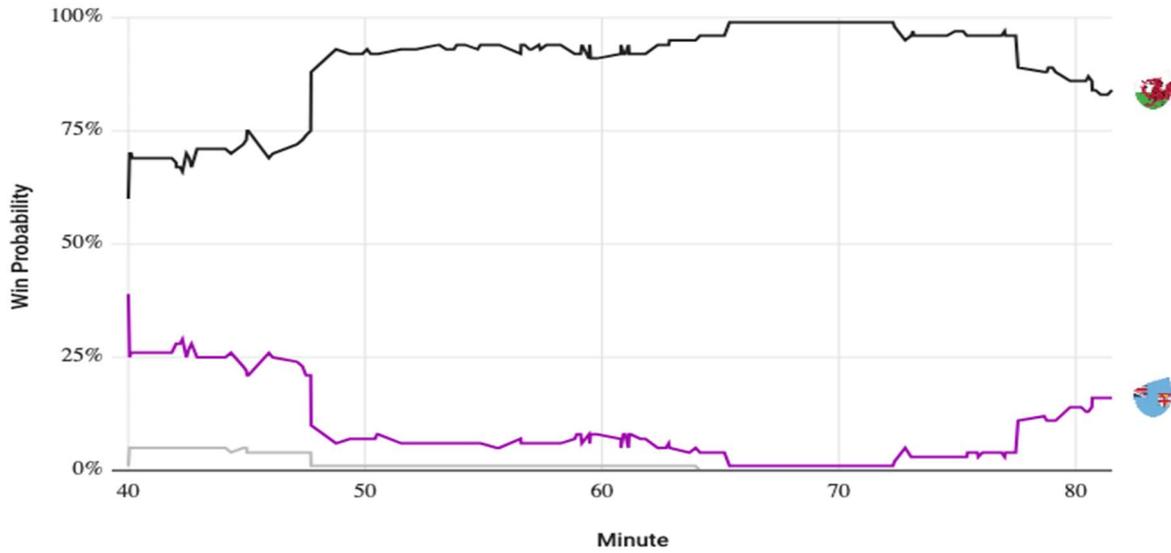
- Third-fewest carries (86) but fourth-most offloads (14), 6th most defenders beaten (23) and gainline success (55%), 7th most linebreaks (6), 8th best collision dominance (37%) and 9th most metres made (393).
- Joint highest positive outcomes of their possession with England (83%), fewest turnovers lost (7).
- Only Georgia had a slower ruck speed (4.88s) and fewer rucks under 2s (15%).
- Just 12th for red zone entries (5) but 6th for time spent there (04:19) and the very best efficiency (5.20).
- 100% scrum, won 3.
- Played with the third-lowest territory (35%) and second-lowest possession (38%).
- Their game had the highest ball-in-play time of any game (34:52).
- Had to make the most tackles of any team (252) 91 more than the next most in Romania. Third-best tackle success with that (88%) but just 13th for dominant tackles (6) despite so many opportunities.
- Most turnovers won (11), most won in the tackle (8).

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- Fiji scored exactly the number of points they were expected to with 26 but Wales exceeded their expected 20 points by 12 to finish with 32.
- After Dan Biggar's 24th-minute penalty Wales were never not predicted to win the match with their lowest confidence at 53% and according to the probability in the second half their win was never in doubt, despite Fiji's late comeback.



Wales (32) vs Fiji (26)
Rugby World Cup - 10 Sep 2023



For more match preview and analysis, go to <https://www.world.rugby/media-zone/rwc-2023/notes>



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