

Facts & Figures

KEY FACTS

- Sunday's game will be the first time these two sides have met in the IRB Pacific Nations Cup.
- Japan have only once failed to score a try in this fixture. This was back in 1991 when they lost 20-9. The USA have also only once failed to score a try in the previous meetings between the two. This was back in 1986 when the sides drew 9-9.
- Sunday's match will be the seventh time the two sides have met at the Prince Chichibu Memorial Stadium, Tokyo. There have been three victories apiece between the two nations at the venue; the last time they met here was in 2011 when Japan won 20-14.
- TODD CLEVER wins his 50th cap for the USA this weekend. CLEVER made his Test debut in a 42-8 loss to Argentina in 2003.
- AYUMU GOROMARU needs 10 more points to reach a total of 300 scored in his Test career.
- Japan need to score one more try to reach 1,000 tries scored in Test history.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

- Japan have scored a try in each of their last 20 games. You have to go back to a game against Fiji in Tokyo in 2008 (Japan lost 24-12) when they last failed to score a try. This run of games included Tests against the All Blacks and France. In comparison, the USA have failed to cross the line on three occasions in their last 20 matches. All three of those games came in their last four matches which were losses to Canada (16-9), Ireland (15-12) and Tonga (18-9).
- Japan have won three of their last five at Prince Chichibu Memorial Stadium. This includes their victory last weekend against Wales which finished 23-8. The USA have played at Sunday's venue on two previous occasions. They came out victorious on both occasions, winning 28-22 win against Romania in 2005, a result that followed up a 41-11 victory over Russia in 2004.
- The Americans could reach 80 tries scored against Japan if they cross the line three times on Sunday. Japan could reach 50 tries scored against the USA if they score two.

TEAM NEWS

- CHRIS WYLES makes his 30th start at fullback to extend his record as most capped starting full back for the USA.
- Japan name the same match day 23 as the one that beat Wales 23-8 last weekend.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

- GREG GARNER of England will referee the match between Japan and the USA on Sunday and will make his ninth appearance as a Test referee, three days before his 33rd birthday.

HEAD TO HEAD

- Sunday's match between Japan and the USA will be the 20th time these two sides have met but only the first time in this competition. The USA dominate in terms of victories with a total of 12 compared to Japan's six, with one 9-9 draw in 1986.
- Japan have won on the last three occasions the two teams have met, with the USA winning the three previous to that. The last match between the two sides was back in 2011 at the venue for Sunday's match. Japan came out on top winning 20-14.
- If Japan beat the USA on Sunday it will be their fourth win in a row over the USA.
- The first meeting between the two sides was in 1985 when the USA came out victors by a single point, winning 16-15 at the Prince Chichibu Memorial Stadium.
- Japan's largest margin of victory against the USA was in 1999 in Honolulu when they won 47-31. The Americans' biggest winning margin over Sunday's opposition was in 1996 when they won 74-5 in San Francisco.
- Both sides are evenly matched in terms of pack size on Sunday. No side have any particular weight advantage up front, with both weighing in at an average 108kg per man.

FORM GUIDE

- The USA have lost their last four games. This run started with a defeat to rivals Canada (16-9) at the end of May. The last time they lost five in a row was between 2007 and 2008 when they found themselves in a losing run of 10 consecutive matches.
- Japan have won their last two games. These included a 16-13 victory over the Canadians on Wednesday and that famous 23-8 win over Wales last Saturday. Before these games, they had gone three matches without a win.

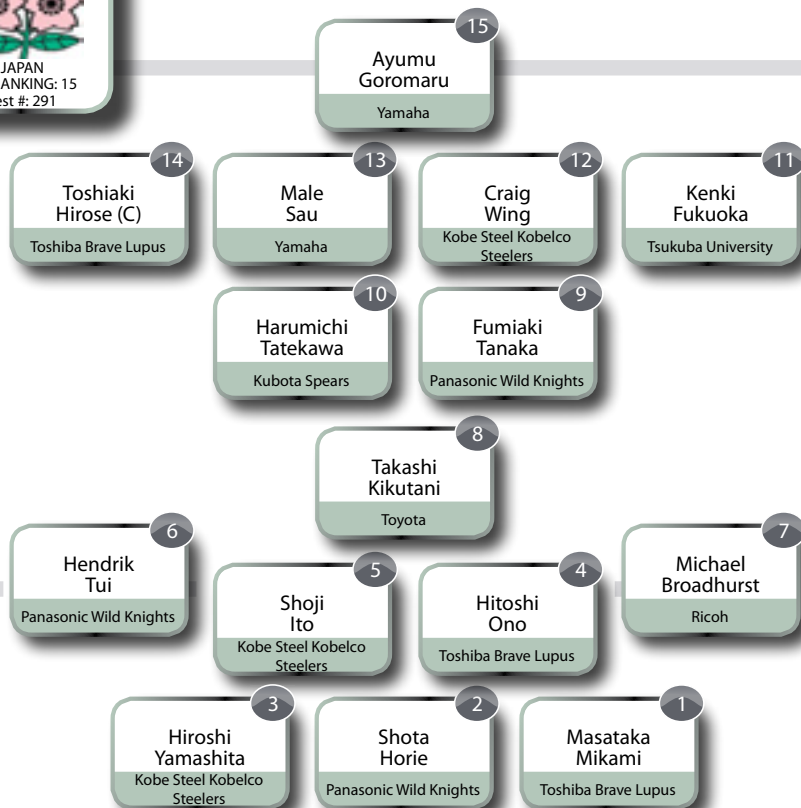
ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?

- Both teams field similar experienced starting XV's, with Japan naming a side with a total of 327 caps compared to the USA's total of 303 caps.
- YOSHIKAZU FUJITA will be the youngest man on the field if he comes off the bench for Japan at the age of 19.
- Japan's HITOSHI ONO will be the oldest man on the field at kick off at the age of 35.

Team Sheets



JAPAN
IRB RANKING: 15
Test #: 291



Replacements

- 16 Takeshi Kizu (Kobe Steel Kobelco Steelers)
- 17 Yusuke Nagae (Ricoh Black Rams)
- 18 Kensuke Hatakeyama (Suntory)
- 19 Shinya Makabe (Suntory Sungoliath)
- 20 Justin Ives (Panasonic Wild Knights)
- 21 Atsushi Hiwasa (Suntory)
- 22 Yu Tamura (NEC)
- 23 Yoshikazu Fujita (Waseda University)

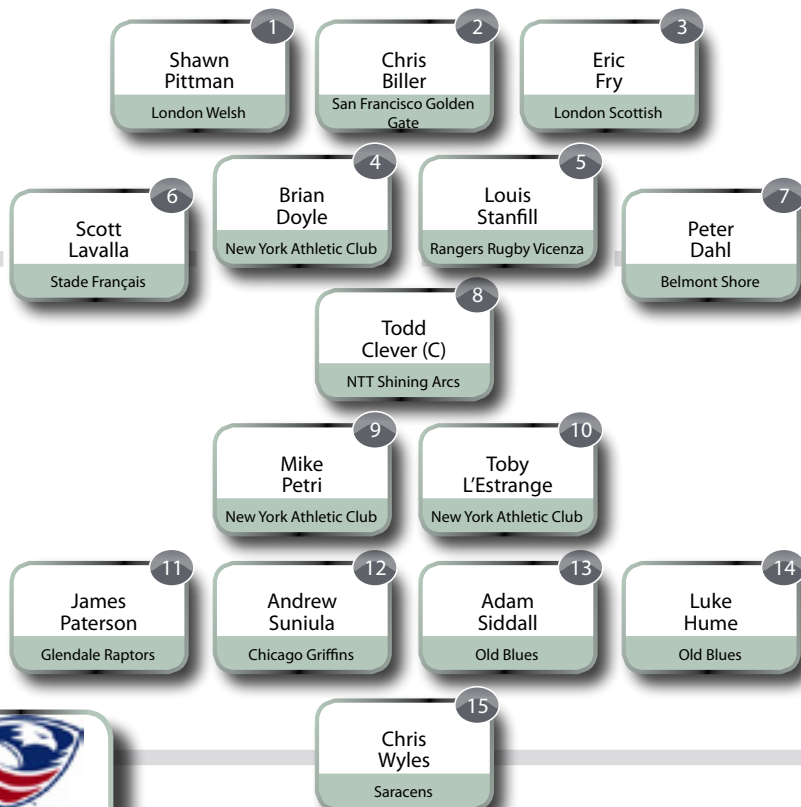
Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 327
Avg Age Starting Lineup: 28
Oldest Player: Hitoshi Ono (35)
Youngest Player: Yoshikazu Fujita (19)
Avg Weight Forwards: 108 kg

Officials

Referee:
Greg Garner (England) - 8 Tests

Tests at Venue: 1 Tests
Japan: 1 Tests
USA: 2 Tests
Test Debut: 06/06/2009 - Canada v Georgia



Replacements

- 16 Zach Fenoglio (Glendale Raptors)
- 17 Nick Wallace (St Mary's College, California)
- 18 Phil Thiel (Life Rugby, Georgia)
- 19 Cam Dolan (Life University)
- 20 Liam Murphy (Boston Rugby)
- 21 Robbie Shaw (Richmond)
- 22 Seamus Kelly (University of California)
- 23 Blaine Scully (USA 7s)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 316
Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27
Oldest Player: Andrew Suniula (31)
Youngest Player: Seamus Kelly (22)
Avg Weight Forwards: 108 kg



USA RUGBY
USA
IRB RANKING: 17
Test #: 197



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
21/08/2011	Japan	20 - 14	USA	Tokyo
22/11/2008	Japan	32 - 17	USA	Tokyo
16/11/2008	Japan	29 - 19	USA	Nagoya
27/10/2003	Japan	26 - 39	USA	Gosford
17/05/2003	USA	69 - 27	Japan	San Francisco

Summary

Japan		19 Matches (1 Draw)	USA	
6	Won			12
405	Points			565
48	Tries			77
31	Conversions			46
36	Penalties			32
1	Drop Goals			2

Player Records

For Japan against USA		For USA against Japan	
Yukio Motoki - 10	Appearances		9 - Luke Gross
Keiji Hirose - 38	Points		64 - Matt Alexander
Daisuke Ohata - 4	Tries		7 - Vaea Anitoni
Keiji Hirose - 6	Conversions		15 - Matt Alexander
2 Players - 7	Penalties		8 - Matt Alexander
Katsuhiro Matsuo - 1	Drop Goals		1 - 2 Players

Player Records in a Match

For Japan against USA		For USA against Japan	
Toru Kurihara on 27/10/2003 - 21	Points		24 - Matt Alexander on 06/07/1996
Terunori Masuho on 12/06/1999 - 3	Tries		4 - On 2 Occasions
Keiji Hirose on 12/06/1999 - 4	Conversions		8 - Matt Alexander on 06/07/1996
On 3 Occasions - 4	Penalties		4 - On 2 Occasions
Katsuhiro Matsuo on 27/04/1991 - 1	Drop Goals		1 - On 2 Occasions

Team Records in a Match

For Japan against USA		For USA against Japan	
On 12/06/1999 - 47	Points		74 - On 06/07/1996
On 12/06/1999 - 6	Tries		11 - On 2 Occasions
On 12/06/1999 - 4	Conversions		8 - On 06/07/1996
On 16/11/2008 - 5	Penalties		4 - On 2 Occasions
On 27/04/1991 - 1	Drop Goals		1 - On 2 Occasions



Head Coach: Eddie Jones

Debut: 28/04/2012 v Kazakhstan (W 87-0)
 Winning Ratio: 64.71%
 Average Tries per Match: 6.53

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Points		Venue
15/06/2013	Wales	W	23	8	Tokyo
08/06/2013	Wales	L	18	22	Osaka
01/06/2013	Fiji	L	8	22	Lautoka
25/05/2013	Tonga	L	17	27	Yokohama
10/05/2013	United Arab Emirates	W	93	3	Dubai
			Points For	159	
			Points Ag	82	
			Tries For	18	
			Tries Ag	6	

Japan Record Under Eddie Jones

11 Wins	0 Drawn	6 Lost
818 For	Points	219 Against
111 For	Tries	20 Against
79 For	Conversions	13 Against
25 For	Penalties	22 Against
1 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

Player Info For Japan

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Masataka Mikami	1	25	20/04/2013	7	0	0	4	0	3	5	1	0	0	0
Shota Horie	2	27	15/11/2009	21	5	1	14	1	6	25	5	0	0	0
Hiroshi Yamashita	3	27	25/04/2009	23	12	0	14	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Hitoshi Ono	4	35	16/05/2004	71	12	2	41	3	27	60	12	0	0	0
Shoji Ito	5	32	28/04/2012	14	10	0	9	0	5	5	1	0	0	0
Hendrik Tui	6	25	10/06/2012	12	2	0	7	0	5	15	3	0	0	0
Michael Broadhurst	7	26	10/11/2012	10	2	0	7	0	3	10	2	0	0	0
Takashi Kikutani	8	33	05/11/2005	61	8	3	36	1	24	160	32	0	0	0
Fumiaki Tanaka	9	28	03/05/2008	35	6	2	22	1	12	30	6	0	0	0
Harumichi Tatekawa	10	23	28/04/2012	17	3	0	11	0	6	36	4	8	0	0
Kenki Fukuoka	11	20	20/04/2013	5	2	0	3	0	2	25	5	0	0	0
Craig Wing	12	33	10/05/2013	4	1	0	2	0	2	5	1	0	0	0
Male Sau	13	25	20/04/2013	7	0	0	4	0	3	10	2	0	0	0
Toshiaki Hirose (C)	14	31	29/04/2007	13	0	0	10	0	3	40	8	0	0	0
Ayumu Goromaru	15	27	16/04/2005	27	5	0	16	0	11	274	13	67	25	0
Total				327	68	8	200	6	121	700	95	75	25	0
Takeshi Kizu	16	24	21/11/2009	20	11	0	13	0	7	30	6	0	0	0
Yusuke Nagae	17	27	28/04/2012	11	3	0	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kensuke Hatakeyama	18	27	16/11/2008	43	14	3	28	1	14	45	9	0	0	0
Shinya Makabe	19	26	21/11/2009	15	4	0	11	0	4	10	2	0	0	0
Justin Ives	20	29	30/04/2011	12	6	0	10	0	2	10	2	0	0	0
Atsushi Hiwasa	21	26	30/04/2011	24	11	1	12	1	11	0	0	0	0	0
Yu Tamura	22	24	28/04/2012	10	6	0	8	0	2	18	2	4	0	0
Yoshikazu Fujita	23	19	05/05/2012	7	2	0	5	0	2	55	11	0	0	0

Records For Japan

Caps

81 - Hirotohi Onozawa
79 - Yukio Motoki
71 - Hitoshi Ono

Tries

69 - Daisuke Ohata
55 - Hirotohi Onozawa
32 - Takashi Kikutani

Points

413 - Keiji Hirose
347 - Toru Kurihara
345 - Daisuke Ohata

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 60 - Toru Kurihara v Chinese Taipei on 21/07/2002
Tries: 8 - Daisuke Ohata v Chinese Taipei on 06/07/2002
Conversions: 15 - Toru Kurihara v Chinese Taipei on 21/07/2002
Penalties: 9 - Keiji Hirose v Tonga on 08/05/1999
Drop Goals: 2 - Kensuke Iwabuchi v Argentina on 15/09/1998

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 155 v Chinese Taipei on 06/07/2002
Tries: 23 v Chinese Taipei on 06/07/2002
Conversions: 20 v Chinese Taipei on 06/07/2002
Penalties: 9 v Tonga on 08/05/1999
Drop Goals: 2 v Argentina on 15/09/1998



Head Coach: Mike Tolkin

Debut: 09/06/2012 v Canada (L 25-28)
 Winning Ratio: 30.00%
 Average Tries per Match: 2.10

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
19/06/2013	Fiji	L 10 35	Nagoya
14/06/2013	Tonga	L 9 18	Carson
08/06/2013	Ireland	L 12 15	Houston
25/05/2013	Canada	L 9 16	Edmonton
24/11/2012	Romania	W 34 3	Bucharest
Points For		74	
Points Ag		87	
Tries For		6	
Tries Ag		7	

USA Record Under Mike Tolkin

3 Wins	0 Drawn	7 Lost
198 For	Points	213 Against
21 For	Tries	22 Against
15 For	Conversions	14 Against
21 For	Penalties	25 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

Player Info For USA

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Shawn Pittman	1	25	08/11/2008	27	7	2	10	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Biller	2	27	31/05/2009	25	7	1	9	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Fry	3	25	08/06/2011	16	4	1	4	0	12	5	1	0	0	0
Brian Doyle	4	29	07/06/2008	12	3	0	2	0	10	5	1	0	0	0
Louis Stanfill	5	28	25/05/2005	40	3	1	11	0	29	15	3	0	0	0
Scott Lavalla	6	24	05/06/2010	17	3	1	7	0	10	5	1	0	0	0
Peter Dahl	7	28	31/05/2009	9	3	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Todd Clever (C)	8	30	23/08/2003	49	2	2	16	0	33	55	11	0	0	0
Mike Petri	9	28	30/09/2007	35	14	3	12	0	23	15	3	0	0	0
Toby L'Estrange	10	24	09/11/2012	7	0	0	2	0	5	5	1	0	0	0
James Paterson	11	26	21/08/2011	11	1	1	2	0	9	13	2	0	1	0
Andrew Suniula	12	31	16/11/2008	22	2	2	7	0	15	25	5	0	0	0
Adam Siddall	13	24	25/05/2013	3	1	0	0	0	3	14	0	1	4	0
Luke Hume	14	25	09/06/2012	9	0	0	3	0	6	5	1	0	0	0
Chris Wyles	15	29	18/05/2007	34	2	2	11	0	23	122	9	13	16	1
Total				316	52	16	98	0	218	284	38	14	21	1
Zach Fenoglio	16	23	09/11/2012	4	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Wallace	17	23	14/06/2013	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Phil Thiel	18	28	14/11/2009	13	4	1	4	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Cam Dolan	19	23	19/06/2013	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Liam Murphy	20	24	25/05/2013	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robbie Shaw	21	29	11/06/2008	8	4	0	2	0	6	15	3	0	0	0
Seamus Kelly	22	22	25/05/2013	4	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Blaine Scully	23	25	18/06/2011	10	3	1	2	0	8	5	1	0	0	0

Records For USA

Caps

67 - Mike MacDonald
 62 - Luke Gross
 57 - Alec Parker

Tries

26 - Vaea Anitoni
 17 - Paul Emerick
 11 - Todd Clever

Points

465 - Mike Hercus
 286 - Matt Alexander
 144 - Chris O'Brien

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 26 - 3 players
 Tries: 5 - Dick Hyland v Romania on 11/05/1924
 Conversions: 13 - Mike Hercus v Barbados on 01/07/2006
 Penalties: 6 - Matt Alexander v Canada on 18/09/1996
 Drop Goals: 1 - 18 players

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 91 v Barbados on 01/07/2006
 Tries: 13 v Barbados on 01/07/2006
 Conversions: 13 v Barbados on 01/07/2006
 Penalties: 6 v Canada on 18/09/1996
 Drop Goals: 2 v Georgia on 27/11/2010