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For attention of John Dawes, WRU

John,

Final piece of analysis for the moment. I have extracted all the information on passing from the three games and have compiled it to indicate passing activity.

In section 1 the passes are recorded as they happen and figures in brackets indicate the running clock for each half. Section 2.1 pulls together those passes in one movement and are noted by team and half of each game. Sections 2.2 and 2.3 try to show the number of times the ball was retained and continuity became possible. 2.3 for Wales indicates that from my records, Wales have failed to create any situation beyond second phase in any of the three games against New Zealand.

I hope the squad goes well. I think the theme/title chosen is very appropriate.

Regards,

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An Analysis of passing sequences in the three New Zealand v
Wales games 1987-1988

1. Passing sequences

1.1 Brisbane

In the first half, New Zealand were able to establish the following sequences:

1.1/0.6/1.(9)1.1.1.1.2.5.2.(22).6/2.2.3.2.1.4.2/3/1.3.(35).2/1.2.1.

Wales:

2.2.(9) 1/2.1.3.1.2/1.(22) 5.3.4.(35)1.1.2/1.2.1

In the second half, New Zealand:

1.1.1.1.1.1.2/1.2.(10).3/5/1.2.2.3.2.1/2.1.1/1/1. 2/1/2/4. 7/3. 3.3/1/3.1

Wales:

2.1.5.1.3.2.(10) 5.2.2.3/1.1.1.7/1

1.2 First Test 1988

In the first half, New Zealand were able to establish the following sequences:

1.2/1.2.1.1.(5).2.5.4.(9).1.(15).2.2/1.(20).5/3.2.6.2/3(29).1.3.3/0(35).1.5.(39).3/1/3(42)

In the first half, Wales were able to establish the following sequences:

1.(5).1.1.(9).1.1.2/3/0.1.(15).1.1.(20).1.(29).(35).1/1/0.(39).(42)

In the second half, New Zealand:

1.2.(4).4/5.1/1.(14).4/5. --- 1.2.1/6.1/0.1.3.5/1(23). 3.7/4.2.3.1.1.1/6.1

Wales:

2/0.1.(4).2/4.4/1.1. --- (16).1.1.1.6/0.2/1.3.(23). 2.1.1.1.1.1.2.2/0.1.2.

1.3 Second Test 1988

In the first half, New Zealand were able to establish the following sequences:

4.(4).1.2T.(6).2.2/3.1/1.4(10).3/2.1.1.1/2/0.1/0.2/3.2.(20).3/3/1.1.1.1T.(26)(29).5.5/4/4(34).2/0.4.3/0

In the first half, Wales were able to establish the following sequences:

1.1/0.1.(4)(6)2.3.(10)1.3.1.2.1.3/0.(20)1.(29)1.(34)

In the second half, New Zealand:

1/4. --- 3.2.1/0.1.2.3.3T(8) 4/D/3(12) 1/4.3.2/1.4.3T(20) ---
2.1/3T --- 2/3/8.1/3T.(26) .8/1.6.1.1/1/0(31).1/D/3/D.1T

Wales:

1/0.1.2.4.4/0(8)1.(12)1.1.3.1.(20)4.(26)3.1/4T(31)

2. Summary of passing sequence data

2.1 Passes in one movement/cycle:

Pass sequ	Bris				FirstT				SecondT				T			
	1H		2H		1H		2H		1H		2H		1H		2H	
	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W
1	7	5	8	4	6	9	6	11	6	7	3	5	19	21	17	20
2	5	3	4	4	4	0	3	3	2	2	3	1	11	5	10	8
3	2	2	2	1	1	0	3	1	0	2	5	2	3	4	10	4
4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	5	1	1	2
5	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	2
6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

2.2 Continuity sequences:

Pass sequ	Bris				FirstT				SecondT				T			
	1H		2H		1H		2H		1H		2H		1H		2H	
	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W	NZ	W
1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
1/2	0	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1	0
1/4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
1/6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
2/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
2/1	1	2	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	2	2	1
2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
3/0	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-
3/1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
3/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
4/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
4/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
5/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5/3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
6/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
6/1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
6/2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
7/1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
7/3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
7/4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
8/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-

2.3 Continuity of more than one phase

New Zealand were involved in the following sequences:

2/3/1 Bris 1H
 3/5/1 Bris 2H
 1/1/1 Bris 2H
 2/1/2/4 Bris 2H
 3/1/3 Bris 2H

3/1/3 First Test 1H

1/2/0 Second Test 1H
 3/3/1 Second Test 1H
 5/4/4 Second Test 1H
 4/D/3 Second Test 2H
 2/3/8 Second Test 2H
 1/1/0 Second Test 2H
 1/D/3/D Second Test 2H

Wales in the following:

2/3/0 First Test 1H
1/1/0 First Test 1H

3. Cumulative Data on passing:

of the passing sequences in the three games, the following frequency was noted:

Number of passes	Total	NZ	W
1	77	36	41
2	34	21	13
3	21	13	8
4	9	6	3
5	7	4	3
6	2	2	0

In those passing moves with one continuity phase:

Total	NZ	W
42	28	14

In those moves with more than one continuity phase:

Total	NZ	W
15	13	2

Total involvement in passing sequences:

Total	NZ	W
207	123	84