



# Rugby World Cup 2023



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From humble beginnings in 1987, the Rugby World Cup has grown into one of the planet's iconic sporting festivals, with a reach and appeal topped only by the football World Cup and the Olympic Games.

In 2023, France will host the tournament for the first time since 2007, when South Africa lifted the Webb Ellis Cup after beating England.

The world's 20 best teams will compete for the trophy, battling for finals spots across four compelling pools.

Under master coach Eddie Jones, Australia is considered the favourite to top a Pool C that also includes Wales, Fiji, Georgia and Portugal.

In a real quirk of the draw, the Wallabies also played Wales, Fiji and Georgia at the 2019 World Cup in Japan.

France are fizzing at the opportunity to lift the trophy on home soil after being beaten in three previous finals.

The tournament opener between Les Bleus and three-time champions New Zealand should set the stage for an electric seven weeks of rugby at its finest.

Stan Sport will be the only place to watch every match from Rugby World Cup 2023 with all the action from the tournament streaming ad-free, live and in 4K Ultra HD. Stan continues to be the only streaming service in Australia to showcase live sport in 4K UHD, available to subscribers with compatible devices across all sport plans.

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# Stan Sport talent's guide to the World Cup



**Michael HOOPER**

RWC record: 9 games, 2015 (finalist), 2019 (quarter-finalist, captain)

Wallabies great Michael Hooper has bolstered Stan Sport's Rugby World Cup 2023 commentary team, bringing 125 Tests of experience to the coverage.

The tireless flanker starred at the 2015 and 2019 tournaments and captained Australia in 2019.

Hooper will bring cutting edge insight to the viewer, having played for the Wallabies in this year's Rugby Championship.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** I went to the semi-final of the 2003 World Cup, Australia v New Zealand. I was in the corner where Stirling Mortlock took the intercept against the All Blacks and goes 80m on them. How exciting that was as a 12-year-old boy. Epic.

**Pool game that can't be missed:** The opener (September 10, coverage from 4am AEST) is hard to go past. The home nation, France, playing New

Zealand, that's really exciting and should get the ball rolling for a huge World Cup.

**RWC dark horse:** Fiji could be strong. They've got the ability to do some damage.

**Why can the Wallabies win?** No baggage, young, hungry, fit and a really good draw. We can create some huge momentum and I've been in the squad so I've seen the type of talent that's in that team. We're capable of going really deep in the competition.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** They're always there or thereabouts. They've got amazing depth and are going to be hard to beat.

**Final prediction:** Australia v South Africa

**RWC winner:** Australia v South Africa

**Player of the tournament?** Marika Koroiibete (Australia)

**Wallabies key player?** Samu Kerevi



**Andrew MEHRTENS**

RWC record: 10 games, 1995 (finalist), 1999 (semi-finalist)

'Mehrts' is the 10th highest points scorer in world rugby history, racking up 967 in 70 Tests for the All Blacks.

The sharpshooting five-eighth played in the iconic 1995 World Cup final and has since become one of the world's most beloved rugby broadcasters.

Mehrtens will bring his razor sharp wit and tactical acumen to the coverage from France, where he played club rugby for Beziers, Racing 92 and Toulon.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** Watching local hero Craig Green score four tries at Lancaster Park against Fiji in 1987. We skipped school for the afternoon to go and see our heroes in the first ever World Cup. And the first half hour against England in the 1995 semi-final. Jonah was unstoppable but when No.8 Zinzan Brooke dropped a goal from 50m on the angle I was genuinely pinching myself.

**Pool game that can't be missed:** Can't really go past the opening match but I think the matches between South Africa, Scotland and Ireland will be great viewing as three into two doesn't go.

**RWC dark horse:** England have been rubbish in the build-up but they still have the players who on their day can beat anybody. You discount them at your peril.

**Why can the Wallabies win?** If they stay injury free then they still have genuine world class talent, particularly Valetini, Petaia, Koroibete and the entire midfield.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** Because they're supposed to win every tournament right?! Their tempo and skill level is their biggest trump card and the depth of the squad is very good too.

**Final prediction:** Ireland v New Zealand

**RWC winner:** Ireland have belief, confidence and a simple and effective game plan that gets the best out of their resources. And the habit of winning.

**Player of the tournament?** Sam Whitelock (New Zealand)

**Wallabies key player?** Carter Gordon. Unfortunately a huge amount of responsibility rests on his shoulders, both as play manager and goal kicker.



**Mat ROGERS**

RWC record: 7 games, 2003 (finalist)

Dual code great Mat Rogers has joined Stan Sport's Rugby World Cup 2023 team to bring a fresh perspective on all the action in France.

Rogers was one of the heroes of Australia's 2003 World Cup run in addition to a glittering rugby league career.

Rogers, known for his forthright views, now works as a player manager in addition to his media commitments.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** David Campese's try against Ireland in 1991 was a magic moment. Feeling like we're done and then going on to win our first World Cup. I was at boarding school, jumping up and down with a heap of mates, just blown away with what we've seen. And of course beating the All Blacks as a player in the 2003 semi-final at home was special.

**Pool game that can't be missed:** The opening game between the All Blacks and France (September 10, coverage from 4am AEST) is going to be special. There's something about a home World Cup that just brings the best out in you and it certainly did for us in 2003. France will be up for it and I think it'll be an amazing game of rugby.

**RWC dark horse:** Argentina worry me a bit.

A team that plays with a lot of passion and they

could be a smokey to go deep.

**Why can the Wallabies win?** They've got a lot of talent and can beat anyone on their day if they show up with the right attitude. Eddie, without a doubt, will be breathing that belief into him. We went into a World Cup in 2003 off the back of the most horrendous form and what he did for us in terms of strategy and planning and belief - I feel he can do the same with this squad.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** Because they're the All Blacks and they believe that they should win everything. It's a psyche that I've lived with through the rugby league world, playing for the Kangaroos, you just don't get beat. It's something that's inherent within the squad. They'll go over there believing they're the best team in the world and they're going to win the World Cup. It's something that a lot of other sporting sides and codes can learn from.

**Final prediction:** France v Australia

**RWC winner:** Australia. Just like the 2003 World Cup, the home side getting beaten in a tight match on their home field.

**Player of the tournament?** Beauden Barrett (New Zealand)

**Wallabies key player?** Will Skelton



**Allana FERGUSON**

Allana Ferguson holds the rare distinction of representing Australia in three sports - rugby sevens, rugby league and touch.

Ferguson offers expert analysis of both rugby and the NRL for Stan Sport and Nine.

Ferguson represented Australia in sevens in 2013 before knee injuries forced her to the sidelines before a switch to league.

She is now one of Australia's leading voices on women in sport.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** George Gregan's flick pass to Owen Finegan to seal the 1999 win.

**Pool game that can't be missed:** Australia v Wales (September 25, coverage from 4.30am AEST)

**RWC dark horse:** Scotland

**Why can the Wallabies win?** Favourable draw, with powerhouses on the other side. And Samu Kerevi is a game changer.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** Good combination between talent and experience. Variety of styles

**Final prediction:** Australia v France

**RWC winner:** Wallabies

**Player of the tournament:** Samu Kerevi (Australia)

**Wallabies key player:** Carter Gordon



**Michael Atkinson**

Michael Atkinson is a sports reporter at Nine News Queensland and a valuable member of Stan Sport's rugby team.

Atkinson previously worked in professional rugby as the Queensland Reds team manager.

He regularly breaks rugby news on television and online and writes a regular column for the Brisbane Times and Sydney Morning Herald.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** Stephen Larkham's drop goal in the 1999 semi-final and Rupeni Caucaunibuca's try vs France in 2003.

**Pool game that can't be missed:** The opener - France v New Zealand (September 10, coverage from 4am AEST)

**RWC dark horse:** Wallabies

**Why can the Wallabies win?** Eddie Jones

**Why can the All Blacks win?** They've done it three times before and everyone is writing them off.

**Final prediction:** Australia v France

**RWC winner:** Wallabies

**Player of the tournament:** Antoine Dupont (France)

**Wallabies key player:** Angus Bell



**Justin Harrison**

RWC record: 5 games, 2003 (finalist)

‘Goog’ is a respected and popular ex-Wallabies lock.

Harrison is an astute and analytical observer of the game, bringing the dark arts of forward play to light and presenting the game through a simple and comprehensive lens.

He also brings his irreverent and unique brand of humour to Stan Sport’s RWC coverage.

Harrison played in the 2003 final against England and in his debut for Australia, played a key role in their famous series win over the British and Irish Lions in 2001.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** Watching the 1999 final with Nathan Sharpe at Millenium Stadium with green and gold face paint on, fully kitted in Wallabies supporters gear, telling each other we’d both play in the next final.

**Pool game that can’t be missed:** Scotland v South Africa (September 11, coverage from 1.30am AEST)

**RWC dark horse:** Scotland

**Why can the Wallabies win?** They’re on the ideal side of the draw which gives them a ramp to build momentum as they advance through the tournament. Squad has the capacity to learn. Eddie gets the best out of every player.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** Depth of squad

**Final prediction:** South Africa v New Zealand

**RWC winner:** South Africa

**Player of the tournament:** Siya Kolisi (South Africa)

**Wallabies key player:** Samu Kerevi



**James Horwill**

RWC record: 6 games, 2011 (semi-finalist, captain)

Nicknamed ‘Big Kev,’ Horwill captained Australia at the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand, reaching the semi-finals.

Horwill played 61 Tests for the Wallabies and also led the Queensland Reds to their first Super Rugby title in 2011.

When his departure to England was announced, Reds chief executive Jim Carmichael described him as “one of the great modern day sporting treasures of Queensland.”

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** Stephen Larkham’s drop goal in 1999 and beating South Africa in New Zealand in 2011.

**Pool game that can’t be missed:** South Africa v Ireland (September 24, coverage from 4.45am AEST)

**RWC dark horse:** Ireland, in great form but never made it past the quarter-final.

**Why can the Wallabies win?** If all our big name players are fit and in form, we have the team to win it.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** Unrivalled squad depth.

**Final prediction:** New Zealand v France

**RWC winner:** France

**Player of the tournament:** James Slipper (Australia)

**Wallabies key player:** James Slipper



**Morgan Turinui**

RWC record: 1 game, 2003 (finalist), 2007 (quarter-finalist)

A street-smart midfielder and occasional winger, Turinui played 20 Tests for Australia and was a member of the 2003 Rugby World Cup squad that reached the final under Eddie Jones.

Turinui also played Super Rugby for the NSW Waratahs and Queensland Reds before spreading his wings with Stade Francais.

Turinui has also served as an assistant coach with the Melbourne Rebels in Super Rugby and is recognised as one of the most insightful analysts in the global game.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** David Campese in the 1991 semi-final v New Zealand, turning John Kirwan inside and out to score in the corner.

Pool game that can't be missed: Ireland v Scotland (October 8, coverage from 5.45am AEDT)

**RWC dark horse:** Scotland

**Why can the Wallabies win?** Good draw. Good coach. Flying under the radar.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** The best at playing all styles, in any conditions.

**Final prediction:** Australia v France

**RWC winner:** France

**Player of the tournament:** Aaron Smith (New Zealand)

**Wallabies key player:** Samu Kerevi



**Nick McArdle**

McArdle grew up as an Aussie rules fanatic in country South Australia before falling in love with rugby upon moving to Sydney.

One of Australia's most respected sports hosts and broadcasters, McArdle's media career has spanned 30 years across television and radio.

McArdle will host Stan Sport's Rugby World Cup 2023 coverage.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** Growing up, the 1995 final. The Mandela moment, what it meant for South Africa and the world. But also the Wallabies run in 2015, particularly knocking England out in the group stage. The first host nation to be bundled out in the pool stage.

**Pool game that can't be missed:** Uruguay v Namibia (September 28, coverage from 1.30am AEST). We're seeing the gap continue to close between the best and worst. Produces the best storylines, amateurs happy to be there.

**RWC dark horse:** Scotland

**Why can the Wallabies win?** There is a crop of players who have had a taste of 2-3 years in the set up who are maturing into world class players at the right time. The bounce associated with a new coaching voice and set-up can do wonders, as we saw with Michael Cheika in 2015.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** The belief that comes from having won it three times. To win the RWC, you need to have a number of players that would comfortably be selected in a world's best XV, which they have.

**Final prediction:** New Zealand v France

**RWC winner:** France

**Player of the tournament?** Caelan Doris (Ireland)

**Wallabies key player?** Taniela Tupou





**Sonny Bill Williams**

RWC record: 19 games, 2011 (champion), 2015 (champion), 2019 (semi-finalist)

The two-time Rugby World Cup winner ranks alongside Brad Thorn as one of the most successful dual code athletes in the world, also winning two league premierships in the NRL.

Williams played 58 Tests for New Zealand and scored 13 tries to go with countless freakish offloads, bruising hits and feats of athleticism.

Williams also represented New Zealand in rugby sevens at the 2016 Rio Olympics and has enjoyed a successful professional boxing career.

One of the key members of Stan Sport and Nine's Wide World of Sports rugby and NRL teams, Williams is proud to fly the flag for Pasifika talent in the media.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** The 2015 final v Wallabies and Ma'a Nonu's try. And the hurt and tears from losing the 1995 final in South Africa watching as a 10-year-old.

**Pool game that can't be missed:** France v New Zealand opener (September 10, coverage from 4am AEST)

**RWC dark horse:** Argentina

**Why can the Wallabies win?** On their day, they can beat anyone. The hardship they have been through with Dave Rennie has created depth and resilience in the squad. The forwards need to step up to be the best in their positions and unlock their strengths on the outside.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** Because they're the All Blacks

**Final prediction:** New Zealand v France

**RWC winner:** New Zealand

**Player of the tournament:** Antoine Dupont (France)

**Wallabies key player:** Marika Koroibete



**Sean Maloney**

Sean Maloney is Stan Sport's voice of rugby.

Passionate and well travelled, Maloney brings a wealth of experience. He called the Rugby World Cup 2019 final in Japan as well as the World Sevens Series for many years.

Maloney can also be found surfing on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** Uruguay beating Fiji in 2019, in the stadium that had been destroyed by the 2011 tsunami. The locals formed a 500m tunnel for all the visiting fans to thank them for coming on the way out of the ground

**Pool game that can't be missed:** Australia v Fiji (September 18, coverage from 1.15am AEST)

**RWC dark horse:** Italy

**Why can the Wallabies win?** The Wallabies have an uncanny ability to time their run at a World Cup. Timing is everything and I reckon they'll be minute perfect in France.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** They've got such a deep squad. Almost every AB picked would start for almost every other team at the tournament

**Final prediction:** Australia v France

**RWC winner:** Australia

**Player of the tournament:** Marika Koroibete (Australia)

**Wallabies key player:** Rob Valetini



**Stephen Hoiles**

**RWC record:** 5 games, 2007 (quarter-finalist)

Hoiles was a skilful, ball playing backrower who played 16 Tests for Australia between 2004-08 and got his debut under Eddie Jones.

Hoiles also recovered from serious injury to help the NSW Waratahs win their maiden Super Rugby title in 2014.

As well as providing humour and analysis on Stan Sport, Hoiles is also embarking on a successful coaching career.

He was the assistant coach to Darren Coleman's title-winning LA Giltinis team in Major League Rugby and this year guided Randwick to a drought-breaking and emotional victory in Sydney's Shute Shield.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** Owen Finegan's try at the death of the 1999 final. Playing Wales in Cardiff in 2007.

**Pool game that can't be missed:** Australia v Fiji (September 18, coverage from 1.15am AEST).

**RWC dark horse:** Argentina

**Why can the Wallabies win?** Experienced coach who knows how to time the run into the tournament with a playing group in the honeymoon period eager to work under him.

**Why can the All Blacks win?** Less expectation, with a proven track record. Had a lull in 2022, on the up this year.

**Final prediction:** Ireland v France

**RWC winner:** Ireland

**Player of the tournament?** Antoine Dupont (France)

**Wallabies key player?** Carter Gordon



**Tim Horan**

**RWC record:** 14 games, 1991 (champion) 1995 (quarter-finalist), 1999 (champion)

One of Australia's greatest ever rugby players, Horan is in a rare club of players that has won two World Cups (1991 and 1999).

The 'prince of centres' scored a famous try against New Zealand in 1991 after David Campese threw a brilliant no-look pass over his shoulder.

Horan also showed extraordinary courage to rise from his sick bed and win man of the match in the 1999 semi-final against South Africa.

In that tournament he also broke the Guinness try challenge during their game against Romania.

Horan scored Australia's first try in under 119.5 seconds, the time it takes to pour the perfect pint of Guinness.

As a result, Tim received a year's supply of Guinness and there was a £10,000 donation to the charity of Tim's choice.

**Favourite RWC moment/memory:** The 1999 semi-finals - the best weekend of World Cup rugby at Twickenham ever. The Wallabies beat the Boks on

Saturday and the French beat the All Blacks on the Sunday. Have to mention Siya Kolisi and Jonah Lomu's four tries against England - they took rugby to a global audience.

**Pool game that can't be missed:** Ireland v Scotland (October 8, coverage from 5.45am AEDT)

**RWC dark horse:** Scotland

**Why can the Wallabies win?** Because a fit Samu Kerevi can be unstoppable. Bigger bodies in the back row compared to Japan four years ago

**Why can the All Blacks win?** They should be competition favourites. Have the Barrett brothers and the average squad age is late 20s - perfect for RWC.

**Final prediction:** New Zealand v Ireland

**RWC winner:** New Zealand

**Player of the tournament:** Richie Mo'unga (New Zealand)

**Wallabies key player:** Rob Valetini

# Stan Sport shows

MONDAY

## RWC 2023 CENTRAL

A review show featuring the major talking points, results, standings, highlights and heroes.

Hosted by Roz Kelly and Nick McArdle with expert analysis from Stephen Hoiles, James Horwill and Mat Rogers.

TUESDAY



A taste of what it's like to be on the ground in France. A look at how the Wallabies are fairing, what's got people talking and what's happening behind the scenes delivered over a cup of coffee from inside a local French cafe.

Starring Sean Maloney, Morgan Turinui and Andrew Mehrtens.

WEDNESDAY

## RWC 2023 CENTRAL

A midweek update on the biggest talking points coming out of the Rugby World Cup.

Hosted by Nick McArdle with expert analysis from Mat Rogers.

THURSDAY

## RUGBY HEAVEN

Energy filled variety chat show delivered from inside a World Cup hot spot showcasing fans and rugby identities from across the globe.

Feature stories to come out of the tournament and tackling the biggest headlines ahead of another action packed weekend of World Cup action.

Featuring Michael Atkinson, Morgan Turinui, Andrew Mehrtens, Tim Horan, Sonny Bill Williams and Sean Maloney.

FRIDAY

## RWC 2023 CENTRAL

Preview show taking a closer look at all the upcoming action over the weekend. The form lines, key players, and team changes.

Hosted by Roz Kelly and Nick McArdle with expert analysis from Michael Hooper, Stephen Hoiles, James Horwill and Mat Rogers.

# The most competitive Rugby World Cup in history

## POOL A

All eyes in Pool A are on hosts France and three-time world champions New Zealand, who square off in a mouthwatering opening match to kick off the tournament in Paris on September 9 (AEST).

The All Blacks have beaten France in two Rugby World Cup finals, in 1987 and 2011, so there will be no shortage of motivation for Les Bleus, who have developed into a powerhouse under Fabien Galthie.

Those two teams are at short odds to advance to the quarter-finals but Italy are an improving side with the ability to make things difficult for the favourites.

Minnows Uruguay and Namibia round out the pool.

Uruguay provided one of the best stories of the 2019 World Cup when they upset Fiji 30-27 in Japan.

It was Uruguay's first World Cup win in 16 years.

POOL

A

 NEW ZEALAND

 FRANCE

 ITALY

 URUGUAY

 NAMIBIA

## POOL B

This is generally considered the 2023 'pool of death' with defending champions South Africa and world No.1 Ireland headlining.

Those two heavyweights are widely expected to advance but there are real threats in an attack-minded Scotland and a Tonga side now stacked with firepower.

Changes in World Rugby's eligibility laws have allowed Tonga's coach, Wallabies legend Toutai Kefu, to pick the likes of Charles Piutau, Malakai Fekitoa, Adam Coleman, Lopeti Timani, George Moala and Augustine Pulu.

Romania are the fifth team in Pool B.

The clash between Ireland and Scotland in the final weekend of pool play looms as one of the best games of the tournament with a quarter-final spot likely to be on the line.

Scotland hasn't beaten Ireland since 2017 but the Scots are now playing with a flair and freedom that makes them a potential dark horse.

POOL

B

 SOUTH AFRICA

 IRELAND

 SCOTLAND

 TONGA

 ROMANIA

## POOL C

Australia and Wales are the leading lights in Pool C although an improving Fiji might have something to say about that.

Coached by former Wallabies assistant Simon Raiwalui, Fiji have had some impressive warm-up results, beating England, Tonga and Samoa.

Former NRL star Semi Radradra - a standout at the 2019 World Cup in Japan - will again be a force to be reckoned with.

Georgia and Portugal round out the pool.

Georgia, who continue to press for a place in an expanded Six Nations, will be a physical challenge for Australia in their tournament opener in Paris on September 10 (AEST).

Portugal qualified for the World Cup in dramatic fashion, with Samuel Marques kicking a last-gasp penalty for a famous 19-16 win over the United States in Dubai.

POOL

C

 WALES

 AUSTRALIA

 FIJI

 GEORGIA

 PORTUGAL

## POOL D

While Pool B has been widely touted as the 'pool of death,' Pool D isn't far behind.

England and Argentina are the favourites to progress to the quarter-finals but Japan and Samoa are serious threats.

Japan made history by qualifying for their first men's World Cup quarter-final in 2019 after topping a Pool A that included Ireland and Scotland.

The 'Brave Blossoms' will again be a fun team to watch under Kiwi coaches Jamie Joseph and Tony Brown while Samoa have stacked their squad with some newly eligible talent.

Christian Leali'ifano, Lima Sopoaga and Steven Luatua are among the big name stars in Seilala Mapusua's squad.

Chile are the final team in Pool D, qualifying for their first ever World Cup with a dramatic 52-51 aggregate win over the United States.

POOL

D

 ENGLAND

 JAPAN

 ARGENTINA

 SAMOA

 CHILE

## RUGBY WORLD CUP 2023 QUALIFICATION

The top 12 sides automatically qualified for Rugby World Cup 2023 as a result of finishing in the top three in their groups in the 2019 tournament.

# Rugby World Cup Key Dates

All times listed as AEST until the morning of Sunday, October 1 in Australia

**Pool matches: September 9-October 9**

**Quarter-finals: October 15-16**

**Semi-finals: October 21-22**

**Final: October 28**

## Rugby World Cup knockout stage

The pool winners will take on pool runners-up in the quarter-finals and are not able to face an opponent from their own group until the final.

| DATE            | TIME | MATCH  | VENUE                      |
|-----------------|------|--|----------------------------|
| Sunday Oct 15   | 2am  | <b>Quarter-final 1:</b><br>Winner Pool C vs Runner-up Pool D | Stade Velodrome, Marseille |
| Sunday Oct 15   | 6am  | <b>Quarter-final 2:</b><br>Winner Pool B vs Runner-up Pool A | Stade de France, Paris     |
| Monday Oct 16   | 2am  | <b>Quarter-final 3:</b><br>Winner Pool D vs Runner-up Pool C | Stade Velodrome, Marseille |
| Monday Oct 16   | 6am  | <b>Quarter-final 4:</b><br>Winner Pool A vs Runner-up Pool B | Stade de France, Paris     |
| Saturday Oct 21 | 6am  | <b>Semi-final 1:</b><br>QF1 Winner vs QF2 Winner             | Stade de France, Paris     |
| Sunday Oct 22   | 6am  | <b>Semi-final 2:</b><br>QF3 Winner vs QF4 Winner             | Stade de France, Paris     |
| Saturday Oct 28 | 6am  | <b>Bronze final:</b><br>SF1 Loser vs SF2 Loser               | Stade de France, Paris     |
| Sunday Oct 29   | 6am  | <b>Final:</b><br>SF1 Winner vs SF2 Winner                    | Stade de France, Paris     |



# How to watch in Australia

The 2023 Rugby World Cup will be broadcast in Australia by Stan Sport with select matches on the 9Network.

Every match will be streaming ad free, live and on demand in 4K Ultra HD on Stan Sport while Wallabies matches and the final will also be shown on the 9Network.

## Wallabies Pool Matches

**AUSTRALIA v GEORGIA**  
Sun, 10 Sept – 02:00

**AUSTRALIA v FIJI**  
Mon, 18 Sept – 01:45

**WALES v AUSTRALIA**  
Mon, 25 Sept – 05:00

**AUSTRALIA v PORTUGAL**  
Mon, 2 Oct – 02:45

## All Blacks Pool Matches

**FRANCE v NEW ZEALAND**  
Sat, 9 Sept – 05:15

**NEW ZEALAND v NAMIBIA**  
Sat, 16 Sept – 05:00

**NEW ZEALAND v ITALY**  
Sat, 30 Sept – 05:00

**NEW ZEALAND v URUGUAY**  
Fri, 6 Oct – 06:00



# The 9 host venues

The 20 nations that have qualified for Rugby World Cup 2023 have all selected their Team Base Camps, where they will stay for the duration of the pool stage.

Vital to the players' performance, these team base Camps provide teams with first-rate facilities where they can prepare for Rugby World Cup 2023 in the very best conditions. They will also give French fans and the public the chance to experience Rugby World Cup 2023 closer to home, away from the stadiums.

The Wallabies will be based in Saint-Galmier during pool play. The town is near Saint-Etienne, where Australia will play two of their four pool games.



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# A national event



## POOL A:

**New-Zealand:** Lyon (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes); **France:** Rueil-Malmaison (Île-de-France); **Italy:** Bourgoin-Jallieu (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes); **Uruguay:** Avignon (South Region); **Namibia:** Aix-les-Bains (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)

## POOL B:

**South Africa:** Toulon (South Region); **Ireland:** Tours (Centre-Val de Loire); **Scotland:** Nice (South Region); **Tonga:** Croissy-sur-Seine (Île-de-France); **Romania:** Libourne (Nouvelle-Aquitaine)

## POOL C:

**Wales:** Versailles (Île-de-France); **Australia:** Saint-Etienne (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes); **Fiji:** Lormont (Nouvelle-Aquitaine); **Georgia:** La Rochelle - Île de Ré (Nouvelle-Aquitaine); **Portugal:** Perpignan (Occitanie)

## POOL D:

**England:** Le Touquet-Paris-Plage (Hauts-de-France); **Japan:** Toulouse (Occitanie); **Argentina:** La Baule-Escoublac (Pays de la Loire); **Samoa:** Montpellier (Occitanie); **Chile:** Perros-Guirec (Bretagne)

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**POOL A**

**NEW ZEALAND**  
**FRANCE**  
**ITALY**  
**URUGUAY**  
**NAMIBIA**

FRANCE v NEW ZEALAND  
Sat, 9 Sept - 05:15

FRANCE v NAMIBIA  
Fri, 22 Sept - 05:00

ITALY v NAMIBIA  
Sat, 9 Sept - 21:00

URUGUAY v NAMIBIA  
Thu, 28 Sept - 01:45

FRANCE v URUGUAY  
Fri, 15 Sept - 05:00

NEW ZEALAND v ITALY  
Sat, 30 Sept - 05:00

NEW ZEALAND v NAMIBIA  
Sat, 16 Sept - 05:00

NEW ZEALAND v URUGUAY  
Fri, 6 Oct - 06:00

ITALY v URUGUAY  
Thu, 21 Sept - 01:45

FRANCE v ITALY  
Sat, 7 Oct - 06:00

**POOL C**

**WALES**  
**AUSTRALIA**  
**FIJI**  
**GEORGIA**  
**PORTUGAL**

AUSTRALIA v GEORGIA  
Sun, 10 Sept - 02:00

WALES v AUSTRALIA  
Mon, 25 Sept - 05:00

WALES v FIJI  
Mon, 11 Sept - 05:00

FIJI v GEORGIA  
Sun, 1 Oct - 01:45

WALES v PORTUGAL  
Sun, 17 Sept - 01:45

AUSTRALIA v PORTUGAL  
Mon, 2 Oct - 02:45

AUSTRALIA v FIJI  
Mon, 18 Sept - 01:45

WALES v GEORGIA  
Sun, 8 Oct - 00:00

GEORGIA v PORTUGAL  
Sat, 23 Sept - 22:00

FIJI v PORTUGAL  
Mon, 9 Oct - 06:00

**QUARTER-FINAL 4**  
Mon, 16 Oct - 06:00

**WINNER POOL A**  
v  
**RUNNER-UP POOL B**

**SEMI-FINAL 1**  
Sat, 21 Oct - 06:00

**WINNER QF 1**  
v  
**WINNER QF 2**

**FINAL**  
Sun, 29 Oct - 06:00

**WINNER SF 1**  
v  
**WINNER SF 2**

**SEMI-FINAL 2**  
Sun, 22 Oct - 06:00

**WINNER QF 3**  
v  
**WINNER QF 4**

**QUARTER-FINAL 1**  
Sun, 15 Oct - 02:00

**WINNER POOL C**  
v  
**RUNNER-UP POOL D**

**POOL B**

**SOUTH AFRICA**  
**IRELAND**  
**SCOTLAND**  
**TONGA**  
**ROMANIA**

IRELAND v ROMANIA  
Sat, 9 Sept - 23:30

SCOTLAND v TONGA  
Mon, 25 Sept - 01:45

SOUTH AFRICA v SCOTLAND  
Mon, 11 Sept - 01:45

SCOTLAND v ROMANIA  
Sun, 1 Oct - 06:00

IRELAND v TONGA  
Sun, 17 Sept - 05:00

SOUTH AFRICA v TONGA  
Mon, 2 Oct - 06:00

SOUTH AFRICA v ROMANIA  
Sun, 17 Sept - 23:00

IRELAND v SCOTLAND  
Sun, 8 Oct - 06:00

SOUTH AFRICA v IRELAND  
Sun, 24 Sept - 05:00

TONGA v ROMANIA  
Mon, 9 Oct - 02:45

**QUARTER-FINAL 2**  
Sun, 15 Oct - 06:00

**WINNER POOL B**  
v  
**RUNNER-UP POOL A**

**BRONZE FINAL**  
Sat, 28 Oct - 06:00

**RUNNER-UP SF 1**  
v  
**RUNNER-UP SF 2**

**QUARTER-FINAL 3**  
Mon, 16 Oct - 02:00

**WINNER POOL D**  
v  
**RUNNER-UP POOL C**

**POOL D**

**ENGLAND**  
**JAPAN**  
**ARGENTINA**  
**SAMOA**  
**CHILE**

ENGLAND v ARGENTINA  
Sun, 10 Sept - 05:00

ENGLAND v CHILE  
Sun, 24 Sept - 01:45

JAPAN v CHILE  
Sun, 10 Sept - 21:00

JAPAN v SAMOA  
Fri, 29 Sept - 05:00

SAMOA v CHILE  
Sat, 16 Sept - 23:00

ARGENTINA v CHILE  
Sat, 30 Sept - 23:00

ENGLAND v JAPAN  
Mon, 18 Sept - 05:00

ENGLAND v SAMOA  
Sun, 8 Oct - 02:45

ARGENTINA v SAMOA  
Sat, 23 Sept - 01:45

JAPAN v ARGENTINA  
Sun, 8 Oct - 22:00

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