Women’s Internationals: 7 March

World Rugby Women’s Rankings stats:

- England and France cannot improve their rating with victory
- Scotland can enter the top 10 for the first time, but only if they win by more than 15 points
- Russia will climb to their highest ever ranking if they beat the Netherlands in the opening match of the Rugby Europe Women’s Championship 2020
- Brazil can jump as many as 10 places if they keep their RWC 2021 qualification hopes alive with victory over Colombia

SIX NATIONS

ENGLAND (2) 93.65 v WALES (9) 73.33

England win by 15 points or less – England 93.65, Wales 73.33 (No change)
England win by more than 15 points – England 93.65, Wales 73.33 (No change)
Draw – England 92.65, Wales 74.33
Wales win by 15 points or less – England 91.65, Wales 75.33
Wales win by more than 15 points – England 90.65, Wales 76.33

Head-to-head
Played: 35 – England leads 33-2
Points for: England 1,227 / Wales 216
Average score: England 35-6 Wales

First meeting: 5 April, 1987 – Wales 4-22 England
Last meeting: 24 February, 2019 – England 51-12 Wales – Cardiff Arms Park

- England have won the last four meetings since Wales triumphed 13-0 in Swansea in February 2015
- Wales have never won on English soil in 33 years of playing England
- England cannot improve their rating given the 20.32-point difference between the teams before home weighting is factored in
- They cannot fall from second either due to a 6.16 cushion over Canada in third
- Wales will climb above Ireland into eighth place if they avoid defeat

SCOTLAND (11) 69.67 v FRANCE (4) 85.97

Scotland win by 15 points or less – Scotland 71.67, France 83.97
Scotland win by more than 15 points – Scotland 72.67, France 82.97
Draw – Scotland 70.67, France 84.97
France win by 15 points or less – Scotland 69.67, France 85.97 (No change)
France win by more than 15 points – Scotland 69.67, France 85.97 (No change)

Head-to-head
Played: 26 – France leads 21-5
Points for: Scotland 217 / France 729
Average score: Scotland 8-28 France

First meeting: 21 February, 1998 – Scotland 19-3 France
Last meeting: 23 February, 2019 – France 41-10 Scotland – Grand Stade Lille Metropole, Lille

- France have won the last 10 meetings between the teams since Scotland triumphed 10-8 in Bonnyrigg on 6 February, 2010
- Scotland did not score a point against France between February 2012 and 2018, conceding 289 in this time
- France have only conceded three points on their last four visits to Scotland
- France cannot improve their rating given the 16.3-point difference between the teams
- Scotland must win by more than 15 points to climb above Spain and enter the world’s top 10 for the first time

RWC 2021 QUALIFIERS

NETHERLANDS (17) 59.54 v RUSSIA (15) 59.83

Netherlands win by 15 points or less – Netherlands 60.27, Russia 59.10
Netherlands win by more than 15 points – Netherlands 60.64, Russia 58.74
Draw – Netherlands 59.27, Russia 60.10
Russia win by 15 points or less – Netherlands 58.27, Russia 61.10
Russia win by more than 15 points – Netherlands 57.64, Russia 61.74

Head-to-head
Played: 5 – Netherlands lead 4-1
Points for: Netherlands 180 / Russia 39
Average score: Netherlands 36-7 Russia

First meeting: 12 May, 1998 – RWC 1998 – Netherlands 61-0 Russia - Amsterdam
Last meeting: 9 October, 2016 – Netherlands 22-17 Russia – Madrid, Spain

- Their last meeting in October 2016 provided the smallest victory margin (five points)
- Russia will climb to a new high of 14th with victory in Amsterdam
- The Netherlands will only fall if they lose by more than 15 points, dropping four places and out of the top 20 for the first time
- The two sides will swap places if the Netherlands win
- A win by more than 15 points would lift the Dutch another place to 14th – one shy of their highest ever ranking
- Russia can fall no lower than 17th

COLOMBIA (29) 40.75 v BRAZIL (42) 37.25

Colombia win by 15 points or less – Colombia 41.10, Brazil 36.90
Colombia win by more than 15 points – Colombia 41.28, Brazil 36.73
Draw – Colombia 40.10, Brazil 39.90
Brazil win by 15 points or less – Colombia 39.10, Brazil 38.90
Brazil win by more than 15 points – Colombia 38.28, Brazil 39.73

Head-to-head
Played: 1 – Colombia leads 1-0
Points for: Colombia 28 / Brazil 7
Average score: Colombia 28-7 Brazil
First meeting: 25 August, 2019 – Colombia 28-7 Brazil – Estadio Cincuentenario, Medellin

- The winner of this match will face Kenya in Nairobi on 18 April for a place in the Rugby World Cup 2021 repechage
- This is only the second test between the teams
- Colombia cannot improve their ranking even with victory by more than 15 points
- A defeat by this margin would see Brazil lose the place they gained after Papua New Guinea’s loss to Tonga last weekend
- Colombia would fall two places with a draw with Brazil climbing above India
- Brazil will climb to a new high with victory – jumping between five and 10 places depending on the margin of victory
- Colombia will fall a minimum of six places in defeat – 10 if by more than 15 points
- A win by more than 15 points would see Brazil become the higher ranked of the two and the highest ranked team in South America

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