

# IRB JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

# STATISTICAL REVIEW AND MATCH ANALYSIS

**IRB GAME ANALYSIS** 



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The attached report does 3 things:

- 1 it reflects the shape of the Under 20 game as played in the Junior World Championship 2011
- 2 it shows any changes in the shape of the game compared with the Junior World Championship 2010
  - 3 it provides a basis whereby each participating country can compare its performance in major areas of the game with the other teams that played in the competition as well as being used to establish benchmarks and performance indicators for future tournaments.



The opening paragraph of last year's Commentary emphasised the continual domination of the tournament by **New Zealand**. This was illustrated by showing the winning margins in each of their 15 matches since the tournament's inauguration in 2008. The table of results

looked as follows



NZ winning points margin	Year
75	2009
70	2010
60	2008
55	2008
55 - Final	2010
39	2008
39	2009
35 - <i>Final</i>	2008
33	2010
33	2010
29	2010
25	2008
17	2009
16 <i>- Final</i>	2009
14	2009

The early stages of this year's competition showed little change with **New Zealand's** domination progressing to an even greater level. Whilst the average winning points margin in the above matches amounted to 40 per game, the first 4 matches in this year's tournament saw wins of 64 - 7, 92 - 0, 48 - 17 and 37 - 7 producing an average winning margin of over 50 points.

England – New Zealand's opponents in the final could not boast of such a record. While all 4 games had been won, the winning margins were just 6, 8, 15 and 21. The final however belied these statistics. In what was considered an outstanding game of modern rugby, England dominated the play. They were territorially better and obtained over 60% more possession. They made 197 passes compared to New Zealand's 73 and made over twice as many rucks and mauls. England also matched New Zealand try for try. They lost the game however as a result of kicking only 7 points compared to New Zealand's 18. It was a highly acclaimed contest which, among other things, illustrated once again, that possession – even overwhelming possession – is not a predictor of success. A tight defence, an ability to turn limited possession into points and a kicking success rate that was superior to any other team in the competition served New Zealand well in the final of the 2011 tournament.

Their domination continues therefore – in 2011, they continued to score more tries than any other team, while conceding the fewest number of tries. They had the best kick-at-goal success rate, scored tries from every available source of possession and had the ability to score almost half their tries from possession gained from inside their own half.

Another continuum was that the same teams dominated the competition. *New Zealand, England, Australia, France* and *South Africa* took the first 5 places – just as they have for the last several years with the only change in the top half of the table being *Fiji* who overtook *Argentina* to end in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

*Fiji* had an interesting tournament. They ended in sixth position, an improvement of two places on last year and managed it while losing by 104 pts to 17 to *South Africa*. Further they obtained far less possession than any other team and conceded the most possession to their opponents



in 5 games out of 5. They also kicked from hand at a higher rate than any other team, kicked more penalty goals than any other team and were one of only two teams to score more penalty goal than tries. Their forwards were the most likely set of forwards to pass the ball, but were one of the two least successful teams at the set pieces of scrum and lineout.

There were also specific challenges in 2011for *Fiji* and *Tonga*.

- In 2010, **Fiji**, and **Tonga** were the least successful teams at the lineout. It was the same this year no two teams stole fewer opposition ball.
- Last year, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga were the 3 teams with the lowest kick at goal success rate. This year Fiji improved to third but Tonga remained 11<sup>th</sup> of 12.
- In 2010, Fiji and Tonga were the most penalised teams. This year, they still comprised 2 of the 4 most penalised teams.
- In the previous 2 years, the 3 Pacific Island teams had received an average of 5 yellow cards each. This improved in 2011, with *Fiji* conceding 4, and *Tonga* 2 albeit no team exceeded *Fiji's* four.
- Last year, Fiji and Tonga did not score a single try from scrum possession.
   This year, they each scored two.

Overall however there remain a number of challenges that are specific to the two Pacific Island teams.

At this stage, and just as in previous years, it needs to be emphasized that in any rugby world championship – at whatever level, male or female - the relative strengths of the participating teams can vary enormously. Tournaments frequently contain matches with points margins of 60 or 70 and this was the case in this year's Junior World Championship. This is to be expected however, since playing numbers vary enormously from country to country and the degree of professionalism among the players has an inevitable impact. When a team that contains players who are playing professionally at the highest level finds itself opposed by a team who are completely amateur, then the amateur team is likely to struggle.

This almost invariably manifests through the less resourced teams finding it difficult break down defences and to sustain passing movements under constant opponents' pressure. – and so it was again this year. Retaining possession is invariably a problem - with the physical demands in the face of continuous recycling by the opposition often being

considerable. Other consequences are seen in turnovers. Of the 24 tries scored from turnover possession, the top 2 teams accounted for 13. The bottom 3 teams managed a total of just 2.

For participants in world championships therefore, there are a range of major challenges to be faced - and one of the benefits of having to face such challenges, is that particular problem areas can be identified and then worked on.

The various facts – and many others - are contained in the following report where the performance of each country in every major constituent element of the game is recorded.

They show, for example, that

- Tries still win matches 83% of matches were won by the team scoring the most tries
- Drop goals were few and far between just 3 in 30 matches.
- Of the 37 tries that came from turnovers, 25 came from just 4 teams
- No team succeeded in scoring a try from turnover possession when playing against either New Zealand or England
- In 43% of matches, the team with least possession won the game.

And with regard to the various countries

- Australia scored over four and a half times more tries than penalty goal
- *Ireland*, by contrast, scored 40% more penalty goals than tries
- Only 3 teams scored more penalty goals than tries Ireland, Fiji and Argentina
- France were the only team whose forwards scored more tries than their backs
- **Wales** conceded over 50% of their tries from possession gained by their opponents from inside their own half
- Italy's 6 tries contained a total of 6 passes
- Scotland's 8 tries contained a total of 65
- Ireland converted 10 of 11 tries
- *France* missed all 5 attempts at drop goals
- Australia's scrum half made the same number of tournament passes than the entire
   Tonga team
- **Tonga** and **Fiji's** forwards made around 20% of their team's passes proportionately more passes that any of the other 10 teams
- *England's* forwards with 11% made the least
- Italy had just 11 passing movements with more than 3 passes South Africa had
   40, England and Wales 37 each
- While *England* and *New Zealand* were the most successful teams at regaining restarts, they both kicked restarts long far more frequently than any other team
- Ireland were penalised the least
- **Scotland** were penalised almost 50% more than their opponents.

As stated earlier, these and many other facts are contained in the following report.





**New Zealand** Wales **Argentina** Italy

P	W	D	L	F	Α	TF	TA	BP	PTS
3	3	0	0	204	22	30	3	3	15
3	2	0	1	90	106 12 15 2		2	10	
3	1	0	2	50	85	6	11	0	4
3	0	0	3	16	147	1	20	0	0





France **Australia** Fiji Tonga

P	W	D	L	F	A	TF	TA	BP	PTS
3	3	0	0	82	51	11	5	2	14
3	2	0	1	129	63	19	8	3	11
3	1	0	2	73	92	7	13	1	5
3	0	0	3	39	117	5	16	0	0





**England South Africa** Ireland **Scotland** 

Р	W	D	L	F	Α	TF	TA	ВР	PTS
3	3	0	0	98	63	12	4	2	14
3	2	0	1	95	52	10	5	3	11
3	1	0	2	81	88	6	10	0	4
3	0	0	3	31	102	3	12	0	0

P=Played W=Won D=Draw L=Lost PF=Points For PA=Points Against TF=Tries For TA=Tries Against BP=Bonus Points PTS=Points





		POOI	LA		
UAR	Argentina	8	34	Wales	***
<b>U</b>	Italy	7	64	New Zealand	RUGBY UNION
RUCHY UNION	New Zealand	92	0	Wales	Ÿ.
<b>U</b>	Italy	3	27	Argentina	UAR
<u>U</u>	Italy	6	56	Wales	**
UAR	Argentina	15	48	New Zealand	RUGIY UNION
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É	Australia	54	7	Tonga	
FFR	France	24	12	Fiji	
B	Australia	50	25	Fiji	
FFR	France	27	14	Tonga	
	Fiji	36	18	Tonga	
B	Australia	25	31	France	₩ FFR
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	England	33	25	Ireland	* <u>*</u> *
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	England	39	18	Scotland	BOTTER BOTTER
	Ireland	26	42	South Africa	SA ANOST.
	England	26	20	South Africa	SA ANGET.
	Ireland	30	13	Scotland	SOTT UNION
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SCOTTES! RESIDE UNDER	Scotland	30	11	Tonga	
UAR	Argentina	12	8	Italy	
WAR.	Wales	20	34	Fiji	
A LOCAT.	South Africa	57	15	Ireland	S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S
	England	33	18	France	
RUCBY UNION	New Zealand	37	7	Australia	S.

#### **FINALS**

	Tonga	22	34	Italy	<b>U</b>
SCOTT ESS SCOTT CONTU	Scotland	14	15	Argentina	UAR
<b>*</b>	Wales	38	24	Ireland	
	Fiji	17	104	South Africa	SA ASSORT.
₩ FFR	France	17	30	Australia	15
	England	22	33	New Zealand	RUGIY UNION



# **FINAL STANDINGS**

2011 JWC			2010 JWC
1 <sup>st</sup>	RUGHY UNION	New Zealand	1 <sup>st</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>		England	4 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	B	Australia	2 <sup>nd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>€</b>	France	5 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup>	9	South Africa	3 <sup>ra</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup>		Fiji	8 <sup>th</sup>
7th		Wales	7th
8 <sup>th</sup>		Ireland	${m 9}^{th}$
9 <sup>th</sup>	UAR	Argentina	6 <sup>th</sup>
10 <sup>th</sup>		Scotland	10 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup>		Italy	-
12 <sup>th</sup>		Tonga	11 <sup>th</sup>



# **TOP POINT SCORERS**

# **TOP TRY SCORERS**

RUGBY UNION	Gareth Anscombe	New Zealand	86	A RICET.	Arno Botha	South Africa	7
SA RICET.	Johan Goosen	South Africa	79		Christian Wade	England	7
	Josateki Lalagavesi	Fiji	63	RUGIY UNON	Charles Piutau	New Zealand	6
	George Ford	England	51	SA BUST.	Francois Venter	South Africa	6
	Matthew Morgan	Wales	51				



# **OVERALL STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

The following data comes from the detailed report that follows and reflects in summary form the shape of the current junior game as expressed through JWC 2011.

	JWC	JWC	JWC	JWC
	2011	2010	2009	2008
Av <i>POINTS</i> per game	55	52	49	50
Av <i>TRIES</i> per game	6.8	6.0	6.4	6.4
Av <i>PENALTY GOALS</i> per game	3.4	4.6	2.9	3.1
Av DROP GOALS per game	1 every 10	1 every 8	1 every 8	1 every 8
	games	games	games	games
% of points from <i>TRIES</i> [	62%	57%	65%	65%
% of Tries scored by BACKS	66%	60%	65%	66%
% of Tries scored by FORWARDS	34%	40%	34%	32%
% of PENALTY TRIES scored	-	-	>1%	2%
MATCHES with points margin of 20 or less	17 or 56%	14 or 47%	22 or 55%	19 or 48%
MATCHES won by team scoring most tries	25 or 83%	25 or 83%	36 or 90%	37 or 92%
MATCHES where tries were equal	4	4	4	2
MATCHES won by team scoring least tries	1	1	-	1
CONVERSION success %	720/	600/	6E0/	610/
CONVERSION success %   PENALTY GOAL success %	73% 67%	69% 69%	65% 60%	61% 68%
PENALTY GOAL SUccess %   DROP GOAL Success %	67% 3 of 11	69% 4 of 32	5 of 40	5 of 26
DRUP GUAL SUCCESS %	3 of 11 or 27%	4 of 32 or 13%	5 01 40 or 13%	5 01 26 or 19%
	UI 21 70	01 13%	UI 13%	UI 19%
% of tries scored from OWN LINEOUT	27%	32%	27%	24%
% of tries scored from OWN SCRUM	21%	25%	23%	22%
% of tries scored from PENALTY/FREE KICKS	6%	10%	8%	10%
% of tries scored from TURNOVER/ERROR	18%	13%	17%	18%
% of tries scored from OPPONENTS KICKS	14%	8%	12%	16%
Av PASSES per game	244	218	206	200
Av KICKS per game	35	44	54	49
Av RUCKS/MAULS per game	133	138	125	132
RUCK/MAUL success %	93%	94%	88%	91%
Av BALL IN PLAY TIME	39%	40%	43%	42%
	or 31mins 22s	or 32mins 06s	or 34mins 29s	or 33min 40s
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% of all PASSES MADE BY BACKS	41%	38%	39%	39%
% of all PASSES MADE BY SCRUM HALF	43%	44%	43%	45%
% of all PASSES MADE BY FORWARDS	16%	18%	18%	17%
Av <i>LINEOUTS</i> per game	23	25	28	30
LINEOUT success %	81%	78%	78%	78%
Av <i>SCRUMS</i> per game	19	20	21	21
SCRUM success %	84%	87%	85%	87%
Av PENALTIES/FREE KICKS per game	21	24	25	25
Total YELLOW and RED CARDS	Yellow = 22	Yellow = 26	Yellow = 42	Yellow = 48
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# 1.0 SCORING

There were **1642** points scored in the 30 matches played, giving an average of **55** points per game (JWC 2010 - 52). They were made up as follows:

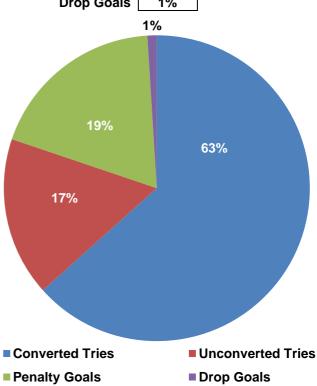
Type of Score

	Total	Points
Converted Tries	149	1043
Unconverted Tries	55	275
Penalty Goals	105	315
Drop Goals	3	9
Total		1642



# Points Makeup





#### 1.1 WINNING MARGINS

The winning margins in each of the 30 matches fell into the following ranges:

Points Difference in JWC 2010

Points Difference	No of matches	Cumulative	
0-5	2	2 with 5 points or less = 6% 2010 = 17%	
6 – 10	3	5 with 10 points or less = 16% 2010 = 30%	
11 – 20	12	17 with 20 points or less = 56% 2010 = 47%	
21 – 30	5	22 with 30 points or less = 73%	
31 - 40	2	24 with 40 points or less = 80%	
41 - 50	3	27 with 50 points or less =90%	
50+	3	3 over 50 = 100%	



**NEW ZEALAND SOUTH AFRICA AUSTRALIA ENGLAND WALES** FIJI **IRELAND FRANCE ARGENTINA SCOTLAND TONGA ITALY** 

Not surprisingly, points scored and conceded varied considerably - with the total and average points scored and conceded by each team shown below:

	Points for			Points agains	st
JWC 2011	JWC 2011	JWC 2010	JWC 2011	JWC 2011	JWC 2010
TOTAL	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	TOTAL	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
274	55	52	51	10	10
258	52	36	84	17	23
166	33	42	117	23	26
153	31	28	114	23	21
148	30	24	164	33	19
124	25	11	216	43	34
120	24	31	183	37	24
117	23	29	114	23	19
77	15	22	107	21	31
75	15	18	130	26	39
72	14	11	181	36	33
58	12	n/a	181	36	n/a

#### **1.2 PENALTY GOALS**

There were 102 penalty goals kicked in the tournament, an average of 3.4 per game. (JWC 2010 - 4.6)

This year, 3 of the 12 teams scored more penalty goals than tries - Ireland, Fiji, and Argentina.

There were some noticeable contrasts. While Ireland scored almost 40% more penalty goals than tries, Australia scored over four and a half times more tries than penalty goals.

#### 1.3 IMPACT OF THE PENALTY GOAL ON MATCH **RESULTS**

Tries still win matches - in the Junior World Championship 2011, the winning team scored the

most tries in 25 of the 30 matches or in 83% (JWC 2010 - 83%).

	Penalties Goals Kicked	Ratio PGs : Tries
FIJI	16	1 to 0.8
IRELAND	15	1 to 0.7
ENGLAND	12	1 to 1.6
SOUTH AFRICA	10	1 to 3.5
ARGENTINA	9	1 to 0.9
NEW ZEALAND	9	1 to 4.1
WALES	8	1 to 2.5
FRANCE	6	1 to 2.5
SCOTLAND	6	1 to 1.3
ITALY	5	1 to 1.2
AUSTRALIA	5	1 to 4.6
TONGA	4	1 to 2.5

In four games, tries were equal. - in one, the losing team scored more tries than the winning team

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# 2.0 TRY SCORING

There were 204 tries scored in 2010 JWC.

Average Tries per game	
Most Tries in one game	
Least Tries in one game	

JWC	JWC
2011	2010
6.8	6.0
17	12
1	2



The total number of tries, penalty goals and drop goals scored by each country in JWC 2011 was as follows:

# Total Tries / Penalty Goals / Drop goals per Team & % of points from Tries and Kicks per Team

	Tries	Penalty Goals	Drop Goals	% of points from Tries	% of points from Kicks
NEW ZEALAND	37	9		68%	32%
SOUTH AFRICA	35	10	1	66%	34%
AUSTRALIA	23	5		69%	31%
WALES	20	8		68%	32%
ENGLAND	19	12		62%	38%
FRANCE	15	6		64%	36%
FIJI	12	16		48%	52%
IRELAND	11	15		46%	54%
TONGA	10	4		69%	31%
SCOTLAND	8	6	1	53%	47%
ARGENTINA	8	9		52%	48%
ITALY	6	5	1	52%	48%
	SOUTH AFRICA AUSTRALIA WALES ENGLAND FRANCE FIJI IRELAND TONGA SCOTLAND ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND         37           SOUTH AFRICA         35           AUSTRALIA         23           WALES         20           ENGLAND         19           FRANCE         15           FIJI         12           IRELAND         11           TONGA         10           SCOTLAND         8           ARGENTINA         8	NEW ZEALAND   37   9	NEW ZEALAND   37   9	NEW ZEALAND   37   9   68%

The above table highlights differences between certain teams. While *Fiji, Ireland* and A*rgentina* kicked more penalty goals than tries, some teams scored up to 4 times as many tries as penalty goals.

#### 2.1 RATE OF TRY SCORING

An earlier table shows the number of tries scored by each country. The table does not show however how <u>effective</u> each team was in scoring tries in relation to the possession that it obtained. A team may obtain little possession but still manage to score a significant number of tries. The following paragraphs consider this and attempt to show how successful each team was in converting possession into tries.

This was done by adding together the time each team was in possession of the ball in each of the matches played and then dividing it by the number of tries scored. The result then gave a <u>rate</u> of try scoring – or a measure of how effective each country was in converting possession into tries.

		Total Tries Scored	Try scoring rate JWC 2011	Try scoring rate JWC 2010
RLGIY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	37	1 try scored every 1m 59s	1 try scored every 2m 39s
Sa sucar.	SOUTH AFRICA	35	2m 18s	2m 51s
	WALES	20	3m 49s	9m 13s
<b>15</b>	AUSTRALIA	23	3m 59s	2m 57s
	ENGLAND	19	4m 01s	6m 30s
	FIJI	12	4m 55s	13m 12s
	FRANCE	15	5m 25s	5m 23s
	TONGA	10	7m 09s	12m 49s
	IRELAND	11	7m 36s	4m 38s
UAR	ARGENTINA	8	10m 26s	7m 36s
NOT THE SE	SCOTLAND	8	10m 50s	9m 43s
Ų	ITALY	6	12m 19s	n/a

#### 2.2 RATE OF TRY CONCEDING

Following the above exercise, the converse was looked at ie. how <u>effective</u> was each team in <u>restricting</u> tries in relation to the possession that their opponents obtained. The following paragraph tries to measure this by illustrating how successful each team was in <u>preventing</u> their opposition from converting possession into tries.

This was done by adding together the total time the team's opponents were in possession of the ball - and then dividing it by the number of tries conceded. The result then gave a <u>rate</u> of try scoring by the opposition. As an illustration of this, *Scotland*, despite finishing in 10th<sup>th</sup> position, had the sixth best defensive record in the tournament. In *Scotland's* case, however, only one other team needed more possession to score a try.

		Total tries conceded	Try conceding rate JWC 2011	Try conceding rate JWC 2010
RUGIY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	7	1 try conceded every 11m 42s	1 try conceded every 11m 54s
	ENGLAND	9	9m 15s	6m 15s
<b>9</b>	SOUTH AFRICA	9	8m 30s	6m 48s
S FFR	FRANCE	12	5m 42s	10m 39s
UAR	ARGENTINA	14	5m 36s	5m 27s
15	AUSTRALIA	14	5m 05s	4m 30s
	SCOTLAND	15	5m 01s	2m 50s
	WALES	21	3m 44s	8m 00s
	TONGA	23	3m 40s	3m 56s
<b>U</b>	ITALY	24	3m 24s	n/a
* <b>\$</b> *	IRELAND	24	3m 23s	9m 16s
	FIJI	32	2m 40s	5m 24s

#### 2.3 PLAYERS AND TRIES

It has been noted above that there were 204 tries scored in the 30 matches:

**134 or 66%** of tries were scored by <u>Backs</u> and **70 or 34%** of tries were scored by <u>Forwards</u> - The breakdown between the 12 competing teams is shown in the attached table. *France* was the only team whose forwards scored more tries than their backs.

		Tries by Backs	Tries by Forwards	Total
RUGHYUNON	NEW ZEALAND	<b>28=</b> 76%	9	37
2	SOUTH AFRICA	<b>22</b> =63%	13	35
J5-	AUSTRALIA	<b>12</b> =52%	11	23
<b>M</b>	WALES	<b>12</b> =60%	8	20
	ENGLAND	<b>14</b> =74%	5	19
FFR	FRANCE	<b>6</b> =40%	9	15
	FIJI	<b>9</b> =75%	3	12
	IRELAND	<b>8</b> =73%	3	11
	TONGA	<b>5</b> =50%	5	10
MOST TAKE	SCOTLAND	<b>8</b> =100%	0	8
UAR	ARGENTINA	<b>5</b> =63%	3	8
<b>U</b>	ITALY	<b>5</b> =83%	1	6





# 3.0 TRIES

#### 3.1 SOURCE OF TRIES

The teams scoring the tries obtained possession of the ball prior to the scoring of the try from a variety of sources. The source of possession from which tries were scored was as follows: Lineout – Own Scrum –Own Turnover/Handling Error Opponents Kick Penalty/Free Kick Lineout - Opp Restart – own and opp Scrum – Opp

	JWC	JWC
	2011	2010
١	27%	32%
١	21%	25%
•	18%	13%
	14%	8%
	6%	10%
)	4%	6%
)	8%	3%
)	2%	3%

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L	.ineout	Scrum	Pen/ FK	Kick	Turnover	Restart	Total Scored
)	10	11	2	3	5	6	37
١ -	12	10	1	4	6	2	35
	10	4	1	4	2	2	23
	6	4	1	2	6	1	20
	6	2		2	8	1	19
	3	6	2	1	3		15
	3	2		2	3	2	12
	3	2	1	1	2	2	11
	4	2	1	2	1		10
	1		2	3	1	1	8
	2	2	1	3			8
	3	2		1			6

The table shows that **New Zealand** was the only team that scored from every available source of possession.

A statistic of note is that of the 37 tries scored from turnovers, 25 came from just 4 teams – **New Zealand, Wales, South Africa** and **England**.

The next table shows the possession source from which their opponent's tries came:

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	Lineout	Scrum	Pen/ FK	Kick	Turnover	Restart	Total Conceded
D	4		1	2			7
	3	3		1		2	9
Α	1	2		1	5		9
	6	1		1	3	1	12
	3	4	1	1	4	1	14
	4	3	1	3	1	2	14
	3	4	1	1	6		15
	6	2	1	5	2	5	21
	8	8	2	4		1	23
	7	5					24
	6	5	3	3	6	1	24
	12	10	2	1	4	3	32

#### 3.2 ORIGIN OF TRIES

The try origin is that point on the pitch where the team scoring last obtained possession before scoring a try.

Tries originated from various parts of the pitch:

32% of the tries were from the team's *Own Half*9% of the tries were from between the *Opponent's Halfway to 10m*24% of the tries were from between the *Opponent's 10m to 22m*35% of the tries were from between the *Opponent's 22m to Tryline* 

The following table provides the try origin data for each try scored per team.

		Own Half	Halfway to 10m	10m to 22m	22m to Try-line	Total Scored
RUCHYUNION	NEW ZEALAND	15	6	9	7	37
SA EUCOY.	SOUTH AFRICA	11	3	8	13	35
5	AUSTRALIA	6	2	7	8	23
A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O	WALES	7		3	10	20
**	ENGLAND	6	4	3	6	19
FFR	FRANCE	2		5	8	15
	FIJI	5		4	3	12
	IRELAND	4	1	3	3	11
SECTION UAR	TONGA	4		3	3	10
	SCOTLAND	4	1	1	2	8
UAR	ARGENTINA	2	2		4	8
<b>U</b>	ITALY			2	4	6

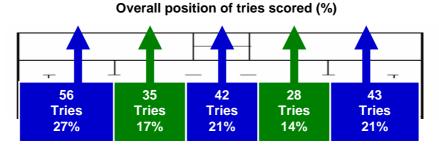
The following table provides the converse to the above ie. It shows – for each team – the origin of all tries conceded. This shows for example that *Wales's* opponents scored over 50% of their tries from possession obtained inside their own half.

		Opp Half	to 10m	10m to 22m	22m to Try-line	l otal Conceded
RUGBY UNION	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	2	2	1	2	7
	ENGLAND	5	1	1	2	9
	SOUTH AFRICA	3	1	1	4	9
FFR	FRANCE	3	2	1	6	12
<b>15</b>	AUSTRALIA	1		9	4	14
UAR	ARGENTINA	4	1	4	5	14
MOST TERM	SCOTLAND	4	4	3	4	15
	WALES	11	3	3	4	21
	IRELAND	8	2	7	7	24
	TONGA	6	1	5	11	23
<b>U</b>	ITALY	12	2	4	6	24
	FIJI	7		9	16	32



#### 3.3 TRY LOCATIONS

The chart below indicates where across the goal-line tries were scored. It shows that **21%** were scored under the posts, **44%** the left side of the posts and **35%** on the right side of the posts



#### 3.4 BUILD-UP TO TRIES

Possession of the ball that leads to tries is obtained from a number of sources – and they are listed above. More often than not, other actions – second phase, kicks and passes – then take place before the try is scored.

The tables below show the number of rucks and mauls (2<sup>nd</sup> phase) and the number of passes that preceded each of the **204** tries scored in JWC 2011

**Build Up to Tries - Ruck/Mauls** 

**Build Up to Tries - Passes** 

	Number	%	Cumulative %		Number	%	Cumulative %
0 R/Ms	73	36%	36%	0 pass	45	23%	22%
1 R/Ms	40	19%	54%	1 pass	20	10%	32%
2 R/Ms	26	13%	67%	2 passes	26	13%	45%
3 R/Ms	21	10%	77%	3 passes	25	12%	57%
4 R/Ms	17	8%		4 passes	16	8%	
5 R/Ms	11	5%		5 passes	12	6%	
6 R/Ms	7	4%		6 passes	13	7%	
7 R/Ms	3	2%		7 passes	5	2%	
8 R/Ms	2	1%		8 passes	8	4%	
9 R/Ms	2	1%		9 passes	6	3%	
10+ R/Ms	2	1%		10 +passes	28	12%	
Total	204	100%		Total	204	100%	

The first table shows that 77% of tries were preceded by 3 or fewer second phases.

The second table shows that **57%** of tries were preceded by 3 or fewer passes. This was not a figure that was seen consistently throughout all teams e.g while *Italy's* 6 tries contained a total of 9 passes, *Scotland's* 8 tries contained 65 passes.

#### 3.5 TIMING OF SCORES

There was a difference between the time when tries were scored and the time when penalty goals were kicked.

While 50% of tries were scored in the first half, the first half penalty count was 64%.

In Italy's case, all 5 – or 100% - of their penalty goals were kicked in the first half.

The following table breaks down these figures further and shows the halves in which teams scored tries and penalty goals and the halves which they conceded tries and penalty goals.



				Γries			Penalty goals			
		1 <sup>st</sup> Half	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half							
		Tries	Tries	Tries	Tries	PGs	PGs	PGs	PGs	
		scored	scored	conceded	conceded	Scored	Scored	conceded	conceded	
RUGBY UNION	NZL	20	17	4	3	5	4	2	0	
SALES OF THE SALES	ENG	8	11	5	4	8	4	8	10	
9	SA	18	17	4	5	7	3	8	1	
	WAL	10	10	11	10	5	3	3	5	
15	AUS	15	8	6	8	3	2	5	2	
FFR	FRA	8	7	7	5	5	1	5	7	
<b>U</b>	ITA	3	3	12	12	5		7	2	
UAR	ARG	6	2	9	5	6	3	3	2	
	IRE	4	7	13	11	9	6	7	3	
SCOTT TELE	sco	2	6	5	9	4	2	9	2	
EST THE	TON	3	7	10	13	3	1	7	3	
	FJI	5	7	15	17	7	9	3	1	

#### 4.0 KICKS AT GOAL

Kicking success rates were as follows:

The kicking success for **penalty goals**, **conversions and drop kicks** – of each of the participating countries is shown on the following page.

Conversions
Penalty goals
Drop goals

JWC 2011	JWC 2010
73%	69%
67%	69%
27% - 3 of 11	13% - 4 of 32

The table gives the kicking success rate of each participating team. The percentages should however only be regarded as indicative since success depends on a number of factors. Some tries are scored near the touchline – others under the post. Further, when few kicks at goal are taken, the success or failure of relatively few can have a disproportionate effect on percentages. Certain teams may take tap penalties, scrums and lineouts instead of eminently kickable penalties. Other teams may chose to kick for goal whenever 3 points are more or less guaranteed. The table should therefore be looked at within such potential constraints.

		Success %	Success %	Success %	Drop goal Success
RUCHY UNION	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	84%	90%	85%	0 of 0
FFR	FRANCE	80%	75%	78%	0 of 5
	FIJI	67%	80%	75%	0 of 0
5	AUSTRALIA	78%	63%	74%	0 of 0
SA RUGOY.	SOUTH AFRICA	71%	77%	73%	1 of 1
	IRELAND	91%	63%	71%	0 of 1
	SCOTLAND	88%	50%	65%	1 of 1
<b>U</b>	ITALY	83%	50%	63%	1 of 3
	ENGLAND	58%	63%	61%	0 of 0
*	WALES	60%	62%	61%	0 of 0
	TONGA	50%	80%	60%	0 of 0
UAR	ARGENTINA	63%	56%	58%	0 of 0
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There were just 3 successful drop goals from 11 attempts. While 7 teams attempted none, *France* attempted 5 and failed on all five.

# 5.0 BALL IN PLAY

In percentage terms, JWC 2011 matches produced an average ball in play time of 31min 22 secs or 39%

Average B-I-P per game
Highest B-I-P in one game
Lowest B-I-Pin one game

JWC 2011	JWC 2010
31m 22s or 39%	32min 06s or 40%
35m 54s or 44%	37min 14s or 47%
South Africa v Ireland	Scotland v Tonga
24m 28s or 31%	27min 26s or 34%
France v Fiji	Ireland v Samoa

The following table shows the ball in play % and time for each match and it also includes how much possession (%) was obtained by each team in the 30 matches. It can be seen that the winning team did not always have the most possession. In 13 of the 30 matches – or 43% - and highlighted below, the winning team had the least possession.



BALL IN PLAY %	BALL IN PLAY TIME	WINNING TEAM	%	LOSING TEAM	%
44%	34m 54s	South Africa	48%	Ireland	52%
44%	35m 20s	Australia	61%	France	39%
43%	34m 21s	England	43%	Ireland	57%
43%	34m 38s	Ireland	43%	Scotland	57%
42%	33m 39s	Argentina	47%	Scotland	53%
42%	33m 22s	Wales	42%	Argentina	58%
42%	33m 25s	New Zealand	47%	Australia	53%
41%	32m 53s	England	42%	Scotland	58%
41%	32m 44s	South Africa	42%	Ireland	58%
41%	33m 07s	New Zealand	53%	Argentina	47%
41%	32m 58s	Italy	53%	Tonga	47%
40%	32m 01s	New Zealand	55%	Italy	45%
40%	31m 36s	Argentina	52%	Italy	48%
40%	31m 55s	Fiji	49%	Tonga	51%
40%	31m 47s	New Zealand	38%	England	62%
39%	31m 29s	France	53%	Australia	47%
39%	30m 58s	Australia	69%	Fiji	31%
39%	31m 07s	England	44%	South Africa	56%
39%	31m 25s	Australia	52%	Tonga	48%
39%	31m 23s	South Africa	54%	Scotland	46%
38%	30m 09s	Argentina	55%	Italy	45%
38%	30m 21s	France	64%	Tonga	36%
37%	29m 29s	New Zealand	63%	Wales	37%
37%	29m 37s	England	48%	France	52%
37%	29m 31s	Scotland	53%	Tonga	47%
36%	28m 54s	Wales	54%	Italy	46%
36%	28m 33s	Fiji	44%	Wales	56%
35%	27m 36s	South Africa	58%	Fiji	42%
34%	27m 26s	Wales	58%	Ireland	42%
31%	24m 28s	France	64%	Fiji	36%



The table below is a summary of the above, showing the overall average possession time obtained by all 12 teams: It can be seen that Australia obtained almost 60% more possession than Fiji.

Fiji also obtained less possession than their opponents in all 5 of their matches.



<b>15</b>	AUSTRALIA
	SCOTLAND
UAR	ARGENTINA
*	IRELAND
FFR	FRANCE
9	SOUTH AFRICA
RUCBY UNION	NEW ZEALAND
	<b>ENGLAND</b>
***	WALES
	ITALY
	TONGA
	FIJI

JWC	JWC
2011	2010
18m 17s	17m 41s
17m 20s	17m 12s
16m 42s	18m 14s**
16m 31s	15m 10s
16m 17s	16m 09s
16m 14s	14m 16s
15m 34s	17m 31s
15m 17s	18m 12s
15m 14s	16m 36s**
14m 47s	n/a
14m 18s	15m 23s
11m 37s	13m 12s

# 6.0 ACTIVITY CYCLES

Activity cycles comprise passes, ruck/mauls, and kicks.

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**Passes** Rucks/Mauls **Kicks** 

JWC	JWC
2011	2010
244	218
133	138
35	44

Games, on average, contained 244 passes (JWC 2010–218)

Average Passes per game Most Passes in one game

Least Passes in one game

JWC	JWC
2011	2010
244	218
353	271
South Africa v Ireland	Australia v England
169	153
Wales v Fiji	Wales v Samoa

The most by any team in a game was 197 - the fewest, 57. The following table shows the average passes per game per team:

Again, there were noticeable differences between the 12 teams with Australia making almost double the passes made by Italy, A team may however make more passes than another simply because it had more possession - but this was altogether the case with Australia and Italy. Apart from having more possession, Australia also passed at a far higher rate. le they made twice as many passes per minute's possession. This attached table also shows the average number of passes per minute's possession ie the rate of passing.



		Average Passes				Passing Rat	es
		JWC 2011	JWC 2010			JWC 2011	JWC 2010
<b>B</b>	AUSTRALIA	158	153	SA EUCOY.	SOUTH AFRICA	9.4 passes per minute	6.8
SA RUCAY.	SOUTH AFRICA	153	97		ENGLAND	9.3	7.8
	SCOTLAND	148	123	<b>15</b>	AUSTRALIA	8.6	8.7
SOUTH MINE	<b>ENGLAND</b>	142	143	SCOTTER SCOTTER SCOTT MACHIN	SCOTLAND	8.5	7.1
	IRELAND	137	108		IRELAND	8.3	7.1
FFR	FRANCE	128	90	RUGBY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	8.1	7.7
NEW ZIELAND BUCHYUNION	NEW ZEALAND	127	134	FER	FRANCE	5.5	5.5
<b>**</b>	WALES	119	118	**	WALES	7.8	7.1
UAR	ARGENTINA	107	72	FFR ST.	FIJI	7.1	6.8
	FIJI	82	89	UAR	ARGENTINA	6.4	4.0
	ITALY	81	n/a		TONGA	5.5	5.9
	TONGA	79	90	<u>U</u>	ITALY	5.4	n/a

The following table shows the average number of passes per country per game as shown above, together with the most in a game and the least in a game – and the difference between the most and the least.

		Average	Most	Least	most and least
5	AUSTRALIA	158	192	121	71
	ENGLAND	142	197	116	81
RUGBY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	127	173	73	100
SCOTT TIME SCOTT TAME	SCOTLAND	148	187	108	79
<b>**</b>	WALES	119	151	98	53
	IRELAND	137	183	86	97
SA BUGOY.	SOUTH AFRICA	153	176	139	37
S NOW.	TONGA	78	112	65	47
FFR	FRANCE	128	162	100	62
	FIJI	82	134	64	70
<u>U</u>	ITALY	81	96	67	29
UAR	ARGENTINA	107	122	83	39

It can be seen

from

the table that there were noticeable contrasts between the highs and lows of certain teams. *Italy and South Africa* were extremely consistent, there being a difference of less than 40 passes between their highest and lowest passing games. In *New Zealand's* case however, the difference between the highest and lowest was 100.

#### **6.2 PLAYER PASSING**

Total passes made in the championship were broken down into 3 groups:

- Passes made by forwards
- Passes made by the scrum half
- Passes made by backs

Passing % by forwards Passing % by scrum half Passing % by backs

JWC	JWC
2011	2010
16%	18%
43%	44%
41%	38%

Overall, the percentages for each of the 3 groups was as follows.



All the passes made in JWC 2011 have been allocated into these 3 groups, and are shown in the attached table:

		Total Passes	Passes by Forwards	Passes by Scrum half	Passes by Backs
5	AUSTRALIA	788	121	394	273
9	SOUTH AFRICA	767	119	314	334
SA RUCOV.	SCOTLAND	740	111	315	314
	ENGLAND	711	75	290	346
\$	IRELAND	687	86	282	319
FFR	FRANCE	642	115	268	259
NATIO ZIMANO BUCAN LINGON	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	641	131	229	281
UAR	WALES	595	101	232	262
UAR	ARGENTINA	533	81	250	202
	FIJI	410	86	164	160
<b>U</b>	ITALY	403	66	218	119
	TONGA	395	89	155	151
	TOTAL	7308	1181	3111	3020

What the above table shows is the number of passes made by the three groups of players. It simply shows how active they were in passing the ball. *Australia's* forwards, for example, made almost twice as many passes as *Italy's*.

The following table takes this further. It shows the <u>proportion</u> of a team's passes made by each group. In other words – of all the passes made by a team, what proportion were made by the forwards? what proportion by the scrum half? and what proportion by the backs. Such tables can show if certain teams use forwards more as suppliers of the ball for onward transmission by the backs, rather than the forwards themselves being more involved in the distribution process.



The table shows that while *Italy's* forwards made only half those of *Australia*, as a proportion of total team passes, *Italy's* forwards made proportionately more.

The percentages for each participating country are shown in the following table:

		% by Forwards	% by Scrum Half	% by Backs
	TONGA	23%	39%	38%
	FIJI	21%	40%	39%
	NEW ZEALAND	20%	36%	44%
RUGHY UNION	WALES	17%	39%	44%
FFR SALES	FRANCE	18%	42%	40%
FFR	SOUTH AFRICA	16%	41%	43%
	ITALY	16%	54%	30%
	SCOTLAND	15%	43%	42%
UAR	ARGENTINA	15%	47%	38%
<b>15</b>	AUSTRALIA	15%	50%	35%
\$	IRELAND	13%	41%	46%
	ENGLAND	11%	41%	49%

The next table shows the number of times each countries' forwards had the ball in their hands and then notes the number of times they passed it. This is expressed as a ratio so that if a team's forwards passed the ball 20 times having received it 100 times, the ratio would be expressed as 1 to 5 – ie 1 pass for every 5 possessions. Again, the table shows the differences between various countries with *Fiji's* and *France's* forwards being the forwards most likely to pass the ball and *Argentina's* the least.

	JWC 2011	JWC 2010
FIJI	1 in 2.7	1 in 3.1
FRANCE	1 in 2.7	1 in 3.8
NEW ZEALAND	1 in 2.8	1 in 2.8
SOUTH AFRICA	1 in 3.0	1 in 3.0
IRELAND	1 in 3.0	1 in 3.9
SCOTLAND	1 in 3.0	1 in 3.2
WALES	1 in 3.0	1 in 3.2
ITALY	1 in 3.3	n/a
TONGA	1 in 3.5	1 in 3.6
ENGLAND	1 in 3.5	1 in 2.4
AUSTRALIA	1 in 3.6	1 in 3.3
ARGENTINA	1 in 3.8	1 in 6.2



This difference between the forwards of each country is even more graphically illustrated when the forwards are broken down into the 3 groups of (a) front row, (b) second row and (c) back row.

This time the relationship between passes and possession is expressed in percentage terms, so that if a group of forwards received the ball 20 times and passed it 6 times, it means they passed it on 30% of occasions. The front row, second row and back row passing percentages for each team are shown in the following tables:

		% of times ball passed by Front Row JWC 2011
	IRELAND	36%
	SOUTH AFRICA	34%
RUGBY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	33%
5	AUSTRALIA	32%
FFR	FRANCE	32%
	FIJI	30%
	ENGLAND	29%
	TONGA	22%
SCOTT BILL	SCOTLAND	22%
	WALES	21%
UAR	ARGENTINA	20%
Ų	ITALY	18%

	FIJI
	TONGA
**	WALES
Ų	ITALY
RUGBY UNION	NEW ZEALAND
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5	AUSTRALIA
***	IRELAND
UAR	ARGENTINA
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	ENGLAND

% of times ball passed by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Row JWC 2011
41%
33%
29%
27%
27%
27%
23%
22%
20%
19%
16%
8%



	SCOTLAND
	FRANCE
SA BUGAY.	SOUTH AFRICA
RUGBY UNION	NEW ZEALAND
**	IRELAND
	FIJI
	WALES
	ENGLAND
<b>U</b>	ITALY
UAR UAR	ARGENTINA
	TONGA
15°	AUSTRALIA

% of times ball passed by Back Row JWC 2011
43%
42%
41%
39%
39%
38%
35%
33%
32%
31%
29%
27%



## **6.3 PASSING MOVEMENTS**

Passes are grouped into passing movements – i.e. one pass movement, two pass movements and so on. The data shows that some **78%** of all passing movements contained two passes or less. There were however clear differences between the various countries as shown in the table

The data also shows that *Italy* had just 11 passing movements with <u>more</u> than 3 passes. This contrasts with *South Africa* who had 40 and *England* and *Walesa* who each had 37.



ITALY
AUSTRALIA
TONGA
ARGENTINA
IRELAND
FIJI
SCOTLAND
FRANCE
SOUTH AFRICA
WALES
NEW ZEALAND
ENGLAND

% of passing movements
with 2 or fewer passes
JWC 2011
88%
81%
81%
80%
78%
77%
77%
77%
76%
75%
72%
71%

# 6.4 RUCKS/MAULS (2nd PHASE)

Games, on average, contained 133 rucks/mauls (JWC 2010 - 138)

Average R/Ms per game Most R/Ms in one game

Least R/Ms in one game

JWC	JWC
2011	2010
133	138
183	168
France v Australia	Argentina v France
<b>99</b> Wales v Fiji; France v Fiji	102 Wales v Fiji

The most by any team in a game was 130 and the least, 36.

The following table indicates the total number of rucks/mauls created by each team in the competition expressed as average per game.



Just as in the case of passes, however, the number of rucks and mauls made by one team may be constrained because it obtained only limited possession of the ball. In order to address this, an alternative calculation has been made which relates the number of rucks/mauls to the share of ball in play time won by each team. This is expressed in the <u>number of rucks created for every minutes' possession</u> obtained by a team and is also shown in the following table:

		Average Rucks				Rucking Rates	
		JWC	JWC			JWC	JWC
		2011	2010			2011	2010
<b>15</b>	AUSTRALIA	98	84	<b>1</b>	AUSTRALIA	5.3 per minute	4.8 per minute
SCOTTES A	SCOTLAND	75	71		TONGA	4.6	4.3
	SOUTH AFRICA	74	56	SA BUCOY.	SOUTH AFRICA	4.4	3.9
SA RUCHY.	ARGENTINA	72	83	RUGHY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	4.3	4.6
FFR	FRANCE	68	65	SCOTTES! SCOTTES!	SCOTLAND	4.3	4.1
RUGHY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	68	76	***	WALES	4.2	4.2
**	IRELAND	66	54		ENGLAND	4.2	3.5
win.	WALES	64	65	*	IRELAND	4.1	3.7
	ENGLAND	62	75	FFR	FRANCE	4.1	3.9
	TONGA	58	70	<u>U</u>	ITALY	4.0	n/a
<b>U</b>	ITALY	55	n/a	UAR	ARGENTINA	3.7	4.7
	FIJI	40	51		FIJI	3.4	3.8

This table shows, for example, that while *Australia* made 70% more passes than *Tonga*, their rate of passing was only 15% more.

#### 6.5 BREAKDOWN RETENTION

At the breakdown, the team taking in the ball retained possession by either winning the ball or being awarded a penalty on **93%** of occasions.

The percentage success rate for almost all teams was very similar and is shown in the attached table:

		JWC	JWC
		2011	2010
UAR	ARGENTINA	95%	95%
	IRELAND	94%	95%
5	AUSTRALIA	94%	93%
	TONGA	93%	93%
	SOUTH AFRICA	93%	89%
RUGBY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	93%	97%
	ENGLAND	93%	94%
FFR	FRANCE	92%	95%
	FIJI	91%	94%
<u>U</u>	ITALY	91%	n/a
	WALES	91%	93%
	SCOTLAND	90%	95%

#### 6.6 KICKING

The most by a team in a game was **28** – the least **6.** Each country's average is shown in the table below.

Average Kicks per game
Most Kicks in one game
Least Kicks in one game

	JWC	JWC
	2011	2010
!	35	44
	55	71
	Argentina v Italy	Wales v Argentina
•	16	13
	France v Fiji	Australia v Tonga

The two highest kicking games contained 55 and 52 kicks respectively. They comprised the two Argentina v Italy matches. The two lowest kicking games contained 16 and 22 - *Fiji* played in both.



When an adjustment is made to take account of possession obtained, by each team, then the kicking table changes slightly. It shows that while Fiji was the only ninth highest kicking team, it kicked at the second highest rate. The table below includes the average number of kicks per team per minute's possession:

		Average Kicks				Kicking R	ates
		JWC 2011	JWC 2010			JWC 2011	JWC 2010
UAR	ARGENTINA	23	27	<u>U</u>	ITALY	1.7 per minute	n/a
	WALES	14	26		FIJI	1.5	1.6
***	IRELAND	19	24	UAR	ARGENTINA	1.4	1.5
	ENGLAND	18	24		TONGA	1.4	1.2
	ITALY	25	n/a	*	IRELAND	1.1	1.6
SA EUCAY.	SOUTH AFRICA	16	23		ENGLAND	1.1	1.3
FFR	FRANCE	15	22	RUGBY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	1.1	1.0
	SCOTLAND	17	22	2 NO. 27.	SOUTH AFRICA	1.0	1.6
FFR BOTTES	FIJI	17	22		SCOTLAND	1.0	1.3
RUCHY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	17	18	***	WALES	0.9	1.6
	TONGA	20	18	FFR	FRANCE	0.9	1.4
<b>15</b>	AUSTRALIA	10	13	15	AUSTRALIA	0.6	0.7

# **6.7 SUMMARY**

A summary of previous activity tables is shown below - it shows the average number of rucks, passes, and kicks per game and the rate for each per minute possession.

## **Activity Cycle Summary** Average per game and Rate per minute possession

		Rucks/Mauls		Passes		Kick	s
		Average	Rate	Average	Rate	Average	Rate
RUCEY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	68	4.3	127	8.1	17	1.1
SA ENCOT.	ENGLAND	62	4.2	142	9.3	18	1.1
	SOUTH AFRICA	74	4.4	153	9.4	16	1.0
5	AUSTRALIA	98	5.3	158	8.6	10	0.6
FFR	FRANCE	68	4,1	128	5.5	15	0.9
	WALES	64	4.2	119	7.8	14	0.9
	SAMOA	55	4.0	81	5.4	25	1.7
	IRELAND	66	4.1	137	8.3	19	1.1
	SCOTLAND	75	4.3	148	8.5	17	1.0
ECTTED REST UNION	TONGA	58	4.6	78	5.5	20	1.4
UAR	ARGENTINA	72	3.7	107	6.4	23	1.4
	FIJI	40	3.4	82	7.1	17	1.5

#### 7.0 RESTARTS

Of 50m restarts, 29% were kicked long – 71% were kicked short and were contestable.

When restarts were kicked short, the kicking team regained possession on 1 in 3 occasions.

The table shows the type of restart kicked by each team at 50m and retention rates of short restarts.

It can be seen that there was a major contrast between many of the teams. While most kicked short far more often than long, some countries kicked long on the majority of occasions. Further, success rate and restart type varied between the 12 teams. The most effective teams in retaining short restarts are also shown.

The most successful teams at regaining restarts were *England* and *New Zealand*. Despite this, both teams kicked long in a clear majority of occasions. While the overage average for short kicks was 63%, *England's* percentage was 28% and *New Zealand's* 38%

Interestingly, on short 22metre restarts – of which there were only 13 in the entire tournament – 9were successfully regained.

		Short	Long	Retention rate
	ENGLAND	10	26	5 of 10
***	WALES	22	20	5 of 22
	TONGA	23	19	7 of 23
	FIJI	29	16	11 of 29
RUGBY UNION	NEW ZEALAND	8	13	4 of 8
SCOTT TRA	SCOTLAND	26	13	13 of 20
	SOUTH AFRICA	14	12	0 of 14
-	ITALY	30	11	8 of 30
	IRELAND	37	10	9 of 37
FFR	FRANCE	26	4	11 of 26
5	AUSTRALIA	24	8	7 of 24
UAR	ARGENTINA	20	8	3 of 20

# 8.0 LINEOUTS

The average number of lineouts per game was 23 (JWC 2010 – 25)

The most line outs in a game was 34 – the least 14.

Average no per game Percentage competed Possession retained

JWC	JWC
2011	2010
23	25
54%	61%
81%	78%

Not straight /

All teams had high success rates on their own throw while rates of success on opponents throw-ins showed more variation. Lineout success on own throw and opposition throw are shown in the following table. It also highlights lineout steals – ie those lost on own throw in and those won on opponents throw in.

**South Africa** had the highest overall percentage success rate on their own throw in and they also had the most success on opposition throw ins.

		Success %		Lineou	Lineout Steals		Pen/FK / Knock-on	
		Own Throw	Opp Throw	Lost on Own Throw	Won on Opp Throw	Own Throw	Opp Throw	
SA RICAY.	SOUTH AFRICA	90%	28%	4	11	1	4	
	SCOTLAND	89%	12%	5	6	1	2	
5	AUSTRALIA	88%	30%	5	12	1	5	
	ENGLAND	86%	18%	4	7	4	3	
<b>***</b>	WALES	82%	25%	10	8	3	6	
	ITALY	82%	16%	7	8	4	3	
UAR	ARGENTINA	80%	18%	11	8	2	3	
FFR	FRANCE	79%	20%	7	8	3	3	
RUGBY UNION	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	77%	22%	10	10	4	2	
	TONGA	75%	13%	6	5	7	2	
	FIJI	71%	13%	12	3	3	3	
***	IRELAND	68%	20%	11	6	6	3	
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# 9.0 SCRUMS

The average number of scrums per game was 19

The most scrums in a game was 31 – the least 10

Average no per game Possession retained 
 JWC
 JWC

 2011
 2010

 19
 20

 84%
 87%

Scrum ball retention was relatively high for all teams.

South Africa retained possession on all but 2 of their 55 put-ins - by contrast, Fiji lost 118 and Tonga 15.

With such high percentage of possession retained, it is no surprise that heels against the head were few and far between. In total there were **31** in 557 scrums or 1 in 18 (JWC 2010 - 24 in 592 scrums – or 1 scrum in 25). The table below shows the tight heads won and lost by each country.

		Scrum		Heels against		
		Su	ccess %	the	head	
		Own	Opposition	Lost on Own	Won on	
		Feed	Feed	Feed	Opposition Feed	
SA RUCAY.	SOUTH AFRICA	96%	22%	0	4	
<b>15</b>	AUSTRALIA	95%	23%	1	6	
FFR	FRANCE	93%	24%	1	7	
	ENGLAND	90%	7%	1	2	
	IRELAND	88%	7%	1	0	
RUGIY UNON	NEW ZEALAND	86%	19%	1	3	
SOUTH AND THE SECOND	SCOTLAND	85%	15%	2	0	
	WALES	84%	14%	3	3	
	ITALY	82%	22%	5	1	
UAR	ARGENTINA	78%	27%	1	5	
	TONGA	70%	2%	6	0	
	FIJI	69%	10%	9	0	

Of all scrum penalties, two thirds were awarded to the team putting the ball in.

## 10.0 PENALTIES / FREE KICKS

In JWC 2011, the average number of penalties and free kicks awarded in a game was 21.

This reflected a spread of between 29 and 13 per game.

The most conceded by a team in one match was 20 - the least 4.

Average no per game
Most Pens/FKs in one game
Least Pens/FKs in one game

JWC	JWC
2011	2010
21	24
29	32
13	15

The following table comprises the total penalties awarded to and conceded by each team. However, because the number of penalties can vary from match to match, a better measure is the **proportion** of penalties conceded by a team in all their matches compared with their opponents. This shows that *Ireland* were the least penalties team in <u>relation to their opponents</u> while *Scotland* was the most, conceding 50% more penalties than their opponents.



		Pens/FKs For and Against		
		Pen/FK For	Pen/FK Against	
<b>~</b> 02.		1 01	Against	
\$	IRELAND	60	38	
15°	AUSTRALIA	51	34	
	SOUTH AFRICA	52	39	
UAR	ARGENTINA	71	54	
	ITALY	59	51	
RUGBY UNION	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	50	50	
<b>**</b>	WALES	55	57	
**	ENGLAND	44	53	
	FIJI	42	52	
FFR	FRANCE	45	59	
	TONGA	45	64	
ECOTT DE LA CONTRE	SCOTLAND	47	70	

Proportion of Pens/FKs				
% Pen/FK For	% Pen/FK Against			
61%	39%			
60%	40%			
57%	43%			
57%	43%			
54%	46%			
50%	50%			
49%	51%			
45%	55%			
45%	55%			
43%	57%			
41%	59%			
40%	60%			

Of the penalties and free kicks awarded, teams took some 16% as tap penalties. The differences between the teams however were noticeable While overall, teams took an average of 8 tap penalties in the tournament, *England* tapped only twice while *Tonga* tapped on 19 occasions.

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#### 10.1 CATEGORIES OF OFFENCES PENALISED

The following table groups the penalties awarded into 8 categories – these are as follows.

# 11.0 CARDS - YELLOW & RED

There were **no** red cards issued ( $JWC\ 2010-none$ ) There were **22** yellow cards issued during the championship, an average of one per game. This was 4 fewer than last year.

Of the 30 matches, there were 14 which contained at least one yellow card, meaning 16 (or 53%) of all matches did not contain a single yellow card. The most yellow cards in one match was 3 (South Africa v Fiji and France v Tonga)

The table attached shows the breakdown of yellow cards per team.

The reasons for each of the yellow cards were as follows:

	2011
Dangerous Tackle	12
Foul Play (punching/kicking/trampling)	3
Ruck/Tackle – Hands	1
Ruck/Tackle - Preventing Release	1
Ruck/Tackle – Not staying on feet	1
Deliberate knock on	1
Ruck - offside	2
Unsportsmanlike behaviour	1
Total	22

	%
Ruck/tackle on ground	47%
Offside	14%
Scrum	19%
Dangerous tackle	7%
Other	4%
Lineout	1%
Obstruction	7%
Foul play	1%
	100%

		JWC 2011	JWC 2010
	FIJI	4	6
AR	ARGENTINA	4	0
r	WALES	3	0
	TONGA	2	5
	ITALY	2	n/a
Žį.	SCOTLAND	2	2
<b>S</b> FR	FRANCE	1	2
ZIALANO UNION	NEW ZEALAND	1	1
	SOUTH AFRICA	1	1
	ENGLAND	1	1
×	IRELAND	1	1
	AUSTRALIA	0	2