

LANGFORD NOTES

- There have been 1083 days since the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series last visited Langford, with New Zealand winning the Cup title here on 12th May 2019.
- New Zealand are the only team to have played all five Cup finals at the HSBC Canada Women's Sevens since 2015, winning four titles.
 - New Zealand have won the past three Cup titles in Langford. This is the only event in Series history where the same team has won three-straight Cup titles.
 - New Zealand are enjoying an 18-game winning streak in Langford, and have only conceded 19 total tries across the past three tournaments (1.1 per game).
 - New Zealand have won 29 of their 30 matches played in Langford, with England in the 2016 Cup final the only team to defeat the Black Ferns Sevens at Starlight Stadium in the history of this event.
- New Zealand hold the record for most tries in a single Women's Series event in Langford, scoring 31 in 2018.
- Australia's **Ellia Green** holds the record for most tries scored in a single tournament at the HSBC Canada Women's Sevens with 10 in 2015.
- Canada's **Ghislaine Landry** holds the record for the most points scored at this event with 56 in 2015.
 - This is the only event on the Women's Series where the player from the host country holds the point scoring record for a single tournament.
- Canada will be looking to win their first title on home soil. Three teams in Women's Series history have achieved this, with Australia winning in Sydney in 2018, USA in Glendale and New Zealand in Hamilton in 2020.
- Seville has been the highest scoring tournament on the 2022 Series so far with 193 tries. Langford's highest tournament total came in 2018 when 209 tries were scored.
- Australia are a strong chance of being crowned Series champions this weekend, their first title since 2018, and their third in Women's Series history. Fiji must win the tournament and rely on Australia finishing third or lower to push the title decider to Toulouse. Langford scenarios:
 - If Australia win gold, they can't be beaten as Series winners.
 - If Fiji win gold, and Australia win silver, Australia can't be beaten.
 - If Fiji don't win gold, Australia can't be beaten as Series winners.
 - If Fiji and Australia both fail to reach the final, Australia can't be beaten.

Past champions in Langford

SERIES	CUP WINNER	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL	MARGIN
2019	New Zealand	Australia (21-17)	4
2018	New Zealand	Australia (46-0)	46
2016-17	New Zealand	Canada (17-7)	10
2015-16	England	New Zealand (31-14)	17
2014-15	New Zealand	Russia (29-10)	19

KEY TEAM STATS

- **Australia** are enjoying an 18-point buffer at the top the Series standings after back-to-back gold in Dubai, bronze in Málaga and gold in Seville. They are the only team to have medalled at all four events this season.
 - They have not medalled at five consecutive tournaments in the same Series since 2018, the last time they won the Women's title, claiming two gold, two silver and one bronze across the five rounds played four years ago.
 - Australia's defence is conceding on average the least tries per tournament of any team with 7.8. They have been the busiest of any team, averaging a competition-high 16.9 tackles per game this season, and enjoy the third-best completion-rate of 80.2 per cent.
 - They have held their opposition to one try or less in 14 of their 22 games this season, and have only conceded 20 points or more on two occasions, against France in the pool stages in Dubai, and against Russia in the Cup semi-final in Málaga.
 - Australia have been the leading try-scoring team at three of the four events this season, finishing two tries behind tournament leaders France in Seville.
 - Australia are averaging the most linebreaks per game of any team this season with 4.9.
 - Australia will play Mexico for the first time since Glendale on the 2019 Series. They won 53-0 that day, their biggest winning margin against any team in Series history, but have just four survivors from that match in their current squad with Charlotte Caslick, Demi Hayes, Dominique du Toit and Sharni Williams all returning.
 - Australia have conceded just one try against Spain across their past six meetings since Dubai on the 2020 Series. This will be the fifth time they have met this season, with Australia winning all four games by an average margin of 28 points.
 - Australia have won both matches this season against Canada, in Dubai and Málaga, after a winless 2020 Series against them (three losses and a draw).
 - This will be the third consecutive HSBC Canada Women's Sevens they have been drawn in the same pool as the host nation. They have won both games, with their only loss coming in the Cup semi-final in 2017.
- **Brazil** have recorded half of their total Series points this season in the opening round in Dubai, only managing a combined 10 points across their past three events.
 - They scored 16 tries in Seville, their highest total in at a single event in Series history. Their 46 tries overall this season are more than their combined total from their past seven events since the start of 2018 (43).
 - Despite scoring 16 tries, they did not make the most of their time in the opposition-22 in Seville, converting just 68 per cent of their 24 visits, the lowest of any team.

- They have conceded the third-fewest turnovers of any team this season with 6.4 per game.
- They have received the most yellow-cards of any team this season with eight, including five in Seville, the most at a single event this Series.
- They will be looking to end a five-game losing streak in Canada, with just one victory from their past 10 matches at Langford since 2018.
 - They have not won a pool match at Starlight Stadium since 2015, losing their past 12 matches on day one of an event here.
- They are currently on a three-game winning streak following Seville. They have never won four-straight Series games.
- They have only won one Series match against France, in Dubai on the 2014-14 Series, 15 games ago. This will be the third time they have played each other this season, with a five-point loss in Dubai their narrowest in this fixture.
- After winning five of their first seven Series matches against Ireland, Brazil are on an eight-game losing streak dating back to Kitakyushu in 2017.
 - In their only meeting this season in Seville, they conceded 12-unanswered points in the second-half after trailing by just five at the break to lose 29-12.
- They will play Japan for the first time since the 11th-place play-off at Tokyo 2020, with Brazil winning 21-12.
 - Three of their past six meetings have come at the Olympic Games, only playing each other in Kitakyushu in 2017, Langford in 2018 and Dubai on the 2020 Series across the last six years.
- **Canada** have only medalled once on home soil, winning silver at Starlight Stadium in 2017. They have finished fifth at each of the past two HSBC Canada Sevens since their only Cup final appearance here five years ago.
 - They were one of just two teams in Seville, alongside Portugal, to score from every visit to the opposition-22, with 15 tries from 15 entries.
 - This was an increase on their season average success-rate of 69.8 per cent prior to the event.
 - Canada will look to improve their defence after conceding 20 tries in Seville, their most at a single event this season.
 - Their tackle completion-rate was the fourth-lowest of any team at Estadio Olímpico at 66 per cent.
 - They were the most ill-disciplined team in Seville, conceding a tournament-high 25 penalties, 38 per cent of their season total at just one event.
 - They earned four of their five yellow cards this season in Seville.

- They have enjoyed plenty of possession this season, averaging a competition-high 25.1 carries per game, but are struggling to break through the opposition defence, averaging the second fewest linebreaks (2.2) of any team who have played all four events this season.
- After winning 15 of their first 16 Series meetings against Spain, they have won just three of the past five, with losses in Glendale on the 2020 Series and Dubai this season.
 - They have shared the spoils evenly in 2022, with a two-point loss in Dubai and a 16-point win in Seville. Canada have never lost back-to-back matches against Spain in their history.
- Canada will play Mexico for the first time on the Series, but did meet at the Fast Four tournament in Edmonton and Vancouver in 2021. Canada won all four games by an average margin of 43 points.
 - Canada also recently defeated Mexico 33-0 in the final of the Rugby America's North Sevens Qualifiers in Nassau to book their place at the 2022 RWC Sevens in Cape Town.
- Canada are chasing their first victory against Australia this season after being outscored 85-10 across both games. They have not tasted victory in this fixture since the Cup semi-finals in Sydney in 2020.
 - They rarely play each other in the pool rounds, with just 11 of their 34 previous Series matches coming on day one.
 - These two teams enjoy success on each other's home turf, with Canada winning both meetings in Sydney, but losing two of their past three in Langford.
- **England** won bronze in Seville, their first Women's Series medal since silver in Kitakyushu in 2019, 12 tournaments ago. They have not medalled in consecutive events since Atlanta and Langford in 2016.
 - England averaged 19 tries per tournament across the Spanish leg, seven more than they did across five events in 2020. They scored 21 tries in Seville, their most since Langford in 2015, 24 tournaments ago.
 - England have not recorded a top three result in Canada since their Cup title in 2016, finishing eighth in 2017, seventh in 2018 and sixth in 2019.
 - England have three survivors from Great Britain's bronze medal loss to Fiji at Tokyo 2020, with Abi Burton, Emma Uren and captain Abbie Brown all playing that day.
 - England have not won a Series match against New Zealand since their Cup final victory in Langford in 2016, and will be looking to end a 17-game losing streak in this fixture.
 - England snapped a five-game losing streak in their bronze final win against the Women's Eagles Sevens in Seville, ending their longest run of losses in this fixture. They have not gone back-to-back against the USA since Glendale and Dubai on the 2019 Series.

- **Fiji** return to the Women's Series for the first time since Dubai after missing the Spanish leg due to Covid-19 restrictions.
 - Since winning bronze at Tokyo 2020, Fiji won their first Series medals with silver across both rounds in Dubai. They will need to win their first Cup final to deny Australia a third Series title this weekend.
 - They have named 10 of their 13 Olympic bronze medallists in their squad for Langford, including the top try-scorer at Tokyo 2020 Reapi Ulunisau.
 - They have won seven of 10 matches this season, with Australia in both Cup finals and Russia in the pool round their only losses so far. This is their same number of victories from all five rounds played in 2020.
 - They have led at half-time in eight of their 10 matches. Australia are the only team they have failed to score a first-half point against this season.
 - They have been the most accurate team in front of goal this season, kicking 73 per cent of their conversion attempts.
 - Fiji have won their past two meetings against USA, and are chasing three-straight victories for the first time in Series history.
 - Fiji are currently enjoying a three-game winning streak against England dating back to Biarritz in 2019. This is their longest run of success in this fixture in Series history.

- After winning bronze across both legs in Dubai, **France** have failed to medal in each of their past two events, and trail Australia on the Series standings by 18 points.
 - France have only ranked inside the top three at season's end once in their history, finishing third on the 2018 Series.
 - They have never medalled in Langford, losing the third-place play-off and bronze final at all five previous events here.
 - They have scored the second-most tries of any team this season, with 90, and have not scored less than 20 tries in a single tournament this season.
 - Their 27 tries in Seville set a new French record for the most at a single event on the Women's Series, and for only the second time in their history they finished a tournament as the top try-scoring team.
 - France made the most linebreaks of any team in Seville with 29, and are one of just two teams averaging four or more per game this season alongside Australia.
 - France are averaging the most offloads per game of any core team this season with 6.4, but this is coming at a cost, also averaging a competition-high 3.5 errors per game.
 - France have held Brazil to one try or less in seven of their past eight meetings, including at Tokyo 2020.
 - They have outscored Brazil 89-10 across their past three meetings in Langford, enjoying an average winning margin of 26 points.

- Brazil are the only team in Pool B to have beaten France on the Women's Series, with a 21-7 victory in Dubai in 2013-14.
- This will be their first match against Japan since Dubai on the 2020 Series, the longest gap between games since they first played each other on the 2015-16 Series.
 - After winning their first four games against Japan by an average margin of 28 points, their past three meetings have been closer, decided by 12 points or less.
- This will be the third time France have met Ireland this season, winning 29-0 in Dubai in the pool stages, and 33-5 in the Cup quarter-finals in Málaga.
 - This is the first time they have been drawn in the same pool at Langford, with their past two meetings at Starlight Stadium coming in Cup quarter-finals.
- **Ireland** claimed their first HSBC World Rugby Women's Series medal in Seville, winning silver in their Cup final loss to Australia. This was their inaugural Cup final appearance, and their best performance to date at a single tournament.
 - It was a memorable performance by Ireland across the Spanish leg:
 - They won nine games in Málaga and Seville combined, two more than they recorded across the entire 2020 Series.
 - They topped their pool in Seville for just the second time at a Women's Series event in their history.
 - They set a new Irish record for most consecutive wins with seven-straight victories between the fifth-place semi-final in Málaga and the Cup semi-final in Seville.
 - They scored a combined 44 tries across both events, seven more than their season total from the 2020 Series, and the first time in their history they have scored 20 or more in consecutive events.
 - Ireland made the third-most offloads of any team in Seville with 29, their highest total at an event this season.
 - They made the second-most linebreaks of any team in Seville despite making the third least carries.
 - They have only reached the Cup quarter-finals on two previous occasions in Langford, losing both matches against this weekend's Pool B opponents France in 2017 and 2018.
 - Fifty-four per cent of Ireland's tries this season have been directly assisted by a team-mate, the highest percentage of any team.
 - They have made the most steals of any team this season with 20.
 - Ireland are enjoying lengthy winning streaks against two of their three Pool B opponents this weekend, unbeaten in all seven previous meetings against Japan, and in their past eight games against Brazil.

- They will be chasing their first Series victory against France. Both losses this season have been comprehensive, but 28 points or more, but will enter this game knowing that France were one of only two teams to defeat them during their successful run of form in Spain.
- **Japan** return to the Women's Series as the invitational team for the first time since Sydney on the 2020 Series.
 - This will be their first appearance in Langford since 2018, where they set a Japanese record for most tries at a single event, scoring 15 that weekend.
 - They won three of their five games at Starlight Stadium four years ago, including the Challenge Trophy final in their best result at this event.
 - They have named seven players from their Tokyo 2020 squad.
 - They are chasing their first Series wins against two of their three Pool B opponents, France and Ireland.
 - Japan's last victory against Brazil came at Langford in 2018, winning the Challenge Trophy semi-final 31-21, recording their highest score in this fixture.
- **Mexico** return to the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series for the first time since making their debut at Glendale on the 2019 Series.
 - They played at the Fast Four tournament in Vancouver and Edmonton last year alongside Pool A opponents Canada.
 - They are the most inexperienced team at Langford this weekend, with three survivors in their squad from Glendale.
 - They are still chasing their first Series try, after being held scoreless in Glendale.
- Tokyo 2020 gold medallists **New Zealand** return to the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series for the first time in 818 days.
 - Their last match was the Cup final in Sydney in 2020, and are currently on a 19-game winning streak on the Series dating back to the Cup quarter-finals in Dubai that season.
 - They only lost two games on the 2020 Series, against France in the pool stages in Dubai, and against USA in Glendale in the Cup semi-finals.
 - They are on a 25-game Olympic and Series combined winning streak.
 - They were the top try-scoring team at four of the five events played on the 2020 Series and at Tokyo 2020.
 - They won four of the five Cup titles on offer during the 2020 Series, only failing to reach the Cup final in Glendale.
 - They have 11 of their 13 gold medallists from Tokyo 2020 playing this weekend.

- **Spain** won more games on their home leg of the Series (three), than they did across the first two rounds in Dubai (two).
 - Spain will look to spend more time with ball in hand, after averaging the fewest passes (25.8) and second-least carries (20.3) per game of any team who has played all four events.
 - They will look to improve their discipline, conceding on average the most penalties per game of any team this season with 4.2.
 - Just 23 per cent of their tries scored this season have been directly assisted by a team-mate, the second-lowest percentage of any team after Russia.
 - Spain have averaged more offloads across their past two events (21), than the first round in Dubai with 13 per tournament.
 - They have traded wins evenly with Canada this season, but have never beaten them on their home soil, suffering three previous defeats in Langford.
 - Spain will be looking to end an eight-game losing streak against Australia. They have not won this fixture since the Cup quarter-final in Biarritz in 2019.
 - Spain won both previous Series matches against Mexico in Glendale, outscoring them 46-0 in their pool match and Challenge Trophy semi-final.
- **USA** are the only team to deny Australia a Cup title this season, winning in Málaga.
 - They have been bronze medallists in Langford at each of the past two events, but have never reached a Cup final here.
 - They conceded the fewest tries of any team across both Spanish events combined (18), despite having only the sixth-best tackle completion in Málaga and third-best in Seville.
 - They have been the best core team this season at retaining possession from the restart at 25.3 per cent.
 - They made 24 linebreaks in Seville, the third-most of any team, and their most at a single event this season.
 - Their try-scoring rate improved dramatically across the Spanish leg, averaging 21 tries per event compared to 12.5 across Dubai.
 - USA come into this event off the back of two-straight losses, against Australia in the Cup semi-final, and England in the bronze final in Seville. They have not lost three consecutive matches since the 2018 Series, and open their campaign in Langford against Fiji who have already beaten them in the pool stages this season, 21-12 in Dubai.
 - USA and New Zealand have been drawn in the same pool for the first time since Glendale on the 2019 Series. Their past eight meetings have all been Cup knockout matches.
 - USA have only won two of their 16 previous pool matches against the Black Ferns Sevens, with their last victory coming in Atlanta in 2016.

KEY PLAYER STATS

- Australia has four survivors in their squad from their 2016 and 2018 Series titles success with **Sharni Williams**, **Charlotte Caslick**, **Dominique du Toit**, and **Demi Hayes** all featuring for them across both seasons.
- **Charlotte Caslick** has made the most try assists of any player this season with 14.
 - She has also made the most carries (111), offloads (28), and joint second-most linebreaks (16) of any player this season.
 - This is one of just two countries on the current schedule where Caslick has never won a Cup title, runner-up multiple times in both Canada and France.
- **Madison Ashby** has assisted in five of **Faith Nathan's** 17 tries this season, the best combination of the season so far.
- **Thalia Costa** has set a new Brazilian record for most tries in a season with 13 on the 2022 Series.
- Canada's all-time leading try-scorer **Bianca Farella** returns to the Series for the first time since Sydney in 2020. She is one of three individuals this weekend playing their 39th tournament, and is the all-time leading try-scorer in Canada with 23.
- England's **Ellie Boatman** scored four tries against Portugal in Seville to become their first player in Series history to score more than three tries in a match.
- England have two survivors from their Cup title winning team in Langford in 2016, with **Amy Wilson Hardy** and captain **Abbie Brown** both playing this weekend.
- **Ana Maria Naimasi** requires three more tries to become only the second Fijian to score 50 on the Women's Series.
- France's **Jade Ulutule** has been the top point-scorer at two of the past three events, and requires two more tries to become the fifth player to score 50 on the Women's Series.
 - She has been the most accurate kicker in front of goal by players who have made more than 10 attempts, converting 75 per cent of her shots.
- Ireland's **Erin King** has made the most steals of any player this season with six.
- Ireland's **Amee Leigh Murphy Crowe** is the competition's leading try-scorer this season with 20, however 14 of them have come in the past two tournaments.
 - She was the tournament's equal top try-scorer at the last event in Langford.
- **Portia Woodman** returns to the Series for the first time since Glendale in 2019. She requires five more tries to become the first woman to score 200 on the Series.
 - She holds the Series record for most try-doubles (35), hat-tricks (15), and greater than three in a game (3).
 - There are only three games where she has never scored a try at Langford, crossing for at least one in 15 of 18 matches at Starlight Stadium, boasting a total haul of 22 tries here.
 - She is the last player to score 10 tries at a single tournament (Glendale 2019).