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## SIN BINNIGS & CITINGS

| Offender                    | Team         | Referee        | Offence                  | Game                      | Citings       | RC | YC | Date   | Game No. |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----|----|--------|----------|
| <b>POOL PLAY-OFF ROUNDS</b> |              |                |                          |                           |               |    |    |        |          |
| Nikola Matawalu             | Fiji         | Jaco Peyper    | Professional foul        | England vs Fiji           |               |    | 1  | 18-Sep | 1        |
| Dominiko Waqaniburotu       | Fiji         | <b>Cited</b>   | Tip tackle               | England vs Fiji           | 1 Week        |    |    | 18-Sep | 1        |
| Merab Kvirikashvili         | Georgia      | Nigel Owens    | Repeated infringements   | Tonga vs Georgia          |               |    | 1  | 19-Sep | 2        |
| Paul O'Connell              | Ireland      | Glen Jackson   | Professional foul        | Ireland vs Canada         |               |    | 1  | 19-Sep | 3        |
| Jamie Cudmore               | Canada       | Glen Jackson   | Professional foul        | Ireland vs Canada         |               |    | 1  | 19-Sep | 3        |
| Coenie Oosthuizen           | South Africa | Jérôme Garcès  | Repeated infringements   | South Africa vs Japan     |               |    | 1  | 19-Sep | 4        |
| Pablo Matera                | Argentina    | Wayne Barnes   | Foul play                | New Zealand vs Argentina  |               |    | 1  | 20-Sep | 8        |
| Mariano Galarza             | Argentina    | <b>Cited</b>   | Foul play                | New Zealand vs Argentina  | 9 Weeks       |    |    | 20-Sep | 8        |
| Richie McCaw                | New Zealand  | Wayne Barnes   | Foul play                | New Zealand vs Argentina  |               |    | 1  | 20-Sep | 8        |
| Conrad Smith                | New Zealand  | Wayne Barnes   | Professional foul        | New Zealand vs Argentina  |               |    | 1  | 20-Sep | 8        |
| Kotaro Matsushima           | Japan        | John Lacey     | Professional foul        | Scotland vs Japan         |               |    | 1  | 23-Sep | 9        |
| Campese Ma'afu (1)          | Fiji         | Chris Pollock  | Deliberate infringement  | Australia vs Fiji         |               |    | 1  | 23-Sep | 10       |
| Tevita Kuridrani            | Australia    | Chris Pollock  | Repeated infringements   | Australia vs Fiji         |               |    | 1  | 23-Sep | 10       |
| Nemani Nadolo               | Fiji         | <b>Cited</b>   | Dangerous tackle         | Australia vs Fiji         | 1 Week        |    |    | 23-Sep | 10       |
| Paulica Ion                 | Romania      | Jaco Peyper    | Professional foul        | France vs Romania         |               |    | 1  | 23-Sep | 11       |
| Jaco Engels                 | Namibia      | Romain Poite   | Professional foul        | New Zealand vs Namibia    |               |    | 1  | 24-Sep | 12       |
| Mamuka Gorgodze             | Georgia      | JP Doyle       | Professional foul        | Argentina vs Georgia      |               |    | 1  | 25-Sep | 13       |
| Tom Wood                    | England      | <b>Cited</b>   | Dangerous play           | England vs Wales          | Off field Yel |    |    | 27-Sep | 16       |
| Quade Cooper                | Australia    | Pascal Gauzere | Foul play                | Australia vs Uruguay      |               |    | 1  | 27-Sep | 17       |
| Csaba Gal                   | Romania      | Craig Joubert  | Professional foul        | Ireland vs Romania        |               |    | 1  | 27-Sep | 19       |
| Valentin Ursache            | Romania      | <b>Cited</b>   | Dangerous tackle         | Ireland vs Romania        | 1 Week        |    |    | 27-Sep | 19       |
| Tevita Mailau               | Tonga        | <b>Cited</b>   | High tackle              | Tonga vs Namibia          | 2 Weeks       |    |    | 29-Sep | 20       |
| Manasa Saulo                | Fiji         | <b>Cited</b>   | Stamping                 | Wales vs Fiji             | 10 Weeks      |    |    | 01-Oct | 21       |
| Nanyak Dala                 | Canada       | JP Doyle       | Professional foul        | France vs Canada          |               |    | 1  | 01-Oct | 22       |
| Faifili Levae               | Samoa        | Craig Joubert  | Late tackle - no arms    | Samoa vs Japan            |               |    | 1  | 03-Oct | 24       |
| Sakaria Taulafo             | Samoa        | Craig Joubert  | Repeated infringements   | Samoa vs Japan            |               |    | 1  | 03-Oct | 24       |
| Alesana Tuilagi             | Samoa        | <b>Cited</b>   | Kneeing                  | Samoa vs Japan            | 2 Weeks       |    |    | 03-Oct | 24       |
| Jannie du Plessis           | South Africa | Nigel Owens    | Shoulder chage into ruck | South Africa vs Scotland  |               |    | 1  | 03-Oct | 25       |
| Creig Laidlaw               | Scotland     | Nigel Owens    | Professional foul        | South Africa vs Scotland  |               |    | 1  | 03-Oct | 25       |
| Owen Farrell                | England      | Romain Poite   | Foul play                | England vs Australia      |               |    | 1  | 03-Oct | 26       |
| Sam Burgess                 | England      | <b>Cited</b>   | Foul play                | England vs Australia      | Off field Yel |    |    | 04-Oct | 26       |
| Michael Hooper              | Australia    | <b>Cited</b>   | Shoulder chage into ruck | England vs Australia      | 1 Week        |    |    | 04-Oct | 26       |
| Peter O'Mahony              | Ireland      | Jérôme Garcès  | Foul play                | Ireland vs Italy          |               |    | 1  | 04-Oct | 28       |
| Jebb Sinclair               | Canada       | Wayne Barnes   | Repeated infringements   | Canada vs Romania         |               |    | 1  | 06-Oct | 29       |
| Catalin Fercu               | Romania      | Wayne Barnes   | Foul play                | Canada vs Romania         |               |    | 1  | 06-Oct | 29       |
| Nick Blevens                | Canada       | <b>Cited</b>   | Foul play                | Canada vs Romania         | 5 Weeks       |    |    | 06-Oct | 29       |
| Mihai Macovei               | Romania      | <b>Cited</b>   | Foul play                | Canada vs Romania         | 2 Weeks       |    |    | 06-Oct | 29       |
| Campese Ma'afu (2)          | Fiji         | JP Doyle       | Foul play                | Fiji vs Uruguay           |               |    | 1  | 06-Oct | 30       |
| Agustin Ormaechea (1)       | Uruguay      | JP Doyle       | Foul play                | Fiji vs Uruguay           |               |    | 1  | 06-Oct | 30       |
| Agustin Ormaechea (2/3)     | Uruguay      | JP Doyle       | Foul play                | Fiji vs Uruguay           |               | 1  | 1  | 06-Oct | 30       |
| Raoul Larson                | Namibia      | George Clancy  | Professional foul        | Namibia vs Georgia        |               |    | 1  | 07-Oct | 32       |
| Johannes Coetzee            | Namibia      | George Clancy  | Repeated infringements   | Namibia vs Georgia        |               |    | 1  | 07-Oct | 32       |
| Renaldo Bothma (1)          | Namibia      | George Clancy  | Foul play                | Namibia vs Georgia        |               |    | 1  | 07-Oct | 32       |
| Renaldo Bothma (2)          | Namibia      | <b>Cited</b>   | Foul play                | Namibia vs Georgia        | 2 Weeks       |    |    | 07-Oct | 32       |
| Jaba Bregvadze              | Georgia      | George Clancy  | Foul play                | Namibia vs Georgia        |               |    | 1  | 07-Oct | 32       |
| Kieran Read                 | New Zealand  | John Lacey     | Professional foul        | New Zealand vs Tonga      |               |    | 1  | 09-Oct | 33       |
| Paula Ngauamo               | Tonga        | John Lacey     | Spear tackle             | New Zealand vs Tonga      |               |    | 1  | 09-Oct | 33       |
| Ryan Wilson                 | Scotland     | Jaco Peyper    | Stamping                 | Samoa vs Scotland         |               |    | 1  | 10-Oct | 34       |
| Will Genia                  | Australia    | Craig Joubert  | Professional foul        | Australia vs Wales        |               |    | 1  | 10-Oct | 35       |
| Dean Mumm                   | Australia    | Craig Joubert  | Repeated infringements   | Australia vs Wales        |               |    | 1  | 10-Oct | 35       |
| Alex Cuthbert               | Wales        | Craig Joubert  | Deliberate infringement  | Australia vs Wales        |               |    | 1  | 10-Oct | 35       |
| Santiago Vilaseca           | Uruguay      | Chris Pollock  | Repeated infringements   | England vs Uruguay        |               |    | 1  | 10-Oct | 36       |
| Marcelo Bosch (1)           | Argentina    | Pascal Gauzere | Foul play                | Argentina vs Namibia      |               |    | 1  | 11-Oct | 37       |
| Marcelo Bosch (2)           | Argentina    | <b>Cited</b>   | Foul play                | Argentina vs Namibia      | 1 Week        |    |    | 11-Oct | 37       |
| JC Greyling                 | Namibia      | Pascal Gauzere | Foul play                | Argentina vs Namibia      |               |    | 1  | 11-Oct | 37       |
| Tinus du Plessis            | Namibia      | Pascal Gauzere | Foul play                | Argentina vs Namibia      |               |    | 1  | 11-Oct | 37       |
| Johannes van Heerden        | Romania      | Romain Poite   | Professional foul        | Italy vs Romania          |               |    | 1  | 11-Oct | 38       |
| Sean O'Brien                | Ireland      | <b>Cited</b>   | Punching                 | France vs Ireland         | 1 Week        |    |    | 11-Oct | 39       |
| Eric Fry                    | USA          | Glen Jackson   | Professional foul        | Japan vs USA              |               |    | 1  | 11-Oct | 40       |
| <b>QUARTER FINALS</b>       |              |                |                          |                           |               |    |    |        |          |
| Louis Picamoles             | France       | Nigel Owens    | Foul play                | New Zealand vs France     |               |    | 1  | 17-Oct | 42       |
| Ramiro Kerrera              | Argentina    | Jérôme Garcès  | Shoulder chage into ruck | Ireland vs Argentina      |               |    | 1  | 18-Oct | 43       |
| Sean Maitland               | Scotland     | Craig Joubert  | Professional foul        | Australia vs Scotland     |               |    | 1  | 18-Oct | 44       |
| <b>SEMI FINALS</b>          |              |                |                          |                           |               |    |    |        |          |
| Jerome Kaino                | New Zealand  | Jérôme Garcès  | Professional foul        | S/Africa vs N/Zealand     |               |    | 1  | 24-Oct | 45       |
| Brian Habana                | South Africa | Jérôme Garcès  | Professional foul        | S/Africa vs N/Zealand     |               |    | 1  | 24-Oct | 45       |
| Tomas Lavanini              | Argentina    | Wayne Barnes   | Foul play                | Argentina vs Australia    |               |    | 1  | 25-Oct | 46       |
| <b>THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF</b> |              |                |                          |                           |               |    |    |        |          |
| Tomas Cubelli               | Argentina    | John Lacey     | Professional foul        | South Africa vs Argentina |               |    | 1  | 30-Oct | 47       |
| <b>FINAL</b>                |              |                |                          |                           |               |    |    |        |          |
| Ben Smith                   | Australia    | Nigel Owens    | Foul play                | New Zealand vs Australia  |               |    | 1  | 31-Oct |          |
| <b>Total</b>                |              |                |                          |                           | 15            | 1  | 52 | 68     |          |
| <b>Average per game</b>     |              |                |                          |                           | 1.42          |    |    |        |          |

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## SUMMARY - TEAM & REFEREE PERFORMANCES

| Teams - Sin Binnings & Citings |           |          |           |           | Comment - WC Best Ref   | Referees - Sin Binnings & Citings         |              |    |    |       |            |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|--------------|----|----|-------|------------|
| Team                           | Citings   | Red      | Yel       | Total     |   | Referee                                   | Country      | RC | YC | Total | Rating ★/5 |
| Argentina                      | 2         | 0        | 5         | 7         | <a href="http://www.walesonline.co.uk/sport/rugby/rugby-news/come-back-play-here-2-10189349">http://www.walesonline.co.uk/sport/rugby/rugby-news/come-back-play-here-2-10189349</a><br>"...come back and play here in 2 weeks."<br>Top Welsh referee Nigel Owens, widely renowned as the best official in the world, is famous for some of his one-liners during the heat of battle.  | Citations                                 |              | 13 | 2  | 15    |            |
| Namibia                        | 1         | 0        | 6         | 7         |   | Craig Joubert                             | South Africa | 0  | 7  | 7     | **         |
| Australia                      | 1         | 0        | 5         | 6         |   | JP Doyle                                  | England      | 1  | 5  | 6     | **         |
| Fiji                           | 3         | 0        | 3         | 6         |   | Wayne Barnes                              | England      | 0  | 6  | 6     | **         |
| Romania                        | 2         | 0        | 4         | 6         |   | Jérôme Garcès                             | France       | 0  | 5  | 5     | *          |
| Canada                         | 1         | 0        | 3         | 4         |   | Nigel Owens                               | Wales        | 0  | 5  | 5     | ****       |
| Uruguay                        | 0         | 1        | 3         | 4         |   | George Clancy                             | Ireland      | 0  | 4  | 4     | **         |
| New Zealand                    | 0         | 0        | 4         | 4         |   | John Lacey                                | Ireland      | 0  | 4  | 4     | **         |
| England                        | 2         | 0        | 1         | 3         |   | Pascal Gauzere                            | France       | 0  | 4  | 4     | *          |
| Ireland                        | 1         | 0        | 2         | 3         |   | Chris Pollock                             | New Zealand  | 0  | 3  | 3     | **         |
| Samoa                          | 1         | 0        | 2         | 3         | Glen Jackson  | New Zealand                               | 0            | 3  | 3  | ***   |            |
| Georgia                        | 0         | 0        | 3         | 3         | Jaco Peyper   | South Africa                              | 0            | 3  | 3  | ***   |            |
| Scotland                       | 0         | 0        | 3         | 3         | Romain Poite  | France                                    | 0            | 3  | 3  | *     |            |
| South Africa                   | 0         | 0        | 3         | 3         | He delivered this evening with an epic as he reprimanded British Lions star Stuart Hogg. He told the Glasgow man: "Dive like that again and you can come back and play here in 2 weeks" in a withering put down which also saw him take aim at football, the normal sport played at St James' Park. Social media sites enthusiastically greeted his efforts.  | <b>Comment - World Cup 2015 Worst Ref</b> |              |    |    |       |            |
| Tonga                          | 1         | 0        | 1         | 2         | <a href="http://www.rugby365.com/tournaments/world-cup/69161-australia-send-hosts-england-packing">http://www.rugby365.com/tournaments/world-cup/69161-australia-send-hosts-england-packing</a><br><b>Villain of the match (England vs Australia):</b><br>It has become obviously clear to any level-minded observer that <b>French referee Romain Poite</b> does not belong on the international stage. Clueless is the most descriptive word. He is just fortunate his blundering performance did not influence the outcome of the game. <b>(Add in no good &amp; inept TV-ref George Ajoub.)</b> |   |              |    |    |       |            |
| France                         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 1         | <b>Total</b>  |   |              |    |    |       |            |
| Japan                          | 0         | 0        | 1         | 1         |   |   |              |    |    |       |            |
| USA                            | 0         | 0        | 1         | 1         |   |   |              |    |    |       |            |
| Wales                          | 0         | 0        | 1         | 1         |   |   |              |    |    |       |            |
| Italy                          | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         |   |   |              |    |    |       |            |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>15</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>68</b> |   |   |              |    |    |       |            |

### "Brave Scotland let down by pigheaded TMO" - LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH, 18 October 2015

Australia's supposed scrum revival was exposed by Scots who were let down by pigheaded intervention of the TMO - Bigmouth strikes again

The pernicious influence of the television match official had thankfully been absent for the first three World Cup quarter-finals. Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and this will go down as yet another match of this otherwise wonderful tournament that was unnecessarily ruined by petty officialdom. Just a few minutes into the second half, Bernard Foley attempted an offload that Sean Maitland instinctively grasped at. The ball was knocked on but there was little doubt that the Scotland wing had been attempting to catch the ball, albeit unsuccessfully. That is apart from in the mind of Ben Skeen, the television match official, who like the school prefect squealing on a classmate quickly informed Craig Joubert that there had been a deliberate knock-on. Of course, there were a host of slow-motion replays that made a perfectly innocent act look a lot worse than it was before Joubert administered a penalty and a yellow card.

**It was a pigheaded decision which in a tournament full of refereeing howlers will earn at least a podium place.**

It is quite clear how this "License to Act" literally went to the heads of the officials in control. As the competition progressed it was interesting and evident to note how they applied this "power" in increasing measures until eventually it resulted in a total overkill in many instances. But, the other side of the coin was also prevalent with too little action taken in numerous instances which most definitely deserved sterner measures. For example: Why was Richie McCaw not cited for the deliberate elbow blow to Francois Louw's head which resulted in a major head wound with multiple stitches?

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Week 1, of the competion, saw 10 sanctions (8 yellow cards & 2 citings).

Week 2 saw 11 sanctions (8 yellow cards & 3 citings)

Week 3 saw 12 sanctions (7 yellow cards & 5 citings)

and Week 4 saw 27 sanctions (21 yellow, 1 red & 5 citings)

**"Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely"**