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# IRELAND v NEW ZEALAND

MATCH 42 – QUARTER-FINAL 2 – 14 OCTOBER, 2023

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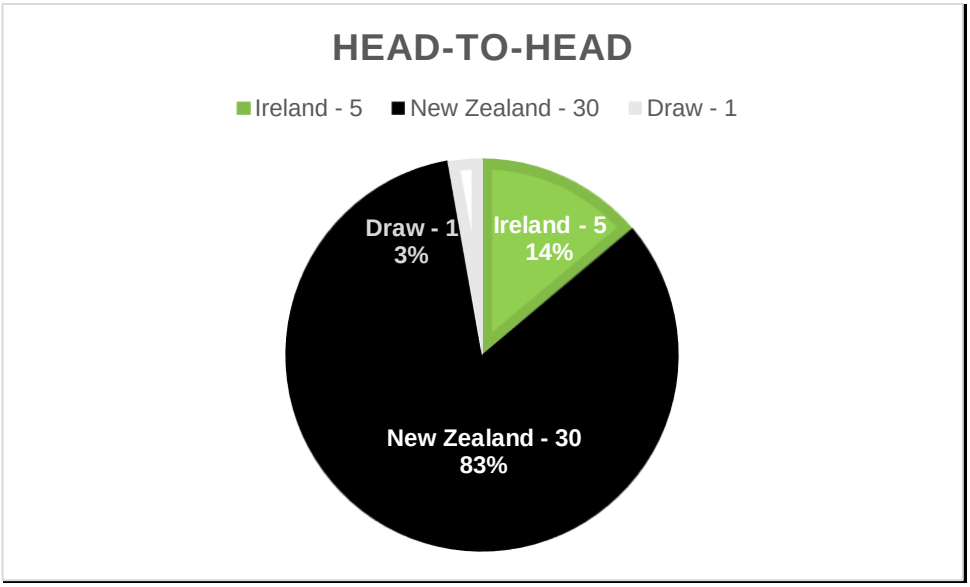
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# DID YOU KNOW?

- Both teams remain unmoved on the World Rugby rankings powered by Capgemini, with Ireland in first and New Zealand in fourth. Since rankings were introduced in 2003, only once has the number one ranked team lost a quarter-final, with New Zealand losing to France in Cardiff in 2007.
- Both teams will wear their home jersey for this match – SEE ALL JERSEY COLOURS
- This match features two of the top three attacking teams at RWC 2023 – SEE INFOGRAPHIC

# HEAD-TO-HEAD

**1905-2022 | PLAYED: 36 | IRELAND: 5 | NEW ZEALAND: 30 | DRAW: 1**




**Highest score:** Ireland 40 (40-29 on 5 November, 2016)/ New Zealand 66 (66-28 on 12 June, 2010)

**Biggest winning margin:** Ireland 11 (40-29 on 5 November 2016 and 23-12 on 9 July, 2022) /New Zealand 60 (60-0 on 23 June, 2012)

| PAST FIVE MEETINGS | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Year** | **Winner** | **Score** | **Margin** | **Venue** |
| **2022** | **Ireland** | 32-22 | 10 | Sky Stadium, Wellington |
| **2022** | **Ireland** | 23-12 | 11 | Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin |
| **2022** | **New Zealand** | 42-19 | 23 | Eden Park, Auckland |
| **2021** | **Ireland** | 29-20 | 9 | Aviva Stadium, Dublin |
| **2019** | **New Zealand** | 46-14 | 32 | Tokyo Stadium, Tokyo |

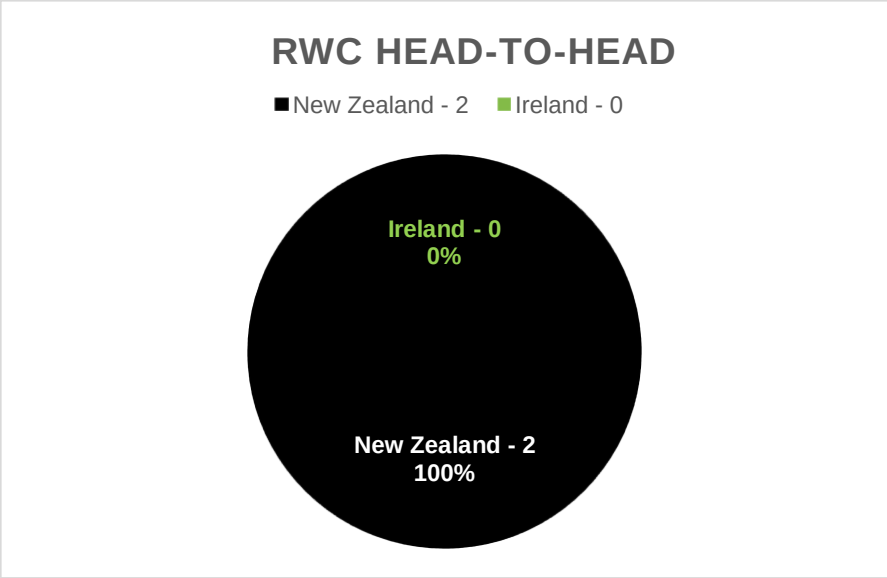
- After 27 All Black wins and one draw between 1905 and 2013, Ireland have recorded all five wins across the past eight tests in this fixture since 2016.
- No team has beaten the New Zealand in more tests (5) or enjoyed a better win percentage against the All Blacks (67%) than Ireland since 2016.

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- Ireland are chasing their third consecutive victory against the All Blacks – not since South Africa in the 2009 Tri-Nations has New Zealand lost three-straight tests against any single team.
- The team leading at half-time has won eight of the past 10 tests since 2013.

# RWC HEAD-TO-HEAD

### 1995-2019 | PLAYED: 2 | IRELAND: 0 | NEW ZEALAND: 2




**Highest score:** Ireland 19 (43-19 on 27 May, 1995)/ New Zealand 46 (46-14 on 19 October, 2019)

**Biggest winning margin:** New Zealand 32 (46-14 on 19 October, 2019)

| PAST RWC MEETINGS | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Winner | Score | Margin | Venue | Stage |
| 2019 | New Zealand | 46-14 | 32 | Tokyo Stadium, Tokyo | QF |
| 1995 | New Zealand | 43-19 | 24 | Ellis Park, Johannesburg | Pool |

- Ireland are chasing their first Rugby World Cup victory against the All Blacks. Two of their three largest losses at this tournament have come against New Zealand.
- Ireland's 32-point loss against the All Blacks in 2019 is still their largest against any team in Rugby World Cup history.
- New Zealand are one of only three teams in RWC history, alongside France and Argentina, to score 40 or more points against Ireland, and the only team to have done this twice.
- The All Blacks have scored 43 points or more in their two RWC games against Ireland – Italy are the only Six Nations team they have achieved this score-line in three-straight games at the Rugby World Cup.
- New Zealand have scored 20 or more first-half points in both previous fixtures, while only conceding 12 points in total in this period against Ireland – they led 20-12 at half-time in 1995 and 22-0 in 2019.

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# IRELAND RWC TEAM NOTES

### 1987-2023 | PLAYED: 44 | WON: 28 | LOST: 16

| IRELAND RWC HISTORY – TOURNAMENT PLACING | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1987 | 1991 | 1995 | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | 2011 | 2015 | 2019 |
| 5th | 5th | 5th | 9th | 5th | Pool | 5th | 5th | 5th |

- Ireland's 36-14 victory over Scotland in round five extended their record run of consecutive wins to 17, dating back to the first test loss to New Zealand in July 2022.
    - England (RWC 2015 – March 2017) and New Zealand (August 2015 – November 2016) are the only two top ranked teams to have won 18 consecutive tests.
    - The all-time record of consecutive international victories is held by Cyprus, who won 24-straight tests between November 2008 and 2014, while New Zealand have, on three occasions, been unbeaten in 20 more tests with a draw featuring in this run.
- Ireland have already beaten their previous RWC records for most tries and points in a single tournament at RWC 2023 with 27 tries and 190 points after the pool stages.
- Ireland are the only Home Nation yet to make it beyond the quarter-final stages of a Rugby World Cup. In their eighth attempt, they hold the record for most losses at this stage of a tournament.
    - The 2023 Six Nations Grand Slam winners are bidding to become only the second team after England in 2003 to be crowned both champions of Europe and champions of the world in the same year.
- Ireland have never led at half-time in a Rugby World Cup quarter-final, level or behind at the break in all seven matches.
    - They have been slow starters in previous quarter-finals, averaging just 4.4 points in the opening half while conceding 17.7 per game in this period.

# NEW ZEALAND RWC TEAM NOTES

### 1987-2023 | PLAYED: 60 | WON: 52 | LOST: 8

| NEW ZEALAND RWC HISTORY – TOURNAMENT PLACING | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1987 | 1991 | 1995 | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | 2011 | 2015 | 2019 |
| 1st | 3rd | 2nd | 4th | 3rd | 5th | 1st | 1st | 3rd |

- The three-time champions have won eight of their nine RWC quarter-finals, with their only loss at this stage of the tournament coming in 2007 against France in Cardiff.
- Their average quarter-final winning margin is 24 points.
- They average 36 points and 4.4 tries per game in the quarter-finals.
- They have led at half-time in all nine Rugby World Cup quarter-finals.
- They have only conceded 20 points or more in a Rugby World Cup quarter-final on two occasions, against Scotland at Loftus Versfeld in 1995 (won 48-30) and against France in Cardiff in 2007 (lost 20-18).
- New Zealand have only lost two games in a single tournament once, the semi-final and bronze final in 1999.

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# IRELAND KEY STATS

- Ireland are averaging the third-most points (47.5) and joint-second-most tries (6.8) per game of any team at RWC 2023. New Zealand rank first (63.3 points and 9.5 tries) and France second (53 points and 6.8 tries) in these categories. SEE INFOGRAPHIC
    - Their best scoring period is the 20 minutes before half-time, averaging 17.5 points per game in this period, the second-most of any team behind New Zealand (17.8). However, they are up against an All Black team who have conceded just 0.8 points per game in this period, the joint-lowest average of any team alongside France.
- They have scored the most tries from any team at RWC 2023 from lineout possession (15), their only set-piece scoring platform at this tournament. They are yet to score a try from the scrum.
    - They have set the joint-most lineouts of any team 10 metres out from the opposition try-line (13), alongside France, but have converted just 44% of them into tries.
    - Fifty-six percent of their total tries scored have come from lineout, but their win rate on their own throw is just 81.5%, the eighth-lowest of any team.
    - They scored five of their 11 tries against the All Blacks in 2022 from the lineout.
- They have been patient on attack, scoring nine of their 27 tries (33%) after five phases of possession. They are up against an All Black team who have conceded just one of their four tries after defending six or more phases.
    - They enjoyed a carry dominance of 24% against the All Blacks in 2022, while conceding just 20%.
- They are at their most dangerous down the centre channel, between both 15-metre lines, with 20 of their 34 line-breaks coming in this zone.
- They are averaging the most entries per game to the opposition 22 (15.3) of any team at RWC 2023, but the sixth-fewest points per visit (3.1).
    - Their efficiency last game against Scotland was their best in a match at RWC 2023, averaging four points per visit from nine entries made.
    - They average the most carries per game of any team in the opposition 22 with 46.8.
    - They averaged 7.3 entries per game against the All Blacks in 2022, for just two points per visit.
- They enjoy the fourth-best accuracy in front of goal of any team, converting 87% of their total shots. They are yet to miss a penalty goal attempt, kicking a perfect 3/3.
- In defence, they enjoy the fourth-highest tackle completion-rate of any team with 80%, behind France (82%), Scotland (82%) and Wales (81%).
    - They completed 88% of their attempts against Scotland, while also winning six breakdown turnovers.
    - They have conceded the fewest entries of any team into their own 22 with just 5.3 per game. They only allowed the All Blacks 7.3 entries per game in 2022.
    - The left edge has been their weakest point, conceding three of their five tries from breaks in this zone, and four tries overall down the left and right channels combined. Only Tonga's Vaea Fifita has broken through the Irish defence down the centre.

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# NEW ZEALAND KEY STATS

- New Zealand have scored the most tries of any of the eight quarter-finalists (38).
    - They are averaging a competition-high 9.5 tries per game after the pool stages.
    - Thirty-three of their 38 tries have been directly assisted by a team-mate, the joint-highest ratio of any team alongside Italy (87%) who have scored more than 10 tries.
    - They are averaging the most line breaks (16) and second-most defenders beaten per game (39) of any team at RWC 2023.
    - They are averaging one line break every eight carries, the best ratio of any team.
    - They have made the second-most try assists of any team from kicks (3) behind France (5). Two of these three kicks have found Will Jordan to score the try.
    - They have scored the joint-most tries from counter attacks (7) and will look to launch against an Irish side who has conceded the fourth-most kick return metres (561) of any team. Five of their 11 tries scored against Ireland in 2022 came from unstructured possession, with two from kick returns, two from steals, and one from a quick tap.
    - The All Black attack has targeted width at RWC 2023 with the third-highest percentage of attacking movement going beyond 20 metres (14%). They are up against an Irish team who have conceded the fourth-highest percentage of wide movement (12%) behind Romania (18%), Namibia (16%) and Australia (14%), and are one of two teams who are yet to force a tackle into touch. Four of their five tries conceded have come from the opposition breaks down the left and right channels.
- They are the second-fastest starters in the competition, averaging 12.5 points per game inside the opening 20 minutes. Their 20th minute try last game against Uruguay was their slowest at RWC 2023.
    - They are up against an Irish side who have conceded just 2.8 points per game in this period, the fifth-lowest average of any team.
- The All Blacks are averaging 14.8 entries per game into the opposition-22, the second-most behind Ireland (15), but with the highest points per visit of any team (4.2).
    - They are averaging only 3.5 turnovers per game in the red zone, the sixth-fewest of any team. Only Wales and Japan average fewer turnovers (2.3) from more than eight visits per game.
- The All Blacks have not conceded a first-half try at RWC 2023. Both scored against them by France came after the 55th minute.
    - They have conceded the first try of the match against Ireland in each of their past four meetings, and all inside the opening 15 minutes – the last time they scored first was at RWC 2019.
    - They have conceded just four tries at RWC 2023, with two from the lineout, and two from turnovers.
    - They conceded seven of their nine tries against Ireland in 2022 from set-piece, with five from the lineout and two from scrums.
- They have the highest win percentage of any team at lineout time (98%), with France the only team to make a clean steal on the All Black throw at RWC 2023.

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  - They have made the second-most lineout steals of any team at RWC 2023 (15) behind South Africa (17).
  - They have converted 57% of their lineout set 10 metres out from the opposition try-line into tries, the third-highest success-rate of any team behind Wales (71%) and Georgia (63%).
- New Zealand are conceding on average 9.5 penalties per game, the seventh-fewest, but the majority of these infringements are coming at the ruck, with 5.3 per game the third-most of any team.
  - They were ill-disciplined with ball in hand against Ireland in 2022, conceding on average three penalties per game on attack.

# VENUE

- Stade de France will host six of the eight knock-out games at RWC 2023.
- The All Blacks return to Paris for the first time since the opening game of the tournament. They are unbeaten in seven of nine tests at Stade de France with six wins and a draw. However, the last of these victories was back in 2017.
- Ireland are unbeaten at Stade de France in 2023, after winning just three of their first 14 tests at this venue between 1998 and 2022.

# REFEREE

**Referee:** Wayne Barnes (England) PROFILE

**Debut as Referee:** 2006

**Tests as Referee:** 109

**RWC Games as Referee:** 25

- This will be his fourth Rugby World Cup quarter-final, after 2007, 2015 and 2019.
- He overtakes Jim Fleming, Nigel Owens, and Derek Bevan for most quarter-finals officiated at this tournament.
- He has already refereed both the All Blacks and Ireland in their pool matches at RWC 2023.
- This will be the fourth time he has refereed this fixture after 2010 in New Plymouth, 2018 in Dublin, and 2022 in Wellington.
- This will be the 24th time he has refereed the All Blacks since 2007, and the sixth time at a Rugby World Cup.
- This will be the 24th time he has refereed Ireland since 2007, and the fourth time at a Rugby World Cup.

# IRELAND PLAYER NOTES

- Head coach Andy Farrell has named an unchanged starting XV for the first time at RWC 2023. The only two changes to the match-day team from last week's victory against

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Scotland are on the bench, with **Joe McCarthy** replacing Jack Conan and **Jimmy O'Brien** replacing Stuart McCloskey.

- There are 11 survivors from their RWC 2019 quarter-final loss to the All Blacks at Tokyo Stadium – Tadhg Furlong, James Ryan, Peter O'Mahony, Josh van der Flier, Iain Henderson, Conor Murray, Johnny Sexton, Garry Ringrose, Andrew Porter, Dave Kilcoyne, and Tadhg Beirne.
- **Tadhg Furlong**, **Johnny Sexton** and **Josh van der Flier** are the only three players in the match-day team to have played in all five Irish victories against the All Blacks.
- There are three New Zealand born players in this match-day team, in **James Lowe**, **Jamison Gibson-Park** and **Bundee Aki**.
    - Bundee Aki played 25 Super Rugby games for the Chiefs, including winning the 2013 title alongside current All Blacks Sam Cane and Brodie Retallick.
    - James Lowe played 52 Super Rugby games for the Chiefs, and was capped four times for the Māori All Blacks playing alongside current All Blacks Rieko Ioane, Damian McKenzie and Codie Taylor.
    - Jamison Gibson-Park played 42 Super Rugby games for the Blues and Hurricanes, including winning the 2016 title alongside current All Blacks Dane Coles, Ardie Savea, and Beauden Barrett. He also was capped seven times for the Māori All Blacks.
- If used off the bench, **Conor Murray** will surpass Brian O'Driscoll and Paul O'Connell for most Rugby World Cup games for Ireland in his 18th appearance.
    - He will be looking to avoid becoming the first player in Rugby World Cup history to lose four quarter-finals. Connor Murray and Keith Earls are the only active players from 10 overall who have lost three matches at this stage of the tournament.
- **Johnny Sexton** will play his 15th test against the All Blacks for Ireland, and 18th overall including the British and Irish Lions. He will surpass Alun Wyn Jones (17) for most tests by any Northern Hemisphere player against New Zealand.
    - He is still 13 points behind Stephen Jones' Northern Hemisphere record of 103 points against the All Blacks for Wales and the British & Irish Lions.
    - He has lost two Rugby World Cup quarter-finals in his career, 2011 against Wales, and 2019 against New Zealand. He missed their 2015 loss to Argentina through injury, and Ian Madigan replaced him in the number 10 jersey.
    - This will be his 30th test as Irish captain – only Brian O'Driscoll (83), Rory Best (38) and Keith Wood (36) have led Ireland on more occasions.
    - He has scored 51 points so far at RWC 2023, and requires 19 more to break Ralph Keyes Irish tournament record of 68 points scored at RWC 1991. SEE INFOGRAPHIC
- **Bundee Aki** has been responsible for much of the Irish attack, making a tournament-high 61 carries, 33 dominant carries and 23 defenders beaten, and team-high five offloads and nine line breaks. SEE INFOGRAPHIC
    - Four of his five offloads have created the space for a team-mate to make a line break, providing the most assists by this pass type of any player.
    - He and Mack Hansen are Ireland's leading try-scorers this year with six each.

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- **Andrew Porter** was Ireland's top try-scorer against the All Blacks in 2022 with two.
- **Hugo Keenan** was responsible for much of Ireland's attack against the All Blacks in 2022 with a team-high 38 carries, 207 metres, four defenders beaten, two line breaks and two try assists.
    - He and **Bundee Aki** are the only two Irish players to have played every minute of their RWC 2023 campaign.
- **Josh van der Flier** only missed one tackle against the All Blacks in 2022, completing 66 of 67 attempts.
- **Caelan Doris** made a team-high four jackals from 37 defensive ruck entries against the All Blacks in 2022. He has made a team-high 48 tackles and won four jackals for Ireland at RWC 2023.
- **Garry Ringrose** has been involved in 14% of Ireland's total tries at RWC 2023, with six assists and one try.

# NEW ZEALAND PLAYER NOTES

- Head coach Ian Foster has made six changes to his starting XV from their 73-0 victory against Uruguay, recalling Ethan de Groot, Scott Barrett, Ardie Savea, Aaron Smith, Rieko Ioane and Beauden Barrett to the run-on team.
- There are eight players in the match-day team who started all three tests against Ireland in 2022 – Rieko Ioane, Jordie Barrett, Beauden Barrett, Brodie Retallick, Ardie Savea, Aaron Smith, Codie Taylor and captain Sam Cane.
    - Jordie Barrett is the only All Black who played every minute of the series (240).
- There are only three players in the match-day team who have played in all five All Black losses against Ireland – Beauden Barrett, Ardie Savea and Codie Taylor.
- There are 12 survivors in the match-day team from their RWC 2019 quarter-final win against Ireland in Tokyo, including eight in the starting line-up.
    - Four of their six try-scorers that day have been named in this side – Jordie Barrett, Beauden Barrett, Aaron Smith and Codie Taylor.
- There are five players in the match-day team that made their test debut against Ireland and who will be departing the All Blacks at the end of RWC 2023 – Aaron Smith, Beauden Barrett, Leicester Fainga'anuku, Sam Whitelock and Brodie Retallick.
- **Will Jordan** is on a three-game try-scoring streak against Ireland, crossing against them in Dublin in 2021, and in Dunedin and Wellington in 2022.
    - He has scored four tries in three games at RWC 2023, with all four assisted by a team-mate – Beauden Barrett, Jordie Barrett, Brodie Retallick and Damian McKenzie.
    - He has made a team-high nine line breaks and 323 carry metres at RWC 2023.
    - He has scored 27 tries in 28 All Blacks tests since making his debut in 2020.
- **Sam Whitelock** will equal Richie McCaw's All Black record for most RWC quarter-finals played in his fourth appearance at this stage of the tournament.

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- He has won all three previous quarter-finals and will be looking to become the first player in Rugby World Cup history to win four games at this stage of the tournament.
- He has won the most Rugby World Cup games of any player, tasting victory on 21 occasions.

- **Sam Cane** has won just one of his three tests against Ireland as captain. No All Blacks captain has ever lost more than two tests in this fixture, after Kieran Read suffered two defeats (2016 and 2018) and Sam Whitelock one (2021).
  - He scored two tries against Ireland in his starting debut in Hamilton in 2012 – the last All Black captain to score a try in this fixture was Justin Marshall in 1997 in Dublin.
- **Richie Mo'unga** has scored the fourth-most Rugby World Cup points for the All Blacks (90), behind Dan Carter (191), Grant Fox (170), and Andrew Mehrtens (163).
  - This will be the first time he has worn the number 10 jersey against Ireland since their RWC 2019 quarter-final in Tokyo. His past four caps in this fixture have all been off the bench.
- **Ardie Savea** was the All Blacks leading try-scorer against Ireland in 2022 with three tries.
  - He has made the most try assists of any forward at RWC 2023 with three.
- **Leicester Fainga'anuku** has scored four tries in two games at RWC 2023. He made his test debut against Ireland last year, but was limited in his opportunities on attack averaging just six carries and 30 metres per game across two appearances.
  - In just 169 minutes played at RWC 2023, he has made the most carries (38) and most tackle breaks (18) of any All Black.
- In his 83rd test match, **Codie Taylor** will make his 50th career start.

## IRELAND HEAD COACH NOTES

- Andy Farrell has won 35 of his 42 tests in charge of Ireland, enjoying a win percentage of 83% and making him the most successful Irish head coach in the professional era.
- The dual code international represented England in eight tests, including at RWC 2007, while also playing the final of the 1995 Rugby League World Cup.
  - Only three former internationals have won the Rugby World Cup as a head coach - Brian Lochore (25 tests) with New Zealand in 1987, Sir Clive Woodward (23 tests) with England in 2003, and Rassie Erasmus (36 tests) with South Africa in 2019.

## NEW ZEALAND HEAD COACH NOTES

- **Ian Foster** is chasing his 31st win as All Blacks head coach in his 44th game in charge since taking over from Sir Steve Hansen in 2020.
  - Since 1949, only three All Blacks head coaches have won 30 or more tests in charge – John Hart (31), Sir Graham Henry (88) and Sir Steve Hansen (93).
  - He has suffered the most defeats of any All Blacks coach against Ireland (3).
- All Blacks assistant coach **Joe Schmidt** lost two Rugby World Cup quarter-finals with Ireland, in 2015 and in this fixture in 2019.

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- He coached Ireland 76 times between 2013 and 2019, enjoying a win percentage of 73%.
- He won three Six Nations titles (2014, 2015, 2018), a Grand Slam and Triple Crown in 2018, an inaugural series win against Argentina in 2014, their first series win in Australia since 1979 in 2018, and Ireland's first test wins against the All Blacks in 2016 and on home soil in 2018.
- He was awarded World Rugby Coach of the Year in 2018.

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