



**NATIONS
CHAMPIONSHIP
2026**

PREVIEW REPORT



**JAPAN
RUGBY**



IRFU

JAPAN vs IRELAND

**NATIONS
CHAMPIONSHIP 2026
ROUND 2**



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MATCH FACTS

- Ryunosuke Ito made more kick in play metres than any other player in Round 1 (395).
- Japan's only victory in 11 meetings with Ireland came during the 2019 Rugby World Cup, a 19-12 win.
- Yoshitaka Yazaki was Japan's standout performer in the most recent meeting between these two sides, earning a match rating of 7.9 on account of beating 8 defenders and making 78 metres.
- Japan won the joint-most scrums last weekend (8) and maintained 100% lineout success.
- Japan lead the Nations Championship for total kick metres with 984 and kicks in play with 35.
- Takuro Matsunaga scored the most points in Round 1 (17), successfully slotting 5 goal kicks.
- Warner Dearn was Japan's highest-rated player in their most recent outing against Italy, earning a match rating of 8.9 with 16 carries and a try.
- Japan led the competition in Round 1 with 46 total possessions and boasted a tackle success percentage of 86.4% (1st), also top of the league.
- In the last meeting between these sides, Japan won 94% of their lineouts compared to Ireland's 82%, a set-piece edge that will be crucial if they are to cause an upset on home soil.
- Ireland have won 10 of 11 head-to-head meetings with Japan, a win percentage of 90.9%, and arrive in Newcastle on a five-match winning run having beaten Australia, Scotland, Wales, England, and Italy.
- Tommy O'Brien earned a match rating of 8.1 in the most recent fixture between these sides: he made 149 metres, broke the line 4 times, and scored a try.
- Ireland had the most possessions in the opponent half in Round 1 (11) and won the most lineouts (19).
- Ireland won all their scrums last weekend and won 7 mauls (2nd).
- Stuart McCloskey earned a match rating of 8.2 against Australia, beating 6 defenders and making 41 carry metres as Ireland scored 5 tries in a 33-point victory.
- James Ryan made two dominant tackles and stole a lineout last weekend.
- Jack Conan made 19 tackles last weekend at a success rate of 95%.

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL TIME

	Games	Japan Wins	Draws	Ireland Wins
Overall:	11	1	0	10
Japan at Home:	5	1	0	4
Ireland at Home:	5	0	0	5
Neutral Venue:	1	0	0	1



LAST 10 MEETINGS

Year	Date	Team	Score	Opposition	Venue	Winner
2025	08/11/2025	Ireland	41-10	Japan	Aviva Stadium	Ireland
2021	06/11/2021	Ireland	60-5	Japan	Aviva Stadium	Ireland
2021	03/07/2021	Ireland	39-31	Japan	Aviva Stadium	Ireland
2019	28/09/2019	Japan	19-12	Ireland	ECOPA (Ogasayama) Stadium	Japan
2017	24/06/2017	Japan	13-35	Ireland	Ajinomoto Stadium	Ireland
2017	17/06/2017	Japan	22-50	Ireland	ECOPA (Ogasayama) Stadium	Ireland
2005	19/06/2005	Japan	18-47	Ireland	Chichibunomiya	Ireland
2005	12/06/2005	Japan	12-44	Ireland	Yodoko Sakura (KINCHO) Stadium	Ireland
2000	11/11/2000	Ireland	78-9	Japan	Aviva Stadium	Ireland
1995	31/05/1995	Ireland	50-28	Japan	Toyota Stadium	Ireland

RESULTS

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JAPAN

Date	Opponent	Comp	H/A	Result	F	A	TF
04/07/2026	Italy	Nations Championship	H	W	27	10	3
22/11/2025	Georgia	International Men's	A	W	25	23	1
15/11/2025	Wales	Autumn Nations Series	A	L	23	24	2
08/11/2025	Ireland	Autumn Nations Series	A	L	10	41	1
01/11/2025	South Africa	International Men's	A	L	7	61	1
25/10/2025	Australia	International Men's	H	L	15	19	2
20/09/2025	Fiji	WR Pacific Nations Cup	H	L	27	33	3
14/09/2025	Tonga	WR Pacific Nations Cup	H	W	62	24	8
06/09/2025	United States	WR Pacific Nations Cup	A	W	47	21	7
30/08/2025	Canada	WR Pacific Nations Cup	H	W	57	15	8
12/07/2025	Wales	International Men's	H	L	22	31	3
05/07/2025	Wales	International Men's	H	W	24	19	3
24/11/2024	England	Autumn Nations Series	A	L	14	59	2
16/11/2024	Uruguay	International Men's	H	W	36	20	5
09/11/2024	France	Autumn Nations Series	A	L	12	52	2

IRELAND

Date	Opponent	Comp	H/A	Result	F	A	TF
04/07/2026	Australia	Nations Championship	A	W	33	31	5
14/03/2026	Scotland	Six Nations Men's	H	W	43	21	6
06/03/2026	Wales	Six Nations Men's	H	W	27	17	4
21/02/2026	England	Six Nations Men's	A	W	42	21	5
14/02/2026	Italy	Six Nations Men's	H	W	20	13	3
05/02/2026	France	Six Nations Men's	A	L	14	36	2
22/11/2025	South Africa	Autumn Nations Series	H	L	13	24	1
15/11/2025	Australia	Autumn Nations Series	H	W	46	19	6
08/11/2025	Japan	Autumn Nations Series	H	W	41	10	6
01/11/2025	New Zealand	Autumn Nations Series	N	L	13	26	1
12/07/2025	Portugal	International Men's	A	W	106	7	16
05/07/2025	Georgia	International Men's	A	W	34	5	4
15/03/2025	Italy	Six Nations Men's	A	W	22	17	4
08/03/2025	France	Six Nations Men's	H	L	27	42	3
22/02/2025	Wales	Six Nations Men's	A	W	27	18	2

FORM

ALL COMPETITIONS

JAPAN						
Record	Date	Opponent	Comp	Score	Days Since	Games Since
Last Win	04/07/2026	Italy	Nations Championship	27-10	7	0
Last Loss	15/11/2025	Wales	Autumn Nations Series	23-24	238	2
Last Home Win	04/07/2026	Italy	Nations Championship	27-10	7	0
Last Home Loss	25/10/2025	Australia	International Men's	15-19	259	5
Last Away Win	22/11/2025	Georgia	International Men's	25-23	231	1
Last Away Loss	15/11/2025	Wales	Autumn Nations Series	23-24	238	2

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Last Win	04/07/2026	Australia	Nations Championship	33-31	7	0
Last Loss	05/02/2026	France	Six Nations Men's	14-36	156	5
Last Home Win	14/03/2026	Scotland	Six Nations Men's	43-21	119	1
Last Home Loss	22/11/2025	South Africa	Autumn Nations Series	13-24	231	6
Last Away Win	04/07/2026	Australia	Nations Championship	33-31	7	0
Last Away Loss	05/02/2026	France	Six Nations Men's	14-36	156	5

LAST MEETING - STATISTICS

08/11/2025 - Ireland 41-10 Japan (Quilter Autumn Nations Series)		
Ireland		Japan
6	Tries	1
4	Conversions	1
1	Penalty Goals	1
145	Ball Carries	130
15	Offloads	7
16	Line Breaks	4
21	Defenders Beaten	25
594	Carry Metres	349
156	Total Tackles	148
25	Missed Tackle	21
8	Turnovers Won	1
15	Turnover Conceded	18
14	Lineouts Won	15
3	Lineouts Lost	1
8	Total Penalties Conceded	9
27	Kicks in Play	23

#	Player	Minutes Played	Tries	Points	Ball Carries	Defenders Beaten	Tackles	Tackles - Success	Turnovers Won	Pens Conceded
15	Jamie Osborne	65	0	0	8	1	2	50	0	1
14	Tommy O'Brien	80	1	5	12	3	7	64	2	1
13	Tom Farrell	80	0	0	15	0	8	73	0	0
12	Robbie Henshaw	80	0	0	13	1	11	79	1	0
11	Jacob Stockdale	70	0	0	10	4	6	75	0	0
10	Jack Crowley	51	1	12	6	1	9	90	0	0
9	Craig Casey	61	0	0	5	0	4	80	0	0
1	Andrew Porter	67	1	5	7	0	12	92	1	0
2	Ronan Kelleher	57	0	0	2	0	13	87	0	0
3	Tom Clarkson	57	0	0	4	0	15	100	0	1
4	James Ryan	51	0	0	3	0	12	86	0	1
5	Tadhg Beirne	80	0	0	5	0	9	90	0	1
6	Ryan Baird	80	0	0	10	3	12	92	0	1
7	Nick Timoney	51	1	5	2	1	12	92	0	1
8	Caelan Doris	80	0	0	11	5	17	85	2	0
16	Gus McCarthy	23	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	0
17	Paddy McCarthy	13	1	5	2	1	1	100	1	0
18	Finlay Bealham	23	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
19	Cian Prendergast	29	0	0	5	0	3	100	1	1
20	Jack Conan	29	0	0	10	1	1	33	0	0
21	Caolin Blade	19	0	0	2	0	1	50	0	0
22	Sam Prendergast	29	0	4	7	0	1	50	0	0
23	Jimmy O'Brien	15	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

#	Player	Minutes Played	Tries	Points	Ball Carries	Defenders Beaten	Tackles	Tackles - Success	Turnovers Won	Pens Conceded
15	Yoshitaka Yazaki	80	0	0	9	8	4	57	0	0
14	Kippeishida	80	0	0	7	3	9	75	0	0
13	Dylan Riley	80	0	0	6	1	5	83	0	0
12	Charlie Lawrence	56	0	0	13	5	10	91	0	1
11	Tomoki Osada	80	0	0	10	3	4	67	0	0
10	Seung-sin Lee	58	0	5	7	1	5	83	0	0
9	Naoto Saito	58	0	0	3	0	2	50	0	0
1	Kenta Kobayashi	51	0	0	3	0	7	70	0	2
2	Kenji Sato	67	1	5	5	2	11	79	0	0
3	Shuhei Takeuchi	58	0	0	6	0	8	100	0	3
4	Epineri Uluiviti	54	0	0	11	0	8	73	0	0
5	Warner Dearn	80	0	0	11	0	12	92	0	0
6	Ben Gunter	71	0	0	9	0	15	83	0	1
7	Kanji Shimokawa	80	0	0	6	0	9	90	0	1
8	Faulua Makisi	58	0	0	14	2	5	62	0	0
16	Shodai Hirao	13	0	0	0	0	3	100	0	0
17	Ryosuke Iwaihara	29	0	0	0	0	7	100	0	0
18	Keijiro Tamefusa	22	0	0	0	0	4	80	0	0
19	Jack Cornelsen	26	0	0	0	0	8	73	1	0
20	Michael Leitch	31	0	0	5	0	9	75	0	0
21	Shinobu Fujiwara	22	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
22	Shinya Komura	22	0	0	1	0	3	75	0	1
23	Yuya Hirose	14	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0



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TEAM ANALYSIS

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TEAM ANALYSIS - MATCH AVERAGES

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JAPAN RUGBY		IRFU		
9	27	Points	33	6
9	3	Tries	5	6
4	100	Goal Kicking %	80	8
7	138	Carries	136	8
12	257	Carry Metres	385	8
9	10	Opposition 22 Entries	15	1
11	2.6	Points / Opp 22 Entry	4.1	5
12	3	Line Breaks	7	7
11	16	Defenders Beaten	20	9
10	4	Offloads	7	5
9	141	Passes	169	5
1	35	Kicks From Hand	22	6
9	153	Tackles	183	2
1	14	Missed Tackles	36	11
1	86.44	Tackle %	78.21	8
2	10	Dominant Tackles	8	4
8	9	Pens Conceded	10	9
4	0	Yellow Cards	0	5
4	0	Red Cards (Total)	0	5
8	4	Turnovers Won	2	12
5	8	Turnovers Conceded	7	2
3	100	Lineout Success %	86.4	9
10	88.9	Scrum Success %	100	7
4	99.1	Ruck Success %	98.1	6
11	45.8	Gainline Forward %	56.3	5

Ranking - Best to Worst

All stats are on a per match basis (unless stated otherwise)

TEAM ANALYSIS - POINTS & TRIES

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POINTS PER PERIOD

	SCORED					CONCEDED				
	Total	1'-20'	21'-HT	HT-60'	61'-80'	Total	1'-20'	21'-HT	HT-60'	61'-80'
Argentina	38	7	3	7	21	47	7	12	14	14
Australia	31	10	14	7	0	33	12	7	7	7
England	21	0	14	0	7	45	17	0	14	14
Fiji	24	7	3	14	0	39	5	5	15	14
France	32	10	3	12	7	34	5	14	7	8
Ireland	33	12	7	7	7	31	10	14	7	0
Italy	10	7	3	0	0	27	14	3	7	3
Japan	27	14	3	7	3	10	7	3	0	0
New Zealand	34	5	14	7	8	32	10	3	12	7
Scotland	47	7	12	14	14	38	7	3	7	21
South Africa	45	17	0	14	14	21	0	14	0	7
Wales	39	5	5	15	14	24	7	3	14	0
Total	381	101	81	104	95	381	101	81	104	95

TRIES PER PERIOD

	SCORED					CONCEDED				
	Total	1'-20'	21'-HT	HT-60'	61'-80'	Total	1'-20'	21'-HT	HT-60'	61'-80'
Argentina	5	1	0	1	3	7	1	2	2	2
Australia	5	2	2	1	0	5	2	1	1	1
England	3	0	2	0	1	7	3	0	2	2
Fiji	3	1	0	2	0	6	1	1	2	2
France	4	1	0	2	1	5	1	2	1	1
Ireland	5	2	1	1	1	5	2	2	1	0
Italy	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0
Japan	3	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
New Zealand	5	1	2	1	1	4	1	0	2	1
Scotland	7	1	2	2	2	5	1	0	1	3
South Africa	7	3	0	2	2	3	0	2	0	1
Wales	6	1	1	2	2	3	1	0	2	0
Total	54	16	10	15	13	54	16	10	15	13

TRIES PER PHASE

	SCORED				CONCEDED			
	Total	1	2-4	5+	Total	1	2-4	5+
Argentina	5	2	0	3	7	1	4	2
Australia	5	2	0	3	5	1	2	2
England	3	1	2	0	7	1	3	3
Fiji	3	1	2	0	6	4	2	0
France	4	0	1	3	5	0	3	2
Ireland	5	1	2	2	5	2	0	3
Italy	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	3
Japan	3	0	0	3	1	0	1	0
New Zealand	5	0	3	2	4	0	1	3
Scotland	7	1	4	2	5	2	0	3
South Africa	7	1	3	3	3	1	2	0
Wales	6	4	2	0	3	1	2	0
Total	54	13	20	21	54	13	20	20

PLAYER RANKINGS

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PLAYER RANKINGS - POINTS

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POINTS

			Games	Points	Minutes	Pens	Conv	Drop Goals	Tries
1	Takuro Matsunaga	Japan	1	17	80	2	3	0	1
2	Cheslin Kolbe	South Africa	1	15	80	0	5	0	1
3	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	1	13	80	1	5	0	0
4	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	1	10	75	0	0	0	2
4	Will Jordan	New Zealand	1	10	80	0	0	0	2
4	Maxime Lucu	France	1	10	75	2	2	0	0
4	Jac Morgan	Wales	1	10	80	0	0	0	2
8	Isaiah Armstrong-Ravula	Fiji	1	9	76	1	3	0	0
8	Ruben Love	New Zealand	1	9	69	1	3	0	0
10	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	1	8	80	0	4	0	0

GOAL KICKING (MADE)

		Games	Minutes	Goals	Misses	Pens	Pens Missed	Conv	Conv Missed	Goal Kicking %
1	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	1	80	6	0	1	0	5	100
2	Cheslin Kolbe	South Africa	1	80	5	2	0	0	5	71.4
2	Takuro Matsunaga	Japan	1	80	5	0	2	0	3	100
4	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	1	80	4	1	0	0	4	80
4	Maxime Lucu	France	1	75	4	1	2	0	2	80
4	Ruben Love	New Zealand	1	69	4	1	1	0	3	80
4	Isaiah Armstrong-Ravula	Fiji	1	76	4	0	1	0	3	100
8	Fin Smith	England	1	80	3	0	0	0	3	100
8	Fergus Burke	Scotland	1	28	3	0	0	0	3	100
8	Carter Gordon	Australia	1	57	3	2	0	0	3	60

GOAL KICKING (%)*

		Made	Missed	Available Points	Points Scored	Goal Kicking %
1	Fin Smith	England	3	0	6	100
1	Fergus Burke	Scotland	3	0	6	100
1	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	6	0	13	100
1	Takuro Matsunaga	Japan	5	0	12	100
1	Isaiah Armstrong-Ravula	Fiji	4	0	9	100
6	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	4	1	8	80
6	Maxime Lucu	France	4	1	10	80
6	Ruben Love	New Zealand	4	1	9	80
9	Tom Jordan	Scotland	3	1	6	75
10	Cheslin Kolbe	South Africa	5	2	10	71.4

*Minimum 3 Kicks at Goal



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PLAYER RANKINGS - TRIES

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TRIES

			Games	Minutes Played	Tries	Tries / 80
1	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	1	75	2	2.1
2	Jac Morgan	Wales	1	80	2	2
2	Will Jordan	New Zealand	1	80	2	2
4	Rodrigo Isgro	Argentina	1	46	1	1.7
4	Rhys Carre	Wales	1	46	1	1.7
6	Tate McDermott	Australia	1	47	1	1.7
7	Thomas du Toit	South Africa	1	49	1	1.6
8	Josh van der Flier	Ireland	1	51	1	1.6
8	Cian Prendergast	Ireland	1	51	1	1.6
10	Peter Lakai	New Zealand	1	53	1	1.5

TRY ASSISTS

			Games	Minutes Played	Try Assists	Try Assists / 80
1	Naoto Saito	Japan	1	74	2	2.2
1	Jordie Barrett	New Zealand	1	80	2	2
1	Joe Hawkins	Wales	1	80	2	2
1	Ben White	Scotland	1	60	2	2.7

TRY INVOLVEMENTS

			Games	Minutes Played	Try Involvements
1	Naoto Saito	Japan	1	74	2
1	Ben White	Scotland	1	60	2
1	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	1	80	2
1	Joe Hawkins	Wales	1	80	2
1	Jac Morgan	Wales	1	80	2
1	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	1	80	2
1	Matthieu Jalibert	France	1	80	2
1	Rory Hutchinson	Scotland	1	80	2
1	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	1	75	2
1	Will Jordan	New Zealand	1	80	2
1	Malcolm Marx	South Africa	1	80	2
1	Jock Campbell	Australia	1	66	2
1	Theo Attissogbe	France	1	80	2



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PLAYER RANKINGS - CARRIES

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CARRIES

			Games	Total
1	Ben Earl	England	1	21
2	Rob Valetini	Australia	1	19
2	Matthieu Jalibert	France	1	19
4	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	1	18
4	Lorenzo Cannone	Italy	1	18
6	Warner Dearn	Japan	1	16
6	Jasper Wiese	South Africa	1	16
6	Damian Willemse	South Africa	1	16
6	Jack Conan	Ireland	1	16
10	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	1	15

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Ben Earl	England	80	21
2	Matthieu Jalibert	France	80	19
3	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	80	18
3	Lorenzo Cannone	Italy	80	18
5	Warner Dearn	Japan	80	16
5	Damian Willemse	South Africa	80	16
5	Jack Conan	Ireland	80	16
8	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	80	15
8	Rory Hutchinson	Scotland	80	15
8	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	80	15

METRES

			Games	Total
1	Kyle Rowe	Scotland	1	177
2	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	1	173
3	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	1	102
4	Selestino Ravutaumada	Fiji	1	91
5	Matthieu Jalibert	France	1	87
6	Max Jorgensen	Australia	1	77
7	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	1	72
8	Will Jordan	New Zealand	1	68
9	Jock Campbell	Australia	1	66
9	Max Spring	France	1	66

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3	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	80	102
4	Matthieu Jalibert	France	80	87
5	Max Jorgensen	Australia	80	77
6	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	80	72
7	Will Jordan	New Zealand	80	68
8	Blair Murray	Wales	80	65
9	Lucio Cinti	Argentina	80	59
10	Mateo Carreras	Argentina	80	58

DEFENDERS BEATEN

			Games	Total
1	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	1	19
2	Lucio Cinti	Argentina	1	7
2	Kyle Rowe	Scotland	1	7
4	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	1	6
4	Rob Valetini	Australia	1	6
4	Max Jorgensen	Australia	1	6
4	Matthieu Jalibert	France	1	6
4	Antoine Hastoy	France	1	6
4	Stuart McCloskey	Ireland	1	6
4	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	1	6

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1	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	80	19
2	Lucio Cinti	Argentina	80	7
2	Kyle Rowe	Scotland	80	7
4	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	80	6
4	Max Jorgensen	Australia	80	6
4	Matthieu Jalibert	France	80	6
4	Stuart McCloskey	Ireland	80	6
4	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	80	6
9	Josua Tuisova	Fiji	80	5
9	Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii	Australia	80	5



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*Minimum 80 minutes played

PLAYER RANKINGS - PASSING

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PASSES

			Games	Total
1	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	1	88
2	Naoto Saito	Japan	1	78
2	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	1	78
4	Ben White	Scotland	1	74
5	Maxime Lucu	France	1	73
6	Stephen Varney	Italy	1	69
7	Gonzalo Garcia	Argentina	1	65
8	Grant Williams	South Africa	1	58
9	Jack van Poortvliet	England	1	55
10	Frank Lomani	Fiji	1	51

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	80	78
2	Tomos Williams	Wales	80	36
3	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	80	32
4	Matthieu Jalibert	France	80	29
5	Ryunosuke Ito	Japan	80	27
6	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	80	26
7	Jordie Barrett	New Zealand	80	22
8	Paolo Garbisi	Italy	80	19
9	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	80	18
9	Fin Smith	England	80	18

PASSING ACCURACY**

			Games	%
1	Stephen Varney	Italy	69	100
2	Tate McDermott	Australia	48	100
3	Gonzalo Garcia	Argentina	65	100
4	Ben White	Scotland	74	98.7
5	Grant Williams	South Africa	58	98.3
6	Jack van Poortvliet	England	55	98.2
7	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	78	96.3
8	Naoto Saito	Japan	78	96.3
9	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	88	95.7
10	Frank Lomani	Fiji	51	94.4

BREAK ASSIST PASSES

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Jock Campbell	Australia	1	4
1	Matthieu Jalibert	France	1	4
3	Quinn Tupaea	New Zealand	1	3
3	Fabien Brau-Boirie	France	1	3
5	Kalaveti Ravouvou	Fiji	1	2
5	Semi Radradra	Fiji	1	2
5	Len Ikitau	Australia	1	2
5	Damian McKenzie	New Zealand	1	2
5	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	1	2
5	Garry Ringrose	Ireland	1	2

OFFLOADS

			Games	Total
1	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	1	5
2	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	1	4
2	Matthieu Jalibert	France	1	4
4	Selestino Ravutaumada	Fiji	1	3
4	Semi Radradra	Fiji	1	3
4	Fabien Brau-Boirie	France	1	3
7	Pita-Gus Sowakula	Fiji	1	2
7	Kalaveti Ravouvou	Fiji	1	2
7	Temo Mayanavanua	Fiji	1	2
7	Josua Tuisova	Fiji	1	2

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	80	5
2	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	80	4
2	Matthieu Jalibert	France	80	4
4	Josua Tuisova	Fiji	80	2
4	Temo Mayanavanua	Fiji	80	2
4	Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii	Australia	80	2
4	Damian Willemse	South Africa	80	2
4	Jordie Barrett	New Zealand	80	2
4	Stuart McCloskey	Ireland	80	2
4	Josh Adams	Wales	80	2



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*Minimum 80 minutes played **Minimum 40 Passes

PLAYER RANKINGS - KICKS

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KICKS IN PLAY

			Games	Total
1	Grant Williams	South Africa	1	16
2	Ryunosuke Ito	Japan	1	13
2	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	1	13
4	Tomos Williams	Wales	1	12
4	Ben White	Scotland	1	12
6	Naoto Saito	Japan	1	11
7	Isaiah Armstrong-Ravula	Fiji	1	8
7	Jack van Poortvliet	England	1	8
9	Tate McDermott	Australia	1	7
9	Paolo Garbisi	Italy	1	7

			Minutes	Per 80'
1	Ryunosuke Ito	Japan	80	13
1	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	80	13
3	Tomos Williams	Wales	80	12
4	Paolo Garbisi	Italy	80	7
4	Matthieu Jalibert	France	80	7
6	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	80	6
7	Santi Carreras	Argentina	80	5
7	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	80	5
7	Manie Libbok	South Africa	80	5
7	Marcus Smith	England	80	5

KICKING METRES

			Games	Total
1	Ryunosuke Ito	Japan	1	395
2	Tomos Williams	Wales	1	350
3	Grant Williams	South Africa	1	337
4	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	1	334
5	Ben White	Scotland	1	318
6	Paolo Garbisi	Italy	1	246
7	Naoto Saito	Japan	1	245
8	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	1	221
9	Carter Gordon	Australia	1	218
10	Marcus Smith	England	1	203

			Minutes	Per 80'
1	Ryunosuke Ito	Japan	80	395
2	Tomos Williams	Wales	80	350
3	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	80	334
4	Paolo Garbisi	Italy	80	246
5	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	80	221
6	Marcus Smith	England	80	203
7	Yuya Hirose	Japan	80	197
8	Matthieu Jalibert	France	80	180
9	Santi Carreras	Argentina	80	161
10	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	80	148

METRES / KICKS IN PLAY**

			Games	Avg*
1	Yuya Hirose	Japan	1	49.2
2	Joe Hawkins	Wales	1	40.7
3	Marcus Smith	England	1	40.6
4	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	1	36.8
5	Paolo Garbisi	Italy	1	35.1
6	Damian McKenzie	New Zealand	1	34.5
7	Blair Murray	Wales	1	32.3
8	Santi Carreras	Argentina	1	32.2
9	Damian Willemse	South Africa	1	31.8
10	Fin Smith	England	1	30.5

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*Minimum 80 minutes played **Minimum 2 Kicks / 80min

PLAYER RANKINGS - LINEOUTS

NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

LINEOUTS WON OWN THROW

			Games	Total
1	Andrea Zambonin	Italy	1	10
2	Guido Petti	Argentina	1	7
3	Hugo Auradou	France	1	6
3	Ollie Chessum	England	1	6
5	Ruan Nortje	South Africa	1	5
5	Cian Prendergast	Ireland	1	5
5	Ben Carter	Wales	1	5
8	Jeremy Williams	Australia	1	4
8	Pieter-Steph du Toit	South Africa	1	4
8	Tadhg Beirne	Ireland	1	4

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Andrea Zambonin	Italy	80	10
2	Guido Petti	Argentina	80	7
3	Hugo Auradou	France	80	6
3	Ollie Chessum	England	80	6
5	Ruan Nortje	South Africa	80	5
5	Ben Carter	Wales	80	5
7	Jeremy Williams	Australia	80	4
7	Pieter-Steph du Toit	South Africa	80	4
7	Adam Beard	Wales	80	4
10	Jack Cornelsen	Japan	80	3

LINEOUT STEALS

			Games	Total
1	Josh Canham	Australia	1	2
2	Isoa Nasilasila	Fiji	1	1
2	Mike Stolberg	Japan	1	1
2	Warner Dearn	Japan	1	1
2	Codie Taylor	New Zealand	1	1
2	Sam Darry	New Zealand	1	1
2	Oscar Jegou	France	1	1
2	James Ryan	Ireland	1	1
2	Ollie Chessum	England	1	1
2	Ben Earl	England	1	1

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Warner Dearn	Japan	80	1
1	Sam Darry	New Zealand	80	1
1	Oscar Jegou	France	80	1
1	James Ryan	Ireland	80	1
1	Ollie Chessum	England	80	1
1	Ben Earl	England	80	1

LINEOUT THROWS WON

			Games	Total
1	Malcolm Marx	South Africa	1	16
2	Dan Sheehan	Ireland	1	14
3	Tommaso di Bartolomeo	Italy	1	12
4	Julian Montoya	Argentina	1	11
4	Dewi Lake	Wales	1	11
6	Josh Nasser	Australia	1	8
6	Ewan Ashman	Scotland	1	8
6	Jamie George	England	1	8
9	Tevita Ikanivere	Fiji	1	7
9	Mamoru Harada	Japan	1	7

LINEOUT SUCCESS RATE**

			Throws	%
1	Tommaso di Bartolomeo	Italy	12	100
1	Julian Montoya	Argentina	11	100
1	Ewan Ashman	Scotland	8	100
1	Jamie George	England	8	100
1	Mamoru Harada	Japan	7	100
6	Dewi Lake	Wales	11	91.7
7	Malcolm Marx	South Africa	16	88.9
7	Josh Nasser	Australia	8	88.9
9	Tevita Ikanivere	Fiji	7	87.5
10	Dan Sheehan	Ireland	14	82.4



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*Minimum 5 lineout throws

PLAYER RANKINGS - TACKLES & TURNOVERS

NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

SUCCESSFUL TACKLES

			Games	Total
1	Julian Montoya	Argentina	1	25
2	Rory Darge	Scotland	1	24
3	Josh van der Flier	Ireland	1	22
4	Harry Wilson	Australia	1	20
4	Lorenzo Cannone	Italy	1	20
6	Sam Darry	New Zealand	1	19
6	Luke Jacobson	New Zealand	1	19
6	Yoram Moefana	France	1	19
6	Marko Gazzotti	France	1	19
6	Jack Conan	Ireland	1	19

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Julian Montoya	Argentina	80	25
2	Rory Darge	Scotland	80	24
3	Harry Wilson	Australia	80	20
3	Lorenzo Cannone	Italy	80	20
5	Luke Jacobson	New Zealand	80	19
5	Sam Darry	New Zealand	80	19
5	Yoram Moefana	France	80	19
5	Marko Gazzotti	France	80	19
5	Jack Conan	Ireland	80	19
10	Ardie Savea	New Zealand	80	18

DOMINANT TACKLES

			Games	Total
1	Ben Gunter	Japan	1	3
1	Rob Valetini	Australia	1	3
1	Yoram Moefana	France	1	3
4	Peceli Yato	Fiji	1	2
4	Dylan Riley	Japan	1	2
4	Dylan Pietsch	Australia	1	2
4	Len Ikitau	Australia	1	2
4	Fraser McReight	Australia	1	2
4	James Ryan	Ireland	1	2
4	Jack Conan	Ireland	1	2

TACKLE SUCCESS RATE**

			Tackles	%
1	Lorenzo Cannone	Italy	20	100
2	Josh van der Flier	Ireland	22	95.6
3	Jack Conan	Ireland	19	95
4	Ben Gunter	Japan	18	94.7
4	Ardie Savea	New Zealand	18	94.7
6	Tom Curry	England	16	94.1
7	Theo Attissogbe	France	15	93.8
8	Julian Montoya	Argentina	25	92.6
9	Rory Darge	Scotland	24	92.3
10	Harry Wilson	Australia	20	90.9

TURNOVERS WON

			Games	Total
1	Matt Fagerson	Scotland	1	3
1	Kitione Salawa	Fiji	1	3
3	Rory Darge	Scotland	1	2
3	Tomos Williams	Wales	1	2
3	Temo Mayanavanua	Fiji	1	2
3	Ardie Savea	New Zealand	1	2
3	Jac Morgan	Wales	1	2
3	Max Jorgensen	Australia	1	2
3	Jasper Wiese	South Africa	1	2
3	Julian Montoya	Argentina	1	2

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Kitione Salawa	Fiji	80	3
1	Matt Fagerson	Scotland	80	3
3	Temo Mayanavanua	Fiji	80	2
3	Julian Montoya	Argentina	80	2
3	Max Jorgensen	Australia	80	2
3	Ardie Savea	New Zealand	80	2
3	Marko Gazzotti	France	80	2
3	Tomos Williams	Wales	80	2
3	Jac Morgan	Wales	80	2
3	Rory Darge	Scotland	80	2



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*Minimum 80 minutes played **Minimum 15 tackles

PLAYER RANKINGS - DISCIPLINE

NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

PENS CONCEDED

			Games	Total
1	Demba Bamba	France	1	4
2	Adam Beard	Wales	1	3
3	Kitione Salawa	Fiji	1	2
3	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	1	2
3	Tim Hoyt	Fiji	1	2
3	Takato Okabe	Japan	1	2
3	Mateo Carreras	Argentina	1	2
3	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	1	2
3	Lachlan Shaw	Australia	1	2
3	Josh Nasser	Australia	1	2

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Adam Beard	Wales	80	3
2	Kitione Salawa	Fiji	80	2
2	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	80	2
2	Mateo Carreras	Argentina	80	2
2	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	80	2
2	Jeremy Williams	Australia	80	2
2	Fraser McReight	Australia	80	2
2	Luke Jacobson	New Zealand	80	2
9	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	80	1
9	Jack Cornelsen	Japan	80	1

CARDS

			Games	Yellow
1	Joaquin Moro	Argentina	1	1
1	Lachlan Shaw	Australia	1	1
1	Kurt-Lee Arendse	South Africa	1	1
1	Ruben Love	New Zealand	1	1
1	Jamie Dobie	Scotland	1	1
1	Guy Pepper	England	1	1
1	Tommy Freeman	England	1	1

			Games	Red



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