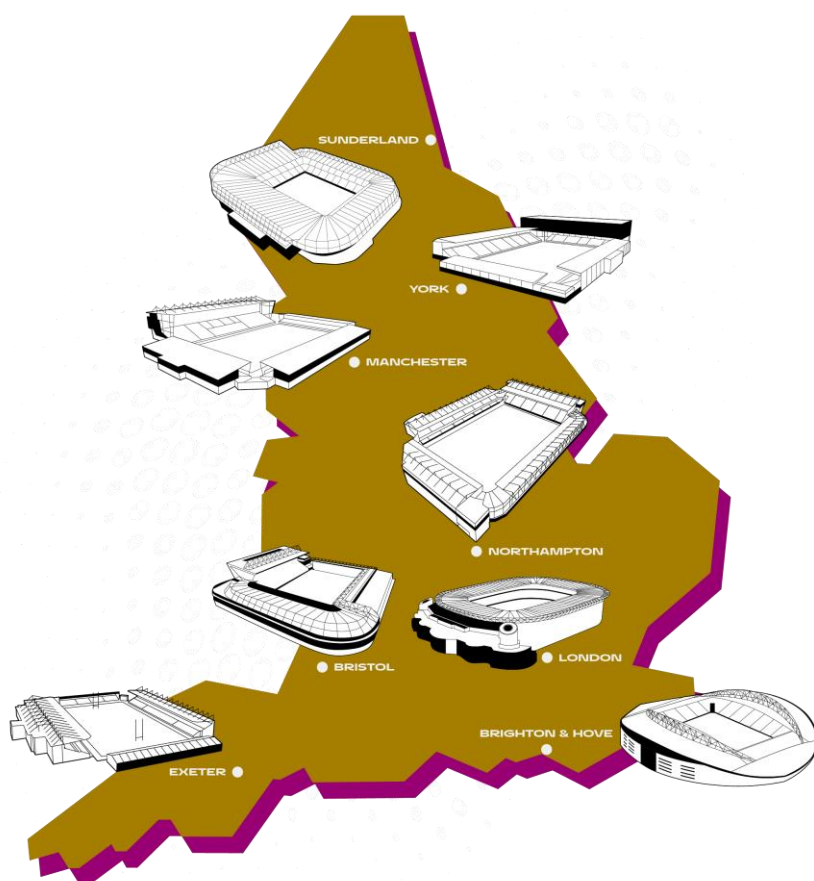




WOMEN'S ENG25

TOURNAMENT REVIEW



Opta Facts

- England won the Women's Rugby World Cup for a third time (also 1994, 2014), only New Zealand have lifted the trophy more often (6 times); the Red Roses have finished in the top three at every edition of the tournament, the only team to manage that feat.
- England defeated Canada 33–13 in the final, with their 20–point margin of victory being the second biggest in a Rugby World Cup final, only behind New Zealand's 32–point win against USA in 1998 (44–12).
- New Zealand failed to reach the Rugby World Cup final for just the third time in their nine tournament appearances, after 1991 and 2014; they went on to win the Bronze Final and have now finished in the top three at eight editions.
- France participated in a seventh consecutive Bronze Final, but lost to New Zealand (26–42), just their second such defeat during that run (also 8–22 v Australia in 2010).
- Brazil made their tournament debut, becoming the first side from South America to play at the Women's Rugby World Cup.
- South Africa reached the quarter-finals of the Women's Rugby World Cup for the first time in their history; the Springbok Women topped the charts for possession (59%), territory (59%), carries (168) and metres-in-contact (280) per game.
- New Zealand's defeat to Canada in the semi-finals brought their 18–game winning run at the Rugby World Cup to an end, the second-longest such run in the history of the tournament, after their own run of 20 consecutive victories between 1998 and 2014.
- Champions England scored the most points (52.7) and tries (8.0) per game of any team at Rugby World Cup 2025, also conceding the fewest on average (9.2 points, 1.3 tries).
- England gained the most metres per carry (4.9) and had the highest gainline success rate (76%) of any team at Rugby World Cup 2025 – Fiji had the competition's highest tackle evasion rate (29%), while Scotland ranked first for carry dominance (47%).
- New Zealand's Braxton Sorensen-McGee was the top try scorer at Rugby World Cup 2025, crossing the line 11 times, at least five more than any other player. She also topped the charts for points scored overall (69), metres carried (761) and line breaks (16).
- Braxton Sorensen-McGee's tally of 11 tries for New Zealand was the second most scored by any player in an edition of the Rugby World Cup, with only teammate Portia Woodman-Wickliffe scoring more in a campaign (13 in 2017).



- England scrum-half Natasha Hunt assisted the most tries at Rugby World Cup 2025 (10); she registered at least one assist during every round of the tournament, the only player to do so.
- New Zealand duo Jorja Miller (33) and Portia Woodman-Wickliffe (28) beat more defenders than any other player at Rugby World Cup 2025 – Miller was the only player to evade at least two thirds of the tackles she faced (70%, min. 20 faced).
- Canada's Sophie de Goede was the only player to make 80+ carries at Rugby World Cup 2025 (107), having also been the only player to do so at the previous edition (101).
- England's Sadia Kabeya was the only player to complete 100+ tackles at Rugby World Cup 2025 (113), while teammate Morwenna Talling made the second most tackles (91) and ranked first for dominant tackles (13).
- France duo Gabrielle Vernier (11) and Charlotte Escudero (9) ranked first and second respectively for turnovers won at Rugby World Cup 2025, with Vernier making the most turnover-winning tackles (7) and Escudero winning the most turnovers at the ruck (7).
- Canada duo Karen Paquin (110) and Emily Tuttosi (107) hit the most attacking rucks of any players at Rugby World Cup 2025, while Scotland's Evie Gallagher hit the most defensive rucks of any player (53).
- Dannah O'Brien made 73 kicks in open play during this year's Rugby World Cup, 29 more than the second highest player (Alex Tessier – 44), as a result, the Ireland fly half was the only player to gain over 1500 kicking metres (2374).
- Wales' Carys Phillips found a teammate from each of her 17 lineout throws at this year's Rugby World Cup, no other player to attempt at least five throws recorded a 100% success rate.
- The earliest try at Rugby World Cup 2025 was scored by Francesca McGhie, who crossed the line for Scotland after just 53 seconds against Wales during the pool stage – Scotland were also responsible for the latest try, scored by Rhona Lloyd in the 82nd minute of their quarter-final against England (81:57).

Rugby World Cup 2025 Results

Date	Team	Score	Opposition	Venue	Pool/Stage
22/08/2025	England	69-7	USA	Stadium of Light	A
23/08/2025	Australia	73-0	Samoa	Salford Community Stadium	A
23/08/2025	Scotland	38-8	Wales	Salford Community Stadium	B
23/08/2025	Canada	65-7	Fiji	York Community Stadium	B
23/08/2025	France	24-0	Italy	Sandy Park	D
24/08/2025	Ireland	42-14	Japan	Franklin's Gardens	C
24/08/2025	South Africa	66-6	Brazil	Franklin's Gardens	D
24/08/2025	New Zealand	54-8	Spain	York Community Stadium	C
30/08/2025	Canada	42-0	Wales	Salford Community Stadium	B
30/08/2025	Scotland	29-15	Fiji	Salford Community Stadium	B
30/08/2025	England	92-3	Samoa	Franklin's Gardens	A
30/08/2025	USA	31-31	Australia	York Community Stadium	A
31/08/2025	Ireland	43-27	Spain	Franklin's Gardens	C
31/08/2025	New Zealand	62-19	Japan	Sandy Park	C
31/08/2025	Italy	24-29	South Africa	York Community Stadium	D
31/08/2025	France	84-5	Brazil	Sandy Park	D
06/09/2025	Canada	40-19	Scotland	Sandy Park	B
06/09/2025	USA	60-0	Samoa	York Community Stadium	A
06/09/2025	Wales	25-28	Fiji	Sandy Park	B
06/09/2025	England	47-7	Australia	Brighton & Hove Albion Stadium	A
07/09/2025	Japan	29-21	Spain	York Community Stadium	C
07/09/2025	Italy	64-3	Brazil	Franklin's Gardens	D
07/09/2025	New Zealand	40-0	Ireland	Brighton & Hove Albion Stadium	C
07/09/2025	France	57-10	South Africa	Franklin's Gardens	D
13/09/2025	New Zealand	46-17	South Africa	Sandy Park	QF1
13/09/2025	Canada	46-5	Australia	Ashton Gate	QF2
14/09/2025	France	18-13	Ireland	Sandy Park	QF3
14/09/2025	England	40-8	Scotland	Ashton Gate	QF4
19/09/2025	New Zealand	19-34	Canada	Ashton Gate	SF1
20/09/2025	France	17-35	England	Ashton Gate	SF2
27/09/2025	New Zealand	42-26	France	Allianz Stadium	Bronze Final
27/09/2025	Canada	13-33	England	Allianz Stadium	Final

Rugby World Cup 2025 Pools

Pool A	Team	PL	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TF	BP	PTS
1	England	3	3	0	0	208	17	191	32	3	15
2	Australia	3	1	1	1	111	78	33	17	2	8
3	USA	3	1	1	1	98	100	-2	16	2	8
4	Samoa	3	0	0	3	3	225	-222	0	0	0

Pool B	Team	PL	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TF	BP	PTS
1	Canada	3	3	0	0	147	26	121	23	3	15
2	Scotland	3	2	0	1	86	63	23	14	2	10
3	Fiji	3	1	0	2	50	119	-69	8	1	5
4	Wales	3	0	0	3	33	108	-75	6	2	2

Pool C	Team	PL	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TF	BP	PTS
1	New Zealand	3	3	0	0	156	27	129	24	3	15
2	Ireland	3	2	0	1	85	81	4	13	2	10
3	Japan	3	1	0	2	62	125	-63	10	1	5
4	Spain	3	0	0	3	56	126	-70	9	1	1

Pool D	Team	PL	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TF	BP	PTS
1	France	3	3	0	0	165	15	150	26	2	14
2	South Africa	3	2	0	1	105	87	18	16	2	10
3	Italy	3	1	0	2	88	56	32	16	3	7
4	Brazil	3	0	0	3	14	214	-200	1	0	0

Rugby World Cup Winners

Year	Host	Winner	Runner-up	Third Place
1991	Wales	USA	England	France
1994	Scotland	England	United States	France
1998	Netherlands	New Zealand	United States	England
2002	Spain	New Zealand	England	France
2006	Canada	New Zealand	England	France
2010	England	New Zealand	England	Australia
2014	France	England	Canada	France
2017	Ireland	New Zealand	England	France
2021*	New Zealand	New Zealand	England	France
2025	England	England	Canada	New Zealand

*Played in 2022

Team Rankings - Match Averages

Team	Points Scored
England	52.7
New Zealand	43.8
Canada	40.0
France	37.7
USA	32.7

Team	Goals Kicked
England	6.3
New Zealand	4.7
Canada	4.2
France	4.0
Australia	3.3
South Africa	3.3

Team	Possession %
South Africa	59.1%
USA	57.7%
Japan	54.1%
Canada	53.8%
Ireland	53.7%

Team	Attacking 22m Entries
England	14.8
Canada	13.3
New Zealand	13.0
France	11.3
South Africa	11.3

Team	Ball Carries
South Africa	168
Canada	157
USA	151
Ireland	145
France	141

Team	Line Breaks
New Zealand	13.3
France	9.7
Italy	9.7
England	9.5
Canada	9.3

Team	Tries
England	8.0
New Zealand	6.8
Canada	6.2
France	5.8
USA	5.3

Team	Goal-kicking Success %
Samoa	100% (1/1)
England	79% (38/48)
Brazil	75% (3/4)
Australia	72% (13/18)
New Zealand	65% (28/43)

Team	Territory %
South Africa	58.8%
Japan	57.1%
Canada	56.3%
Ireland	53.8%
England	53.4%

Team	Points Per Attacking 22m Entry
England	3.55
Australia	3.41
New Zealand	3.33
Italy	3.26
France	3.19

Team	Carry Metres
New Zealand	1173
USA	1124
France	1062
South Africa	1001
Italy	999

Team	Defenders Beaten
New Zealand	35.5
France	33.0
Fiji	31.0
South Africa	30.5
USA	28.7

Team	Offloads
France	17.7
Canada	15.0
New Zealand	13.2
Fiji	11.0
Samoa	10.7

Team	Kicks in Open Play
Japan	25.0
Ireland	22.8
England	22.5
Scotland	22.5
Australia	21.5

Team	Tackles Completed
Spain	201
Brazil	192
Australia	190
England	183
Italy	183

Team	Dominant Tackles
England	17.2
Australia	12.8
New Zealand	12.5
France	11.7
Fiji	11.3

Team	Lineout Success %
USA	91.4%
Ireland	90.5%
Canada	88.1%
England	87.1%
New Zealand	86.5%

Team	Ruck Success %
Canada	98.5%
Ireland	96.8%
USA	96.7%
Fiji	96.5%
Scotland	96.4%

Team	Passes
USA	217.0
New Zealand	215.2
Italy	193.0
France	186.0
Ireland	177.8

Team	Kicking Metres
Ireland	727
Scotland	706
England	662
Japan	644
New Zealand	614

Team	Tackle Success %
England	91.3%
France	90.9%
New Zealand	89.6%
Italy	89.1%
Ireland	88.9%

Team	Turnovers Won
France	8.7
Italy	7.3
New Zealand	7.3
Brazil	7.0
Australia	6.5

Team	Scrum Success %
Japan	100.0%
Spain	100.0%
New Zealand	98.1%
England	95.1%
Canada	94.7%

Team	Average Ruck Speed (s)
Canada	2.34
New Zealand	2.72
England	2.80
Samoa	2.84
Ireland	2.88

Player Rankings

Player	Team	Points
Braxton Sorensen-McGee	New Zealand	69
Renee Holmes	New Zealand	64
Sophie de Goede	Canada	61
Zoe Harrison	England	42
Desiree Miller	Australia	30
Julia Schell	Canada	30
Jess Breach	England	30
Francesca McGhie	Scotland	30
Freda Tafuna	USA	30
Helena Rowland	England	27
Morgane Bourgeois	France	27
Byrhandre Dolf	South Africa	27

Player	Team	Tries
Braxton Sorensen-McGee	New Zealand	11
Desiree Miller	Australia	6
Julia Schell	Canada	6
Jess Breach	England	6
Francesca McGhie	Scotland	6
Freda Tafuna	USA	6
Asia Hogan-Rochester	Canada	5
Ellie Kildunne	England	5
Kelsey Clifford	England	5
Emilie Boulard	France	5
Renee Holmes	New Zealand	4
Caitlyn Halse	Australia	4
Alysha Corrigan	Canada	4
McKinley Hunt	Canada	4
Amy Cokayne	England	4
Joanna Grisez	France	4
Vittoria Ostuni Minuzzi	Italy	4
Jorja Miller	New Zealand	4
Rhona Lloyd	Scotland	4
Aseza Hele	South Africa	4

Player	Team	Goals Kicked	Missed	Goal-kicking %*
Holly Aitchison	England	5	1	83.3%
Litiana Vueti	Fiji	5	1	83.3%
Zoe Harrison	England	21	5	80.8%
Helena Rowland	England	11	3	78.6%
Gabby Cantorna	USA	5	2	71.4%
Morgane Bourgeois	France	12	5	70.6%
Braxton Sorensen-McGee	New Zealand	7	3	70.0%
Sophie de Goede	Canada	22	11	66.7%
Samantha Wood	Australia	10	5	66.7%
Byrhandre Dolf	South Africa	13	7	65.0%

*minimum 5 attempts

Player	Team	Ball Carries
Sophie de Goede	Canada	107
DaLeaka Menin	Canada	72
Gabrielle Vernier	France	71
Madoussou Fall Raclot	France	65
Kaipo Olsen-Baker	New Zealand	62
Justine Pelletier	Canada	57
Braxton Sorensen-McGee	New Zealand	55
Karen Paquin	Canada	55
Sinazo Mcatshulwa	South Africa	55
Charlotte Escudero	France	54

Player	Team	Carry Metres
Braxton Sorensen-McGee	New Zealand	761
Ellie Kildunne	England	677
Asia Hogan-Rochester	Canada	586
Julia Schell	Canada	578
Renee Holmes	New Zealand	574
Marine Menager	France	573
Portia Woodman-Wickliffe	New Zealand	570
Sophie de Goede	Canada	537
Kaipo Olsen-Baker	New Zealand	518
Jorja Miller	New Zealand	497

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Player	Team	Line Breaks
Braxton Sorensen-McGee	New Zealand	16
Francesca McGhie	Scotland	12
Jess Breach	England	12
Asia Hogan-Rochester	Canada	12
Jorja Miller	New Zealand	10
Alysha Corrigan	Canada	10
Ellie Kildunne	England	9
Abby Dow	England	8
Claudia Moloney-MacDonald	England	7
Desiree Miller	Australia	7
Joanna Grisez	France	7
Marine Menager	France	7
Kelly Arbey	France	7
Julia Schell	Canada	7
Gabrielle Vernier	France	7

Player	Team	Defenders Beaten
Jorja Miller	New Zealand	33
Portia Woodman-Wickliffe	New Zealand	28
Gabrielle Vernier	France	27
Ellie Kildunne	England	26
Kaipo Olsen-Baker	New Zealand	23
Asia Hogan-Rochester	Canada	22
Francesca McGhie	Scotland	20
Josivini Naihamu	Fiji	19
Helen Nelson	Scotland	19
Joanna Grisez	France	18
Marine Menager	France	18
Florence Symonds	Canada	18

Player	Team	Offloads
Sophie de Goede	Canada	12
Gabrielle Vernier	France	10
Marine Menager	France	10
Stacey Waaka	New Zealand	10
Liana Mikaele-Tu'u	New Zealand	10
Jorja Miller	New Zealand	9
Julia Schell	Canada	9
Justine Pelletier	Canada	9
Madoussou Fall Raclot	France	9
Florence Symonds	Canada	8



Player	Team	Passes
Justine Pelletier	Canada	330
Pauline Bourdon Sansus	France	316
Aoibheann Reilly	Ireland	314
Risi Pouri-Lane	New Zealand	297
Natasha Hunt	England	277
Samantha Wood	Australia	268
Nadine Roos	South Africa	247
Leia Brebner-Holden	Scotland	221
Cassidy Bargell	USA	217
Setaita Railumu	Fiji	212

Player	Team	Try Assists
Natasha Hunt	England	10
Justine Pelletier	Canada	8
Risi Pouri-Lane	New Zealand	5
Renee Holmes	New Zealand	5
Stacey Waaka	New Zealand	5
Nassira Konde	France	5
Pauline Bourdon Sansus	France	4
Lucy Packer	England	4
Lina Queyroi	France	4
Sophie de Goede	Canada	4
Caity Mattinson	Scotland	4
Jorja Miller	New Zealand	4

Player	Team	Kicks in Open Play
Dannah O'Brien	Ireland	73
Alex Tessier	Canada	44
Renee Holmes	New Zealand	39
Ruahei Demant	New Zealand	39
Pauline Bourdon Sansus	France	35
Zoe Harrison	England	34
Helen Nelson	Scotland	33
Faitala Moleka	Australia	33
Caitlyn Halse	Australia	27
Lleucu George	Wales	27

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Player	Team	Kicking Metres
Dannah O'Brien	Ireland	2374
Renee Holmes	New Zealand	1428
Alex Tessier	Canada	1309
Ruahei Demant	New Zealand	1194
Helen Nelson	Scotland	1129
Zoe Harrison	England	1063
Faitala Moleka	Australia	1013
Pauline Bourdon Sansus	France	975
Lleucu George	Wales	814
Lisa Thomson	Scotland	759

Player	Team	Successful Tackles
Sadia Kabeya	England	113
Morwenna Talling	England	91
Charlotte Escudero	France	86
Sophie de Goede	Canada	80
Alex Matthews	England	80
Piper Duck	Australia	80
Karen Paquin	Canada	73
Liana Mikaele-Tu'u	New Zealand	71
Maiakawanakaulani Roos	New Zealand	71
Madoussou Fall Raclot	France	71

Player	Team	Successful Tackles	Missed Tackles	Tackle Success %*
Veisinia Mahutariki-Fakalelu	New Zealand	31	0	100.0%
Rose Bernadou	France	48	1	98.0%
Hannah Botterman	England	45	1	97.8%
Alex Matthews	England	80	2	97.6%
Teani Feleu	France	37	1	97.4%
Sam Monaghan	Ireland	36	1	97.3%
Fiona Tuite	Ireland	36	1	97.3%
Giordana Duca	Italy	35	1	97.2%
Ashley Marsters	Australia	33	1	97.1%
Amy Cokayne	England	63	2	96.9%

*minimum 30 attempts



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Player	Team	Throws Won	Throws Lost	Lineout Throw Success %*
Carys Phillips	Wales	17	0	100.0%
Kathryn Treder	USA	27	1	96.4%
Clíodhna Moloney-MacDonald	Ireland	23	1	95.8%
Georgia Ponsonby	New Zealand	33	3	91.7%
Lark Atkin-Davies	England	30	3	90.9%
Cristina Blanco	Spain	17	2	89.5%
Adiana Talakai	Australia	16	2	88.9%
Emily Tuttosi	Canada	54	7	88.5%
Neve Jones	Ireland	34	5	87.2%
Gillian Boag	Canada	19	3	86.4%

*minimum 10 throws

Player	Team	Lineout Takes (incl. steals)	Lineout Steals
Sophie de Goede	Canada	41	3
Abbie Ward	England	25	5
Masami Kawamura	Japan	20	1
Fiona Tuite	Ireland	19	0
Rosie Galligan	England	17	4
Ruth Campbell	Ireland	17	0
Zoe Aldcroft	England	16	1
Rachel Malcolm	Scotland	15	0
Kaitlan Leaney	Australia	14	2
Nunia Daunimoala	Fiji	14	2
Piper Duck	Australia	14	2
Michaela Leonard	Australia	14	1
Nerea Garcia	Spain	14	0

Player	Team	Turnovers Won
Gabrielle Vernier	France	11
Charlotte Escudero	France	9
Liana Mikaele-Tu'u	New Zealand	8
Jorja Miller	New Zealand	6
Emily Chancellor	Australia	6
Tabua Tuinakauvadra	Australia	6
Sophie de Goede	Canada	5
Hannah Botterman	England	5
Megan Jones	England	5
Alana Bremner	New Zealand	4
Amy Cokayne	England	4
Sizophila Solontsi	South Africa	4
Alex Callender	Wales	4
Evie Gallagher	Scotland	4
Claudia Pena	Spain	4
Stacey Waaka	New Zealand	4



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Player	Team	Attacking Rucks
Karen Paquin	Canada	110
Emily Tuttosi	Canada	107
Liana Mikaele-Tu'u	New Zealand	105
Caroline Crossley	Canada	93
Lea Champon	France	87
Sinazo Mcatshulwa	South Africa	80
Madoussou Fall Raclot	France	79
Evie Gallagher	Scotland	76
Linda Djougang	Ireland	76
Michaela Leonard	Australia	76

Player	Team	Defensive Rucks
Evie Gallagher	Scotland	53
Lea Champon	France	43
Jorja Miller	New Zealand	38
DaLeaka Menin	Canada	35
Liana Mikaele-Tu'u	New Zealand	32
Sophie de Goede	Canada	32
Charlotte Escudero	France	32
Hannah Botterman	England	31
Sui Tauasa Pauaraisa	Samoa	30
Samantha Wood	Australia	29