

VENUES

SCOTLAND
Edinburgh
Murrayfield
Capacity 68,000

WALES
Cardiff
Millennium Stadium
73,350

London

Rugby World Cup 2007



The tournament begins and ends in the Paris suburb of St-Denis at the **Stade de France** – the showpiece venue which hosted the FIFA World Cup in 2002

Although this is the first time France is hosting the tournament, World Cup matches were also staged in the country in 1991 and 1999

FRENCH WORLD CUP RECORD
Host nation France can justifiably claim to be the best team never to have won the World Cup, with two final, two semi-final and one quarter-final appearances

2003	Semi-final	Lost to England
1999	Final	Lost to Australia
1995	Semi-final	Lost to S. Africa
1991	Quarter-final	Lost to England
1987	Final	Lost to NZ

French captain
Raphael Ibanez

GILBERT SYNERGIE OFFICIAL MATCH BALL

Handling:
High-grade rubber surface with multi-matrix 3D grip improves characteristics in all weather conditions

Kicking: Superior aerodynamics including **Truflight** in-seam valve and reaction-laminate construction for greater accuracy and distance

PICKING UP POINTS
Points awarded to encourage aggressive, high-scoring play

Win	4
Draw	2
Loss	0
Bonus points	1
Scoring four or more tries	1
Losing by less than 7 points	1

POOL A

England

Samoa

USA

Tonga

South Africa

POOL B

Australia

Fiji

Canada

Japan

Wales

POOL C

New Zealand

Italy

Scotland

Romania

Portugal

POOL D

France

Argentina

Georgia

Ireland

Namibia

SCHEDULE

September **A**

8	England	USA	Lens
9	South Africa	Samoa	Paris
12	USA	Tonga	Montpellier
14	England	South Africa	St-Denis
16	Samoa	Tonga	Montpellier
22	South Africa	Tonga	Lens
22	England	Samoa	Nantes
26	Samoa	USA	St-Etienne
28	England	Tonga	Paris
30	South Africa	USA	Montpellier

September **B**

8	Australia	Japan	Lyon
9	Wales	Canada	Nantes
12	Japan	Fiji	Toulouse
15	Wales	Australia	Cardiff
16	Fiji	Canada	Cardiff
20	Wales	Japan	Cardiff
23	Australia	Fiji	Montpellier
25	Canada	Japan	Bordeaux
29	Australia	Canada	Bordeaux
29	Wales	Fiji	Nantes

September **C**

8	New Zealand	Italy	Marseille
9	Scotland	Portugal	St-Etienne
12	Italy	Romania	Marseille
15	New Zealand	Portugal	Lyon
18	Scotland	Romania	Edinburgh
19	Italy	Portugal	Paris
23	Scotland	N. Zealand	Edinburgh
25	Romania	Portugal	Toulouse
29	New Zealand	Romania	Toulouse
29	Scotland	Italy	St-Etienne

September **D** *All times local*

7	France	Argentina	St-Denis
9	Ireland	Namibia	Bordeaux
11	Argentina	Georgia	Lyon
15	Ireland	Georgia	Bordeaux
16	France	Namibia	Toulouse
21	France	Ireland	St-Denis
22	Argentina	Namibia	Marseille
26	Georgia	Namibia	Lens
30	France	Georgia	Marseille
30	Ireland	Argentina	Paris

A	W	D	L	TF	TA	PF	PA	Pts
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								

B	W	D	L	TF	TA	PF	PA	Pts
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								

C	W	D	L	TF	TA	PF	PA	Pts
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								

D	W	D	L	TF	TA	PF	PA	Pts
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								

Top two teams in each group advance to quarter-finals

QUARTER-FINAL 1

October 6	15:00	Marseille
B1		A2

QUARTER-FINAL 2

October 6	22:00	Cardiff
C1		D2

QUARTER-FINAL 3

October 7	21:00	Marseille
A1		B2

QUARTER-FINAL 4

October 7	21:00	St-Denis
D1		C2

SEMI-FINAL 1

October 13	21:00	St-Denis
Winner QF1		Winner QF2

SEMI-FINAL 2

October 14	21:00	St-Denis
Winner QF3		Winner QF4

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

October 19	21:00	Parc des Princes, Paris
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FINAL

October 20	21:00	Stade de France, St-Denis
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PREVIOUS WINNERS

				Venue
1987	New Zealand	29 - 9	France	Auckland
1991	Australia	12 - 6	England	Twickenham
1995	South Africa	15 - 12	New Zealand	Johannesburg
1999	Australia	35 - 12	France	Cardiff
2003	England	20 - 17	Australia	Sydney

WILLIAM WEBB ELLIS TROPHY

Made in 1887 by London jewellers **Garrard** after an 18th century original by Huguenot silversmith **Paul de Lamerie**, and named after the pupil from England's **Rugby School** who, it is claimed, "With a fine disregard for the rules of football as played in his time, first took the ball in his arms and ran with it"



Gilded sterling silver, height 38cm

COUNTDOWN TO GLORY

Full-time
If scores still level after 80 minutes, quarters, semis and final will go into extra time

Extra time
20 minutes added, 10 minutes in each direction

Sudden death
10 minutes added. First team to score wins match

Drop-goal shootout

Five players from each team. Each opposing pair will shoot from different spot behind 22-metre line