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The northern return. The race for London.

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HOW TO READ THIS PREVIEW

Fixtures, July competition records and dated squad news are sourced facts. Projected scores and tactical views are editorial analysis. Check confirmed teams before kickoff. The contents, numbered source references and source titles are clickable.



ROUND 4: THE NORTHERN RETURN

November 6-8, 2026 | Six fixtures, twelve teams

The inaugural Nations Championship resumes with six cross-hemisphere matches in Europe. Three rounds were played in July; Round 4 begins the November sequence. Every side carries its existing competition record into the weekend.

HOW THE COMPETITION WORKS

England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Wales form the northern group. Argentina, Australia, Fiji, Japan, New Zealand and South Africa form the southern group. Japan competes in the southern grouping for this tournament. Each team faces all six teams from the opposite group across the July and November windows.

THE DESTINATION IS LONDON

After Round 6, teams are ranked within their own hemisphere. Finals Weekend at Allianz Stadium, Twickenham runs November 27-29: first plays first for the title, with the other teams meeting their opposite-number finishers. Round 4 changes that race; it does not itself decide the finalists.

OUR EDITORIAL STARTING POINT

South Africa and France are the strongest winner selections on this card. Ireland, New Zealand and England receive more cautious support. Wales against Japan is our most uncertain selection. These are opinions about six specific matches, not a set of market prices or a statistical model.

WHAT THIS GUIDE INCLUDES

Two pages per fixture: verified context and the tactical contest, followed by a projected score, the reasoning behind it and a credible route for the other side. Matchday teams are not presumed from a training squad.

Six matches this weekend; the final hemisphere rankings remain open.

Sources: [1] [2] [15]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



THE RACE AFTER THREE ROUNDS

Official competition standings after the July window

All twelve teams have played three Nations Championship matches. The tables below retain the official order and competition points. W-L is the match record; PF and PA mean points for and against; PD is their difference.

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

#	Team	W-L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	France	2-1	116	75	+41	12
2	Scotland	2-1	108	97	+11	11
3	England	2-1	125	77	+48	10
4	Ireland	2-1	90	91	-1	10
5	Wales	1-2	60	102	-42	5
6	Italy	0-3	37	131	-94	0

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

#	Team	W-L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	South Africa	3-0	130	49	+81	15
2	New Zealand	3-0	121	70	+51	15
3	Australia	1-2	114	85	+29	8
4	Argentina	1-2	97	99	-2	7
5	Japan	1-2	62	88	-26	4
6	Fiji	0-3	49	145	-96	0

WHAT THE TABLES TELL US

South Africa and New Zealand both have 15 points, while France leads the northern group on 12. England and Ireland have the same number of match wins as France but fewer competition points. Result alone is not the whole table story; bonus points are already included in these official totals.

Records and points are historical facts; Round 4 scores on later pages are forecasts.

Sources: [3] [4]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



THE COMPLETE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Kickoff times for Europe and the United States

There is one match on Friday, four on Saturday and one on Sunday. Times below are converted from the official UTC kickoff listings. Every listed time falls on the same calendar date as its fixture.

ALL SIX KICKOFFS

Date	Fixture	GMT	CET	EST	PST
Fri, Nov 6	Ireland v Argentina	20:10	21:10	15:10	12:10
Sat, Nov 7	Italy v South Africa	11:40	12:40	06:40	03:40
Sat, Nov 7	Scotland v New Zealand	14:10	15:10	09:10	06:10
Sat, Nov 7	Wales v Japan	16:40	17:40	11:40	08:40
Sat, Nov 7	France v Fiji	20:10	21:10	15:10	12:10
Sun, Nov 8	England v Australia	15:10	16:10	10:10	07:10

LOCAL VENUE TIME

Dublin, Edinburgh, Cardiff and London use GMT. Turin and Lyon use CET: Italy v South Africa begins at 12:40 local, and France v Fiji at 21:10 local. The other local kickoffs match the GMT column. Lyon is listed as OL Stadium on the match page and Groupama Stadium elsewhere on the official site.

VIEWING WITHOUT CONFUSION

GMT applies in the UK and Ireland; CET applies in Paris, Berlin, Rome and Madrid. EST and PST apply in the US during this weekend. Check your regional broadcaster and the official match page before kickoff. No channel is assumed to have rights in every country.

THE BUSIEST DAY

Saturday starts with Italy v South Africa at 11:40 GMT and ends with France v Fiji at 20:10 GMT. The two fixtures in between are Scotland v New Zealand and Wales v Japan.

Kickoffs are scheduled times and can be revised by the competition organiser.

Sources: [2] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]

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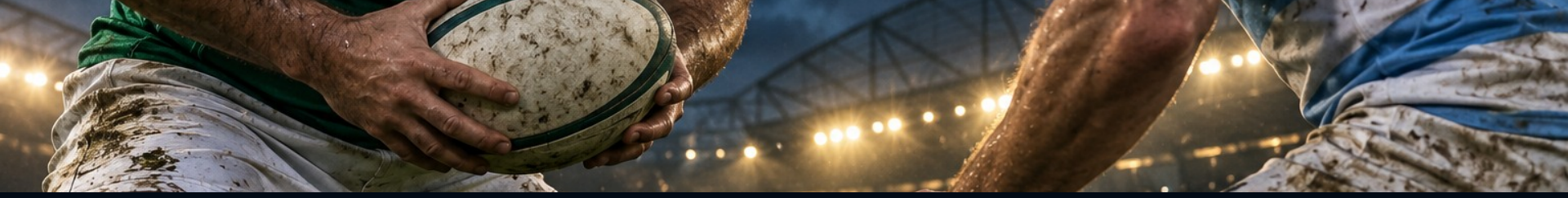

IRELAND V ARGENTINA

Fri, Nov 6 | 20:10 GMT local | Aviva Stadium, Dublin

Ireland won two of its three July fixtures; Argentina won one. Ireland ended that window with a 40-21 defeat in New Zealand, while Argentina lost 31-24 to England. The home side has the stronger competition position, but the available evidence does not justify treating this as a comfortable assignment.

JULY COMPETITION SNAPSHOT

Team	W-L	PF	PA	Pts
Ireland	2-1	90	91	10
Argentina	1-2	97	99	7

THE TACTICAL CONTEST

Our central contest is Ireland's ability to build a stable sequence of phases against Argentina's opportunity to disrupt the first clean ball. A sound lineout and accurate support at the breakdown would let Ireland choose the next attacking point. Slow or untidy possession would bring Argentina into the same contest without requiring long stretches of territorial dominance.

THE NEXT DETAIL

For Argentina, a useful route would be to turn pressure into a manageable exit and make Ireland restart from further away. An ambitious attack from deep is less helpful if the next contact leaves support behind. For Ireland, the worthwhile width comes after the defence has been made to move, rather than from throwing a long pass against a settled line.

SELECTION & AVAILABILITY

The October 21 squad announcement names Dan Sheehan as captain. Caelan Doris and Jack Conan were among those unavailable through injury when that squad was selected. Those are dated squad facts, not a confirmed matchday back row or proof of any later recovery.

Scheduled kickoff: 20:10 GMT | 21:10 CET | 15:10 EST | 12:10 PST

Sources: [6] [3] [4] [5] [12]

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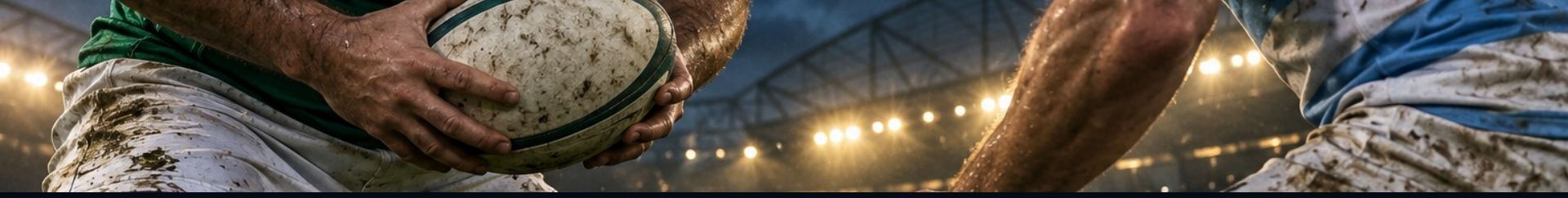

IRELAND V ARGENTINA

The forecast | Why this margin, and what could change it

Our projected result is Ireland 28 - Argentina 24. The winner selection is Ireland, with moderate qualitative confidence. This is an editorial projection written before confirmed matchday selection.

PROJECTED SCORE

Ireland 28 - Argentina 24 | Ireland by 4 | Confidence: Moderate

WHY WE LEAN THIS WAY

We project a close home win because Ireland should have enough opportunities to build pressure from structured possession, while Argentina has shown it can remain within a single score against strong opposition. A four-point margin leaves room for an uneven opening and an Argentine response. It is a plausible match picture, not a calculation from average scores.

THE OTHER SIDE'S WINNING ROUTE

Argentina can reverse this selection if it repeatedly spoils Ireland's first attacking possession, exits accurately and turns Irish penalties into scoreboard pressure. The home side would then have to force the pace from poor field position. A level game entering the last quarter would make this forecast much less secure.

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE & DURING PLAY

First check the selected back row, the half-back partnership and the replacement forwards. In play, follow Ireland's lineout retention and the quality of its first two attacking rucks. If either repeatedly breaks down, reduce confidence in the home selection rather than waiting for the final score to confirm the problem.

Projected scores are forecasts, not recorded results or guaranteed outcomes.

Sources: [6] [3] [4] [5] [12]

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ITALY V SOUTH AFRICA

Sat, Nov 7 | 12:40 CET local | Allianz Stadium, Turin

Italy lost all three July fixtures and conceded 131 points. South Africa won all three and conceded 49. Their final July matches were Australia 57-10 Italy and South Africa 43-0 Wales. The gap in this competition's evidence is substantial before the teams arrive in Turin.

JULY COMPETITION SNAPSHOT

Team	W-L	PF	PA	Pts
Italy	0-3	37	131	0
South Africa	3-0	130	49	15

THE TACTICAL CONTEST

Our forecast expects the contest around the scrum, the lineout drive and the first contact after a kick to be decisive. If South Africa can keep Italy defending close to its own line, repeated attacking possessions should create a stronger position than one early spectacular break. Italy needs clean set-piece ball to make its own attacking choices possible.

THE NEXT DETAIL

An Italian exit that gives the ball away without moving the next contest far enough upfield would invite another defensive spell. A better route is to secure the restart, organise the clearance and have the chase arrive together. In attack, the first objective should be to avoid losing shape after the opening carry.

SELECTION & AVAILABILITY

No starting XV is asserted in this guide. The important pre-match check is the front-row and second-row selection on both sides, together with the balance of the replacement bench. A training squad does not tell us which combination will take the first scrum.

Scheduled kickoff: 11:40 GMT | 12:40 CET | 06:40 EST | 03:40 PST

Sources: [7] [3] [4] [5]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



ITALY V SOUTH AFRICA

The forecast | Why this margin, and what could change it

Our projected result is Italy 13 - South Africa 38. The winner selection is South Africa, with high qualitative confidence. This is an editorial projection written before confirmed matchday selection.

PROJECTED SCORE

Italy 13 - South Africa 38 | South Africa by 25 | Confidence: High

WHY WE LEAN THIS WAY

The 25-point projected margin reflects the contrast between South Africa's unbeaten competition start and Italy's three heavy defeats. Our expectation is that sustained field position will produce several scoring chances, even if Italy begins well at home. The winner selection is firmer than the precise margin or the forecast total.

THE OTHER SIDE'S WINNING ROUTE

Italy needs to stop the game becoming a series of close-range defensive sets. A stable scrum, secure restarts and disciplined support after a break would help it keep the score manageable. An early South African card or a serious loss of set-piece control would change the balance, but neither is assumed in the starting forecast.

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE & DURING PLAY

Use the first two scrums and lineouts to test the forecast. If Italy can exit without conceding repeated penalties and keep possession after the first attacking contact, the margin may be narrower. If South Africa repeatedly gets attacking lineouts close to the try line, the projected separation becomes more plausible.

Projected scores are forecasts, not recorded results or guaranteed outcomes.

Sources: [7] [3] [4] [5]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



SCOTLAND V NEW ZEALAND

Sat, Nov 7 | 14:10 GMT local | Scottish Gas Murrayfield, Edinburgh

Scotland starts this round with two wins and 11 points; New Zealand has three wins and 15. Scotland finished July by beating Fiji 33-17, while New Zealand beat Ireland 40-21. Scotland's results support a competitive home challenge, but the visitors have the stronger unbeaten platform.

JULY COMPETITION SNAPSHOT

Team	W-L	PF	PA	Pts
Scotland	2-1	108	97	11
New Zealand	3-0	121	70	15

THE TACTICAL CONTEST

Our key question is what happens after an attacking kick or a broken-field carry. Scotland needs a connected chase and enough support around the ball to prevent a promising attack becoming an immediate counterattack. New Zealand would gain a useful advantage if a loose pass or isolated runner lets it attack before the Scottish defence can reset.

THE NEXT DETAIL

For Scotland, variety is most valuable when the preceding carry has made a defender turn or narrow. Changing direction against a balanced line can simply create a harder catch. For New Zealand, the discipline is to preserve a good attacking position instead of forcing a low-percentage finish at the first opportunity.

SELECTION & AVAILABILITY

The October 26 Scotland squad names Sione Tuipulotu as captain and includes Finn Russell, Huw Jones and Blair Kinghorn among its options. Their inclusion supports the available tactical choices; it does not confirm that all will start against New Zealand.

Scheduled kickoff: 14:10 GMT | 15:10 CET | 09:10 EST | 06:10 PST

Sources: [8] [3] [4] [5] [13] [17]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



SCOTLAND V NEW ZEALAND

The forecast | Why this margin, and what could change it

Our projected result is Scotland 24 - New Zealand 31. The winner selection is New Zealand, with moderate qualitative confidence. This is an editorial projection written before confirmed matchday selection.

PROJECTED SCORE

Scotland 24 - New Zealand 31 | New Zealand by 7 | Confidence: Moderate

WHY WE LEAN THIS WAY

Our seven-point projection gives Scotland credit for its productive July attack and the opportunity to play at home. New Zealand gets the edge because it has sustained winning results across all three competition matches. The forecast expects a contest with attacking opportunities for both sides, settled by the quality of the final pass, the exit or the next defensive reset.

THE OTHER SIDE'S WINNING ROUTE

Scotland can win if it protects its own attacking ball, denies easy counterattacking starts and turns pressure into points without repeatedly surrendering possession near the visiting line. An early lead would matter less than being able to defend the following restart and retain a sound exit structure.

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE & DURING PLAY

Check the selected half-backs, midfield and back three, then follow how Scotland regathers and reorganises after kicks. If New Zealand is repeatedly forced to start from deep against an organised chase, the upset case improves. If the match becomes a succession of loose exchanges, our preference moves further towards the visitors.

Projected scores are forecasts, not recorded results or guaranteed outcomes.

Sources: [8] [3] [4] [5] [13] [17]

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WALES V JAPAN

Sat, Nov 7 | 16:40 GMT local | Principality Stadium, Cardiff

Both teams won once and lost twice in July. Wales has five competition points and Japan four. Wales ended that window with a 43-0 loss to South Africa; Japan lost 42-15 to France. Neither record supplies a strong reason for an emphatic winner selection here.

JULY COMPETITION SNAPSHOT

Team	W-L	PF	PA	Pts
Wales	1-2	60	102	5
Japan	1-2	62	88	4

THE TACTICAL CONTEST

Our analysis centres on tempo that produces useful possession. Japan's best route would be to keep the ball moving before the Welsh defensive line can settle, while still arriving in support at the next contact. Wales would benefit from slowing that rhythm legally and making Japan attack again from a stationary position.

THE NEXT DETAIL

For the home side, a reliable lineout and a disciplined first clearance can provide a platform to play away from its own try line. Winning a turnover is not enough if the next kick immediately returns an attacking opportunity. A controlled restart after points may matter as much as the scoring move itself.

SELECTION & AVAILABILITY

The latest WRU update checked says Rio Dyer was released after a hamstring injury and Macs Page was called up. Dewi Lake is named as captain in the updated squad. Page's call-up does not establish a starting role, and Dyer is not included in an assumed matchday back three.

Scheduled kickoff: 16:40 GMT | 17:40 CET | 11:40 EST | 08:40 PST

Sources: [9] [3] [4] [5] [14]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



WALES V JAPAN

The forecast | Why this margin, and what could change it

Our projected result is Wales 27 - Japan 23. The winner selection is Wales, with low qualitative confidence. This is an editorial projection written before confirmed matchday selection.

PROJECTED SCORE

Wales 27 - Japan 23 | Wales by 4 | Confidence: Low

WHY WE LEAN THIS WAY

We give Wales a narrow home edge, but this is the least secure call in the guide. A four-point gap allows Japan to stay involved through its attacking tempo and reflects how similar their July records were. The forecast depends on Wales producing a more dependable possession and exit sequence than the one reflected in its final July result.

THE OTHER SIDE'S WINNING ROUTE

Japan can reverse the selection by securing quick ball without losing support and making Wales defend across the width of the pitch. If that movement starts producing penalties or tiring defenders, Japan will not need a dominant scrum to create a winning position. Wales would be vulnerable if it repeatedly fails to clear after points.

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE & DURING PLAY

Watch Japan's first attacking rucks and Wales' first exits after receiving the ball near its own line. If Wales cannot interrupt the rhythm, remove the home preference. Check the final wing and half-back selections before using this forecast; the squad update already makes assumptions about a familiar backline unsafe.

Projected scores are forecasts, not recorded results or guaranteed outcomes.

Sources: [9] [3] [4] [5] [14]

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FRANCE V FIJI

Sat, Nov 7 | 21:10 CET local | OL Stadium (Groupama Stadium), Lyon

France leads the northern table with 12 points after two July wins. Fiji has no wins from three matches. France finished July with a 42-15 victory over Japan; Fiji lost 33-17 to Scotland. Those results support a strong home selection, while leaving the exact scoring pattern uncertain.

JULY COMPETITION SNAPSHOT

Team	W-L	PF	PA	Pts
France	2-1	116	75	12
Fiji	0-3	49	145	0

THE TACTICAL CONTEST

Our expected French route is to combine a sound set piece with accurate support after the first line break. The temptation will be to attack every apparent opening. The better approach is to preserve a good position when the final pass is not available, then make Fiji defend another organised phase.

THE NEXT DETAIL

Fiji's opportunity would come from keeping the contest alive after a collision or turnover. France should therefore treat the second defensive effort as part of the same point of pressure: finish the tackle, recover the line and avoid giving the next carrier an unguarded channel. A comfortable attacking position can disappear quickly after careless possession.

SELECTION & AVAILABILITY

The official match page calls the venue OL Stadium; the main fixture listing uses Groupama Stadium. Both refer to the Lyon fixture in this preview. The starting XV, replacement balance and any late withdrawals should be checked against the union announcement closer to kickoff.

Scheduled kickoff: 20:10 GMT | 21:10 CET | 15:10 EST | 12:10 PST

Sources: [10] [3] [4] [5] [17]

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FRANCE V FIJI

The forecast | Why this margin, and what could change it

Our projected result is France 45 - Fiji 17. The winner selection is France, with high qualitative confidence. This is an editorial projection written before confirmed matchday selection.

PROJECTED SCORE

France 45 - Fiji 17 | France by 28 | Confidence: High

WHY WE LEAN THIS WAY

Our 28-point forecast reflects the gap between France's table-leading northern record and Fiji's winless July. We expect France to create more repeatable chances from organised possession and sustained territory. Fiji is still given scoring opportunities because the projection does not require a perfect French defensive performance or the elimination of broken-field moments.

THE OTHER SIDE'S WINNING ROUTE

Fiji needs to turn the contest into more than repeated defensive sets. Secure lineouts, clean exits and support for a turnover break would create a different match. If France begins forcing passes and conceding possession before its support arrives, the visitors can close the margin without needing to control every phase.

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE & DURING PLAY

Assess the French handling choices after the first break. A patient recycle is a positive signal when the pass is not on; a series of speculative offloads would weaken the margin forecast. Also check whether Fiji can retain the first possession after a restart and move the next contact away from its own line.

Projected scores are forecasts, not recorded results or guaranteed outcomes.

Sources: [10] [3] [4] [5] [17]

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ENGLAND V AUSTRALIA

Sun, Nov 8 | 15:10 GMT local | Allianz Stadium, Twickenham, London

England has two competition wins and 10 points, while Australia has one win and eight. England closed July with a 31-24 victory in Argentina; Australia beat Italy 57-10. The Australian win is significant, but its opponent and the earlier defeats need to remain part of the comparison.

JULY COMPETITION SNAPSHOT

Team	W-L	PF	PA	Pts
England	2-1	125	77	10
Australia	1-2	114	85	8

THE TACTICAL CONTEST

Our expected contest is between England's ability to control the next territorial exchange and Australia's opportunity to turn a quick possession into an attacking mismatch. An accurate kick only helps England if the chase and next defensive contact are organised. Australia would welcome space left between a disconnected chase and the defensive line behind it.

THE NEXT DETAIL

The scrum and lineout can provide starting positions, but the first exit after a score may tell us more about which side controls the rhythm. England needs to avoid immediately giving away the field position it has just earned. Australia needs to turn breaks into supported attacks rather than isolated carries.

SELECTION & AVAILABILITY

This guide makes no assumption about the starting fly-half, captain or replacement split for either side. Confirmed matchday selection should settle those questions. A late change to a principal kicker, half-back combination or front-row unit would require another look at a six-point projection.

Scheduled kickoff: 15:10 GMT | 16:10 CET | 10:10 EST | 07:10 PST

Sources: [11] [3] [4] [5] [16]

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ENGLAND V AUSTRALIA

The forecast | Why this margin, and what could change it

Our projected result is England 30 - Australia 24. The winner selection is England, with moderate qualitative confidence. This is an editorial projection written before confirmed matchday selection.

PROJECTED SCORE

England 30 - Australia 24 | England by 6 | Confidence: Moderate

WHY WE LEAN THIS WAY

We project England by six at Twickenham because its competition record gives the firmer starting case and a home match offers a workable setting for a controlled territorial plan. Australia's final July performance keeps the expected margin narrow. The pick requires England to manage transitions as well as its formal set pieces.

THE OTHER SIDE'S WINNING ROUTE

Australia can win if it wins the first clean attacking opportunity after a kick, keeps support close to a break and prevents England from turning penalties into repeated attacking lineouts. A game with many disorganised transitions would be a less comfortable setting for the home selection than a measured contest for territory.

WHAT TO CHECK BEFORE & DURING PLAY

Check the final kicking and half-back choices, then follow the first two restart receptions and exits. If Australia repeatedly returns the ball with its attack already connected, reduce confidence in England. If England keeps making the next contest take place in the Australian half, the original selection remains reasonable.

Projected scores are forecasts, not recorded results or guaranteed outcomes.

Sources: [11] [3] [4] [5] [16]

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ALL SIX PREDICTIONS

The complete Round 4 editorial card

The score on each row puts the home team first. Confidence describes our qualitative conviction in the winner selection. It is not a probability, a bookmaker price or a guarantee that the projected margin will be correct.

WINNERS, SCORES & CONFIDENCE

Fixture	Winner	Projected score	Confidence
Ireland v Argentina	Ireland	28 - 24	Moderate
Italy v South Africa	South Africa	13 - 38	High
Scotland v New Zealand	New Zealand	24 - 31	Moderate
Wales v Japan	Wales	27 - 23	Low
France v Fiji	France	45 - 17	High
England v Australia	England	30 - 24	Moderate

STRONGEST WINNER SELECTIONS

South Africa and France receive the highest confidence on this card. Both selections follow a clear contrast in the teams' competition results so far. A stronger winner view does not make a precise score reliable; replacement choices, discipline and finishing can move the margin considerably.

THE MATCH THAT NEEDS MOST CAUTION

Wales v Japan is the weakest lean. The July records are close, and the forecast depends on a better Welsh possession and exit sequence. Ireland v Argentina, Scotland v New Zealand and England v Australia are also projected within a single converted try.

USING THE CARD

Read the two-page analysis behind a selection before using the summary. Check the actual teams and conditions, and revise a view when the evidence changes. No live betting price or handicap recommendation is included.

Initial winners: Ireland, South Africa, New Zealand, Wales, France and England.

Sources: [2] [3] [4]

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THE DETAILS THAT CAN SWING IT

A practical matchday viewing checklist

Six fixtures create six different contests. A small set of observations can help you judge whether the original preview still describes the match being played. These are analytical checks, not claims about an unannounced starting XV or a weather forecast.

BEFORE KICKOFF: READ THE ACTUAL TEAM

Check the front row, the principal kicker, the half-back partnership and the replacement split. A squad announcement shows the available group at that date; it does not confirm the matchday roles. Recheck late withdrawals and the organiser's kickoff listing.

FIRST QUARTER: FOLLOW THE NEXT POSSESSION

After a try or penalty, watch the restart, the first clearance and the chase. A team that scores but immediately concedes territory may not control the next part of the game. After a turnover, assess the support arriving with the first carrier rather than the break in isolation.

FINAL QUARTER: WATCH DECISION QUALITY

Replacement forwards can change the next scrum and ruck without producing an immediate highlight. A tired side that repeatedly loses its defensive shape may need a safer exit or a simpler attack. The right decision depends on score and field position, not just the time left.

KEEP ROUND 4 IN ITS PLACE

Rounds 5 and 6 still follow in November, then all twelve sides head to London for Finals Weekend on November 27-29. A strong weekend can improve a team's position; it does not establish the final hemisphere ranking in advance.

Watch the sequence after the highlight; it often explains what comes next.

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