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DID YOU KNOW?

- During “Keep Rugby Clean Weekend” campaign this round, teams will wear pink T-shirts during the warm-ups to help raise awareness of World Rugby's campaign to keep doping out of the sport and maintain a level playing field for all athletes.
- Both teams will wear their home kits in this fixture – SEE ALL MATCH JERSEY COLOURS
- Chile celebrated their national day on Monday, 18 September. The Fiestas Patrias (literally Homeland Holidays) of Chile consists of two days of celebration, with a third one added on some years.
    - On Wednesday, 20 September the Chile squad met with children with disabilities from the Trestel rehabilitation centre in Perros-Guirec.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

FIRST MEETING

- This will be the sixth Rugby World Cup where England have played their opponent for the first time, after 1987 against Japan and USA, 1991 against Italy, 1995 against Samoa, 1999 against Tonga, and 2003 against Georgia and Uruguay.
    - Their average winning margin across these seven games has been 57 points.
- This will be Chile’s first test match against Six Nations opposition, after playing a tour match against Ireland XV in 1952 and France XV in 1954.

ENGLAND RWC TEAM NOTES

1987-2023 | PLAYED: 52 | WON: 38 | LOST: 14 | DRAWN: 0

ENGLAND RWC HISTORY – TOURNAMENT PLACING								
1987	1991	1995	1999	2003	2007	2011	2015	2019
5th	2nd	4th	4th	1st	2nd	5th	Pool	2nd

- England are still the only northern hemisphere team to have lifted the Webb Ellis Cup, with the 20th anniversary of this victory falling on 22 November, 2023.
- They have only topped their pool on four occasions in Rugby World Cup history, in 1995, 2003, 2011 and 2019.
- They have won their past six RWC pool games dating back to 2015 against Uruguay in Manchester. They have only won seven consecutive pool matches once in their RWC history, between 2007 against Samoa in Nantes and 2015 against Fiji at Twickenham.
- England did not concede a try in their last game for the first time at a Rugby World Cup since 2011 against Scotland. They have kept their opposition tryless in consecutive games at the same tournament on three previous occasions – against Georgia and South Africa at RWC 2003, France and South Africa at RWC 2007 and Romania and Scotland in 2011.

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CHILE RWC TEAM NOTES

2023 | PLAYED: 2 | WON: 0 | LOST: 2 | DRAWN: 0

- Despite losing both games by 30 points or more, Chile have been within a two-converted try margin at half time in both matches.
- They have scored three tries at RWC 2023, including two in the first half.
- They will look to improve their discipline after earning four yellow cards across their first two games. The most yellow cards any one team has earned in a single tournament is six, by Namibia in 2015 and Samoa in 2019.

ENGLAND KEY STATS

- They remain unmoved in sixth on the World Rugby rankings powered by Capgemini, after coming into this tournament ranked eighth.
- They have scored the 10th fewest tries (4) from the sixth-most entries into the opposition 22 (20) after the opening two rounds. They are averaging 2.15 points per visit, with 25% of their entries ending in a penalty goal or drop goal.
- They have made the most kicks in play of any team after two rounds (93), including the most box kicks (31) and attacking bombs (16).
- England have made nine line breaks after two games. Their most dangerous zone has been the left channel, with six coming between the 0-15 metre line.
- England showed a change in attack between their first two games, making almost double the amount of carries against Japan (137) than they did against Argentina (73).
    - Their ruck speed improved from 52% of quick ball against Argentina to 59% against Japan.
    - They found width last match with 26% of their passes going beyond the first receiver compared to just 15% against Argentina.
- In defence, England have not allowed their opposition a gain-line success of more than 46% at this tournament.
    - They have conceded just one try from nine entries into their own 22, missing just five tackles in total in this zone, and enjoying a completion-rate of 85% when defending their line. The only try they conceded came after 10 phases of opposition attack.

CHILE KEY STATS

- Chile have been fast starters at RWC 2023, scoring 14 of their 22 total points inside the opening 20 minutes. They are up against an England team that have been one of the slowest starters, with just six points inside the opening quarter.
    - Chile have not scored a point in the final quarter of matches at RWC 2023, with the last 20 minutes proving to be England's best period with 20 points scored.
- Los Cóndores continue to match their opposition with time in possession, only making one fewer carry than Samoa last game (97-96 carries) after dominating with ball in hand against Japan (136-90 carries).

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- They continue to spend time inside the opposition 22, averaging six entries per game.
- All three of their tries at RWC 2023 have been unassisted, however six of their nine line breaks have been created by a team-mate's pass.
- They have been patient in attack, with two of their three tries scored from seven phases of possession.

- They will look to improve their discipline after conceding 17 penalties against Samoa, the third-most of any team last weekend behind Australia and Romania. Their most frequent infringement came at the ruck, conceding nine penalties.
- They have conceded 10 of their 11 tries during the tournament from opposition set-piece, with five from the lineout, four from scrums and one from the restart.

VENUE

- Stade Pierre-Mauroy hosted its first Rugby World Cup match last round with France's 27-12 victory against Uruguay, with 49,000 fans witnessing five tries.
- This is the second of five games to be played in Lille, with Scotland against Romania on 30 September, England against Samoa on 7 October, and Tonga against Romania on 8 October.
- In their 64th test match on French soil, this will be only the eighth time England have played outside of Paris, after four tests in Marseille, and one each in Nice, Lens and Nantes.

REFEREE

Referee: Jaco Peyper PROFILE

Debut as Referee: 2011

Tests as Referee: 64

RWC Games as Referee: 8

- This will be the 13th time he has refereed England since 2014, but only the second at a Rugby World Cup following their pool victory against Fiji at Twickenham in 2015.
    - This will be the third time this season he has refereed England after their Six Nations game against Ireland in Dublin, and warm-up test against Fiji at Twickenham.
- This will be the first time he has refereed Chile.

ENGLAND PLAYER NOTES

- Head coach Steve Borthwick has made 13 changes to his starting XV from last weekend, with only **Kyle Sinckler** and **Lewis Ludlam** retaining their places in the run-on team.
- Six players in the match-day team will make their Rugby World Cup debut – **Bevan Rodd, David Ribbans**, **Jack Willis**, **Max Malins**, **Henry Arundell** and **Jack Walker**.
- **Owen Farrell** returns to captain England for the 44th time surpassing Chris Robshaw to move into second all-time. Only Will Carling has led England is more tests (59).

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  - He will partner Danny Care in the halves for the first time since 2014 against South Africa at Twickenham. In the last nine games when they have both been named in the starting XV, Farrell has started at inside-centre.
- **Marcus Smith** will start his first Rugby World Cup match after playing 17 minutes off the bench across England's opening two games.
  - He beat a team-high five defenders from just four carries in a 12-minute performance against Japan last game.
  - This will be his first test at full-back, after starting 19 games at fly-half.
- **Elliot Daly** will start at outside-centre for only the fourth time in his career, after wearing the number 13 jersey against South Africa in 2016, and Scotland and Wales in 2022.
- **Ollie Lawrence** was named Premiership Player of the Season after scoring five tries in 12 appearances for Bath in the 2022-23 season.
  - This will be the first time he has partnered Elliot Daly in the midfield for England.
- **George Ford** is averaging 20.5 points per game at RWC 2023 after coming into the tournament averaging 4.3 across his first four tests this year.
- **Jamie George** lost three lineouts on his throw against Japan after coming into the game with a 100% success-rate in the opening round against Argentina.

CHILE PLAYER NOTES

- Head coach Pablo Lemoine has made nine changes to his starting XV from their 43-10 loss to Samoa, with only **Matias Dittus**, **Clemente Saavedra**, **Rodrigo Fernandez**, **Matias Garafulic**, **Domingo Saavedra** and captain **Martín Sigren** retaining their places.
  - **Francisco Urroz** will make his Rugby World Cup debut eight years after making his test debut for Chile against Brazil in 2015.
  - **Benjamin Videla** represented Chile at RWC Sevens 2022 scoring one try in Cape Town, and makes his starting debut in test rugby after playing 19 minutes off the bench last week against Samoa.
- Captain **Martín Sigren** plays his club rugby in England with Doncaster Knights in the RFU Championship, and is their third representative across the past two Rugby World Cup tournaments after USA's Nick Civetta and Namibia's Wian Conradie played at RWC 2019.
  - He alongside Clemente Saavedra and Matias Dittus will be the only three forwards to start all three games for Chile at RWC 2023. He has missed just nine minutes of game-time so far across the last two matches.
- **Domingo Saavedra** has made the most dominant tackles for Chile at RWC 2023 (5).
- **Rodrigo Fernandez** has played every minute of RWC 2023, and has beaten a team-high six defenders from only 13 carries made.
  - He has made six attacking kicks so far in this tournament, with two retained.
- **Clemente Saavedra** has been their main target at lineout time winning a team-high 11 on their own throw.

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ENGLAND HEAD COACH NOTES

- **Steve Borthwick** earned 57 caps for England between 2000-10, including playing three matches at RWC 2007 in the pool stages against South Africa, Samoa and Tonga.
    - He captained England on 21 occasions between 2008 and 2010.
    - He is one of three former England players to have coached the national team at a Rugby World Cup alongside Sir Clive Woodward and Martin Johnson, with only Borthwick and Johnson having played and coached at this tournament for England.
    - He won just two of his three RWC matches as a player, and will be looking for his third-straight victory as head coach at this tournament.

CHILE HEAD COACH NOTES

- **Pablo Lemoine** played 48 tests for Uruguay, including at RWC 1999 and 2003. He scored Uruguay's only try against England at RWC 2003 in Brisbane.
    - He was Uruguay's top try-scorer at RWC 2003 with two, and was part of the team in 1999 that won their very first Rugby World Cup match on debut against Spain.
    - He is chasing his first RWC victory as head coach after losing all four games in 2015 with Uruguay, and both matches with Chile at RWC 2023.

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