

OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024

WOMEN'S TEAM AND SQUAD NOTES

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- After winning the inaugural Olympic rugby sevens gold medal at Rio 2016, **Australia** missed out on a podium finish at Tokyo 2020, finishing fifth after losing their medal quarter-final against Fiji. Their only two losses in Olympic history came four years ago at Tokyo Stadium. They qualified for Paris 2024 courtesy of a second-place finish on the 2023 series.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: Gold, Tokyo 2020: 5th



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	JAPAN	48-0	48	W	Pool
2	CHINA	26-10	16	W	Pool
3	USA	12-14	-2	L	Pool
4	FIJI	12-14	-2	L	Medal quarter-final
5	RUSSIAN OC	35-7	28	W	5th place semi-final
6	USA	17-7	10	W	5th place play-off

- **Rugby sevens honours:** Four-time women’s series champions (2015-16, 2018, 2022, 2024), 2018 Commonwealth Games silver medallists, 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medallists, RWC Sevens 2009 and 2022 champions.
- **Olympic Games:** Played – 12, Won – 9 (75%), Lost – 2, Drawn – 1
 - Their run of eight games unbeaten came to an end in their final pool match at Tokyo 2020 against USA. Prior to this loss the closest they came to defeat was a 12-12 draw against the same opponents at Deodoro Stadium in Rio.
 - They have never conceded more than 17 points in a game at the Olympic Games.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 47, Won – 40 (85%), Lost – 7, Average tries scored per game – 4.4
 - The newly-crowned women’s SVNS 2024 champions won two Cup titles this season, in Dubai and Cape Town. They finished second in the series standings before winning the Grand Final in Madrid in June.
 - This is the second time they have entered the Olympic Games as SVNS series champions, after also claiming the 2015-16 Series title en route to their gold medal at Rio 2016.
 - They scored the second-most tries of any team this season with 208, averaging 26 per tournament. They were the top try-scoring team in four of eight events this season – Dubai, Cape Town, Perth and Singapore.

- They scored 44% of their tries this season from quick-tap possession, the highest ratio of any team.
- They enjoyed the highest rate of assisted tries of any team this season with 63%.
- Their attack scored quickly, averaging one line-break every 5.2 carries, the second-best ratio of any team behind New Zealand, and one try every 2.2 rucks, the fourth-best ratio.
- They only lost seven games this season, with three of the defeats by New Zealand. They won 23 of their 24 pool games, with their only loss coming against Great Britain in Perth.
- They only trailed at half-time on six occasions this season, coming back to win three times when behind at the break.
- Their defence conceded the second-fewest tries of any team this season with 83 at an average of 10.5 per tournament. They only conceded 21 points or more on six occasions this season, and against just two teams – France and New Zealand.
- They have seven survivors from Tokyo 2020 named in their squad – Sharni Smale (nee Williams), Faith Nathan, Maddison Levi, Tia Hinds, Sariah Paki, Dominique du Toit and captain Charlotte Caslick.
- **Maddison Levi** made her debut at Tokyo 2020, scoring three tries, and has gone on to become the fastest Australian woman to score 100 tries on the SVNS series.
 - She has been the top try-scorer in each of the past two seasons, with 57 in 2023 and then breaking her own record with 69 in 2024. She scored the most hat-tricks (7) and most doubles (16) of any player this season.
 - She is Australia's second all-time leading try-scorer in women's series history with 152 tries across 110 games played, averaging 1.3 per match.
- Two-time World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year **Charlotte Caslick** made the most try assists of any player this season with 28. Her combination with Maddison Levi was the best duo from any team, providing 13 assists.
 - She has scored 10 tries across Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 combined, the second most for Australia behind Emma Tonegato (12).
 - She is the most-capped player in women's series history with 53 tournaments since making her debut in Amsterdam in 2013.
 - She and Sharni Smale will make their third Olympic Games appearance – they are the only two survivors from their 2016 gold medal winning team.
- **Faith Nathan** scored the third-most tries of any player this season with 38. She was the only player to play every game for Australia (47), contributing on both defence and attack with their fourth-most tackles (73) and second-most line-breaks (35).
- **Tim Walsh** coached Australia to their Rio 2016 Olympic Games gold, 2018 Commonwealth Games silver, 2022 Commonwealth Games gold, RWC Sevens 2022 title, and 2016, 2022 and 2024 series titles. He also coached Australia's men to seventh place at Tokyo 2020.

- **Brazil** secured their place at Paris 2024 after winning the Sudamérica Rugby Olympic regional qualifying tournament in Uruguay last year. They won all six games, conceding a total of 12 points across the entire event.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: 9th, Tokyo 2020: 11th



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	CANADA	0-33	-33	L	Pool
2	FRANCE	5-40	-35	L	Pool
3	FIJI	5-41	-36	L	Pool
4	CANADA	0-45	-45	L	9th place semi-final
5	JAPAN	21-12	9	W	11th place play-off

- **Olympic Games:** Played – 10, Won – 4 (40%), Lost – 6
 - After winning three of their five games on home soil at Rio 2016, their only victory in Tokyo came against the host nation in their final placing game. They scored more points in their 21-12 victory than across their first four games combined.
 - Three of their four all-time Olympic victories have come against Japan, including their only pool win at Rio 2016.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 39, Won – 15 (39%), Lost – 24, Average tries scored per game – 2.3
 - They secured their place on the women’s SVNS 2025 series after winning their play-off match against Poland at the Grand Final in Madrid. This will be their fourth consecutive season as a core team after earning promotion for the 2020 series.
 - They scored 34% of their tries this season from set-piece, their main try source.
 - They averaged one line-break every 10.4 carries, the fourth-highest ratio of any team this season behind South Africa, Spain and Great Britain.
 - They rarely offload the ball, averaging the second-fewest per game of any team (2.3).
 - They scored the third-highest percentage of assisted tries this season with 56, behind Australia and Spain.
 - Seven of their 15 victories on the 2024 series were narrow, by a margin of seven points or less.

- They only won one of 21 games this season when behind at half-time, against Japan in Perth.
- They have eight survivors from Tokyo 2020 – Bianca Silva, Raquel Kochhann, Maria Fioravanti, Leila dos Santos Silva, Luiza Campos, Mariana Nicolau, Thalia Costa and Thalita da Silva Costa.
- **Raquel Kochhann** and **Luiza Campos** will be making their third Olympic Games appearance after also playing at Rio 2016. Kochhann is their all-time leading scorer at the Olympic Games with 26 points.
 - Kochhann was Brazil's main playmaker this season with a team-high eight try assists despite only returning from serious illness in Perth. She missed the entire 2023 series and the first two events of the 2024 series as she recovered from breast cancer.
- **Thalia Costa** set a new Brazilian record for most tries in a season, scoring 30 on the 2024 series and surpassing her previous record of 23 tries set in 2023. She is still chasing her first try at the Olympic Games after failing to cross at Tokyo 2020.
 - She made the second-most carries of any player this season with 152 behind Australia's Charlotte Caslick (153), and a team-high 28 line-breaks.
 - Only 13 of her 30 tries this season were assisted by a team-mate, with 57% coming via solo efforts on attack.
 - She also contributed on attack with four try assists, with two for Gabriela Lima and Bianca Silva. In total, she was directly involved in 34 of Brazil's 88 total tries this season (39%) either through scoring or assisting.
 - Her twin sister **Thalita** is also part of the Brazil squad at Paris 2024.
- **Marina Fioravanti** led Brazil's defensive effort this season with a team-high 74 tackles made. She and Thalia da Silva Costa are the only two players who have played every women's series game for Brazil this season (39).
- **Bianca Silva** was Brazil's top try-scorer at Tokyo 2020, accounting for three of the team's five tries at Tokyo Stadium.
- Head coach **William Broderick** made his coaching debut with Brazil at Tokyo 2020. He has been in charge of Brazil at their past 21 women's series events at RWC Sevens 2022.

- **Canada** finished fifth in the SVNS 2024 standings, their highest end of season ranking since the COVID-impacted 2020 series. This is the third consecutive Olympic Games that they have entered the tournament ranked inside the top five at the end of the season, having finished third on the series coming into Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020.
- They qualified for Paris 2024 after winning the RAN Women's Sevens in August 2023, conceding just seven points across all five victories.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: Bronze, Tokyo 2020: 9th



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	BRAZIL	33-0	33	W	Pool
2	FIJI	12-26	-14	L	Pool
3	FRANCE	0-31	-31	L	Pool
4	BRAZIL	45-0	45	W	9th place semi-final
5	KENYA	24-10	14	W	9th place play-off

- **Rugby sevens honours:** Runners-up in 2014-15 series, runners-up at RWC Sevens 2013, Rio 2016 bronze medallists.
- **Olympic Games:** Played – 11, Won – 7 (64%), Lost – 4
 - After winning the bronze medal at Rio 2016, Canada failed to reach the medal rounds in Tokyo with just one pool victory against Brazil before placing ninth overall.
 - Three of their seven Olympic Games victories have come against Brazil.
 - They are yet to lose an Olympic match when holding their opposition to 10 points or less, but have lost all four games when conceding 17 points or more.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 43, Won – 20 (47%), Lost – 23, Average tries scored per game – 2.7
 - They scored 114 tries this season, their most in a single series since 2019 (122). Forty-one per cent of their tries scored originated from set-piece, the second-highest ratio of any team behind USA.
 - They were the joint-third most successful team inside the opposition-22, scoring in 85% of their visits.

- They will look to improve their accuracy with ball in hand after averaging the second-most errors per game (3) of any team in 2024.
- They were the best team this season at retaining possession from the restart with a 27% success rate. As a result, 23% of their tries scored have originated from the restart, the fourth-highest ratio of any team.
- There are only three survivors in their squad from Tokyo 2020 – Charity Williams, Olivia Apps and Keyara Wardley.
 - **Charity Williams** is the only player making her third Olympic appearance after winning bronze at Rio 2016. She has scored six Olympic tries, only two behind Canada’s leaders in Ghislaine Landry and Bianca Farella. She and Keyara Wardley are the only two members of this squad to have scored an Olympic try.
- **Charity Williams** and **Krissy Scurfield** were Canada’s leading try-scorers this season with 20 each – not since Bianca Farella in 2019 had any Canadian player scored 20 or more in a single series.
- **Charity Williams** made a team-high 102 carries and 22 line-breaks this season, while also contributing with four try assists, including two from seven offloads made in total.
- **Krissy Scurfield** led Canada’s defensive effort this season with a team-high 57 tackles. On attack, 50% of her tries scored this season were directly assisted by a team-mate, combining with Carissa Norsten, Caroline Crossley, Chloe Daniels and Sophie de Goede on two occasions each.
- **Chloe Daniels** has been their main playmaker this season with a team-high 13 try assists. Seven of her 13 kicks in play have been retained, the second-highest success rate of any player who has made more than eight this season. Two kicks have resulted in a try assist for Krissy Scurfield and Olivia Apps.
 - She provided three assists for Charity Williams this season, the best combination for Canada.
 - She played a team-high 42 games this season, missing just one match for Canada against Great Britain in Los Angeles.
 - She is one of only two players in this squad who also represented Canada at RWC 2021 alongside Olivia Apps, finishing fourth.
- **Florence Symonds** made a team-high 16 offloads this season, but only one resulted in a try assist.
- **Fancy Bermudez** has represented Canada in both sevens and 15s, and was part of their maiden test victory against New Zealand in the World Rugby Pacific Four Series earlier this year in Christchurch, scoring two tries in the match.
- There are seven players in this squad who made their SVNS debut in this Olympic cycle following their ninth-place result at Tokyo 2020 – Alysha Corrigan, Chloe Daniels, Asia Hogan-Rochester, Piper Logan, Carissa Norsten, Krissy Scurfield and Florence Symonds.
- Head coach **Jack Hanratty** assumed the role at the beginning of the 2022 series, guiding the team from seventh in his first season in charge to fifth on the 2024 standings, including their first podium result at any event with third in Vancouver this season. This will be his final tournament with Canada, taking up the role as head coach of the University of Ottawa’s women’s rugby team after Paris 2024.

- **China** were the final women's team to qualify for Paris 2024 after winning the World Rugby Sevens Repechage in Monaco last month. They didn't conceded more than one converted try in a match, enjoying an aggregate scoreline of 217-19 across their six games played.
- This success took their winning streak to 27 games in 2024 with Kenya the only side to beat them in their opening match of the World Rugby Seven Challenger series in Dubai in January.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: DNQ, Tokyo 2020: 7th



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	USA	14-28	-14	L	Pool
2	AUSTRALIA	10-26	-16	L	Pool
3	JAPAN	29-0	29	W	Pool
4	FRANCE	10-24	-14	L	Medal quarter-final
5	USA	14-33	-19	L	5th place semi-final
6	RUSSIAN OC	22-10	12	W	7th place play-off

- **Olympic Games:** Played – 6, Won – 2 (33%), Lost – 4
 - China made their Olympic Games debut at Tokyo 2020 after winning the Asia Rugby Women's Sevens Olympic qualifier in 2019. This will be the first time they have reached an Olympic Games via the repechage route, after finishing fifth in that tournament for Rio 2016.
 - They only led once at half-time at Tokyo 2020, converting a 19-point lead at the break into a 29-point victory at fulltime against Japan. In their only other victory, against the Russian Olympic Committee, they overturned a three-point half-time deficit to win 22-10 in the seventh-place play-off.
- **2024 Challenger series:** Played – 18, Won – 17 (94%), Lost – 1, Average tries scored per game – 5.1
 - They were crowned World Rugby Sevens Challenger 2024 champions after winning all three rounds in Dubai, Montevideo and Krakow, and will return to the SVNS 2025 series as a core team after beating Belgium 33-0 in their play-off at the Grand Final in Madrid last month.
 - They have not been a core team on the SVNS series since 2019, and only twice in their history alongside 2014-15.
 - They were the top try-scoring team at every Challenger event this season, scoring 91 in total.

- They won 17 of their 18 games, with their only loss coming against Kenya in their opening pool match in Dubai.
- They enjoyed an 88% success rate inside the opposition 22 from a competition-high 103 red zone visits this season.
- They averaged a competition-high 5.5 line-breaks per game from the fourth-most carries (21.6).
- On defence, they enjoyed the highest tackle completion rate of any team with 81%. They restricted their opponents to two tries or less in 16 of their 18 games, with only Kenya in Dubai and Czechia in Montevideo able to cross their try-line three times.
- They won all four games in the SVNS Play-off tournament in Madrid, conceding just three tries in total. Only 2024 core teams Spain and Japan came within five points or less of China's full-time score. They were dominant in the second half, outscoring their opposition by a combined total of 52-7 in this period.
- Fifty per cent of their tries scored in Madrid originated from set-piece.
- They have seven survivors in their squad from Tokyo 2020 – Chen Keyi, Yang Feifei, Gu Yaoyao, Ruan Hongting, Liu Xiaoqian, Wang Wanyu and Yan Meiling.
- **Chen Keyi** was their top point-scorer at Tokyo 2020 with 27, including three tries.
 - She has played in 17 of China's 21 all-time SVNS appearances since 2012, and is their all-time leading point (196) and try (26) scorer.
- **Wang Wanyu** was their joint-top try-scorer at Tokyo 2020 with four alongside Tang Minglin.
- **Liu Xiaoqian** was the top try-scorer on the 2024 Challenger series with 28, including the most of any player in Dubai (9) and Montevideo (11). She scored the most doubles (6) and hat-tricks (3) of any player.
- **Hu Yu** made a competition-high 42 tackles this season, including 21 in Montevideo, the most of any player at a single tournament.
- **Dou Xinrong** scored the most tries of any player at the World Rugby Sevens Repechage in Monaco with seven, while **Chen Keyi** was their top point-scorer with 48, the fourth-most of any player at an Olympic Repechage since 2016.
- **Yan Meiling, Yang Feifei** and **Liu Xiaoqian** were bronze medallists at the Youth Olympic Games 2014 in Nanjing, China.
- Head coach **Lu Zhuan** played six SVNS tournaments for China between 2006-12, all as part of the invitational side at the Hong Kong Sevens. This will be his first Olympic Games after taking charge of China at the World Rugby Women's Sevens Series Qualifier in 2018, three SVNS events between 2018-24, RWC Sevens 2022, and the past three seasons of the Challenger Series.
- **Sir Gordon Tietjens**, the most decorated coach in sevens history after 22 years in charge of the New Zealand men's team, including at Rio 2016, is a high-performance consultant to China's women's sevens programme.

- After winning just two of six games played at Rio 2016 and finishing eighth overall, **Fiji** claimed bronze in Tokyo – the nation’s third medal of any colour at an Olympic Games after the men’s team won back-to-back gold medals, and their first by any female athletes.
- They secured their place at Paris 2024 by finishing second at the Oceania Rugby Women’s Sevens Championship 2023 in Brisbane. With Australia and New Zealand already having guaranteed their spot, Fiji were the best placed team among to remaining eight nations vying for Olympic qualification.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: 8th Tokyo 2020: Bronze



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	FRANCE	5-12	-7	L	Pool
2	CANADA	26-12	14	W	Pool
3	BRAZIL	41-5	36	W	Pool
4	AUSTRALIA	14-12	2	W	Medal quarter-final
5	NEW ZEALAND	17-22	-5	L	Medal semi-final
6	GREAT BRITAIN	21-12	9	W	Bronze final

- **Rugby sevens honours:** Tokyo 2020 bronze medallists, 2022 Commonwealth Games silver medallists
- **Olympic Games:** Played – 12, Won – 6 (50%), Lost – 6
 - Four of their six total Olympic Games victories came at Tokyo Stadium en route to their first medal at any major rugby sevens event. Following their success in Tokyo, they went on to play two Cup finals on the 2022 series in Dubai, win silver in Birmingham at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and finish fifth at RWC Sevens 2022 in Cape Town – their best result since their debut appearance in 2013.
 - Two of their four wins at Tokyo Stadium were against teams ranked higher than them on the 2020 series, Canada and Australia.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 41, Won – 17 (41%), Lost – 24, Average tries scored per game – 2.8
 - Fiji’s best result of the season came in the final event of the regular season, finishing fourth in Singapore. Between Dubai and Hong Kong they had lost all five Cup quarter-finals played.

- They scored the fifth-most tries of any team this season with 116, averaging 14.5 per tournament. As the season progressed, their try-scoring rate decreased from 16 per event between Dubai and Vancouver, to just 13 per tournament between Los Angeles and Madrid.
- Only 43% of their tries scored this season were assisted by a team-mate, with the highest rate of solo efforts on attack of any team.
- They averaged the second-most offloads per game of any team this season (7.2), but this came at a cost, averaging the most errors with 3.5 per game. Thirty-five of their 50 try assists this season have come via offloads (70%).
- They earned the most yellow cards of any team this season with 18. Their penalty count increased as the season progressed from 16 per tournament between Dubai and Vancouver to 17.8 between Los Angeles and Madrid.
- They won just one of 23 matches this season when trailing at half-time, overcoming a five-point deficit at the break to defeat Canada in Cape Town.
- They won 15 of 21 games this season when scoring three tries or more, but just two of 20 when held to two tries or less.
- They scored quickly this season, averaging one line-break every 7.1 carries, the fourth-best ratio of any team, and one try every 1.9 rucks, the second-best ratio of any team.
- They have been efficient inside the opposition 22 this season, scoring from 85% of their visits, the joint-third highest ratio. They only squandered more than two chances inside the red zone in a single tournament twice, in Perth and Madrid.
- They have named six survivors from their bronze medal winning team from Tokyo in their squad for Paris 2024, with **Ana Maria Naimasi**, **Alowesi Nakoci**, **Lavena Cavuru**, **Laisana Likuceva**, **Raijeli Daveua**, **Sesenieli Donu** and **Reapi Ulunisau** returning.
- **Raijeli Daveua** will be making her third Olympic Games appearance after top scoring for Fiji with two tries at Rio 2016.
- **Reapi Ulunisau** scored the most tries of any player in Tokyo with eight, including four against Brazil in their final pool match. She made a team-high 20 line-breaks this season from just 82 carries, breaking the opposition defensive line on average every 4.1 carries.
- **Adi vani Buleki** made a team-high 38 offloads this season, the third-most of any player. All five try assists this season came via offloads. She was Fiji's top try-scorer this season with 22, and combined with her assists, her total involvement in Fiji's tries this season was 23%.
- **Lavena Cavuru** was the only individual to play every game for Fiji this season. Her 12 try assists this season were the most for Fiji, combining with Raijeli Daveua on three occasions, the joint-best combination for Fiji.
- **Ilisapeci Delaiwau** led Fiji's defensive effort this season with a team-high 78 tackles.
- Head coach **Saiasi Fuli** played seven SVNS events for Fiji between 2002-05, and won silver at the 2002 Commonwealth Games. He assumed the coaching responsibilities for Fiji in Sydney in 2019, and has been at the helm for their Olympic bronze, Commonwealth Games silver and two Cup final appearances on the SVNS series during his tenure.

- **France** are looking to become the first host nation to stand on the podium at the Olympic Games after Brazil finished ninth at Rio 2016 and Japan 12th at Tokyo 2020. They won silver at Tokyo 2020, with their only loss coming in the gold medal match against New Zealand. This was France's first Olympic medal in rugby sevens across either the men's or women's competition.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: 6th, Tokyo 2020: Silver



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	FIJI	12-5	7	W	Pool
2	BRAZIL	40-5	35	W	Pool
3	CANADA	31-0	31	W	Pool
4	CHINA	24-10	14	W	Medal quarter-final
5	GREAT BRITAIN	26-19	7	W	Medal semi-final
6	NEW ZEALAND	12-26	-14	L	Gold medal final

- **Rugby sevens honours:** Tokyo 2020 silver medallists, RWC Sevens 2018 silver medallists, RWC Sevens 2022 bronze medallists
- **Olympic Games:** Played – 12, Won – 8 (67%), Lost – 4
 - Three of their four losses have been against teams ranked higher than them on the SVNS series standings coming into the Olympic Games – New Zealand and Canada at Rio 2016, and New Zealand at Tokyo 2020. Their only defeat against a lower-ranked team came against USA in the fifth-place play-off at Rio 2016.
 - They conceded just two tries in the pool stage at Tokyo 2020, the least of any team.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 45, Won – 33 (73%), Lost – 12, Average tries scored per game – 4
 - They finished third in the SVNS regular season standings and lost to Australia in the Grand Final in Madrid. This was only their third top three result in series history after also finished third in 2018 and second in 2022.
 - They set a new try-scoring record this season with 180 tries, surpassing their previous highest tally of 135 tries on the 2022 series.
 - They set a new tournament record scoring 28 tries in Singapore, surpassing their previous best total of 27 tries in Seville in 2022 and Dubai at the beginning of this season.

- The quick tap was their highest try-scoring possession this season, with 37% originating from this source, the third-highest ratio of any team behind Australia and Great Britain.
- They averaged a competition-high 7.5 offloads per game this season.
- They averaged a competition-high 25.8 carries per game this season, and one line-break every 6.8 carries made, the third best ratio.
- They are one of only two teams this season, alongside Australia, to have made at least 20 visits or more to the opposition 22 at every event this season. However, their success rate has been just 79%, only the sixth-highest of any team.
- Discipline has been an issue this season with France earning the second-most yellow cards of any team with 16, and conceding the most penalties per game with 3.8.
- The French defence was busy this season, averaging the second-most tackles per game of any team (16.4) for the third-best tackle completion rate (83%).
- They conceded the third-fewest tries per tournament of any team this season (11.4), four less than their 2023 series average of 15.7 per event.
- They have named five survivors in their squad from Tokyo 2020 – Anne-Cécile Ciofani, Chloé Pelle, Séraphine Okemba, Camille Grassineau and Carla Neisen. Camille Grassineau will be making her third Olympic Games appearance after also playing at Rio 2016.
- **Anne-Cécile Ciofani** set a new French season try-scoring record this year, crossing 33 times to surpass Joanna Grisez's previous record of 23 tries set in 2022. She made a team-high 123 carries, 33 line-breaks, and the second-most offloads (32) behind Camille Grassineau.
 - Only 14 of her 33 tries this season were assisted by a team-mate, with 58% scored via solo efforts on attack.
 - Her parents are both Olympians in field events – father Walter Ciofani finished seven in hammer at 1984 Games for France, while mother Jeanne Ngo Minyemeck competed in discus at the 1988 Games for Cameroon.
- Six of **Camille Grassineau's** eight try assists this season were for just two players, with three each for Anne-Cécile Ciofani and Joanna Grisez, the joint-best combination for France.
 - She made the most offloads of any player this season with 41, however just one resulted in a try assist for Anne-Cécile Ciofani.
 - She also led the French defensive effort, making a team-high 85 tackles, despite only play 34 of France's 43 matches this season.
- **Lou Noel** was the only player to play every game for France this season.
- **Anne-Cécile Ciofani** has scored the joint-most tries for France at the Olympic Games with seven in total alongside Lina Guerin. Guerin was their top try-scorer at Rio 2016 with five, while Ciofani was their leading scorer at Tokyo 2020 with seven.
- Head coach **David Courteix** first took charge on the 2014-15 series in São Paulo, and has since coached them across 53 SVNS series events, including five tournament finals, two Olympic Games, and two Rugby World Cup Sevens.

- **Great Britain** have finished fourth at each of the past two Olympic Games, losing the bronze medal match at Rio 2016 to Canada and at Tokyo 2020 against Fiji. They are one of only two teams alongside New Zealand to have played a medal match at both previous Olympic Games, but the only one not to stand on the podium.
- They qualified for Paris 2024 after winning the European Games in Krakow last year, holding their opposition scoreless in three of their six victories, and conceding just four tries overall.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: 4th, Tokyo 2020: 4th



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	RUSSIAN OC	14-12	2	W	Pool
2	NEW ZEALAND	21-26	-5	L	Pool
3	KENYA	31-0	31	W	Pool
4	USA	21-12	9	W	Medal quarter-final
5	FRANCE	19-26	-7	L	Medal semi-final
6	FIJI	12-21	-9	L	Bronze medal match

- **Olympic Games:** Played – 12, Won – 7 (58%), Lost – 5
 - Five of their six games at Tokyo 2020 were decided by a single figure margin – their only scoreline greater than nine points came in a 31-0 victory against Kenya in their final pool match.
 - They lost both games in Tokyo when trailing at half-time, but won three of four matches when ahead at the break. They led 21-0 at one stage against New Zealand and squandered a nine-point half-time lead in their pool match to lose by five points at full-time.
 - They did not concede a single try in their pool matches at Rio 2016, with Brazil’s penalty goal the only points scored against them in the round-robin stage. However, at Tokyo 2020 they conceded six tries in their first three games, with their only clean sheet in the pool stage coming against Kenya.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 41, Won – 14 (34%), Lost – 27, Average tries scored per game – 1.9
 - Great Britain secured their place as a core team on the SVNS 2025 series after finishing eighth in the standings, just four points above Japan. Their third-place result in Perth was their best performance of the season.

- They made their women's series debut following Tokyo 2020, and have played 17 SVNS tournaments since then. Their best results have been third in Hong Kong in 2023 and Perth this season.
- They scored 41% of their tries this season from quick-tap possession, the second-highest ratio of any team behind Australia.
- They averaged just 10.1 tries per tournament this season, the least of any of the top eight ranked teams.
- They averaged the second-fewest line-breaks of any team this season with 1.9 per game, only breaking the defensive line once every 11.3 carries, the third-highest ratio of any team.
- They only led at half-time on 10 occasions this season, converting this advantage at the break into nine victories. Japan in Los Angeles were the only team to come from behind and defeat Great Britain this season. Three of their 14 wins overall came when behind at half-time, against Spain in Dubai, Ireland in Cape Town and Australia in Perth.
- Goal-kicking has been an issue this season, converting just 55% of their attempts, the second-lowest success-rate of any team.
- They have four survivors from Tokyo 2020 in their squad in Jasmine Joyce, Lisa Thomson, Meg Jones and Emma Uren. Jasmine Joyce will both be making her third Olympic Games appearance after also playing at Rio 2016, while Amy Wilson Hardy returns after also playing eight years ago at Deodoro Stadium.
- **Jasmine Joyce** is their all-time leading try-scorer at the Olympic Games with nine across two previous appearances. Only New Zealand's Portia Woodman-Wickliffe (15) and Australia duo Emma Tonegato (12) and Charlotte Caslick (10) have scored more.
 - She is one of only two Great Britain players to have played in all 12 of their Olympic matches since 2016.
 - Her seven tries at Tokyo 2020 were the joint-second most of any player alongside New Zealand's Michaela Blyde and France's Anne-Cécile Ciofani. Only Fiji's Reapi Ulunisau scored more at Tokyo Stadium with eight.
 - She scored 15 tries for Great Britain this season across just 30 matches played, their second-most behind Ellie Boatman from eight fewer games. Only four were assisted by a team-mate, with 73% scored via solo efforts on attack.
- Captain **Emma Uren** made the third-most carries (149) and second-most tackles of any player this season (98). She made a team-high 23 offloads, but none resulted in a try assist.
- **Isla Norman-Bell** has been Great Britain's main playmaker this season with a team-high 13 try assists, including four for Ellie Boatman, their best combination.
- Head coach **Ciaran Beattie** took charge of Great Britain this season in Dubai, after previously holding the role of assistant coach on the 2023 series. He represented Scotland at six SVNS events between 2005-06, and at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, before taking over as head coach of the men's team on the 2020 series for 13 SVNS events, the 2022 Commonwealth Games and RWC Sevens 2022 before the unions amalgamated into Great Britain.

- **Ireland** will make their Olympic Games debut in Paris after securing qualification as the fifth placed team on the 2023 series, the top four excluding host nation France (who placed fourth) securing qualification. They finished third at the 2016 Olympic Repechage on home soil and fourth at the Rugby Europe Women's Sevens Olympic qualifier in Russia in 2019.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 41, Won – 14 (34%), Lost – 27, Average tries scored per game – 1.9
 - Ireland claimed their maiden Cup title this season in Perth, defeating hosts Australia 19-14 in the final. They were the only team ranked outside the top two to win a Cup title this season, and ended Australia and New Zealand's Cup title dominance stretching back 12 tournaments to USA's win in Seville in 2022.
 - Since this victory, they have won only 10 of their past 25 games across the next five events. All 10 victories have been against teams ranked lower than them in the series standings.
 - Their try-scoring rate dropped significantly across the second half of the season. They averaged 16 tries per tournament between Dubai and Perth, but this has fell to 10.6 per event between Vancouver and Madrid.
 - They have scored 39% of their tries this season from set-piece possession, the third-highest ratio of any team behind USA and Canada.
 - Their attack struggled to break the defensive line between Vancouver and Madrid, averaging one line-break every 10.8 carries compared to a ratio of 5.9 between Dubai and Perth.
 - They averaged the fifth-highest retention success from the restart of any team this season with 20%. As a result, 24% of their tries scored originated from restart possession, their second-highest scoring source after the scrum and lineout.
 - **Amee Leigh Murphy Crowe** scored a team-high 33 tries this season, the fourth-most of any player. She played just 31 games this season, the fewest of any of the top five try-scorers. She is the third highest all-time leading try-scorer in series history with 197 tries.
 - **Lucy Rock (nee Mulhall)** will return for the first time since Ireland's opening match in Los Angeles. Ireland won just seven of 19 games played without her (37%), compared to 12 of 22 (55%) when she was on the field. Ireland averaged 2.7 tries and 18 points per game when she played compared to 2.2 tries and 12.7 points per game without her.
 - Despite missing 19 matches for Ireland this season, she still made the third-most try assists for the team (10) behind Stacey Flood (13) and Megan Burns (12).
 - **Stacey Flood** made a team-high 13 try assists this season, including seven for Amee Leigh Murphy Crowe, Ireland's best combination. Flood also contributed on defence, making a team-high 85 tackles, the joint-sixth most of any player.
 - She is one of three players in this Ireland squad, alongside **Megan Burns** and **Emily Lane**, who played every game this season.
 - **Allan Temple-Jones** was named head coach of Ireland in Hong Kong last season, and guided them to their inaugural Cup title in Perth and Olympic qualification in Toulouse.

- **Japan** qualified for their third Olympic Games after winning the Asia Rugby Women's Sevens Olympic Qualifier last year on home soil in Osaka. They only conceded three tries and 19 points in total across all four victories.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: 10th, Tokyo 2020: 12th



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	AUSTRALIA	0-48	-48	L	Pool
2	USA	7-17	-10	L	Pool
3	CHINA	0-29	-29	L	Pool
4	KENYA	17-21	-4	L	9th place semi-final
5	BRAZIL	12-21	-9	L	11th place play-off

- **Olympic Games:** Played – 10, Won – 1 (10%), Lost – 9
 - Their only Olympic victory came against Kenya 24-0 in the ninth-place semi-final at Deodoro Stadium in 2016. They have lost their past six matches since that win. Only one of these losses has come within a converted try margin, by just four points against Kenya in their re-match at Tokyo 2020.
 - They have been held to one try or less in six of their 10 Olympic matches, with their highest score coming against Kenya in a 24-0 victory at Rio 2016.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 39, Won – 15 (34%), Lost – 24, Average tries scored per game – 2.3
 - They secured their place as a core team on the SVNS 2025 series after defeating Argentina 26-12 in their final play-off game in Madrid.
 - They finished the season strongly with 47% of their total wins coming across the final three events. Between Dubai and Los Angeles they won just eight of 25 games compared to seven of 13 matches between Hong Kong and Madrid.
 - Their try-scoring rate improved as the season progressed. After averaging 10.2 between Dubai and Hong Kong this increased to 16 per event across Singapore and Madrid.
 - Their main try-scoring source this season was set-piece (34%).

- They rarely kicked away possession this season, with the fewest kicks of any team with just 11. They made one kick or less in six of their eight tournaments this season. Instead, they looked for width with ball in hand, averaging the most passes per game of any team with 40.6, and fourth-most offloads per game with 4.4.
- They have five survivors in their squad from Tokyo 2020 with **Wakaba Hara**, **Marin Kajiki**, **Honoka Tsutsumi**, **Mei Ohtani**, and **Yume Hirano** all returning. Two of their four try-scorers from four years ago have been named, with Wakaba Hara scoring two and Marin Kajiki scoring one at Tokyo Stadium. **Chiharu Nakamura** will also play her second Olympic Games, having captained Japan at Rio 2016.
- Captain **Yume Hirano** was Japan's top try-scorer this season with 11. She also contributed with 10 try assists, so was directly involved in 23% of Japan's tries scored this season. She assisted three of Michiyo Suda's four tries this season, the best combination for Japan.
 - She also led the team for line-breaks (15) and carries (102) this season.
- **Chiharu Nakamura** made a team-high 24 offloads this season, but just one resulted in a try assist for Yume Hirano.
- **Mei Ohtani** led Japan's defensive effort with a team-high 81 tackles made.
- Head coach **Takashi Suzuki** played 12 SVNS series events for Japan between 2006-15, and also represented them at Rugby World Cup Sevens 2009. He has been at the helm of the Japanese women's team since Langford in 2022.

- Tokyo 2020 gold medallists, RWC Sevens 2018 gold medallists, and 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallists, **New Zealand** are looking to become the first women's team to successfully defend an Olympic gold medal. Since winning gold in Tokyo, they have gone on to be crowned 2023 series champions, 2024 League Winners and won bronze at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and silver at RWC Sevens 2022.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: Silver, Tokyo 2020: Gold



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	KENYA	29-7	22	W	Pool
2	GREAT BRITAIN	26-21	5	W	Pool
3	RUSSIAN OC	33-0	33	W	Pool
4	RUSSIAN OC	36-0	36	W	Medal quarter-final
5	FIJI	22-17	5	W	Medal semi-final
6	FRANCE	26-12	14	W	Gold medal match

- **Rugby sevens honours:** Seven-time series champions (2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2016-17, 2019, 2020, 2023), SVNS 2024 League Winners, 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallists, 2022 Commonwealth Games bronze medallists, RWC Sevens 2013 and 2018 champions.
- **Olympic Games:** Played – 12, Won – 11 (92%), Lost – 1
 - They are the only team to have stood on the podium at both previous Olympic Games. Their only Olympic loss came against Australia in the gold medal match at Deodoro Stadium in 2016.
 - They have scored the most tries (54) and points (328) of any women's team in Olympic history. Their 28 tries at Tokyo 2020 were the most of any team, and equalled Australia's tournament record set in 2016.
 - They are the only team who have never lost a pool match, restricting their opposition to one try or less in five of their six victories. Only Great Britain at Tokyo Stadium have scored more than seven points at this stage of the Games against New Zealand. Great Britain actually led 21-0 at one point in the first half before losing 26-21.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 46, Won – 40 (87%), Lost – 6, Average tries scored per game – 4.7

- New Zealand were crowned SVNS 2024 League Winners in Singapore, but fell short of winning their eighth series title after losing their semi-final against Australia at the Grand Final in Madrid in their narrowest loss of the season (two points).
- They won the most Cup titles of any team this season with four – Vancouver, Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Singapore.
- Only three teams tasted victory against New Zealand this season, Australia three times, France twice and Canada once.
- They only trailed at half-time on eight occasions this season, coming back to win three of these games when behind at the break.
- They scored the most tries of any team this season with 215, and were the top try-scoring team in Vancouver, Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Madrid. Their main try-scoring source was the restart with 31% originating from this possession, the highest ratio of any team.
- They were ruthless with ball in hand this season, averaging one line-break every 4.6 carries and one try every 1.6 rucks, the best ratios of any team.
- They enjoyed the best success rate of any team inside the opposition 22 this season, scoring from 92% of their entries. Only in Hong Kong and Vancouver did they squander more than three chances inside the red zone.
- Their defence conceded fewest tries of any team this season with just 10.4 per event. Only four teams scored 20 points or more in a match against New Zealand – Australia, Canada, Fiji and France.
 - They made the second-most steals of any team with 33, including a tournament-high eight in Madrid.
- Eight of their squad named for Paris 2024 won gold at Tokyo 2020. **Michaela Blyde, Stacey Waaka, Tyla King (nee Nathan-Wong), Risi Pouri-Lane, Theresa Setefano (nee Fitzpatrick), Alena Saili, Portia Woodman-Wickliffe** and **Sarah Hirini** all return.
 - Four players will be making their third Olympic appearance, with **Portia Woodman-Wickliffe, Theresa Setefano, Tyla King** and **Sarah Hirini** also winning silver at Rio 2016.
- **Portia Woodman-Wickliffe** is the all-time leading Olympic try-scorer with 15 tries across 12 matches played, including hat-tricks against Kenya and Great Britain at Rio 2016, and the Russian Olympic Committee at Tokyo 2020.
 - She is the all-time leading try-scorer on the women's series with 255, and one of only two players, alongside team-mate Michaela Blyde, to have passed the 200-try mark. She holds the women's series all-time record for most hat-tricks (18).
 - Paris 2024 will be her final outing on an international stage, having announced her retirement earlier this month having won all there is to win in the game – two Rugby World Cups in both sevens and 15s, Olympic gold, Commonwealth Games gold and the only player to be named World Rugby Women's Player of the Year in both 15s and sevens.
- **Tyla King**, the all-time leading points-scorer in SVNS series history with 1,440, has also announced her retirement post Paris 2024.

- **Michaela Blyde** scored the second-most tries of any player this season with 53, setting a New Zealand record for most tries in a single season, surpassing Portia Woodman-Wickliffe's previous record of 52 tries in the 2014-15 series. She was New Zealand's leading try-scorer at Tokyo 2020 with seven. She played 45 of New Zealand's 46 games this season, the most of any Black Ferns Sevens player.
- **Risi Pouri-Lane** made a team-high 21 try assists this season, including seven for Michaela Blyde. On defence, she made the most tackles of any player with 106 and captained the team in the absence of the injured Sarah Hirini.
- **Sarah Hirini** has recovered from an ACL injury suffered in the opening round in Dubai to make the squad for Paris 2024.
- **Jorja Miller** made the most steals of any player this season with 11, and the fourth-most tackles with 92.
- Head coach **Cory Sweeney** assumed the role in his own right after Tokyo 2020, having previously been co-coach alongside Allan Bunting. Sweeney has guided New Zealand to the 2023 series title, bronze at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, and silver at RWC Sevens 2022. During this Olympic cycle, Sweeney has debuted just four players – Jorja Miller, Tysha Ikenasio, Manaia Nuku and Kelsey Teneti – for the Black Ferns Sevens.

- **South Africa** will make their Olympic Games debut after qualifying via the Rugby Africa Women's Sevens in Tunisia last year. They conceded just three tries en route to winning the tournament, defeating Kenya 12-7 in the final in their narrowest winning margin of the event.
- South Africa had won the regional qualifiers for both Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 but were unable to take part in those Games by the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee's (SASCOC) rules at the time.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 39, Won – 10 (26%), Lost – 29, Average tries scored per game – 1.4
 - They will return to the World Rugby Sevens Challenger series next season after failing to secure a core place on the SVNS 2025 series, losing their play-off match against hosts Spain 22-0 in Madrid.
 - They finished 10th in the SVNS 2024 standings despite earning 65% of their total competition points across the last three events.
 - Their main try-scoring source this season was set-piece, with 36% originating from this possession.
 - Their highest try-scoring events this season were Dubai and Madrid with 16 each.
 - They have been quick to counter-attack this season, scoring 25% of their tries from opposition errors or steals, the highest ratio of any team.
 - They conceded the fourth-most tries of any team this season with 16.8 per event. They averaged the second-most missed tackles per game (5.7) behind Fiji.
 - They have made the most kicks in play of any team this season with 64, enjoying the third-highest retention rate with 45%.
 - They rarely offloaded the ball, averaging a competition-low 1.1 per game this season. Only two of their 28 try assists came via offloads.
- **Nadine Roos** was directly responsible for 52% of South Africa's total points this season, scoring 178 of their 345 points, including a team-high 22 tries – setting a new South Africa season record.
 - She made the most kicks in play of any player this season (31), enjoying a retention success of 48%. Seven of her past nine kicks in play since Hong Kong have been retained.
 - She made the second-most try assists for South Africa this season with six, including three for Ayanda Malinga, the second-best combination for South Africa this season.
 - She was the only South African player to play in all 39 games this season, leading the team for carries (136), line-breaks (16) and tackles made (83).
- Co-captain **Mathrin Simmers** made a team-high 14 offloads this season. She is South Africa's most capped SVNS player having appeared in 21 of their 22 tournaments since 2012-13. She also brings with her experience of three RWC Sevens and two Commonwealth Games.
- **Veroeshka Grain** is South Africa's third all-time leading try-scorer in SVNS history with 15 but played just one event this season, in Madrid.
- Head coach **Renfred Dazel** played 32 SVNS events for the Blitzboks between 2008-12, including winning the 2008-09 series title, RWC Sevens 2009, and won bronze at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

- **USA** automatically qualified for their third Olympic Games after finishing third on the 2023 series, avoiding the regional qualification process.

Olympic Games – Rio 2016: 5th, Tokyo 2020: 6th



Tokyo 2020	Opponent	Score	Margin	Result	Stage
1	CHINA	28-14	14	W	Pool
2	JAPAN	17-7	10	W	Pool
3	AUSTRALIA	14-12	2	W	Pool
4	GREAT BRITAIN	12-21	-9	L	Medal quarter-final
5	CHINA	33-14	19	W	5th place semi-final
6	AUSTRALIA	7-17	-10	L	5th place play-off

- **Olympic Games:** Played – 12, Won – 7 (58%), Lost – 4, Drawn – 1
 - Despite winning all three pool games at Tokyo 2020, they won just one their next three placing games to finish sixth, one place lower than Rio 2016 where they won just one of their three pool matches.
 - Their 12-12 draw against Australia at Rio 2016 is the only draw in Olympic history.
 - They have only conceded three or more tries on two occasions across their 12 games played, against Australia and Great Britain in Tokyo.
- **SVNS 2024 series:** Played – 44, Won – 24 (55%), Lost – 20, Average tries scored per game – 3
 - They finished fourth in the SVNS 2024 series for their second consecutive top-five result in the end of season standings. Their best results in 2024 came in Hong Kong (second) and on home soil in Los Angeles (third).
 - They set a new season record with 131 tries this season, surpassing their previous best of 119 on the 2019 series. Their highest scoring event came with 26 tries in Los Angeles.
 - They scored 55% of their tries this season from set-piece possession, the highest ratio of any team.
 - They retained possession strongly this season, averaging the fifth-most passes (35.1) and third-most carries (106) of any team per game.
 - Their ball security was also accurate this season, averaging the joint-fewest errors per game with 2.1.

- They were patient on attack, averaging one line-break every 8.1 carries, the joint-fifth best ratio, and one try every 4.8 rucks, the sixth-most.
- Nine of their 20 losses were by a margin of seven points or less, the joint-most narrow defeats of any team alongside Canada.
- Their defence conceded on average the fourth-fewest tries per tournament with 13.1, enjoying the best tackle completion-rate of any team with 84%. Their weight of possession this season meant they averaged the fifth-fewest tackles per game with 13.2.
- They won all 17 games this season when leading at half-time, but just one of 17 when behind at the break. Their only come-from-behind win came against Japan in Vancouver, 26-14 after trailing by seven points at half-time.
- They have named seven survivors from Tokyo 2020 in their squad, with **Alev Kelter**, **Kayla Canett**, **Kristi Kirshe**, **Ilona Maher**, **Ariana Ramsey** and co-captains **Naya Tapper** and **Lauren Doyle** all returning.
 - **Alev Kelter** and **Lauren Doyle** will be making their third Olympic Games appearances.
- **Alev Kelter** is USA's most-capped SVNS player with 47 tournaments, and their all-time leading point (33) and try (5) scorer at the Olympic Games.
- **Kristi Kirshe** was their top try-scorer at Tokyo 2020 with four, including a double against Japan. She was USA's main playmaker this season with a team-high 10 try assists, the same amount as she scored herself (10 tries).
- Travelling reserve **Kris Thomas** is the only USA player to have scored an Olympic hat-trick, crossing three times against China at Tokyo 2020.
- **Ariana Ramsey** was USA's top try-scorer this season on the series with 17, averaging one every 3.5 carries. Nine of her 17 tries were directly assisted by a team-mate (53%), including three by Kristi Kirshe, the joint-best duo for USA this season.
- **Ilona Maher** made the second-most try assists for USA this season with eight, however seven of them came via offloads, including two for Kristi Kirshe. She made a team-high 18 line-breaks this season from the fourth-most carries of any player with 148.
- **Emilie Bydwell** is the only female head coach at these Olympic Games. She assumed the role at the beginning of the 2022 series, and has taken USA to four Cup finals during her tenure and one Cup title in Málaga in 2022. She played three SVNS tournaments for USA on the 2012-13 series, and at RWC Sevens 2013 where they finished third.