

Performance Analysis - Match Round 6

Losing quarter-finalists

Fiji

- Had the better output against England, 133 carries to 94, 8 linebreaks to 3, four times as many offloads, with more possession time and territory - and even a better red-zone efficiency. The one metric that got all the other teams through having lower attacking output was having a better efficiency than their opposition. Only team to manage this but lose. Just three goal kicks from outside the 22.
- Finished the tournament with second-most carries (138.2 per game on average), third-most offloads (11.8) and the most dominant collisions in attack (40.0) per game.
- Just 16th overall for positive outcomes (65%) and 18th for turnovers conceded (16.4) might be an indicator of making too many errors.
- 11th for ruck speed (4.12s).
- Just 12th for red-zone entries (8.8) and 14th for efficiency (1.93), despite bettering that v England and bettering England themselves.
- Lost just 1 scrum all tournament. Won the most lineouts per game (14.4).
- Not kicking the ball away much at all 16th for possession kicked (47%) and wanting to play with it more, second-highest possession time (18:06).
- Had to make the second-fewest tackles per game (98.8) but had the third-worst success rate (80%).
- Most turnovers won of any team (7.8), second-most from breakdowns (4.6) only Ireland more.
- Fifth-best discipline per game of any team (9.6 penalties conceded on average).
- Third-most play wider than 10m from the ruck (59%).
- Josua Tuisova finished with the most carries (55).
- Waisea Nayacalevu made the most metres (434).
- Semi Radradra and Vinaya Habosi made the most line-breaks (4).
- Radradra again and Sireli Maqala beat the most defenders (15).
- Levani Botia made the most tackles for Fiji (43) and the most breakdown steals (4).

France

- Far superior attacking output in their quarter final match, 153 carries to 80, 12 linebreaks to 5, 42 defenders beaten to 12, 15 offloads to 5, 54% gainline success to 45%, even 60% possession time and 63% territory but red-zone efficiency the most important aspect and lost out on that, 2.00 compared to South Africa's 3.25.
- Finished with some very high attacking stats particularly, second-most offloads per game of any team (12.2), third most line-breaks (11.0), for metres made (548.2) and best collision dominance in attack (47%).
- Just 12th for average ruck speed (4.14s).
- Red-zone efficiency 6th best of all teams (2.80) but losing out when it mattered to South Africa. Got into the right areas incredibly well, second-most entries (13.6).
- Second-best lineout success of the tournament (93%).
- Fifth-most kicks in play (29.0) showing you can get attacking output while still kicking.
- Fourth-best tackle success of the tournament (87%).
- Most disciplined team, fewest penalties conceded per game (7.8) including the fewest conceded in defence (4.4).
- 7th most play wider than 30m from the ruck (11%).



- Gregory Alldritt finished with the most carries for France (47).
- Damian Penaud just 4 carries fewer (43) but then made the most metres (465), the most line-breaks (13) and beat the most defenders (22).
- Charles Ollivon and Francois Cros made the most tackles for France (47).

Ireland

- Better attacking output than New Zealand to match this unusual (winners/losers) theme for the quarter-finals, 172 carries to 120, metres made 632 to 481, defenders beaten 31 to 22, average ruck speed 3.40s to 4.10.
- Forced New Zealand to make the second-most tackles of any team in the tournament (229) and even got into their 22 14 times compared to New Zealand's 6. Red-zone efficiency 1.50 points per entry to 4.33 is vast and explains how they lost.
- Finished the tournament with the third-most carries of any team (137.6) for the third-most metres (594.0), making the fourth-most linebreaks (8.8) beating the fourth-most defenders (28.2) and having the fourth-best gainline success (55%). Also completing their possessions very well, fourth-highest positive outcomes (72%) down to the fourth-fewest turnovers conceded (12.4).
- Third-fastest ruck speed on top of all that but so clearly linked (3.45s) and the second-best ruck retention (96%) which is harder to do with such speed.
- The most red-zone entries of any team by some way (15.2), played the most phases (40.6), the second-most time spent there (05:26) but just eighth for efficiency (2.63), which cost them in quarter-final.
- Finished with the worst scrum success of any team in the tournament (72%), just 13th for line-out success (82%).
- Third-highest possession time (17:47).
- Had the most breakdown turnovers per game (4.8) but just the 10th most turnovers overall (6.2).
- Fourth-best best discipline overall (9.4 penalties per game).
- Bundee Aki topped almost all the stats for Ireland, top carrier by some way (81) 22 more than the next most. Also made the most metres (756), the most line-breaks (10), the most offloads (5) and the most defenders beaten (30).
- Caelan Doris made the most tackles (61 with 4 dominant tackles, only Peter O'Mahony made more (5) but then Doris also won 5 breakdown steals, the most of any Ireland player.

Wales

- Rounded off the quarter-finals with all losing teams having a better attacking output than their opposition but still lost. 609 metres made to 419, line-breaks 8 to 5, defenders beaten 22 to 21. Crucially for Wales they made far too many errors in this game, 18 turnovers conceded to 11 for Argentina and meant there was a 20% difference in their positive outcomes (58% to 78%).
- Had to make 168 tackles still but only won 3 turnovers.
- Red zone again the difference: 2.33 points per entry compared to 4.33 points and when they had the same number of entries (6) that two-point difference per entry equated to 12.
- Attacking stats: eighth-most offloads (12.8) and sixth-best collision dominance (41%) their best.
- Slowest ruck speed (4.99s) and the fewest rucks under 2s (14%) obviously the cause for their lack of output, so crucial in the modern game.



- Got through a lot of their games with great efficiency in the red zone, can mask over everything else or get the job done regardless and finished with the third-best efficiency (3.45) but just 13th for entries (8.6) – both significantly down compared to Argentina.
- Finished with the best scrum success of any team (98%) losing just 1 scrum in the whole tournament.
- Third-most kicks in play (29.6) and the fourth-most possession kicked away (62%) but didn't translate to territory as you might think; third-lowest (46%).
- Had to make the most tackles by some way (167.0) but managed the second-best success rate with it (89%), just 13th for dominant hits (9) though.
- Similar for turnovers won, just 15th overall (5.4) and 17th at the breakdown (2).
- 16th for discipline not great either (12.6).
- Liam Williams their top carrier (46).
- Louis Rees-Zammit made the most metres (468) with the highest average per carry (13.4), the most line-breaks (7) and the joint-most defenders beaten (15) with George North.
- Will Rowlands the top tackler (65) with the joint-most dominant (4) with Aaron Wainwright.
- Jac Morgan and Tommy Reffell just 2 breakdown turnovers each, leading the way for Wales.

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