



2012/13 HSBC SEVENS STATISTICAL REVIEW

GOLD COAST, DUBAI & PORT ELIZABETH

IRB GAME ANALYSIS



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The report comprises a quantitative analysis of all elements of play together with the approach to, and performance of, all participating teams in various aspects of the game.

Gold Coast, Dubai and **Port Elizabeth** produced the following team highlights:

SCORING

Most tries scored per match – **South Africa**
Fewest tries conceded per match – **South Africa**
Most tries conceded per match – **Russia & Tonga**
Fewest tries scored per match – **Zimbabwe**

Most points scored per match – **New Zealand**
Fewest points conceded per match – **South Africa**
Best try scoring rate – **Fiji**
Best try conceding rate – **Fiji**
Highest conversion success – **Argentina**

TRY SCORING

Most tries scored from penalty/free kicks – **South Africa**
Most tries scored from restarts – **England**
Most tries scored from own half – **England**
Highest % of tries with no rucks in build-up –
Highest % of tries with 3 or fewer passes in build-up – **Russia**

ACTIVITY/POSSESSION

Highest average possession – **New Zealand & USA**
Highest passing rate – **Zimbabwe**
Lowest passing rate – **France**
Highest rucking rate – **Australia & Russia**
Lowest rucking rate – **Fiji**
Highest ruck success – **Tonga**
Lowest ruck success – **Fiji**
Most likely to kick – **England**
Least likely to kick – **USA**

SET PIECE & DISCIPLINE

Highest contestable restart success – **England**
Most likely to kick contestable restarts – **Fiji**
Least likely to kick contestable restarts – **Zimbabwe**
Highest scrum success – **France**
Highest lineout success – **South Africa**
Penalised the least – **Tonga**
Penalised the most – **Fiji**
Most yellow/red cards – **Fiji**

The above data and more extensive analysis on all participating sevens teams can be found in the following report.

























































STATISTICAL COMPARISON

| | | 2011/12 SWS 392 | 2010/11 SWS 368 |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| MATCHES | | | |
| SCORING | | | |
| POINTS (average per game) | 33 | 34 | 37 |
| TRIES (average per game) | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.9 |
| TRY RATE (rate) | 1 every 82 secs | 1 every 79 secs | 1 every 74 secs |
| CONVERSION SUCCESS (%) | 64% | 62% | 64% |
| PENALTY / DROP GOALS (total) | 9 | 11 | 6 |
| MATCHES WON by team scoring most tries (%) | 87% | 88% | 90% |
| SOURCE OF TRIES - pens/fks (%) | 32% | 33% | 31% |
| ORIGIN OF TRIES - own Half (%) | 42% | 44% | 44% |
| BUILD UP TO TRIES – no rucks/mauls (%) | | 70% | 55% |
| BUILD UP TO TRIES - 3 Or fewer passes (%) | 59% | 56% | 52% |
| ACTIVITY | | | |
| BALL IN PLAY (%) | 50% | 51% | 52% |
| PASSES (average per game) | 64 | 68 | 71 |
| 5+ PASSING MOVEMENTS (rate) | 1 in 8.4 | 1 in 7.7 | 1 in 8.7 |
| RUCKS/MAULS (average per game) | 18 | 18 | 19 |
| RUCK/MAUL RETENTION (%) | 80% | 84% | 85% |
| KICKS (average per game) | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| SET PIECE | | | |
| CONTESTABLE RESTARTS (%) | 74% | 70 | 74% |
| CONTESTABLE RESTARTS REGAINED (%) | 38% | 33% | 36% |
| RESTART ERRORS (rate) | 1 in 21 | 17 | 1 in 20 |
| SCRUMS (average per game) | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| SCRUMS possession retained (%) | 94% | 94% | 91% |
| LINEOUTS (average per game) | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| LINEOUTS possession retained (%) | 75% | 74% | 74% |
| QUICK THROWS (total) | 1 in 12 | 1 in 13 | 1 in 10 |
| PENALTIES/FREE KICKS & CARDS | | | |
| PENALTIES (average per game) | 6 | 6 | 5.4 |
| CARDS (total) | 38 + 1 | 93 + 4 | 72 + 4 |

1. SCORING & CONCEDED

The average number of points scored in a match was **33** and the average try scoring rate was one try scored every 82 per seconds. Try scoring rates show how **effective** each team was in **scoring points** and try conceding rates show how **effective** each team was in **restricting points**.

The following table gives the average points and tries scored and conceded and the rates for each participating team.

| | | Av POINTS SCORED | Av POINTS CONCEDED | Av TRIES SCORED | Av TRIES CONCEDED | | | TRY SCORING RATE | | | TRY CONCEDING RATE |
|---|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|-----|------------------------|---|-----|--------------------------|
|  | NZL | 21.4 | 12.8 | 3.4 | 2.1 |  | FJI | 53 |  | FJI | 125 |
|  | FJI | 19.8 | 13.6 | 3.2 | 2.1 |  | SA | 60 |  | SA | 122 |
|  | SAM | 16.3 | 15.9 | 2.5 | 2.6 |  | CAN | 71 |  | FRA | 120 |
|  | AUS | 17.6 | 17.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 |  | ENG | 71 |  | ARG | 118 |
|  | SA | 21 | 10 | 3.5 | 1.6 |  | NZL | 72 |  | NZL | 99 |
|  | ENG | 19.5 | 16.1 | 3 | 2.6 |  | WAL | 76 |  | SAM | 85 |
|  | POR | 11.9 | 19.9 | 1.9 | 3.1 |  | AUS | 77 |  | WAL | 84 |
|  | WAL | 17.3 | 14.9 | 2.8 | 2.4 |  | KEN | 85 |  | ENG | 79 |
|  | SCO | 14.4 | 18.4 | 2.3 | 2.9 |  | SAM | 88 |  | KEN | 78 |
|  | KEN | 15.2 | 16.9 | 2.4 | 2.8 |  | TON | 89 |  | AUS | 77 |
|  | FRA | 11.6 | 13 | 1.8 | 2.1 |  | SCO | 92 |  | SPA | 76 |
|  | SPA | 14.7 | 16 | 2.4 | 2.5 |  | RUS | 92 |  | SCO | 72 |
|  | RUS | 13 | 24.2 | 2.2 | 4 |  | SPA | 94 |  | POR | 69 |
|  | ARG | 13.4 | 12.3 | 2.1 | 1.9 |  | USA | 97 |  | CAN | 66 |
|  | USA | 14.8 | 22.6 | 2.3 | 3.7 |  | ARG | 100 |  | ZIM | 65 |
|  | ZIM | 10.7 | 22.5 | 1.7 | 3.5 |  | ZIM | 114 |  | TON | 62 |
|  | TON | 15.6 | 25.6 | 2.4 | 4 |  | POR | 116 |  | RUS | 48 |
|  | CAN | 18.4 | 19.8 | 2.9 | 3 |  | FRA | 117 |  | USA | 47 |

There were **699** tries giving an average of **5.2** per match. During the *pool stage* there were 359 tries scored (**average – 5 per match**) and during the *knockout stages* there were **340** tries scored (**average – 5.4 per match**).

1.1 IMPACT OF TRIES

With 8 penalty goals, 1 drop goal and a conversion success rate of 64%, it was inevitable that **tries** would determine the winning team in the vast majority of cases – and this proved to be the case.



















Of the 135 matches, **117 (or 86%)** were won by the team scoring the most tries. There were 19 matches where the tries were the same – **4** matches were won by scoring penalty goals, **14** matches were won by conversions and **1** match was drawn.

1.2 POSSESSION SOURCE OF TRIES

The teams obtained possession of the ball prior to the scoring a try from a variety of sources. This is shown in the attached table:

| | TRY SOURCE |
|-------------------|---------------|
| PENALTY/FREE KICK | 32% |
| TURNOVER | 22% |
| RESTART | 21% |
| SCRUM | 14% |
| LINEOUT | 9% |
| KICK RECEIPT | 2% |

The following table shows the possession source of tries scored (own) and tries conceded (opp) by each team.



















| | PEN & FK | | TURNOVER | | RESTART | | SCRUM | | LINEOUT | | KICK | | TOTAL | |
|---|----------|-----|----------|-----|---------|-----|-------|-----|---------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP |
|  SA | 23 | 8 | 14 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 | | 1 | 63 | 28 |
|  NZL | 21 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 61 | 37 |
|  FJI | 16 | 14 | 18 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | | 54 | 36 |
|  ENG | 13 | 13 | 5 | 12 | 18 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 51 | 44 |
|  WAL | 15 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 1 | | 48 | 40 |
|  CAN | 15 | 13 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 46 | 48 |
|  AUS | 15 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 3 | | | 45 | 44 |
|  SAM | 12 | 21 | 15 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | | 43 | 44 |
|  SPA | 19 | 15 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 43 | 45 |
|  KEN | 17 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 41 | 47 |
|  ARG | 14 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | | 4 | 38 | 34 |
|  SCO | 5 | 18 | 12 | 15 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 47 |
|  USA | 10 | 18 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 4 | | | 36 | 59 |
|  FRA | 5 | 21 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 33 | 38 |
|  POR | 14 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 7 | | 2 | 28 | 47 |
|  TON | 5 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | | | 12 | 20 |
|  RUS | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 20 |
|  ZIM | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | | | 10 | 21 |

1.3 ORIGIN & LOCATION OF TRIES

Tries originate from various parts of the pitch. Of all the tries scored, **42%** originated in the try scoring team's own half and **58%** in the opposition half, with **35%** scored behind the posts.

| | TRY ORIGIN LOCATION | | TRY SCORING LOCATION |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| OWN HALF | 42% | LEFT HAND SIDE OF POSTS | 31% |
| OPP HALF | 58% | BEHIND THE POSTS | 35% |
| | | RIGHT HAND SIDE OF POSTS | 34% |

The following table shows the origin of tries scored (own) and tries conceded (opp) by each team.

| | | OWN HALF | | HW – 10m | | 10m – 22m | | 22m - TRY | | TOTAL | |
|---|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|-----|
| | | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP | OWN | OPP |
|  | SA | 22 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 7 | 20 | 2 | 63 | 28 |
|  | NZL | 27 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 16 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 61 | 37 |
|  | FJI | 23 | 12 | 13 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 8 | 54 | 36 |
|  | ENG | 30 | 24 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 51 | 44 |
|  | WAL | 18 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 7 | 48 | 40 |
|  | CAN | 14 | 23 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 16 | 11 | 46 | 48 |
|  | AUS | 13 | 23 | | 4 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 4 | 45 | 44 |
|  | SAM | 19 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 13 | 43 | 44 |
|  | SPA | 20 | 27 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 43 | 45 |
|  | KEN | 23 | 13 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 41 | 47 |
|  | ARG | 14 | 21 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 38 | 34 |
|  | SCO | 12 | 15 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 36 | 47 |
|  | USA | 17 | 19 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 19 | 36 | 59 |
|  | FRA | 16 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 18 | 33 | 38 |
|  | POR | 13 | 17 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 12 | 28 | 47 |
|  | TON | 5 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 20 |
|  | RUS | 4 | 11 | | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 20 |
|  | ZIM | 4 | 8 | | 2 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 21 |

1.4 BUILD-UP TO TRIES

The table shows how many **rucks/mauls** preceded each try scored in the tournament.

The table shows that **62%** of tries were preceded by **not one** ruck or maul.





























| | % | CUMULATIVE % |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| None | | |
| 1 rucks/mauls | | |
| 2+ rucks/mauls | | |

The next table shows the total number of **passes** that preceded each try scored in the tournament.

The table shows that **59%** of tries were preceded by **3 or fewer** passes.

| | % | CUMULATIVE % |
|--------------|-----|--------------|
| No passes | 12% | 12% |
| 1 - 3 passes | 47% | 59% |
| 4 - 6 passes | 23% | 82% |
| 7+ passes | 18% | 100% |

The figures in the table below are for each team, it includes the % of tries both scored and conceded with no rucks in the build-up and the % of tries scored with 3 or fewer passes.



















| | | % OF TRIES WITH NO RUCKS | | | | % OF TRIES WITH 3 OR FEWER PASSES | |
|---|-----|--------------------------|----------------|---|-----|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | TRIES SCORED | TRIES CONCEDED | | | TRIES SCORED | |
|  | NZL | | |  | RUS | 82% | |
|  | FJI | | |  | SCO | 81% | |
|  | SAM | | |  | FJI | 67% | |
|  | AUS | | |  | ARG | 63% | |
|  | SA | | |  | CAN | 63% | |
|  | ENG | | |  | SPA | 63% | |
|  | POR | | |  | USA | 61% | |
|  | WAL | | |  | POR | 61% | |
|  | SCO | | |  | SA | 59% | |
|  | KEN | | |  | AUS | 58% | |
|  | FRA | | |  | FRA | 58% | |
|  | SPA | | |  | WAL | 54% | |
|  | RUS | | |  | KEN | 51% | |
|  | ARG | | |  | SAM | 51% | |

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|--|--|---|-----|-----|
|  | USA | | |  | ZIM | 50% |
|  | ZIM | | |  | NZL | 49% |
|  | TON | | |  | ENG | 49% |
|  | CAN | | |  | TON | 42% |

2. BALL IN PLAY & POSSESSION

| | BALL IN PLAY & POSSESSION |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| AVERAGE B-I-P | 7min 04s |
| HIGHEST B-I-P | 9min 31s |
| LOWEST B-I-P | 5m 00s |
| HIGHEST POSSESSION TIME | 5min 28s |
| LOWEST POSSESSION TIME | 1min 25s |

There was a considerable variation between the possession achieved by the various teams. This is shown in the following table which gives the average possession times and percentages achieved by each team and their opponents throughout the 3 legs:

| | | % OWN POSSESSION | % OPP POSSESSION |
|---|-----|------------------|------------------|
|  | NZL | 55% | 45% |
|  | USA | 55% | 45% |
|  | SPA | 54% | 46% |
|  | SA | 53% | 47% |
|  | WAL | 52% | 48% |
|  | RUS | 52% | 48% |
|  | ENG | 51% | 49% |
|  | AUS | 51% | 49% |
|  | CAN | 51% | 49% |
|  | SAM | 50% | 50% |
|  | POR | 50% | 50% |
|  | KEN | 50% | 50% |
|  | SCO | 49% | 51% |
|  | ARG | 49% | 51% |
|  | TON | 46% | 54% |
|  | FRA | 46% | 54% |
|  | ZIM | 46% | 54% |
|  | FJI | 39% | 61% |































3. ACTIVITY

3.1 PASSING

The average number of passes in a game was **64** meaning the average number of passes by a team was **32**. The average passing rate was 9 passes per minute's possession. Of all passing movements, **1 in 8.4** contained 5+ passes.

| | PASSES |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| AVERAGE PASSES | 64 |
| PASS RATE | 9 per min |
| HIGHEST PASSING MATCH | 91 |
| LOWEST PASSING MATCH | 32 |
| 5+ PASSING MOVEMENTS | 1 in 8.4 |

The following table gives the average passes and passing rates for each team plus how often each team made 5+ passing movements.

| | | PASSING RATE | AVERAGE PASSES | | | 5+ PASSING |
|---|-----|--------------|----------------|---|-----|------------|
|  | ZIM | 10.7 | 34 |  | ENG | 1 in 5.2 |
|  | SAM | 10.2 | 37.8 |  | FJI | 1 in 5.9 |
|  | TON | 10.2 | 36.2 |  | NZL | 1 in 6 |
|  | WAL | 10.1 | 36.4 |  | SAM | 1 in 6 |
|  | NZL | 9.7 | 39.3 |  | WAL | 1 in 6.2 |
|  | ENG | 9.6 | 34.3 |  | SA | 1 in 6.6 |
|  | SCO | 9.6 | 33.1 |  | USA | 1 in 6.8 |
|  | SA | 9.4 | 33 |  | ZIM | 1 in 6.9 |
|  | AUS | 9.1 | 33.2 |  | TON | 1 in 7.9 |
|  | SPA | 8.9 | 33.2 |  | ARG | 1 in 8.9 |
|  | RUS | 8.9 | 30 |  | FRA | 1 in 9.3 |
|  | KEN | 8.7 | 29.6 |  | SCO | 1 in 10.2 |
|  | USA | 8.7 | 31.4 |  | KEN | 1 in 11.9 |
|  | ARG | 8.6 | 30.2 |  | POR | 1 in 12.7 |
|  | POR | 8.3 | 29.9 |  | SPA | 1 in 14 |



| | | |
|-----|-----|------|
| CAN | 8.3 | 28.3 |
| FJI | 8.2 | 23.2 |
| FRA | 6.3 | 26.8 |








| | |
|-----|-----------|
| AUS | 1 in 14.7 |
| CAN | 1 in 22.7 |
| RUS | 1 in 32.5 |



















3.2 RUCKS & MAULS

The average number of rucks/mauls in a game was **17** meaning the average number of rucks by a team was **8.5**. The average rucking rate was 2.5 ruck/mauls per minute's possession. At the breakdown, the team taking in the ball retained possession by either winning the ball or being awarded a penalty on **80%** of occasions.

| | RUCKS |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| AVERAGE RUCKS | 17 |
| RUCK RATE | 2.5 per min |
| HIGHEST RUCKING MATCH | 32 |
| LOWEST RUCKING MATCH | 7 |
| SUCCESS % | 80% |

The following table gives the average ruck/mauls and rucking rates for each team plus how often each team retained and stole possession.























































| | | RUCKING RATE | AVERAGE RUCKS |
|---|-----|-----------------|------------------|
|  | AUS | 3.3 | 12.1 |
|  | RUS | 3.3 | 11 |
|  | TON | 3 | 10.6 |
|  | SPA | 2.9 | 10.8 |
|  | POR | 2.8 | 10.3 |
|  | ARG | 2.8 | 9.7 |
|  | CAN | 2.8 | 9.5 |
|  | KEN | 2.7 | 9.1 |
|  | SCO | 2.6 | 9 |
|  | SAM | 2.5 | 8.9 |
|  | USA | 2.5 | 9 |
|  | WAL | 2.4 | 8.6 |
|  | ZIM | 2.3 | 7.2 |
|  | SA | 2.2 | 7.7 |
|  | NZL | 2.1 | 8.4 |
|  | FRA | 2 | 8.4 |
|  | ENG | 1.8 | 6.4 |
|  | FJI | 1.2 | 3.3 |

| | | SUCCESS % OWN RUCKS | SUCCESS % OPP RUCKS |
|---|-----|------------------------|------------------------|
|  | TON | 89% | 15% |
|  | NZL | 86% | 15% |
|  | SA | 86% | 19% |
|  | ZIM | 84% | 18% |
|  | CAN | 83% | 24% |
|  | WAL | 83% | 22% |
|  | AUS | 83% | 13% |
|  | ARG | 81% | 18% |
|  | SAM | 81% | 23% |
|  | USA | 80% | 15% |
|  | POR | 79% | 19% |
|  | SPA | 78% | 27% |
|  | RUS | 76% | 15% |
|  | KEN | 76% | 20% |
|  | FRA | 75% | 16% |
|  | SCO | 74% | 32% |
|  | ENG | 73% | 19% |
|  | FJI | 70% | 19% |

3.3 NUMBER OF PLAYERS COMMITTED TO RUCKS – ATTACK & DEFENCE

What became immediately noticeable was that there were clear differences in the approach of the various countries in committing players to the breakdown. While certain teams frequently committed few additional players, other countries consistently committed more. On average, teams committed just one player in attack on 83% of occasions and teams committed just one player in defence on 81% of occasions.

The following table gives the numbers committed in attack and defence for each team plus how often each team created tackle only situations.



















| | | ATTACK | | | | DEFENCE | | | | DEFENCE | |
|---|-----|-------------|---------------|---|-----|--------------|---------------|---|-----|-------------|--|
| | | 1 PLAYER | 2+ PLAYERS | | | NO PLAYER | 1+ PLAYERS | | | TACKLE ONLY | |
|  | POR | 92% | 8% |  | AUS | 32% | 68% |  | ARG | 2.4 | |
|  | RUS | 91% | 9% |  | RUS | 30% | 70% |  | ZIM | 2.3 | |
|  | AUS | 90% | 10% |  | ZIM | 26% | 74% |  | SPA | 2.2 | |
|  | TON | 89% | 11% |  | CAN | 25% | 75% |  | SA | 1.9 | |
|  | SAM | 88% | 13% |  | FJI | 22% | 78% |  | AUS | 1.9 | |
|  | FJI | 87% | 13% |  | ENG | 21% | 79% |  | SAM | 1.8 | |
|  | ZIM | 86% | 14% |  | FRA | 20% | 80% |  | TON | 1.8 | |
|  | SA | 84% | 16% |  | NZL | 19% | 81% |  | KEN | 1.8 | |
|  | KEN | 83% | 17% |  | SA | 18% | 82% |  | SCO | 1.8 | |
|  | WAL | 83% | 17% |  | SCO | 17% | 83% |  | FRA | 1.6 | |
|  | CAN | 83% | 17% |  | SPA | 16% | 84% |  | NZL | 1.6 | |
|  | NZL | 83% | 17% |  | ARG | 15% | 85% |  | USA | 1.5 | |
|  | SCO | 83% | 17% |  | KEN | 14% | 86% |  | POR | 1.5 | |
|  | SPA | 81% | 19% |  | SAM | 14% | 86% |  | WAL | 1.2 | |
|  | ARG | 77% | 23% |  | TON | 13% | 87% |  | CAN | 1.1 | |
|  | ENG | 74% | 26% |  | POR | 13% | 87% |  | RUS | 1.0 | |
|  | USA | 73% | 27% |  | USA | 12% | 88% |  | ENG | 0.8 | |
|  | FRA | 70% | 30% |  | WAL | 12% | 88% |  | FJI | 0.4 | |

3.4 KICKS

The average number of kicks in a game was **2.5** meaning the average number of kicks by a team was **1**. There were a wide variety of kicks - 29% were **chip** kicks, 32% were **punt** kicks, 14% were **ground** kicks and 25% were **grubber** kicks.

| | KICKS |
|-----------------------|-------|
| AVERAGE KICKS | 2.5 |
| HIGHEST KICKING MATCH | 9 |
| LOWEST KICKING MATCH | 0 |

The following table gives the average kicks for each team plus how often each team kicked each type of kick.





































| | | AVERAGE KICKS | TOTAL CHIPS | TOTAL PUNTS | TOTAL GROUND | TOTAL GRUBBER | TOTAL KICKS |
|---|-----|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
|  | ENG | 2.4 | 21 | 15 | 0 | 4 | 40 |
|  | POR | 2 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 30 |
|  | FRA | 1.7 | 4 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 30 |
|  | SPA | 1.7 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 31 |
|  | RUS | 1.6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
|  | ARG | 1.6 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 28 |
|  | FJI | 1.5 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 26 |
|  | SAM | 1.3 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 22 |
|  | CAN | 1.3 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 21 |
|  | WAL | 1.2 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 20 |
|  | ZIM | 1.2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
|  | SA | 1.1 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 20 |
|  | SCO | 0.8 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 14 |
|  | NZL | 0.7 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 12 |
|  | AUS | 0.5 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
|  | KEN | 0.4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
|  | TON | 0.4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|  | USA | 0.3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 |

4. RESTARTS, SCRUMS & LINEOUTS














The average number of restarts in a game was **6.2**, the average number of scrums in match was **4** and the average number of lineouts per match was **2**. This means, restarts are the most common set pieces in sevens rugby.

| | RESTARTS | SCRUMS | LINEOUTS |
|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| AVERAGE | 6.2 | 4 | 2 |
| SUCCESS % | 38% | 94% | 75% |

Restarts have been classified into 2 types, contestable and non contestable, **74%** of restarts kicks were **contestable** & **26%** of restarts kicks were **non contestable**. Retention rates reflect the number of times that possession was retained at contestable restarts. Of all contestable restarts, the kicking team regained **38%** or **1 in 2.6**.

| | | OWN RESTARTS REGAIN SUCCESS | | | OWN RESTARTS | |
|---|-----|--------------------------------|---|-----|--------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | CONTESTABLE | NON CONTESTABLE |
|  | ENG | 55% |  | FJI | 56 | 3 |
|  | NZL | 44% |  | WAL | 51 | 7 |
|  | USA | 44% |  | SPA | 50 | 5 |
|  | SAM | 42% |  | ARG | 46 | 5 |
|  | CAN | 41% |  | SAM | 43 | 8 |
|  | POR | 39% |  | SA | 42 | 33 |
|  | WAL | 39% |  | KEN | 41 | 7 |
|  | SCO | 39% |  | NZL | 41 | 26 |
|  | AUS | 35% |  | USA | 39 | 6 |
|  | ARG | 35% |  | AUS | 37 | 18 |
|  | ZIM | 33% |  | CAN | 37 | 15 |
|  | FRA | 32% |  | ENG | 33 | 28 |
|  | FJI | 30% |  | POR | 33 | 6 |
|  | KEN | 29% |  | FRA | 31 | 16 |
|  | TON | 29% |  | SCO | 31 | 14 |
|  | SPA | 28% |  | RUS | 8 | 6 |
|  | SA | 24% |  | TON | 7 | 5 |
|  | RUS | 13% |  | ZIM | 3 | 13 |

Overall Scrum success was **94%** and overall Lineout success was **75%**. Because of the relatively few lineouts by some teams, applying percentages can be misleading. The following table shows the success rates for each team on their own put/throw in.


















| | | SCRUM | | | LINEOUT |
|---|-----|-------|---|-----|---------|
| | | OWN | | | OWN |
|  | NZL | 33/35 |  | NZL | 17/21 |
|  | FJI | 30/34 |  | FJI | 10/16 |
|  | SAM | 21/24 |  | SAM | 11/14 |
|  | AUS | 25/27 |  | AUS | 8/11 |
|  | SA | 45/46 |  | SA | 12/13 |
|  | ENG | 30/32 |  | ENG | 16/19 |
|  | POR | 13/13 |  | POR | 12/17 |
|  | WAL | 28/28 |  | WAL | 13/17 |
|  | SCO | 28/32 |  | SCO | 22/26 |
|  | KEN | 38/39 |  | KEN | 12/17 |
|  | FRA | 45/45 |  | FRA | 29/36 |
|  | SPA | 40/42 |  | SPA | 12/18 |
|  | RUS | 12/12 |  | RUS | 2/4 |
|  | ARG | 18/20 |  | ARG | 28/39 |
|  | USA | 15/18 |  | USA | 8/10 |
|  | ZIM | 15/16 |  | ZIM | 4/7 |
|  | TON | 8/9 |  | TON | 0/2 |
|  | CAN | 33/34 |  | CAN | 17/24 |

5. DISCIPLINE

The average number of penalties and free kicks per game (not inc restart free kicks) was 6. Of the penalties awarded, **75%** were awarded at the breakdown, with **51%** of the penalties for the attacking team and **49%** against the attacking team.

| | PENS/FKS |
|--------------------|----------|
| AVERAGE PENS/FKS | 6 |
| HIGHEST IN A MATCH | 17 |
| LOWEST IN A MATCH | 1 |

The following table shows the proportion of penalties conceded by a team in all their matches compared with their opponents.

| | | PENS & FKS FOR | PENS & FKS AGAINST |
|---|-----|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | % | % |
|  | TON | 65% | 35% |
|  | CAN | 63% | 37% |
|  | SA | 60% | 40% |
|  | KEN | 56% | 44% |
|  | ZIM | 56% | 44% |
|  | AUS | 54% | 46% |
|  | NZL | 54% | 46% |
|  | RUS | 53% | 47% |
|  | SCO | 51% | 49% |
|  | WAL | 50% | 50% |
|  | POR | 50% | 50% |
|  | SPA | 49% | 51% |
|  | ARG | 48% | 52% |
|  | SAM | 47% | 53% |
|  | USA | 46% | 54% |
|  | ENG | 44% | 56% |
|  | FRA | 41% | 59% |





FJI









39%

61%

5.1.CARDS

There were **38** yellow cards and **1** red card issued. The offences for which yellow cards were awarded were as follows:

| | | YELLOW + RED CARDS | OFFENCES |
|---|-----|-----------------------|--|
|  | FJI | 8 | 2 x Dangerous Tackle, 2 x Tripping, 1 x Time Wasting, 1 x Unsportsmanlike Behaviour, 1 x Deliberate Knock-On, 1 x Not Back 10m |
|  | FRA | 4 | 1 x Throwing Ball to Touch, 1 x Obstruction, 1 x Playing Opp w/o Ball, 1 x Unsportsmanlike Behaviour |

| | | | |
|---|-----|-------|--|
|  | SPA | 4 | 2 x Unsportsmanlike Behaviour, 1 x Repeated Infringement, 1 x Playing Opp w/o Ball |
|  | ARG | 4 | 2 x Not Back 10m, 1 x Unsportsmanlike Behaviour, 1 x Repeated Infringement |
|  | ENG | 3 | 2 x Dangerous Tackle, 1 x Playing Opp w/o Ball |
|  | POR | 3 | 2 x Unsportsmanlike Behaviour, 1 x Repeated Infringement |
|  | WAL | 3 | 1 x Repeated Infringement, 1 x Unsportsmanlike Behaviour, 1 x Tackling In Air |
|  | SCO | 2 | 1 x Unsportsmanlike Behaviour, 1 x Repeated Infringement |
|  | TON | 2 | 2 x Dangerous Tackle |
|  | CAN | 1 + 1 | 1 x Punching, 1 x Playing Opp w/o Ball |
|  | AUS | 1 | 1 x Not Back 10m |
|  | KEN | 1 | 1 x Dangerous Tackle |
|  | RUS | 1 | 1 x Unsportsmanlike Behaviour |
|  | SAM | 1 | 1 x Playing Opp w/o Ball |
|  | NZL | 0 | |
|  | USA | 0 | |
|  | ZIM | 0 | |
|  | SA | 0 | |