



Iconic moments at Rugby World Cup

1987 **Kirwan Inspires Kiwis** *New Zealand 70 Italy 6*

John Kirwan scores stunning 70-metre solo try in opening match of inaugural tournament. New Zealand go on to beat France in final to claim **Webb Ellis Cup** in Auckland

1991 **Wales Humbled** *Western Samoa 16 Wales 13*

Minnnows Western Samoa beat Wales, unable to cope with athleticism and physicality of Pacific Islanders, in possibly biggest upset in Rugby World Cup

1995 **Legend of Lomu** *New Zealand 45 England 29*

Jonah Lomu, 20, makes World Cup debut – stellar semi-final display against England includes four tries as Lomu evades countless tackles, leaving defenders stunned by his power and pace

1995 **Rainbow Nation Unites** *South Africa 15 New Zealand 12*

Iconic moment in sport as President **Nelson Mandela** (above) – wearing Springbok green – presents trophy to South Africa's winning captain **Francois Pienaar**

1999 **French Spirit** *France 43 New Zealand 31*

Inspired by **Christophe Lamaison**, France stage remarkable comeback to reach final after trailing All Blacks by 24-10

2003 **Wallabies' Masterclass** *Australia 142 Namibia 0*

Australia emphasise gulf in class with record World Cup victory, scoring first of 22 tries after just two minutes

2003 **Kicking for Glory** *England 20 Australia 17*

England become first northern hemisphere team to win title – **Jonny Wilkinson** (right) sealing breathtaking drop goal victory with just 26 seconds of extra-time remaining

2007 **Los Pumas Arrive** *Argentina 17 France 12*

Argentina emerge as new rugby force, claiming third-place finish after topping "Pool of Death" – beating established rugby nations of France, Ireland and Scotland

2011 **All Blacks Triumph** *New Zealand 8 France 7*

Eden Park erupts as captain **Richie McCaw** (right) leads New Zealand to second World Cup, ending 24-year wait

2015 **Japanese Joy** *Japan 34 South Africa 32*

Two-time champions South Africa narrowly lose to confident Japan team captained by **Michael Leitch** – Blossoms' first World Cup win since 1991

2019 **New Territory** *South Africa 32 England 12*

World Cup moves outside rugby's traditional heartlands as Japan plays host. **Siya Kolisi** becomes first black captain to lead South Africa to victory

2023 **World Cup marks 200 years since birth of rugby football**

