

Rugby/League

POOLS CHALLENGE

\$10,000 terminating this week. Pick the winning team & margin for the 10 nominated games and you could win it all!

Sports Commentator, Grant Nisbett and TAB Rugby Bookie, Mark Stafford challenge each other to make the top picks.



Nisbo's Call



Draw - Week 30	Home by 13 & Over	Home by 12 & Under	Draw	Away by 12 & Under	Away by 13 & Over
Game 1: South Africa v Samoa					
Game 2: Wanganui v Mid Canterbury					
Game 3: Nth Otago v East Coast					
Game 4: France v Tonga					
Game 5: England v Scotland					
Game 6: Argentina v Georgia					
Game 7: New Zealand v Canada					
Game 8: Wales v Fiji					
Game 9: Ireland v Italy					
Game 10: Manly v Warriors (80mins)					



Staff's Call



You can take more than one selection for each game, for example Nisbo's selections will cost \$32, Staff's selections will cost \$32.

Nisbo's Preview

Game 1 : South Africa by 13 or more

A lot has been said about Samoa only having five days to prepare after their clinical win over Fiji on Sunday. With a quarter final spot on the line don't expect fatigue to play any part here. South Africa have looked better this month than at any stage in the year and, after a couple of easy-beat matches, they'll be keen to make a statement ahead of their likely quarter final clash with Australia.

Game 2 : Wanganui by 12 and under

Mid Canterbury tipped over competition favourites, Wanganui, 26-23 in week 4, but since then the team from the River City has gone through unbeaten. During that time Mid Canterbury have lost three and the home team should book their spot in next week's Meads Cup Final.

Game 3 : Both sides 12 and under

North Otago have stumbled along this season, collecting unconvincing wins. Despite hosting the side they beat 52-17 in week 3, East Coast should enjoy their star centre, Rua Tipoki, for the entire match. As a result this could go either way.

Game 4 : France by 13 or more

The French were dealt to by the All Blacks on Saturday night, but will be too good for Tonga. The darlings of the tournament were disappointing in their second match, losing to Canada, but bounced back to beat Japan well last week. Their style of game could keep it close at times, but the French should win comfortably.

Game 5 : England by 12 and under & 13 or more

England will be sad to leave Dunedin. They have enjoyed brilliant conditions inside the new stadium, while Scotland have played two matches in Invercargill and one in the pouring rain in Wellington. England look to be at their strangling best and won't slip up against the struggling Scots, who let a seventh quarter final spot slip against Argentina.

Game 6 : Argentina by 13 or more

Georgia's quick back-up from Wednesday to Sunday should make life fairly easy for Argentina, who can seal their quarter finals fate with a win here.

Game 7 : New Zealand by 13 or more

Wins of 41-10 against Tonga, 83-7 against Japan and 37-17 against France give Canada no hope of keeping this close. The World Champs in waiting will be way too good.

Game 8 : Wales by 12 and under & 13 or more

Wales rested some key players before they slaughtered Namibia midweek. They all return here to sure up a quarter final appearance, just their fourth in World Cup history. Fiji made too many mistakes against Samoa on Sunday, but showed glimpses of quality to suggest they have a few tries in them.

Game 9 : Ireland by 12 and under

Italy have improved significantly in 2011 and have had a good Rugby World Cup thus far. They were level with Australia, 6-6, at halftime, before falling to a 32-6 loss. Two wins since then sees them a win shy of a first ever quarter final. They can push Ireland close, despite having not beaten them since 1997.

Game 10 : Both sides by 12 and under

A stunning win over the minor premiers on Saturday night has the Warriors in the club's second NRL Grand Final. Coached by 2002 Grand Finalist player, Ivan Cleary, the Warriors have a real chance to win the club's first premiership. Manly were triumphant in the teams' Round 6 clash, scoring three tries in 13 minutes, late in the first half, to win 20-10. However, key playmakers Shaun Johnson and James Maloney have progressed well for the Warriors throughout the year and they can turn that score on its head.

Challenge Results	Week 23	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26	Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Total
Grant Nisbett	6/10	2/10	6/10	6/10	9/10	5/10	6/10	150/290
Mark Stafford	5/10	2/10	5/10	6/10	8/10	6/10	7/10	147/290

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