

# 15 RUGBY WORLD CUP FACTS



1. The first game of every world cup has been started by the same whistle. The whistle is nearly 100 years old!

## 100 YEARS

## 1987

2. The first rugby world cup was hosted between New Zealand and Australia in 1987, a championship in which New Zealand won.

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3. Australia holds the record for the largest winning margin, beating Namibia 142-0 in the 2003 championship.



## YOUNGEST PLAYER

4. The youngest player to appear in a world cup final was Jonah Lomu in 1995 aged 20 years and 43 days.

5. The youngest player to win the Rugby World Cup was Francois Steyn in 2007, aged 20 years and 159 days.

## 15 6 TRIES TRIES



6. With 15 tries to his name, Jonah Lomu holds the record for the most world cup tries ever scored the Rugby World Cup.

7. The most tries scored in a single match was by Marc Ellis who scored six tries against Japan in 1995.

8. The Rugby World Cup is known as the William Webb Ellis Trophy, this is a tribute to the young man who established the sport.

9. In several Rugby World Cup finals, a combined total of 11 tries have been scored

## TOTAL = 11

10. The record for the most points scored by an **individual** in a single tournament is held by Grant Fox of New Zealand who scored

## FOX 120 POINTS

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11. 16 teams featured in the first Rugby World Cup in 1987. There was no qualification process; it was **all done by invite**. Western Samoa controversially missed out despite being better than many of the teams involved.

12. The record for the most overall penalty goals kicked at the Rugby World Cup is held by Jonny Wilkinson with 58 penalties.

13. With 15 points in 2003 and 6 in 2007, Jonny Wilkinson is the only person to score points in two Rugby World Cup Finals.

14. The oldest player to appear in a Rugby World Cup match was Diego Ormaechea of Uruguay, aged 40 years and 26 days.

15. The record for the most drop goals scored in one match is held by Jannie De Beer of South Africa who kicked 5 drop goals against England in 1999.