

NEW ZEALAND

Coach
Steve Hansen

Captain: **Richie McCaw**

World Cup record

W43

L6

Best finish
Winner 1987, 2011

Aiming to be first team to win back-to-back titles – 48 wins in 53 matches since victory over France in 2011 final

Dan Carter

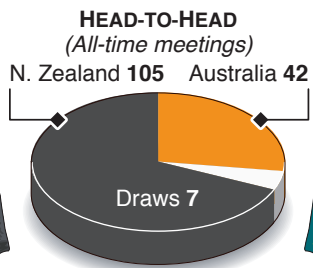
Record points scorer, set for first World Cup final after missing 2011 with injury



PROBABLE LINE-UPS

| NEW ZEALAND | |
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| 1 Moody | 9 A. Smith |
| 2 Coles | 10 Carter |
| 3 Franks | 11 Savea |
| 4 Retallick | 12 Nonu |
| 5 Whitelock | 13 C. Smith |
| 6 Kaino | 14 Milner-Skudder |
| 7 McCaw (c) | 15 B. Smith |
| 8 Read | |

Key battle:
McCaw v Pocock
Turnover balls at breakdown will be crucial

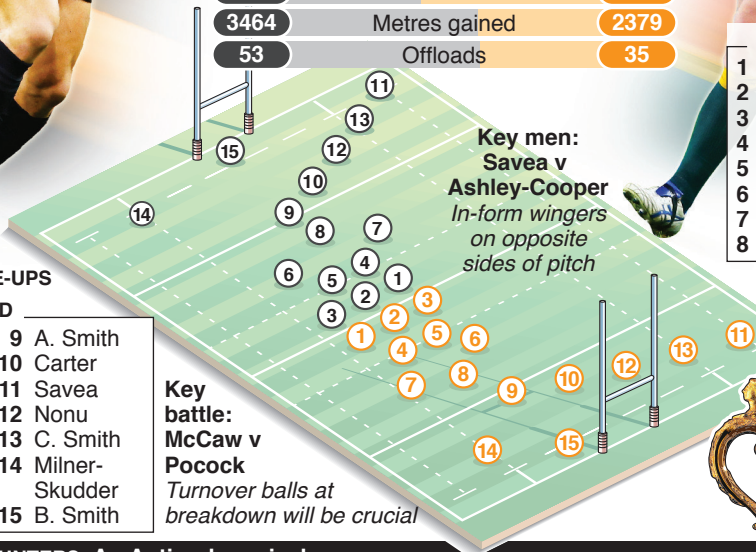


ROAD TO FINAL

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| Argentina 26-16 | Match 1 | Fiji 28-13 |
| Namibia 58-14 | Match 2 | Uruguay 65-3 |
| Georgia 43-10 | Match 3 | England 33-13 |
| Tonga 47-9 | Match 4 | Wales 15-6 |
| France 62-13 | Q-final | Scotland 35-34 |
| S. Africa 20-18 | S-final | Argentina 29-15 |

TEAM STATISTICS

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|------|----------------|------|
| 256 | Points scored | 205 |
| 80 | Points against | 84 |
| 36 | Tries | 26 |
| 45 | Turnovers | 42 |
| 551 | Tackles | 726 |
| 3464 | Metres gained | 2379 |
| 53 | Offloads | 35 |



Key men:
Savea v Ashley-Cooper
In-form wingers on opposite sides of pitch

AUSTRALIA

Coach
Michael Cheika

Captain: **Stephen Moore**

World Cup record

W39

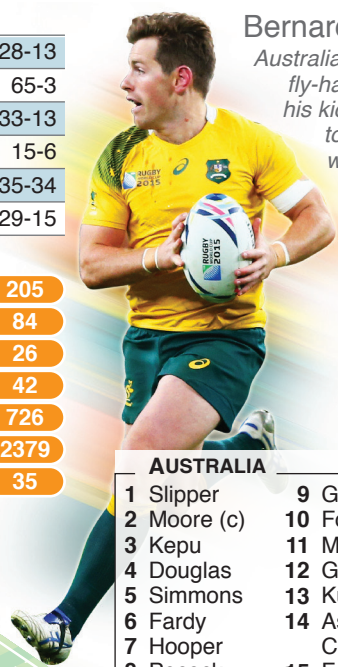
L8

Best finish
Winner 1991, 1999

Arguably tougher route to final, beating England and Wales before controversial win over Scotland in quarter-final

Bernard Foley

Australia will need fly-half to be at his kicking best to compete with Carter



AUSTRALIA

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| 1 Slipper | 9 Genia |
| 2 Moore (c) | 10 Foley |
| 3 Kepu | 11 Mitchell |
| 4 Douglas | 12 Giteau |
| 5 Simmons | 13 Kuridrani |
| 6 Fardy | 14 Ashley-Cooper |
| 7 Hooper | 15 Folau |
| 8 Pocock | |



EXCITING ENCOUNTERS: An Antipodean rivalry

World Cup SF, Dublin, 1991

AUS 16
NZL 06

*First meeting on neutral soil. **David Campese** makes inspired reverse pass to **Tim Horan**, who scores to send Australia to final*

Test match, Sydney, 2000

NZL 39
AUS 35

*All Blacks lead 21-0 after just five minutes in front of world record crowd of 109,874 – Australia draw level before **Jonah Lomu** seals late win*

Rugby Ch'ship Sydney, 2015

AUS 27
NZL 19

Wallabies win first meeting in 11 in World Cup warm-up. All Blacks lost same match in 2011 but went on to win World Cup on home turf