

## Key Facts & Figures

### Head-to-head

- South Africa and Australia have played 73 matches recognised as Tests by both unions with the Springboks winning 41, the Wallabies 31 and a 14-all draw in Perth in 2001.
- Australia also recognise three matches played in Sydney in 1921 against a South African XV. All three matches were won by the South Africans.
- The teams have met twice at the RWC with South Africa winning the opening match of RWC 1995 27-18 and Australia winning their RWC 1999 semi-final 27-21.
- The RWC 1999 semi-final is the only match the two teams have played at a neutral venue.
- Australia have won five of the last six matches between these sides including the last three. In matches played since RWC 1999, neither side has won more than three matches in a row.
- Eleven of South Africa's starting XV started the last match between these two teams. Schalk Burger, Morné Steyn, Pat Lambie and Gurthrö Steenkamp replace Bakkies Botha, Butch James, Frans Steyn and Tendai Mtawarira.
- Only three of South Africa's starting XV started the match before that, when they rested a number of players for their away Tri Nations fixtures.
- Thirteen of Australia's starting XV started in the Wallabies' two victories against South Africa in this year's Tri Nations. The two players who did not are Dan Vickerman and Radike Samo. Dan Vickerman plays second row, replacing Rob Simmons and Nathan Sharpe who partnered skipper James Horwill in one match each. After his match on the wing against Russia, Radike Samo returns to his usual position of number 8, replacing Scott Higginbotham and Ben McCalman, who started one match each against the Springboks this year and also both started the match against Russia, Higginbotham at blindside flanker and McCalman at number 8.
- Eight of the thirteen Wallabies who started both matches against South Africa this year also started in the victory in Bloemfontein in 2010 which started Australia's current three-match winning streak against the Springboks.

### South Africa

- South Africa are ranked No.2 in the world, having moved above Australia during the pool phase of RWC 2011.
- Are the defending RWC champions. No team has retained the Webb Ellis Cup.
- Have the best winning percentage of all teams in the Rugby World Cup. Their 25 wins and three defeats equate to an 89 per cent win rate.
- Have never lost a RWC match in which they have scored a try.
- Have won their last 11 RWC matches, breaking the team record that started in 1995 and was ended by Australia in 1999, in what were the Springboks first 10 RWC matches. A win against the Wallabies would see the Springboks equal Australia's RWC record of 12 consecutive victories, recorded during RWC 1999 and RWC 2003.
- Have won seven of their nine RWC knockout matches, which at 77.8 per cent is better than any other team. Their only knockout losses were against Australia in a 1999 semi-final and New Zealand in a 2003 quarter-final.
- Are undefeated in the seven knockout matches they have led at half-time. England (five matches) and Argentina (one) are the only other undefeated teams when leading a knockout match at half-time.

### South Africa (cont'd)

- No team is undefeated in RWC quarter-finals. South Africa, along with New Zealand and France, are the only teams to have played at least three quarter-finals and lost only one.
- During the RWC 2011 pool phase, South Africa:
  - Conceded the fewest points (24) of any team and only two tries. Only England conceded fewer tries (one).
  - Spent 279 minutes leading their matches, second to only New Zealand, who have led for 298 minutes.
  - Won 100 per cent of their scrums. New Zealand are the only other team to have done so.
  - Were the least penalised team (33), equal with Italy.
  - Were the second-most accurate kicking team, converting 81.8 per cent of their place kicks. France converted 84.6 per cent of their place kicks.
  - Made 475 tackles, more than any other team.
  - Missed 15 per cent of their tackles, more than any other quarter-finalist.

### Australia

- Third in the IRB World Rankings, having lost second place to South Africa during RWC 2011.
- Have kept their opposition from scoring a try in a RWC record 16 matches, three more than South Africa, who are second-best.
- Are one of four teams (along with England, France and New Zealand) to have progressed to the quarter-finals at every RWC.
- Have won nine RWC knock-out matches, equal most with England.
- Have played in three RWC finals, equal most with England.
- Have kept the opposition from scoring a try in a RWC record six knock-out matches, one more than South Africa, who are second best.
- Are undefeated against Tri Nations opposition in knock-out matches having beaten New Zealand in two semi-finals and South Africa in one.
- Have lost two knock-out matches after leading at half-time, both against England. New Zealand are the only other team to have done this more than once (both losses were against France).
- During the RWC 2011 pool phase, Australia:
  - Scored 173 points, the fewest they have scored since the pool phase was expanded at RWC 2003.
  - Scored 25 tries, the fewest they have scored since the pool phase was expanded at RWC 2003.
  - Conceded 48 points, more than they have conceded in the pool phase of any other RWC.
  - Failed to win a scrum against the feed. Canada were the only other team to do so.
  - Had two players (Quade Cooper and Adam Ashley-Cooper) play every minute of all four matches. They are the only quarter-finalist with more than one player to do so.

## Key Facts &amp; Figures (cont'd)

## The venue

- Wellington Regional Stadium, colloquially known as 'The Cake Tin', opened in 2000 and regularly hosts domestic and international rugby union, rugby league, football and cricket.
- Has hosted 22 rugby Tests. The All Blacks featured in 16 of them for 14 wins. Ireland v Wales, which takes place the day before this match, will be the 23rd Test at the venue.
- The six matches not to feature New Zealand were a 38-3 win by Scotland against Samoa in June 2004, and five RWC 2011 matches - South Africa's first two matches, a 17-16 win over Wales and a 49-3 win over Fiji, Australia's 67-5 win over USA, Argentina's 13-12 victory over Scotland and Tonga's 19-14 upset victory over France.
- This will be the final RWC 2011 match played at the venue, making a total of eight. Only Eden Park is hosting more matches at the tournament.
- South Africa have played seven matches at the venue, losing five Tri Nations matches against the All Blacks and winning their RWC 2011 matches against Wales and Fiji.
- Australia have played four matches at the venue. They beat the All Blacks 24-23 in the first rugby Test at the venue, lost two subsequent Bledisloe Cup matches there and beat USA 67-5 in their RWC 2011 Pool C match there.
- Hosts the New Zealand leg of the IRB Sevens World Series. Tickets to the 2012 edition sold out in three minutes.
- Was the first location outside of Edinburgh, Scotland, to host the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.
- Hosted New Zealand's final match to qualify for the 2010 Fifa World Cup.
- Hosted matches at the 2008 Fifa under-17 Women's World Cup.

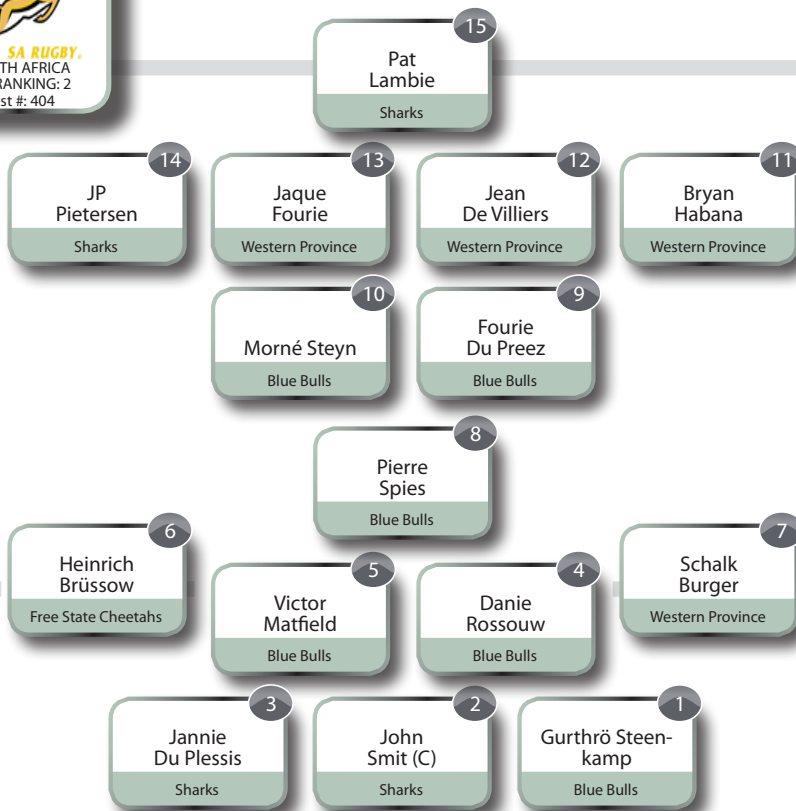
## The line-ups

- South Africa's starting XV have 836 caps among them, making it the most-capped starting line-up in Test history.
- Prior to RWC 2011, South Africa had lost all three of their matches where the starting line-up had 700 caps or more, all in the Tri Nations. Three of their four RWC 2011 pool phase line-ups featured more than 700 caps and all resulted in Springbok wins.
- The line-up is also South Africa's oldest in the RWC, with an average age of 28 years and 272 days. That surpasses the mark set in the Springboks' RWC 2011 opener against Wales by 46 days.
- The Springboks have made three changes to their side. Gurthrö Steenkamp replaces Tendai Mtawarira at loosehead prop after both players started two of South Africa's four pool matches there. Captain John Smit returns to starting hooker, having started the Springboks first three RWC 2011 matches there, and Jean De Villiers replaces the injured Frans Steyn at inside centre.
- Steyn's omission leaves Smit as the only Springbok to have played every match in their 11-match RWC winning streak. If South Africa beat the Wallabies to record a 12th consecutive RWC win, they will equal Australia's competition record and Smit will be one short of Australian Joe Roff's record of 13 consecutive RWC wins as a player.
- A Springbok victory would also see Fourie du Preez, Bryan Habana and JP Pietersen join Steyn as the players with most RWC wins without a loss (11). They can also be joined by England hooker Steve Thompson should he play in an England victory against France on Saturday night.

## The lineups (cont'd)

- Smit plays in his 17th consecutive RWC match. Martin Johnson (18, ENG) is the only player to have played more.
- Smit also sets a new South African record for World Cup matches, surpassing the 16 played by Os du Randt between 1995 and 2007.
- De Villiers and Jaque Fourie start in the centres together for the 26th time, extending their Springbok record.
- Habana is one of only two players at RWC 2011 (along with Ireland's Brian O'Driscoll) who have scored more than one try in RWC knock-out matches. The record holder is Jonah Lomu (NZL) with eight.
- Australia have named 14 of the 15 players who started their RWC 2011 opener against Italy, with James O'Connor replacing Anthony Faingaa in the starting line-up the only change. Faingaa returns from injury to be one of three backs on the bench along with Luke Burgess and Berrick Barnes, who has been replaced at inside centre by Pat McCabe.
- The Wallabies have made seven changes to the starting XV that beat Russia 68-22 last weekend. McCabe, Digby Ioane and Kurtley Beale return from injury, Rocky Elsom and Will Genia return from the bench and Ben Alexander and Dan Vickerman return from outside the 22, having been rested against the Bears.
- The average age of the starting line-up is 26 years and 144 days, which is Australia's youngest line-up for a RWC knock-out match since the 1991 final against England. The side that day was an average two months per player younger.
- There are six Wallabies in the match day 22 who played in Australia's last RWC knockout match, a 12-10 loss to England in the 2007 quarter-finals. Stephen Moore, Dan Vickerman, Rocky Elsom and Adam Ashley-Cooper all start the match as they did four years ago while Nathan Sharpe and Berrick Barnes are on the bench, having started in 2007.
- An Australian victory will give Rocky Elsom his 12th win against the Springboks, putting him level with Stephen Larkham and within two victories of George Gregan's Australian record. If Nathan Sharpe comes on as a replacement and the Wallabies win, he will move to within one of Gregan.

## Team Sheets



## Replacements

16 Bismarck Du Plessis (Sharks)  
 17 CJ van der Linde (Golden Lions)  
 18 Willem Alberts (Sharks)  
 19 Francois Louw (Bath Rugby)  
 20 Francois Hougaard (Blue Bulls)  
 21 Butch James (Golden Lions)  
 22 Gio Aplon (Western Province)

## Key Stats

# Caps Starting Lineup: 836  
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 28  
 Oldest Player: Victor Matfield (34)  
 Youngest Player: Pat Lambie (20)  
 Avg Weight Forwards: 114 kg

## Officials

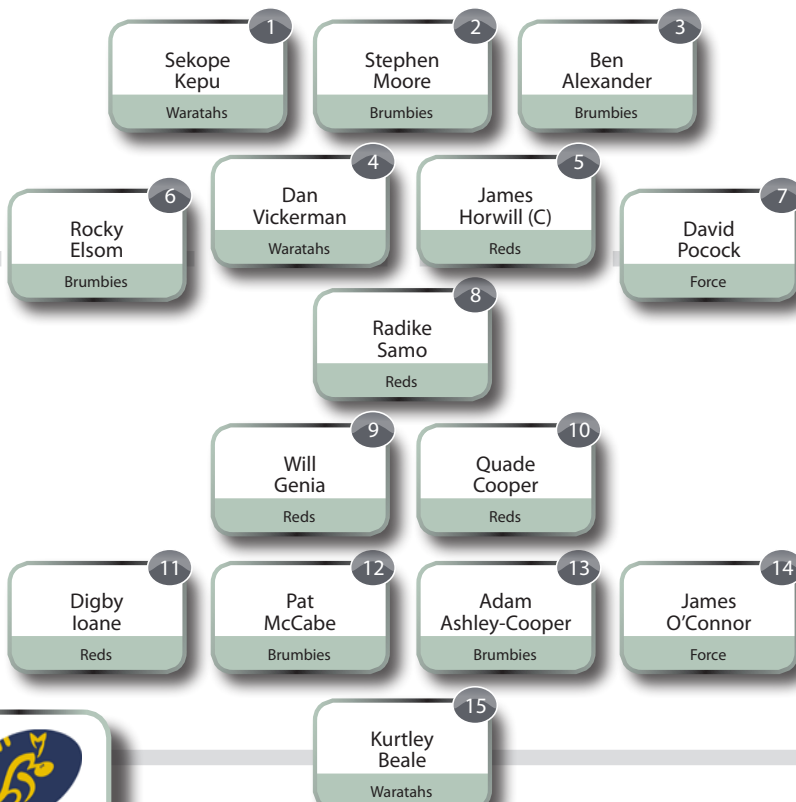
Referee:  
 Bryce Lawrence (New Zealand) - 24 Tests

Tests at Venue: 0 Tests  
 South Africa: 6 Tests  
 Australia: 11 Tests  
 Test Debut: 12/11/2005 - France v Canada

Assistant Referee:  
 Dave Pearson (England)

Assistant Referee:  
 Romain Poite (France)

TV Match Official:  
 Giulio De Santis (Italy)



## Replacements

16 Tatafu Polota-Nau (Waratahs)  
 17 James Slipper (Reds)  
 18 Nathan Sharpe (Force)  
 19 Ben McCalman (Force)  
 20 Luke Burgess (Waratahs)  
 21 Berrick Barnes (Waratahs)  
 22 Anthony Faingaa (Reds)

## Key Stats

# Caps Starting Lineup: 523  
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 26  
 Oldest Player: Radike Samo (35)  
 Youngest Player: James O'Connor (21)  
 Avg Weight Forwards: 115 kg



## Head to Head

## Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
13/08/2011	South Africa	9 - 14	Australia	Durban
23/07/2011	Australia	39 - 20	South Africa	Sydney
04/09/2010	South Africa	39 - 41	Australia	Bloemfontein
28/08/2010	South Africa	44 - 31	Australia	Pretoria
24/07/2010	Australia	30 - 13	South Africa	Brisbane

## Summary

South Africa		73 Matches (1 Draw)	Australia	
41	Won			31
1376	Points			1292
166	Tries			136
96	Conversions			85
153	Penalties			155
17	Drop Goals			12

## Player Records

For South Africa against Australia		For Australia against South Africa	
2 Players - 23	Appearances		30 - George Gregan
Percy Montgomery - 140	Points		159 - Matt Giteau
Breyton Paulse - 7	Tries		9 - Matt Giteau
Percy Montgomery - 13	Conversions		21 - Matt Giteau
Percy Montgomery - 31	Penalties		36 - Matt Burke
4 Players - 2	Drop Goals		2 - 3 Players

## Player Records in a Match

For South Africa against Australia		For Australia against South Africa	
Jannie de Beer on 23/08/1997 - 26	Points		29 - Stirling Mortlock on 08/07/2000
Jongi Nokwe on 30/08/2008 - 4	Tries		2 - On 11 Occasions
Jannie de Beer on 23/08/1997 - 6	Conversions		5 - Stirling Mortlock on 15/07/2006
Morné Steyn on 08/08/2009 - 7	Penalties		8 - Matt Burke on 30/10/1999
Frans Steyn on 16/06/2007 - 2	Drop Goals		1 - On 13 Occasions

## Team Records in a Match

For South Africa against Australia		For Australia against South Africa	
On 23/08/1997 - 61	Points		49 - On 15/07/2006
On 3 Occasions - 8	Tries		6 - On 15/07/2006
On 23/08/1997 - 6	Conversions		5 - On 2 Occasions
On 08/08/2009 - 7	Penalties		8 - On 30/10/1999
On 3 Occasions - 2	Drop Goals		1 - On 13 Occasions



## Head Coach: Peter De Villiers

Debut: 07/06/2008 v Wales (W 43-17)  
Winning Ratio: 63.83%  
Average Tries per Match: 2.68

## Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
30/09/2011	Samoa	W 13 5	Auckland
22/09/2011	Namibia	W 87 0	Auckland
17/09/2011	Fiji	W 49 3	Wellington
11/09/2011	Wales	W 17 16	Wellington
20/08/2011	New Zealand	W 18 5	Port Elizabeth
Points For		184	
Points Ag		29	
Tries For		21	
Tries Ag		3	

## South Africa Record Under Peter De Villiers

30 Wins	0 Drawn	17 Lost
1253 For	Points	910 Against
126 For	Tries	86 Against
103 For	Conversions	57 Against
132 For	Penalties	115 Against
7 For	Drop Goals	7 Against

## Player Info For South Africa

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Gurthrö Steenkamp	1	30	27/11/2004	37	13	9	28	0	9	30	6	0	0	0
John Smit (C)	2	33	10/06/2000	110	18	23	69	2	39	40	8	0	0	0
Jannie Du Plessis	3	28	07/07/2007	29	9	7	22	0	7	5	1	0	0	0
Danie Rossouw	4	33	11/10/2003	62	22	11	40	1	21	50	10	0	0	0
Victor Matfield	5	34	30/06/2001	109	5	23	69	2	38	35	7	0	0	0
Heinrich Brüssow	6	25	22/11/2008	19	3	4	14	0	5	5	1	0	0	0
Schalk Burger	7	28	24/10/2003	67	9	15	45	1	21	65	13	0	0	0
Pierre Spies	8	26	15/07/2006	46	2	13	31	0	15	35	7	0	0	0
Fourie Du Preez	9	29	12/06/2004	61	12	15	43	1	17	65	13	0	0	0
Morné Steyn	10	27	20/06/2009	33	4	8	20	0	13	401	6	52	83	6
Bryan Habana	11	28	20/11/2004	73	3	14	49	1	23	200	40	0	0	0
Jean De Villiers	12	30	09/11/2002	71	4	17	47	1	23	95	19	0	0	0
Jaque Fourie	13	28	11/10/2003	68	13	15	49	0	19	160	32	0	0	0
JP Pietersen	14	25	09/09/2006	41	1	10	30	0	11	60	12	0	0	0
Pat Lambie	15	20	06/11/2010	10	5	1	7	0	3	6	0	3	0	0
Total				836	123	185	563	9	264	1252	175	55	83	6
Bismarck Du Plessis	16	27	07/07/2007	41	17	7	30	0	11	25	5	0	0	0
CJ van der Linde	17	31	16/11/2002	73	35	15	41	1	31	20	4	0	0	0
Willem Alberts	18	27	13/11/2010	8	6	0	7	0	1	15	3	0	0	0
Francois Louw	19	26	05/06/2010	9	3	0	6	0	3	10	2	0	0	0
Francois Hougaard	20	23	21/11/2009	14	9	4	9	0	5	15	3	0	0	0
Butch James	21	32	16/06/2001	42	7	10	23	1	18	154	3	26	28	1
Gio Aplon	22	29	05/06/2010	16	4	4	8	0	8	25	5	0	0	0

## Records For South Africa

## Caps

110 - John Smit  
109 - Victor Matfield  
102 - Percy Montgomery

## Tries

40 - Bryan Habana  
38 - Joost van der Westhuizen  
32 - Jaque Fourie

## Points

893 - Percy Montgomery  
401 - Morné Steyn  
312 - Naas Botha

## Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 35 - Percy Montgomery v Namibia on 15/08/2007  
Tries: 6 - Tonderai Chavhanga v Uruguay on 11/06/2005  
Conversions: 12 - Percy Montgomery v Namibia on 15/08/2007  
Penalties: 8 - Morné Steyn v New Zealand on 01/08/2009  
Drop Goals: 5 - Jannie de Beer v England on 24/10/1999

## Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 134 v Uruguay on 11/06/2005  
Tries: 21 v Uruguay on 11/06/2005  
Conversions: 13 on 2 Occasions  
Penalties: 8 on 2 Occasions  
Drop Goals: 5 v England on 24/10/1999



## Head Coach: Robbie Deans

Debut: 14/06/2008 v Ireland (W 18-12)  
 Winning Ratio: 57.69%  
 Average Tries per Match: 2.87

## Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
01/10/2011	Russia	W 68 - 22	Nelson
23/09/2011	USA	W 67 - 5	Wellington
17/09/2011	Ireland	L 6 - 15	Auckland
11/09/2011	Italy	W 32 - 6	Auckland
27/08/2011	New Zealand	W 25 - 20	Brisbane
Points For		198	
Points Ag		68	
Tries For		28	
Tries Ag		6	

### Australia Record Under Robbie Deans

30 Wins	1 Drawn	21 Lost
1335 For	Points	1042 Against
149 For	Tries	95 Against
112 For	Conversions	69 Against
116 For	Penalties	132 Against
6 For	Drop Goals	11 Against

## Player Info For Australia

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Sekope Kepu	1	25	08/11/2008	12	4	2	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Moore	2	28	11/06/2005	63	15	14	37	1	25	25	5	0	0	0
Ben Alexander	3	26	28/06/2008	32	7	5	20	1	11	15	3	0	0	0
Dan Vickerman	4	32	29/06/2002	61	23	13	37	1	23	0	0	0	0	0
James Horwill (C)	5	26	09/06/2007	31	0	8	18	1	12	25	5	0	0	0
Rocky Elsom	6	28	11/06/2005	73	2	19	42	2	29	70	14	0	0	0
David Pocock	7	23	01/11/2008	36	9	8	21	1	14	20	4	0	0	0
Radike Samo	8	35	13/06/2004	12	3	1	10	0	2	10	2	0	0	0
Will Genia	9	23	18/07/2009	30	5	8	13	1	16	25	5	0	0	0
Quade Cooper	10	23	08/11/2008	32	6	7	22	1	9	65	6	7	7	0
Digby Ioane	11	26	02/06/2007	17	0	2	11	1	5	45	9	0	0	0
Pat McCabe	12	23	20/11/2010	9	2	2	6	0	3	10	2	0	0	0
Adam Ashley-Cooper	13	27	20/08/2005	60	6	13	35	1	24	110	22	0	0	0
James O'Connor	14	21	08/11/2008	33	8	8	17	1	15	182	12	34	18	0
Kurtley Beale	15	22	28/11/2009	22	5	4	14	0	8	51	9	0	2	0
Total				523	95	114	311	12	200	653	98	41	27	0
Tatafu Polota-Nau	16	26	12/11/2005	28	22	6	17	1	10	10	2	0	0	0
James Slipper	17	22	12/06/2010	18	14	3	11	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Nathan Sharpe	18	33	22/06/2002	98	5	22	58	1	39	35	7	0	0	0
Ben McCalman	19	23	24/07/2010	17	4	4	11	0	6	5	1	0	0	0
Luke Burgess	20	28	14/06/2008	36	13	4	24	0	12	5	1	0	0	0
Berrick Barnes	21	25	08/09/2007	33	9	6	23	0	10	77	6	7	6	5
Anthony Faingaa	22	24	31/07/2010	10	5	3	6	0	4	10	2	0	0	0

## Records For Australia

### Caps

139 - George Gregan
110 - George Smith
102 - Stephen Larkham

### Tries

64 - David Campese
40 - Chris Latham
30 - Lote Tuqiri

### Points

911 - Michael Lynagh
878 - Matt Burke
684 - Matt Giteau

### Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 42 - Mat Rogers v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Tries: 5 - Chris Latham v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Conversions: 16 - Mat Rogers v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Penalties: 8 - Matt Burke v South Africa on 30/10/1999
Drop Goals: 3 - Phillip Hawthorne v England on 07/01/1967

### Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 142 v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Tries: 22 v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Conversions: 16 v Namibia on 25/10/2003
Penalties: 8 v South Africa on 30/10/1999
Drop Goals: 3 on 3 Occasions