

Facts & Figures

Key facts

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- DAN CARTER is closing in on Jonny Wilkinson's record as the all time leading points scorer in test match rugby. He is now on 1,158 points, which is just 20 behind Wilkinson.
- New Zealand Head Coach GRAHAM HENRY will celebrate his 100th test match victory as a coach if the All Blacks beat Ireland this weekend.
- BRIAN O'DRISCOLL will become the fourth most capped player in test history on Saturday when starting his 112th test match, moving past Philippe Sella of France. O'Driscoll's total includes six appearances for the British and Irish Lions.
- Ireland need four more penalty goals to reach 800 in test match history and also 38 points to reach the 8,000 point milestone.
- BRIAN O'DRISCOLL and GORDON D'ARCY will be playing their 36th match together as a centre combination, setting a new record for Ireland. The previous record of 35 appearances was held by O'Driscoll and Kevin Maggs.

Team news

- After last weekend's 20-10 win over Samoa, Ireland have reverted to the team that started the previous match against South Africa, with the exception of Tony Buckley, who is replaced at prop by TOM COURT.
- New Zealand have made five changes to their starting line up from the team that beat Scotland 49-3 last weekend, with TOM DONNELLY coming in at lock forward, JEROME KAINO returning at flanker, ANDREW ELLIS plays at scrum half, MA'A NONU returns in the centres and CORY JANE is back on the wing.

Coaches corner

- Since DECLAN KIDNEY took over as Head Coach in 2008, Ireland have won 15 matches, drawn one and lost six, a success rate of 68%. In the 22 matches prior to his appointment Ireland won 11 and lost 11 and they have moved up two places in the IRB World Rankings since Kidney took over the reins.
- New Zealand Head Coach GRAHAM HENRY will celebrate his 100th test match victory as a coach if the All Blacks beat Ireland this weekend. He has had 76 wins with New Zealand, 22 with Wales and one with the British and Irish Lions.
- The All Blacks have won 42 out of 44 matches played against northern hemisphere opposition under Head Coach, GRAHAM HENRY, with the only two defeats coming against France in the 2007 Rugby World Cup quarter finals in Cardiff and in Dunedin in June 2009.
- The last try against Scotland last weekend, scored by ANDREW ELLIS, was the 350th try for New Zealand in 89 matches since HENRY became Head Coach in 2004.

Unbeaten All Blacks

- New Zealand have beaten Ireland in 22 of the 23 matches played between the two sides, with 12 wins out of 13 on Irish soil. The nearest Ireland came to an elusive victory was in January 1973, when they held the All Blacks to a 10-10 draw in Dublin.
- New Zealand beat Ireland 66-28 in New Plymouth in June, scoring nine tries. On their last meeting in Dublin in November 2008 the All Blacks won 22-3, with tries by BRAD THORN and MA'A NONU.

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Landmarks approaching

- Ireland need 38 points to reach 8,000 and four more penalty goals to reach 800 in test match history.

Moving up

- BRIAN O'DRISCOLL will become the fourth most capped player in test history on Saturday when starting his 112th test match, moving past Philippe Sella of France. O'Driscoll's total includes six appearances for the British and Irish Lions.

Kicking king

- RONAN O'GARA, who is on the replacements bench on Saturday, became the fifth highest points scorer in test history last weekend when he passed Andrew Mehrtens of New Zealand. He now needs 20 more points to reach 1,000 points in test matches.
- O'Gara also moved up to third in the all time list of conversions scored on 157 after passing Jonny Wilkinson last weekend and now has only Dan Carter (197) and Andrew Mehrtens (169) above him on the list.

Not so fond memories

- RORY BEST made his debut against New Zealand in a 45-7 defeat in November 2005.

Personal milestones

- JAMIE HEASLIP will make his 30th appearance for Ireland on Saturday, having made his debut in November 2006 against the Pacific Islanders.
- JONATHAN SEXTON will be making his 10th appearance for Ireland, having made his debut on 21 November 2009 against Fiji.

Birthday boy

- EOIN REDDAN will celebrate his 30th birthday on Saturday. He made his debut for Ireland in February 2006 against France and this will be his fourth appearance against New Zealand.

Influential scrum half

- Although PETER STRINGER will start on the replacements bench on Saturday, Ireland have won 69% of matches played when he has been involved in the game. Since making his debut in February 2000, Ireland have won 46% of matches played when Stringer has not been on the pitch.

Record partnership

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Aiming for the top

- DAN CARTER is closing in on Jonny Wilkinson's record as the all time leading points scorer in test match rugby. He is now on 1,158 points, which is just 20 behind Wilkinson.
- CARTER became the first player in history to kick 200 conversions in test matches last weekend.
- He is also the leading points scorer in test match rugby in 2010 with 164 and is just two points ahead of South Africa's Morne Steyn. Carter needs just four points to move into the top 10 points scorers of all time in a single calendar year for the third time, after scoring 203 points in 2008 and 186 in 2006.

The top 10 on the all time list are as follows:-

Player	Country	Points	Year
Neil Jenkins	Wales	263	1999
Jonny Wilkinson	England	233	2003
Percy Montgomery	South Africa	219	2007
Dan Carter	New Zealand	203	2008
Gavin Hastings	Scotland	196	1995
Matt Burke	Australia	189	1996
Dan Carter	New Zealand	186	2006
Neil Jenkins	Wales	181	1994
Jonny Wilkinson	England	171	1999
Toru Kurihara	Japan	167	2002

Record breakers

- RICHIE McCAW and MILS MULIAINA will jointly become New Zealand's most capped players in history on Saturday when they pass the record of 92 test match caps that they share with Sean Fitzpatrick.
- MULIAINA made his debut against England in June 2003, more than 18 months after McCaw got his first cap, and has only missed 11 test match internationals played by New Zealand since then.
- McCAW will also pass John Eales of Australia in fifth place for the most appearances as a captain when he leads out his team for the 56th time on Saturday.
- McCAW will be making his 10th test match appearance against Ireland on Saturday, which is also a record for a New Zealand player.

Unbeaten tourists

- New Zealand have won their last 22 matches played in November tours of Europe, a run stretching back to 2002. Their last defeat was against England on 9 November 2002 when they lost 31-28. The All Blacks then drew 20-20 with France the following week before embarking on this current run of success.
- RICHIE McCAW has played 22 matches on tour with New Zealand in Europe and has been on the winning side every time.
- DAN CARTER has been on the winning side in every one of the 19 matches he has played on tour with New Zealand in Europe, with MILS MULIAINA just one behind on 18.

It all started here

- RICHIE McCAW made his test debut against Ireland in Dublin in November 2001, when the All Blacks won 40-29.

Fond memories

- JEROME KAINO and JOHN AFOA also made their test match debuts against Ireland. Kaino started his test career in Hamilton in November 2006 as a replacement in a 34-23 victory, whilst Afoa made his debut in Dublin in November 2005 in a 45-7 success.
- Eight of New Zealand's starting line up were in the All Blacks team that won 22-3 in Dublin in November 2008. BRAD THORN and MAA NONU each scored a try, whilst DAN CARTER kicked seven points. TONY WOODCOCK, JEROME KAINO, RICHIE McCAW, CONRAD SMITH and MILS MULIAINA were the other players involved that day.

50 up

- BRAD THORN will be making his 50th test match appearance for New Zealand. The 35 year old made his debut in June 2003 against Wales as a replacement in a 55-3 victory in Hamilton.

Winning experiences

- Between them, the All Blacks starting line up have played 38 test matches against Ireland and won them all. Three players are meeting Ireland for the first time; hooker HIKA ELLIOT, second row forward TOM DONNELLY and wing HOSEA GEAR.
- Five of the All Blacks team have scored tries against Ireland; MAA NONU and CONRAD SMITH have both scored two, whilst BRAD THORN, KIERAN READ and MILS MULIAINA have one apiece.

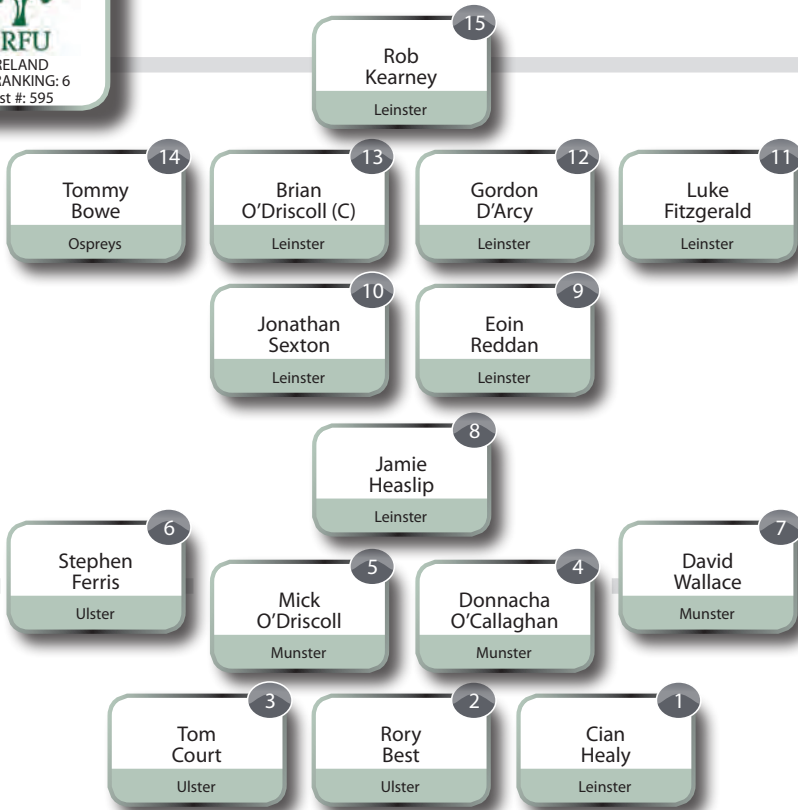
Can anybody stop them?

- New Zealand have scored at least one try in their last 82 internationals, a run going back to August 2004 when they lost 23-18 to Australia with six penalty goals kicked.

The man in the middle

- MARIUS JONKER of South Africa will be in charge of this match, the third time he has refereed a match in Dublin. Ireland beat Australia 21-6 in November 2006 and Fiji 41-6 in November 2009 so they will be hoping to make it three wins out of three with this official.
- It will be the fourth time Jonker has taken control of a New Zealand match and the All Blacks have won two and lost one, the defeat coming in the 2007 Tri-Nations in Melbourne, when Australia beat them 20-15. He last officiated New Zealand in their 14-10 victory over France in Wellington in June 2009.

Team Sheets



Replacements

- 16 Sean Cronin (Connacht)
- 17 John Hayes (Munster)
- 18 Devin Toner (Leinster)
- 19 Denis Leamy (Munster)
- 20 Peter Stringer (Munster)
- 21 Ronan O'Gara (Munster)
- 22 Keith Earls (Munster)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 524
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 28
 Oldest Player: John Hayes (37)
 Youngest Player: Cian Healy (23)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 111 kg

Officials

Referee:
 Marius Jonker (South Africa) - 17 Tests

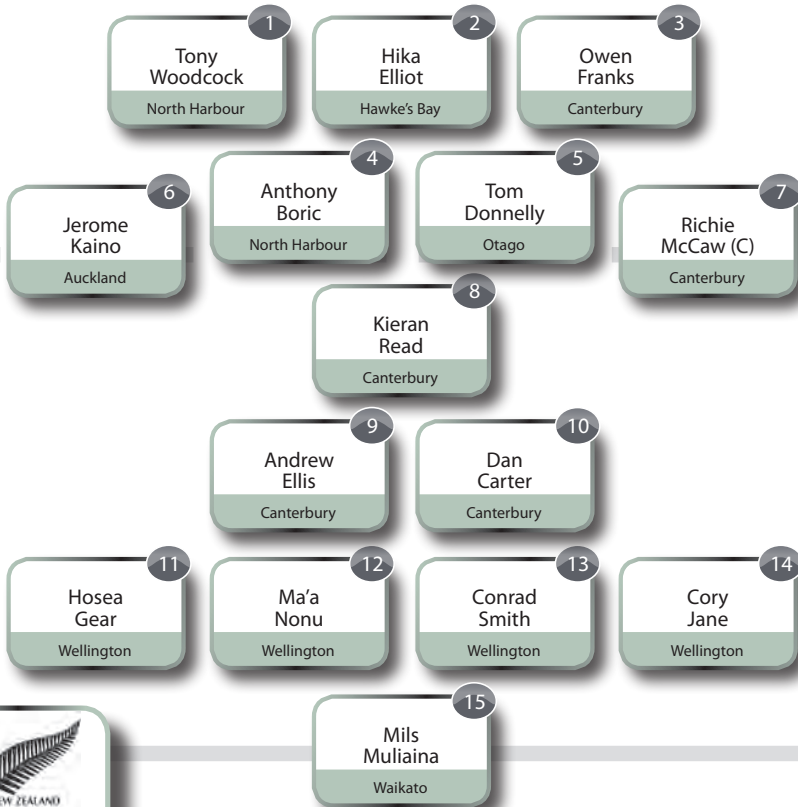
Tests at Venue: 1 Tests
 Ireland: 2 Tests
 New Zealand: 3 Tests
 Test Debut: 20/08/2005 - Uganda v Zimbabwe

Assistant Referee 1:
 Craig Joubert (South Africa)

Assistant Referee 2:
 Carlo Damasco (Italy)

TV Match Official:
 Hugh Watkins (Wales)

Citing Commissioner:
 John Byett (England)



Replacements

- 16 Andrew Hore (Taranaki)
- 17 John Afoa (Auckland)
- 18 Sam Whitelock (Canterbury)
- 19 Liam Messam (Waikato)
- 20 Alby Mathewson (Wellington)
- 21 Stephen Donald (Waikato)
- 22 Sonny Bill Williams (Canterbury)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 588
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27
 Oldest Player: Andrew Hore (32)
 Youngest Player: Sam Whitelock (22)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 112 kg



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
12/06/2010	New Zealand	66 - 28	Ireland	New Plymouth
15/11/2008	Ireland	3 - 22	New Zealand	Dublin
07/06/2008	New Zealand	21 - 11	Ireland	Wellington
17/06/2006	New Zealand	27 - 17	Ireland	Auckland
10/06/2006	New Zealand	34 - 23	Ireland	Hamilton

Summary

Ireland		23 Matches (1 Draw)	New Zealand	
0	Won		22	
241	Points		626	
26	Tries		84	
18	Conversions		56	
24	Penalties		43	
4	Drop Goals		3	

Player Records

For Ireland against New Zealand		For New Zealand against Ireland	
3 Players - 8	Appearances	9 - Richie McCaw	
Ronan O'Gara - 38	Points	81 - Andrew Mehrtens	
3 Players - 2	Tries	5 - 2 Players	
Ronan O'Gara - 7	Conversions	17 - Andrew Mehrtens	
Ronan O'Gara - 8	Penalties	14 - Andrew Mehrtens	
2 Players - 2	Drop Goals	2 - Doug Bruce	

Player Records in a Match

For Ireland against New Zealand		For New Zealand against Ireland	
David Humphreys on 17/11/2001 - 14	Points	33 - Andrew Mehrtens on 15/11/1997	
On 2 Occasions - 2	Tries	2 - On 14 Occasions	
On 2 Occasions - 3	Conversions	7 - Dan Carter on 12/06/2010	
Ronan O'Gara on 10/06/2006 - 3	Penalties	6 - Andrew Mehrtens on 15/11/1997	
David Humphreys on 17/11/2001 - 2	Drop Goals	2 - Doug Bruce on 04/11/1978	

Team Records in a Match

For Ireland against New Zealand		For New Zealand against Ireland	
On 17/11/2001 - 29	Points	66 - On 12/06/2010	
On 12/06/2010 - 4	Tries	11 - On 06/06/1992	
On 12/06/2010 - 4	Conversions	9 - On 12/06/2010	
On 10/06/2006 - 3	Penalties	6 - On 15/11/1997	
On 17/11/2001 - 2	Drop Goals	2 - On 04/11/1978	



Head Coach: Declan Kidney

Debut: 08/11/2008 v Canada (W 55-0)
 Winning Ratio: 68.18%
 Average Tries per Match: 2.45

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
13/11/2010	Samoa	W 20 10	Dublin
06/11/2010	South Africa	L 21 23	Dublin
26/06/2010	Australia	L 15 22	Brisbane
12/06/2010	New Zealand	L 28 66	New Plymouth
20/03/2010	Scotland	L 20 23	Dublin
Points For		104	
Points Ag		144	
Tries For		10	
Tries Ag		15	

Ireland Record Under Declan Kidney

15 Wins	1 Drawn	6 Lost
514 For	Points	366 Against
54 For	Tries	30 Against
41 For	Conversions	24 Against
49 For	Penalties	47 Against
5 For	Drop Goals	9 Against

Player Info For Ireland

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Cian Healy	1	23	15/11/2009	11	1	1	5	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Rory Best	2	28	12/11/2005	41	19	3	26	0	15	20	4	0	0	0
Tom Court	3	30	15/02/2009	11	8	1	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Donnacha O'Callaghan	4	31	22/03/2003	65	19	6	41	1	23	5	1	0	0	0
Mick O'Driscoll	5	32	02/06/2001	20	12	3	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Ferris	6	25	26/11/2006	22	4	1	13	1	8	0	0	0	0	0
David Wallace	7	34	03/06/2000	64	7	6	40	1	23	60	12	0	0	0
Jamie Heaslip	8	26	26/11/2006	29	2	3	16	1	12	25	5	0	0	0
Eoin Reddan	9	30	11/02/2006	22	10	3	8	0	14	0	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Sexton	10	25	21/11/2009	9	2	1	4	0	5	77	0	7	20	1
Luke Fitzgerald	11	23	26/11/2006	15	3	1	9	1	5	10	2	0	0	0
Gordon D'Arcy	12	30	15/10/1999	50	9	4	35	0	15	30	6	0	0	0
Brian O'Driscoll (C)	13	31	12/06/1999	105	1	8	67	1	37	215	40	0	0	5
Tommy Bowe	14	26	20/11/2004	34	0	4	18	1	15	80	16	0	0	0
Rob Kearney	15	24	02/06/2007	26	3	3	13	1	12	32	6	1	0	0
Total				524	100	48	312	9	203	554	92	8	20	6
Sean Cronin	16	24	21/11/2009	5	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
John Hayes	17	37	19/02/2000	103	4	8	66	2	35	10	2	0	0	0
Devin Toner	18	24	13/11/2010	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denis Leamy	19	28	20/11/2004	44	6	4	29	1	14	10	2	0	0	0
Peter Stringer	20	32	19/02/2000	93	13	7	64	1	28	30	6	0	0	0
Ronan O'Gara	21	33	19/02/2000	101	21	8	62	2	37	980	15	157	183	14
Keith Earls	22	23	08/11/2008	11	4	1	6	1	4	30	6	0	0	0

Records For Ireland

Caps

105 - Brian O'Driscoll
 103 - John Hayes
 101 - Ronan O'Gara

Tries

40 - Brian O'Driscoll
 29 - Denis Hickie
 21 - Shane Horgan

Points

980 - Ronan O'Gara
 560 - David Humphreys
 308 - Michael Kiernan

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 32 - Ronan O'Gara v Samoa on 20/06/2003
 Tries: 4 - 3 players
 Conversions: 10 - 2 players
 Penalties: 8 - Paul Burke v Italy on 04/01/1997
 Drop Goals: 3 - William McCombe v France on 01/03/1975

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 83 v USA on 10/06/2000
 Tries: 13 v USA on 10/06/2000
 Conversions: 10 on 2 Occasions
 Penalties: 8 v Italy on 04/01/1997
 Drop Goals: 3 v France on 01/03/1975



Head Coach: Graham Henry

Debut: 12/06/2004 v England (W 36-3)
 Winning Ratio: 85.39%
 Average Tries per Match: 3.93

Recent Matches

76 Wins	0 Drawn	13 Lost
3071 For	Points	1341 Against
350 For	Tries	118 Against
266 For	Conversions	89 Against
260 For	Penalties	181 Against
3 For	Drop Goals	10 Against

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
13/11/2010	Scotland	W 49 3	Edinburgh
06/11/2010	England	W 26 16	London
30/10/2010	Australia	L 24 26	Hong Kong
11/09/2010	Australia	W 23 22	Sydney
21/08/2010	South Africa	W 29 22	Johannesburg
Points For		151	
Points Ag		89	
Tries For		17	
Tries Ag		8	

Player Info For New Zealand

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Tony Woodcock	1	29	23/11/2002	72	9	2	61	0	11	35	7	0	0	0
Hika Elliot	2	24	13/11/2010	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Owen Franks	3	22	27/06/2009	20	6	1	16	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Anthony Boric	4	26	14/06/2008	18	12	1	17	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Tom Donnelly	5	29	19/09/2009	14	1	0	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jerome Kaino	6	27	10/06/2006	35	3	5	29	0	6	20	4	0	0	0
Richie McCaw (C)	7	29	17/11/2001	92	6	9	81	0	11	95	19	0	0	0
Kieran Read	8	25	08/11/2008	28	6	2	23	0	5	20	4	0	0	0
Andrew Ellis	9	26	05/11/2006	16	8	1	14	0	2	15	3	0	0	0
Dan Carter	10	28	21/06/2003	77	4	3	68	0	9	1158	29	202	201	2
Hosea Gear	11	26	01/11/2008	4	1	0	4	0	0	15	3	0	0	0
Ma'a Nonu	12	28	14/06/2003	54	14	4	46	0	8	85	17	0	0	0
Conrad Smith	13	29	13/11/2004	43	4	3	38	0	5	90	18	0	0	0
Cory Jane	14	27	01/11/2008	22	4	1	19	0	3	30	6	0	0	0
Mils Muliaina	15	30	14/06/2003	92	5	4	77	0	15	155	31	0	0	0
Total				588	83	36	507	0	81	1723	142	202	201	2
Andrew Hore	16	32	09/11/2002	48	20	3	38	1	9	25	5	0	0	0
John Afoa	17	27	12/11/2005	28	22	3	22	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Whitelock	18	22	12/06/2010	11	9	1	10	0	1	10	2	0	0	0
Liam Messam	19	26	08/11/2008	6	2	0	5	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Alby Mathewson	20	24	07/08/2010	3	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Donald	21	26	14/06/2008	21	13	1	16	0	5	95	1	15	20	0
Sonny Bill Williams	22	25	06/11/2010	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Records For New Zealand

92 - Sean Fitzpatrick
92 - Richie McCaw
92 - Mils Muliaina

49 - Doug Howlett
46 - Joe Rokocoko
46 - Christian Cullen

1158 - Dan Carter
967 - Andrew Mehrtens
645 - Grant Fox

Points: 45 - Simon Culhane v Japan on 04/06/1995
Tries: 6 - Marc Ellis v Japan on 04/06/1995
Conversions: 20 - Simon Culhane v Japan on 04/06/1995
Penalties: 9 - 2 players
Drop Goals: 2 - 4 players

Points: 145 v Japan on 04/06/1995
Tries: 21 v Japan on 04/06/1995
Conversions: 20 v Japan on 04/06/1995
Penalties: 9 on 2 Occasions
Drop Goals: 3 v France on 28/06/1986

