

**IRB RUGBY  
WORLD CUP  
2011**



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The biggest sporting event of 2011 is about to kick off in New Zealand. Twenty teams from 48 countries competing to become champions of the world. The Rugby World Cup is now established as the world's third biggest sporting event behind the Olympic Games and FIFA World Cup and organizers expect 85,000 fans from more than 100 countries to attend.

First held in New Zealand and Australia in 1987, England are the only British team to have won the tournament, defeating Australia in 2003. The inaugural Rugby World Cup saw 600,000 people pass through the turnstiles with 300 million in 17 countries watching the action on television, figures that would increase to 2.25 million and four billion in 200 territories for the 2007 event.

## WALES

Wales begin their World Cup campaign on 11 September against South Africa in Wellington in what's expected to be one of the highlights of the pool stages, followed by matches with Samoa, Namibia and Fiji.

Due to the absence of injured hooker Matthew Rees, 22-year-old Sam Warburton will become Wales' youngest World Cup captain. On hearing of his selection, Warburton said: "I am delighted. To be a World Cup captain is one of the biggest achievements a rugby player could achieve. It's my first World Cup, so it will be new to me. It is going to be a positive camp to be around. We are in a good place at the moment."

Wales have been boosted by the return from injury of prop Adam Jones and head coach Warren Gatland has opted for a split of 16 forwards and 14 backs. "We've had a few injuries in the back three, and we wanted to make sure we had cover there. It needed bolstering up, so we went for 16-14."

Wales' best World Cup finish was third place in 1987 but they've failed to get out of the pool stage on three occasions in 1991, 1995 and 2007.

### Wales' squad for the Rugby World Cup

**Backs:** A Brew (Newport Gwent Dragons), L Byrne (Clermont Auvergne), J Davies (Scarlets), L Halfpenny (Cardiff Blues), J Hook (Perpignan), S Jones (Scarlets), T Knoyle (Scarlets), G North (Scarlets), M Phillips (Bayonne), R Priestland (Scarlets), J Roberts (Cardiff Blues), L Williams (Cardiff Blues), Scott Williams (Scarlets), Shane Williams (Ospreys)

**Forwards:** H Bennett (Ospreys), R Bevington (Ospreys), L Burns (Newport Gwent Dragons), L Charteris (Newport Gwent Dragons), B Davies (Cardiff Blues), T Faletau (Newport Gwent Dragons), P James (Ospreys), G Jenkins (Cardiff Blues), A Jones (Ospreys), AW Jones (Ospreys), R Jones (Ospreys), D Lydiate (Newport Gwent Dragons), C Mitchell (Exeter), K Owens (Scarlets), A Powell (Sale Sharks), S Warburton (Cardiff Blues, capt)



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## SCOTLAND

Scotland's World Cup campaign begins at Invercargill on 10 September against Romania, followed by pool matches against Georgia, Argentina and England.

Chris Paterson, Scotland's record scorer and most-capped player (with 105 tests to his name) will make history at Rugby World Cup 2011 by becoming the first Scot to play in four World Cups, having made his debut in the 1999 tournament.

There are few surprises in head coach Andy Robinson's 30-man squad. Alastair Kellock has been named captain but missing out are Johnnie Beattie, David Denton and Robert Harley. Announcing his final squad, former England international, Robinson said: "I want to pay tribute to the dedicated and professional approach of all those in our provisional squad. Eight players [including Walker] have been unfortunate to miss out from that squad but that is because of the talent we have been able to assemble in our final 30.

"What I've seen from the squad is a tremendous team spirit, a great courage for the way they've worked together and I'm delighted to be head coach of this squad," Robinson added. "I



know they're going to go and do Scotland proud. I have no doubt about that. I'd like to thank every single one of them for the work they've done so far. Well done guys. It's now about getting in the starting XV."

### Scotland's squad for the Rugby World Cup

**Backs:** Joe Ansbro (London Irish), Mike Blair (Edinburgh), Chris Cusiter (Glasgow Warriors), Simon Danielli (Ulster), Nick De Luca (Edinburgh), Max Evans (Castres), Ruaridh Jackson (Glasgow Warriors), Rory Lamont (Toulon), Sean Lamont (Scarlets), Rory Lawson (Gloucester), Graeme Morrison (Glasgow Warriors), Dan Parks (Cardiff Blues), Chris Paterson (Edinburgh).

**Forwards:** John Barclay (Glasgow Warriors), Kelly Brown (Saracens), Geoff Cross (Edinburgh), Alasdair Dickinson (Sale Sharks), Ross Ford (Edinburgh), Richie Gray, Dougie Hall (both Glasgow Warriors), Jim Hamilton (Gloucester), Nathan Hines (Clermont Auvergne), Allan Jacobsen (Edinburgh), Alastair Kellock (capt, Glasgow Warriors), Scott Lawson (Gloucester), Moray Low (Glasgow Warriors), Euan Murray (Newcastle Falcons), Ross Rennie (Edinburgh), Alasdair Strokosch (Gloucester), Richie Vernon (Sale Sharks)



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## ENGLAND

England kick off their World Cup campaign on September 10 at Denedin and face physical opponents in Argentina and Georgia in the pool stage.

Manager Martin Johnson has chosen a squad of 17 forwards and only 13 backs and says, "You would rather win ugly than lose pretty every day of the week. When you get into World Cup games it is all about winning. Sometimes people lose sight of that."

England have a wealth of experience at their disposal with 2003 World Cup winning hero Jonny Wilkinson making his fourth World Cup appearance and old hands such as Nick Easter, Steve Thompson, Simon Shaw and Mark Cueto.

Announcing his 30-man squad, Johnson said, "The composition of the squad is very important and we think we have the right mix in this group. There were some very tough phone calls made last week; everybody came into this camp and worked extremely hard and some players have just missed out.

"For us now though it is important to look forward - there is great sense of unity in this group and we are pleased with the depth across the squad. We are all looking forward to the tournament and know that selecting the 30-man squad is just the beginning."

And on England's chances of winning the tournament, Johnson added, "This is the question that gets asked before every



tournament. Any team will tell you that you have to address what's right in front of you. We've got a tough pool ... there are three quarter-finalists from the last World Cup in our pool. There's no point talking about the final. You've got to get yourself there and then take it from minute one. Believe me you don't win World Cups by thinking about winning World Cups."

### England's squad for the Rugby World Cup

**Backs: Full-backs:** Delon Armitage (London Irish), Ben Foden (Northampton Saints). **Wings:** Chris Ashton (Northampton Saints), Mark Cueto (Sale Sharks), Matt Banahan (Bath). **Centres:** Shontayne Hape (London Irish), Mike Tindall (Gloucester), Manusamoa Tuilagi (Leicester Tigers). **Fly-halves:** Toby Flood (Leicester Tigers), Jonny Wilkinson (Toulon). **Scrum-halves:** Joe Simpson (London Wasps), Richard Wigglesworth (Saracens), Ben Youngs (Leicester Tigers).

**Forwards: Props:** Dan Cole (Leicester Tigers), Alex Corbisiero (London Irish), Andrew Sheridan (Sale Sharks), Matt Stevens (Saracens), David Wilson (Bath). **Hookers:** Dylan Hartley (Northampton Saints), Lee Mears (Bath), Steve Thompson (London Wasps). **Locks:** Louis Deacon (Leicester Tigers), Courtney Lawes (Northampton Saints), Tom Palmer (Stade Francais), Simon Shaw (London Wasps). **Back row:** Tom Croft (Leicester Tigers), Nick Easter (Harlequins), James Haskell (Ricoch Black Rams), Lewis Moody (Bath), Tom Wood (Northampton Saints).



## MATCH SCHEDULE BY DATE

Date	Time (NZ)	Pool	Match details	Location	Stadium
Fri Sept 9	20.30	A	New Zealand v Tonga	Auckland	Eden Park
Sat Sept 10	13.00	B	Scotland v Romania	Invercargill	Rugby Park Stadium
Sat Sept 10	15.30	D	Fiji v Namibia	Rotorua	Rotorua International Stadium
Sat Sept 10	18.00	A	France v Japan	Auckland	North Harbour Stadium
Sat Sept 10	20.30	B	Argentina v England	Dunedin	Otago Stadium
Sun Sept 11	15.30	C	Australia v Italy	Auckland	North Harbour Stadium
Sun Sept 11	18.00	C	Ireland v USA	New Plymouth	Stadium Taranaki
Sun Sept 11	20.30	D	South Africa v Wales	Wellington	Wellington Regional Stadium
Wed Sept 14	14.30	D	Samoa v Namibia	Rotorua	Rotorua International Stadium
Wed Sept 14	17.00	A	Tonga v Canada	Whangarei	Northland Events Centre
Wed Sept 14	19.30	B	Scotland v Georgia	Invercargill	Rugby Park Stadium
Thurs Sept 15	19.30	C	Russia v USA	New Plymouth	Stadium Taranaki
Fri Sept 16	20.00	A	New Zealand v Japan	Hamilton	Waikato Stadium
Sat Sept 17	15.30	B	Argentina v Romania	Invercargill	Rugby Park Stadium
Sat Sept 17	18.00	D	South Africa v Fiji	Wellington	Wellington Regional Stadium
Sat Sept 17	20.30	C	Australia v Ireland	Auckland	Eden Park
Sun Sept 18	15.30	D	Wales v Samoa	Hamilton	Waikato Stadium
Sun Sept 18	18.00	B	England v Georgia	Dunedin	Otago Stadium
Sun Sept 18	20.30	A	France v Canada	Napier	McLean Park
Tues Sept 20	19.30	C	Italy v Russia	Nelson	Trafalgar Park
Wed Sept 21	19.30	A	Tonga v Japan	Whangarei	Northland Events Centre
Thurs Sept 22	20.00	D	South Africa v Namibia	Auckland	North Harbour Stadium
Fri Sept 23	20.30	C	Australia v USA	Wellington	Wellington Regional Stadium
Sat Sept 24	18.00	B	England v Romania	Dunedin	Otago Stadium
Sat Sept 24	20.30	A	New Zealand v France	Auckland	Eden Park
Sun Sept 25	15.30	D	Fiji v Samoa	Auckland	Eden Park
Sun Sept 25	18.00	C	Ireland v Russia	Rotorua	Rotorua International Stadium
Sun Sept 25	20.30	B	Argentina v Scotland	Wellington	Wellington Regional Stadium
Mon Sept 26	19.30	D	Wales v Namibia	New Plymouth	Stadium Taranaki
Tues Sept 27	17.00	A	Canada v Japan	Napier	McLean Park
Tues Sept 27	19.30	C	Italy v USA	Nelson	Trafalgar Park
Wed Sept 28	19.30	B	Georgia v Romania	Palmerston North	Arena Manawatu
Fri Sept 30	20.30	D	South Africa v Samoa	Auckland	North Harbour Stadium
Sat Oct 1	15.30	C	Australia v Russia	Nelson	Trafalgar Park
Sat Oct 1	18.00	A	France v Tonga	Wellington	Wellington Regional Stadium
Sat Oct 1	20.30	B	England v Scotland	Auckland	Eden Park
Sun Oct 2	13.00	B	Argentina v Georgia	Palmerston North	Arena Manawatu
Sun Oct 2	15.30	A	New Zealand v Canada	Wellington	Wellington Regional Stadium
Sun Oct 2	18.00	D	Wales v Fiji	Hamilton	Waikato Stadium
Sun Oct 2	20.30	C	Ireland v Italy	Dunedin	Otago Stadium
Sat Oct 8	18.00		QF1: W Pool C v RU Pool D	Wellington	Wellington Regional Stadium
Sat Oct 8	20.30		QF2: W Pool B v RU Pool A	Auckland	Eden Park
Sun Oct 9	18.00		QF3: W Pool D v RU Pool C	Wellington	Wellington Regional Stadium
Sun Oct 9	20.30		QF4: W Pool A v RU Pool B	Auckland	Eden Park
Sat Oct 15	21.00		SF1: W QF1 v W QF2	Auckland	Eden Park
Sun Oct 16	21.00		SF2: W QF3 v W QF4	Auckland	Eden Park
Fri Oct 21	20.30		Bronze Final	Auckland	Eden Park
Sun Oct 23	21.00		Final	Auckland	Eden Park

