

Australia v New Zealand World Cup History

Head to Head: Played 13; Australia 13, New Zealand 0

Most Australia v New Zealand World Cup Matches

4	Bob Fulton (AUS)	1968, 1970, 1972, 1975
4	Dennis Williams (NZ)	1972, 1975, 1977

Most Points in Australia v New Zealand World Cup Matches

45	Michael Cronin (AUS) in 3 matches	(3t, 18g)
39	Eric Simms (AUS) in 2 matches	(1t, 18g)
18	Brian Carlson (AUS) in 2 matches	(4t, 3g)
16	Warren Colliccoat (NZ) in 3 matches	(8g)
12	Mat Rogers (AUS) in 1 match	(6g)
12	Ron McKay (NZ) in 1 match	(6g)

Most Tries in Australia v New Zealand World Cup Matches

4	Brian Carlson (AUS) in 2 matches
3	Alex Watson (AUS) in 1 match
3	Michael Cronin (AUS) in 3 matches
3	Bob Fulton (AUS) in 4 matches

Most Goals in Australia v New Zealand World Cup Matches

18	Eric Simms (AUS) in 2 matches
18	Michael Cronin (AUS) in 3 matches
8	Warren Colliccoat (NZ) in 3 matches
6	Mat Rogers (AUS) in 1 match
6	Ron McKay (NZ) in 1 match

Most Points in an Australia v New Zealand World Cup Match

23	Eric Simms (AUS) (1t, 10g)	1970, Central Park, Wigan	Australia won 47-11
18	Michael Cronin (AUS) (2t, 6g)	1975, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	Australia won 36-8
16	Eric Simms (AUS) (8g)	1968, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	Australia won 31-12
15	Michael Cronin (AUS) (1t, 6g)	1975, Carlaw Park, Auckland	Australia won 24-8
15	Brian Carlson (AUS) (3t, 3g)	1960, Headingley, Leeds	Australia won 21-15

Most World Cup Tries in an Australia v New Zealand Match

3	Brian Carlson (AUS)	1960, Headingley, Leeds	Australia won 21-15
3	Alex Watson (AUS)	1954, Marseilles	Australia won 34-15

Most World Cup Goals in an Australia v New Zealand Match

10	Eric Simms (AUS)	1970, Central Park, Wigan	Australia won 47-11
8	Eric Simms (AUS)	1968, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	Australia won 31-12
6	Mat Rogers (AUS)	2000, Old Trafford, Manchester	Australia won 40-12
6	Michael Cronin (AUS)	1977, Carlaw Park, Auckland	Australia won 27-12
6	Michael Cronin (AUS)	1975, Carlaw Park, Auckland	Australia won 24-8
6	Michael Cronin (AUS)	1975, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	Australia won 36-8
6	Ron McKay (NZ)	1954, Marseilles	Australia won 34-15

Biggest Winning Margins in Australia v New Zealand World Cup Matches

36	Australia def. New Zealand 47-11	at Central Park, Wigan	October 21, 1970
28	Australia def. New Zealand 40-12	at Old Trafford, Manchester	November 25, 2000
28	Australia def. New Zealand 36-8	at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	June 1, 1975
24	Australia def. New Zealand 30-6	at Sydney Football Stadium,	October 26, 2008
20	Australia def. New Zealand 25-5	at Brisbane Cricket Ground,	June 15, 1957

Australia v New Zealand World Cup Match Summary

1954 World Cup Round Robin Match

Marseilles (France). November 7 1954

AUSTRALIA: Clive Churchill (c); Denis Flannery, Harry Wells, Alex Watson, Noel Pidding; Robert Banks, Greg Hawick; Brian Davies, Ken Kearney, Roy Bull, Kel O'Shea, Mick Crocker, Peter Diversi. **Coach:** Vic Hey.

NEW ZEALAND: Neville Denton; James Edwards, Cyril Eastlake (c), Ron McKay, George Menzies; William Sorensen, Leonard Eriksen; Bill McLennan, David Blanchard, Cliff Johnson, Jock Butterfield, John Yates, Alister Atkinson. **Coach:** Jim Amos.

Australia 34 (A.Watson 3, R.Bull, P.Diversi, G.Hawick, K.Kearney, K.O'Shea tries; N.Pidding 5 goals) defeated **New Zealand 15** (L.Eriksen try; R.McKay 6 goals).

Crowd: 20,000. **Halftime:** Australia 16-2. **Referee:** R.Guidicelli (FRA).

1957 World Cup Round Robin Match

Brisbane Cricket Ground. June 15 1957

AUSTRALIA: Keith Barnes; Ian Moir, Harry Wells, Dick Poole (c), Brian Carlson; Greg Hawick, Keith Holman; Bill Marsh, Ken Kearney, Brian Davies, Kel O'Shea, Norm Provan, Brian Clay. **Coach:** Dick Poole.

NEW ZEALAND: Patrick Creedy; Vernon Bakalich, William Sorensen, Ron Ackland, Bernard Hadfield; George Menzies, Selwyn Belsham; Bill McLennan, Jock Butterfield, Henry Maxwell, Cliff Johnson (c), John Yates, Rex Percy. **Coach:** Snow Telford.

Australia 25 (B.Carlson, I.Moir, K.O'Shea, N.Provan, H.Wells tries; K.Barnes 5 goals) defeated **New Zealand 5** (C.Johnson try; W.Sorensen goal).

Crowd: 29,636. **Halftime:** Australia 10-2. **Referee:** V.Belsham (NZL).

1960 World Cup Round Robin Match

Headingley, Leeds (England). October 1 1960

AUSTRALIA: Keith Barnes (c); Brian Carlson, Reg Gasnier, Harry Wells, Ken Irvine; Tony Brown, Barry Muir; Dud Beattie, Noel Kelly, Gary Parcell, Brian Hambly, Rex Mossop, Johnny Raper. **Coach:** Keith Barnes.

NEW ZEALAND: Gary Phillips (NZ); Bernard Hadfield, Cyril Eastlake, George P Turner, Neville Denton; George Menzies, Norman Roberts; Henry Maxwell, Jock Butterfield, Cliff Johnson (c), Ron Ackland, Lawrence Olliff, Mel Cooke. **Coach:** Travers Hardwick.

Australia 21 (B.Carlson 3, R.Gasnier, H.Wells tries; B.Carlson 3 goals) defeated **New Zealand 15** (B.Hadfield, G.Menzies, G.Turner tries; C.Eastlake 3 goals).

Crowd: 10,773. **Halftime:** Australia 8-2. **Referee:** E.Clay (ENG).

1968 World Cup Round Robin Match

Lang Park, Brisbane. June 1 1968

AUSTRALIA: Eric Simms; John Rhodes, John Greaves, Graeme Langlands, Johnny King; Tony Branson, Billy Smith; John Wittenberg, Fred Jones, Elton Rasmussen, Ron Coote, Dick Thornett, Johnny Raper (c). Interchange: Bob Fulton. Coach: Harry Bath.

NEW ZEALAND: John Ellwood; Robert Mincham, Spencer Dunn, Paul Schultz, Ernest Wiggs; James Bond (c), John Gary Clarke; George Smith, Colin O'Neil, Henry Tatana, Brian Lee, John Dixon, Tony Kriletich. Interchange: Roger Tait. Coach: Des Barchard.

Australia 31 (J.King 2, R.Coote, F.Jones, J.Rhodes tries; E.Simms 8 goals) defeated **New Zealand 12** (S.Dunn, P.Schultz tries; E.Wiggs 3 goals).

Crowd: 23,608. Halftime: New Zealand 7-4. Referee: J.Percival (NZL).

1970 World Cup Round Robin Match

Australia v New Zealand at Central Park, Wigan (England). October 21 1970

AUSTRALIA: Eric Simms; Lionel Williamson, John Cootes, Bob Fulton, Ray Branighan; Denis Pittard, Billy Smith; John O'Neill, Elwyn Walters, Bob O'Reilly, Bob McCarthy, Paul Sait, Ron Coote (c). Interchange: Ron Turner. Coach: Harry Bath.

NEW ZEALAND: Don Ladner; Robert McGuinn, Roy Christian (c), Bernie Lowther, Maurie Brereton; Garry Woollard, Graeme Cooksley; Garry Smith, Colin O'Neil, Doug Gailey, Bill Deacon, Eddie Heatley, Tony Kriletich. Interchange: John Greengrass, Lummy Graham. Coach: Lory Blanchard.

Australia 47 (J.Cootes 2, R.Branighan, R.Coote, B.Fulton, B.McCarthy, E.Simms, B.Smith, R.Turner tries; E.Simms 10 goals) defeated **New Zealand 11** (G.Smith try; D.Ladner 4 goals).

Crowd: 9,586. Halftime: Australia 17-9. Referee: W.H.Thompson (ENG).

1972 World Cup Round Robin Match

Parc des Princes, Paris (France). November 1 1972

AUSTRALIA: Graeme Langlands (c); John Grant (QLD), Ray Branighan, Geoff Starling, Steve Knight; Bob Fulton, Dennis Ward; John O'Neill, Elwyn Walters, Bob O'Reilly, Gary Sullivan, John Elford, Paul Sait. Interchange: Gary Stevens. Coach: Harry Bath.

NEW ZEALAND: Johnnie Wilson (NZ); Phil Orchard, Maurie Brereton, Roy Christian (c), John Whittaker; Dennis Williams, Brian Tracey; Donald Mann, William Burgoyne, Doug Gailey, Murray Eade, Robert Paul, Peter Gurnick. Interchange: Rod Walker. Coach: Des Barchard.

Australia 9 (B.Fulton, D.Ward tries; R.Branighan goal; B.Fulton field goal) defeated **New Zealand 5** (J.Whittaker try; J.Wilson (NZ) goal).

Crowd: 8,000. Halftime: Nil-All. Referee: M.J.Naughton (ENG).

1975 World Cup Round Robin Matches

Lang Park, Brisbane. June 1 1975

AUSTRALIA: Graeme Langlands (c); Chris Anderson, Bob Fulton, Michael Cronin, Terry Fahey; Tim Pickup, Ross Strudwick; Terry Randall, John Lang, David Wright, Gary Stevens, Lew Platz, Ron Coote. Interchange: Ray Branighan, Paul Sait. **Coach:** Graeme Langlands.

NEW ZEALAND: Warren Colliccoat; Maurie Brereton, John O'Sullivan, John Whittaker, Phil Orchard; Dennis Williams, Ken Stirling (c); Graeme West, Thomas Conroy, John Hibbs, Tony Coll, Ray Baxendale, Murray Eade. **Coach:** George Menzies.

Australia 36 (M.Cronin 2, G.Langlands 2, R.Branighan, B.Fulton, L.Platz, T.Randall tries; M.Cronin 6 goals) defeated **New Zealand 8** (K.Stirling, J.Whittaker tries; W.Colliccoat goal).

Crowd: 10,342. **Halftime:** Australia 20-0. **Referee:** F.Escande (AUS).

Carlaw Park, Auckland. September 27 1975

NEW ZEALAND: Warren Colliccoat; John O'Sullivan, Paul Matete, Dennis Williams, Fred Ah Kuoi; Robert Jarvis, Ken Stirling (c); John Greengrass, Thomas Conroy, Dane Sorensen, Tony Coll, Ray Baxendale, Murray Eade. Interchange: John Smith (NZ), Kurt Sorensen. **Coach:** George Menzies.

AUSTRALIA: Graham Eadie; John Rhodes, Michael Cronin, John Brass (c), Ian Schubert; John Peard, Johnny Mayes; Greg Veivers, George Piggins, Ian Mackay, Lew Platz, Ray Higgs, John Quayle. Interchange: Tom Raudonikis, Denis Fitzgerald. **Coach:** Graeme Langlands.

Australia 24 (M.Cronin, R.Higgs, J.Quayle, I.Schubert tries; M.Cronin 6 goals) defeated **New Zealand 8** (W.Colliccoat 4 goals).

Crowd: 15,373. **Halftime:** Australia 17-6. **Referee:** GF.Lindop (ENG).

1977 World Cup Round Robin Match

Carlaw Park, Auckland. May 29 1977

NEW ZEALAND: Warren Colliccoat; Dane O'Hara, Olsen Filipaina, Chris Jordan, Kevin Fisher; Dennis Williams, John Smith (NZ); Whetu Henry, Alan Rushton, Dane Sorensen, Kurt Sorensen, Tony Coll (c), Whare Henry. **Coach:** Ron Ackland.

AUSTRALIA: Graham Eadie; Mark Harris, Michael Cronin, Mark Thomas, Allan McMahon; John Peard, Tom Raudonikis; Greg Veivers (c), Nick Geiger, Denis Fitzgerald, Terry Randall, Ray Higgs, Greg Pierce. **Coach:** Terry Fearnley.

Australia 27 (A.McMahon 2, M.Harris, J.Peard, M.Thomas tries; M.Cronin 6 goals) defeated **New Zealand 12** (A.Rushton, J.Smith (NZ) tries; W.Colliccoat 3 goals).

Crowd: 18,500. **Halftime:** Australia 12-2. **Referee:** W.H.Thompson (ENG).

1985-1988 World Cup Final

Eden Park, Auckland. October 9 1988

NEW ZEALAND: Gary Mercer; Tony Iro, Kevin Iro, Dean Bell (c), Mark Elia; Gary Freeman, Clayton Friend; Peter Brown, Wayne Wallace, Adrian Shelford, Mark Graham, Kurt Sorensen, Mark Horo. Interchange: Shane Cooper, Sam Stewart. **Coach:** Tony Gordon.

AUSTRALIA: Garry Jack; Dale Shearer, Andrew Farrar, Mark McGaw, Michael O'Connor; Wally Lewis (c), Allan Langer; Paul Dunn, Ben Elias, Steve Roach, Paul Sironen, Gavin Miller, Wayne Pearce. Interchange: Terry Lamb, David Gillespie. **Coach:** Don Furner.

Australia 25 (A.Langer 2, G.Miller, D.Shearer tries; M.O'Connor 4 goals; B.Elias field goal) defeated New Zealand 12 (K.Iro, T.Iro tries; Pe.Brown (NZ) 2 goals).

Crowd: 47,363. **Halftime:** Australia 21-0. **Referee:** G.Ainui (PNG).

1995 World Cup Semi Final

Australia v New Zealand at Alfred McAlpine Stadium, Huddersfield (England). October 22 1995

AUSTRALIA: Tim Brasher; Rod Wishart, Mark Coyne, Terry Hill, Brett Dallas; Brad Fittler (c), Geoff Toovey; Dean Pay, Andrew Johns, Mark Carroll, Steve Menzies, Gary Larson, Jim Dymock. Interchange: Robbie O'Davis, Matthew Johns, Jason Smith, Nik Kosef. **Coach:** Bob Fulton.

NEW ZEALAND: Matthew Ridge (c); Sean Hoppe, Richie Blackmore, Kevin Iro, Richard Barnett; Tony Kemp, Stacey Jones; John Lomax, Henry Paul, Jason Lowrie, Stephen Kearney, Quentin Pongia, Mark Horo. Interchange: Gene Ngamu, Hitro Okesene, Ruben Wiki, Tony Iro. **Coach:** Frank Endacott.

Australia 30 (S.Menzies 2, T.Brasher, M.Coyne, B.Fittler, T.Hill tries; A.Johns 3 goals) defeated New Zealand 20 (R.Barnett, K.Iro, T.Iro tries; M.Ridge 4 goals). **Crowd:** 16,608. **Halftime:** Australia 14-4. **Referee:** R.Smith (ENG).

2000 World Cup Final

Old Trafford, Manchester (England). November 25 2000

AUSTRALIA: Darren Lockyer; Wendell Sailor, Matthew Gidley, Adam MacDougall, Mat Rogers; Brad Fittler (c), Brett Kimmorley; Shane Webcke, Andrew Johns, Robbie Kearns, Gorden Tallis, Bryan Fletcher, Scott Hill. Interchange: Trent Barrett, Nathan Hindmarsh, Darren Britt, Jason Stevens. **Coach:** Chris Anderson.

NEW ZEALAND: Richard Barnett (c); Nigel Vagana, Tonie Carroll, Willie Talau, Lesley Vainikolo; Henry Paul, Stacey Jones; Craig Smith, Richard Swain, Quentin Pongia, Matt Rua, Stephen Kearney, Ruben Wiki. Interchange: Robbie Paul, Joe Vagana, Nathan Cayless, Logan Swann. **Coach:** Frank Endacott.

Australia 40 (W.Sailor 2, T.Barrett, B.Fittler, M.Gidley, N.Hindmarsh, D.Lockyer tries; M.Rogers 6 goals) defeated **New Zealand 12** (T.Carroll, L.Vainikolo tries; H.Paul 2 goals).

Crowd: 44,329. **Halftime:** Australia 6-0. **Referee:** S.Cummings (ENG).

Player Stats - 2000 World Cup Final

AUSTRALIA	Min	TA	LB	R	M	O	TB	T	MT
D. Lockyer	80	-	-	12	87	1	3	3	2
M. Rogers	80	-	-	8	48	-	3	5	3
A. MacDougall	63	-	-	13	78	1	6	18	2
M. Gidley	80	1	-	12	60	1	-	16	4
W. Sailor	80	1	2	18	168	1	7	7	2
B. Fittler	80	2	1	6	59	1	3	21	3
B. Kimmorley	80	1	1	8	92	-	3	9	3
S. Webcke	33	-	-	14	99	-	3	14	1
A. Johns	80	-	1	9	88	-	2	33	4
R. Kearns	23	-	-	9	72	-	-	11	1
G. Tallis	46	-	1	11	97	1	8	10	-
B. Fletcher	53	-	-	13	87	2	1	20	3
S. Hill	80	-	-	6	38	2	1	25	2
<i>T. Barrett</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>N. Hindmarsh</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>D. Britt</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>191</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>J. Stevens</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>126</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>2</i>

NEW ZEALAND	Min	TA	LB	R	M	O	TB	T	MT
R. Barnett	80	-	-	16	123	-	7	2	3
N. Vagana	80	-	-	9	43	1	-	17	1
T. Carroll	80	-	1	12	114	1	6	12	5
W. Talau	80	-	1	9	74	-	3	13	2
L. Vainikolo	80	-	-	15	130	1	9	5	3
H. Paul	80	-	-	7	55	-	2	24	2
S. Jones	80	1	-	4	63	-	1	22	7
C. Smith	43	-	-	15	121	1	2	25	2
R. Swain	58	-	-	9	56	-	-	29	6
Q. Pongia	43	-	-	11	81	1	2	20	2
M. Rua	49	-	-	6	23	1	-	17	3
S. Kearney	71	-	-	11	64	-	1	27	2
R. Wiki	59	-	-	8	42	-	-	27	2
<i>R. Paul</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>J. Vagana</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>N. Cayless</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>L. Swann</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>2</i>

*Min=Minutes Played; TA=Try Assists; LB=Line Breaks; R=Runs; M=Run Metres; O=Offloads; TB=Tackle Busts; T=Tackles; MT=Missed Tackles

2008 World Cup Pool Match

Australia v New Zealand at the Sydney Football Stadium. October 26, 2008

AUSTRALIA: Billy Slater; Joel Monaghan, Greg Inglis, Israel Folau, Brent Tate; Darren Lockyer (c), Johnathan Thurston; Steve Price, Cameron Smith, Petero Civoniceva, Anthony Laffranchi, Glenn Stewart, Paul Gallen. Interchange: Kurt Gidley, Brent Kite, Anthony Tupou, Josh Perry. **Coach:** Ricky Stuart.

NEW ZEALAND: Lance Hohaia; Sam Perrett, Steve Matai, Jerome Ropati, Manu Vatuvei; Benji Marshall, Thomas Leuluai; Nathan Cayless (c), Nathan Fien, Adam Blair, Simon Mannering, Sika Manu, Jeremy Smith. Interchange: Dene Halatau, Greg Eastwood, Setaimata Sa, Sam Rapira. **Coach:** Stephen Kearney.

Australia 30 (I.Folau 2, G.Inglis, J.Monaghan, B.Slater tries; J.Thurston 4, C.Smith goals) defeated **New Zealand 6** (S.Manu try; S.Matai goal).

Crowd: 34,157. **Halftime:** Australia 8-0. **Referee:** A.Klein (ENG).

Player Stats - 2008 Pool Match

AUSTRALIA	Min	TA	LB	R	M	O	TB	T	MT
B. Slater	80	1	-	14	109	-	5	4	1
J. Monaghan	80	-	2	13	99	2	8	4	-
G. Inglis	80	-	1	14	101	1	5	12	1
I. Folau	80	-	2	19	167	1	6	8	-
B. Tate	58	-	-	8	71	1	3	10	2
D. Lockyer	80	-	-	3	32	1	1	21	2
J. Thurston	71	1	1	11	116	2	5	10	1
S. Price	43	-	-	16	162	1	-	19	-
C. Smith	77	-	-	10	68	-	1	45	-
P. Civoniceva	47	-	-	17	139	1	2	25	1
A. Laffranchi	80	-	-	17	106	2	2	33	1
G. Stewart	74	-	-	13	93	-	5	22	4
P. Gallen	57	-	-	16	112	3	-	32	3
<i>K. Gidley</i>	25	-	-	7	58	-	2	9	-
<i>B. Kite</i>	45	-	-	10	77	-	-	29	3
<i>A. Tupou</i>	32	-	-	6	43	2	1	16	1
<i>J. Perry</i>	31	-	-	6	54	-	2	20	4

New Zealand	Min	TA	LB	R	M	O	TB	T	MT
L. Hohaia	80	-	-	13	88	-	4	11	-
S. Perrett	80	-	-	15	126	-	7	3	1
S. Matai	80	-	-	13	102	1	1	6	11
J. Ropati	80	-	-	14	80	2	-	19	2
M. Vatuvei	80	-	-	12	110	-	3	6	3
B. Marshall	80	-	-	3	19	1	3	12	3
T. Leuluai	80	-	-	1	6	-	-	18	5
N. Cayless	43	-	-	10	75	-	1	30	3
N. Fien	57	-	-	2	14	-	-	35	4
A. Blair	67	-	-	11	84	1	-	44	2
S. Mannering	64	-	-	8	48	-	-	32	1
S. Manu	65	-	1	8	64	-	4	27	2
J. Smith	39	-	-	4	29	-	-	38	1
<i>D. Halatau</i>	23	-	-	3	21	-	-	13	2
<i>G. Eastwood</i>	46	-	-	6	45	1	1	24	3
<i>S. Sa</i>	31	-	-	4	28	-	-	12	2
<i>S. Rapira</i>	45	-	-	9	85	-	-	30	3

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