



**NATIONS
CHAMPIONSHIP
2026**

PREVIEW REPORT



**JAPAN
RUGBY**



**FRANCE
RUGBY**

JAPAN vs FRANCE

**NATIONS
CHAMPIONSHIP 2026
ROUND 3**



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MATCH FACTS

- Ryunosuke Ito is leading the championship in both total kick metres (811) and kicks in play (27) this season, underpinning Japan's status as the top kicking team in the competition with 1,577 kick metres accumulated.
- Japan lead the competition in tackle success rate at 84.5%, conceding the fewest missed tackles of any side in the league this season with just 39.
- Ben Gunter leads the tournament in dominant tackle contacts (5) and jackals (3) this season, making him the most disruptive defensive presence at the breakdown in the competition.
- Japan lead the championship in lineout steals this season with 3, demonstrating their ability to disrupt opposition set-piece ball and create turnover opportunities.
- France have accumulated 25 offloads this season (2nd in the league), with Matthieu Jalibert responsible for 6 of those, the most of any individual player in the competition.
- France leads the competition in initial breaks with 24 (1st), with Theo Attissogbe contributing 5 of those (2nd) at an average of 2.5 per 80 minutes (2nd).
- France have made 397 successful tackles this season (2nd in the league), while Aaron Grandidier Nkanang averages 2.0 turnovers won per 80 minutes (3rd), combining defensive solidity with the ability to win possession back.
- Marko Gazzotti leads the championship in defensive ruck entries with 28 in total and 14.0 per 80 minutes, making him the most active defender at the breakdown in the competition.

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL TIME

	Games	Japan Wins	Draws	France Wins
Overall:	0	0	1	7
Japan at Home:			0	2
France at Home:			1	3
Neutral Venue:	0	0	0	2



LAST 10 MEETINGS

Year	Date	Team	Score	Opposition	Venue	Winner
2024	09/11/2024	France	52-12	Japan	Stade de France	France
2022	20/11/2022	France	35-17	Japan	Stadium de Toulouse	France
2022	09/07/2022	Japan	15-20	France	Japan National Stadium	France
2022	02/07/2022	Japan	23-42	France	Toyota Stadium	France
2017	25/11/2017	France	23-23	Japan	Paris La Defense Arena	Draw
2011	10/09/2011	France	47-21	Japan	North Harbour Stadium	France
2003	18/10/2003	France	51-29	Japan	1300 Smiles Stadium	France
1973	27/10/1973	France	30-18	Japan	Stade Chaban-Delmas	France

RESULTS

2026

JAPAN

Date	Opponent	Comp	H/A	Result	F	A	TF
11/07/2026	Ireland	Nations Championship	N	L	20	36	2
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

FRANCE

Date	Opponent	Comp	H/A	Result	F	A	TF
11/07/2026	Australia	Nations Championship	A	W	42	26	6
04/07/2026	New Zealand	Nations Championship	A	L	32	34	4
14/03/2026	England	Six Nations Men's	H	W	48	46	6
07/03/2026	Scotland	Six Nations Men's	A	L	40	50	6
22/02/2026	Italy	Six Nations Men's	H	W	33	8	5
15/02/2026	Wales	Six Nations Men's	A	W	54	12	8
05/02/2026	Ireland	Six Nations Men's	H	W	36	14	5
22/11/2025	Australia	Autumn Nations Series	H	W	48	33	7
15/11/2025	Fiji	Autumn Nations Series	H	W	34	21	4
08/11/2025	South Africa	Autumn Nations Series	H	L	17	32	2
19/07/2025	New Zealand	International Men's	A	L	19	29	1
12/07/2025	New Zealand	International Men's	A	L	17	43	2
05/07/2025	New Zealand	International Men's	A	L	27	31	3
15/03/2025	Scotland	Six Nations Men's	H	W	35	16	4
08/03/2025	Ireland	Six Nations Men's	A	W	42	27	5

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ALL COMPETITIONS

JAPAN						
Record	Date	Opponent	Comp	Score	Days Since	Games Since
Last Win	04/07/2026	Italy	Nations Championship	27-10	14	1
Last Loss	11/07/2026	Ireland	Nations Championship	20-36	7	0
Last Home Win	04/07/2026	Italy	Nations Championship	27-10	14	1
Last Home Loss	25/10/2025	Australia	International Men's	15-19	266	6
Last Away Win	22/11/2025	Georgia	International Men's	25-23	238	2
Last Away Loss	15/11/2025	Wales	Autumn Nations Series	23-24	245	3

FRANCE						
Record	Date	Opponent	Comp	Score	Days Since	Games Since
Last Win	11/07/2026	Australia	Nations Championship	42-26	7	0
Last Loss	04/07/2026	New Zealand	Nations Championship	32-34	14	1
Last Home Win	14/03/2026	England	Six Nations Men's	48-46	126	2
Last Home Loss	08/11/2025	South Africa	Autumn Nations Series	17-32	252	9
Last Away Win	11/07/2026	Australia	Nations Championship	42-26	7	0
Last Away Loss	04/07/2026	New Zealand	Nations Championship	32-34	14	1

LAST MEETING - STATISTICS

09/11/2024 - France 52-12 Japan (Autumn Nations Series)

France		Japan
8	Tries	2
6	Conversions	1
0	Penalty Goals	0
142	Ball Carries	177
18	Offloads	14
20	Line Breaks	12
32	Defenders Beaten	24
619	Carry Metres	793
224	Total Tackles	115
24	Missed Tackle	32
13	Turnovers Won	7
14	Turnover Conceded	23
9	Lineouts Won	11
1	Lineouts Lost	3
11	Total Penalties Conceded	7
34	Kicks in Play	20

#	Player	Minutes Played	Tries	Points	Ball Carries	Defenders Beaten	Tackles	Tackles - Success	Turnovers Won	Pens Conceded
15	Leo Barre	50	0	0	7	0	2	67	0	0
14	Theo Attissogbe	73	0	0	8	4	7	70	2	0
13	Emilien Gailleton	55	1	5	6	1	12	86	2	0
12	Yoram Moefana	80	0	0	8	1	14	82	1	0
11	Louis Bielle-Biarrey	80	2	10	13	3	7	88	0	0
10	Thomas Ramos	80	0	12	8	3	10	77	1	0
9	Antoine Dupont	66	0	0	18	7	5	83	1	1
1	Jean-Baptiste Gros	52	1	5	3	2	17	100	0	0
2	Peato Mauvaka	80	1	5	8	3	21	81	1	1
3	Tevita Tatafu	50	0	0	3	1	10	83	0	1
4	Thibaud Flament	33	0	0	4	0	8	89	0	0
5	Emmanuel Meafou	52	0	0	13	0	9	90	0	0
6	François Cros	40	0	0	6	0	9	100	2	0
7	Alexandre Roumat	80	1	5	7	0	15	83	0	3
8	Grégory Alldritt	80	0	0	6	1	23	96	0	2
16	Julien Marchand	28	0	0	4	0	9	100	1	0
17	Reda Wardi	28	0	0	2	1	5	71	0	0
18	Georges-Henri Colombe	30	0	0	2	1	8	89	0	0
19	Mickael Guillard	40	0	0	4	1	11	79	1	0
20	Paul Boudenhent	47	2	10	5	1	15	83	1	2
21	Maxime Lucu	14	0	0	1	0	1	25	0	0
22	Matthieu Jalibert	30	0	0	4	0	4	57	0	1
23	Gael Fickou	25	0	0	2	2	2	67	0	0

#	Player	Minutes Played	Tries	Points	Ball Carries	Defenders Beaten	Tackles	Tackles - Success	Turnovers Won	Pens Conceded
15	Malo Tuitama	80	0	0	21	3	1	25	0	0
14	Jone Naikabula	80	0	0	7	2	4	67	0	0
13	Dylan Riley	80	0	0	16	4	6	50	0	1
12	Siosaia Fifita	66	0	0	21	3	6	86	0	2
11	Tomoki Osada	80	0	0	9	2	7	54	0	0
10	Harumichi Tatekawa	50	1	5	7	0	3	50	0	0
9	Naoto Saito	50	0	2	4	1	4	44	0	0
1	Takato Okabe	52	0	0	4	0	6	75	0	2
2	Mamoru Harada	73	0	0	5	1	10	83	1	0
3	Shuhei Takeuchi	57	0	0	5	0	10	77	0	0
4	Epineri Uluiviti	80	0	0	12	1	9	82	0	0
5	Warner Dearn	70	0	0	9	0	10	91	2	0
6	Kanji Shimokawa	80	0	0	11	1	7	50	0	0
7	Kazuki Himeno	80	0	0	15	2	5	71	1	0
8	Faulua Makisi	48	0	0	5	0	9	82	0	0
16	Kenta Matsuoka	7	0	0	3	0	1	100	0	0
17	Yukio Morikawa	28	0	0	2	0	3	100	0	0
18	Keijiro Tamefusa	23	0	0	1	0	2	100	0	0
19	Amato Fakatava	32	0	0	5	1	6	75	0	1
20	Tevita Tatafu	10	1	5	4	0	0	0	1	0
21	Shinobu Fujiwara	30	0	0	5	1	1	17	0	1
22	Yusuke Kajimura	14	0	0	2	0	1	100	1	0
23	Takuro Matsunaga	30	0	0	4	2	4	50	1	0



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TEAM ANALYSIS

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TEAM ANALYSIS - MATCH AVERAGES

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JAPAN RUGBY		FRANCE RUGBY		
10	23.5	Points	37	5
10	2.5	Tries	5	7
3	100	Goal Kicking %	71.43	10
8	121.5	Carries	152	5
12	245.5	Carry Metres	589	2
10	8.5	Opposition 22 Entries	12.5	5
9	3.2	Points / Opp 22 Entry	3	10
12	2.5	Line Breaks	19	1
12	13.5	Defenders Beaten	34	3
12	2.5	Offloads	12.5	2
8	130	Passes	167.5	5
1	28	Kicks From Hand	22.5	5
6	168.5	Tackles	198.5	2
1	19.5	Missed Tackles	31	9
1	84.46	Tackle %	80.86	4
1	12	Dominant Tackles	9.5	3
8	9	Pens Conceded	9	6
7	0.5	Yellow Cards	0.5	6
6	0	Red Cards (Total)	0	5
10	4	Turnovers Won	4.5	8
8	12.5	Turnovers Conceded	10	5
6	95.6	Lineout Success %	86.4	10
6	92.9	Scrum Success %	90.9	10
5	97.9	Ruck Success %	95.5	10
11	44.3	Gainline Forward %	65.4	1

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	73	21	17	14	21	68	14	19	14	21
Australia	57	17	28	7	5	75	24	7	29	15
England	94	14	35	17	28	53	20	0	19	14
Fiji	32	10	3	19	0	112	19	26	32	35
France	74	22	3	34	15	60	12	28	7	13
Ireland	69	19	19	14	17	51	20	17	14	0
Italy	27	17	3	7	0	74	21	10	33	10
Japan	47	24	6	14	3	46	14	15	7	10
New Zealand	81	12	21	33	15	49	20	3	19	7
Scotland	75	7	26	14	28	80	21	3	19	37
South Africa	87	31	0	26	30	49	0	28	0	21
Wales	60	12	12	15	21	59	21	17	21	0
Total	776	206	173	214	183	776	206	173	214	183

TRIES PER PERIOD

	SCORED					CONCEDED				
	Total	1'-20'	21'-HT	HT-60'	61'-80'	Total	1'-20'	21'-HT	HT-60'	61'-80'
Argentina	10	3	2	2	3	10	2	3	2	3
Australia	9	3	4	1	1	11	4	1	4	2
England	14	2	5	3	4	8	3	0	3	2
Fiji	4	1	0	3	0	17	3	4	5	5
France	10	3	0	5	2	9	2	4	1	2
Ireland	10	3	3	2	2	7	3	2	2	0
Italy	3	2	0	1	0	10	3	1	5	1
Japan	5	3	0	2	0	6	2	2	1	1
New Zealand	12	2	3	5	2	6	2	0	3	1
Scotland	11	1	4	2	4	11	3	0	3	5
South Africa	13	5	0	4	4	7	0	4	0	3
Wales	9	2	2	2	3	8	3	2	3	0
Total	110	30	23	32	25	110	30	23	32	25

TRIES PER PHASE

	SCORED				CONCEDED			
	Total	1	2-4	5+	Total	1	2-4	5+
Argentina	10	3	2	5	10	2	6	2
Australia	9	3	2	4	11	2	4	5
England	14	6	7	1	8	1	4	3
Fiji	4	1	3	0	17	9	7	1
France	10	1	3	6	9	1	5	3
Ireland	10	2	2	6	7	3	0	4
Italy	3	1	1	1	10	2	2	6
Japan	5	1	0	4	6	1	1	4
New Zealand	12	2	5	5	6	1	1	4
Scotland	11	1	6	4	11	2	3	6
South Africa	13	1	6	6	7	1	4	2
Wales	9	5	4	0	8	2	4	2
Total	110	27	41	42	110	27	41	41

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	2	27	160	4	5	0	1
2	Will Jordan	New Zealand	2	25	160	0	0	0	5
3	Fin Smith	England	2	24	160	0	12	0	0
4	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	2	23	160	1	10	0	0
5	Maxime Lucu	France	2	22	138	4	5	0	0
6	Ruben Love	New Zealand	2	21	149	1	9	0	0
7	Joaquin Oviedo	Argentina	2	15	130	0	0	0	3
7	Cheslin Kolbe	South Africa	1	15	80	0	5	0	1
7	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	2	15	133	0	0	0	3
7	Henry Pollock	England	2	15	53	0	0	0	3

GOAL KICKING (MADE)

		Games	Minutes	Goals	Misses	Pens	Pens Missed	Conv	Conv Missed	Goal Kicking %
1	Fin Smith	England	2	160	12	2	0	0	12	85.7
2	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	2	160	11	0	1	0	10	100
3	Ruben Love	New Zealand	2	149	10	2	1	0	9	83.3
4	Takuro Matsunaga	Japan	2	160	9	0	4	0	5	100
4	Maxime Lucu	France	2	138	9	3	4	0	5	75
6	Sam Costelow	Wales	2	98	5	0	0	0	5	100
6	Handre Pollard	South Africa	1	77	5	0	0	0	5	100
6	Cheslin Kolbe	South Africa	1	80	5	2	0	0	5	71.4
9	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	1	80	4	1	0	0	4	80
9	Finn Russell	Scotland	1	80	4	0	0	0	4	100

GOAL KICKING (%)*

			Made	Missed	Available Points	Points Scored	Goal Kicking %
1	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	11	0	23	23	100
1	Fergus Burke	Scotland	3	0	6	6	100
1	Finn Russell	Scotland	4	0	8	8	100
1	Sam Costelow	Wales	5	0	10	10	100
1	Paolo Garbisi	Italy	3	0	7	7	100
1	Handre Pollard	South Africa	5	0	10	10	100
1	Ryan Loneragan	Australia	3	0	6	6	100
1	Takuro Matsunaga	Japan	9	0	22	22	100
1	Isaiah Armstrong-Ravula	Fiji	4	0	9	9	100
10	Fin Smith	England	12	2	24	28	85.7

*Minimum 3 Kicks at Goal



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PLAYER RANKINGS - TRIES

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TRIES

			Games	Minutes Played	Tries	Tries / 80
1	Henry Pollock	England	2	53	3	4.5
2	Will Jordan	New Zealand	2	160	5	2.5
3	Aaron Grandidier Nkanang	France	1	80	2	2
4	Ryan Elias	Wales	2	41	1	2
5	Emmanuel Meafou	France	1	42	1	1.9
5	Embrose Papier	South Africa	1	42	1	1.9
5	Gregor Hiddleston	Scotland	2	42	1	1.9
5	Evan Roos	South Africa	1	42	1	1.9
9	Rhys Carre	Wales	2	86	2	1.9
10	Joaquin Oviedo	Argentina	2	130	3	1.8

TRY ASSISTS

			Games	Minutes Played	Try Assists	Try Assists / 80
1	Jordie Barrett	New Zealand	2	138	3	1.7
2	Frank Lomani	Fiji	2	96	2	1.7
2	Naoto Saito	Japan	2	147	2	1.1
2	Grant Williams	South Africa	2	105	2	1.5
2	Josh Moorby	New Zealand	1	49	2	3.3
2	Maxime Lucu	France	2	138	2	1.2
2	Matthieu Jalibert	France	2	160	2	1
2	Jack Conan	Ireland	2	141	2	1.1
2	Craig Casey	Ireland	1	71	2	2.3
2	Joe Hawkins	Wales	2	160	2	1
2	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	2	160	2	1
2	Ben White	Scotland	2	140	2	1.1
2	Henry Slade	England	2	97	2	1.6
2	Jack van Poortvliet	England	2	103	2	1.6

TRY INVOLVEMENTS

			Games	Minutes Played	Try Involvements
1	Will Jordan	New Zealand	2	160	5
2	Henry Pollock	England	2	53	3
2	Henry Slade	England	2	97	3
2	Ben White	Scotland	2	140	3
2	Matthieu Jalibert	France	2	160	3
2	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	2	160	3
2	Jordie Barrett	New Zealand	2	138	3
2	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	2	133	3
2	Grant Williams	South Africa	2	105	3
2	Theo Attisogbe	France	2	160	3



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PLAYER RANKINGS - CARRIES

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CARRIES

			Games	Total
1	Matthieu Jalibert	France	2	37
2	Joaquin Oviedo	Argentina	2	34
3	Ben Earl	England	2	33
4	Ardie Savea	New Zealand	2	31
5	Will Jordan	New Zealand	2	30
6	Jordie Barrett	New Zealand	2	29
6	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	2	29
8	Wallace Sititi	New Zealand	2	28
8	Jack Conan	Ireland	2	28
10	Tomas Albornoz	Argentina	2	27

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Wallace Sititi	New Zealand	107	20.9
2	Joaquin Oviedo	Argentina	130	20.9
3	Tom Staniforth	France	84	19
4	Ben Earl	England	141	18.7
5	Matthieu Jalibert	France	160	18.5
6	Ardie Savea	New Zealand	145	17.1
7	Jordie Barrett	New Zealand	138	16.8
8	Lenni Nouchi	France	80	16
9	Jack Conan	Ireland	141	15.9
10	Rob Valetini	Australia	130	15.4

METRES

			Games	Total
1	Kyle Rowe	Scotland	2	208
2	Will Jordan	New Zealand	2	181
2	Matthieu Jalibert	France	2	181
4	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	2	180
5	Theo Attisogbe	France	2	144
6	Joaquin Oviedo	Argentina	2	143
7	Immanuel Feyi-Waboso	England	2	139
8	Fabien Brau-Boirie	France	2	128
9	Damian McKenzie	New Zealand	2	127
10	Ardie Savea	New Zealand	2	126

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Kyle Rowe	Scotland	160	104
2	Will Jordan	New Zealand	160	90
2	Matthieu Jalibert	France	160	90
4	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	160	90
5	Joaquin Oviedo	Argentina	130	88
6	Ciaran Frawley	Ireland	101	75
7	Aaron Grandidier	France	80	74
7	Romain Ntamack	France	80	74
9	Theo Attisogbe	France	160	72
10	Ardie Savea	New Zealand	145	70

DEFENDERS BEATEN

			Games	Total
1	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	2	25
2	Immanuel Feyi-Waboso	England	2	14
3	Kyle Rowe	Scotland	2	11
3	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	2	11
5	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	2	10
5	Matthieu Jalibert	France	2	10
5	Stuart McCloskey	Ireland	2	10
8	Rob Valetini	Australia	2	9
8	Max Jorgensen	Australia	2	9
8	Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii	Australia	2	9

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	160	12.5
2	Immanuel Feyi-Waboso	England	160	7
3	Billy Proctor	New Zealand	100	6.4
4	Stuart McCloskey	Ireland	128	6.2
5	Rob Valetini	Australia	130	5.5
6	Kyle Rowe	Scotland	160	5.5
6	Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	160	5.5
8	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	133	5.4
9	Grant Williams	South Africa	105	5.3
10	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	160	5



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*Minimum 80 minutes played

PLAYER RANKINGS - PASSING

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PASSES

			Games	Total
1	Ben White	Scotland	2	194
2	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	2	170
3	Naoto Saito	Japan	2	143
3	Maxime Lucu	France	2	143
5	Gonzalo Garcia	Argentina	2	137
6	Stephen Varney	Italy	2	129
7	Tomos Williams	Wales	2	113
8	Tate McDermott	Australia	2	95
9	Jack van Poortvliet	England	2	86
10	Grant Williams	South Africa	2	83

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Ben White	Scotland	140	110.9
2	Cam Roigard	New Zealand	133	102.3
3	Gonzalo Garcia	Argentina	111	98.7
4	Maxime Lucu	France	138	82.9
5	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	80	78
6	Naoto Saito	Japan	147	77.8
7	Stephen Varney	Italy	140	73.7
8	Ryan Loneragan	Australia	91	66.8
9	Jack van Poortvliet	England	103	66.8
10	Frank Lomani	Fiji	96	64.2

PASSING ACCURACY**

			Games	%
1	Stephen Varney	Italy	129	99.2
2	Tate McDermott	Australia	95	99
3	Grant Williams	South Africa	83	98.8
4	Gonzalo Garcia	Argentina	137	98.6
5	Tomos Williams	Wales	113	98.3
6	Ben White	Scotland	194	98
7	Jack van Poortvliet	England	86	97.7
8	Craig Casey	Ireland	77	97.5
9	Ryan Loneragan	Australia	76	97.4
10	Cortez Ratima	New Zealand	55	96.5

BREAK ASSIST PASSES

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Matthieu Jalibert	France	2	7
2	Jordie Barrett	New Zealand	2	5
2	Ben White	Scotland	2	5
4	Gonzalo Garcia	Argentina	2	4
4	Jock Campbell	Australia	2	4
4	Paolo Garbisi	Italy	2	4
4	Fabien Brau-Boirie	France	2	4
8	Santi Carreras	Argentina	2	3
8	Len Ikitau	Australia	2	3
8	Quinn Tupaea	New Zealand	1	3

OFFLOADS

			Games	Total
1	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	2	6
1	Matthieu Jalibert	France	2	6
3	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	2	5
3	Wallace Sititi	New Zealand	2	5
5	Josua Tuisova	Fiji	2	4
5	Joseph-Aukuso Suaali	Australia	2	4
5	Damian Willemse	South Africa	2	4
5	Fabien Brau-Boirie	France	2	4
5	Theo Attissogbe	France	2	4
5	Josh Adams	Wales	2	4

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Wallace Sititi	New Zealand	107	3.7
2	Jiuta Wainiqolo	Fiji	160	3
2	Pita-Gus Sowakula	Fiji	80	3
2	Matthieu Jalibert	France	160	3
2	Finn Russell	Scotland	80	3
6	Salesi Rayasi	Fiji	160	2.5
7	Jack van Poortvliet	England	103	2.3
8	Fabien Brau-Boirie	France	149	2.1
9	Kalaveti Ravouvou	Fiji	113	2.1
10	Caleb Muntz	Fiji	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	Ryunosuke Ito	Japan	2	27
2	Tomos Williams	Wales	2	26
3	Grant Williams	South Africa	2	20
3	Ben White	Scotland	2	20
5	Stephen Varney	Italy	2	18
6	Naoto Saito	Japan	2	15
7	Matthieu Jalibert	France	2	14
8	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	1	13
8	Jack van Poortvliet	England	2	13
10	Ryan Loneragan	Australia	2	12

			Minutes	Per 80'
1	Grant Williams	South Africa	105	15.2
2	Tomos Williams	Wales	153	13.6
3	Ryunosuke Ito	Japan	160	13.5
4	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	80	13
5	Ben White	Scotland	140	11.4
6	Ryan Loneragan	Australia	91	10.5
7	Stephen Varney	Italy	140	10.3
8	Jack van Poortvliet	England	103	10.1
9	Naoto Saito	Japan	147	8.2
10	Gonzalo Garcia	Argentina	111	7.9

KICKING METRES

			Games	Total
1	Ryunosuke Ito	Japan	2	811
2	Tomos Williams	Wales	2	749
3	Ben White	Scotland	2	546
4	Matthieu Jalibert	France	2	427
5	Stephen Varney	Italy	2	402
6	Grant Williams	South Africa	2	401
7	Maxime Lucu	France	2	395
8	Naoto Saito	Japan	2	357
9	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	1	334
10	Jack van Poortvliet	England	2	332

			Minutes	Per 80'
1	Ryunosuke Ito	Japan	160	406
2	Tomos Williams	Wales	153	392
3	Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	80	334
4	Ben White	Scotland	140	312
5	Grant Williams	South Africa	105	306
6	Jack van Poortvliet	England	103	258
7	Ryan Loneragan	Australia	91	248
8	Stephen Varney	Italy	140	230
9	Maxime Lucu	France	138	229
10	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	80	221

METRES / KICKS IN PLAY**

			Games	Avg*
1	Yuya Hirose	Japan	2	46.8
2	Tom Wright	Australia	2	37.5
3	Damian McKenzie	New Zealand	2	36.8
3	Sam Prendergast	Ireland	1	36.8
5	Damian Willemse	South Africa	2	36.8
6	Jordie Barrett	New Zealand	2	36.2
7	Marcus Smith	England	2	35.9
8	Jamie Osborne	Ireland	2	35.8
9	Tommaso Allan	Italy	2	35
10	Santi Carreras	Argentina	2	33.9



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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	Ollie Chessum	England	2	15
2	Guido Petti	Argentina	2	14
3	Andrea Zambonin	Italy	2	13
4	Adam Beard	Wales	2	10
5	Pieter-Steph du Toit	South Africa	2	9
5	Tadhg Beirne	Ireland	2	9
7	Jack Cornelsen	Japan	2	8
8	Florian Verhaeghe	France	1	7
8	James Ryan	Ireland	2	7
10	Josh Canham	Australia	2	6

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Ollie Chessum	England	160	7.5
2	Andrea Zambonin	Italy	143	7.3
3	Guido Petti	Argentina	160	7
4	Tadhg Beirne	Ireland	109	6.6
5	Hugo Auradou	France	88	5.5
6	Adam Beard	Wales	160	5
7	Pieter-Steph du Toit	South Africa	160	4.5
8	Josh Canham	Australia	110	4.4
9	Jack Cornelsen	Japan	159	4
10	Josh Lord	New Zealand	84	3.8

LINEOUT STEALS

			Games	Total
1	Josh Canham	Australia	2	3
2	James Ryan	Ireland	2	2
3	Isoa Nasilasila	Fiji	2	1
3	Warner Dearn	Japan	2	1
3	Mike Stolberg	Japan	2	1
3	Taira Main	Japan	1	1
3	Codie Taylor	New Zealand	2	1
3	Sam Darry	New Zealand	2	1
3	Federico Ruzza	Italy	1	1
3	Oscar Jegou	France	2	1

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Josh Canham	Australia	110	2.2
2	Taira Main	Japan	80	1
2	James Ryan	Ireland	160	1
4	Codie Taylor	New Zealand	109	0.7
5	Ewan Ashman	Scotland	118	0.7
6	Oscar Jegou	France	126	0.6
7	Isoa Nasilasila	Fiji	138	0.6
7	Aaron Wainwright	Wales	138	0.6
9	Ben Earl	England	141	0.6
10	Warner Dearn	Japan	160	0.5

LINEOUT THROWS WON

			Games	Total
1	Julian Montoya	Argentina	2	23
2	Ewan Ashman	Scotland	2	19
3	Tommaso di Bartolomeo	Italy	2	17
4	Malcolm Marx	South Africa	1	16
4	Dewi Lake	Wales	2	16
4	Jamie George	England	2	16
7	Brandon Paenga-Amosa	Australia	2	14
7	Dan Sheehan	Ireland	1	14
9	Mamoru Harada	Japan	2	12
9	Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	2	12

LINEOUT SUCCESS RATE**

			Throws	%
1	Gregor Hiddleston	Scotland	5	100
1	Hayate Era	Japan	6	100
1	Tommaso di Bartolomeo	Italy	17	100
1	Ryan Elias	Wales	8	100
1	Luke Cowan-Dickie	England	10	100
1	Jamie George	England	16	100
1	Brandon Paenga-Amosa	Australia	14	100
8	Julian Montoya	Argentina	23	95.8
9	Ewan Ashman	Scotland	19	95
10	Dewi Lake	Wales	16	94.1



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*Minimum 5 lineout throws

PLAYER RANKINGS - TACKLES & TURNOVERS

NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

SUCCESSFUL TACKLES

			Games	Total
1	Julian Montoya	Argentina	2	41
1	Jac Morgan	Wales	2	41
3	Michele Lamaro	Italy	2	38
4	Harry Wilson	Australia	2	37
4	Lorenzo Cannone	Italy	2	37
6	Marko Gazzotti	France	2	36
7	Jack Cornelsen	Japan	2	35
8	Ben Gunter	Japan	2	34
9	Ruan Nortje	South Africa	2	33
10	Ben Carter	Wales	2	32

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Ross Vintcent	Italy	103	24.1
2	Lorenzo Cannone	Italy	123	24.1
3	Julian Montoya	Argentina	156	21
4	Michele Lamaro	Italy	145	21
5	Tom Staniforth	France	84	21
6	Harry Hockings	Japan	111	20.9
7	Rory Darge	Scotland	120	20.7
8	Jac Morgan	Wales	160	20.5
9	Ben Carter	Wales	130	19.7
10	Mamoru Harada	Japan	105	19

DOMINANT TACKLES

			Games	Total
1	Ben Gunter	Japan	2	5
1	Yoram Moefana	France	2	5
3	Rob Valetini	Australia	2	4
3	Ben Earl	England	2	4
3	Tommy Freeman	England	2	4
6	Josua Tuisova	Fiji	2	3
6	Tiennan Costley	Japan	2	3
6	Dylan Riley	Japan	2	3
6	Fraser McReight	Australia	2	3
6	Oscar Jegou	France	2	3

TACKLE SUCCESS RATE**

			Tackles	%
1	Tom O'Toole	Ireland	22	100
2	Jack Conan	Ireland	30	96.8
3	Mayco Vivas	Argentina	23	95.8
4	Codie Taylor	New Zealand	22	95.6
4	Josh van der Flier	Ireland	22	95.6
6	Shuhei Takeuchi	Japan	19	95
7	Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	17	94.4
8	Harry Hockings	Japan	29	93.6
8	Ardie Savea	New Zealand	29	93.6
10	Lorenzo Cannone	Italy	37	92.5

TURNOVERS WON

			Games	Total
1	Matt Fagerson	Scotland	2	4
2	Julian Montoya	Argentina	2	3
2	Ben Gunter	Japan	2	3
2	Jac Morgan	Wales	2	3
2	Kitione Salawa	Fiji	1	3
2	Max Jorgensen	Australia	2	3
7	Rory Darge	Scotland	2	2
7	Aaron Grandidier Nkanang	France	1	2
7	Marko Gazzotti	France	2	2
7	Justo Piccardo	Argentina	1	2

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Kitione Salawa	Fiji	80	3
2	Matt Fagerson	Scotland	138	2.3
3	Justo Piccardo	Argentina	80	2
3	Aaron Grandidier Nkanang	France	80	2
5	Dillon Lewis	Wales	86	1.9
6	Frank Lomani	Fiji	96	1.7
7	Ben Gunter	Japan	145	1.7
8	Billy Proctor	New Zealand	100	1.6
9	Julian Montoya	Argentina	156	1.5
10	Jamie George	England	105	1.5



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*Minimum 80 minutes played **Minimum 15 tackles

PLAYER RANKINGS - DISCIPLINE

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PENS CONCEDED

			Games	Total
1	Demba Bamba	France	2	6
2	Tom O'Toole	Ireland	2	5
3	Naoto Saito	Japan	2	4
3	Adam Beard	Wales	2	4
5	Peni Ravai	Fiji	2	3
5	Levani Botia	Fiji	1	3
5	Takato Okabe	Japan	2	3
5	Paul de Villiers	South Africa	2	3
5	Nacho Brex	Italy	2	3
5	James Ryan	Ireland	2	3

			Minutes	Per 80*
1	Demba Bamba	France	94	5.1
2	Tom O'Toole	Ireland	127	3.1
3	Naoto Saito	Japan	147	2.2
4	Takato Okabe	Japan	113	2.1
5	Ewan Ashman	Scotland	118	2
6	Paul de Villiers	South Africa	119	2
7	Kitione Salawa	Fiji	80	2
7	Adam Beard	Wales	160	2
9	Pierre Schoeman	Scotland	128	1.9
10	Jefferson Poirot	France	90	1.8

CARDS

			Games	Yellow
1	Levani Botia	Fiji	1	1
1	Hayate Era	Japan	2	1
1	Joaquin Moro	Argentina	1	1
1	Lachlan Shaw	Australia	2	1
1	Tom Wright	Australia	2	1
1	Ben-Jason Dixon	South Africa	2	1
1	Kurt-Lee Arendse	South Africa	1	1
1	Ruben Love	New Zealand	2	1
1	Emmanuel Meafou	France	1	1
1	Jamie Dobie	Scotland	2	1

			Games	Red
1	Simione Kuruvoli	Fiji	2	1
1	Niccolo Cannone	Italy	2	1



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