

# The Final Four

How the teams match up in the Rugby World Cup's penultimate stage



## ENGLAND

World ranking: 2nd



• Today, 3.45pm  
• Singtel TV Ch141 & StarHub Ch222

## NEW ZEALAND

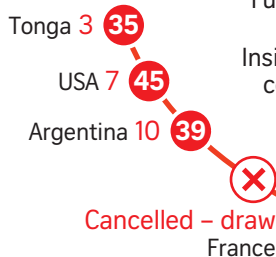
World ranking: 1st



ALL BLACKS

### ◀ Owen Farrell v Beauden Barrett ▶

#### POOL STAGE



Full-back Barrett often comes into the line at first receiver, a move that makes the most of his speed and superb handling skills. Inside centre Farrell leads from the front with extraordinary physical commitment in defence, which tends to overshadow his passing ability. He is the more reliable goalkicker of the two playmakers, which could prove decisive.

#### POOL STAGE



### Maro Itoje v Brodie Retallick

Retallick is a considerable force in open play and will be an acid test of Itoje's progress. The Englishman's athleticism at the set piece is matched by dynamism in open play and an ability to win turnover ball.



### Jonny May v George Bridge

The two electric wings add a valuable cutting edge. May has a fine record of 27 tries in 50 appearances, including a double against Australia. Bridge made his debut only last year but already has nine tries in eight Tests, including one in the win over Ireland.



#### Previous meetings

England v NZ  
(At RWC: 0-3)

15*	Nov 2018	16
21*	Nov 2014	24
13	June 2014	36*
27	June 2014	28*
15	June 2014	20*

NOTE: \*Home team



England		New Zealand
Owen Farrell <b>44</b>	Most points	<b>37</b> Richie Mo'unga
Jonny May <b>3</b>	Most tries	<b>3</b> Jordie Barrett



## WALES

World ranking: 3rd



• Tomorrow, 4.45pm  
• Singtel TV Ch141 & StarHub Ch222

## SOUTH AFRICA

World ranking: 4th



SPRINGBOK

### ◀ Gareth Davies v Faf de Klerk ▶

De Klerk is the player every team would want: a combative, livewire presence who corals his towering forwards, also offering a precise kicking game and service on a platter to fly-half Handre Pollard. Davies has proven himself as poacher supreme, one intercept leading to a crucial try in the pool victory over Australia.

### Alun Wyn Jones v Eben Etzebeth

#### POOL STAGE



Etzebeth is the linchpin of a pack that will go toe-to-toe with Wales. Jones will be at the heart of efforts against the Boks' devastating rolling maul, dominant line-out and ball-carrying forwards.



#### POOL STAGE



#### Previous meetings

Wales v SA  
(At RWC: 0-2)

20*	Nov 2018	11
22	June 2018	20
24*	Dec 2017	22
27*	Nov 2016	13
19	Oct 2015	23

NOTE: \*Home team



### Justin Tipuric v Pieter-Steph du Toit

Flanker Tipuric is at the heart of their blitz defence, a proven scavenger who is strong over the ball. The back row of him, Aaron Wainwright and Ross Moriarty, will have to be at their very best. Du Toit is a rangy, solid player who is key in the breakdown battle as Faf de Klerk and Handre Pollard look to set the outside backs free.



Wales		South Africa
Dan Biggar <b>30</b>	Most points	<b>33</b> Handre Pollard
Josh Adams <b>5</b>	Most tries	<b>5</b> Makazole Mapimpi