



## SPORTS PHOTOS

SPORTS photographers have the task of capturing the action and the drama of the rugby matches in New Zealand. Thousands of pictures will be snapped showing mid-action shots and images of what the players, coaches, support team and fans are experiencing and how they are feeling. Many memorable moments will be caught on film. Write a suitable caption for each of these photos taken at the Rugby World Cup.



## KEEPING TRACK

WHETHER it is via the newspaper, the television, the radio, the internet or an application on your phone, you can keep track of what's happening in New Zealand at the Rugby World Cup. Even though the challenge for those taking to the field over the coming weeks is

enormous, the job of bringing the news to the fans all over the world is just as great. Sports reporters and photographers will be busy gathering all the on-field and off-field stories to relate to viewers who want to find out what's going on.



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## SPORT STORIES

SPORT journalists and reporters will give us the opportunity to stay abreast of all the rugby sports news by providing coverage of the matches and all that goes on, off field as well. The rugby sports stories you read in the newspaper will not only give you the results but often reflect the values and emotions associated with the sport. Journalists, within the sports department, will write reports that are both entertaining and factual about the tournament. They need to be knowledgeable about the game of rugby. The job also demands the ability to write quickly and accurately.

**Read this brief rugby story and answer the questions relating to it.**

### FANCIED TEAMS PUSHED

ARGENTINA'S Pumas, the Brave Blossoms of Japan and the Oaks of Romania challenged rugby's rigid pecking order on Saturday, threatening to bring down major European powers England, France and Scotland on the first full day of matches at the Rugby World Cup.

Tonga's sturdy performance against the All Blacks on opening night – its 41-10 loss being the smallest in four encounters with the top-ranked team – set a tone that permeated the second day. England edged Argentina 13-9, France beat Japan 47-21, Scotland needed two late tries to hold off Romania 34-24 and Fiji beat stout Namibia 49-25.

1. Which country do the Brave Blossoms represent?
2. Name three countries from Europe.
3. Which is the top-ranked team?
4. Which word in the text means "to spread or flow through to"?
5. From the scores given what was the biggest winning margin and the smallest?

## SPORTS HEADLINES

SPORT headlines often reflect the style of writing in sports journalism.

Headlines are designed to grab the reader's attention and to provide a clue as to what the sports story is about.

**What do you think these headlines from Rugby World Cup stories refer to?**

- ▶ WALES PUSH BOKS CLOSE IN OPENER
- ▶ IRISH EYES ARE SMILING
- ▶ REDEMPTION IS SWEET FOR RELIEVED O'CONNOR

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